

As Agreed 421

Chapter 421: Imposingly Rich

Mrs. Wen, seeing Wen Chi remain silent, grew increasingly frustrated. This extended to some resentment towards Shu Pan.

“Mom, don’t worry. Maybe she doesn’t find your son appealing,” Wen Chi joked, pretending to be nonchalant.

“My son is outstanding. If she doesn’t see it, it’s her problem,” Mrs. Wen defended, unwilling to hear anyone speak ill of her son.

Wen Chi could only smile bitterly; nothing he said seemed right.

“Mom, I won’t be home for dinner tonight. Don’t wait for me,” Wen Chi quickly changed the subject, realizing that discussing this further would lead nowhere.

After work in the afternoon, Shu Pan swiped her card to leave the office and noticed Wen Chi’s car parked at the company entrance. Walking over, she saw Wen Chi had already stepped out of the car.

“I’m picking up Joy and going straight to her. Why did you come?” Shu Pan was surprised that Wen Chi hadn’t informed her of his visit.

“Get in; I can’t wait to see Little Beauty Joy,” Wen Chi urged.

Once Shu Pan got in the car, Wen Chi steered towards Joy’s kindergarten.

Wen Chi’s car happened to pass by Gu Shooting’s car.

Gu Shaoting watched Shu Pan sitting in the car, chatting and laughing with Wen Chi. He felt a bit uncomfortable about it.

But he had agreed to it; there was nothing he could do now.

Upon arriving at the kindergarten, Joy had already run towards them. Wen Chi opened his arms, lifting Joy off the ground. "Little Beauty Joy, did you miss Uncle?"

"Uncle Wen, I missed you so much!" Joy hugged Wen Chi's neck and said with a sweet, childish voice. The happiness in her words was indescribable.

Wen Chi looked at her affectionately, then lovingly kissed her cheek.

"Alright, get in the car quickly. The traffic here is terrible, and it's easy to get stuck," Shu Pan reminded them as she watched the two's affectionate interaction.

"Let's go," Wen Chi lifted Joy into the car.

Soon, the car arrived at the restaurant Gu Shaoting had reserved. It was truly eye-catching, adorned with opulence everywhere. Joy felt extremely fascinated.

They sat by the window.

"Mr. Gu didn't come?" Wen Chi, looking around and not seeing Gu Shaoting, inquired Shu Pan.

"He has a prior engagement tonight, so he couldn't make it," Shu Pan casually made up an excuse. If Gu Shaoting had shown up, she probably wouldn't have come, given the scene of yesterday's confrontation.

"What does he do?" Wen Chi seemed to have heard about it but didn't pay much attention. However, this time, he was somewhat curious.

“He’s the big boss. He owns a large company with many employees. I’ve been there once,” Joy interjected proudly, gesturing with her hands to emphasize the grandeur.

Wen Chi was momentarily surprised, a mix of astonishment and awkwardness in his eyes. Gu Shaoting had seemed wealthy, but he didn’t expect him to be such a big shot.

“So, he’s the big boss.” Wen Chi said with a hint of bitterness. Honestly, he never lacked in material comforts, and his career was decent. Still, he couldn’t compare to the wealth Gu Shaoting possessed. Yet, he knew Shu Pan wasn’t concerned about such things.

Proudly, Joy said, “Yes, Daddy’s money is endless.”

“Joy, don’t talk nonsense,” Shu Pan scolded, not approving of a child talking about money like that.

“Daddy said so. He said I’m his little princess, and he has a lot of money to make sure I live happily,” Joy said with a hint of grievance. Wen Chi’s face now wore a completely defeated expression..

Chapter 422: Poor Mr. Gu

Wen Chi didn’t expect Mr. Gu’s background to be so powerful; he couldn’t help feeling a bit overwhelmed. If someone could genuinely love and take care of Shu Pan and her daughter, he would be genuinely happy for them.

