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After Gu Mingchen finished, he pulled Bai Rong in his arms and held her tightly.

The smell of intimacy lingered in the air and crept into her nose.

Bai Rong did not dare to move.

As Gu Mingchen's breaths landed on her neck, she felt an itch. It was as though she could

also feel the itch in her fragile heart, that was aching to be scratched. Bai Rong waited a while more before she cleared her throat and asked again, "You're done

right?"

"Yup." Gu Mingchen said simply. His voice was deep, and sounded sexy. It was especially so

in the quiet night that her mind could have started to fantasize.

"Aren't you going to take a shower?" Bai Rong reminded him.

She felt very warm and sticky in his arms.

"I don't feel like it. I don't need a cold shower anymore. Let's sleep. It's already very late." Gu

Mingchen said gently.

Errr...

But he had just...

Bai Rong felt too embarrassed to continue talking about it. She closed her eyes.

She thought that she wouldn't be able to sleep with a man lying next to

But as Bai Rong was too exhausted, she fell asleep shortly, without even eating the instant

noodles she had cooked.

Bai Rong slept soundly through the night. When she woke up, it was already morning.

When she looked towards her side, Gu Mingchen was not there.

"Gu Mingchen." Bai Rong called out, but there was no response.

She saw the car key still lying on the table and deduced that Gu Mingchen had not yet left

the quest house.

But it's still so early, where could he have gone?

Bai Rong walked into the bathroom.

Gu Mingchen had already brushed his teeth. His toothbrush was in the mug.

He had also squeezed some toothpaste on top of her toothbrush and placed it on the mug.

Bai Rong felt a warm fuzzy feeling inside.

Although Gu Mingchen looked cold, he could be quite attentive to details sometimes.

Bai Rong finished brushing her teeth and walked out of the guest house, when she saw Gu

Mingchen walking towards her with a plastic bag in his hands.

He stopped in front of her. The morning sun illuminated his face and Bai Rong thought that

Gu Mingchen would shine more brightly than the sun.

Her heart skipped a few beats.

"I got us breakfast. We'll leave after we finish eating." Gu Mingchen said in his deep voice, as

he walked ahead of Bai Rong.

"OK. Did you wake up very early?" Bai Rong asked, as she followed behind him.

"If I don't wake up, it would have woken up." Gu Mingchen said, lowering his voice.

"It? Who's it?" Bai Rong was confused.

Gu Mingchen took a meaningful glance at her.

Bai Rong knew at once what he was referring to.

A blush of embarrassment spread across her cheeks as she looked towards the ground.

Gu Mingchen held her hand and said impatiently, "Just hurry up and finalize your divorce."

Bai Rong pulled out her hand and opened the room door without saying anything.

Gu Mingchen had already thrown away the two bowls of instant noodles from last night, and

laid out the breakfast he bought on the table.

There were two boxes of xiaolongbao, two sticks of youtiao, two cups of soy milk, and two

eggs. It was quite a lot of food.

Bai Rong ate quietly while Gu Mingchen sized her up. "Did I scare you yesterday?" He asked.

Bai Rong did not dare to answer hastily.

If she had said yes, Gu Mingchen definitely would not have liked it.

If she had said no, he might take it as an invitation to continue doing what he did.

"Will we be going back this afternoon?" Bai Rong ignored his question.

"That's the plan, if everything goes smoothly." Gu Mingchen replied.

"I have work tomorrow." Bai Rong reminded him.

"Have you filled up the application form to work at the military base?"

"What?" Bai Rong paused for a while, before she said again, "No one gave me any form."

"I will get them to pass you a form. You should let the hospital know too." Gu Mingchen said

domineeringly.

Bai Rong plopped her head on the table and continued drinking her soy milk from the straw,

while she gazed at Gu Mingchen with her beautiful eyes.

The truth was that she did not want to work at the military base.

The truth was that she did not want to marry him either.

But why did it seem as though Bai Rong had no say in any of those matters?

She had no room for rejection.

Why exactly was that so? What went wrong?

"Why are you looking at me like that?" Gu Mingchen asked.

"Can I don't work at the military base?" Bai Rong asked.

"No." Gu Mingchen said without hesitation.

"What if I insist on not going?" Bai Rong tested waters.

"What do you think?" Gu Mingchen threw the question back to her. A sharp glint appeared in

his eyes.

Bai Rong let out a deep sigh.

Gu Mingchen was the reason why she could keep her current job.

As long as he wished to, she could lose her job anytime. Besides, working at the military

base was considered a promotion for her. She would be putting on airs if she rejected his

offer.

Bai Rong lowered her head and continued eating xiaolongbao.

Gu Mingchen saw the look of disappointment and helplessness in her face. "Do you really

not want to work at the military base? If you are there, it would be easier for me to take care

of you. Also, no one would dare to take advantage of you at the military base. I am always

very busy at work and it would be hard for me to go and see you. If we work at the same

place, we will be able to see each other every day." He said.

Bai Rong was very moved by what Gu Mingchen just said.

