

## **As Agreed 191**

### Chapter 191: A Farce At The Airport

“Panpan, I’ll probably be in France for a week.” Gu Shaoting deliberately made small talk.

“Oh, have a safe trip.” Shu Pan replied indifferently.

Gu Shaoting’s face was filled with disappointment. He didn’t want to hear that.

He was hoping that she would ask him how his packing was going, that she would ask him to come home as soon as possible instead of a casual response like that.

Not long after, the driver called to remind him that it was almost time to go to the airport.

Only then did Gu Shaoting rolled his suitcase out the door reluctantly.

When Shu Pan saw him leave, she also quickly packed her things to move back home.

When Gu Shaoting and He Ming arrived at the airport, they saw many reporters waiting there.

Gu Shaoting wasn’t in a good mood to begin with. He was even more upset when he saw so many reporters. He was heading for a different security checkpoint when someone in the crowd called out, “Mr. Gu...”

Gu Shaoting turned a deaf ear and continued to walk. Suddenly, reporters who all heard the shout surrounded him. Gu Shaoting frowned and revealed an unhappy expression on his handsome face.

Obviously, the Mr. Gu that was called out was him because reporters had now blocked his way and pointed their microphones at him. He was stunned and his frown deepened.

“Mr. Gu, are you travelling abroad with Miss Tong Fei? I heard that your wedding date is approaching. Are you bringing forward your honeymoon?” A reporter asked excitedly. He didn’t expect to get such a surprising scoop.

The other reporters were also eager and everyone scrambled to ask questions.

They all thought that Tong Fei was going to France to attend an award ceremony. Who knew that they would run into her fiancé?

What an accidental scoop! However, at the sight of Mr. Gu’s sullen face, everyone got a little timid.

“Sorry, I don’t know what you’re talking about. I’m in a hurry.” Gu Shaoting pushed through the crowd, looking cold and unapproachable.

Actually, it wasn’t his fault. He had really forgotten about it. Only a few people close to him knew about his amnesia. It wasn’t public knowledge.

The reporters thought he didn’t want to answer and kept chasing him. Gu Shaoting was extremely annoyed. He pursed his lips and emanated an ethereal chill from his being.

He Ming had just finished checking in his baggage when he saw Gu Shaoting surrounded by reporters. He walked up quickly and made way for him. “Make way, please make way. Mr. Gu is on a business trip and will miss his flight soon. Appreciate your understanding.”

Gu Shaoting followed the path He Ming opened and strode forward, leaving the reporters behind.

He Ming apologized profusely. He didn’t want to offend the media, so it took him a lot of effort to get away.

He found out from the reporters’ questions that Tong Fei was also leaving for France today.

What a coincidence! No wonder Gu Shaoting was misunderstood.

He Ming had regretted more than once that he had brought the two of them together. Who knew that Gu Shaoting was hiding his true feelings? He Ming thought that he liked Tong Fei, but who knew that he was into Shu Pan?

If so, why didn't he treat her better back then? He just had to lose her before he realized how much she meant to him.

He still had a long way to go to win back his wife.

He Ming was also gloating a little. Who asked Gu Shaoting to disturb his dates with Xiaomeng from time to time?

He Ming caught up with Gu Shaoting and asked, "Did you tell Tong Fei about our flight this afternoon?"

He Ming was very puzzled. How could it be so coincidental?

"Do I look like water has entered my brain?" Gu Shaoting said arrogantly. He would have to be crazy to tell her.

He wasn't close with that woman, okay?

Chapter 192: Out Gallivanting

He Ming thought so too. Gu Shaoting hated inconveniences, so he always kept a low profile. He didn't like to have his private life made into news to entertain the public.

"Please call the news agencies you know later and tell them not to report nonsense." Gu Shaoting said. He was afraid that Shu Pan would think worse of him after she saw the news. He didn't want to jeopardize their already fragile relationship.

"I'll try my best, but there are too many media outlets today. I won't be able to call all of them. I can ask the two most influential newspapers not to report nonsense." He Ming said, managing his expectations.

"Alright, sorry to trouble you." Gu Shaoting nodded.

