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The woman was so embarrassed that she wished she could find a hole and bury herself in it.

She had tried her hardest to keep their relationship a secret as she was unable to handle the consequences if it was to be uncovered.

Assistant Leng was shocked, "Ms. Bai, were you with Mr. Gu on the train the whole time?"

Bai Rong kept her head low and didn't say a word.

"Yes, she was with me." Gu Mingchen answered on her behalf.

"Are you two dating?" Assistant Leng asked.

Gu Mingchen kept quiet and Bai Rong could no longer stand the pressure.

She explained, "No, we aren't dating. My best friend works in his military base as a doctor. That's how I got to know Mr. Gu."

Gu Mingchen stared coldly at Bai Rong and pursed his lips to express his displeasure.

"Ah, so you aren't dating! Let's get back to discussing the case then." Leng Qiuzun continued, "I had a look, and although it was unclear as to the time that the video was filmed, it was certainly not something possible with technology from twenty-five years ago."

"That's true. We've managed to identify this person via facial recognition technology. Her name is Wang Donger, currently thirty-five years old. She's from Caihua Village of Wuli Township in Pingyan City. She had an elder sister, Wang Xiahe, who had left the village for work and had gone missing. They had lost their parents since young and shared a very strong bond with each other. They looked very alike. Wang Donger had even gotten plastic surgery to make herself look more like Wang Xiahe." Mr. Cheng explained.

"So, Wang Donger is the murderer then. How did she kill those people?" Assistant Leng asked out of curiosity.

"The problem is, she was filming on set during their time of death and a lot of people can testify for her." Mr. Cheng frowned as he said.

"Wang Donger must be the murderer. If she had an accomplice, she could create an alibi for herself. Let's arrest her." Leng Qiuzun said.

"I have another question. We weren't able to find any communication trails between the deceased, right? But it seems they've been on close terms with each other since twenty-five years ago." Assistant Leng said.

"Computers weren't that common twenty-five years ago. People mainly used letters for communication. Maybe they used pen names in their letters. We've focused too much on the internet and mobile phones and forgot about letters, a more old-fashioned form of communication. These people all lived in A City, so they should still be in touch using a secretive method like this." Bai Rong deduced.

Gu Mingchen instructed Mr. Cheng, "Head back to the military base and check if Xiong Changan and Xiong Zhiqing have been in contact through letters."

"Also, the three murderers from twenty-five years ago, Xiong Jinping, Xiong Zhiqing, and Xiong Changan, who are also currently the deceased, all share the same surname, Xiong. Is it possible that their surnames had something to do with them getting to know each other? We could try asking Xiong Jinping's sister, Xiong Daini." Bai Rong suggested.

"We can arrest Wang Donger now. Let's have a chat with her." Leng Qiuzun got up and walked towards the door.

As Bai Rong stood up after him, her phone rang.

She saw that Gu Mingchen was staring at her and answered without even checking who it was to relieve some of the feelings of guilt she had.

"Bai Rong, Daini says you've returned?" Song Xiyu's voice was heard from the phone.

Bai Rong was stunned for a moment and quickly walked out of the meeting room as she spoke, "Yes."

She walked towards the garden.

"Don't meet up with Mingchen, you know you can't afford to mess with him." Song Xiyu cut straight to the chase.

"I've already met him." Bai Rong said.

"He doesn't remember you and whatever that has happened between you two. If you want both of you to live a nice life, then you should forget about him too." Song Xiyu said.

Bai Rong could hear that she was warning her and recalled how they had hurt each other in the past.

"I have a friend named Liu Yan who is currently working as a doctor in the Special Forces military base. I need her safety guaranteed as I don't know what I might do if anything happens to her. Can you guarantee her safety?" Bai Rong negotiated.

"Don't worry, I can promise you that as long as you let go of Mingchen." Song Xiyu promised.

"Give me some time." Bai Rong said as she closed her eyes.

Her heart felt heavy from the burden and sadness of having to be separated from Gu Mingchen before they could even start over after reuniting again.

Perhaps this was fate, she thought as she opened her eyes.

She turned around and saw that Gu Mingchen was standing right behind her.

She jumped in shock as she wasn't sure when he had arrived, how long he had been standing there for and what he had heard.

She lowered her head in guilt.

Gu Mingchen walked up to her and ordered her, "Raise your head."

