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Chapter 381 - 381: No One Can Bully You

Secretary Zhang's clear tone made Shu Pan blush.

There were already very few people on this floor. Now that it was lunchtime, it seemed even more empty.

"Mr. Gu is inside. You can go in." Secretary Zhang stood at the office door and said.

"Thank you." Shu Pan nodded.

Before she went in, she knocked on the door again and only went in when she heard the word "come in."

Shu Pan rarely had the chance to enter the CEO's office. She looked around and was envious of such a big office for one person.

The view was open. Although she was now with Gu Shaoting, she still felt nervous when she thought of the two of them together.

When she entered, Gu Shaoting was on the phone. He asked her to take a seat first. Gu Shaoting used professional terms in his call, and Shu Pan was confused.

She sat on the sofa and couldn't help but take a closer look at the office's simple and clean design.

Gu Shaoting liked this kind of style. He never looked at those complicated and colourful things.

After a few minutes, Gu Shaoting ended the call. He looked at Shu Pan and waved at her. "Come here for a moment."

Shu Pan walked towards him, confused.

Gu Shaoting pulled Shu Pan forward and she fell onto his lap. Shu Pan couldn't help but exclaim in shock.

"Put me down quickly." Shu Pan wanted to get off his lap hurriedly.

"I missed you so much." Gu Shaoting whispered into her ear.

Shu Pan's face and ears suddenly turned red. "Let me get up first. We're in the office now." Shu Pan said nervously. This person didn't know how to assess the location and situation.

"Why does it matter? Without my permission, no one will come in." Gu Shaoting hugged her and was in a good mood.

"Don't mess around." Shu Pan had no choice but to put on a stern face.

"All right, my queen. You must be hungry. Let's eat first." Gu Shaoting took her hand to the sofa.

Looking at the lunchboxes on the table, Shu Pan was a little stunned. How many people did Secretary Zhang think were eating?

"I asked Secretary Zhang to order your favourite dishes. Try how they taste." Gu Shaoting opened the bag.

"Why did you call me up?" Shu Pan ignored his question and could not help but ask another question.

"Why didn't you tell me that someone in the company was slandering you behind your back?" Gu Shaoting sounded a little angry. How dare someone bully his woman in his office?

Shu Pan raised her eyebrows slightly, "How did you know?"

Who told him that? Could it be that he still had spies in the company? Then didn't he know everything about her day in the office?

"It doesn't matter who told me, no one can bully you." Gu Shaoting said firmly.

"It's nothing. It's just some rumours. It'll be fine in two days." Shu Pan didn't mind. It wasn't her first time being the female lead of a scandal anyway.

But Gu Shaoting's caring attitude still warmed her heart.

"But it's obviously slander. I was the one who pursued you. Why did you become the one who was advancing on me?" Shu Pan felt that Gu Shaoting was being silly. What did it matter who was advancing on whom? They were together now.

What Shu Pan didn't like was that others were talking about her behind her back. She didn't steal or rob, and she walked with her head up and did the right thing.

"In the future, tell me if you feel wronged. The company can't tolerate such a petty person who likes to stir up scandals. I hope there won't be a next time. Otherwise, I won't be so easy to talk to." Gu Shaoting stated his stance.

His tone was very strong, but when it reached Shu Pan's ears, it made her heart feel sweet. She said in a voice that only she could hear, "Okay.."

Chapter 382: Ye Xiaomeng's Troubles

Shu Pan could feel Gu Shaoting's intentions.

During lunch, calls kept coming in for Gu Shaoting.

Shu Pan looked at him. He was born to be a king. It was as if he could solve any difficult problem.

As she thought about it, Shu Pan's eyes fell on Gu Shaoting's face, unable to move away.

He looked mature and reserved, and his noble and elegant temperament could not be concealed. His good-looking face was even more attractive. No wonder every time he came to the company, he would cause a sensation.

Shu Pan was so engrossed in her thoughts that she didn't notice Gu Shaoting's gentle gaze on her.

She shook her head, frowned, and pouted. Her expression was very diverse,

and it was obvious that she was completely immersed in her own world.

Gu Shaoting couldn't help but wonder what her inner world was like.

Perhaps Gu Shaoting's gaze was too passionate, Shu Pan finally came back to her senses.

"What's wrong? Are you full just by looking at me?" Gu Shaoting teased.