He Ming helplessly took out his phone and started making calls.

Meanwhile, Tong Fei had just walked into the airport and reporters had surrounded her.

"Ms. Tong, may I ask if you are attending this award ceremony in France as a stepping stone to expand your career overseas?"

"Ms. Tong, your fiancé, Mr. Gu, has just cleared outbound immigration. Did you and Mr. Gu arrange to meet overseas for your honeymoon?"

The reporters kept firing questions at her.

"Sorry, I'm going there for work. I can't comment on anything else." Tong Fei adjusted her sunglasses with her hand. So, Shaoting was also at the airport now. Maybe they were on the same flight to France!

There were still reporters who refused to give up. One of them asked, "Are you guys going to hold your wedding soon?"

Tong Fei stopped walking and said, "I'll inform everyone when there's good news."

Shu Pan went back to her own home. Everything in the house seemed to be covered in a layer of dust since no one had lived here for a while.

Shu Pan quickly rolled up her sleeves and got busy. She would be busier at work soon and would have even less time for housework then.

Moreover, she should bring Joy home soon. School was about to start.

She felt a tingling sensation in her heart whenever she thought about Joy. She had to work harder. Now that her life was slowly improving, she was even more hopeful that she could live a good life without a man.

She wondered how Gu Shaoting, who was on his way to France, would feel if he knew that she had such thoughts.

He would probably be even more anxious.

In the evening, Shu Pan was about to make herself a bowl of noodles when Ye

Xiaomeng called.

“Girl, where are you now?” Ye Xiaomeng asked.

“I’m at my home. My own home.” Shu Pan replied with a smile.

“Oh? You don’t need to wait on Young Master Gu anymore? Can a servant like you finally retire?” Ye Xiaomeng mocked. She just couldn’t stand the way Gu Shaoting bullied Shu Pan. Not in the past and not now. It was only because Shu Pan was kind that he stepped all over her.

“Xiaomeng... Stop poking fun at me. He’s gone to France on business, but I also don’t plan to take care of him any longer. I’ve done my best. Besides, Joy is about to start school.” Shu Pan shook her head helplessly.

Gone to France on business? What a coincidence! He Ming seemed to be on a business trip to France too.

But Ye Xiaomeng didn’t think too much about it.

“That’s great. We must celebrate your escape from the clutches of the devil tonight.” Ye Xiaomeng said opportunistically. She could always come up with all kinds of reasons to go out for food and drinks. She was indeed worthy of her title as a foodie.

“What would you like to eat? I’ll buy the ingredients and cook for you.” Shu Pan felt that food outside was expensive and unsanitary.

“Girl, you’ve gotten used to slavery. Poor kid, put your things away and dress up nicely. I’ll take you out for a good meal tonight.” Ye Xiaomeng instructed her.

“Alright. As you wish, my beautiful Miss Ye.” Shu Pan had no choice but to

agree..

#### Chapter 193: Cosmic Joke About Bumping Into One’s Nemesis

Shu Pan followed Ye Xiaomeng’s instructions, took a nice bath and changed into a dress that Ye Xiaomeng bought her previously. She decided to enjoy her night out too.

The dress was red, and the close-fitting cut accentuated her curves.

Shu Pan wore her hair down. Her clear eyes were elegant yet sexy. Her skin was delicate, and she looked tranquil and relaxed.

She wore light makeup to complement her dress. The whole getup made her look radiant and vibrant.

Ye Xiaomeng was shocked when she saw Shu Pan. “Girl, you really can’t judge a book by its cover. You should show off your good figure more. It’s true that clothes make the man.”

Ye Xiaomeng's expression amused Shu Pan, so she joked back, "You're exaggerating. I look the same. How attractive can I be after giving birth?" "Let's go on a date." Ye Xiaomeng held her arm.

Ye Xiaomeng had on bright makeup, but she didn't look tacky. She wore a short skirt that showed off her long and slender legs.

The two of them were a sight to behold as they walked together in public, turning many heads.

Ye Xiaomeng brought Shu Pan to a buffet restaurant that had just opened. It was a recommendation from Ye Xiaomeng's colleague.

