

## **As Agreed 271**

### Chapter 271: A Cheap Handbag

“What bag?” Shu Pan looked at Gu Shaoting in confusion.

“It’s for you.” This was the first time Gu Shaoting got a gift for a woman. He was a little nervous and worried that she wouldn’t like it.

“I have enough bags. This must be very expensive, right?” Shu Pan knew that Gu Shaoting would not buy cheap things because in his mind, cheap things weren’t good. He was a person who lived well.

“I don’t want it. Please take it back and get a refund.” She would not accept his gift for no reason.

“Throw it away if you don’t want it. It’s a cheap AAA-grade imitation. Secretary Zhang bought one for his girlfriend, and I asked him to buy one for me too.” Gu Shaoting racked his brain for an excuse.

Was there anyone more miserable than him? Why was it so difficult to give her a present?

“Is it really an imitation? Why does it look so real?” Shu Pan couldn’t believe that luxury bags could be faked so well now.

She had never used branded handbags before, so she didn’t know how they were supposed to look.

But this handbag was superior in both material and craftsmanship. “How much is it? I’ll pay you back.” Shu Pan felt that they should keep their money separate.

Gu Shaoting looked hurt. It was such a big blow to him for his intentions to be misinterpreted like that.

“Don’t. I come here often for meals but I never paid you back. Just take this as my groceries contribution.” Gu Shaoting felt extremely depressed.

Why couldn’t Shu Pan be like other women?

If it were any other woman who got this handbag, she would be so ecstatic that she would just kiss him!

“Uncle, do you like my Mommy? Is it why you got her a present?” Joy was a precocious kid. The things she said sometimes made people want to kiss her.

“Yes, Uncle likes your Mommy.” Gu Shaoting admitted openly. Shu Pan felt awkward. “Stop talking nonsense, Joy.”

Joy covered her mouth and laughed.

During dinner, Joy looked at Shu Pan and then at Gu Shaoting. She felt very happy because that was the family she always wanted, with a mother and a

father.

Finally, He Ming and Ye Xiaomeng were coming home.

“Brother Ting, we’ll be back at Bin City around 5 p.m. today. Let’s have dinner together.” He Ming asked Gu Shaoting out mainly to introduce Ye Xiaomeng to him.

He didn’t mean to show off or anything. He just wanted to share his good news with everyone.

Gu Shaoting checked his calendar. He had no important meetings after this, so he said, “Sure.”

“Then let’s meet at Gathered Dragon at 7 p.m. tonight!”

Gu Shaoting gave a perfunctory “okay” and was about to hang up when He Ming’s voice sounded over the phone, “Brother Ting, there will be no outsiders tonight. Bring Shu Pan and Joy along for dinner.”

He Ming knew that Ye Xiaomeng and Shu Pan were good friends. He also wanted to let Shu Pan know that he and Xiaomeng were in love. Gu Shaoting didn’t think too much about it and said a quick okay before he hung up.

Gu Shaoting’s heart softened when He Ming mentioned Shu Pan. He picked up his mobile from the table and dialed Shu Pan’s number.

As soon as the call was connected, he received a new email on his computer. He said as he opened his email, “Panpan, are you busy? Let’s go out for dinner tonight.’

“I just finished work. Why are we eating out?” Shu Pan frowned. Eating out was expensive. Although the food might be delicious, food hygiene was worrying.

“He Ming has a girlfriend now and he would like to introduce her to us.” Gu Shaoting explained.

In Shu Pan’s mind, He Ming was his friend.. It was perfectly normal for He Ming to introduce his girlfriend to him but why should she tag along?

## Chapter 272: A Coincidence

“But I don’t know He Ming very well. It’ll be awkward if I go.” Shu Pan said a little uncomfortably. She didn’t like occasions that made her feel like a zoo animal being gawked at.

“It’s okay. He invited you too. I’m just the messenger. If you don’t want to go, you’ll need to tell him yourself.” Gu Shaoting passed the ball to He Ming.

“Alright then.” Shu Pan agreed helplessly.

“I’ll pick Joy up later and then pick you up. Is that okay?” Gu Shaoting sought Shu Pan’s opinion.

“Sure.” Shu Pan dove back into work after she hung up as the tender closing date was approaching.

