

As Agreed 391

Chapter 391 - 391: Embarrassment

Shu Pan felt her mind go blank. Someone had secretly recorded this video. It was obviously someone from the company who happened to be in the office at noon.

But who secretly recorded this video?

The video had obviously been edited. It showed Shu Pan going into the CEO's office and staying there for almost an hour having lunch. The date time stamp on the video showed that it was almost the end of lunch break when she left Gu Shaoting's office.

Someone deliberately edited it that way to let everyone know that she had been in the CEO's office for an extended period, engaging in something despicable.

The first suspect that came to Shu Pan's mind was MO Lan.

MO Lan had always been jealous of her and was always looking for trouble with her. It was most likely MO Lan who stalked and secretly recorded this video of her.

Who else could it be other than MO Lan?

Shu Pan seriously thought about every suspicious person in her office while strange gazes directed at her became hard to ignore.

"Shu Pan, are you okay?" Tang Wei, who was beside Shu Pan, nudged her hard and asked worriedly.

Shu Pan clenched her fists. This time, she would not let go of anyone who framed her.

After the video finished playing, the big screen started showing photos of Shu Pan and Gu Shaoting. There were also two photos with Joy in them.

Shu Pan's initial shock and disbelief had turned into anger, and now calmness.

She did not know what she had experienced.

Shu Pan didn't mind people knowing about her relationship with Gu Shaoting, but she minded very much how it was exposed.

Exposing their relationship like that was an insult to her reputation, and she would not let the person off this time.

"I'm fine." Shu Pan said softly.

The big screen continued to show ambiguous photos of Shu Pan with the CEO.

Everyone then made the connection to the CEO's super model ex-fiancée and rumors about his illegitimate daughter. With Shu Pan in the picture, what role could she play other than being the homewrecker?

Dozens of Sun Rise employees looked at Shu Pan. There were all kinds of judgmental stares, discussions, and criticisms...

She had once again become the target and the center of attention.

These people didn't know the actual story and were just watching her embarrassment.

"How shameless. Don't criticize others when you're the same. She clearly knows that the CEO is engaged and yet she did such a thing."

“Although the CEO had already called off his engagement, she might have seduced him before it was called off. Perhaps it was because of her that the CEO called off the engagement with his supermodel fiancée.”

Someone finally broke the silence and spoke up. Then, one after another, discussions began.

Shu Pan didn’t need to turn her head to know that the instigator was MO Lan. Who else would have such a mean voice?

But MO Lan seemed to have forgotten that she was the mistress of a rich man whose wife had come looking for trouble with her at her place of work.

People were like this. They liked to gossip about others, but rarely reflected on themselves.

“You really can’t judge a book by its cover.”

“Yeah, people aren’t always what they seem. She looks like a nice person, but how could she do something like that in private?”

“Exactly. I despise her.”

All kinds of accusations, curses, and mockery could be heard.

The scene was chaotic and seemed out of control.

Shu Pan couldn’t help but laugh at herself. The company dinner seemed to have become an ambush meeting against her. What had she done to deserve this?

She could have laughed off an intimate photo of her with Gu Shaoting. After all, she never intended to hide their relationship for the rest of her life. But being exposed like that had turned her into a pariah despised by everyone..

Chapter 392: Their Relationship Exposed

These people all sat on their moral high horses and criticized Shu Pan without realizing that they were just following someone's lead to hurt her. They had no clue what was happening at all.

"Why would the CEO like a woman like her? She looks okay and has a good figure but no matter how good-looking she is, she can't compare to a supermodel, right? I guess men are just greedy for ty. He's just playing her and may dump her soon."

Somehow, there was a hint of jealousy in their words.

It was exactly why MO Lan was so upset. How was she worse than Shu Pan? Why did the CEO only have eyes for Shu Pan whenever they met?

That was the reason she was jealous. Her external attributes were clearly superior to Shu Pan's but the CEO never looked at her.

Shu Pan heard the crowd's criticisms. Although she felt sad, words couldn't physically harm her.

But she was more concerned about Gu Shaoting's opinion. She wondered what he would think if he saw such a video.

Just as Shu Pan was lost in her thoughts, someone suddenly jeered, "Director Wang, this is someone from your department, right? Do you want to weigh in on this?"

