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Chapter 251: Cinderella? So Envious.

Tong Fei held a press conference in the afternoon to clarify that she had already broken up with Gu Shaoting. She even said with teary eyes that it was an amicable breakup because of their incompatible personalities and that she already fell for another person.

When the news came out, everyone was shocked. So, that was what happened.

It wasn't Gu Shaoting who dumped Tong Fei, but Tong Fei who dumped him. How was that possible?

Gu Shaoting was a handsome tycoon, the ideal Prince Charming to many.

He had an admirable demeanor and was extremely wealthy. How could Tong Fei dump such a brilliant CEO? It was unbelievable.

While speculation was running wild, Gu Shaoting also issued a statement and reaffirmed what Tong Fei said.

What made things worse was the final sentence in Gu Shaoting's statement that was nonsense to Shu Pan but a revelation to the reporters.

"I'm also pursuing my own happiness now. Please give us privacy. Thank you for your understanding."

Shu Pan couldn't help but roll her eyes.

But the nonsensical sentence aside, Shu Pan felt a lot more at ease after Gu Shaoting's issued the statement.

Someone who could make Tong Fei yield and put up a show must be quite powerful. Obviously, the powerful man was Gu Shaoting.

Shu Pan was fine as long as the news didn't disturb her or Joy.

When Shu Pan went back to the office, everyone was talking about their CEO.

When Tang Wei saw Shu Pan, she immediately said, "Shu Pan, did you know that the CEO is actually taken? It's so heartbreaking."

Shu Pan asked in confusion, "Who is it? How did you know?"

"Have you been living under a rock? It's all over the newspapers and headline of every entertainment news site." Tang Wei said, shaking her head.

"Do you think that the girl is the CEO's daughter? She's at least four or five years old, not a baby. This woman is quite amazing to be able to elevate her status using her daughter. Sign, why could it be such good things happen to me?" Tang Wei said with envy.

"Maybe they're just friends, not the kind of relationship assume." Shu Pan argued.

"Are they? Is that even possible? He's holding the woman's hand." Shu Pan was really impressed by Tang Wei's keen observation.

"You're overthinking this. Things are not always as they seem." Shu Pan sighed. She was once again deceived by Gu Shaoting's appearance.

Before Tang Wei could reply, another gloating voice sounded, "Has someone's dream of turning into Cinderella been shattered?"

Everyone could tell from the voice that it was MO Lan.

Because her voice was a little shrill, she sounded mean.

Tang Wei pursed her lips and looked at her disdainfully.

Seeing that no one answered her, MO Lan continued, “Some people are so shameless to throw themselves at the CEO knowing that he’s already taken. I wonder if they’ll cry themselves to death in the toilet now.”

MO Lan then gave a jealous sounding “ha-ha”. She had unrealistic thoughts about Gu Shaoting and was depressed for a long time after her last encounter with him.

Now that she had finally gotten the chance, she would definitely let Shu Pan have a taste of it.

However, seeing Shu Pan ignore her sarcasm and act so nonchalantly, she was furious.

“Are you talking about yourself?” Tang Wei couldn’t help but ask.

“What are you talking about? Ugly freak.” MO Lan immediately attacked Tang Wei.

“It didn’t mention any name, but Shu Pan, don’t you think that the female lead’s profile in the photo looks like yours?” Tang Wei exclaimed like she had suddenly discovered some incredible truth.

“What nonsense are you talking about?” Shu Pan’s heartbeat accelerated as she pulled Tang Wei back to her seat..

Chapter 252: An Unexpected Confrontation

Shu Pan heaved a sigh of relief when Tang Wei dropped the subject.

MO Lan saw that Shu Pan didn't seem affected and left disappointedly.

Shu Pan was anxious the whole day, worried that someone would recognize her as the female lead in the news article.

Fortunately, everyone was busy with work and had no time to gossip.

People trickled out of the office when the workday ended. Shu Pan was the last person to leave again. It seemed to be her habit.

Gu Shaoting went to pick Joy up again, like it had become his responsibility. Shu Pan sometimes wondered if he had recovered his memories.

But judging by his innocent expression, he didn't look it.

Since the limelight had been on him lately, she had asked him to be more careful and not to pick up Joy, but he didn't care.

Since she was also very tied up with the project, she relented and let him pick Joy up, but not her.