Although she was married to Su Xuyan for three years, they hardly saw each other. It was

not that they were too busy, but Su Xuyan just did not want to see her.

That marriage had fully taken a toll on Bai Rong, both mentally and emotionally.

Gu Mingchen was like a drug.

It was easy to get addicted to him. And Bai Rong knew that it would not be a habit that was

easy to kick.

However, she realized she was falling deeper and deeper for him, before her rational mind

could make sense of the situation.

Bai Rong decided that she should stop resisting and give it a try.

She leaned forward and planted a quick kiss on Gu Mingchen's lips, and said, "I'll apply."

The brief interaction of their lips was not enough to satisfy Gu Mingchen at all.

That was the first time Bai Rong initiated, signifying her willingness to finally give in, and it

was a meaningful moment for Gu Mingchen.

Feeling triumphant, he held the back of her neck and returned the kiss.

Gu Mingchen's tongue searched Bai Rong's mouth and found her tongue. He sucked it

gently before wrapping his tongue around hers.

Bai Rong closed her eyes as his kiss deepened.

It was getting so passionate that Gu Mingchen could feel his abdomen tighten again.

He let go of Bai Rong as he could not imagine what would happen if he carried on.

Her lips were already swollen from his kisses and were in a beautiful shade of red.

Gu Mingchen cleared his throat and changed the topic, "Eat more. You're too skinny. I'm

going to take a shower."

"OK." Feeling shy, she lowered her gaze. As she did that, she saw the bulge in his pants. She

got even more embarrassed and turned to face the other direction.

Bai Rong had already finished her breakfast when Gu Mingchen got out of the shower. "I'll

wait for you outside." She said to him.

"OK." He replied. Bai Rong couldn't believe that he was so agreeable.

Gu Mingchen set up the GPS for Bai Rong in the car while she drove.

"If you don't like this car, I will get you a different one." Gu Mingchen declared.

"I don't think I will need a car. My place is not very far away from the hospital." Bai Rong

blurted out.

Gu Mingchen glanced at her. There was a hidden gleam and trace of anger in his deep eyes.

"Are you still staying at Su Xuyan's house?"

"Not anymore. I am staying with Yan now. She drives, so I get a lift from her every morning."

Bai Rong clarified.

"How many rooms are there in her apartment?" Gu Mingchen asked thoughtfully.

"Two, so we get one room each. It's spacious enough for two." Bai Rong replied.

"Is your room soundproof?" Gu Mingchen continued asking.

Bai Rong was speechless.

He can't be thinking of doing that at Yan's house right? Her thoughts went wild.

"No." Bai Rong replied immediately to dash his hopes.

"It's already not very nice for you to impose on her. We shouldn't continue to inconvenience

her. I will buy an apartment near the hospital so that you can move in first. I will also install

soundproof walls in the house so that we won't disturb the neighbors. But I still think it's

better for you to have a car. It's not just for driving to work. Having a car would bring more

convenience to your life in general." Gu Mingchen said.

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"But I will be applying to the military base soon right? If I work there, accommodation will be

arranged for me and I won't have to drive to work anymore. Besides, if I need to go

somewhere else, I can use the military car right?" Bai Rong asked. Gu Mingchen nodded and said, "I almost forgot about that."

After a short drive, they reached the house of soldier number 108.

They could already hear crying and shouting coming from the house even before they

stepped out of the car.

Bai Rong had a bad feeling. She unbuckled her seat belt and followed Gu Mingchen into the

house.

"Jin, put the knife down. What would mom do if something happened to you? You are my

only son!" Soldier number 108's mother wept as she said.

Gu Mingchen dashed into the house immediately.

Bai Rong saw that the man on the bed was holding a knife against his own neck. He was

very agitated and his eyes were bloodshot.

Both his legs were gone.

"Number 108! What are you doing? Put the knife down now." Gu Mingchen said sternly.

Number 108 paused for a moment as he saw that his chief was here. Still holding the knife,

he said, "I am already a cripple, there's no reason for me to be alive anymore."

"Cowards don't belong to the military. Even if you had lost all your limbs, you still do not

have the right to end your life." Gu Mingchen said in a deep voice, as he walked towards

number 108.

Number 108 lifted his chin higher and the knife was almost cutting into his skin. "Don't

come any nearer! I have already lost my legs. There's nothing more I can contribute to the

country. I don't want to be a burden to my wife. We just got married three months ago but I

have already ruined her happiness."

"Don't talk about her anymore. She's already going to divorce you. Why are you still thinking

about her?" Number 108's mom was sobbing even harder now.

Gu Mingchen was making sense of the situation.

The reason why number 108 strongly requested to be discharged from the hospital right

after his surgery could be because of his new wife.

He might be triggered by his wife's intention to divorce him.

"Where is his wife? Get her to come here." Gu Mingchen said coldly.

"Jin's wife is not willing to come. She will only come if he agrees to the divorce. She is such

an ingrate! When she married him, we gave her three thousand as dowry. That was our

entire life savings." The mother was quivering with anger in between sobs. "Where is she now?" Gu Mingchen asked.