Director Wang stood up as everyone expected and said, "Actually, everyone knows the kind of person Shu Pan is. She does very good work. As for her private life, that's her business. Moreover, this kind of video doesn't prove anything."

Director Wang didn't want to get involved at all. He knew that the CEO and Shu Pan had some kind of relationship. It was obviously something serious when the CEO called in sick on Shu Pan's behalf.

He wasn't sure if they were in a relationship, so he couldn't say anything. However, what he said clearly defended Shu Pan.

As soon as he finished speaking, MO Lan complained, "Director, you're too biased."

Her words were filled with deep resentment. freeweb(n)ovel

Everyone knew that the director had reprimanded MO Lan when her boyfriend's wife came to find trouble with her at the office.

And now, the director just brushed it off when Shu Pan was accused of seducing the CEO.

Wouldn't the staff be lawless in the future? What code of conduct would exist then?

"Your situation is different from Shu Pan's." Director Wang frowned. MO Lan was having an affair with a married man and ruining the company's reputation. Also, was Shu Pan's involvement with the CEO something he could comment on? He wasn't bold enough to do that.

MO Lan was so angry that her face turned red. Ultimately, the director favored Shu Pan over her.

But on second thought, she figured that Shu Pan would probably leave Sunrise after such a fiasco. Everyone at the office would gossip about her after this scandal. Her only way out was to leave.

A male colleague who was once interested in Shu Pan also shook his head in disappointment. It was as if he was lamenting his disappointment at Shu Pan when he worshipped her like a goddess.

Shu Pan stood there quietly with an indifferent expression on her face.

MO Lan, on the other hand, was staring at Shu Pan. Although she was angry at Director Wang's favoritism, she couldn't help but smile when she thought about Shu Pan's fate.

It was as if it was her turn now to watch the spectacle.

Like how the others were watching Shu Pan's show now.

"Shu Pan..." Tang Wei looked at Shu Pan worriedly and gently tugged at her sleeve. "I know it's not true. There must be another explanation." "Thank you for your trust." Shu Pan replied with a helpless smile..

Chapter 393: Slander

But did the truth matter anymore?

Some stories were untrue to begin with, and when people spread them around, they got increasingly ridiculous. Eventually, who could tell if they were true or false?

But Shu Pan had to deal with this head-on eventually. She took a deep breath and gently patted Tang Wei's hand to tell her not to worry. Then, she straightened her back. With her head held high and her chest puffed out, she walked toward the big screen in her high heels.

She had a small smile on her face as she looked around the ballroom.

As she expected, everyone had gloating expressions on their faces as they watched her humiliation.

Their eyes were filled with contempt and disdain, as if she was really the shameless homewrecker.

She steadied herself before she said in a firm tone, "I know very well who was behind this today. I will take legal action against this person for defamation."

“You have the cheek to call this defamation? It’s the truth and we’ve seen the evidence. You still want to quibble?” Someone in the crowd said.

Shu Pan was standing quite far away from the voice, so she couldn’t tell who it was, but she saw MO Lan looking at her with a half-smile.

Shu Pan then replied calmly, “Then let’s wait and see if I win the defamation suit.”

As Shu Pan was looking at MO Lan when she said this, MO Lan finally opened her mouth. “You’re such a shameless b*tch. How dare you say such things?”

Shu Pan already knew that MO Lan was capable of defamation, but she didn’t have any evidence. However, she wasn’t about to take it sitting down.

“I have a clear conscience about the kind of person I am, but everyone here also knows the kind of person you are. Let’s not confuse our characters.”

Shu Pan felt that MO Lan’s personality was really warped to be able to distort the truth like that.

Just as Shu Pan was about to speak again, someone in the crowd suddenly shouted, “A woman like you should resign and leave so you don’t embarrass yourself anymore.”

Everyone treated Shu Pan with so little respect because they felt that even if she was in a relationship with the CEO, she was probably just another plaything that would be tossed when the CEO got bored.

Because if the CEO had admitted that Shu Pan was his girlfriend, she would probably be showing off to everyone and doing whatever she liked. After all, being the CEO’s woman was a privilege; she wouldn’t be sneaking around like this.

