

As Agreed 321

Chapter 321: Rejected

After dinner, it was everyone's free time, and the intention was for everyone to relax. So, there was no need to be too serious.

Shu Pan had made plans to go to the hot springs with Tang Wei for relaxation. However, when she was about to find Tang Wei, Secretary Zhang approached.

"Madam, Mr. Gu is looking for you," Secretary Zhang said respectfully.

It had been a long time since anyone addressed her like that. Shu Pan was taken aback.

"Secretary Zhang, please call me Shu Pan. I am no longer Madam Gu," Shu Pan corrected him.

However, Secretary Zhang thought to himself, wouldn't she eventually be Madam Gu again? What difference did it make?

He had confidence in his boss; anything he aimed to achieve would succeed.

"Mr. Gu is looking for you," Secretary Zhang repeated. "Is there something important?" Shu Pan frowned. With so many people around, was he going to create some ambiguity for everyone?

"He didn't say anything specific. I can only trouble you to make this trip," Secretary Zhang conveyed the order, and Shu Pan didn't want to make it difficult for her.

So, Shu Pan followed Secretary Zhang.

Gu Shaoting lived in his exclusive villa. Shu Pan followed Secretary Zhang for a while before seeing a two-story French-style villa.

Opening the villa's door, a large lawn could be seen. Further inside, there were pavilions, rockeries, flowers...

Once again, Shu Pan's gaze was captivated by the scenery before her. She truly didn't understand the world of wealthy people.

Inside the villa, the decoration was very stylish, and clearly tailored to Gu Shaoting's preferences.

"Here you are, have a seat," Gu Shaoting said calmly when he saw Shu Pan.

"What's the urgency?" Shu Pan asked.

"Nothing, this villa has many rooms. You can sleep here; no need to share a

room with colleagues," Gu Shaoting said. He sat on the sofa, crossing his long legs casually.

"No need, I came here to have fun. If there's nothing important, I'll go join my colleagues at the hot springs," Shu Pan said casually. She was here for the lively atmosphere.

"Hot springs? If you like, you can soak right here. There's a large pool behind the house; you can soak freely," Gu Shaoting suggested. The idea of everyone soaking together made him a bit uncomfortable.

"No need, I'm leaving," Shu Pan replied dismissively.

Gu Shaoting asked with good intentions, but Shu Pan didn't appreciate it.

He felt a bit unhappy but couldn't do anything to her.

Soon, he heard movement by the front door, thinking it was Shu Pan coming back. He eagerly looked over, but it wasn't Shu Pan; it was a seductively dressed woman, wearing a nearly transparent white strap dress under the lights.

Gu Shaoting's forehead furrowed. He could almost kill a mosquito with his furrow.

"Did you come to the wrong place?" Gu Shaoting's voice was as cold as if he were in an icehouse.

The woman who entered was MO Lan. Hearing Gu Shaoting's words, she felt a bit nervous but, for the future, she bravely said in a sweet voice, "CEO, I'm an employee of Sunrise. My name is MO Lan."

"What do you want?" Gu Shaoting found it increasingly strange. Coming to his room dressed like this in the middle of the night- it was evident what she was thinking.

"There's nothing special. I originally wanted to find Shu Pan. When I saw her heading this way, I thought something might be going on, so I followed her," MO Lan explained cunningly, mentioning Shu Pan to see if Gu Shaoting had any interest in her.

Gu Shaoting was momentarily stunned, "Who is Shu Pan?"

Chapter 322: Daydream

Gu Shaoting had to say this; if Shu Pan found out that a colleague had seen her coming here, he guessed she would once again be unwelcome. Yet, he was also annoyed, particularly repulsed by the woman before him.

He had seen through her tricks too many times.

“So, CEO, you and Shu Pan aren’t familiar?” MO Lan pretended to be surprised, but in her heart, she scorned Shu Pan.

“Whether we are familiar or not has nothing to do with you,” Gu Shaoting didn’t even glance at MO Lan and coldly uttered a single word, “Leave.” MO Lan was scared pale by the sudden coldness. “I’m sorry, CEO, I disturbed you.”

As she bowed in apology, a hint of cleavage showed, but Gu Shaoting didn’t spare a glance.

MO Lan guessed his mood might be bad; perhaps Shu Pan had upset the CEO just now?