Bai Rong took a deep breath and looked up at him.

"You've been avoiding me intentionally since early morning today." Gu Mingchen said.

She had been avoiding him because she didn't want their relationship to be exposed as Song Xiyu would pressure her if it happened.

However, Song Xiyu had already contacted her even before it was exposed, so it showed how much she really cared about it.

"Chief, what do you think our current relationship is?" Bai Rong asked directly.

"You are the only woman I have ever had sex with. What do you think our relationship is?" Gu Mingchen said coldly.

"But you are engaged and your fiancée's father is Su Zheng, the Deputy Commander of the CCDI. With his power and influence, what do you think he would do to me if he were to find out about us?" Bai Rong asked.

"As long as I'm around, I won't let them hurt you." Gu Mingchen promised.

Bai Rong felt her eyes tear up as she remembered how Gu Mingchen had also said the same thing to her and she had wanted to be with him no matter what.

However, all she got in return for her efforts and sacrifices were nothing but betrayal.

Zhou Hailan was the person whom he held dear deep in his heart, not her.

He would never know the pain and despair that she had felt during that time.

"You can say that to me after you've confirmed what your feelings are towards me. Otherwise, your actions and behaviors are no different from a douchebag." Bai Rong said rudely as she walked past him.

Gu Mingchen grabbed her by the wrist and pursed his lips as he stared at her in silence.

Bai Rong felt he was probably speechless and smirked, "Don't tell me you've fallen in love with me after sleeping with me for a few times?"

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Gu Mingchen narrowed his eyes as he saw that her eyes were filled with a clear, contemptuous, and self-deprecating hatred.

"Do you hate me?" Gu Mingchen deduced.

Bai Rong didn't deny it.

"Perhaps my hatred was out of love. Whatever I can't get keeps stirring my feelings up. The song Red Rose is quite a nice one." Bai Rong said as she brushed his hand off and walked outside.

Gu Mingchen frowned in confusion as he watched her go, wondering why she was suddenly acting that way as she was fine on the train yesterday.

He felt uncomfortable at her cold, harsh and distant attitude, but there was something that he had to take care of.

Gu Mingchen called Su Wanning, who was surprised to see him call her as he never did. "Mingchen?"

"Su Wanning, it is unlikely that I will marry you, so carrying the identity of being my fiancée would only restrict your freedom." Gu Mingchen said directly.

Su Wanning got nervous, "What do you mean by that?"

"Just because I've turned a blind eye to the things that you've done doesn't mean I don't see them. If word got out that you've kept boy toys and even messed around with gigolos, it would be bad for the Su Family, especially since your father is the Deputy Commander as well as a candidate for the commander-in-chief." Gu Mingchen reminded her.

Su Wanning clenched her fists tightly, "You're threatening me?"

"I'm informing you that we've been engaged for three years and we would've gotten married if we were able to love each other. It would be best if you could propose to cancel the engagement. That's all, I've got to go now." Gu Mingchen was about to hang up.

"Gu Mingchen, do you know what you've done wrong?" Su Wanning said sternly.

"I will take responsibility for my actions." Gu Mingchen said decisively.

"You're always acting so self-righteous and headstrong. Do you think Zhou Hailan is the one you love? She isn't! You love another woman!" Su Wanning shouted irrationally.

Gu Mingchen went silent and just continued to listen.

"You must be wondering who you love, right? Whenever I see you missing Zhou Hailan, I feel relieved knowing that there is another woman out there who was hurt worse than me. She had even nearly died for you! Seeing how stupid you look makes me feel so good!" Su Wanning said viciously.

Gu Mingchen frowned, "What exactly are you talking about? Be specific."

"I won't tell you. I'll just have you continue to miss Zhou Hailan and hurt the woman you love the most. Do you know how miserable that woman must've been to kill herself for you? I think she will never forgive you, and neither will I." Su Wanning hung up.

Gu Mingchen recalled the scars on Bai Rong's wrist and quickly ran towards her room.

Bai Rong was packing her luggage when she heard knocking on the door. She opened the door after seeing that it was Gu Mingchen through the peephole.

He grabbed her hand and his eyes narrowed as he looked at the scars on her wrist.

He was now certain that she was the woman that Su Wanning said he loved.

A look of regret flashed by in Gu Mingchen's eyes, "I'm sorry I forgot about vou."