Another person then said, “Should we inform the CEO about this? After all, this involves the CEO’s private life too.”

Shu Pan couldn't help but shudder when she heard this. In her mind, she was thinking how Gu Shaoting would react when he found out about this.

At this thought, Shu Pan felt a little resentful towards him. After all, he was the culprit.

If he hadn't called her into his office, would this have happened?

Shu Pan suddenly felt a little wronged, but she still puffed out her chest and said fiercely, "It's fine as long as you can bear the consequences."

She then walked back to her table. When she walked past MO Lan, MO Lan lowered her voice and said proudly, "Shu Pan, I told you that I won't let you have it easy no matter the price."

MO Lan smiled smugly. Her smile hurt Shu Pan deeply. Why must MO Lan mess up her life?

What right did she have?

Shu Pan glared at her, then raised her hand and swung it at MO Lan.

"Slap!"

The slap was very loud, and everyone was stunned. Obviously, no one expected the usually elegant and refined Shu Pan to slap someone.

The ballroom fell silent; no one made a sound..

Chapter 394 - 394: Getting Slapped

MO Lan didn't expect Shu Pan to have the guts to slap her. She was stunned and couldn't believe it.

Even though Shu Pan was a woman, she was very strong when angry. A red handprint appeared on MO Lan's face in an instant. It was obvious how hard Shu Pan had slapped her.

MO Lan covered the side of her face that had been slapped as she scrunched up her face and yelled, "B*tch, how dare you hit me?"

When Shu Pan saw MO Lan scold her, she slapped the other side of her face without thinking.

It was useless to reason with such a person. A physical move worked better sometimes. After all, she had already tried talking.

"You think you can just slap me?"

MO Lan was furious after being slapped twice in a row. She was not someone to be trifled with. She pounced on Shu Pan and grabbed her hair, cursing profusely. Shu Pan felt her scalp go numb as her hair was pulled, but she endured it.

However, Shu Pan was not to be outdone. She also reached out and pulled MO Lan's hair.

Shu Pan didn't expect that she would one day become a shrew and fight someone. Who would do it if they weren't forced into a corner?

Shu Pan saw that MO Lan was wearing taller and thinner heels than her as she swayed left and right in their tussle. Shu Pan took advantage of it and pulled MO Lan to one side. MO Lan's center of gravity was unstable, so she swayed briefly before she fell to the ground with a thud.

The way she fell to the ground was not very elegant. Her hair at the moment was already a mess and looked like a bird's nest. She was wearing a very short skirt, so she had a major wardrobe malfunction when she fell.

Everyone seemed to be stunned; no one came forward to stop the fight. Only Tang Wei was anxious. She wanted to pull them apart, but she couldn't get close.

MO Lan looked miserable. As the hotel ballroom was carpeted, the fall didn't really hurt but the way she fell and landed was really embarrassing.

She stood up with the help of a nearby chair and took off her high heels. "Shu

Pan, are you crazy? You did something wrong, and you are blaming me?"

MO Lan sounded indignant. She wanted to gain everyone's sympathy and make them think that she was an innocent victim. She wanted to cause a public outrage and make others help her deal with Shu Pan.

MO Lan put on a pitiful expression. Shu Pan looked at her and found her extremely fake.

But everyone saw Shu Pan slap MO Lan first, so their eyes were on Shu Pan.

With MO Lan's instigation, everyone joined in the scolding.

"How shameless." "Get lost."

"What a disgrace."

All kinds of insults were hurled at Shu Pan.

Shu Pan didn't look any better. Her hair was also in a mess. Her clothes were wrinkled, her stockings were torn, and her arm was scratched by MO Lan's long nails.

She had also sprained her ankle when she was pulling MO Lan. She now felt a dull pain in her ankle when standing. Tang Wei noticed her strange behavior and quickly supported her.

Shu Pan felt a little dizzy from all the scolding. As she listened, she gradually could not see anything. Her vision became blurry.

When would this farce end?

“Director Wang, what’s going on?” Mr. Zhang’s voice suddenly rang out from outside the ballroom.

The chaotic ballroom instantly quieted down.

Everyone looked over and saw Gu Shaoting walk in with his secretary, Mr. Zhang.