"Xiaomeng, this place looks very high-end. Will it be very expensive?"

"Don't worry. This place just opened not long ago and is quite hot now. My colleague gave me two vouchers. It's very cheap after the discount. You can eat without worry." Ye Xiaomeng looked at Shu Pan. They used to splurge on meals before, but Shu Pan's heart ached now when she ate out.

Life had taken its toll on her.

"Alright, but just this once." Shu Pan exhorted. It was too expensive. She felt the pinch even with just one meal here.

The two of them found a table and then each took a plate to pick up delicious food from the buffet table.

"There are really all kinds of people these days. Why eat here if you are too stingy to fork out the money? So embarrassing."

Seated at the next table were two well-dressed women. They seemed to have heard the conversation between Ye Xiaomeng and Shu Pan, and that was why they were mocking her.

Ye Xiaomeng flew into a rage when she heard that. Fortunately, Shu Pan held her back.

“They didn’t name names. Their mouths belong to them. Just let them say whatever they want.” Shu Pan didn’t want any trouble. Life was complicated enough as it was.

“You don’t say. It’s true. Many people don’t know their limits. They think that just by coming here to eat, they can snag themselves a rich husband.” The other girl at the next table said.

“Speaking of rich husbands, the prospect your mother introduced to you is top-notch. I’m so jealous. You’d better hang on to him.” The girl opposite her said with a smile.

Her friend replied shyly, “You are so bad. I know I shouldn’t have told you. It’s still a distant light on the horizon.”

“Why didn’t you ask him to join us for dinner tonight?” The two of them chatted as if they were the only people at the restaurant.

“He’s gone on a business trip. I think it’s France.” Ever since Hu Shanshan’s blind date with He Ming, she often found all kinds of excuses to get close to him.

But He Ming had been avoiding her, saying that he was busy. She finally couldn’t take it anymore and went to He Ming’s house with the excuse of visiting his mother when she was really there to check if he was really that busy.

He Ming’s mother told her that He Ming had been very busy lately and had just left for France on a business trip.

Only then did she believe that he wasn’t avoiding her on purposes.

She was determined to get He Ming even if he was interested in someone else. He wasn’t married yet, so nothing was for certain..

Chapter 194: Photos



The young girl was very determined.

Ye Xiaomeng was stunned. What was going on? Was everyone on a business trip to France?

Ye Xiaomeng then turned her head to look at the girl carefully. She was young and attractive, but her makeup was a bit thick and she looked unnatural. Combined with her mean speech, she appeared a little tacky.

He Ming was like this, so was Gu Shaoting, and now this person she was overhearing.

She shrugged and ignored the girls at the next table. It was too much of a coincidence.

She picked up her phone and suddenly had an idea.

“Girl, don’t move. It’s rare for you to dress up so it would be a pity if I didn’t take a photo of you.”

“Please don’t. I look awful.” Shu Pan smiled and glared at her.

However, Ye Xiaomeng pointed her phone at Shu Pan, found the right angle and took a shot of her. Shu Pan was smiling in the photo. Her eyes were bright and she looked really attractive.

Ye Xiaomeng then took a selfie; she was happy with the shot. She thought for a

little bit before she posted both photos on her WeChat Moments with the caption, “On a romantic date with my dearest tonight.” She smiled smugly and even showed her post to Shu Pan.

Shu Pan laughed at her narcissism.

Although there were a few hiccups tonight, they had a happy dinner together.

Gu Shaoting and He Ming arrived exhausted in France after flying for more than ten hours. Although they flew first class, the flight time was unbearably long.

It was already evening when they arrived. They planned to fill their stomachs at the hotel restaurant after they checked in. Airplane food was not fit for human consumption.

While waiting for their food, He Ming took out his cell phone. He wanted to call Ye Xiaomeng to tell her that he had arrived safely. She probably didn't really care if he had arrived safely, but he just wanted to make his presence felt.

He dialed Ye Xiaomeng's number, but no one picked up. He comforted himself that she was probably busy. He then opened his WeChat Moments to kill time and saw Ye Xiaomeng's new post.

A date with her dearest?

The caption made his heart skip a beat and he quickly clicked on the photos. It was a date with Shu Pan.