"She's staying at 20 Yellow Flower Village. It's the neighboring village."

Number 108's mom

replied.

"Number 108, chin up! We only shed blood and not tears. Don't let a woman look down on

you. I'm going there now." Gu Mingchen said sternly before he turned around and walked out

of the door.

Bai Rong followed behind.

"Isn't number 108's wife pregnant? She wants a divorce even though she's pregnant?" Bai

Rong was confused.

"Let's go and check out the situation first." Gu Mingchen adjusted the GPS. The next village was only five minutes away.

Gu Mingchen knocked on the door that was tightly shut.

An elderly lady opened the door.

"I am Jin's chief. I'm looking for his wife." Gu Mingchen stated the purpose of his visit.

"Yaya doesn't want to see anyone." The elderly lady looked awkward.

"Didn't she want a divorce? I'm here to talk about that." Gu Mingchen said coldly.

"Let him in." Jin's wife spoke.

After Gu Mingchen entered the house, Jin's wife stood in front of him and said, "You are Jin's

chief."

"Yes." Gu Mingchen acknowledged.

"I want a divorce." Jin's wife went straight to the point.

"Just because he lost his legs, it doesn't mean that he can't make you happy. He is from the

Special Forces, so his fitness level wouldn't be a problem." Gu Mingchen tried to be discreet.

Jin's wife's eyes started getting red, "We have been married for three months. Apart from

our wedding night, he did not come home even once."

"He has all the time to stay at home now." Gu Mingchen replied.

"Do you expect me to stay with a paraplegic? I don't want to. I will be made a laughingstock."

Jin's wife spoke determinedly.

Gu Mingchen looked at her with his deep eyes and said, "You are not allowed to divorce a

soldier unless he had committed a serious sin. Your husband is our country's hero. You

cannot get a divorce."

"But he can die. I will be freed when he is dead. I am only twenty-one years old. I don't have

to waste my youth on a cripple." Jin's wife said emotionlessly.

Bai Rong's heart went cold.

She looked towards Jin's wife's stomach and said, "Don't forget that you are carrying a

child."

"I have already gotten an abortion. Why would I give birth to a cripple's child? My life would

really be ruined if I had done that." Jin's wife said heartlessly.

Bai Rong wanted to give her a tight slap.

She had killed her own flesh and blood. This woman would never be good enough for Jin.

"What are your conditions for not getting a divorce?" Gu Mingchen started to negotiate. "You

can let me know."

Jin's wife thought for a moment. "How much compensation is he going to get?" She asked.

"How much do you want?" Gu Mingchen threw the question back to her.

"Three hundred thousand. Not a single cent less." Jin's wife demanded.

"I will give Jin three hundred thousand in compensation. His parents will also receive

pension. If you don't divorce him, you will receive it too. I would also like him to continue

receiving treatment at the military hospital." Gu Mingchen said in his deep voice and he

turned around.

Once Jin's wife heard that they were going to get three hundred thousand, she followed

behind Gu Mingchen. "Are you really going to give us three hundred thousand?" She asked.

"I don't have to lie to you." Gu Mingchen said coldly.

"OK. Then I am not getting a divorce anymore. Jin listens to everything I say. I will ask him to

receive treatment at the military hospital." Jin's wife had a change in attitude.

They drove back to Jin's house.

When Jin saw his wife, he immediately dropped the knife.

"I don't want a divorce anymore. Let's go to the military hospital to continue with your

treatment. I'll take care of you." Jin's wife said.

Jin looked at Gu Mingchen with a grateful smile and said, "Thanks, chief." "I will make arrangements for someone to fetch you to the hospital. As for the

compensation, you will be receiving it within one month. Remember to rest well." Gu

Mingchen said in a straightforward manner and left.

In the car, Bai Rong could tell that Gu Mingchen's mind was weighed down. She understood how he was feeling.

As Jin was his subordinate, Gu Mingchen must be feeling pained.

"Jin's wife is not good enough for him. A divorce might not actually be a bad thing. It leaves

room for better opportunities to come by." Bai Rong knew it well as she was in a similar

situation.

"Jin cares about his wife a lot. Even if she's not good enough for him, that's his choice. I

cannot make the decision for him based on my own judgement. I can only do what I can to

fulfill his wishes. Rong..." Gu Mingchen looked towards Bai Rong and held her hand.

Bai Rong saw a flicker of pain in his eyes.

"What's wrong?" She asked.

"A soldier cannot get divorced. If we get married, we will stay with each other for the rest of

our lives. I vow that I will never let you down in exchange for your sincere heart." Gu

Mingchen said seriously.

He's right.

It would not be possible to divorce a soldier.

If she married Gu Mingchen, there would be no way back.

It did seem quite reckless to rush into the arms of another man because of the hurt she had

from the marriage with Su Xuyan.

But soldiers were supposed to be very disciplined. If Gu Mingchen always remained faithful

to her, Bai Rong would stay by his side forever.

She needed to let her emotions settle and give some careful thought to that...