“CEO Gu...” Director Wang looked like he had seen his savior when he saw Gu Shaoting. He could finally stop worrying..

Chapter 395 - 395: Standing Up For Her

“What’s going on? Why is everyone crowded together?” Gu Shaoting’s voice was bone-piercingly deep.

No one dared to make a sound.

Hearing Gu Shaoting’s voice, Shu Pan quickly tidied her hair and stood up straight, but she was very confused. Why was he here?

Didn’t he say that he had a social engagement tonight?

Mo Lan’s heart skipped a beat too. She hadn’t been able to figure out the CEO’s attitude towards Shu Pan. If he wasn’t interested in her, why did he keep her in his office for so long? If it were any other woman, he would have kicked them out long ago.

But if he was interested in Shu Pan, why didn't he make it public? What was the point of being so sneaky?

In the end, MO Lan concluded that CEO Gu was probably just greedy for ty.

Therefore, at this moment, she was smiling. She couldn't wait to see Shu Pan being abandoned, ridiculed, and reprimanded.

The CEO might even think that this whole thing was a show put on by Shu Pan! After all, it was leisure hours and they weren't at work.

Sigh, the poor thing didn't even know where she went wrong. What would happen to her?

Gu Shaoting was tall and handsome as usual. He was wearing a silver-gray tailored suit. His expression was calm and his steps were elegant. When he walked, everyone couldn't help but look and make way for him.

Everyone's eyes followed him as he walked.

However, he only had eyes for Shu Pan, who was in the eye of the storm. He saw her clenched fists, pale lips, and her forced smile.

She was clearly smiling, but he could not feel the warmth in her smile.

No one knew what Gu Shaoting was thinking. He wanted to beat someone up.

The person most precious to him now was trapped in the crowd, feeling helpless and looking miserable.

What a silly girl. If he didn't come here, she probably wouldn't have called him for help.

Shu Pan also looked at him, but she was a little nervous. After all, she looked like a crazy woman now.

But she could feel him approaching, getting closer and closer...

He loved her and his heart ached when he saw her appearance.

Finally, he stood in front of her and called out softly, "Panpan."

"Hmm?" Shu Pan felt a little shy after being called by her nickname in public.

She responded to him softly as usual, but she did not dare to look him in the eye as she was disgusted by her own appearance.

"I'm here for you." His slender fingers gently caressed her face before he planted a gentle kiss on her forehead. His voice was deep and sexy as he continued, "Shu Pan, I won't let off anyone who bullies you."

At this moment, the people around them were gasping silently. They all looked as if they had seen a ghost.

It was unbelievable. What was going on?

Looking at their intimate behavior, everyone knew that they were lovers. There was no one-sided seduction at all.

Those who scolded Shu Pan were now regretting their actions. It was all MO Lan's fault for misleading them.

MO Lan herself was also stunned. She couldn't accept the reality when she saw Gu Shaoting treat Shu Pan like a treasure, his eyes filled with heartache, when he kissed her forehead.

“CEO Gu, look at the big screen.” Mr. Zhang walked over and pointed at the big screen at the front of the room.

Gu Shaoting looked over, his brows tightly furrowed. This was clearly slander by someone with ill intentions. Why was Shu Pan targeted again?

He turned his head and looked at his assistant. A bone-chilling light flashed in his seemingly calm eyes. “Mr. Zhang, investigate thoroughly and find out who

did this..”

Chapter 396: Can't Afford to Offend

Gu Shaoting's simple words made everyone shudder.

His voice was like ice, so cold that it made people shiver.

Mr. Zhang replied quickly, “Leave it with me, CEO Gu. I will definitely find out who did this.”

Director Wang wiped the cold sweat off his forehead. He patted himself on the back for his decision to inform Mr. Zhang when things got out of hand. This was, after all, about the CEO's private life. It wasn't his place to intervene.

It was best dealt with by the person in question.

Investigate thoroughly?

Everyone in the room was scared when they heard that. The expressions they wore when mocking Shu Pan vanished completely.

Everyone was on tenterhooks, worried that they would be implicated.

“Let me reiterate my point. If anyone dares to make things difficult for Shu Pan, they are making things difficult for me and I won’t let them off.”