She wanted to go home by herself. She had always kept a low profile and didn't want to draw attention to herself.

Just as she was about to cross the road, a car next to her honked.

Through the car window, Shu Pan saw the passenger in the car, who was in her usual sunglasses like they were her signature.

When Tong Fei saw Shu Pan look over, she opened the car door and walked out.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, casting hues of orange, pink, and purple across the canvas of the evening sky, the two women stood facing each other. The soft breeze played with their hair and clothes.

Neither of them spoke. Shu Pan frowned, confused about Tong Fei's sudden appearance at her work place.

Finally, Tong Fei broke the silence.

"Shu Pan, you must be very proud that Shaoting has finally called off our engagement."

Shu Pan looked at her in silence.

"Do you think that you've won?" Tong Fei raised her voice.

Shu Pan let out a cold chuckle. This woman was truly pathetic and laughable.

"You're really funny. What does the annulment of your engagement have anything to do with me? If you are unhappy about it, please talk to Gu Shaoting. I'm not the person you should be talking to."

Shu Pan couldn't stand people like Tong Fei, whom she had tolerated repeatedly but had become even more aggressive.

Tong Fei's expression froze, like she had been hit on the sore spot. She yelled, "Don't try your sarcasm on me. If it weren't for your daughter, Shaoting wouldn't have looked back. You won using your child instead of fighting. Don't you think that it's pathetic? Do you really think that you'll be happy together?"

Shu Pan sneered. "I've never thought about getting back with him. You're overthinking this."

"Then why did you come back into his life again? Why did you secretly give birth to his child? You still love him deep down, right?" Tong Fei asked.

Shu Pan was stunned. She had never given any thought to those questions.

Tong Fei took Shu Pan's silence as her admission and continued hatefully, "I should have let those debt collectors force you to death back then. Also, I should have been even crueler and let the car hit you again. Let's see if you'll be so lucky again to avoid getting hit and if you can still be so smug."

Shu Pan's eyes widened; she couldn't believe her ears.

Tong Fei must have lost her mind to be able to do such vicious things just to satisfy her selfish desires.

"So, it was you... Did you ask those debt collectors to harass me and smash my things? The recent car accident that Gu Shaoting got into was targeted at me and he was just a scapegoat?"

Tong Fei couldn't care less about Shu Pan's interrogation.. She just shrugged and said nonchalantly, "So what if I'm behind it all?"

Chapter 253: The Truth

Shu Pan was furious that Tong Fei would do such crazy things just to get Gu Shaoting.

"Do you know that your actions are illegal?" Shu Pan said angrily.

"Only you and I know this. Who cares?" Tong Fei revealed a small but very strange smile.

"The heavens are watching. Be careful." Shu Pan felt that Tong Fei was a lunatic and did not want to argue with her anymore.

"Don't worry, I also want to watch with my own eyes if you and Gu Shaoting

will have a happy ending.” Tong Fei had really gone crazy.

“Don’t let me find out what other things you’ve done or will do, or I won’t let you off.” Shu Pan took a sudden step forward and glared at Tong Fei.

“Bring it on. I won’t let you off so easily either.” Tong Fei said with a dark face. “I’ll pay you back for the humiliation you’ve caused me today. You’d better be careful.”

After Tong Fei finished speaking, she got into the car and asked the driver to start the engine and drive off.

Shu Pan couldn’t help but purse her lips as she watched Tong Fei leave.

It turned out that Tong Fei hated her so much that she wanted her to disappear from this world.

That was the truth, and it was terrifying.

Shu Pan felt that the wind was very cold, and she had goosebumps all over her body.

Seeing that it was already night, Shu Pan hastened her pace home.

When she arrived at her building, she saw Gu Shaoting and Joy waiting for her downstairs.

Gu Shaoting complained as soon as he saw Shu Pan, “You won’t let me pick you up. See how late you’re arriving home? Why don’t you give me a set of your house keys? That way, I won’t have to wait downstairs with Joy when we are back.”

When Shu Pan saw him, she remembered how Tong Fei looked just now and what she had done and got furious again.

It was all because of this disaster of a man. How else could so many bad things happen?

“I don’t give my house keys to outsiders.” Shu Pan refused immediately.

Gu Shaoting looked hurt. He had worked so hard and done so much. Why was he still an outsider?