MO Lan’s hatred for Shu Pan deepened.

Seeing Gu Shaoting’s icy demeanor, she didn’t dare linger. Biting her lip, she stamped her foot and left in frustration.

Meanwhile, Shu Pan was happily soaking in the hot springs with Tang Wei.

No wonder wealthy people loved to go on vacation. Shu Pan leaned back in the hot pool, half-closing her eyes, instantly feeling relaxed.

Tang Wei looked at Shu Pan in her swimsuit, her fair skin radiating a rosy glow, seemingly flawless.

“That’s unexpected; you’ve got quite the figure, Shu Pan,” Tang Wei envied. “With your looks, are you telling me there’s no one pursuing you? Are all those guys blind?”

Shu Pan, blushing, quickly covered herself with a towel. “What are you talking about?”

“You saying someone like you has no admirers, nobody would believe it. Are all those men blind?” Tang Wei said indignantly. Shu Pan just smiled; even if someone was interested, she would need to consider it carefully.

Two days passed quickly. Since she had to pick up Joy, Shu Pan found an excuse not to leave with everyone else.

AS they knew her family was here, they understood it she wanted to visit. In the afternoon, Shu Pan returned home. Her dad and Auntie Lu were both there, and due to the rushed visit the other day, they hadn't properly greeted each other.

"Dad, Auntie Lu, how are you both feeling?" Shu Pan asked with concern.

"Very well, don't worry," Shu Laide looked at Shu Pan, relieved that her life was getting better, and he could finally let go of his worries.

"Dad, Auntie Lu, how about you both come back to Bin City with us? It's a big city, and life is more convenient," Shu Pan brought up the topic once again.

"We won't go. We're old, and we like the tranquility here. There's nothing wrong with it, and the air is fresh," Shu Laide was quite satisfied with their current life.

"Panpan, Joy has been talking about Uncle Gu. Who is he?" Auntie Lu suddenly interjected.

Shu Pan was momentarily stunned. She hadn't realized Joy's feelings for Gu Shaoting were so deep.

"Uh... He's just a friend," Shu Pan answered vaguely.

"Surnamed Gu?" Shu Laide snorted, showing obvious displeasure toward that surname.

"He cares so much about Joy; it proves he likes you. Pay attention, Panpan," Auntie Lu's eyes lit up. It was great; she had a suitor now.

This matter had always been a big deal for the two of them.

Shu Pan felt a headache coming on. She had to change the subject, “Where’s Joy? Why haven’t I seen her?”

“She’s playing with the neighbor’s kids,” Auntie Lu pointed towards the house.

“Panpan, you’re not young anymore. You should consider your marriage more. Don’t be too picky,” Auntie Lu said with emphasis.

“I know, Auntie Lu. Please don’t worry about it,” Shu Pan reassured quickly..

Chapter 323: I Want to Pursue You

Because Gu Shaoting had to leave early for something, Shu Pan, accompanied by Joy, took the last bus back to Bin City.

The next day, after dropping Joy off at school, Shu Pan returned to the company.

As soon as she arrived, everyone delved into their work.

Due to the recent signing of a contract with Su Corporation, there were many details that needed mutual discussion.

As Shu Pan was primarily responsible for this project, she took charge of the coordination.

Before long, Shu Pan, Tang Wei, and another colleague arrived at Su Corporation.

The colleague who was negotiating with them welcomed them, and both sides quickly reached an agreement on the details.

Just as Shu Pan and her colleagues were about to leave, the CEO's secretary came over, saying that Mr. Su had some project-related issues to discuss with Shu Pan.

"Is there anything specific?" Shu Pan couldn't think of any unresolved issues.

"Miss Shu, please come this way." The CEO's secretary gestured for her to follow.

"Alright, let's go." Shu Pan followed behind.

Entering the CEO's office, the secretary gently closed the door and left.

In the spacious office, only Su Yuan and Shu Pan remained.

The office was black and white, very modern. At this moment, Su Yuan was sitting at the desk, looking at the computer screen, his narrow eyes reflecting a wise light.

"Mr. Su, hello," Shu Pan greeted first. At this moment, she felt a bit constrained and more uneasy, worried that something might have changed.