Gu Shaoting’s words were sonorous and forceful, and everyone felt even more apprehensive. They couldn’t help but decide that they must never offend Shu Pan in the future.

Shu Pan pursed her lips and finally looked up at Gu Shaoting. She looked at him quietly, intending to smile, but tears rolled down her cheeks uncontrollably.

Gu Shaoting’s heart wrenched when he saw her tears. He lowered his head to kiss away her tears, but she cried even harder. It took a long time before she stopped crying.

Shu Pan’s heart felt warm. Her heart was at ease now and she no longer felt helpless.

It felt good to have someone to lean on.

“Silly girl, you always have me. Don’t be afraid of anything.” Gu Shaoting caressed her hair.

He then looked up and scanned everyone in the room, his gaze cold and terrifying.

MO Lan saw that things were going awry and wanted to hide in the crowd.

“Miss, you hurt my precious. Do you think this is the end of it?” Gu Shaoting’s voice made MO Lan’s heart jump to her throat.

“CEO Gu, Shu Pan hit me first. You can ask the people here. I’m also a victim...” MO Lan tried to argue with a pitiful look on her face. But when she met Gu Shaoting’s cold eyes, she was so scared that she quickly shut up.

"You must have provoked Shu Pan. So what if she hit you?" Gu Shaoting knew Shu Pan very well. She was the kind of person who wouldn't attack unless she was attacked first.

Moreover, the other person must have gone overboard and pushed her over the edge.

"Did you make the video?" Gu Shaoting suddenly thought of this point. Why else would Shu Pan lose it?

MO Lan looked at him timidly and didn't say anything for fear of making things worse because Mr. Zhang would find out eventually.

"Mr. Zhang, I won't allow the person who hurt Shu Pan to remain in the company. And I'll take legal actions against those who slandered her." Gu Shaoting's words were like a death sentence for MO Lan.

She was dumbstruck. Had she been fired from her job? Then all her efforts over the years would be in vain. Would she still be able to survive in this industry in the future?

After MO Lan realized what happened, she tugged at Gu Shaoting's sleeve and begged, "CEO Gu, please don't fire me. I won't do it again."

Gu Shaoting looked at her coldly before he flung her hand away. MO Lan fell to the ground again.

She looked even worse with this fall. Her face was covered in tears and snot, and her makeup was ruined. She looked awful.

Seeing that Gu Shaoting was unmoved, MO Lan tugged at Shu Pan's pant leg. "Shu Pan, I will never argue with you again. Please persuade the CEO not to fire me. I've worked hard all these years to get to where I am. Please... I beg you." MO Lan said in tears..

Chapter 397: I Have Your Back

Shu Pan didn't know what to do as she looked at MO Lan, who was tugging at her pant leg.

A pitiful person could also have hateful characteristics. It was not that Shu Pan did not MO Lan her a chance, but MO Lan just kept bullying her.

Shu Pan was at her limit now. She was not God and couldn't have mercy on those who had hurt her time and time again.

So, she glanced at MO Lan before she gently retracted her leg. MO Lan's hands were grabbing at nothing now.

MO Lan saw that Shu Pan was unmoved, so she started wailing uncontrollably on the ground like a shrew.

Everyone sighed when they saw this.

Gu Shaoting simply frowned.

Mr. Zhang's expression also changed as he quickly called the hotel to send in their security guards to escort MO Lan out.

The ballroom quieted down in an instant and Director Wang asked everyone to return to their seats. It was bad enough that their company dinner turned into such a mess.

Gu Shaoting held Shu Pan's hand to leave but the moment Shu Pan took a step, she cried out in pain from her sprained right ankle.

"What's wrong?" Gu Shaoting asked nervously.

"I think I sprained my ankle. It hurts." Shu Pan said pitifully with watery eyes.

“Are you still going to act tough? Why didn’t you tell me and let me handle it?” Gu Shaoting said unhappily. His heart ached terribly seeing her in so much pain.

“I don’t want to bother you with these trivial matters.” Shu Pan sniffed.

“Matters concerning you are never trivial. ” As soon as Gu Shaoting finished, he bent over and scooped Shu Pan up in front of everyone. He then strode out of the ballroom ignoring everyone around them.