"Shu Pan is also a beauty when she dresses up." He Ming muttered to himself. But the sharp-eared Gu Shaoting heard what he said. "What about Shu Pan

"Take a look. Photos of them on their date last night." He Ming gave his phone to Gu Shaoting.

Gu Shaoting stared at Shu Pan's photo like he couldn't get enough of it. "Download Shu Pan's photo and send it to me."

He Ming was speechless when he heard that. Was that necessary? But on second thought, he should also download Xiaomeng's photo and set that as the screensaver on his phone.

"Sure."

‘Why do you have Shu Pan’s WeChat?’ Only then did Gu Shaoting wondered.

“I don’t. I only have Xiaomeng’s WeChat. See, this girl with Shu Pan. They’re best friends.” He Ming explained. It was better not to provoke a jealous man.

“Why haven’t I heard you mention that you’re dating Shu Pan’s best friend?” Gu Shaoting asked.

“I’m still courting her, not officially her boyfriend yet.” He Ming said a little dejectedly.

Gu Shaoting didn’t have any insights when it came to courtship because after such a long time, Shu Pan was still lukewarm towards him.

He also hoped for a breakthrough.

“Then you must work harder.” As Gu Shaoting spoke, he also thought about how he could get close to Shu Pan and win her heart..

## Chapter 195: Contemplating An Acquisition

The two of them had a quiet dinner together, alone with their own thoughts.

It was still early after dinner. They couldn’t sleep anyway due to jetlag, so Gu Shaoting suggested that they have a drink at the hotel bar downstairs.

After Gu Shaoting and He Ming walked into the bar, they attracted the attention of a group of blonde-haired and blue-eyed girls.

Especially Gu Shaoting, as he lounged on the sofa looking elegant, charming, and all kinds of perfection. He was flawlessly handsome with eyes as dark as night and his gaze, while sharp and intimidating, flashed with wisdom.

But the cold aura he exuded made the girls afraid.

Gu Shaoting took a few sips of his drink.

“Ming, I thought for a long time when I was on the plane today. Didn’t you suggest before that we should expand our design department? Our real estate business is growing rapidly now. It would be more efficient if we had our own designers and interior decorators. Communications would also be more effective and convenient,”

Gu Shaoting changed subjects too quickly and He Ming couldn’t keep up with his pace. He said a confused “huh” and took a while to understand what Gu Shaoting meant.

“Yes, I’ve suggested that before. We have good resources and a good design team now, but we are seriously shorthanded. We can’t cope with all the work and are forced to outsource sometimes, which makes us dependent on third parties. Outsourcing also lowers our overall efficiency and hampers quality control.”

“Then let’s do it.” Gu Shaoting’s tone was very casual like he was commenting about the good weather today. “You can begin preparation now.”

He Ming thought that Gu Shaoting was just joking. After all, expanding such a big department was no joke. “Really? You are not drunk, are you?”

Gu Shaoting took another sip of his drink before he continued in a calm voice, “Recruitment and training takes time after all. It will take even more effort if we poach employees from other companies. We can also grow by acquisition.”

He Ming widened his eyes in surprise and looked Gu Shaoting in the eye to make sure that he wasn’t kidding.

Gu Shaoting continued seriously, “Didn’t you say that the more reputable companies in the industry include Sunrise Architecture? It’s not bad. It hasn’t gone public yet but has great potential. Moreover, their boss needs cash now to fund his other investments. If you think the company is okay, let’s have a discussion with them.’

“Sunrise Architecture? Isn’t that where Shu Pan works now?” He Ming had a sudden realization.

“That’s right. That Sunrise Architecture.” Gu Shaoting nodded.

Actually, Gu Group was doing really well now, be it in real estate or other sectors. They were doing exceptionally well.

No matter how good Sunrise was, there was no need to acquire a company. After all, acquisition was a huge expense. If they wanted to expand a department, they could very well hire or even engage headhunters to help them hire.

“Why do you suddenly want to acquire Sunrise? What’s your motive?” He Ming felt that it wasn’t a rational move after thinking through.