Shu Pan came back from the photocopying room with a stack of documents. She was busy for a while before she had time to check her phone.

She had two recent missed calls.

She was very familiar with the caller’s phone number. It belonged to her best friend, Ye Xiaomeng.

Xiaomeng had been on a business trip for more than ten days, and Joy had been complaining about missing her godmother.

Shu Pan smiled as she looked at her phone; she called the number back without much thought.

The phone rang twice before it was picked up. Ye Xiaomeng’s grumbling voice sounded, “Girl, you still remember to call me back? I’ve been on a business trip for so long, but you and Joy didn’t even miss me.”

“I just saw the missed calls, so...”

Before Shu Pan could finish, Ye Xiaomeng interrupted, “I don’t accept your apology. I’ll be back tonight to introduce someone to you. Remember to make time tonight.”

“Is it your boyfriend?” Shu Pan teased. Ye Xiaomeng sounded so serious; this person was probably important to her, so she wanted to introduce him to her.

“It shall remain a mystery for the time being.” Ye Xiaomeng kept Shu Pan in suspense. Life was short; she didn’t want to waste her youth and wanted someone who cared about her.

Although He Ming had his flaws, especially having a so-called “sister” but he also said that he would stop meddling in her business. Ye Xiaomeng believed him for the time being and gave him a chance.

She also wanted to give them both a chance. If he made the same mistake again, it would be very difficult for her to forgive him.

“Alright, alright. What’s more important than your love life?” Shu Pan figured that she would call Gu Shaoting later to get herself out of dinner with his friend.

“That’s more like it. Seven o’clock tonight at Gathered Dragon. I’ll see you there.” Ye Xiaomeng gave her the time and venue.

“What, Gathered Dragon too?” Shu Pan’s voice could not help but raise a pitch.

Why was everyone meeting there? Were there no other restaurants in Bin City?

“Yeah, what’s the problem?” Ye Xiaomeng was startled by Shu Pan’s raised pitch.

“Nothing. I’ll see you there at seven.” Shu Pan felt that the arrangement would work too because she could say hi to He Ming before she joined Xiaomeng at the same restaurant.

Shu Pan looked at the time after she hung up. It was almost time for Gu Shaoting and Joy to pick her up, so she started packing.

“Shu Pan, it’s rare for you to leave office so early. Something’s up.” Tang Wei joked with a sinister smile.

“I’m having dinner with a friend tonight.” Shu Pan smiled.

“Is it with the handsome guy from last time?” Tang Wei’s eyes seemed to be shooting hearts.

Shu Pan knew that she was talking about Chi. She shook her head with a smile. “No, stop prying. It’s a female friend.”

Shu Pan’s mind wandered a little when Tang Wei brought up Chi, who should be back from his studies soon.

“I’m leaving. You should leave early too. Be careful.” Shu Pan said goodbye to Tang Wei.

“Ta-ta.” Tang Wei made a goodbye gesture to her..

#### Chapter 273: He Ming’s Girlfriend

When Shu Pan arrived at the intersection, Gu Shaoting’s car also arrived.

Joy was strapped into a child car seat in the back.

Gu Shaoting was quite meticulous about this matter. Because he often picked Joy up without Shu Pan and Joy always sat in the back alone, he put in a car seat for her and would drive this car whenever he needed to pick her up.

“Mommy, get in the car.” Joy urged Shu Pan.

Shu Pan felt a little troubled. Why was this father and daughter so alike?

There was a time when Joy liked Wen Chi very much, but she wasn’t as clingy.

Shu Pan didn't know if it was because Gu Shaoting picked Joy up so much recently that she had been Uncle Gu this and Uncle Gu that recently.

Shu Pan felt conflicted now. She also wished for Joy to have a complete family with motherly as well as fatherly love.

But was it proper to announce Joy's status given the current situation between her and Gu Shaoting?

Gu Shaoting helped Shu Pan open the door to the front passenger seat. After Shu Pan got in the car, she asked Joy about her day at the kindergarten.

Gu Shaoting drove as he listened to the sweet conversation between mother and daughter. It felt wonderful.

