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Chapter 291: Birthday Surprise

“Brother Ting, you can’t rush these things. It’s not a problem that can be solved just because you’re anxious.” He Ming comforted Gu Shaoting.

“Why don’t you find a chance to tell Shu Pan that you’ve recovered your memory and remembered the past? Wouldn’t it be easier to settle this if you have a daughter?” He Ming suddenly remembered this point.

Gu Shaoting was stunned for a moment before he disagreed, ‘Will she compromise? But I don’t want to force her.’”

He hoped that Shu Pan would get back together with him willingly and wholeheartedly.

Shu Pan just wasn’t willing yet.

“Then you’ll have to win her over slowly.” He Ming also didn’t know what to say. When he put in a good word for Gu Shaoting after their dinner together the other night, Xiaomeng made him sleep on the sofa that night.

Ye Xiaomeng had been there for Shu Pan during her most difficult time. She knew Shu Pan’s pain and suffering.

Gu Shaoting was a little lost in thought as he emptied his glass.

He Ming could only pat him on the shoulder and encourage him to persevere.

At six o’clock in the evening, He Ming eagerly went to pick Ye Xiaomeng up.

He took the trouble to dress up, but he was a little nervous when waiting for Xiaomeng.

When Xiaomeng came out of her building, she was a sight to behold.

She was in a color block, short black and white dress with a V-neck. As the neckline was low, one could see her cleavage and a little beyond. Her red pointy high heels were very eye-catching, just like her red lips.

He saw her even more clearly as she got closer, and he was stunned.

She was really God's favorite child with her exquisite makeup, almond-shaped eyes, dainty nose, fair skin, and long, slender legs.

A flush of warmth swept through He Ming's skin, and it took him a lot of effort to suppress the desire in his heart.

Ye Xiaomeng suddenly felt a little shy when she saw He Ming staring at her unblinkingly.

She had specially dressed up today. She rarely dressed so sexily, but it was his birthday today, so she wanted to give him a surprise.

She had obviously succeeded.

Ye Xiaomeng felt that something was wrong the moment she got into the car. Why was there such a strong perfume smell in the car?

She would never use such a disgustingly sweet perfume.

She could not help but frown.

He Ming saw the disgust on her face and asked nervously, "Mengmeng, what's wrong?"

"Don't you smell the overpowering perfume in the car?" Ye Xiaomeng couldn't help but complain.

"Oh, oh, the car smelled strange today, so I sprayed some perfume. Does it smell bad? Let me lower the window to let in some fresh air." He Ming was furious deep down; the smell of that damn perfume still hadn't dissipated after such a long time.

When Ye Xiaomeng saw his panicky explanation, she didn't even dare to look him in the eye because she knew that he was lying.

"Are you sure?" Ye Xiaomeng looked at him and asked casually.

"Alas, I knew I couldn't hide anything from you. My mother asked me to go home for longevity noodles at noon. Coincidentally, her friend's daughter was there too, and my mother asked me to give her a ride." He Ming told Ye Xiaomeng everything. He figured that his punishment would be less severe if he came clean.

Ye Xiaomeng suddenly felt a little upset. Why was it his mother's friend's daughter again?

"Your 'sister' again?" Ye Xiaomeng asked.

"Yes. I rejected her when she asked me for a ride. Unfortunately, I couldn't disobey my empress dowager." He Ming was also helpless.

He finally understood now: Hu Shanshan was his jinx.

She was sent here to make life difficult for him. Nothing good would happen as long as she was involved.

He would treat her like the plague from now on and stay as far away as possible..

Chapter 292: A Romantic Evening

Ye Xiaomeng felt a little better when she heard He Ming's honest confession.

But this guy wasn't bright enough to know how to avoid his "sister" and could be sending her the wrong signals. She had to teach him a lesson.

"Since your mom likes her friend's daughter so much, why don't you just do as she asks?" Ye Xiaomeng said sarcastically.

"Mengmeng, what are you talking about? The person I like is you. I will stay far away from her in the future." He Ming even raised his right hand to his temple and made an oath swearing gesture.

Ye Xiaomeng quickly pulled his hand down and said coquettishly, "Don't swear, but if there's any more flirting, I won't forgive you so easily."