But he didn’t dare to say anything. He could feel that Shu Pan wasn’t happy.

He didn’t know if it was because of the news article but it was better if he kept his mouth shut.

He also couldn’t rule out the possibility that she was in her moody days of the month, so he must endure it.

The road to winning his wife back was endless.

Gu Shaoting felt a little discouraged.

When Joy saw Shu Pan, she pounced on her like a little butterfly. Shu Pan picked her up and Joy chattered on and on about what happened at kindergarten today.

The bulk of Shu Pan’s frustration finally dissipated.

Gu Shaoting smiled bitterly. As expected, only he wasn’t welcomed.

He quickly followed them upstairs.

After dinner, Gu Shaoting left Shu Pan’s home. To be exact, he was chased out. Shu Pan found an excuse to ask him to go home after dinner. He saw that she wasn’t happy and didn’t want to be disturbed, so he left.

He then contacted He Ming. They had both been busy lately and hadn't spoken for a while.

Gu Shaoting was feeling depressed because of Shu Pan. Seeing that it was still early, he called He Ming, "Brother, what are you busy with? Come out and have a drink with me."

"Sure, see you at our usual place." He Ming agreed immediately.

When He Ming arrived, Gu Shaoting had already had a few drinks.

He Ming looked at his behavior and knew that something was bothering him. "What's wrong? Based on the news article, you seem to be very successful and have a wife and daughter."

"Sigh, how is such a good thing possible?" Gu Shaoting sighed. "

Chapter 254: Fallen Ill (Part 1)

"Congratulations for realizing that only now." He Ming smiled bitterly and pitied the both of them for pursuing women who were difficult to get... "What about you? What about your love interest?" Gu Shaoting asked.

"Still pursuing." He Ming took a sip of his drink.

"Handsome, buy us a drink." Two sexy girls walked towards them. They were in sexy, short tube dresses that wrapped tightly around their voluptuous figures, their long legs visibly tempting.

"Get lost." Gu Shaoting spat coldly, dropping the temperature around him by a few degrees.

He Ming also frowned because he wouldn't have let go of such stunners in the past. But since he met Xiaomeng, he had lost interest in such beauties.

The two beautiful women had been looking around the bar for a long time. These two men were the most attractive ones in the entire place. However, when they saw their cold expressions, they quickly left to find their next targets.

The two men didn't say anything. They raised their glasses and did a few bottoms up before they went home.

Joy finally fell asleep. After Shu Pan finished her chores around the house, she also went to bed.

The night was quiet as moonlight shone through the curtains into her room. But Shu Pan's heart wasn't quiet at all. Tong Fei's words kept echoing in her mind.

The more Shu Pan thought about Tong Fei said, the angrier she got. How could Tong Fei do those things?

In Shu Pan's mind, Tong Fei was sick, and seriously sick to not care about others' lives just to get Gu Shaoting.

But she wasn't afraid. As a mother, she had to be tough. If Tong Fei did something outrageous again, she would definitely fight back.

She slowly fell asleep as she pondered.

The next day, Shu Pan made breakfast: sweet potato congee with side dishes, and prepared eggs and milk for Joy.

When everything was ready, she realized that Joy had not woken up as usual.

Shu Pan was a little puzzled. Was the little girl trying to sleep in again?

Shu Pan walked into Joy's bedroom and saw her sleeping soundly wrapped in her little blanket.

She looked like a pink cotton ball on her bed. “Joy, you need to get up or you’re going to be late.”

Shu Pan walked over and called out softly, but Joy just grunted twice without saying a word.

“Joy...” Shu Pan lifted the blanket and saw Joy all curled up. She didn’t look right, especially her little face, which was red.

Shu Pan’s heart was in her mouth. Oh no, she couldn’t have fallen ill, right? She quickly reached out to touch Joy’s forehead. It was burning hot.

“Joy, Joy, wake up...” Shu Pan continued to call her.

“Mommy, I... Feel sick.” Joy opened her eyes and looked at Shu Pan before closing them again

Shu Pan knew right away that Joy had a fever, and a high fever. She hurriedly took out Joy’s clothes, changed her and then packed her things. She carried Joy and was about to go to the hospital when Gu Shaoting called.

It had become a habit for him to fetch them downstairs and send them to school and work if they hadn’t left the house.