As it was rush hour, traffic was heavy. By the time they arrived at Gathered Dragon, it was already past seven o'clock.

Gu Shaoting parked the car and held Joy's hand as they walked in. After a quick enquiry, a waiter led them to He Ming's private room.

"Mr. He has arrived. This way, please."

Shu Pan walked in first when the door was pushed opened. She couldn't believe her eyes when she saw Ye Xiaomeng.

She was planning to say hi to He Ming before she went to find Xiaomeng at the same restaurant but there she was...

"Girl, do you have super powers or something? I just arrived and was about to text you the room number." Ye Xiaomeng was also surprised.

"Are they here?" He Ming came out of the bathroom in the private room.

“He Ming, why are you here?” Shu Pan got another shock.

“You know each other?” Ye Xiaomeng asked in confusion. It was indeed a small world.

“He is Gu Shaoting’s childhood friend.” Shu Pan replied helplessly. What a coincidence.

“What? That b\*stard?” Ye Xiaomeng suddenly raised her voice.

“What b\*stard?” Gu Shaoting heard Ye Xiaomeng’s last comment as he walked in with Joy.

Ye Xiaomeng’s eyes were orbs of fury when she saw him. He Ming noticed it and quickly tugged at her arm asking her to calm down.

“Godmother.” Joy saw Xiaomeng and ran over excitedly.

“Joy, come and let Godmother look at you. Have you grown into a piglet?” Ye Xiaomeng didn’t scold Gu Shaoting for the time being when she saw Joy.

“I’m not a piglet, I’m a little beauty.” Joy said smugly.

After everyone sat down, Gu Shaoting felt He Ming’s girlfriend’s hostility towards him.

Actually, Gu Shaoting couldn’t be blamed for that. During their three years of marriage, he knew very little about Shu Pan’s friends. Even her best friend, Ye Xiaomeng, he had only met twice briefly.

He didn’t remember Ye Xiaomeng well so he couldn’t understand why she was giving him a hard time now.

He Ming took good care of Ye Xiaomeng throughout the meal.



Shu Pan's eyes stung a little when she saw them. Her best friend had finally met the right man for her.

Xiaomeng deserved all the happiness she could get!

Shu Pan no longer had any lofty hopes about her own happiness. She was already very contented with Joy.

Gu Shaoting also didn't neglect the mother and daughter throughout the meal. He kept filling their plates with delicious food.

Ye Xiaomeng was a little surprised to see Gu Shaoting's actions tonight and wondered why he only did these things now...

She must make sure that Shu Pan wouldn't forgive him so easily. She felt like crying whenever she thought about how her best friend had

suffered in recent years..

Chapter 274: The CEO of Su Corporation Is a Real Looker!

Shu Pan and Ye Xiaomeng were the only ones talking over dinner. The two men only occasionally interjected.

The two chatted for a while about Ye Xiaomeng's business trip.

When no one was paying attention, Shu Pan secretly poked Ye Xiaomeng. "I'll interrogate you properly when we are alone." Ye Xiaomeng smiled shyly.

Gu Shaoting's eyes were mostly fixed on Shu Pan.

All the lights in the private room were turned on. Everything looked bright.

Shu Pan was sitting under the brightest light. Her already fair face looked as white as flawless porcelain under the illumination.

Gu Shaoting sat quietly with one hand on the back of Shu Pan's chair. He was wearing a white shirt today with the top two buttons unbuttoned. He looked very relaxed.

His expression was gentle as he listened quietly to their chatter.

It was the same for He Ming. He seemed to only have eyes for Ye Xiaomeng. He listened to them chat while picking up food non-stop for Ye Xiaomeng until she complained.

After dinner, everyone said goodbye.

Shu Pan had been really busy lately. The proposal was almost ready. After a final review by her director, they would submit the proposal at Su Corporation.

Everyone was eager for the submission job when they heard that the CEO of Su Corporation was back in town.

As Shu Pan was selected internally to be in charge of the proposal, she was more diligent than usual so she wouldn't let down everyone's expectations and efforts.

"Shu Pan, go with me to Su Corporation tomorrow afternoon to submit the proposal." Her director came out of his office and instructed Shu Pan.

"Alright, I'll prepare the necessary." Shu Pan nodded and copied the proposal and other supplementary documents into an encrypted folder.