Mr. Gu wouldn’t have to worry about money; Wen Chi believed he could provide them with happiness. At least, they wouldn’t have to worry about their basic needs anymore, and Shu Pan wouldn’t have to work so hard for their daily meals.

“Alright, let’s quickly order and eat. Are you both hungry?” Shu Pan didn’t want Joy to praise Gu Shaoting and indirectly affect Wen Chi.

Wen Chi smiled, his eyes narrowing into crescents. "Don't worry, I'm not that easily discouraged."

"Children's words should not be trusted; he's just an ordinary person," Shu Pan said nonchalantly.

"Panpan, considering the current situation, I'm happy for you and Joy. At least now you both have someone to take care of you, and it won't be like before.

However, I also feel lost. We used to be together, but fate played a trick on us. Do I really have no chance? Have you truly thought it through?" Wen Chi, unwilling to accept the situation, asked. He felt that fate had been unfair to him.

Shu Pan knew his feelings, pursed her lips, and replied, "Chi, thank you for taking care of us all these years. In my heart, you're my best friend, irreplaceable. You must find happiness and not let Auntie and others worry about you."

This time, Shu Pan bluntly rejected him in person because dragging it out would only make things more difficult for both of them.

Wen Chi's heart tightened, feeling a mixture of emotions.

Gu Group, CEO's Office

The office was brightly lit.

Secretary Zhang knocked on the door and entered, seeing Gu Shaoting standing by the floor-to-ceiling window. On the desk, a fast food meal sat untouched, ordered by the CEO himself. Zhang, concerned, asked, "CEO, please eat something; it's getting cold."

"Sure, leave it. I don't feel like eating now," Gu Shaoting replied indifferently.

Secretary Zhang watched his back; despite his handsome appearance, he seemed lonely and desolate at the moment.

Where could Shu Pan and Joy have gone? Weren't they usually together for meals?

Gu Shaoting's gaze complexly drifted into the distance, his mind in disarray. He really wanted to know what Wen Chi would say to Joy. Shu Pan would probably be sitting on the side, smiling and watching them chat. To outsiders, they might even seem like a married couple.

The more he thought about it, the more anxious and uncomfortable he felt.

He just wanted time to pass quickly so he could pick up Shu Pan and Joy, but why was time dragging on so slowly? It was agonizing.

Time passed unnoticed. Wen Chi and Joy chatted a lot, and now it was getting late.

Joy was yawning. "Let's go. I'll take you back."

Shu Pan wanted to lift Joy, but Wen Chi beat her to it, picking Joy up and walking out of the restaurant.

At the restaurant's entrance, Gu Shaoting's car was already parked. Seeing them come out, he opened the car door to greet them. "Let me handle it." Gu Shaoting reached out and took Joy from Wen Chi.

"Mr. Gu, thank you for choosing this restaurant. It's been a wonderful evening," Wen Chi sincerely thanked him.

Gu Shaoting remained cool, "You're welcome. Thank you for taking care of them."

"Chi, it's getting late. Be careful on your way home," Shu Pan, seeing Gu Shaoting, thought she might be seeing things; she had thought he was genuinely busy. Now that he was here, it was even better—no need to trouble Wen Chi..

Chapter 423: Why Are You Here?

Wen Chi was momentarily stunned; he hadn't expected Gu Shaoting to say such words. Still, he couldn't help but feel a hint of goodwill. Although still aloof, it was characteristic of his personality.

Shu Pan was also surprised. It was rare for Gu Shaoting to speak so gently. After bidding farewell to Wen Chi, Shu Pan sat in the car with Joy, who seemed more awake now.

Gu Shaoting started the car and engaged in small talk with Joy while driving. Joy shared everything she had discussed with Wen Chi and what they had eaten tonight. However, Gu Shaoting's enthusiasm seemed low, and his face remained expressionless.

Glancing at him discreetly, Shu Pan sensed a melancholic atmosphere. She found Gu Shaoting's behavior tonight unexpectedly different. He didn't like Wen Chi, yet he had agreed to Joy's request.