He used to call her too late, after they had left the house, so he brought forward his morning calls.

“Panpan, have you left home?” Gu Shaoting’s cold and magnetic voice sounded.

“Joy has a high fever.” Shu Pan panicked. When she saw the caller ID, it was as if she had seen a life-saver.

“What? Fever? I’ll be right there. Wait for me downstairs.” Gu Shaoting hung up the phone and quickly went to pick them up.

Not long after Shu Pan arrived downstairs with Joy, Gu Shaoting also arrived.

He quickly got out of the car and carried Joy to the back seat. Shu Pan followed closely behind..

Chapter 255: Fallen III (Part 2)

Gu Shaoting drove calmly towards the nearest hospital.

Shu Pan was burning with anxiety, touching Joy's head from time to time. Joy was drowsy.

When they finally arrived at the hospital, Gu Shaoting quickly got out of the car, carried Joy and ran into the hospital.

When they arrived at the emergency department, a doctor immediately examined Joy. She had a high fever of 39.8 degrees caused by an inflammation in her throat.

Shu Pan's anxiety diminished a little.

The doctor prescribed an IV drip to bring down the fever. He was worried about prolonged fever.

Joy saw the doctor in a white coat through narrowed eyes and started crying.

When the nurse was preparing her medicine, a few other doctors in white coats came to her bed.

"CEO Gu, I thought I was seeing things," the middle-aged man in the lead said.

"Director Lu, kid has a fever." Gu Shaoting said succinctly.

“Why didn’t you look for me to make special arrangements?” He then turned to the doctor beside him and asked for Joy to be transferred to a private room.

What a joke. CEO Gu was their God of Fortune. Gu Group was the biggest investor in their hospital and they all treated Gu Shaoting like a god. How could they not do such a small favor?

Gu Shaoting actually was going to ask someone for special arrangements, but he was afraid that Shu Pan wouldn’t like it. She wasn’t a person who enjoyed privileges.

Moreover, the doctor who treated Joy in the emergency department was very attentive, so he gave up on the idea.

“Thank you for the trouble then, Director Lu.” Gu Shaoting said politely.

“It’s my pleasure. Don’t hesitate to find me if you have any questions.” Director Lu then instructed the doctor in charge to pay special attention to Joy.

The doctor quickly got to work when he saw the department head’s enthusiasm and knew that this CEO Gu was a VVIP.

The door was closed in Joy’s private room to put an end to the noise outside.

It was a difficult process when inserting the IV line because Joy was a child.

and her veins were tiny. Moreover, Joy kept crying.

After two unsuccessful attempts, the nurse became even more nervous under Gu Shaoting’s gaze.

Every time the nurse tried to insert the IV catheter, she saw Gu Shaoting shooting arrows at her with his eyes. His gaze wasn’t only sharp but also very cold, making her feel as if she had been thrown into an ice cellar.

Shu Pan also noticed the subtle interaction. She asked Gu Shaoting to stay away and then comforted the nurse who was trying to insert the IV line. "Don't be nervous. It's difficult to stabilize a child's vein. Thank you for your hard work."

Perhaps Shu Pan's comforting words relaxed the nurse; the nurse successfully inserted the catheter at her next try. It was finally done.

The nurse heaved a sigh of relief. Her forehead was still covered in a layer of sweat. How could such a gentle lady marry such a cold husband? Although he looked decent, his expression was cold and serious, and he looked very scary.

The secretly complained in her heart, what a mismatched couple...

After connecting the IV line to the solution bag and adjusting the flow rate, the nurse said to Shu Pan, "When you see that the bag run low, please press this button on the bed head panel. Someone will come over to give her a new solution bag. Don't make the flow rate too high."

"Alright, thank you." Shu Pan said gratefully.

The nurse pushed the cart and left the room quickly after giving her instructions, as if there was a wild animal in the room.

Joy was a little delirious from the fever and grunted and groaned from time to time.

Gu Shaoting touched Joy's forehead, eager to take on Joy's suffering.

Shu Pan looked at Gu Shaoting's anxious expression and couldn't help but feel strange.

His concern for Joy seemed to have exceeded a family friend's.

Gu Shaoting saw Shu Pan staring at him and couldn't help but ask, "What's wrong? Is this inappropriate?"