"Pan, you're here." Su Yuan stood up as soon as he saw Shu Pan and then led her to sit on the office sofa.

"Mr. Su, may I ask what's the matter?" Shu Pan sat down cautiously and asked.

"Pan, it's just us here. You can call me Su Yuan." Su Yuan spoke gently. He looked at Shu Pan with eyes as soft as water.

"Pan, do you know? Your company and another company are equally strong, and the proposals are similar. I chose your company only because of you," Su Yuan said straightforwardly, not concealing anything.

Shu Pan didn't understand the meaning behind Su Yuan's words. She preferred a clear distinction between public and private matters.

"Mr. Su, thank you for your affirmation of our company. We will do our best and won't let you down," Shu Pan spoke in an official tone.

"Pan, actually, you know the meaning behind my words. I am a free man now, and I want to pursue you again." Su Yuan looked steadily at Shu Pan, hoping to discern something from her expression.

Shu Pan's face instantly turned a bit red. She never expected Su Yuan to be so direct.

But she still spoke up, "Mr. Su, don't waste time on me. We are not possible."

"Pan, pursuing you is my business, but whether to accept it is your business. I hope you give me a chance. It was my fault before, give me a chance to make up for it," Su Yuan's tone was firm.

But Shu Pan felt that he would come to terms with it after hitting a wall, as she had long stopped considering being with him.

Shu Pan never expected to encounter romantic interest at this point in her life.

After her divorce, she had blamed herself, feeling that life was bleak. Joy was the one who reignited her hope for life.

But now, she had finally endured that unforgettable period and was embarking on a journey towards happiness.

She wasn't ready for it now.

"Su Yuan, you don't owe me anything. Everyone has their own choices, and back then, you chose the path that suited you. Your success today proves that your original choice was not wrong."

Shu Pan emphasized this for the last time..

Chapter 324: Song Can 's Anger

After hearing Shu Pan's words, Su Yuan felt even more self-reproach.

"What's the point of my success if I don't have my beloved to share it with?" Su Yuan realized this a bit too late.

Seeing that Su Yuan didn't say anything more, Shu Pan intended to leave.

"Mr. Su, if there are any project-related issues, you can contact me again." Shu Pan's implication was clear – don't approach her for personal matters next time.

After saying that, Shu Pan picked up her bag and left.

Su Yuan had nothing else to do and could only watch Shu Pan's departing

figure in a daze.

How could he win Shu Pan's heart? Su Yuan really had no idea.

Similarly lost in his thoughts, Gu Shaoting was now like a tangled mess of threads.

Currently, he was on his way back to the Gu Family's mansion.

Because of an urgent call from his mother, Song Can, demanding that he must return immediately.

She insisted on discussing it face to face despite his attempts to handle it over the phone.

When Gu Shaoting returned to the Gu Family's mansion, Song Can, adorned in branded attire, was sitting upright on the living room sofa. Her expression was stern.

Seeing Gu Shaoting return, she gestured for him to sit down before addressing him directly.

"Shaoting, have you already recovered your memory?" Song Can's words startled Gu Shaoting. Besides He Ming, he hadn't informed anyone else.

"How did you know?" Gu Shaoting asked.

"Because I saw you reverting to the way you were before losing your memory, obeying Shu Pan and her daughter's every command," Song Can said angrily.

Even after Shu Pan gave birth to a child, Song Can still couldn't warm up to her.

"Mom, that's my daughter, your granddaughter," Gu Shaoting emphasized.

"Mom won't stop you from acknowledging Joy; she's a child of the Gu family and should be recognized as such. But I won't accept Shu Pan," Song Can declared.

Song Can and her friends had just returned from a trip abroad. Initially unaware, her friends informed her about the news of her son and granddaughter in the newspapers. They even speculated if the woman in the side profile was her future daughter-in-law.

She was furious at the time because she recognized Shu Pan from that side profile. She suspected that Shu Pan had entangled Gu Shaoting again due to Joy, prompting her to call Gu Shaoting back to clarify.

“Mom, I’ve chosen Shu Pan as my wife.” Gu Shaoting also expressed his stance.

“Shaoting, you’re really bewitched. Why do you have to choose Shu Pan when there are so many women available? What’s so good about her?” Song Can was truly enraged.