"Okay. If it happens again, I'll let you torture me in any way you'd like." He Ming nodded. He wouldn't let such things happen again.

"Let's go already. It's almost 7 O'clock." Ye Xiaomeng didn't want such a trivial matter to affect their evening, so she urged him to start the car. He Ming started the car and began thinking about their wonderful evening together.

He Ming had already reserved a table at the largest hotel in Bin City and even booked a luxurious suite.

Before they got out of the car, Ye Xiaomeng handed He Ming the exquisite gift bag she brought with her. "Here's your birthday present."

She wanted to give him the present when she got into the car, but she forgot because of the horrible perfume.

“Aw... Thank you, babe.” He Ming was beaming with joy. He carried the gift with him when he got out of the car.

“Why don’t you leave it in the car?” Ye Xiaomeng suggested.

“What if it disappears?” He Ming was unwilling to put it down as if he had received a treasure.

Ye Xiaomeng smiled and let him be.

The two of them went to the hotel restaurant. It was an elegant restaurant the wealthy frequented.

He Ming ordered and then looked at Ye Xiaomeng under the dim yellow light. She looked elegant and charming, like a blooming hibiscus: white and pure, stunning with an elegant fragrance.

Their food arrived very quickly. Xiaomeng ate in an unusually refined and slow manner today. He Ming also ate elegantly as he glanced at Xiaomeng from time to time, like a fool.

His mind was not on dinner at all. He only felt hot and uncomfortable all over. Finally, dinner was over.

He Ming took Ye Xiaomeng’s hand and pressed the elevator button for the top floor. There were only classy luxury suites on the top floor of the hotel, with exquisite masterpieces hanging on the walls and plush Persian carpets on the floor.

Ye Xiaomeng felt a chill as soon as she stepped out of the elevator because she didn’t dress warmly today and the air conditioner on the top floor was turned a little low.

He Ming noticed her shudder and quickly hugged her.

After entering the room, Ye Xiaomeng went to the bathroom to wash up.

She looked nervously at the sheer pajamas in her hands and suddenly felt a little regretful about her impulsiveness. Was she really going to walk out of the bathroom wearing that?

But did she have any other choice?

When she came out in her pajamas, the room that was originally as bright as day had become dim. The room was only lit by the bedside lamps and the shades had been tightly drawn.

Ye Xiaomeng bit her lip and looked at the bed. He Ming was lying in bed with his head on one hand and looking at her with a burning gaze that could burn a hole in her body.

Ye Xiaomeng was wearing a red chiffon babydoll, and he could vaguely see her underwear beneath it. The effect was amazing as it accentuated her fair skin. Even if she was wearing a conservative nightdress, her sexy appearance was enough to make a man drool.

He Ming's gaze turned even hotter as he grabbed Ye Xiaomeng before she could react.

Ye Xiaomeng fell defenselessly into his arms..

Chapter 293: Meet His Parents?

"You..."

As soon as she cried out, He Ming held her in his arms.

"Mengmeng, my baby, thank you for giving me such a wonderful birthday present." He Ming's deep voice sounded in her ear.

Before Ye Xiaomeng could react, his thin lips were already pressed against hers. She felt a little nervous and a little scared.

Meanwhile, He Ming held her close and kissed her deeply...

The night's velvet curtain had draped itself over the world, creating an intimate cocoon for their hearts to flutter in sync.

It was a very romantic and quiet night for lovers.

The luxury suite covered by thick blackout curtains was still dim when He Ming and Ye Xiaomeng slept soundly in the room.

Ye Xiaomeng woke up not long after. She looked outside and saw that it was still quite dark. She then looked at He Ming beside her and fell into deep thought.

This was her man. Could he give her the happiness she wanted? Could she entrust the rest of her life to him?

She moved closer to He Ming. A familiar scent lingered at the tip of her nose. The man's light breathing made her feel safe.

She wanted to get up and clean up, but the man's strong arms wrapped around her waist and pulled her back into his embrace.

"Time to get up." Xiao Meng reminded softly.

"Let's sleep for a while more. There's no hurry." He Ming said lazily with half-opened eyes. He liked the feeling of holding her in his arms.