“Because that company is quite established. The organization structure and staffing can remain. They would just be subsumed under Gu Group. That saves us time and gives their boss the money he needs. It’s a win-win situation.”

Gu Shaoting lowered his eyes and took another sip of his drink after he finished speaking.

“Is that really the reason? There are many other companies better than Sunrise

Architecture.. Why did you pick Sunrise?”

Chapter 196: Regaining His Memories

Gu Shaoting stared at the wine in his long stem glass and swirled it.

He zoned out for a little bit before he suddenly said, "We're in the right place at the right time now. I don't want to wait anymore. I'll lose patience if I wait too long."

"What?" He Ming was confused. He felt that Gu Shaoting's words were even more mysterious now, but he guessed one thing. Shu Pan worked at Sunrise Architecture and Gu Shaoting probably wanted to be closer to her.

Gu Shaoting didn't speak for a long time until he said, "Come, let's drink. If you think it's feasible, we can start discussions after we get back. We must be quick because their boss needs cash now. I think that people in the industry will have the same information soon and we mustn't let someone else beat us to it."

"Okay, I'll work on it immediately when we get back. Also, the meeting with Mr. John is at noon tomorrow. We can't fail this time. We must get this deal so that we don't have to worry about it for the next few years." The blueprint in He Ming's heart was very well planned. The bigger his heart, the bigger his world.

"Alright, I wish us success." Gu Shaoting raised his glass to He Ming.

"Cheers!" He Ming finished his drink in one gulp.

Gu Shaoting paused again before he said, "It's getting late. Let's go."

Gu Shaoting got up, signed the bill, and went upstairs with He Ming to their rooms.

After taking a shower, he still didn't feel sleepy. So, he stood by the floor-to-ceiling windows in his room, lit a cigarette and smoked it leisurely.

He didn't tell anyone that he had regained his memories. It happened a few days ago when he woke up. Memories of him and Shu Pan just started playing in his mind like a movie. All the grudges, and the daughter he had with Shu

Pan.

But Shu Pan never mentioned their daughter, Joy, the whole time when she was taking care of him. She treated him like a stranger, so he didn't tell anyone that he remembered the past now.

He had done too many hurtful things in the past and made her sad. He knew that he would have to gain her trust again slowly and let her accept him.

He picked up his phone and looked at the photo that He Ming just sent him. He missed her even more. Her smile in the photo had already touched his heart and the red dress made her skin appear even fairer. Suddenly, he frowned. Why was the neckline of the dress so low? It was a real design flaw. From the angle the photo was taken, he could see her cleavage and imagine her soft, white breasts. He would remind her to never wear this dress again when he got home. He would buy her a nicer dress.

But he wondered if he was in the position to interfere with her dressing now...

Gu Shaoting was filled with remorse.

Why didn't he cherish such a good woman before?

Stupid grudges...

After smoking half the cigarette, he suddenly felt bored. He stubbed it out and looked at his phone. Thinking that it was daytime back home, he found Shu Pan's contact without hesitation and dialed her number.

Her phone rang for a long time, but no one picked up. Gu Shaoting refused to give up and tried again.

Still, no one picked up.

He would give them his deepest love and the best lives possible. He could only pray now that Shu Pan didn't give him too many tests..

#### Chapter 197: A Minor Inconvenience During Contract Signing

At noon the following day, Gu Shaoting and He Ming went to see Mr. John at his office. John was an elegant and humorous French man. They spoke in English. They had communicated before today and this meeting was set up mainly to confirm the details of the contract and sign it. The meeting progressed smoothly. Just as they were about to sign the contract, a lady knocked on the door and walked in.

"Lady" probably wasn't the right word to use. She was more of a girl.

She had jet black dark hair and very fair skin. The simple white dress she was wearing accentuated her youthful vigor. The most attractive thing about her was her black, sparkly, and unforgettable eyes.

Gu Shaoting and He Ming looked at each other, confused about what was happening. But it was obvious that this girl had a special relationship with Mr. John, or she wouldn't have walked in without waiting for a response after she mocked.

"Charlene, that's very rude of you. Daddy is in the middle of a meeting." Mr. John chided insincerely.