“Shu Pan, why is God so kind to you? It’s so unfair. You always get all the good things.” Tang Wei complained to Shu Pan after their director left.

“Huh? Didn’t you see the director give me work?” Shu Pan was amused.

“Do you know where you’re going tomorrow?” Tang Wei asked.

“Where? It’s just Su Corporation.” Shu Pan was baffled. Did Su Corporation have three heads or six arms?

Tang Wei knew that Shu Pan was ignorant when she heard this. “It’s just Su Corporation? How much do you know about Su Corporation? Other than our employer, Gu Group, Su Corporation is also a regular on gossip columns.”

Tang Wei made it sound so mysterious but Shu Pan simply didn’t pay attention to such things.

“The hottest topic lately is that the CEO of Su Corporation is a real looker. He’s probably on par with our CEO. Some magazine wrote about his entrepreneurial journey and even published a photo of him. He looked so gorgeous.”

“Your saliva is dripping on the ground.” Shu Pan said with a smile. Tang Wei had a real talent for making people laugh. The words coming out of her mouth were especially funny.

“You’re so annoying. I’m telling you the truth. I’ve seen him in magazines before. He looked really refined and elegant. Just my type.” Tang Wei’s face was filled with infatuation.

Shu Pan wanted to ask her if there was any kind of handsome guy that wasn’t her type...

“Miss, I’m going there for work, not to be star-struck.” Shu Pan smiled helplessly but her earlier nerves had calmed down.

"I've told you anyway. It's up to you whether you'll seize the opportunity." Tang Wei wished that she was the person going to Su Corporation with their director.

But she wasn't fated to go, and she could only accept her fate..

Chapter 275: A Different Shu Pan

Shu Pan smiled. She looked young to people but only she knew the vicissitudes she felt in her heart.

She had almost given up on romance and only wanted to live happily with Joy.

She was already immune to handsome men.

She used to love one so much, but she ended up covered in scars.

"Then would you like to go with me?" Shu Pan said with a smile.

"Sh\*t, no. The director will scold me to death. What would I do there? Be a vase? No, I can't even be a vase with my current appearance." Tang Wei said self-deprecatingly.

"You're quite self-aware." MO Lan interrupted when she heard that.

Tang Wei was about to explode in anger and counterattack when Shu Pan stopped her, "Hurry back to work." These two were always at loggerheads.

Tang Wei went back to her desk angrily, and Shu Pan dove back into work.

At the thought of the looming tender deadline, Shu Pan and her team were on pins and needles.

She tightened her grip on the encrypted folder she was holding. This was everyone's hard work. Failure wasn't an option this time.

The next day, Shu Pan rehearsed her proposal presentation again the moment she came into office.

She didn't know if all bidders would present their proposals together or separately. Anyway, the decision was in the hands of Su Corporation now.

Shu Pan placed work at the top of her list. No matter how tired she was, she would never allow herself to lose her job.

At noon, Shu Pan and Tang Wei had lunch at the company cafeteria.

Shu Pan was so nervous about submitting the proposal at Su Corporation in the afternoon that she had stomach cramps.

"Sweetheart, relax and eat more. Delicious food can relieve tension." Tang Wei started sharing her wisdom.

"Who said that?" Shu Pan couldn't help but smile.

"Me. I eat like crazy whenever I'm nervous. It makes me forget about feeling nervous." Tang Wei replied.

"You really don't need to feel nervous. Your appearance has already won you points. And your outfit today can only add to that." Tang Wei shared her analysis.

She saw a different Shu Pan today and lamented again how unfair God was to give Shu Pan all the good things.

Shu Pan was going for the professional and intellectual look today. She had on a white silk shirt with embroidered collar and a short black skirt. The fitting cut accentuated her perfect figure.

To match her professional-looking outfit, Shu Pan put on light makeup. Her whole look was very sexy and feminine.

Tang Wei's pupils shrank slightly when she saw Shu Pan dressed like this in the morning. If her look could make other women feel amazed and envious, imagine its effects on men.

Tang Wei had a hunch that Shu Pan would make everyone at Su Corporation stare at her.