Shu Pan didn’t expect Gu Shaoting to carry her. She thought he was a rather reserved person who would never do such a thing in public. It was really unexpected.

Her face suddenly turned red as she buried her head in the nook of Gu Shaoting’s neck. His unique masculine scent attacked her olfactory senses, confusing her.

She secretly looked up at him. His handsome face was still calm but his messy footsteps revealed his anxiety.

Shu Pan never thought that she would be in such a situation with him. Real life was indeed unpredictable.

It wasn’t until Gu Shaoting carried Shu Pan out of the hotel ballroom that the people in the room came to their senses. Everyone’s eyes were filled with surprise.

Was that their aloof and cold CEO? Everyone was stunned.

Mr. Zhang looked at everyone and said, “Please keep your eyes open when you want to offend someone in the future. You can’t afford to offend everyone.” With that, Mr. Zhang left.

Only then did everyone realize that they had been blind. Fortunately, they hadn’t done anything unforgivable to Shu Pan.

MO Lan wasn't so lucky though. Now that she had been fired, she probably wouldn't find such a good job in the future.

After all, like a shadow that eclipsed the sunshine of benevolence, notoriety always cast a long and dark pall over the brightest acts of goodwill.

What happened here today would probably be known throughout the industry very soon.

What did the CEO say just now?

He referred to Shu Pan as his precious. Who would dare to offend her from now

Tang Wei's jaw dropped the furthest. She had yet to recover from her shock.

She was still looking in the direction they left with her eyes widened when she muttered to herself, "So, Shu Pan is the CEO's girlfriend. They had been too low profile! Thank goodness I'm with camp Shu Pan. MO Lan only has herself to blame. She wouldn't be in trouble if she hadn't slandered Shu Pan."

Tang Wei had no sympathy for MO Lan. MO Lan didn't deserve sympathy. She was simply getting her retribution.

Everyone broke out in cold sweat after they recovered from their shock, especially those who joined in the scolding. They felt guilty too..

Chapter 398: The Happiest Person On Earth

Gu Shaoting drove Shu Pan home himself.

“Isn’t her punishment too severe?” Shu Pan felt a little uneasy. After all, MO Lan’s life was ruined when she got fired.

“It’s not. I was going to call the police but if I did that, she’d probably end up behind bars. After all, stalking, secretly filming and slandering someone are not petty crimes.”

Gu Shaoting knew that Shu Pan would feel bad, but he couldn’t compromise on this kind of fundamental issue. He would not let this woman hurt Shu Pan again.

When they arrived, Gu Shaoting got out of the car and carried Shu Pan upstairs.

He didn’t say anything in the elevator but she could feel his strong arms.

She also secretly held his lean waist. She could feel his well-defined muscles through his shirt.

She snuggled her head against his chest like a kitten.

Gu Shaoting was slightly aroused, but Shu Pan didn’t know that.

Back home, Gu Shaoting gently put Shu Pan down on the sofa and went to the medicine cabinet to find medicated oil.

He then sat next to Shu Pan and pulled her legs onto his lap and gently removed her stockings.

Shu Pan had beautiful legs. They were fair, slender, and very sexy.

Except for her right ankle, which was red and swollen.

The more Gu Shaoting looked, the deeper his brows furrowed.

He held her ankle in his warm hands and gently rubbed it before he massaged it hard with some medicated oil.

Looking at his serious expression, Shu Pan pursed her lips and said emotionally, "Shaoting, I'm so glad I have you."

Gu Shaoting's hands stopped as if he was surprised by Shu Pan's sudden confession. After a long pause, he said gently, "You only appreciate me now? Silly girl, I will always be good to you and make you feel like you are the happiest person on earth. Please know that I always have your back."

What should she do now?

She really felt like crying!

Shu Pan was clearly someone who didn't like to cry. She didn't even cry when she was so miserable before but she was constantly moved to tears by Gu Shaoting now.

In the end, she held back her tears. Her life would only be filled with laughter from now on.

As Shu Pan had sprained her ankle, Gu Shaoting went to pick Joy up from Ye Xiaomeng's place.