"I'm full." Shu Pan saw that Gu Shaoting had also put down his chopsticks, so she started packing.

"I have a lounge here. Go in and lie down for a while." Gu Shaoting suggested considerately.

"No, I'm going down. It's almost time to go to work." Shu Pan did not dare to stay any longer.

"Shall we go back together tonight?" Gu Shaoting asked again.

"I'm sorry, I have a date with Xiaomeng tonight. She seems to be a little down recently, so I want to talk to her. You can go and pick Joy up after work." Shu

Pan arranged.

Gu Shaoting looked at Shu Pan like a resentful woman.

"All right then." What else could he say?

Shu Pan opened the office door and looked around. When there was no one around, she quickly entered the elevator and returned to the office.

The person in the dark was really patient. She looked at the video she had taken and smiled knowingly.

This time, there was evidence. She couldn't quibble anymore.

Not long after Shu Pan returned to the office, everyone returned one after another.

Shu Pan heaved a sigh of relief and pretended to be busy.

After work, she took a taxi to the place where she had agreed to meet Xiaomeng.

Xiao Meng was already sitting by the French window, looking a little lonely and not as cheerful as before.

When she saw Shu Pan, she forced a smile.

"Girl, have a seat. I've already ordered." Because both of them knew what they liked to eat, Xiaomeng ordered together.

“Xiaomeng, what happened?” Ever since she got together with He Ming, she hadn’t had such an expression on her face.

“Girl, do you think I’m cursed? Why is happiness always so far away from me?” Xiao Meng said dejectedly.

“Xiaomeng, did He Ming bully you?” Shu Pan was confused. She didn’t understand what was going on.

“It wasn’t He Ming. I don’t know who did a thorough investigation of my past and sent it to He Ming’s Mom. Do you think the old lady can accept having such a daughter-in-law?” Ye Xiaomeng only found out about it the day before yesterday.

He Ming had been hiding it from her, but when he was showering that day,

Mother He had called to nag at him. Worried that it was an emergency, Ye Xiaomeng answered the call. Before she could say anything, Mother He had already repeated the whole story.

At that time, Ye Xiaomeng was stunned. She didn’t expect her healed wound to be stabbed again.

She had already forgotten about this matter, but now, it was once again open in front of her.

Ye Xiaomeng’s heart was in knots.. She thought that things would go well with

He Ming, but now that such a thing had been made known to everyone, could

there really be happiness?

Chapter 383: Be Stronger

“How can there be such a person? Did you offend anyone?” Shu Pan asked. They were really in the same boat.

Ye Xiaomeng thought for a moment and then shook her head. She couldn’t think of anyone who would treat her like this.

The only person who had a conflict with her recently was Hu Shanshan. Could it be her?

However, looking at her young age, she wouldn’t have come up with such a vicious idea.

“Could it be her?” Ye Xiaomeng seemed to be talking to herself.

“Who? Who do you think did this?” Shu Pan asked. With someone to start with, it would be more convenient to check. It wouldn’t be like finding a needle in a haystack.

“Hu Shanshan, the girl you met at DV last time. She’s the daughter of Mother He’s friend. She seems to be interested in He Ming.” The more Ye Xiaomeng thought about it, the more suspicious she felt.

“Jealousy can drive people crazy.” Shu Pan felt the same way because Tong Fei had done many irrational things because of jealousy towards her.

“I’ll get He Ming to investigate, but what’s done is done. Even if we find out who it is, it won’t help.” Ye Xiaomeng’s mood was at its lowest.

Mother He probably had a problem with her now. After all, she had a disgraceful past.

Ye Xiaomeng suddenly covered her face with her hands.

“Xiaomeng, be strong. He Ming already knew what you were like, but he’s still with you. This proves that he loves you. Why do you care so much about what others think of you?” Shu Pan comforted him. The most important thing was He Ming’s attitude.

However, Shu Pan knew He Ming was a responsible person, so she was not concerned.

“Girl, don’t worry, I will slowly adjust.” Ye Xiaomeng didn’t want her friend to worry.

The two of them went home after dinner.

After Joy finished her meal, Gu Shaoting played with her for a while and then bathed her. Gu Shaoting was carrying Joy out of the bathroom when Shu Pan returned home. The white bath towel wrapped Joy into a ball, revealing her small round face, which made people want to kiss it.