“Mom, some people are irreplaceable. I’ve decided on Shu Pan, and I hope you understand her more,” Gu Shaoting stood firm, trying both a tough and gentle approach.

“Tong Fei is so good, so outstanding. Why don’t you like her? I’ll say it again, I acknowledge Joy, but I can’t accept Shu Pan.” Song Can made her stance clear.

Song Can couldn’t understand what kind of spell Shu Pan had cast on Gu Shaoting to make him like this. She initially believed he didn’t like Shu Pan, and later, she thought he hadn’t overcome the shadow of the divorce.

Now it seemed he had always liked Shu Pan. Otherwise, why would he be so persistent?

In the past, he would never have contradicted her, but now, he was standing his ground.

It was okay, she would talk to Shu Pan.

If Shu Pan wanted to be with Gu Shaoting, she wouldn’t let it happen.

After all, it was hard-won for her to get a divorce, and she would never agree to them divorcing again. She would wait and see.

“Mom, I hope this time you let me make my own decisions. If you have time, go play with friends.” After saying this, Gu Shaoting stood up and walked out of the house.

“Shaoting, stop.” Song Can called out loudly, but Gu Shaoting didn’t stop..

Chapter 325: A Warning

Song Can watched Gu Shaoting's firm footsteps as he left, showing no hesitation or doubt. This infuriated her to the point where her face turned red and white in patches.

Good! Very good!

Indeed, he had grown up. He was a full-fledged man now.

Her child was no longer under the control of her. Song Can's inner anger was truly beyond words!

Song Can sat back on the sofa, her chest still heaving with anger.

Her opposition to Shu Pan stemmed from the belief that Shu Pan couldn't help Gu Shaoting and was too inexperienced.

Once Shaoting married her, Song Can felt like she was looked down upon by her friends and couldn't hold her head high.

Finally, after their divorce and Shaoting's engagement to Tong Fei, Song Can had some confidence.

She wouldn't agree to Shaoting being with Shu Pan again.

The more Song Can thought about it, the more she felt the need to confront Shu Pan and give her a warning.

And so she did.

The next day, Song Can went to Shu Pan's company to confront her. She had thought about calling first, but she was afraid Shu Pan would refuse to talk.

So, she went straight to the point, and of course, she knew Shu Pan's company inside out.

When she learned that Shu Pan was at Sunrise, she couldn't help but chuckle to herself.

Who would believe She Pan had no ambition?

If she had such backbone, why was she still at her ex-husband's company?

The more Song Can thought about it, the more infuriated she became.

As the workday neared its end, she was already waiting at the entrance of Shu Pan's company, watching as people left one by one.

She stretched her neck, worried about missing Shu Pan, looking left and right.

Just as she was about to lose hope, Shu Pan finally came out of the company.

"Shu Pan, please wait." Song Can called out to Shu Pan, who was about to cross the road.

Shu Pan was momentarily surprised when she heard the voice, unable to understand the current situation. She thought she and Song Can had nothing to do with each other anymore. Why would Song Can come looking for her?

Turning around, Shu Pan faced Song Can.

Although she remained composed and indifferent, her hand tightly gripped the strap of her bag, and her knuckles turned white.

"Ms. Song, what do you want from me?" Shu Pan spoke calmly but with a touch of coldness.

"Shu Pan, I'd like to have a chat with you." Song Can didn't beat around the bush and directly stated her purpose.

"I don't think we have anything to talk about. If there's something, just say it." Shu Pan spoke quickly and directly.

"Are you sure you want everyone to know about your past?" Seeing that Shu Pan was unmoved, Song Can resorted to threats.

"You... Fine, speak. Where do you want to go?" Shu Pan truly despised Song Can's attitude.

A few years ago, the scene of their conversation played vividly in her mind. Song Can, a person like her, always felt superior, thinking that everyone would fawn over her.

She never knew that Shu Pan regarded them as tigers and avoided them as much as possible.

"Let's go to the coffee shop ahead." Song Can arrogantly pointed in that direction.

"Fine." Shu Pan turned and walked towards the coffee shop.

During this time, Gu Shaoting had called. Shu Pan only asked him to help take care of Joy.

Shu Pan's indifferent tone left Gu Shaoting stunned for a moment. She seemed unhappy, creating a sense of distance.