Shu Pan looked away and said, "Why don't you go to work? I'll stay and take care of her. I'll call to apply for emergency leave later.."

Chapter 256: Joy's Dad Is An A* *hole?

Gu Shaoting widened his eyes as if he didn't know Shu Pan. "Joy is sick. I'm in no mood to go to work."

Shu Pan couldn't help but say, "She's my daughter. Why should you worry?"

"She's also..." Gu Shaoting forcefully retracted the word "my".

"I also like Joy very much." Gu Shaoting muttered.

"There are so many things to deal with at work." Shu Pan didn't want him there. Joy's condition was stable now and she could easily get a doctor if something cropped up. There was really no need for him to be around. Besides, his days were usually packed.

"I'll wait for Joy's fever to subside before I go." Gu Shaoting was very persistent.

Shu Pan knew that she couldn't win the argument, so she took out her phone and called her boss to ask for emergency leave.

"Mommy..." Joy drifted in and out of sleep.

"Joy, Mommy is here." Shu Pan held her other hand.

"Dad... Daddy..." Joy suddenly shouted.

The two adults in the room clearly heard that as their bodies froze. Shu Pan didn't know what to do.

Joy didn't seem to realize the kind of reaction her words had triggered and fell asleep again.

Gu Shaoting looked at Shu Pan, then asked carefully, "Who is Joy's dad? What kind of person is he?"

Shu Pan looked at Joy's IV tube and said, "Joy's dad is an a* *hole."

Shu Pan stopped at that. There was really no way to continue the conversation.

Gu Shaoting's face turned red and white when he heard that but he couldn't explain himself.

So, this was what Shu Pan really thought of him. Although he was mentally prepared, he still felt unhappy when he heard that.

Gu Shaoting made a mental note to himself that he must work harder to win back Shu Pan as soon as possible.

With this determination, he didn't dwell on the subject.

After some IV drip, Joy finally began to perspire and her temperature slowly dropped.

Shu Pan's worried heart slowly relaxed.

Not long after, Joy woke up and felt much more alert.

"Joy baby, do you feel discomfort anywhere?" Gu Shaoting asked softly.

“Uncle, my hand hurts.” Joy said coquettishly to Gu Shaoting. “Let me blow it.” Gu Shaoting pretended to blow at her IV site.

Was he still the legendary cold and overbearing CEO?

Shu Pan was speechless as she looked at the two of them.

Seeing that the solution bag was almost empty, Shu Pan pressed the bell to call a nurse.

Suddenly, Gu Shaoting’s phone rang. He glanced at the caller ID and frowned before he pressed the answer button.

“CEO Gu, when will you be in office, please?” Secretary Zhang asked.

“Probably later.” Gu Shaoting replied.

“CEO Gu, have you forgotten? You have a senior management meeting this morning...” Secretary Zhang felt that his life was really miserable because of all the thankless things he had to do in his job.

“Move it an hour later.” Gu Shaoting recalled that such a meeting had indeed been scheduled.

“Alright, I understand. I’ll inform everyone now.” Secretary Zhang quickly hung

up.

“Please go if you are busy. Joy’s fever is subsiding already.” Shu Pan guessed that Secretary Zhang called to urge him.

“Okay, I’ll come back after a meeting. I’ll bring you two some lunch later.” Gu Shaoting caressed Joy’s head.

It was true. If one hadn't experienced it, one would never understand the hardships of being a parent.

How much effort had Shu Pan put in to raise Joy on her own?

"Uncle, you have to come back quickly." Joy said pitifully.

Gu Shaoting wanted to tell Shu Pan that he wasn't leaving today, but Shu Pan's glare made him swallow his words..

Chapter 257: Attempt to Please

"Okay, Uncle will come back as soon as he's done." Gu Shaoting made a pinky swear with Joy.

After Gu Shaoting left, Shu Pan took Joy's temperature again. Fortunately, her fever was almost gone.

Shu Pan's heart ached as she looked at her daughter's haggard and pale little face.

She didn't know if she had made a mistake because when Joy was at her weakest, she called out "Daddy".

To her, "Daddy" was a very unfamiliar but sacred term.

Shu Pan looked at Joy's bright and innocent eyes and felt a little confused.

"Joy, do you miss Daddy?"