Bai Rong was angry as she didn't like being handled forcefully like that and had wanted to brush his hand off when he grabbed her, but froze in place when she heard his apology.

Her heart was in turmoil as she felt a sudden surge of emotions after hearing the apology that she had longed for.

But it was useless now as the fact that he had forgotten her still remains.

Bai Rong composed herself, "Let go of me, you're hurting me."

Gu Mingchen loosened his grip a little without letting go as he stared intensely at her, "We didn't actually break up, did we? We just cut off all communications because I lost my memories, right?"

Bai Rong knew that there was no way of hiding it from him as he was very smart and sharp.

Besides, she was tired of playing this little game of hide-and-seek with him.

"Yes." Her reply was short and simple, yet straight to the point.

Gu Mingchen gripped her hand tighter as he connected all the dots, "So the reason my parents didn't want me to know about the past was that they were against us being together. They were the ones who kidnapped you and forced me to marry Su Wanning? Was your pinky finger also cut off by them?"

"Yes." Bai Rong said as she stared straight at him.

"But we didn't break up because of their objections, as we were still together investigating the Tangqian Village massacre. I was with you before I was involved in an accident?" Gu Mingchen asked.

He was bringing up all the cruel and painful memories one after another and she could recall the sounds of explosions when he went out on his mission.

To her, the Gu Mingchen whom she loved had died in the explosion.

Had it not been for his loss of memory, she wouldn't have known that Zhou Hailan was the one he held dear in his heart and that he was just taking responsibility for her.

Her tears fell uncontrollably as she hoped that she too had died in the explosion with him so that she wouldn't have to face the cruel reality afterward. At the very least, she wouldn't feel so lonely as she would've died carrying her faith in him.

Gu Mingchen felt his chest tighten as he saw her crying and wiped her tears with his fingers as he promised, "I will be responsible for you."

Responsibility?

Responsibility?!

Responsibility.

Bai Rong stopped crying and the look in her eyes slowly grew firm as she stared at Gu Mingchen.

She hated hearing the word 'responsibility'.

He had gotten close to her and won her heart over just to take responsibility.

She didn't want to receive only responsibility in return for her complete love for him.

"No need. Ever since I woke up from the hospital and decided to go overseas, I had decided not to love you ever again. The Bai Rong who loved you had died in her past naivety and stupidity. I have been reborn

now. If you wish to be responsble for me, then let me go and stay far away from my life, Chief. Let's not see each other ever again." Bai Rong said coldly.

Gu Mingchen frowned in confusion, "Is this really the outcome that you want?"

"Yes, it is." Bai Rong said clearly, "We should keep moving forward and stop seeing each other as well as missing each other."

Gu Mingchen felt like his heart was stabbed by a sharp knife as he watched a smile gradually spread across her face. It hurt so badly that he was suffocated and unable to speak.

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As proud and arrogant as he might be, he let go of Bai Rong and disappeared from her sight quickly.

Bai Rong closed the door after he left.

The world was finally peaceful and she had gotten what she wished for.

However, she couldn't shake the inexplicable feeling of loss, sadness, and regret in her heart.

She didn't go for lunch as she didn't want to see Gu Mingchen, so she stayed in her room and had some instant noodles.

But the noodles were too hard and made her stomach uncomfortable, so she decided to go out and buy some fruits instead.

She opened the door and saw Leng Qiuzun standing outside. He was just about to knock on her door.

"What is it?" Bai Rong asked.

"They've arrested Wang Donger and brought her eyewitnesses in as well. One of them was her partner and the other was a photographer. I suspect that their confessions have been rehearsed ahead of time as they are all identical, claiming that they were filming at the time of the crime." Leng Qiuzun said solemnly.

"Where were they filming?" Bai Rong asked.

"I'll send it to your computer in a bit. We'll interrogate Wang Donger at the station later at 2 p.m.. Try and see if you can find any weaknesses that we can use to break through Wang Donger's psychological defenses."

"Have you watched it?" Bai Rong asked.

Leng Qiuzun blushed, "I have."

"Was it before or after editing?"

"After."

"Send a copy of the unedited version to my mailbox. I'm going out to buy some fruits now and will watch it when I get back. I'll head over to the station with you guys at 2 p.m. later." Bai Rong said.

"Alright. What fruits do you want? I'll have someone buy them for you." Leng Qiuzun said with a spark in his eyes.