Shu Pan rolled her eyes at Tang Wei. "You're talking nonsense again. I should work harder."

"You're still so ignorant and naïve. Do you know the kind of society we live in now? As a looker, making use of your good looks is already half the battle won. You're really wasting God's gift and letting down God's kindness to you."

Tang Wei felt disappointed, but then she thought about it. Perhaps it was precisely because of Shu Pan's indifference that people were attracted to her.

Shu Pan was completely defeated by her clownish colleague, but to be honest, she wasn't that nervous anymore.

She looked at Tang Wei with warmth in her heart. She felt really lucky and squeezed Tang Wei's hand to express her gratitude..

## Chapter 276: Reunion With An Old Friend

Shu Pan and Tang Wei went back to the office after lunch. Tang Wei took a nap but Shu Pan was unusually energetic. She looked at the time. There was still an hour before she'd leave with the director.

She sat at her desk and reviewed the proposal materials. She found it hard to concentrate, so she took out her phone to look at some entertainment news to relax herself.

Unsurprisingly, she saw an article about Tong Fei on the first page of an entertainment news site. Tong Fei seemed to be doing well, achieving yet another milestone in her career.

What Shu Pan might not know was that Gu Shaoting had compensated Tong Fei for cancelling their engagement.

But that was what Tong Fei had expected. She glowed in the photo that came with the article, as always.

Lunch break was finally over.

Shu Pan's director got her and they left for Su Corporation together.

On their way, her director told her that it was a very competitive bid this time around. And because he knew a senior person at Su Corporation, with the surname Lu, he managed to get a private meeting with them.

When they arrived at Su Corporation, Shu Pan was a little stunned that Su Corporation was only slightly inferior to Gu Group.

Su Corporation wasn't just an up-and-coming new business, its company logo shone under the sun and their offices looked magnificent.

Perhaps the higher-ups had instructed the front desk, they were escorted to the 30th floor of the building when they arrived.

When the secretary saw them, she gestured for them to go straight into the director's office as Director Lu had been waiting for them.

Shu Pan's director knocked on the office door out of politeness and only pushed it open when he heard the words "come in."

Before they could greet Director Lu, Shu Pan was shocked by the other person in the room and forgot to say hello.

It wasn't until Director Wong, her boss, nudged her in the arm that she came back to her senses and said an awkward hello.

Director Lu wasn't the only person in his office. There was also a tall man in a silver suit, standing by the floor-to-ceiling windows with hands behind his back while his gentle gaze fell on Shu Pan.

Their eyes met and neither of them spoke. It was as if everything around them had come to a standstill.

It had been four years and Shu Pan thought she would never meet Su Yuan again. It was really unexpected to meet him here on such an occasion.

At the sight of such a familiar face, Shu Pan's heart was filled with a myriad of emotions.

"Pan, long time no see." Su Yuan greeted her first.

"Long time no see." Shu Pan replied politely.

Su Yuan suppressed his excitement because all he wanted to do at this moment was to hold her tightly in his arms.

He had once missed six years with her, and then another four years. How many decades did one have in a lifetime?

He left her for the first time six years ago because he was selfish. He had no choice but to leave her for a second time four years ago because his status then didn't allow him to be with her. Now that he was a free man, he could pursue the love of his life again.



Yes, Shu Pan was the love of his life.

In Su Yuan's eyes, Shu Pan wasn't a woman who would stun people at first glance. She was someone who would grow on you and look more attractive over time.

She was warm and elegant.

Her eyebrows were as beautiful as a painting, her eyelashes were long and her eyes were crystal clear. Her skin was fair like porcelain, and she had a good figure.

She might be easy-going but was tenacious when it came to matters of principle.

It was this soft and hard contrast about her that attracted him. And honestly, a successful man like him could probably get any woman he wanted..

#### Chapter 277: A Most Wonderful Encounter

Women had been throwing themselves at him all the while but no one could enter his heart, except Shu Pan.

Not even his ex-wife, whom he married only for benefits at that time and paid a huge price later to divorce.

He then spent substantial effort to bounce back financially. Only he knew the hardships and sadness he had suffered, but he felt that everything was worth it.

All the waiting was for this most wonderful encounter.