Xiaomeng obediently curled up in his arms and soon fell into deep sleep.

When He Ming heard the sound of her calm breathing coming from his chest, he opened his eyes and looked lovingly at the woman he would love for the rest of his life.

His heart ached a little when he saw the faint dark circles under her eyes.

His woman had suffered too much pain. He had heard about what happened before, but he didn't really want to find out because it would only make his heart ache more. He wouldn't change his mind about this woman. He would dote on her from now on and make her feel that she was the happiest woman in the world.

He held her hand and thought about their future together.

With the thought of letting her sleep a little longer, he held her tightly and fell into a deep slumber too.

It was almost noon when the two of them woke up. Fortunately, Xiaomeng had taken leave that day. As Xiaomeng wasn't too busy with work and she had been working hard lately, she decided to take a few days off to rest.

He Ming and Xiaomeng both took a hot bath and dressed before leaving the room.

She was in good spirits after a good night's sleep, but her stomach was growling from hunger. "I'm so hungry." Ye Xiaomeng couldn't stand being hungry.

"Alright, got it. Let's go eat." He Ming said.

He Ming asked casually over lunch, "Mengmeng, come home with me this weekend and I'll introduce my family to you, okay?"

Ye Xiaomeng was stunned, wondering if it was too soon. They hadn't known each other for long. Was it appropriate to meet his parents now? She felt that she wasn't ready.

“How about it? You don’t want to?” He Ming looked disappointed. He had been waiting for this moment for a long time.

“No but aren’t we getting ahead of ourselves?” It was too soon to meet his parents.

“Xiaomeng, I’m serious about you. I won’t marry anyone but you.” He Ming promised.

Ye Xiaomeng was touched. “Alright then.”

“That’s great. Thank you, Xiaomeng. My parents will definitely like you.” He Ming said happily.

After lunch, He Ming sent Xiaomeng home and then went home with his gift bag.

He couldn’t wait to see what present Xiaomeng had gotten him..

Chapter 294: A Catch-up Over Dinner

When Shu Pan went back to the office on Monday, things got chaotic again. There were many things to do on scary Mondays.

Tang Wei came to her desk and asked, “How’s the proposal to Su Corporation going? Any news yet?”

“I haven’t heard anything yet, but the director says that there are other companies competing for the same contract.” Shu Pan was a little worried. After all, competition was keen nowadays and they might not win the contract.

“I’m rooting for us. I think we’ll get it. We probably have some sense after meeting their CEO the other day, right?” Tang Wei made a cheering gesture.

“Okay, I’ll ask the director again later.” Shu Pan nodded. But at the thought of Su Yuan, she couldn’t help but frown.

A busy day passed. When it was almost knock-off time, Shu Pan’s phone rang. She thought it was Gu Shooting because he usually called at this time. She looked at the caller ID. It was an unfamiliar 11-digit number. She searched her memory but couldn’t recognize the number.

She pressed the answer button. “Pan, are you off work yet?”

The caller’s voice was very distinctive. It was as light as a breeze. It was Su

Yuan’s voice.

“Just about to. I was planning to go home.” Shu Pan answered honestly.

“Then wait a little while for me. I’ll pick you up now. Let’s have dinner and catch up, okay?” Even though Su Yuan sounded like he was consulting Shu Pan, there was a hint of mandate in his voice.

“But I don’t have time today. I have to pick my daughter up.” Shu Pan said uncomfortably. She also wanted to remind Su Yuan that she had a daughter and he shouldn’t have any thoughts about her.

“In that case, I’ll pick you up and then pick her up for dinner together, okay?” Su Yuan obviously didn’t understand the meaning behind her words, or maybe he didn’t care at all.

Shu Pan had no choice but to say, “Alright then, I’ll wait for you.” She then gave Su Yuan her office address.

After hanging up, Shu Pan called Gu Shooting because picking Joy up after school seemed like Gu Shooting’s favorite thing to do nowadays.

Gu Shooting was ecstatic when he saw Shu Pan’s caller ID, like she had never called him before.

"Panpan, what's wrong?" Gu Shaoting was both nervous and happy when he answered the call. He was worried that Shu Pan would say something heart-wrenching again.