"I saw some fruit stalls near the hotel. I'll just head over by myself." Bai Rong refused his offer.

Leng Qiuzun was feeling awkward now. "Then help me buy some apples, pears and mangosteens while you're at it. I love mangosteens."

Bai Rong was silent as she watched Leng Qiuzun leave after saying that.

She didn't want to argue with him as they wouldn't be working together for long since they were about to solve the case soon anyway.

She went to the fruit stall and bought some apples, pears, mangosteens, oranges and bananas, which cost ninety-six.

Right as she was digging through her wallet for the money, someone handed the cashier a hundred bucks.

Bai Rong looked up and was shocked to see Gu Mingchen, "You've come to buy fruits too?"

Gu Mingchen didn't even look at her as he said, "I had come to buy some fruits for you and ended up seeing you here. Have you had lunch?"

"I didn't want to as I didn't have any appetite." Bai Rong said.

Gu Mingchen took the fruits over and looked at Bai Rong.

He was so big and tall that he looked like a giant steel wall as he stood in front of her.

Bai Rong felt a little awkward, "Some of them are for Leng Qiuzun."

Gu Mingchen ignored her and walked towards the hotel entrance while Bai Rong followed behind him.

They went into the elevator in silence.

"Bai Rong." Gu Mingchen called out suddenly.

"Hm?" Bai Rong looked up at him, not knowing what he wanted to say.

"I want you to watch something with me." Gu Mingchen said.

"Are you referring to Wang Donger's film?" Bai Rong asked.

No, we won't find anything out of the edited version. I requested for the unedited version to focus on the bystanders." Gu Mingchen reminded the woman.

She didn't really feel like watching it with him after what had happened when they watched it together before.

"Leng Qiuzun has already sent me the unedited version." Bai Rong shifted her gaze down as she said that.

"Alright, then we'll watch it in your room." Gu Mingchen said.

Bai Rong went silent.

She had meant to refuse his request politely by saying that, but he had played along instead.

"I want to watch it alone." Bai Rong said directly.

Gu Mingchen looked unhappy as he stared at her and said in a commanding tone, "You have the right to make a request, but I reject it."

"I'm not one of your men. I don't need your approval."

"Rejected." Gu Mingchen increased the aggression in his tone.

Bai Rong frowned as she felt annoyed, "I think I've already made it very clear to you, Chief."

"What did you make clear?" Gu Mingchen asked.

Bai Rong looked at him who seemed to have forgotten everything she said earlier, "I don't love you anymore."

Ding!

The elevator door opened, and Gu Mingchen walked out.

Bai Rong ran along behind him, "If there is no need for it, I feel that our relationship does not allow us to continue seeing each other."

Gu Mingchen pursed his lips as he opened his room door and placed the fruits on the dining table inside.

Bai Rong stood at the doorstep and stared helplessly at the fruits from outside.

Gu Mingchen took off his necktie and undid the first button on his shirt as he frowned at her, "Are you afraid of coming in? Do you fear that I will eat you alive like some sort of monster?"

Bai Rong paused as she recalled how Gu Mingchen had said those exact same words to her before.

In fact, he was much scarier than any monster.

She walked past his room as she refused to enter but he ran outside and dragged her in by the arm anyway, slamming the door shut behind them.

Bai Rong pulled her arm free and walked towards the door but he was faster and placed an arm on the door, sandwiching her between him and the door.

"You just have to piss me off, huh?" Gu Mingchen said unhappily.

"You're the one who's pissing me off now!" Bai Rong retorted even more angrily.

"How am I pissing you off?" Gu Mingchen asked.

Bai Rong was losing her patience, "I want to leave but you won't let me. I want to watch it by myself and you won't let me either! How is that not pissing me off?!"

"Do you know why I did that?" Gu Mingchen retorted.

Bai Rong paused and stared into his eyes.

He wrapped an arm around her waist and pulled her body in close towards his.

Bai Rong felt her back stiffen up as she pushed at his shoulders, "You can easily get yourself any woman you want. It doesn't have to be me. I don't want to be your woman!"

"There are plenty of women out there, but there aren't many that I like. I prefer to love before making love." Gu Mingchen turned around and pushed Bai Rong onto his bed as he climbed on top of her.

"Did you love me when we first had sex?" Bai Rong was annoyed.

She felt like she would melt from his hot passion and hated losing her rationality to him like this.