Shu Pan recovered from her shock. After all, Su Yuan was a seasoned professional.

After breaking eye contact, Su Yuan still looked at the intellectual- but sexy-looking Shu Pan and couldn't move his gaze away until much later.

Su Yuan walked up to Shu Pan and said with a smile, "Director Lu, this must be the Miss Shu you were raving about."

The man's cold but magnetic voice startled everyone in the room, especially

Shu Pan. It was as if he had hit Shu Pan in the head.

"CEO Su, yes. This is Director Wang and Miss Shu from Sunrise Architecture. They are overseeing a proposal to our tender." Director Lu nodded as he spoke because he had read Shu Pan's proposal and admired her work.

Director Lu then introduced Su Yuan to them. "This is the CEO of Su Corporation, Mr. Su."

Director Wang was extremely excited when he heard this. He quickly went up to shake Su Yuan's hand. "CEO Su, I apologize for my ignorance. Please forgive me."

Su Yuan smiled gently as he shook Director Wang's hand.

In fact, Su Yuan was a wolf in sheep's clothing. He would always smile when he first met someone but, in the end, many people fell for his deception.

His success was therefore not accidental.

Shu Pan clenched her fists and took a deep breath. She said with her best attempt at a professional smile, "Hello, CEO Su."

Although she tried her best to look natural, her voice still trembled.

It was as if she hadn't said "long time no see" just now.

Su Yuan replied with a smile, "Don't be so formal."

Directors Wang and Lu were both smart people. Su Yuan's words showed without a doubt that he knew Shu Pan and had a close relationship with her.

The two of them looked at each other with a shared understanding.

Director Lu then said, "I heard from Director Wang that Miss Shu has been working very hard on this proposal. Why don't you present it in front of CEO

"Director Lu, you flatter me." Shu Pan took another deep breath, took out the hardcopies of the proposal and turned on her laptop. She then pretended that Su Yuan wasn't there and explained her interpretation of the tender and her team's proposal for the project.

Shu Pan tried her best to focus but she kept feeling a burning gaze on her. If a gaze could start a fire, she would have been burnt long ago.

She kept telling herself to ignore Su Yuan and pretend that he didn't exist.

Su Yuan's gaze was meaningful, and Shu Pan felt a little uncomfortable.

She figured that it was probably because they hadn't been in touch for so long that they felt like strangers. But whatever the case, he was still her senior under the same teacher.

Shu Pan also felt embarrassed. It was Su Yuan who helped her during her most difficult time when the debt collectors were harassing her.

Although she had paid him back the money over the last few years, there was no way to repay her debt of gratitude.

Shu Pan thought that she should find an opportunity to thank him properly. Finally, Shu Pan finished her presentation and heaved a sigh of relief..

## Chapter 278: 1 Miss You so Much

Shortly after, Director Lu found an excuse to take Director Wang out of the office. Shu Pan realized when she was packing that she and Su Yuan were the only people in the office.

There was no one else in the room. Shu Pan felt that she shouldn't stay long and excused herself.

"CEO Su, you must be so busy, so I shan't disturb you." Shu Pan said politely. "Pan, there's no one else here. Don't be so formal." Su Yuan said gently.

Shu Pan looked troubled and didn't know what to do.

After all, it had been a long time since they last met, and her memory of them wasn't pleasant.

Shu Pan couldn't help but lamented in her heart. Life was indeed full of drama. Anything could happen.

The CEO of Su Corporation that everyone was talking about was actually Su Yuan. It was so unbelievable that the name she had sealed for so long suddenly appeared before her. Shu Pan didn't know what to say.

Su Yuan saw Shu Pan's silence and continued, "I miss you so much. Shall we catch up some time?"

Shu Pan's face turned red. She didn't expect Su Yuan to say something like that. Wasn't "I miss you" something only people in intimate relationships say to each other?

They didn't seem to be in any relationship.

"What's the matter? You can just tell me now. You've received the money, right? Thank you. I've been wanting to thank you in person." Shu Pan said sincerely.

"I don't accept any verbal thanks. Treat me to a meal when you have time." When Su Yuan received Shu Pan's money back then, his eyebrows were tightly knitted together.

Shu Pan paid him back in such a hurry because she wanted to have nothing to do with him.