"Have you had dinner?" Shu Pan asked with concern.

"Is it any of your concern whether I eat or not?" Gu Shaoting responded indifferently, hinting at his sour mood.

"Where did you eat then?" Shu Pan, sensing his displeasure, asked another question.

"In the office," Gu Shaoting replied calmly.

"Daddy, why didn't you eat with us?" Joy asked in confusion.

"Daddy has to work, so he's busy," Gu Shaoting patiently explained.

"Being a big boss doesn't seem fun at all," Joy pouted. She didn't want to be a big boss if it meant no time for meals.

Joy's innocent remarks amused the adults.

"If you're busy, you don't have to come in the future. Wen Chi can take us home," Shu Pan couldn't help poking at him.

As expected, Gu Shaoting's gaze shifted towards her. "I'll take care of the pick-up in the future. No need for others to do it."

Shu Pan thought it was best to go along with him for now. After all, he wasn't in a good mood.

On the way back to the Shuimu Qinghua residential area, the roads were congested due to rush hour. By the time they reached home, it was already past 9 PM.

Joy already showed signs of sleepiness, yawning and rubbing her eyes continuously. Being a child, once she felt sleepy, she was ready to sleep, unlike adults who could resist drowsiness.

As soon as they arrived home, Joy took a bath, preparing for bedtime.

When Shu Pan carried Joy out of the bathroom, she was almost asleep. Shortly after putting her on the bed, a steady breathing sound could be heard.

Shu Pan gazed tenderly at Joy's delicate face for a while before quietly leaving the room with Gu Shaoting, closing the door behind them.

Gu Shaoting suddenly reached back and held Shu Pan's hand. "Panpan, I'm hungry."

His burning gaze focused on her, and Shu Pan's face suddenly turned red.

What did he mean by hungry? His eyes seemed to be burning with flames.

“What do you mean? Didn’t you already eat?” Shu Pan asked, a bit teasingly.

“I lied to you guys. I couldn’t enjoy the meal alone, so I only had a couple of bites. Now my stomach is growling from hunger,” Gu Shaoting rubbed his stomach, as if to confirm he wasn’t lying.

“If you’re hungry, eat more. Back when it was just me and Joy, you used to eat alone when we weren’t around,” Shu Pan said, not too pleased.

“I want to eat the noodles you cook. Can you make me a bowl?” Gu Shaoting rarely made such a request.

Tonight, he just wanted to eat the noodles she made.

“Okay, you go take a shower. By the time you’re done, the noodles should be ready,” Shu Pan arranged, ensuring they wouldn’t eat too late..

Chapter 424: I’m Not Going Back to My Room

As soon as the words fell, Shu Pan headed into the kitchen, and Gu Shaoting entered the bedroom.

When Gu Shaoting emerged, a steaming bowl of noodles was already served on the table.

Gu Shaoting saw Shu Pan setting the bowl at the dining table. He walked over and naturally wrapped his arms around her slender waist. His firm chin rested on her shoulder, intimately pressing against her.

“Don’t play around. Eat quickly; it’ll get cold, and it’s already late,” Shu Pan gently protested.

However, the man, seemingly oblivious, continued holding her delicate waist, gradually moving upward. Annoyed, Shu Pan swatted away his hands.

“Eat quickly.” With that, she pried open his hands and returned to the bedroom to shower.

“Sulky little thing,” Gu Shaoting looked at Shu Pan, embarrassed but secretly pleased. After all, she had provoked his unhappiness today.

Shu Pan finished her shower, wearing a nightgown as she pushed open the bathroom door. To her surprise, she found Gu Shaoting lying half-reclined on her bed, evidently satisfied after a hearty meal.

She was startled. “Are you full?” Shu Pan asked.

“What do you think?” Gu Shaoting replied vaguely.

“Why are you in my room? Did you enter the wrong one?” Shu Pan asked, frowning.

Gu Shaoting raised an eyebrow. “I don’t want to be alone. I want to sleep with you tonight.”