Gu Mingchen stared at her and recalled how he had felt something special about her since he saw her on the plane three years ago.

He felt like she was the one he had always been looking for and that she was the only one he would want to have sex with.

"I think he has probably never forgotten about you. That's why he kept making me dream of you." Gu Mingchen said.

Bai Rong could tell that he was referring to the old Gu Mingchen whom she had once loved and her tears started flowing again.

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"You've forgotten everything and don't know anything anymore. You think you haven't forgotten, but that's just your speculation." Bai Rong frowned as she said in a sobbing voice.

Gu Mingchen stared at her teary face, unsure of what they had gone through before, why she had resented him so much, and she was so certain that he didn't like her.

However, he was very sure of the pain he had felt when he saw her crying like that as well as when she said she wanted to give up on him.

Gu Mingchen lowered his head and kissed her tears as he said, "Then wait for me to find out again. Until I regain my memories, I won't let go of you."

"You're just wasting both our time like this." Bai Rong pushed at him.

Gu Mingchen grabbed her hand, "You don't have a boyfriend anyway, do you?"

Bai Rong knew that he was right, but she was afraid of getting herself back into the pain of loving him again.

A knocking was heard and Bai Rong looked defensively at the door.

"What is it?" Gu Mingchen asked.

"It's me, Wang. Mr. Leng wants you to come over for a bit. He says there's something he wants to discuss with you." Wang said.

"You'd better go now, or Leng Qiuzun will come over shortly." Bai Rong advised him.

Gu Mingchen let go of her as he got up and switched on his computer. He then looked at her as he said, "I'll be back soon, you can watch the video first."

"Alright." Bai Rong said, and watched as he left the room.

She felt that it was inappropriate for her to stay in his room, so she grabbed the fruits and walked towards her room.

Leng Qiuzun's room.

"The case is almost solved! Were you the one who requested for our superiors to have us stay out of it?" Leng Qiuzun questioned.

"This case involves too many parties, so the military has taken over it. Isn't it good that you get to rest earlier as well, Leng Qiuzun?" Gu Mingchen said coldly.

"Each profession has its own field of specializations. Don't you think you're going overboard, Mr. Gu? Is it okay to make light of human lives like that just because the murderer and deceased are from the military? I think you owe the families of the deceased an explanation." Leng Qiuzun said sternly.

Gu Mingchen smirked as he sat on the sofa, "And what explanation are you talking about, Mr. Leng?"

"I mean we should let their families know how the deceased were killed!" Leng Qiuzun said coldly.

"Let them know how they were killed? And then what? Have them seek out the murderers for revenge? The problem is, the murderers have also been killed, so who are the parents going to seek revenge from? Their children have been dead for twenty-five years and they are all very old now. They have either already gotten over the loss of their children or are hoping that they are still alive and well. Either way, letting them know the harsh reality of the situation will not do them any good." Gu Mingchen said calmly.

"So you plan to just cover up the truth?" Leng Qiuzun said in disapproval.

"Whatever happened has happened, so there is no covering up. We are only choosing a better way to express the truth. For example, we can compensate them with money or career advancements."

"You just want to protect the reputation of the military! Don't try and dress it up nicely like that! Mr. Gu, you're nothing but a hypocritical and cunning bastard!" Leng Qiuzun said angrily.

"Those three had not even joined the military twenty-five years ago. They had not done anything bad after joining the military, so what's wrong with me protecting the reputation of the military? Do you think it would be helpful towards maintaining order if the civilians start a rebellion out of distrust towards the military? On top of that, do you think it would be good for our country's reputation as a whole if word about this incident were to be spread internationally? Although I may come off as a cunning bastard as a result of my less honorable methods of doing things, what is my sacrifice compared to the interests of our country? If there is nothing else, I need to get back to solving the case now, Mr. Leng." Gu Mingchen stood up.

"Does Bai Rong know how tyrannical you are? Do you think she will approve of your methods?" Leng Qiuzun asked coldly.

"I don't need anyone's approval for what I do." Gu Mingchen said arrogantly as he left the room and returned to his own, only to find that Bai Rong was no longer there.

He called Bai Rong, but she didn't answer when she saw that it was him and set her phone on silent mode as she continued to watch the unedited video while munching on her apples in her room.

A beeping sound was heard and Gu Mingchen entered after opening the door.