When he helped her, he didn't expect her to pay him back. It was just that he wasn't divorced back then and neither was Shu Pan, so he couldn't think too much about their relationship.

Shu Pan's indifferent face now showed that she seemed to have completely forgotten about him.

"Sure. Call me when you have time." After all, this man had helped her so much back then. It was rather insincere to just say thanks.

Su Yuan looked at her fair complexion, her feminine demeanor, and her slim figure. He could not help but pull Shu Pan into his arms, crying out deep in his heart, "Pan..."

Shu Pan was shocked by his sudden move.

She tried hard to break free from his embrace. The man's hot breath on her made her retreat instinctively but it seemed that Su Yuan held her even tighter.

Shu Pan had no choice but to remind him verbally, "CEO Su, please let go. We are at work. Please behave yourself."

There was a huge difference in strength between men and women. Even if she used all her strength, she could not push the man away. Shu Pan tried to break free but failed, so she decided to stop struggling.

“Pan, I’ll let go if you call my name.” Su Yuan spoke again when he saw her quiet down but he spoke like a scoundrel.

“Su Yuan...” Shu Pan called his name helplessly.

Her voice was gentle and soothing.

Only then did Su Yuan reluctantly let go of her.

Shu Pan broke free from his embrace and heaved a sigh of relief. That overpowering pressure was finally gone.

But Shu Pan was thinking now if it was better to have someone else take charge of the project. She really wanted to have nothing to do with Su Yuan. Although she wouldn’t assume that Su Yuan had any feelings for her, his behavior today really overwhelmed her.

Just as her mind was in a mess, Directors Lu and Wang knocked on the door and walked in chatting and laughing..

Chapter 279: Stunned

Director Wang saw their discussion coming to an end, so he and Shu Pan excused themselves and left.

Shu Pan took a deep breath and smiled. “Thank you both. We’ll take our leave now.”

Su Yuan nodded and watched Shu Pan leave, unable to snap out of his daze for a long time.

“CEO Su, what do you think of their proposal?” Director Lu asked.

“Not bad. Aren’t there a few more vendors? Let them present their proposals too so we can get a preliminary understanding and compare them before we have a formal meeting to decide on the winner.”

Su Yuan instructed Director Lu, his words straightforward.

“Will do, CEO Su.” Director Lu replied.

On the way back to the office, Director Wang couldn’t take it anymore and asked, “Shu Pan, did you know CEO Su?”

“Yeah, we went to the same university but we weren’t close.” Shu Pan deliberately added the words “weren’t close” because she didn’t want Director Wang to think that they could discuss business based on their relationship.

It was better not to mention such relationships.

“Oh, I see.” Although Director Wang didn’t show it, he knew clearly in his heart that CEO Su didn’t behave like an ordinary schoolmate at Su Corporation just now.

However, since the protagonist didn’t want to say anything, he would stop prying.

“Go back and perfect our proposal. We’ll try to win the bid on the day of contract award.” Director Wang instructed.

“Alright.” Shu Pan nodded to show that she understood.

As soon as she was back in the office, Tang Wei came over to find out what happened.

“How was it? Did you meet the CEO of Su Corporation? Is he as the rumors say?

Extraordinarily handsome?”

Tang Wei’s tone was full of excitement.

Shu Pan ignored her and continued with her work.

“Shu Pan, you’re too mean. Can’t you share after you’ve feasted your eyes?” Tang Wei complained with a smile.

“My dearest young miss, I was there for work. I really didn’t pay much attention to whether the boss looked round or flat.” Shu Pan would never tell Tang Wei that she knew the CEO of Su Corporation, or she might drown in Tang Wei’s spit.

“No fun at all. Are you sure you’re a woman?” Tang Wei asked doubtfully.

“Couldn’t be more real.” Shu Pan answered affirmatively.

Tang Wei returned to her desk in disappointment.

Shu Pan finally had some peace and quiet. She wanted to quickly finish her work because Joy wanted to go to the zoo this weekend.

When it was almost knock-off time, Shu Pan received a call from Gu Shaoting. “Are you done?”

Shu Pan could not help but frown. What was going on? It seemed that Gu Shaoting had been picking her up from work recently and slowly inching his way back into her life. Joy would ask about him if she didn’t see him for a day.