"Daddy, I didn't know. I'll be more careful next time." The girl stuck out her tongue and said coquettishly to Mr. John.

"Mr. Gu, Mr. He, this is my youngest daughter, Charlene." John introduced.

They greeted each other. Gu Shaoting didn't pay attention to anything else. He just wanted to sign the contract as soon as possible so he could go home. Shu Pan still hadn't called him back. He was worried if something had happened.



"My second wife is Chinese. Charlene looks like my wife." John explained, and the two of them finally understood.

Charlene also noticed the two attractive gentlemen in the room, especially the man sitting on the single-seater sofa. He was dressed in a black suit and had a tall and sturdy build. His black hair was combed back, accentuating his handsome face with sharp features. There was an unfathomable gaze beneath his prominent brows. He exuded an elegant but cold aura that made people afraid to look directly at him.

Charlene stared at him, and Gu Shaoting could feel it. He felt slightly uncomfortable, more annoyed. If she hadn't walked in, they would have signed the contract already. "Mr. John, let's sign the contract first."

Gu Shaoting sounded a little anxious. He Ming echoed his comment, worried that John might change his mind.

"Alright." Mr. John agreed, and the two of them heaved a sigh of relief.

After signing the contract, the two of them were about to leave when Charlene suddenly said, "Brother Gu, is your country very beautiful, very different from here?"

"Yeah, China is very beautiful, and so is Bin City. You're both welcome to visit anytime." Gu Shaoting said politely.

Unexpectedly, Charlene replied, "Okay, I'll graduate soon and need an internship. Why don't I go to your company? Can I, Brother Gu?"

"Nonsense, Charlene." John reprimanded.

"Daddy, I'm serious. If I go to Brother Gu's company for an internship, I would kind of help you assess his company's true capabilities and whether we should work with them long term."

Since she said that, Gu Shaoting had no choice but to agree. "Sure, you're welcome at my company. I'm just worried that the job isn't good enough for Miss Charlene."

"Shaoting, please help me guide her and keep her in line. She's still wet behind the ears." John gave his tacit approval to Charlene's request. Charlene was studying business management at a famous university now; she would join his company and manage the family business in due time. It might not be a bad idea for her to gain some working experience outside.

But Gu Shaoting and He Ming were wailing in their hearts. It was never a good thing to have a nepotism employee in the company. Sigh, they could only deal with it..

## Chapter 198: Anxious to Go Home

When the two of them arrived back at their hotel, they looked at each other.

"When Charlene comes for her internship, get someone to look after her. Don't make any mistakes." Gu Shaoting instructed He Ming.

"Sure. But judging from her expression, I think she wants you to look after her." He Ming teased.

'Get lost. Don't gloat or you'll be the one taking care of her." Gu Shaoting was very irritable now.

"When can we go home?" Gu Shaoting asked.

"In a few more days. Have you forgotten that we still have a few clients to meet? Also, since we are here, we should pay a visit to our branch office, right?" He Ming had arranged their entire trip.

"Hurry up. I want to go home." Gu Shaoting said helplessly.

"You make it sound like I don't want to go home. Xiaomeng has been practically ignoring me. She's out every day dressed to the nines, eating, drinking, and having fun." He Ming complained.

"Did Shu Pan tag along?" Gu Shaoting asked nervously.

"I guess so. Looking at their Moments, the two of them are inseparable." He Ming nodded.

"I'm going to ask Panpan to stay away from Ye Xiaomeng. I reckon that she'll lead my Panpan astray." Gu Shaoting said with conviction.

He Ming made a gagging gesture.

Would Shu Pan listen to Gu Shaoting nowadays? He doubted it.

"Try to shorten the trip. I have something important to do when I get home." Gu Shaoting emphasized.

"Alright, my young master. I want to go back more than you do." He Ming felt extremely helpless.

Shu Pan frowned. Why were there so many missed calls?

Why did Gu Shaoting have to say to her? It was probably nothing important.

Never mind him.

Just as Shu Pan was about to get busy, her phone rang again.

"Panpan, what are you busy with? Why didn't you answer my calls?" Gu Shaoting thanked the heavens that his call was finally answered. He finally felt a little more at ease.