“Yes, Daddy can piggyback me on his shoulders so I’m very high up. Doesn’t every child have a daddy? Why isn’t Joy’s Daddy home yet?”

Joy had a disappointed look on her face.

Shu Pan’s eyes reddened. She almost blurted out that her daddy was right in front of her.

“Your Daddy is just busy with work. He also loves Joy very much.” Shu Pan used her usual perfunctory reason on Joy again.

She didn’t know how long this reason would last.

“Mommy, why can’t Uncle Gu be my Daddy?” Joy asked innocently.

“Why do you want Uncle Gu to be your Daddy?” Shu Pan asked. She had no idea that Joy would think that after just a month.

“I think Uncle Gu feels like Daddy. He’s also handsome. He picks me up from school and buy me lots of fun things.” Joy counted with her fingers as she gave her reasons.

Shu Pan didn’t expect Joy to switch sides to Gu Shaoting’s after just a month.

“Mommy got it.” Shu Pan replied softly.

Gu Shaoting went into office with a cold face. Secretary Zhang immediately summoned everyone for the senior management meeting.

Although he didn’t know what happened, he still shunned Gu Shaoting when he saw his face.

In the meeting room, all the senior managers sat upright and waited for the CEO to speak.

Everyone was on tenterhooks, worried that they would be scolded, when they saw the CEO's dark face.

Fortunately, the meeting ended in less than an hour.

Back in his office, Gu Shaoting stood by the floor-to-ceiling windows again.

He couldn't figure out why Shu Pan didn't want to see him when others clamor for an opening in his calendar to meet the respectable head of Gu Corporation.

For the first time in his life, he felt neglected, and it was a very unpleasant feeling.

Secretary Zhang was in his room to pick up some documents when Gu Shaoting called out, "Secretary Zhang, if a woman says you're an a* *hole, how will you try to please her and make her change her mind about you?" Secretary Zhang looked at Gu Shaoting strangely.

"It's not me. It's my friend. I'm just asking." Gu Shaoting was not a very good liar.

Secretary Zhang guessed that his boss was having problems with Shu Pan, so he answered carefully, "I see. Sometimes women can be unreasonable." Gu Shaoting nodded in agreement as if he had met a soulmate.

Secretary Zhang then said, "However, women are soft-hearted creatures. She'll be fine if you coax her a little."

Hearing Secretary Zhang's answer, Gu Shaoting tried to recall. He had indeed never spent any effort to coax a woman in his life. He didn't know how to coax a woman at all.

Secretary Zhang silently tried to figure out what his boss was thinking and only spoke when the time was right..

Chapter 258: Buy Her A Gift

Secretary Zhang saw Gu Shaoting's confused expression and continued, "Actually, women prefer romance and the feeling of being pampered. You can start with that."

Gu Shaoting raised his eyebrows at Secretary Zhang and the latter immediately said, "You can buy her a gift from the biggest shopping mall in Bin City. It's a paradise for women."

"But what if she doesn't like presents?" Other women might be ecstatic when they received a gift from Gu Shaoting but he didn't know if Shu Pan would be receptive.

"Are there women who don't like presents? That's really rare. She must be a good woman, low maintenance." Secretary Zhang sighed in his heart at the thought of his materialistic girlfriend who took advantage of him all the time.

Gu Shaoting thought that Shu Pan might be low maintenance when it came to spending his money, but she wasn't low maintenance when it came to matters of the heart.

Secretary Zhang saw that Gu Shaoting kept quiet and thought that he expected a better idea.

He was really worried. Secretaries nowadays were expected to know everything.

He needed a new skill now, which was to help his boss woo back his wife...

"What do you think, CEO Gu?" Secretary Zhang asked.

Gu Shaoting kept quiet still but Secretary Zhang could tell from the subtle change in his expression that he had accepted the idea.

He secretly heaved a sigh of relief.

“Alright, that’s all for now. Please carry on with your work.” Gu Shaoting waved his hand to dismiss Secretary Zhang.

Secretary Zhang quickly opened the door and walked out, closing the door carefully behind him.

Gu Shaoting looked at the documents on his desk and wanted to finish them quickly so he could rush back to the hospital.

He also had to find time to buy a gift for Shu Pan but what should he get her?

After thinking about it carefully, he realized that he had no idea what Shu Pan liked.

Even during their three years of marriage, he did not pay attention to this question. That showed how big a failure he was as a husband. He had truly been blinded by hatred.