Shu Pan walked over and took over Gu Shaoting’s work. She helped Joy put on her pyjamas and dried her hair.

Just as she was about to coax her to sleep, Joy suddenly asked Gu Shaoting to tell her a bedtime story.

Helplessly, Shu Pan could only give way. Gu Shaoting took out a bedtime storybook about the three little pigs and read it to her. Shu Pan also listened to it for a while.

Gu Shaoting’s voice was low, deep, and magnetic, even better than the voice of a broadcaster.

Shu Pan was a little mesmerized by his voice. Worried that she would be coaxed to sleep by this charming voice, she quietly got up and walked to the living room.

Ten minutes later, Gu Shaoting coaxed Joy to sleep. When he came out of the living room, he saw Shu Pan sitting on the sofa, looking outside the balcony. His eyes softened a little, and he walked over gently.

Shu Pan’s heart tightened. Seeing him sit beside her, she subconsciously felt a little nervous.

"Is Xiaomeng alright?" Gu Shaoting asked. At the same time, he held one of Shu Pan's hands and gently kneaded it.

"She was a little down. After all, anyone who encounters such a thing will be unhappy." Shu Pan sighed. What a twist. Why can't things calm down just for a

while?

"He Ming will take care of it, don't worry." Gu Shaoting comforted her.

"It's very late. Go to bed early." After Shu Pan finished speaking, she was about to go back to her room.

However, before she could pull her hand out, her body was pressed onto the sofa by the man.

Shu Pan wanted to cry out in surprise, but Gu Shaoting's storm-like, domineering and forceful kiss suddenly swept towards her.

Gu Shaoting had wanted to do it in the office today, but he knew that Shu Pan would definitely be shy. He was worried that she would be angry, so he held back. But now, he didn't want to hold back anymore..

Chapter 384: Taking a Cold Shower

The strong masculine scent surrounded Shu Pan, causing her mind to go blank.

Gu Shaoting was hugging her so tightly she couldn't move. Even if she gritted her teeth, he could still pry her mouth open and give her a French kiss.

The fierce and intense kiss made Shu Pan unable to resist at all. She couldn't dodge or break free.

She was like a trapped animal, helplessly imprisoned by the man in front of her.

Shu Pan's body went limp, and she fell into Gu Shaoting's arms. She was so tensed that the invisible thread in her heart was about to break at any moment.

On her lips, it was still the man's lingering kiss, but it was not as intense as before. Now, it was gentle, and his heavy breathing scattered on her lips.

He gently sucked on her lips, then reluctantly let go of her. He raised his head slightly and looked at her.

After a while, Shu Pan's chest heaved up and down, and her breathing quickened. She took a deep breath and breathed in some air. Her long eyelashes fluttered, and when she saw the desire in the man's eyes, she sucked in a cold breath.

The living room instantly became quiet, so quiet that Shu Pan could clearly hear Gu Shaoting's rapid heartbeat.

Shu Pan thought of something and moved. She looked up at him and saw that the fire in his eyes was burning even brighter, as if it could burn her.

"Shaoting..." She didn't know where she got the courage from, but she reached out her slender hand to caress his perfect, handsome face.

"Don't move." Gu Shaoting grabbed her hand and spoke in a hoarse voice.

The woman had no idea how charming she was now.

She didn't know how much willpower he used to restrain himself.

"I'm going to sleep." Gu Shaoting suddenly put down Shu Pan's hand and strode into the bedroom.

Shu Pan looked at his leaving back and muttered to herself, " Weirdo."

She had wronged Gu Shaoting. He went to the bathroom, turned on the cold water tap, and stood under the shower head to take a cold shower.

Although Bin City was located in the south and wasn't as cold as the north, it was late autumn. It took a lot of courage to take a cold shower on such a night.

Gu Shaoting was drenched in cold water, but the image of Shu Pan's shy and lovely face kept appearing in his mind. As he thought about it, he felt that the water wasn't cold enough and wished he could soak in the ice cellar.

There was a better solution, which was to go back to his room and let Shu Pan help him put out his internal fire. However, he didn't want to do that for fear of scaring her.

Now, she was the person in his heart, and he respected everything about her. Unless she was willing, he was not willing to force her.

After washing up in the bathroom for a long time, Gu Shaoting felt that the heat in his body had almost subsided before he came out.