"I'm at work." Shu Pan felt that Gu Shaoting really had nothing better to do. Did he call again just to ask her that?

"Your boss is too much of a slave driver. You don't even have time to answer a call? Don't worry, I'm going to buy your company. You won't be so busy after that." Gu Shaoting said seriously, giving Shu Pan a heads-up.

Was this man nuts? Shu Pan thought that Gu Shaoting was ridiculous and took what he said as a joke.

"If there's nothing else, I'll hang up." Shu Pan couldn't help but roll her eyes.

"Nothing special. I just miss you." Gu Shaoting said affectionately.

Shu Pan felt goosebumps all over her body when she heard that. She said, "I'm hanging up now."

Then, she really hung up.

Gu Shaoting was furious when he heard the call disconnected tone on his phone. He turned to He Ming and said, "Hurry up and start the acquisition process. This is our main focus now."

"What triggered you this time?" He Ming looked at his flushed face and knew that it probably have something to do with Shu Pan.

"Women are so unreasonable. She doesn't appreciate my being nice to her." Gu Shaoting complained.

He Ming didn't say anything because he knew what that felt like.

Gu Shaoting and He Ming met with clients and discussed business in the days that followed.

They got back late one night and went back to their respective rooms.

Shortly after, Gu Shaoting's phone rang. He saw that it was Tong Fei calling and rejected the call without hesitation.

But his phone rang again immediately. Gu Shaoting was a little annoyed and pressed the answer button.

"Shao...Ting... I... I'm so scared, can... Can you come over for a while?" Tong Fei cried as she said over the phone. Her words were intermittent..

Chapter 199: Midnight Phone Call

"What is it?" Gu Shaoting frowned.

"I'm at my hotel now. I think someone was following me when I came back just now. I'm so scared. Can you come over?" Tong Fei told him her reason. She spoke very softly because she was afraid.

"You should call the police or go to the hotel front desk." Gu Shaoting suggested. He didn't want to get himself into any trouble.

"Shaoting, on account that we've known each other for years and that we're still engaged..." Tong Fei tried to appeal to him emotionally and rationally.

"Where are you?" Gu Shaoting asked. Since she said that, he might as well make things clear with her.

Tong Fei was secretly delighted. She knew that he would come. After giving him the address, she called a reporter she knew.

Tong Fei picked out a strappy silk satin nightie. It was as thin as a veil and barely covered her body.

She then sprayed some perfume behind her ears and practiced her seductive look in the mirror.

The hotel she was staying at was not far away. After all, they were at the most prosperous area of France.

Gu Shaoting arrived very quickly. When he arrived, he looked around and didn't see anyone suspicious. He then called Tong Fei, told her that he was there and asked her to come downstairs for a chat.

Tong Fei was fully prepared for this. She gave Gu Shaoting all kinds of excuses and invited him to talk in her room. After all, she was a celebrity, and it would be inappropriate for her to meet a man in the middle of the night. It would become an issue if the media caught her on camera. She was still somewhat famous in France.

Gu Shaoting thought what she said made sense. He also wouldn't be able to explain himself if Shu Pan saw him in any of those photos.

So, Gu Shaoting went along with Tong Fei's suggestion. He smelt a sweet scent as he entered her room and couldn't help but frown.

"Tong Fei, I'm very sorry, but I wasn't joking with you before. I was serious when I said that I wanted to cancel our engagement. I'll compensate you as long as it's within my ability." Gu Shaoting said seriously.

After all, he was the one who suggested the annulment. He hoped to talk things out like adults and avoid any kind of fallout.

"Shaoting, did I do something wrong?" Tong Fei sat next to Gu Shaoting and rested her slender hand on his thigh.

Gu Shaoting immediately shifted his leg and Tong Fei's hand missed.

Gu Shaoting got a little impatient with her behavior and said, "It wasn't anything. I just feel that we are not suited for each other, and I don't want to hold you back."

He didn't look to his side and turned a blind eye to the sexily dressed Tong Fei.

No matter how Tong Fei teased him, Gu Shaoting was as apathetic as a robot.