This was Gu Shaoting's first impression, but he didn't press on.

At the restaurant, they found a window seat and sat down.

Song Can remained the same, with a high and mighty demeanor, as if she were scrutinizing everyone.

“Ms. Song, what do you want to say? Please speak.” Shu Pan sat across from her, neither humble nor arrogant, as she had now calmed down.

One could only solve a problem by facing it first.

“Shu Pan, I hope you won’t entangle yourself with Shaoting anymore.” Song Can wasted no time and directly stated her purpose..

Chapter 326: Who Wouldn ‘t Let Go?

Entanglement? Shu Pan thought she must have misheard; otherwise, how could there be such a ridiculous term?

“Madam Song, are you sure you’re not joking?” Shu Pan smiled slightly, a hint of sarcasm in her expression.

“Shu Pan, I know exactly what kind of person you are. Don’t think Shaoting is interested in you. In reality, it’s because of Joy.” Song Can said triumphantly.

“I never thought he liked me. In fact, he has caused me trouble.” Shu Pan’s heart tightened at Song Can’s words, but she quickly recovered and counterattacked.

“Don’t you know? Shaoting has recovered his memory. He knows that Joy is his daughter, which is why he treats you both so well.” Song Can’s words shocked Shu Pan, and instantly, she felt the world turning upside down.

How could he deceive her? Knowing that she felt guilty because of his injury, why hide it from her?

“Ms. Song, actually, telling me all this is meaningless. Your son is an adult now, and he has his own mind. Do you think he came because I called him?” Shu Pan felt that Song Can was even more unreasonable than four years ago.

“Shu Pan, don’t think Shaoting’s affection for you gives you the right to be arrogant. I won’t let you have your way.” Song Can said harshly.

Shu Pan gave a cold smile. She made it sound like she had never been polite to her.

“Up to you, but let me advise you. I’m not the Shu Pan from four years ago. Please take care of your son, and let’s see how things unfold.” Shu Pan was not about to be bullied by Song Can.

“Y... you... Shu Pan, it seems I’ve underestimated you.” Seeing Shu Pan’s arrogant appearance, Song Can thought she was even more unrestrained, likely because she had Gu Shaoting backing her.

“Madam Song, my time is precious. I won’t accompany you any longer.” With that, Shu Pan stood up, picked up her bag, and walked away without looking back.

Leaving Song Can sitting alone at the table, she angrily crumpled the tissue in her hand and slammed it onto the table.

Back at home, Shu Pan still felt a lingering frustration from Song Can’s words.

Gu Shaoting hadn’t brought Joy back yet, probably taking her out somewhere.

While Shu Pan was hesitating whether to call them, Gu Shaoting returned with Joy.

Watching him busily attend to Joy, Shu Pan unexpectedly felt a sense of indescribable melancholy.

Truth be told, whether he hid the fact of recovering his memory or not, his feelings for Joy were genuine.

But he still didn't know her well. She couldn't stand deception, whether well-intentioned or not.

When he looked at her, apparently noticing her troubled expression, she asked,

"Don't you have anything to tell me?"

"Nothing happened. Why do you ask?" Gu Shaoting was puzzled, not understanding what she meant.

"You've recovered your memory, so why didn't you tell me?" Shu Pan tried to keep her voice low, not wanting anyone to detect the abnormality in her tone.

"How did you know?..." Gu Shaoting suddenly realized it must be the work of her mother.

"Then it's true. Gu Shaoting, you jerk! Do you find it amusing to tease me like a monkey?" Shu Pan suddenly spoke loudly to Gu Shaoting, her voice involuntarily carrying a hint of a sob..

Chapter 327: You B*stard

Gu Shaoting became nervous when he saw Shu Pan so agitated. He had thought that by not telling her about his memory recovery, he could at least evoke a sense of guilt, allowing him to approach them naturally. Now, seeing Shu Pan so concerned, he realized he had made her worry.

"Panpan, I'm sorry," Gu Shaoting quickly apologized.

"You b*stard! Are you feeling proud seeing me guilty and worried?" Shu Pan was truly infuriated.

“Go back. Don’t come over for a while,” Shu Pan issued the order; she didn’t want to see him for the time being.