"Are you free to pick Joy up tonight?" Shu Pan asked directly.

"Yes, I was planning to pick you up after I pick her up. I'm almost at her kindergarten." Gu Shaoting said.

Picking up the mother and daughter had become the highlight of his day now. He enjoyed such moments because spending time with them would bring him closer to Shu Pan. Therefore, no matter how busy he was, he would squeeze out time.

"Oh, if you are picking Joy up, please take her home with you first. I'll pick her up from your place later. I'm having dinner with a friend tonight, so I might be late." Shu Pan said.

Gu Shaoting was more than happy to take Joy home with him, but he got very nervous when he heard that she was having dinner with a friend.

Was she having dinner with a male or female friend? He only knew Shu Pan's best friend, Ye Xiaomeng. Her social circle was simple and he had never heard of her other friends.

"Oh, I see. Which friend? So sudden." Gu Shaoting pretended to ask casually. "It's an old friend I haven't seen in a long time. Okay, I have to go now. I'll have to trouble you tonight. I'll pick her up after dinner. Are you still staying at Shuimu Qinghua?" Shu Pan didn't want to say more. After all, these weren't important things and had nothing to do with him. He wouldn't know her friend even if she told him..

Chapter 295: Deep Father-Daughter Bond

"Yes, I'm still staying at our old home. We'll wait for you at home tonight. Take care of yourself. If you can't get a ride, call me and we'll pick you up." Gu Shaoting nagged like an old man.

"Alright, thanks." Shu Pan hung up after she said that.

Gu Shaoting looked at his phone after he was hung up on and smiled bitterly. The tables had really turned. As the CEO of a large corporation, when had he ever been hung up on? But he couldn't get angry. Besides, it also seemed pointless to get angry.

He arrived at the kindergarten and picked up his little princess.

"Sweetie, Uncle Gu is taking you home today. Your mommy has something to do. She'll pick you up later, okay?" Gu Shaoting squatted down and said to Joy.

"Mommy doesn't want me anymore?" Joy's eyes turned red, like she was about to cry.

"No, Mommy is just busy with something." Gu Shaoting coaxed her with heartache as he helped her wipe her tears in a flustered manner.

"Joy, you haven't been to Uncle Gu's house, right? Uncle Gu's house is huge. I even have a turtle. Do you want to go and see?" Gu Shaoting played his trump card.

"Really? Is it a big turtle?" Joy's attention was suddenly diverted.

"Yes, let's go. Uncle will take you for some dinner before we go home." Gu Shaoting was relieved to finally see Joy smile.

"Okay, Uncle. It would be great if you were my father." Joy said happily.

Gu Shaoting froze when he heard that. It turned out that the girl wanted badly for him to be her father. He had half a mind to tell his baby that he was her father.

However, he couldn't do that now as this thing required Shu Pan's approval. He planned to tell Shu Pan the truth soon and then acknowledge Joy.

“Joy, you can treat Uncle as your father. Tell me, what would you like to eat? Anything you want, Uncle will satisfy you.” Gu Shaoting promised Joy since Shu

Pan wasn’t around.

Everything would usually be restricted when Shu Pan was around.

“Really? Yay!” Joy was so happy that she wanted to stomp her feet. “I want to eat French fries and play with Barbie dolls.”

“That’s junk food, yeah? Your Mommy doesn’t usually let you eat it.” Although Gu Shaoting wanted to spoil Joy, he still wouldn’t let her eat things that were bad for her health. It was a matter of principle.

“Uncle, just a little bit, okay? My kindergarten friends have all tasted it. I’m the only who hasn’t.” Joy said pitifully, making it hard for people to reject her.

Gu Shaoting gave in. He couldn’t bear to see her eager little eyes, but he also had a condition. “You must have some rice and vegetables first before we get you a small order of French fries, okay?”

“Okay, whatever you say, Uncle.” Joy looked like a penguin as she nodded and walked at the same time.

Gu Shaoting carried her into the car and then took her to dinner.

It was true that this mother and daughter were Gu Shaoting’s focus now. Even deals worth hundreds of millions of yuan weren’t as important as them.

Joy chattered as they drove and told him everything that happened in school today. She seemed to have forgotten completely that her mother didn’t have time to go home with her today.