If not because Tong Fei had seen Gu Shaoting in love, she would have thought that he wasn't into women.

"It's getting late, and I must go. But I hope that I won't hear you call yourself my fiancée again. This is my fault, so I'll let you announce the annulment of our engagement." Gu Shaoting thought that it would be better for her reputation. After all, he was the one who suggested the annulment and he wanted to make it up to her.

Gu Shaoting then opened the door to leave.

But Tong Fei suddenly held his hand without a care for the thin nightie she had on. People not in the know might think that they were parting as a couple after a night of passion.

"Tong Fei, I hope that we can part on good terms and remain as friends." Gu Shaoting flung her hand away.

He then turned his eyes away from Tong Fei and strode out.

Tong Fei watched him leave, and the corners of her mouth slowly curled up.

A figure in a corner gave her an "OK" gesture..

Chapter 200: May Be Getting A New Boss Soon

When Gu Shaoting was back at his hotel, he thought about it carefully and realized what a fool he had been. Why did he believe Tong Fei's words?

Her appearance and speech indicated very clearly that she had some ulterior motive.

Whatever the case, he had reiterated his position on the annulment many times. He hoped that she would finally accept it.

As Gu Shaoting lay in bed, he couldn't help but look at the photo of Shu Pan on his phone again. He was consumed by an overwhelming sense of longing.

Shu Pan had been suffering from insomnia lately and had been going to work with panda eyes every day.

"Shu Pan, have you heard? We may be getting a new boss soon." Shu Pan's desk neighbor, Tang Wei, whispered to her the moment she sat down at her desk.

Shu Pan raised her eyebrows. "How is that possible? Our company is doing well now. "

"It's true, but only a few people know about this. You know that I'm the know-it-all in the company, so I got the scoop." Shu Pan started to believe it when she heard Tang Wei say that. As she said, she was the know-it-all in the company. She knew many secrets that others didn't know.

It probably had something to do with her busybody nature.

"Will we be laid off?" Shu Pan was suddenly a little worried. What would she do if she was laid off? She still had a family to support.

"I haven't heard anything about that yet. After all, the scoop I got was about changing bosses. Our boss has a cash flow problem now." Tang Wei told her what she knew so that she could be mentally prepared.

Because of this news, Shu Pan was distracted the whole day and often spaced out.

Finally, she was almost done clearing what was on her plate.



She was the last person to leave work again.

Gu Shaoting rushed to her workplace right after he came back from France, hoping to see Shu Pan and their daughter soon.

He waited and waited outside her office building, and still there was no sign of

Shu Pan.

He knew that she was at work, so he waited for her outside the office building.

Just as he was about to lose his patience, he saw Shu Pan slowly walk out.

He waited for her to get closer before he honked his car horn.

Shu Pan got a shock. When she look in his direction, her eyes met Gu Shaoting's unfathomable eyes.

Gu Shaoting got out of the car and said, "Get in the car. I'll send you home."

Shu Pan felt quite flattered. She had never enjoyed such treatment even during their three years of marriage.

"You... You're back?" Shu Pan blurted out.

"Yes, let's go home. I haven't eaten all day." Gu Shaoting complained. He had compressed his schedule so he could rush back to the country.

He was sick of eating hamburgers outside and missed Shu Pan's homecooked plain porridge with side dishes.

"I'm staying at my place now. Please send me back there." Shu Pan said, worried that he would take her back to Shuimu Qinghua.

"Why?" Gu Shaoting frowned.

"Because it's not very convenient for me to take care of you anymore. Besides, you've only lost your memory. You are fine otherwise and can take care of yourself." Shu Pan replied perfunctorily before she looked out the window.

Gu Shaoting knew that it was difficult to change Shu Pan's mind once it was made up. She might look meek on the outside, but she was actually very stubborn and opinionated inside.

"Then let's go to the supermarket to get some groceries. I'm hungry." Gu Shaoting felt that he should satisfy his stomach first and then deal with her slowly.

"Please come to my house less often in the future. After all, it's not very convenient." Shu Pan said tactfully; she didn't want him to see Joy.

Gu Shaoting didn't say anything; he was using silence to protest Shu Pan's words..