Gu Shaoting was supposed to go to a social engagement tonight, and she was supposed to be at her company dinner. Who knew that things would turn out like this? Her stomach was growling now.

When Joy got home, she saw that Shu Pan's foot was injured. She said with a very worried face, "Mommy, can you still walk?"

"Of course. Mommy just accidentally sprained her ankle. I'll be fine soon, so you must always walk carefully, okay?" Shu Pan taught Joy something all the time.

"I will." Joy nodded like a little adult.

Shu Pan watched Joy grow every day. Her relationship with Gu Shaoting was more stable now, so she would find an opportunity to tell Joy. After all, Gu Shaoting was Joy's father.

Because Shu Pan's foot was injured, Gu Shaoting volunteered to cook dinner. Shu Pan watched the busy man in the kitchen from the sofa and felt a little uneasy.

Gu Shaoting was in home clothes with his sleeves rolled up, looking very delicate.

Joy asked curiously, "Does Uncle Gu know how to cook?"

"Yes, he'll learn slowly." In her memory, Gu Shaoting had cooked no more than ten times in the past. She really didn't know if he could make this dinner.

He had been busy for quite a while now but he didn't seem to have started cooking. He was looking at the recipe, then at the pot, and back. He looked a little flustered.

Shu Pan lowered her injured foot from the coffee table and hopped to the kitchen door..

Chapter 399: He's Daddy

Shu Pan couldn't bear it when she saw Gu Shaoting sweating profusely. She said, "Shaoting, why don't you let me do it?" Gu Shaoting turned his head and said, "No need. Dinner will be ready soon."

Gu Shaoting then helped Shu Pan back to the sofa.

"Uncle Gu, I'm so hungry." Joy pouted and rubbed her tummy.

"Soon." Gu Shaoting regretted not ordering food delivery when he heard what his little darling said.

He thought cooking was easy. Shu Pan always did it so effortlessly. He only decided to cook to express his love.

But it looked like cooking required talent. Not everyone could do it well.

Shu Pan thought for a bit and said, "How about this? I'll talk you through it.

Help me move a chair into the kitchen." After tonight's ordeal, her already hungry stomach was already growling.

"Alright." Gu Shaoting nodded.

In the kitchen, Shu Pan instructed Gu Shaoting to add oil and wait for the oil to heat up before adding vegetables to stir-fry.

After half an hour, he finally finished cooking three dishes and a soup. They were all simple dishes, so it was relatively fast.

"Uncle Gu, your cooking is really delicious." Joy was probably famished, so everything tasted like heaven to her.

But Gu Shaoting was greatly encouraged by her words.

He said happily, "Then Uncle Gu will cook more often for you."

He then turned to Shu Pan and said, "Don't underestimate me. I feel that I shouldn't squander my talent for cooking."

Shu Pan was speechless. This man barely cooked a few extremely ordinary dishes and he had become arrogant?

But she had to admit that God had given him a handsome face and a sharp mind.

This man had hardly cooked but he managed to whip up a few tasty dishes with a little guidance.

After dinner and a shower, Shu Pan and Joy lay in bed while Gu Shaoting worked in the study.

After bedtime story, Shu Pan and Joy started chatting.

“Joy, do you want to know who your father is?” Shu Pan asked.

Joy suddenly widened her eyes. “Is Daddy coming back from work?”

Shu Pan patted Joy’s head and said gently, “Well, actually, Daddy has always been with you. Uncle Gu is your father.”

“Really? That’s great, but why didn’t you tell me before?” Joy was a little unhappy.

“That’s because Uncle is playing a game with you. A game where Uncle turns into Daddy.” Shu Pan could only make up a random excuse.

“Then I’m going to find Daddy now.” Joy was so excited that she couldn’t sleep.

“It’s very late now. Daddy is still working. We’ll find him tomorrow morning, okay?” Shu Pan coaxed her.

However, Shu Pan also understood how Joy felt. After all, she had never known who her father was. She must be really happy to finally know.

Joy was a little disappointed when she heard that. Fine, she would find her father tomorrow.

She counted many sheep before she fell asleep.

Shu Pan also felt a myriad of feelings. It was because of her selfishness that her child was deprived of fatherly love.