He put on a silk nightgown and walked to the balcony. He took out a cigarette, lit it, and took a few deep puffs.

Gu Shaoting couldn't understand. He had always had good self-control over such things, so why does he keep losing control in front of Shu Pan?

Gu Shaoting smoked one cigarette, then took another one out of the cigarette box until it was empty.

After staying on the balcony for a while, Gu Shaoting went back to the bathroom and brushed his teeth until the smell of cigarettes disappeared.

Shu Pan returned to her room and fell asleep very quickly because she was a little tired.

Before Gu Shaoting went to bed, he went to Shu Pan's room. Shu Pan was sleeping soundly; her breathing was even, and her beautiful face was slightly flushed, looking innocent and warm.

Gu Shaoting looked at her lovingly. He wanted to lie down next to her for a

while, but then he thought about it and decided not to. When faced with Shu Pan, his self-control was weak. He was worried that he would have to take another cold shower later..

Chapter 385: Fever

That night, Gu Shaoting didn't sleep at all, but Shu Pan slept soundly and had a wonderful dream.

It was another beautiful morning. Shu Pan got up to prepare breakfast.

When she opened the door, she saw that Gu Shaoting's bedroom door was still open, and so was Joy's.

Shu Pan took a look. Joy wasn't in the room. Could she be in Gu Shaoting's room?

She looked at the door and saw Joy lying on the side of Gu Shaoting's bed, and Gu Shaoting didn't get up on time like usual.

Joy looked at Gu Shaoting with her eyes wide open.

“Joy, it’s time to brush your teeth and wash your face. Why are you still here?” Shu Pan said to Joy.

“Why isn’t Uncle Gu up yet? I want him to send me to school.” After saying that, Joy climbed onto the bed.

After a while, Joy said in surprise, “Uncle Gu, why is your body so hot?”

Shu Pan’s heart skipped a beat. Gu Shaoting suddenly opened his dark eyes and looked at her, but there was no emotion in his eyes.

She hurriedly went up and touched his forehead. It was shockingly hot. Shocked, she said to him, “You’re probably having a fever. Wait a moment, I’ll go get the thermometer.”

Shu Pan quickly went to get an electronic thermometer that Joy usually uses. After a while, the thermometer gave an alarm. It was 39.5 degrees.

“You have a high fever.” Shu Pan was shocked. How could a healthy and strong person suddenly have a fever?

Only God knew that Gu Shaoting had taken a cold shower yesterday and even stood on the balcony for a while, letting the wind blow on him. No matter how strong his body was, it couldn’t withstand the torment.

It was late autumn now, the season where it was easy to catch a cold.

“Mommy, what should we do? Uncle has a fever. Does he need an injection?” Joy asked worriedly.

“Call the driver to send you two off.” Gu Shaoting spoke with shortness of breath. The fever made him look weak.

“What about you? I’ll take you to the hospital for a check.” Shu Pan frowned. He had always been afraid of seeing a doctor.

"I'll just rest at home." Gu Shaoting turned his back on her after he finished speaking.

Shu Pan's expression turned even more worried. Was this person's brain fried? He still didn't want to go to the hospital with such a high fever.

Suddenly, Shu Pan thought of something. She ran out and brought him a glass of warm water and two fever pills.

"Shaoting, get up and take your medicine." Shu Pan said nicely.

"I don't want to eat." The man refused without thinking.

"Don't be like a child. Hurry up and eat." When Gu Shaoting threw a tantrum, he was worse than Joy.

"Uncle, are you afraid of taking medicine too? If you don't take the medicine, you won't get better. You have to be good. Just pinch your nose and eat it. It won't be bitter." Joy said seriously like a little adult. She even crawled beside him and persuaded him.

Gu Shaoting had no choice but to compromise after being bombarded by the mother and daughter.

He slowly sat up and took the medicine from Shu Pan. He took a sip of water and swallowed the medicine.

"Driver uncle will send you to school today. Be good." "Okay, Mommy, you stay at home and take care of Uncle Gu." "I..." Shu Pan was wondering if she should take a leave of absence.

"You guys go and get busy. I can take care of myself. I don't need anyone to accompany me." Gu Shaoting glanced at Shu Pan, not wanting to put her in a difficult position.

"If the fever doesn't go down after taking the medicine, I'll accompany you to the hospital later." Shu Pan saw that he had taken the medicine and let him lie on the bed, sweating.