Bai Rong was speechless as she was confused as to where he got a keycard to her room from.

"Why didn't you answer the phone?" Gu Mingchen asked as he shut the door and walked towards her.

She couldn't say she didn't hear it as her phone was right next to her.

"I noticed an important detail in the video, so I didn't pick up." Bai Rong explained as she continued to munch on her apple.

"What important detail? Do tell." Gu Mingchen asked as he sat right next to her.

He had not mentioned anything about why she left his room and she was not about to bring it up either.

"Look, there are quite a lot of people appearing here. I suggest questioning each and every one of them. We'll be able to make a breakthrough as long as one of them slips up." Bai Rong suggested.

"Alright." Gu Mingchen responded without saying anything else, so Bai Rong could only continue watching the video.

She had seen such videos before as Liu Yan would often ask her to watch them with her.

One of them had left a deep impression on her, where the guy had brought the girl to orgasm four or five times in just five minutes.

Back then, she felt curious as the girl in that video had made it very obvious whenever she had an orgasm.

Now that she was watching the unedited version of the footage, she realized how it was all due to editing.

After the girl had her first orgasm, they would let her take a break before continuing but would remove the parts from the footage.

It all made sense now that she realized it was all fake.

However, as fake as it may be, she still blushed as she watched it, even more so with Gu Mingchen sitting next to her like that.

She could feel him staring at her, so she turned her head towards him and found that he was indeed staring at her for quite some time now.

"Why are you looking at me? Watch the video." Gu Mingchen reminded her.

Bai Rong paused for a moment before she retorted, "How would you know I was looking at you if you weren't staring at me?"

"I've already spotted the problem, but I don't know if you have." Gu Mingchen said.

"Then why didn't you say so?" Bai Rong was confused.

"You're the professional here, so I wanted to see how good you were."

"My profession lies in psychology, not in watching videos." Bai Rong shut her laptop, "Since you've already spotted the problem, then tell me what it is, Chief Gu."

"See it for yourself. I didn't sleep well last night, so I'll rest for a bit. If you haven't spotted it when we go to the station at 2 p.m., I'll tell you then." He said as he lay down on her bed and closed his eyes.

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Bai Rong was worried that it would seem inappropriate if someone were to see him sleeping in her room, "Go sleep in your room."

Gu Mingchen ignored her completely and kept his eyes closed as he continued to sleep in silence.

Bai Rong was about to continue analyzing the video when she heard Leng Qiuzun's voice coming from the door, "Open the door."

There was no way she could explain her way out of it if Leng Qiuzun were to see him in her room like this, "Gu Mingchen, wake up and hide somewhere."

He didn't respond and continued to sleep.

"Gu Mingchen!" Bai Rong started pushing him.

Gu Mingchen grabbed her hand and pulled her into him as he turned over and got on top of her, kissing her on her lips.

"Bai Rong, I know you're in there! Open up, there's something I need to talk to you about! Bai Rong!" Leng Qiuzun knocked hard on the door.

Bai Rong looked anxiously at the door, afraid that Leng Qiuzun would have the hotel staff open the door for him like how Gu Mingchen did earlier.

She looked at Gu Mingchen pleadingly, and he finally let go of her as he whispered, "Ignore him. You have already been acquired."

"Gu Mingchen, stop messing around! Leng Qiuzun is my team leader as well as my superior. You'll put me in a tough spot like this!"

"The military has taken over this case. I've already informed the State Council that I will be in charge of this case from now on." Gu Mingchen explained as he sat up straight.

"Does this mean that I'm off duty now?" Bai Rong sat up straight as well.

"You weren't part of the police force, to begin with, as they were the ones who approached the Research Institute of Psychology requesting for assistance. Similarly, the military can also seek assistance from the institute. So, Leng Qiuzun isn't your superior right now, I am." Gu Mingchen said patiently as he walked towards the door.

Bai Rong understood what he meant and quickly grabbed hold of him, "Don't open the door. Go hide and let me open it instead."

"Why do I have to hide? What are you afraid of, Bai Rong? Besides, I've already canceled my engagement with Su Wanning, so I'm single now." Gu Mingchen said as he looked at her.

Bai Rong stared blankly at him, "You've broken off your engagement with Su Wanning?"

"Three years ago, she was still just like a younger sister to me. I can't accept having a younger sister turn into my fiancée. Now, I don't even see her as a younger sister anymore." Gu Mingchen explained as he observed her facial expression.