Gu Shaoting looked at Shu Pan’s expression, knowing she was angry, so he acquiesced and went back home.

These days, Shu Pan felt a bit listless after the outing, feeling a bit tired.

Due to her prominent role in Su Corporation’s project and the special care she received from the CEO during the trip, she had become the center of attention.

However, some people saw her as a thorn in their side, wishing to expel her from the company. One such person was MO Lan.

During the outing, the simple act of Gu Shaoting peeling shrimp for Shu Pan, a gentlemanly gesture, turned distasteful in MO Lan’s eyes.

From that moment, she held a grudge against Shu Pan.

Until she approached the CEO, suffered humiliation, and failed to seduce him, her frustration grew.

After all the effort she put into dressing up, instead of gaining Gu Shaoting’s attention, she watched Shu Pan reap the benefits.

MO Lan dared to claim the title of the second most beautiful in the business department, as no one dared to claim the first.

But Shu Pan always seemed to have the upper hand.

Busy with work upon returning, MO Lan couldn’t find an opportunity to provoke Shu Pan.

Now, seeing Shu Pan had some free time, she approached her.

“Shu Pan, or should we call you Sister Shu? Could you teach us how to attract the CEO’s attention when you have time? Do you have a crush on the CEO?” MO Lan couldn’t help but taunt Shu Pan, recalling the humiliation she endured.

Shu Pan gave MO Lan a cold glance before speaking, “Don’t assume everyone is like you. What you’ve done, you know it well.”

MO Lan, relying on her looks, usually felt superior, and now that the CEO treated her with disdain, she vented her resentment on Shu Pan.

Seeing no one around, MO Lan spoke crudely, “Some people never change; they can’t go a day without trying to hook up with a man. It’s like they’re uncomfortable unless they’re seducing someone in public.”

Shu Pan usually ignored MO Lan’s gossip because she genuinely looked down on such a person. Besides a bit of charm, she couldn’t figure out what else to say about her.

But she wasn’t someone to be bullied.

Stepping forward, Shu Pan approached MO Lan.

MO Lan was suddenly intimidated by the cold aura emanating from Shu Pan and timidly took two steps back. “What do you want?”

Shu Pan stopped and said sternly, “Stop causing trouble all the time. Look at yourself, behaving like a mad dog, biting people all day.”

MO Lan sneered, “Even if I am, at least I’m not like you, openly seducing the

CEO in public. Everyone can see it.”

Shu Pan was driven mad. Why did everyone think she was trying to seduce Gu Shaoting?

Song Can thought so, and now MO Lan as well.

Shu Pan laughed coldly, "I heard your boyfriend dumped you just last month..

Now you're eyeing the CEO again? Who is truly shameless here?"

Chapter 328: Who's Sacred?

Upon hearing Shu Pan's words, MO Lan felt like she had stepped on a sore spot. She angrily retorted, "What's it to you?"

"So why should it matter to you what kind of person I am? MO Lan, you're not the only one who resorts to personal attacks. Don't use someone's kindness as an excuse for your bullying," Shu Pan responded.

MO Lan arrogantly stated, "Humph! You have the nerve to say that? What about that night at the CEO's villa? Don't think people didn't see."

MO Lan believed she had found a handle on Shu Pan.

Shu Pan was indifferent because she had only been inside for a short time. If anyone had seen, they would know nothing had happened.

"Did you see it? What were you doing there? Looking for the CEO?" Shu Pan casually remarked.

MO Lan was suddenly left speechless.

She tried to say something, but even if she did, it would be feeble. She noticed people around them casting curious glances.

No wonder Tang Wei could compete with her for so long, this person's character seemed twisted.

MO Lan left in frustration, but she vowed not to let Shu Pan have it too easy.

Shu Pan returned to her seat and daydreamed for a while. She had blocked Gu Shaoting, so he couldn't call her. She had also informed the teacher that only she could pick up Joy.

For a while, Gu Shaoting couldn't enjoy the pleasure of seeing them.

After waiting for a day, he reached his limit.

Early in the morning, he found an excuse to appear at Sunrise with Secretary Zhang.

Shu Pan didn't notice, as she was busy.

"Miss Shu, the CEO wants to talk to you about some issues with Su Corporation's project." It wasn't until Secretary Zhang stood beside her and reminded her that she knew.