Then, she called to apply for leave. She was really worried to leave a sick Gu Shooting alone at home..

Chapter 386: Keeping Him Company

Shu Pan got Joy ready before the driver arrived. Shu Pan sent Joy to school and then rushed home.

In the bedroom, Gu Shooting's eyes were still half-closed as if he was asleep. Shu Pan walked up to him and touched his forehead. It was still burning hot.

Shu Pan looked at Gu Shooting and frowned. "Are you really not going to the hospital?"

"I don't like hospitals," Gu Shooting said defiantly.

"Who likes hospitals? But you should still go if you are sick. You're not a kid. Why are you still afraid of medicine and needles?" Shu Pan had no choice but to persuade him. She was afraid that if his fever continued, it could lead to brain damage.

Shu Pan saw his reluctance to move, opened his closet, and took out a casual black top and a pair of gray khakis.

She threw the clothes at him and said, "Get up and get dressed."

Gu Shooting stopped dawdling when he saw the annoyance on Shu Pan's face.

He sat up unsteadily and changed.

His footsteps were still unsteady as he walked out of the room. People with a high fever typically felt dizzy.

Shu Pan helped him out and drove Gu Shaoting's car slowly forward.

"Can you drive any slower?" Gu Shaoting wanted to roll his eyes. A bike rider could move faster than them.

At this speed, the cars behind them were tailgating each other.

"Shut up." She wasn't used to driving his powerful car, which would speed forward with a light tap on the accelerator.

That was why Shu Pan was driving so slowly.

After they arrived at the hospital and parked, Shu Pan took him to the fever clinic. She registered for him, paid, and waited with him to get his drip.

Gu Shaoting sat in the infusion area, waiting for the nurse to give him his IV drip.

Because of his good looks, the young nurse's heartbeat accelerated as she approached him.

Shu Pan heaved a sigh of relief when she saw Gu Shaoting willingly accept his IV infusion.

Gu Shaoting closed his eyes, and Shu Pan stared at his IV bag.

"Do you feel better?" Shu Pan asked worriedly.

"Hm." Gu Shaoting responded.

He was really a very good-looking person. His facial features were like carefully crafted pieces of art. Every inch of his face was elegant.

He was slightly pale due to his illness and looked less domineering than usual.

"Go to work." Gu Shaoting caught Shu Pan looking at her watch a few times.

"It's okay. I'll keep you company. I've asked my boss for a personal day." Shu Pan insisted.

While waiting, Shu Pan took her phone out of boredom and saw a text message from Ye Xiaomeng. "Girl, it was really Hu Shanshan."

Although it was a cryptic sentence, Shu Pan knew that her best friend was referring to the vicious attempt to ruin her reputation.

Shu Pan was speechless, but her heart ached for Ye Xiaomeng.

As expected, men were trouble. This matter was caused by He Ming.

"I don't know yet. I'm also very confused. He Ming would be furious if he knew." Ye Xiaomeng didn't know what to do. After all, it wasn't something to be proud of, and she didn't want to publicize the matter.

"The most important thing now is to get Mrs. He's understanding. Old people care a lot about reputation." What Ye Xiaomeng wanted was to do her best to regain Mrs. He's trust.

"Yeah, I'm rooting for you. They're reasonable people. I hope this matter will be over soon." Shu Pan consoled her before hanging up.

One really couldn't judge a book by its cover. How could such a refined girl do something like that?

“What happened?” Gu Shaoting asked when he saw Shu Pan’s indignant face.

“Flirtatious men are the worst. Xiaomeng’s trouble was caused by an admirer of He Ming’s.” Shu Pan sighed..

Chapter 387: Caregiving

Gu Shaoting frowned. He was slightly surprised but it seemed reasonable. Jealousy could make women do crazy things.

“He Ming will take care of it. Don’t worry.” Gu Shaoting comforted her.

The IV drip was finally done and Gu Shaoting’s fever slowly subsided.

After they got home, Shu Pan realized that they needed groceries and went to the market to buy fresh ingredients to cook porridge for the man.

The living room was quiet as Gu Shaoting lay on the sofa with his head on a cushion and his eyes closed.

Shu Pan thought that he was feeling sick again and gently placed her hand on his forehead. She was already very gentle, but she still roused the man.