Gu Shaoting listened to her carefully, adding a warm sentence every now and then.

Gu Shaoting was very happy. Joy was his daughter. He would dote on her and watch over her like a gardener tending to a delicate blossom.

She would take on his surname because she was his blood.

When they arrived at the restaurant, Joy also held Gu Shaoting's hand tightly, worried that she would get lost in the crowd.

Gu Shaoting picked her up and carried her proudly..

Chapter 296: In Times Past

While Gu Shaoting and Joy were happily having dinner together, Shu Pan felt like a cat on a hot tin roof.

After she hung up on Gu Shaoting, Su Yuan was there to pick her up.

Just like before, he greeted her with a smile.

Shu Pan couldn't help but sigh in her heart. God had been really kind to Su Yuan. Time had left no traces on his face. He had instead become more charming with age.

A man like him would always turn people's heads when he walked on the street.

"Pan, what would you like to eat?" Su Yuan asked as he drove.

"You decide." Shu Pan's hand was white from gripping her backpack so tightly. She was still nervous when facing him.

For some reason, she felt a sense of oppression.

“Pan, I remember that when we were in university, you loved to get snacks with Xiaomeng outside the back gate of our school. Do you still like that place?” Su Yuan found random subjects to engage Shu Pan in conversation so it didn’t feel awkward in the car.

“I went there once with Xiaomeng but that place is closed now. It’s been so long after all. Many things have changed.” Xiaomeng tried to hint at something.

But Su Yuan just smiled. “That’s true. Places may change but people may not.”

Su Yuan stopped his car at the entrance of a high-end restaurant. He was directed to the VIP parking lot probably because he was driving a very nice car.

Shu Pan didn’t recognize the logo on Su Yuan’s car because she had never seen it before, but she knew that it was a luxury car.

As it was a luxury car, the interior was very comfortable and passersby who saw his car earlier stopped to stare and talked about it afterward.

Shu Pan walked behind Su Yuan, and a waiter led them into a private room.

Su Yuan was probably a regular customer here and a VIP because shortly after they sat down, the restaurant manager came by to welcome them personally.

He even introduced the menu to them.

Su Yuan quickly ordered a few dishes. He knew that Shu Pan ate light, so the dishes he ordered were all Shu Pan’s favorites.

While waiting for their food, Su Yuan asked with a smile, "Do you like this place? You can come here often with your friends. I own this restaurant."

Shu Pan was stunned when she heard this. Su Yuan had indeed changed over the few years. He was even more outstanding than before.

Shu Pan thought to herself that she would never patronize such a high-end restaurant.

Su Yuan seemed to have read her mind. He laughed, and his laughter sounded like the lower register of the piano.

"Just use my name when you come here. I'll give you a VIP card later."

"No need, no need. I seldom eat out." Shu Pan waved her hand and declined his offer.

"It's okay. Just come over when you feel like eating out. Don't feel obliged. Putting aside our other relationships, we're still schoolmates." Shu Pan felt that she would never win against Su Yuan. He always had all kinds of reasons to make people accept his ideas.

After their dishes were served, Su Yuan picked up a lot of food for Shu Pan, making her stop him repeatedly.

"Pan, you must have had a hard time these years." Su Yuan lamented, more out of self-blame.

Because he was also in hot water back then.

He wanted a divorce, but his wife, Zhou Jie, refused.

Later, she even told him that she had gone to see Shu Pan, which made Su Yuan furious.

As he was still a married man, he tried to cut down contact with Shu Pan so he wouldn't cause her unnecessary trouble.

His marriage with Zhou Jie had, in fact, existed in name only for a long time. Even if there was no Shu Pan, they would have divorced because during their six years of marriage, they both knew that they were only in it for their own benefits..

Chapter 297: Reminiscing About The Past

Even so, Zhou Jie refused to let him go. She kicked up a big fuss at his workplace and even used her influential family to pressure him into quitting his job as a general manager and then leaving the country.

Su Yuan and Zhou Jie tussled back and forth like that for three years before she was willing to sign the divorce papers and release him.

He later met the benefactor of his life who helped him become the person he was today. He used his surname to name his Corporation because he wanted to tell the world that it was his kingdom and he would not be controlled by others.