Sometimes when one regretted one’s actions and wanted to make up for it, one wouldn’t get the chance. That was the situation he was in now.

Gu Shaoting open the first document on his desk and cleared his mind of these unhelpful thoughts to focus on work.

He finished reviewing the documents in a shorter time than usual. He tidied up the documents and instructed Secretary Zhang with the next steps before he hurried out of the office.

He looked at his watch. It was already noon, Gu Shaoting turned his car around and drove towards Gathered Dragon. He called the restaurant on the way and ordered some food to takeaway.

He had almost forgotten about packing lunch. When he arrived, the food he ordered were already packed and ready for pick-up.

He carried the food to the hospital and realized that it was the first time he had ever worried about such trivial things.

But he was more than willing to take care of the mother and daughter now.

Inside the private room, Joy was sitting in her bed with her back on a pillow against the headboard. Her IV infusion had been completed but she still looked very tired. Her fever had subsided, and she had perspired a lot.

Shu Pan was wiping her sweat with a tissue.

“Uncle Gu, you’re here? You really didn’t lie to me. You came back so quickly.” Joy saw Gu Shaoting standing at the door first as Shu Pan had her back to the door.

“Baby Joy, are you feeling better?” Gu Shaoting’s heart ached when he saw his daughter’s tired appearance.

“I’m all good now. My fever is gone.” Joy even touched her own forehead to prove that her fever was gone.

Gu Shaoting was amused by her mischievous action. That was indeed good news.

“Bravo, Joy. Uncle bought you your favorite congee.” Gu Shaoting placed the bags he was carrying on the bedside table.

“Wow, that’s great. I’m starving.” Joy touched her stomach with a pitiful look.

“How are you back so quickly? Are you done with work?” Shu Pan felt that there was nothing much to do here anymore and was afraid that they got in the way of his work..

Chapter 259: Slave to His Daughter

Shu Pan didn't worry for no reason because a large company could sometimes go into crisis because of a moment of negligence.

She comforted herself that she was doing this for her own good.

"I'm done with work. Let's eat." Gu Shaoting changed the subject.

"What did the doctor say? I'll ask the department head to come and take a look?" Gu Shaoting looked at Shu Pan and asked.

"No need for so much trouble. Her fever has subsided. She can probably go home after a short period of observation." Shu Pan's face was also slightly pale. "Alright then. Have a good rest at home." Gu Shaoting's heart ached when he saw her exhausted face.

After lunch, Joy's doctor came over to check on her. She was fine and they could finally go home.

After they got into the car, they slowly drove out of the hospital parking lot and blended into the noisy city traffic.

But it was so quiet inside the car that even their breathing sounded loud. Joy was also looking out the window quietly. Shu Pan sat in the back with her and patted her head.

Shu Pan looked at her daughter's calm expression but felt a tug of war within her heart.

She could see Joy's desire for fatherly love from her illness this time.

Had she been too selfish? Did she think that her love alone was enough for the child?

What should she do?

Gu Shaoting saw Shu Pan in a daze from the rearview mirror with a confused look in her eyes.

“What’s wrong?” Gu Shaoting asked softly.

“Nothing. I was just thinking about what to make for Joy when we get home. She only ate a little congee.” Shu Pan said perfunctorily.

“Maybe something bland. Let her rest some more. Don’t tire yourself out too.”

Gu Shaoting sent them home. Seeing that they were settled, he wanted to go back to the office.

Joy was reluctant to let him go. The little girl was more clingy than usual because she was sick.

“Uncle will come over when he’s done. Be good. When you’re feeling better, we’ll go out for some fun, okay?” Gu Shaoting coaxed Joy gently.

Secretary Zhang would probably get another shock if he saw this.

Once upon a time, CEO Gu was uncompromising and never soft-hearted.

And now? He obediently listened to the words of a little girl.

After Gu Shaoting left, Shu Pan asked Joy what she would like to eat. Perhaps Joy had no appetite because she was sick; she told her mother that she didn’t feel like eating.

Shu Pan let Joy rest in bed while she busied herself with her own things.

Gu Shaoting went back to the office and got really busy with work.

“Knock, knock, knock...” A knock on the door interrupted his thoughts.

He looked up and said, “Enter.”