He opened his bloodshot eyes and looked at her pitifully.

“You’ll be fine.” Her delicate palm was pressed against his forehead. His fever had subsided but he was still unwell and looked very weak.

“What do you want to eat for lunch?” Shu Pan asked. “Anything.” The man gave a one-word answer.

“Shall I cook porridge?”

“Sure.”

“Then rest for a while. I’ll wake you when I’m done.” Shu Pan went into the kitchen after saying that.

Gu Shooting closed his eyes again. He really needed to catch up on sleep. Because of his illness and the medicine he had taken, he felt drowsy.

Shu Pan was busy in the kitchen. She tried her best to work quietly so as not to disturb him.

After more than an hour, she made a pot of plain porridge and three light dishes. She saw that Gu Shooting was still sleeping and contemplated if she should wake him.

She walked up to him and bent over to check on him. He was usually a majestic person, but he looked like a child when asleep.

This man was really handsome. His facial features were well-defined, and the contours of his face smooth.

Shu Pan took advantage of his sleep and looked at him without restraint. Suddenly, the man opened his dark and bright eyes and stared at her.

Shu Pan was startled because she was not mentally prepared.

The man knew that Shu Pan was sizing him up and asked smugly, “Am I handsome or what?”

His narcissistic behavior was really annoying. It seemed that he got his strength back after a nap.

Shu Pan's face was pink. "Lunch is ready."

Shu Pan was about to walk away when the man stretched out his long arm and pulled her hard. Shu Pan lost her balance and fell into his arms.

Shu Pan struggled to get up, but the man hugged her even tighter.

"Stop fooling around. Hurry up and eat. The food is getting cold." Shu Pan said helplessly.

"No." The man said like a child. Although he was sick, there was still a huge difference in strength between men and women. No matter how Shu Pan struggled, she could not break free.

In the end, Shu Pan was a little out of breath. She gently punched his chest. "What do you want?"

The man smiled and said matter-of-factly, "Nothing. I just wanted to hug you."

Shu Pan glared at him and saw that his arm was exposed. She put her hand on his arm and threatened, "If you don't let go, I'm going to pinch you."

Because of her close proximity, Gu Shaoting's breathing got a little erratic. He also felt a certain part of his body swell.

Gu Shaoting knew how difficult it was to get rid of his desire. It was the most uncomfortable thing for a man, so he didn't dare to continue.

He let go of her and held her hand as they walked towards the dining room.

"Let's eat." Gu Shaoting's voice was unusually hoarse.

Gu Shaoting secretly laughed at himself. He had brought this upon himself. He had already tested his reaction to Shu Pan so many times, yet he still challenged his weak self-control.

Shu Pan scooped him a bowl of porridge and the two of them lowered their heads to eat..

Chapter 388 - 388: Silent Treatment

As Gu Shaoting was sick and needed to be taken care of, Shu Pan didn't have time to ask how Xiaomeng was doing.

This was indeed a tricky matter because He Ming had found out that Hu

Shanshan had hired a private detective to find dirt on Xiaomeng to smear her. However, he did not have any concrete evidence, so he couldn't take any action against Hu Shanshan.

However, He Ming would remember her for stirring up this trouble.

He Ming wanted to tear Hu Shanshan apart for causing so much pain and misery to Ye Xiaomeng. How had he offended this difficult woman?

He Ming swore in his heart that when he had the chance, he would make Hu Shanshan regret doing this to Ye Xiaomeng.

It was a Saturday and after some deliberation, He Ming decided to visit his parents again with Xiaomeng.

He wanted to see his mother's attitude after she had some time to calm down.

Ye Xiaomeng was still a little afraid.

When they got there, He Ming's father was out fishing with his friends. Only Mrs. He was at home.

Seeing that they came to visit, Mrs. He didn't welcome them warmly with a smile like before. She was very cold.

Xiaomeng was more sensitive and felt the change in Mrs. He's attitude the moment she walked in, but she still pretended to greet Mrs. He naturally.

Mrs. He only nodded and then went into the kitchen.

Ye Xiaomeng's eyes dimmed. Although she had expected the silent treatment, she still felt terrible when she actually experienced it.

He Ming's heart ached even more when he saw his mother's reaction. He walked closer to Xiaomeng and comforted her. "Don't think too much. Give her time. If she continues to be like this, we'll visit less often."