In a daze, Shu Pan fell asleep.

She would let that man be surprised tomorrow morning.

Gu Shaoting was busy until after midnight. He stood up and stretched before he went to Shu Pan's room. The mother and daughter were asleep with their heads touching.

He lowered his head and gave them each a kiss before he left the room reluctantly.

Gu Shaoting couldn't really fall asleep that night. It seemed that he hadn't been able to sleep well since Shu Pan and Joy came to live with him.

Every time he closed his eyes, the image of Shu Pan's shy and lovely appearance would appear in his mind, and then he would need to take a cold shower.

It seemed like he ought to speed up his pursuit of his wife..

Chapter 400: Hello, Daddy

Joy woke up early the next morning. She jumped out of bed and rushed to Gu Shaoting's bedroom before even brushing her teeth.

"Daddy, Daddy..." Gu Shaoting was still sleeping. He heard someone talking and thought it was a dream. Then, he opened his eyes and saw Joy lying next to him with her eyes wide open.

“Sweetie, what did you say?” Gu Shaoting wasn’t awake yet, so he didn’t hear clearly what Joy said.

“Daddy...” Joy called out again.

Gu Shaoting couldn’t believe his ears. He asked Joy to call him again.

This time, he finally heard clearly that Joy called him “Daddy”.

Gu Shaoting was very excited. He didn’t expect Shu Pan to make them father and daughter so soon.

He had been very anxious too, but he did not dare to show it because he was worried that Shu Pan would think that he was only interested in acknowledging his daughter and not serious about her. That was why he didn’t say anything.

Finally, the day he had been waiting for had arrived.

“Sweetie, I’m sorry.” Gu Shaoting scooped Joy into his arms.

“Why did Daddy say sorry?” Joy asked innocently.

“Because Daddy did something wrong and almost lost you both. Fortunately, I met you and Mommy again. Daddy will never let go of you and Mommy’s hands and lose you again.” Gu Shaoting was glad that God gave him another chance.

“Okay, you must remember that, Daddy.” Joy said half-understandingly.

“Yes. Let’s pinky swear on it.” Joy hooked Gu Shaoting’s little finger with hers. The two of them seemed to have endless things to say as they chatted in bed.

Gu Shaoting loved the way Joy spoke intelligently .

“Joy, why are you here so early?” Shu Pan couldn’t find her daughter in their room, so the first thing that came to mind was Gu Shaoting’s room.

As expected, the father and daughter had the same posture and expression as they curled up together in bed.

Seeing Gu Shaoting’s smile that was as warm as the spring breeze in March, Shu Pan guessed that Joy had called him Daddy, which was why he was so excited.

“Mommy, Daddy is still lazing in bed. I came here to wake Daddy up.” The little girl said Daddy multiple times in one sentence.

“Alright, both of you, get up quickly. I’ve cooked breakfast.” Shu Pan’s sprained ankle felt much better today after the medicinal oil massage. She could walk slowly without putting too much weight on her injured foot.

Gu Shaoting saw Shu Pan walk in and immediately thought of her injury. He jumped out of bed to help her and asked nervously, “Why are you walking?”

Your foot is still injured. Don’t move around too much.”

“It’s okay. I can walk slowly.” Shu Pan said nonchalantly.

“Panpan, thank you.” Gu Shaoting said sincerely.

Shu Pan knew that he was referring to his reunion with Joy.

Shu Pan shook her head silently. “As long as it makes you both happy.”

Gu Shaoting carried Shu Pan to the sofa. "Better not move around too much."

Gu Shaoting then squatted in front of Shu Pan and checked her foot carefully. Her ankle was still a little red and swollen. He took out the medicinal oil and massaged her ankle again.

"Sigh, I'm going to ask for leave again." Shu Pan sighed at her frequent absence at work.

"You might as well stop working. Look how tired you are every day." Gu

Shaoting suggested.

"No, I'm not afraid of being tired." Shu Pan believed that women should have their own careers and not be accessories to men. Moreover, she would be so bored at home with Gu Shaoting at work and Joy in school.

Under Gu Shaoting's insistence, they had been living at Shuimu Qinghua. Now that he and Joy had reunited, he probably wouldn't let them move back to her place..