The memory of it all was too painful to recall.

"The hardest part is over now." Shu Pan said lightly.

Su Yuan looked at the current Shu Pan. She was dressed professionally and elegantly. Her hair was neatly tied into a topknot, revealing her delicate and fair face. The calmness in her face showed that she had transformed from the timid girl from before into a sophisticated woman.

Shu Pan also secretly sized up Su Yuan. He was more mature and handsome compared to four years ago. He was wealthy now and possessed an aura that was different from before. The Su Yuan before her and the one in her memory were two completely different persons.

Su Yuan nodded. It was true, the hardest part was over. Things could only get better.

Su Yuan also told Shu Pan about his experiences over the years.

“Pan, I owe you an apology. I only found out later that Zhou Jie went to see you.

Sorry to have caused you the suffering.” Su Yuan’s sudden apology stunned Shu Pan a little as the incident happened a long time ago and she had already forgotten about it.

“It’s okay. She misunderstood at that time. She only did it because she cared about you. You don’t need to apologize.” Shu Pan was very angry back then, but on hindsight, she understood. Women got nervous easily because they loved a man too much and thought that everyone woman around him was a love rival.

“It was a selfish move on her part. She thinks that all men must listen to her and we are just tools for her to show off.” Su Yuan only felt that he was alive and breathing in fresh air after they divorced.

Because Zhou Jie was very possessive. He did everything she asked back then because he needed her help to go abroad. But Zhou Jie became even more possessive.

When they were living abroad, she found trouble with every girl who got close to Su Yuan and ended up isolating herself.

She often took him out to show him off to her friends, telling them how handsome and outstanding he was, treating him like a puppet.

The only belief he had then was Shu Pan. He had long regretted his actions, but he wanted success so much that he could only endure it.

When he met Shu Pan again, they were both no longer single.

They finally met again today after four years, and they were both single now. Without the shackles of marriage, Su Yuan felt that his sincerity must have touched the heavens, which was why he got another chance.

He wouldn't miss this chance now. With a successful career now, he no longer had the ambition to conquer anything. He was already standing at the top of the pyramid.

Shu Pan did not know what to say to comfort Su Yuan. After all, this was his private matter.

"Look forward. Everything will be fine in the future." Shu Pan said a feel-good sentence self-deprecatingly.

Even she found the sentence funny, but it was one that she often used to console herself.

"Yes, Pan. We're still friends, right?" Su Yuan looked at Shu Pan and asked tentatively.

"Yes, we are." Shu Pan nodded. After all, he had helped her before. She would never bite the hand that fed her..

Chapter 298: A Pink Princess-themed Bedroom

Shu Pan and Su Yuan chatted for a while more after they finished their meal before they went home.

Su Yuan really gave her a VIP card for the restaurant before they left. Shu Pan accepted it, but she figured that she would never get another chance to eat here.

Su Yuan then offered to send her home, but she firmly declined his offer. She didn't want Su Yuan to know where she lived. Besides, she had to pick Joy up from Shuimu Qinghua and she didn't want to explain that to him.

Joy was a really good girl. Shu Pan had raised her well. When they had dinner, she ate by herself. It was a habit she had cultivated since she was little. She held her spoon with her chubby little hand and ate with relish without being urged.

She ate very delicately without making a big fuss like other children.

Gu Shaoting watched her with a complicated expression. He felt guilty deep down for failing the mother and daughter.

The little girl sat obediently beside him. He reached out and stroked her little head lovingly, his eyes filled with fatherly love.

When he brought her home, Joy held the new Barbie doll she just got and pulled him by the hand to find the turtle.

The turtle was crawling around happily in the water in a small glass tank in the dining room.

"Wow, Uncle, you really have a turtle at home. It's so cute. I love your house." Joy's childish words amused Gu Shaoting thoroughly.

"Come, sweetie. There's an even bigger surprise coming up. Are you ready?" Gu Shaoting smiled mysteriously and then looked at Joy.

"What surprise?" Joy asked in confusion.

Gu Shaoting took her hand and brought her in front of a door.

"Close your eyes first." Gu Shaoting feigned mystery.