What kind of trouble was he causing now?

Reluctantly, Shu Pan followed Secretary Zhang to the office.

"Panpan, let me explain," Gu Shaoting said as the secretary closed the door, locking eyes with her.

Shu Pan wasn't in the mood to listen to his explanations. She discounted everything he said.

She gritted her teeth and said, "There's nothing to explain. It's better if we go our separate ways."

"Panpan, calm down and listen to me, okay?" Gu Shaoting said calmly.

"I didn't intend to hide anything from you. Whether I remembered my past or not, I would still treat you and Joy well. You can pretend this never happened."

"Gu Shaoting, are you trying to be good to Joy, make her like you, and then compete with me for her custody?" Shu Pan couldn't think of any other reason, so she assumed this.

"Panpan, you could be a scriptwriter. The plot you've come up with is so thrilling," Gu Shaoting felt defeated by this woman; his good intentions were misunderstood.

"Or maybe you can guide me and help me compete with you for Joy's custody," Gu Shaoting continued self-mockingly.

Shu Pan, filled with anger, glared at him fiercely.

This man was shameless. She decided to keep Joy away from him.

"My mom's words, don't believe them. Although I promised her, I absolutely have no intention of taking Joy away from you," Gu Shaoting squinted his eyes, staring intently at her.

He knew his mom's words were harsh, but she was still an elder, and he couldn't respond in kind. All he could do was comfort Shu Pan.

Shu Pan, with anger in her eyes, looked at him and said, "You and your mom are in cahoots, colluding together. Making promises to your mom while acting in front of me.. And you expect me to believe you?"

Chapter 329: Tong Fei Arrives

Upon hearing her words, Gu Shaoting's face flushed with embarrassment. He urgently said, "If you don't believe me, I can call my lawyer and make a legal statement."

"I know you have a powerful legal team. What's the harm? As long as you stay away from Joy and me, I'll be satisfied." At this moment, Shu Pan was filled with wariness and caution towards Gu Shaoting.

Gu Shaoting was on the verge of going crazy. How could this woman not believe him?

"Panpan, please trust me. I will prove it to you." Gu Shaoting adopted his usual authoritative tone.

Shu Pan coldly snorted, her furrowed brows expressing that she would only listen to his words for now.

Disappointment filled Gu Shaoting's eyes as he watched Shu Pan leave.

After Shu Pan's departure, Gu Shaoting looked out the window, pondered for a moment, then picked up his phone and walked out of the office with determined strides.

Gu Shaoting, with his extraordinary looks and tall stature, sitting in a top-notch luxury car, was indeed eye-catching wherever he went. No doubt, this man exuded an air of nobility and distinction.

Gu Shaoting drove towards the Gu Family's mansion.

Currently, only Song Can was living at the Gu Family's mansion. Grandpa Gu stayed at Gu Shaoting's second uncle's house.

Gu Shaoting would visit his grandfather whenever he had time. However, due to his divorce from Shu Pan, Grandpa Gu wasn't very fond of him.

In recent years, his behavior had disappointed Grandpa even more. Gu Shaoting hadn't told his grandfather about his feelings for Shu Pan, fearing it would only make Grandpa even more heartbroken.

Returning to the Gu Family's mansion, Gu Shaoting unexpectedly heard voices inside the house.

He wondered, "Who could it be?"

Speculating, he opened the door and came in.

To his surprise, the one talking with Song Can inside was Tong Fei, who hadn't appeared in a long time.

Gu Shaoting's brows furrowed even more at the sight.

"Shaoting, you're back?" Tong Fei, who noticed Gu Shaoting entering, stood up with a pleasantly surprised expression, greeting him.

Since she was a guest and had come to see his mom, not him, Gu Shaoting only nodded lightly.

Song Can, on the side, saw this and disapproved.

"Shaoting, didn't you see Tong Fei? Why didn't you greet her?" Song Can felt that Gu Shaoting had changed a lot.

"Mom, I came back to talk to you about something." Gu Shaoting didn't care about the presence of an outsider. He was here to state his position.

"What's the matter?" Song Can casually asked, wondering why he had to come back for something so important.

"Mom, I hope you won't secretly look for Shu Pan in the future." Gu Shaoting's tone was a bit stern.