"Has Su Zheng agreed to it?" Bai Rong stared at him in disbelief.

"He doesn't have a say in this matter. Su Wanning had been frequenting some ladies' clubs and had sex with more than five gigolos. His reputation would be destroyed if word gets out about this, and his chances at the election for commander-in-chief would be over. In fact, he wouldn't even be able to keep his position as vice commander-in-chief. I had Su Wanning propose to cancel our engagement, so the Su Family wouldn't have any objections." Gu Mingchen said firmly.

"You've known all about Su Wanning?" Bai Rong was shocked as she had been trying to give him some hints about it, but it turned out that he knew it better than anyone else.

"Putting her affairs aside, I also know everything that's been going on with you during the three years you were abroad." Gu Mingchen said as he stared intensely at her.

Bai Rong felt like her emotions were in turmoil when she found out that he had been paying attention to her for the past three years.

However, as shocked as she might be, she still needed to deal with Leng Qiuzun outside her door.

"Will you please just hide? I don't want anyone to start gossiping about me." Bai Rong pleaded with him.

"Who would dare gossip about you?" Gu Mingchen asked arrogantly.

Bai Rong got angry, "Are you hiding or not?!"

He gave her a look and cleared his throat before walking into the bathroom in silence.

Bai Rong unknowingly let out a smile as she watched him enter.

When she opened the door, she heard Leng Qiuzun calling out to the hotel staff nearby, "Will you please open this door for me? My friend is inside and I've been calling out to her for a long time, but she hasn't responded. I'm worried something may have happened to her."

Bai Rong opened the door and stood in the doorway, "Mr. Leng, did you need something from me?"

"Why didn't you open the door? And why is your face so red?" Leng Qiuzun stared at her face suspiciously.

Bai Rong lowered her head as she said, "I was watching that video and I noticed something off. I'll let you know at the station later."

"No need, I'm here to tell you that we no longer have to follow up on this case as Mr. Gu will take over it completely."

"I know that, but you're the only one who doesn't have to follow up on it. I'm with the Research Institute of Psychology and am currently working with Mr. Gu." Bai Rong explained.

"Aren't you curious as to why the military is taking over?" Leng Qiuzun frowned as he hated how she was making light of the matter.

"Xiong Zhiqing and Xiong Changan are from the Special Forces military base. Although this had all taken place before they joined, things could get nasty due to public speculations and if people were to misuse that information. That is why the military will take over and keep a tight lid on everything."

"Don't you think that it's wrong to do so?" Leng Qiuzun said impatiently.

"I remember learning about this in politics class back in junior high. The honor of the country surpasses that of collective interests, while collective interests surpass personal interests. The national interests are higher than everything else and all actions that would put the national interests at risk are deemed to be hostile. Therefore, it's correct for the military to do so. Oh, I almost forgot, you studied abroad didn't you, Mr. Leng?" Bai Rong smiled as she said the last sentence sarcastically.

"To me, the truth is more important than anything else." Leng Qiuzun said sternly.

"I understand you. Mr. Leng, you are a very individualistic person. However, we are all living in a collective society where anyone who is capable and can be put to good use will be deemed honorable. Those who are capable but are put to bad use will result in the opposite. You are a very capable person and I hope to have more opportunities to solve cases with you in the future." Bai Rong said.

When she was about to close the door, Leng Qiuzun put his hand on the door and stared at her. "When you said that you hope to have more opportunities to solve cases with me, did you really mean it, or were you just saying it out of courtesy?"

"I meant it. You are highly efficient in solving cases and collective interests surpass personal interests." Bai Rong smiled as she closed the door and turned around to see Gu Mingchen standing silently behind her.

Bai Rong jumped in shock as she realized how he would've been discovered if she had let Leng Qiuzun in earlier.

She smacked him on the shoulder in annoyance, but he caught her hand and pinned her aggressively against the door, "Bai Rong, have I not been able to satisfy you? Is that why you're flirting with other men?"

"Who's flirting with men?" Bai Rong kept her voice low as she was afraid that Leng Oiuzun was still outside and would hear them.

"You should have rejected Leng Qiuzun directly and said you don't wish to work with him ever again. That guy has ulterior motives towards you. If you're going to flirt, you should just flirt with me instead."

Bai Rong was speechless.