Joy nodded and closed her eyes cooperatively. Gu Shaoting quietly opened the door. "Okay, you can open your eyes now." Joy opened her eyes cooperatively. "Wow... Wow..."

Joy couldn't believe her eyes, because everything in this room was the dream of every little girl.

It was a pink princess-themed bedroom. The bed was pink. It was covered in a Peppa Pig bedsheet and surrounded by soft toys.

There was a Snow White carpet on the wooden floor.

Joy was so stunned that she didn't know how to react.

"Uncle, is this for me?" Joy danced happily.

"Of course, it's for Little Princess Joy." When he learned about Joy's existence, he decorated this bedroom but he wasn't sure if Joy would ever stay in it.

He just wanted to think of Joy when he saw the bedroom.

It seemed now that he did the right thing. The happy look on Joy's face...

"Uncle, I want to sleep in my princess room tonight." Joy walked gingerly into the bedroom.

Gu Shaoting was secretly delighted.

"Sure, but I wonder if your mommy will let you..." Gu Shaoting pretended to look troubled.

"I'll ask Mommy to stay and sleep in the princess room with me." Joy was really smart, as expected of his daughter.

She was such a Daddy's girl.

Joy had a change of clothes in her backpack and Shu Pan's clothes were still in the closet of the guest room. It was no problem for them to stay overnight.

Gu Shaoting suddenly thought of another important question.

As he helped Joy line up her soft toys, he asked in a natural tone, "Joy, are there many uncles around your mommy?"

The little girl blinked and immediately realized that Gu Shaoting had another question behind his question.. She giggled and asked, "Uncle Gu, are you asking me if there are other uncles pursuing Mommy?"

Chapter 299: Treat This Place As Her Home?

Gu Shaoting smiled weakly. Were all the kids nowadays so smart? She even knew the word "pursuing".

He was a bit shocked. He had really underestimated the little girl's intelligence. "Do you know what 'pursuing' means?"

"I do! I saw it on TV. It says that when a person likes another person, he will pursue her. Uncle, are you pursuing Mommy?" Joy asked.

"Yeah, are there any other uncles?" Gu Shaoting had no choice but to ask again. He felt that it was very shameless of him to ask a child about this. He almost despised himself now.

"Yes, Uncle Wen. He likes me and Mommy very much. There are other uncles too, but Mommy doesn't like them." Joy said with certainty.

Them? That meant that there was more than one other man pursuing Shu Pan. Gu Shaoting's face darkened slightly. Sure enough, he had many competitors.

Joy had no idea the kind of impact her answer would have on her mother.

“Are you sure your mommy doesn’t like them?” Gu Shaoting tried to find out more from Joy.

“Just like how she treats you, Uncle Gu.” Joy even cited him as an example.

However, her answer almost made Gu Shaoting vomit blood. Did she like him or not?

Just like how she treated him?

Joy tilted her head and thought for a bit before she continued, “Uncle, you can ask Mommy when she comes back. She knows better.” After all, she was too young, and she couldn’t explain clearly.

Gu Shaoting stopped his line of questioning and played with Joy.

It was almost 8 p.m. when the doorbell rang.

Gu Shaoting knew that it was Shu Pan.

He opened the door and watched Shu Pan walk in with a tired face. She didn’t smell of alcohol.

That meant that she didn’t drink. She went out with a female friend?

“Where’s Joy?” Shu Pan asked as soon as she walked in.

“She’s playing in her princess room.” Gu Shaoting replied.

“What princess room?” Gu Shaoting led Shu Pan into Joy’s room.

Shu Pan was stunned. It turned out that he had converted one of the guest rooms into a child's bedroom. He had also put in a lot of effort to decorate it according to Joy's preferences.

No wonder Joy was so happy that she forgot about her own home.

The room was brightly lit. When Shu Pan walked in, a small figure rushed over and hugged her at the waist. The little girl called out sweetly, "Mommy, Mommy, you're back. I missed you so much."

Shu Pan squatted down and hugged Joy and kissed her little face. The intimate interaction between the mother and daughter was seen clearly by the elegant and cold figure nearby.

Gu Shaoting watched Shu Pan with a complicated gaze. There was a trace of incomprehensible thoughts in his eyes.