Song Can, hearing this, immediately stood up, her face changing. ‘What? Did she complain to you? Say that I bullied her?’

Song Can hadn’t expected that Gu Shaoting came back today because of this.

“Heh, do you still consider me your mom?” Song Can continued to ask, her tone aggressive.

“Mom, she didn’t say anything, but if you have any issues, ask me and discuss with me, okay?” Faced with Song Can’s accusations, Gu Shaoting remained as calm as ever.

“I won’t accept her, but Joy is my granddaughter, and I must acknowledge her. She carries the Gu surname.” Song Can refused to compromise.

Principles would not change.

This was Song Can’s stance.

“Auntie, don’t be angry. Let’s talk things out calmly, don’t harm your health.” Tong Fei, on the side, softly persuaded.

Hearing the conversation between the two, she understood what was going on.

Sure enough, Shu Pan was the source of trouble. No one hated Shu Pan more than her..

Chapter 330: Teach Her a Lesson

Because of Shu Pan, she became the laughingstock of the whole city.

Even though the official statement was released, the audience's judgment was crystal clear. That statement didn't stand up to scrutiny.

Anyone with a brain knew it wasn't true.

She was just deceiving herself.

She couldn't openly oppose Gu Shaoting's intentions, so everything had to be compliant with him.

Her entertainment career was also affected. After all, she was no longer the fiancée of the Gu Group's CEO, and many people didn't show her any respect.

"Feifei, Auntie is really unlucky to have such a son, truly heart-wrenching." Following Tong Fei's words, Song Can found a way to gracefully step down.

"Auntie, Shaoting has his own plans. Don't get too worked up." Tong Fei appeared very docile.

Song Can really felt that Gu Shaoting was under some kind of spell.

He rejected such a valuable pearl only to pick a shell?

Women like Shu Pan were abundant on the streets.

Gu Shaoting watched Song Can crying and making a scene, feeling a headache coming on.

Looking at the two of them with such understanding, Gu Shaoting felt increasingly irritated.

"Mom, if nothing else. I'll go handle some matters." Gu Shaoting, having said what needed to be said, didn't linger and left.

Song Can, upset, didn't respond to him.

After he left, Song Can trembled with anger. "Look, raising a heartless son."

Tong Fei patted her back and consoled her, "Auntie, don't be angry. I guess

Shaoting is just momentarily confused."

"Not just confused, he's completely bewitched. I really don't know what kind of spell Shu Pan cast on him." Song Can regarded Shu Pan as her calamity.

"Auntie, do you want to teach her a lesson?" Tong Fei looked at Song Can and cautiously asked.

Her eyes showed a bit of excitement, yet she didn't want Song Can to notice, so she restrained herself.

"Teach her a lesson? Isn't that a bit much?" Song Can frowned.

Although she disliked Shu Pan, she hadn't thought about how to deal with her. After all, it was a society governed by law.

"Auntie, a person like her won't be afraid without a bit of a scare." Tong Fei encouraged.

Tong Fei had long been unable to swallow this indignation. Seeing Song Can's current state, she felt a bit eager.

Using someone else's sword was a good strategy.

Even if it was discovered later, it wouldn't be her concern.

Even if discovered, if Song Can was the mastermind, could Gu Shaoting watch Song Can suffer the consequences?

Tong Fei's plan sounded appealing to her, and she increasingly felt that it was a good idea. This way, she could vent her frustrations.

"How should we teach her?" Song Can still felt it wasn't quite right.

"Just give her a little scare.

"Oh, do you know someone? It won't involve any personal danger, right?" Song Can remained a bit uneasy, afraid of the situation escalating.

While she could throw a tantrum with a few words, when it came to doing something, she was timid and indecisive.

"I have some friends who can just go scare her a bit." Tong Fei was starting to find Song Can annoying, someone who talked big but hesitated when it came to taking action.

She could chatter away during normal times, but when it came to doing something, she was hesitant and vacillating.

"Alright then, give her a little lesson. But be careful not to cause any trouble." After careful consideration, Song Can finally agreed.

Tong Fei's face brightened, but she restrained her emotions, not letting them show.

Then she put on an expression as if to say, "Auntie, I'm doing this for your own good."

Song Can finally breathed a sigh of relief, feeling strangely better..