He Ming was a filial son, but if his mother was really so unenlightened, he could only be like this.

His love for Xiaomeng would never change.

Ye Xiaomeng nodded, touched. What had she done to deserve such a good man?

"I'm fine. I'll go and help Auntie in the kitchen." Xiaomeng squeezed his hand and went into the kitchen.

"Auntie, let me do the cooking. Please have a rest outside." Xiaomeng said when she saw the busy Mrs. He.

"No need." Mrs. He still gave her the cold shoulder.

Xiaomeng felt a little at loss when she heard this.

He Ming saw Xiaomeng's expression and chimed in, "Mom, come have a rest outside. Let Xiaomeng cook and evaluate her skills."

Mrs. He relented when she heard her son say that. At least her son still cared about her. "Both of you go outside. I'm fast."

"Thank you, Auntie." He Ming pulled Ye Xiaomeng into his room.

As soon as the door closed, He Ming hugged her tightly and whispered in her ear, "Mengmeng, I've made you suffer."

Ye Xiaomeng shook her head in his arms. "It's okay. Her reaction is normal." Although she said that, her eyes were filled with sadness.

He Ming bore another grudge against Hu Shanshan. He must teach such a spoiled and selfish child a lesson.

Mrs. He finished cooking and called them out to eat.

When they were eating, He Ming picked up food for his mother and then praised her for her cooking. Although his mother didn't say anything, she felt really happy inside.

Her son hadn't changed. He wouldn't forget his mother after he got a girlfriend.

She felt a little guilty about her behavior. The two of them were so good together, but she tried to break them up.

Ye Xiaomeng saw He Ming fussing over his mother and knew that he was doing it for her in hope that Mrs. He would change her mind.

Mrs. He looked unperturbed, but she was starting to change her mind..

Chapter 389 - 389: Company Dinner

After two days of rest, Gu Shaoting finally recovered.

Shu Pan finally felt relieved.

Their lives returned to normal.

Gu Shaoting sent Joy to school in the morning before he sent Shu Pan to work.

This was their family time, so Gu Shaoting never let the driver fetch them.

Shu Pan had also realized something over the past two days. She was no longer afraid of people finding out about her relationship with Gu Shaoting.

But because this was a private matter, they wanted to keep a low profile. They wouldn't announce it to the world and would just let nature take its course.

So, when Gu Shaoting dropped Shu Pan off at the lobby of her office building, she no longer objected it.

It was one thing to be seen, but life could also be very tiring if one cared too much about what others think of them.

They were dating normally now. There was no need to make it look like a secret affair.

In the beginning, she was afraid that people at work would gossip about them if they found out. But now, even if people at work didn't know, there would still be rumors.

Therefore, Shu Pan accepted it. There was no need to live for others. As soon as Shu Pan stepped into the office, she could feel her colleagues' excitement.

Just as Shu Pan was puzzled, Tang Wei walked up to her and said, "Shu Pan, you're really lucky. Today's your first day back at work after a week of leave and there's a company dinner tonight."

So, this was the reason. Everyone was looking forward to a delicious meal at the company dinner tonight. No wonder everyone was so excited.

"Is there anything worth celebrating lately? Why is there suddenly a company dinner?" Shu Pan asked Tang Wei after she racked her brain for a reason. "It's what the CEO promised when he made his rounds here. Consider it an encouragement and reward for the employees." Tang Wei sounded like senior management.

Ah, that was the reason.

"You know what? I heard that dinner will be held at the Bin City Grand Hotel. That's really high-end, right? I heard that we've booked a multi-function ballroom. It must have cost a bomb." Tang Wei sighed. She had never received such treatment before.

As expected, with money, one had options.

Gu Group had never been ungenerous to its employees, so this was within reason.

However, such a small matter was probably not noteworthy to Gu Shaoting.

Otherwise, he would have mentioned it to her.

"Then you must eat to your heart's content tonight." Shu Pan joked.

"Do you have to poke where it hurts? To hell with dieting." Tang Wei's philosophy about losing weight was to pig out before dieting because how else would she get the energy to lose weight?

Because of the company dinner, everyone was more enthusiastic about work today.

When it was finally knock-off time, everyone rushed to clock out and set off for the Bin City Grand Hotel.

The staff dinner was held on the second floor of the Bin City Grand Hotel, a multi-function ballroom that could accommodate dozens of people.