"You said you missed Mommy but why do you only know now that I'm here?" Shu Pan was a little disappointed. Her daughter used to kick up a big fuss whenever she missed her. But now?

She forgot about her mother when playing with Gu Shaoting. Shu Pan didn't know if it was a good thing or not.

It was a good thing that her daughter was independent, but they used to depend on each other. She was the one who was disappointed now.

Fledglings do eventually leave the nest.

"Mommy, look, this is the princess room that Uncle Gu created for me. I want to sleep here tonight." Joy wrapped her arms around her mother's neck and said coquettishly.

"What? This is Uncle Guts home. We're going back to our own home to sleep." Shu Pan was stunned. She didn't expect Joy to think such thoughts and started regretting her dinner catch-up tonight.

“Uncle Gu said that Joy can treat this place as her home.” Shu Pan felt as if a flock of cartoon crows were cawing as they flew over her head; cold sweat

broke out on her forehead..

Chapter 300: Mommy’s Angry

Children were naive. They would take all adult pleasantries seriously.

Shu Pan looked at Gu Shaoting reproachfully. What nonsense did he tell Joy?

Gu Shaoting waved his hand and shrugged, like he was innocent.

“Mommy, Uncle Gu brought me out for dinner and French fries...” Joy covered her mouth and widened her eyes as soon as she said that. Oops. Uncle Gu said that eating French fries was their secret that couldn’t be told to her mommy.

Oh no, she had leaked the secret.

Gu Shaoting didn’t know if he should be angry or laugh at the little girl’s reaction.

“Joy Shu, did you ignore Mommy’s words? Didn’t Mommy say that you are prone to internal heat therefore shouldn’t eat French fries?” Shu Pan unconsciously raised her voice.

“Sorry, Mommy, I won’t do it again.” Joy apologized quickly.

Gu Shaoting felt that Shu Pan was making a mountain out of a molehill. It was just a few fries. What was the big deal?

"Mommy, don't be angry. Come, let me show you the new Barbie doll that Uncle Gu bought..." Joy said excitedly.

She didn't expect her mother's face to turn dark. She stopped talking immediately and muttered innocently, "Uncle Gu bought it. Mommy, don't be angry."

"Mommy isn't angry, but Joy, we already have a lot of toys. We can't buy any more. It's a waste of money. It's very hard for adults to earn money." Shu Pan reasoned calmly with Joy.

"Mommy, I understand. I won't ask for more toys." Joy said obediently.

Gu Shaoting had a look of disapproval on his face. Why should his daughter suffer? He would satisfy her every wish. She was his little princess.

Gu Shaoting was about to speak when Shu Pan stopped him. "I have something to tell you later."

"Joy, you play here. I have something to say to Uncle." Shu Pan settled Joy down in the room before she closed the door and went to the living room with Gu Shaoting.

This house still looked the same. Shu Pan sighed again. She didn't expect her daughter to come here.

Gu Shaoting sat on the single-seater sofa and Shu Pan sat across from him.

"You can't spoil a child too much. You can't just buy her whatever she wants. What if she wants a plane?"

"If she wants a plane, I'll buy one for her. It's not that difficult." Gu Shaoting raised his eyebrows. It was not difficult to buy a plane. He had his own private jet.

"It's your business that you are rich, but please don't spoil my daughter." Shu Pan was furious. She felt like she was talking to a brick wall. This man's words could anger people to death.

"I also treat Joy as my daughter. I will not harm her. I just doted on her a little. Girls should be pampered because if she has everything she wants now, she won't be cheated by others in future because she wanted something from them." Gu Shaoting said eloquently.

"Why can't I dote on her?" Gu Shaoting argued.

"Our educational philosophy must be the same, or all my years of teaching will be in vain. If you continue to be so reckless, I won't let you get close to Joy." Shu

Pan threatened.

This time, Gu Shaoting kept quiet.

He bit his sexy thin lips and said pitifully, "Panpan, don't be so cruel to me." "YOU are already a negative influence on JOY. she even asks you to do things for her behind my back now." Shu Pan got angry just thinking about it. Having money encouraged ostentatious behavior. She didn't want Joy to grow up thinking that money could solve all problems..