That wasn't a good sign.

"Um, I'm almost done. Don't pick me up if you are busy. I can take Joy home." Shu Pan said tactfully.

"What's more important than you and your daughter?" Gu Shaoting retorted and Shu Pan was speechless as she sighed in her heart. She could never win against him.

When she walked out of the building, she saw Gu Shaoting's very low-key car.

Gu Shaoting knew that Shu Pan wouldn't ride in an ostentatious car. She was inexplicably insistent about this.

Seeing Shu Pan approach his car, Gu Shaoting was stunned. He rarely saw Shu Pan dressed so sexily, with her miniskirt wrapped snugly around her round buttocks, and her slender and long legs appearing even fairer.

Gu Shaoting felt a wave of heat. It had been a long time since he felt that way..

Chapter 280: No Short Skirts At Work

To hide his awkwardness, Gu Shaoting narrowed his eyes and looked away. He then quietly helped Shu Pan open the car door.

After Shu Pan got in the car, the fragrance of a woman pounced at him.

Gu Shaoting secretly mocked himself about whether he would have a nosebleed...

But his thoughts quickly shifted to how inappropriate it was to dress like that for work.

“What have you been busy with today?” Gu Shaoting asked casually while driving.

“I went to Su Corporation with Director Wang in the afternoon to discuss our preliminary proposal with them.” Shu Pan reported formally.

Gu Shaoting’s grip on the steering wheel tightened. All he got from her reply was that she dressed like that for a business meeting.

He made a mental note to add another rule to the company policy: no short skirts at work for female employees.

Shu Pan continued when she saw Gu Shaoting’s silence, “Drop me off at the supermarket ahead. I’ll go get ingredients for dinner. It’s still early. We can pick Joy up after that.”

Because the proposal had basically been finalized, she was less busy today and decided to leave work early.

“No need. We’ll eat out after we pick Joy up. You’re probably tired from a long day at work. Would you like to go home and change after we pick Joy up before we head out for dinner?”

Gu Shaoting realized today that he had difficulty keeping his cool. He would be distracted if he had to face the seductively dressed Shu Pan all night.

“Okay.” Shu Pan was indeed a little tired. She nodded and did as Gu Shaoting said.

He Ming had been very happy lately because his relationship with Xiaomeng had been developing steadily. He looked like he was floating on cloud nine.

He was now asking Xiaomeng to move in with him.

Xiaomeng hadn't agreed yet, so he was still working on it. He had been living at home with his parents out of convenience. He needed some personal space now that he had Xiaomeng, and the apartment he had bought before could come in handy.

"Ming, what's happening? You haven't been home much lately. Are you very busy?" Mrs. He was a little unhappy. If he came home, she could at least nag him about getting a wife.

He Ming put his arm around his mother's shoulders and said with a smile,

"Mom, I'm busy wooing your future daughter-in-law."

"Don't joke about this. I'm serious. Look at my friends' children. They're younger than you but they already have children. You're the only one who's still single." Mrs. He sighed.

"Really. I'm working on it." He Ming didn't want Mrs. He to scare Xiaomeng, so he didn't dare to tell his mother that he already had a girlfriend.

Because based on his understanding of Mrs. He, she would ask to meet his girlfriend right away once she knew.

"Ming, what do you think about Shanshan?" Mrs. He thought that He Ming was just brushing her off, so she brought up Hu Shanshan.

"Nothing much. She's like a younger sister to me. Mom, please don't randomly set me up with people." He Ming reminded Mrs. He, worried that she would make things worse.

Mrs. He looked disappointed. "But Shanshan is a good match for you in terms of family background, looks, and talent. Are you sure you don't want to give it a try?,"

"Mom, I'm looking for spiritual compatibility. No matter how good she is, no feelings means no feelings."

“You’re so full of nonsense. I met your father on a blind date. I’ve lived with him for most of my life and we’re still fine.” Mrs. He cited herself as an example again.

He Ming had heard this broken record a thousand times.

“Mom, the day after tomorrow is my birthday and I won’t be coming home for dinner.” He Ming quickly changed the subject to avoid further nagging from his mother..