The room was set up with 5 banquet tables. Dinner would be attended by only employees of Sun Rise. No one from the parent company would be joining them.

The large screen on the wall was playing the current top of the pops. The lively music made people even more excited.

All the employees were smiling.

And why not? Rising Sun was now a subsidiary of Gu Group. With a powerful “godfather” like Gu Group, would Rising Sun even do badly?

Therefore, all the employees were working very hard. After all, they were now effectively working for Gu Group, which was known to be generous to its employees in both salaries and benefits.

Dinner was scheduled for 7 p.m. but people arrived as soon as they got off work at 5:30 p.m. Almost everyone was there now, chatting and drinking happily.

Just having a good time.

By the time Shu Pan arrived, everyone was already seated.

She was late, mainly because of a phone call from Gu Shaoting..

Chapter 390 - 390: A Leaked Video

Gu Shaoting planned to attend Shu Pan's company dinner tonight but after thinking about it, he decided against it. After all, people would not be able to enjoy themselves with the big boss around.

As soon as Shu Pan stepped into the ballroom, Tang Wei shouted, "Shu Pan, over here."

Tang Wei's voice was a little shrill and everyone looked at Shu Pan.

Shu Pan was thin-skinned and blushed immediately.

She had always kept a low profile and did not want to be the center of attention.

Shu Pan finally came to Tang Wei's table.

"You guys have been enjoying yourselves for a while, right?" Shu Pan said with a smile.

"Yeah, I was going to wait for you, but you said you had something to do." Tang

"Sorry, my dear Miss Tang. It was my fault. I'll punish myself with three soft drinks later." Shu Pan pretended to surrender.

"Soft drinks? You think you can get away with that? You must drink alcohol to show your sincerity." Tang Wei said.

Shu Pan smiled and shook her head.

When Shu Pan sat down, she realized that the person sitting next to her was another colleague she had met at the pedestrian street last time.

When she saw Shu Pan sit down, she leaned in and whispered, "I didn't say a word about what happened that day."

Although her colleague said that, Shu Pan knew that she was referring to the incident when she ran into her and Gu Shooting at the pedestrian street.

Actually, Shu Pan had guessed that it was MO Lan who spilled the beans because this colleague of hers was more introverted and didn't talk much. She didn't know why she would go shopping with MO Lan that day. It was quite unbelievable.

Shu Pan smiled lightly and said, "Thank you."

Shu Pan was thanking her for not causing trouble for her.

At this moment, their director walked over with a glass of wine and said, "Since all my colleagues are here, let me make a toast."

"Thank you. Cheers." Everyone raised their glasses and drank.

MO Lan, who was sitting at the next table, saw the commotion and walked over as well. She then said meaningfully, "Everyone is enjoying themselves, especially you, Shu Pan."

Shu Pan didn't understand what she meant. Why especially her?

But MO Lan had always been a petty person. She often spoke insinuatingly and liked to talk behind people's backs.

At this moment, a familiar melody played on the big screen. It was a song sung by a celebrity that everyone was familiar with. Everyone was very excited and even clapped their hands to sing along. The atmosphere was very lively.

“Shu Pan, why don’t you sing something?” Tang Wei said that because everyone at her table arrived early and had taken their turns except Shu Pan.

“Sure.” Shu Pan was suddenly game. It had been too long since she did karaoke. She didn’t have the leisure to do so.

Hence, she decided to do it. Shu Pan took the microphone and sang with the other colleagues. Her voice soft and gentle voice was unique and fascinated everyone. She even swayed left and right to the rhythm.

Very soon, the song was almost over. Shu Pan felt very happy after singing.

She saw that they were about to switch to the next song, so she handed her microphone to another colleague.

At this moment, the large screen on the wall suddenly changed from karaoke to a video.

Everyone gasped. Shu Pan was still confused about the situation.

Then, someone shouted, “Shu Pan, look at the screen.”

Shu Pan slowly turned around and looked at the large screen. She then felt as if a bucket of ice water had been poured over her head. Her entire body froze.

Her heart stopped beating momentarily.

Playing on the big screen was a video of her secretly looking for Gu Shaoting that afternoon when no one was around.

The person in the video was sneaky, as if she was doing something shameful. Shu Pan felt very embarrassed and stood there not knowing what to do..