“Brother Ting...” It was He Ming who walked in. He looked like he came here for something.

“I’m going away for a few days tomorrow. I’ll have to trouble you to come into office to hold the fort.” As expected, He Ming revealed his purpose the moment he entered.

Gu Shaoting thought for a moment and then asked, “Going away? Do you have an upcoming business trip?”

“Oh, it’s not for business. Xiaomeng is staying out of town for a while, so I’m going to visit her.” He Ming said with slight embarrassment as he fiddled with his hair.

“Have you confirmed your relationship? Your patience has finally paid off.” Gu

Shaoting was very jealous of He Ming. He felt that he was still very far away from winning back Shu Pan’s heart.

“I’m still under probation, so I must perform well.” He Ming smiled.

“Then go ahead. I hope you’ll win her over soon.” Gu Shaoting encouraged his good friend. He was also happy for his good friend’s success in love.

“Thanks. When Xiaomeng is my girlfriend, I’ll ask her to put in a good word for you in front of Shu Pan.” He Ming was a good friend indeed.

“Alright, I’ll wait for your good news..”

Chapter 260: A Call For Help

He Ming looked at the time as he left Gu Shaoting's office. It was still early, so he went back to his office.

He sent a WeChat message to Ye Xiaomeng, telling her to get ready for a surprise.

But he didn't tell Ye Xiaomeng that he was going to visit her.

Because when Ye Xiaomeng arrived at her destination, she posted a photo on her WeChat Moments and the name of her hotel was visible in the photo.

He would just go there directly when he arrived.

After settling some recent business, He Ming left the office.

It was quite late when he got home. He checked his phone and saw that Xiaomeng still hadn't replied to his message.

He couldn't help but feel slightly worried because she rarely reply late. Even if she was busy, she would reply to him with a voice message to ease his mind.

Just as he was feeling puzzled, his phone suddenly rang. He thought it was Ye Xiaomeng, so he didn't even look at the caller ID before he pressed the answer button.

"Hello, why are you only getting back to me now?" He Ming said reproachfully, but there was more longing than displeasure in his voice.

"Hello... Drinking... Burp..." The speech at the other end of the phone sounded incoherent. One could tell that the person was drunk because she couldn't even form a complete sentence.

He Ming's face fell. It wasn't Ye Xiaomeng's voice.

He then looked at his phone screen and frowned. It was an 11-digit caller ID.

He Ming thought that it must be a wrong number as the number was unfamiliar. He thought hard but had absolutely no impression of the number.

He had no choice but to press the phone back to his ear. "Who is this, please? Did you call the wrong number?"

"He... Brother... I didn't call the wrong number. It's me, Shanshan... Burp..." This time, He Ming heard it very clearly. It was Hu Shanshan.

But then He Ming wondered why she would call him so late at night.

She seemed to be drunk and probably called him by mistake.

"Brother... He, I'm having a little trouble at the bar. Can you come over, please? Hu Shanshan seemed more lucid now; she was no longer stuttering.

"What kind of trouble? It's already very late. If you're there with your friends, go home soon. It's not safe for girls to be in that kind of place." He Ming told her nicely as a big brother for the sake of his mother.

"Brother He, I'm at Guilanfang." Hu Shanshan did not seem to hear He Ming's advice. She hung up the phone after saying that.

"What a troublemaker," He Ming couldn't help but mutter. He was going to pack for his trip while waiting for Xiaomeng's call.

He hesitated whether he should go to Hu Shanshan.

If he went without knowing the kind of trouble she was in, what if she got him into trouble too?

If he didn't go, what if she was in real trouble and that was her call for help? It wasn't his style to turn a blind eye.

In the end, He Ming put on his coat and went out to see what was going on with Hu Shanshan.

He Ming was once again speechless at his mother, who introduced him to such a troublemaker.

When he arrived at Guilanfang, he saw people coming and going and the bar was buzzing.

He Ming looked around the main bar but couldn't find Hu Shanshan.

People kept pouring into the bar, and the place became more and more lively.

He Ming had no choice but to call Hu Shanshan.

"Where are you at Guilanfang? I'm here, but I don't see you." He Ming continued to look for her.

"I'm in room 032." Hu Shanshan didn't seem to be in a noisy environment. He Ming asked a waiter and finally found the private room Hu Shanshan was in..