“What?” Shu Pan thought she misheard, as he had never made such a request before.

“It means exactly what you heard,” Gu Shaoting teased.

“I don’t want to.” Shu Pan instinctively covered her chest with her hand, eyeing him warily.

Gu Shaoting looked at Shu Pan’s nightgown. It wasn’t a provocative style, but it was very attractive. She looked pure yet subtly alluring in it.

Looking at her fair and slender legs below the skirt, he couldn’t help feeling a bit heated.

Simultaneously, Shu Pan was sizing him up. He wore a two-piece satin pajama set, but no matter what, he exuded a dignified air. Even in pajamas, he looked noble.

Shu Pan was also a bit distracted. Why was her mind now occupied with the strong and defined lines under his pajamas?

“I promise I won’t do anything. Just sleep.” Gu Shaoting, aware of Shu Pan’s thoughts, spoke up.

Gu Shaoting sat up, then grabbed Shu Pan’s hand. Shu Pan, off-balance, fell into his arms.

Shu Pan was frightened; her heart skipped a beat. Her red lips were about to call out.

The man’s hand quickly covered her small mouth, silencing her calls. His handsome face approached hers.

His crisp masculine scent sprayed on her face, and Shu Pan felt a strange sensation in her heart.

“Gu Shaoting, let me go.” Shu Pan struggled.

Gu Shaoting chuckled, enjoying Shu Pan’s coquettish demeanor. The small bedside lamp illuminated her face clearly.

A pair of watery, intense eyes radiated passionate anger. A delicate, lovely nose, tempting for a kiss.

Shu Pan couldn’t break free, her pretty face blushing, glaring at Gu Shaoting.

Gu Shaoting smirked, and before she could process what was happening, a hand appeared behind her head. She helplessly watched as the man’s domineering kiss sealed her alluring red lips.

The man’s kiss, forceful yet lingering, left Shu Pan unable to push him away, making the world around her momentarily blank.

Shu Pan wasn't an inexperienced young girl; she had an idea of what was to come next. Her strength seemed to be gradually drained away..

Chapter 425 - 425: Satisfied

Shu Pan felt a tingling sensation throughout her body, finding it difficult to resist.

The man's large hand seemed reluctant to stay in place, moving upward. He lowered his head to kiss Shu Pan's snow-white neck.

The man's hot body pressed closer to Shu Pan, and everything that followed seemed natural, unfolding effortlessly.

In this moment, Gu Shaoting finally felt a sense of reality. The uncertainties and hesitations from tonight were truly compensated.

As the night deepened, the time for lovers was just beginning.

Early morning, Shu Pan, in a daze, heard a knock on the door. She immediately thought of Joy needing to go to school. Oh no, she had forgotten about it.

Blaming Gu Shaoting, she sat up in bed, carefully listening to the faint knocking sound.

It must be Joy; nowadays, the first thing she did every morning was look for

Shu Pan.

Previously, she used to sleep with Joy. However, she didn't know what Gu Shaoting had said to her last night, and now Joy insisted on sleeping alone, not with her.

She had felt a bit lost for a while, no longer sensing the child's dependence on her.

But it was fine. She had to let go eventually, fostering her independence.

Now, she noticed Gu Shaoting wasn't in the room either. Where did he go?

Men always seemed to have endless energy. Shu Pan felt weak even moving.

With disheveled hair, she opened the door to find a man and a child standing there. Shu Pan hastily adjusted the neckline of her nightgown.

Gu Shaoting chuckled, appearing both satisfied and mischievous. Shu Pan shot him a stern look, then turned to Joy, who had already put on a sweet and gentle expression. "Joy, wait for me for two minutes. I'll make you breakfast."

"No need, Mommy. Daddy already made breakfast. Daddy said you're tired, so rest more." Joy said sweetly.

Shu Pan glared at Gu Shaoting and wondered what nonsense he had told Joy.

"Hurry up, brush your teeth, and have breakfast. After that, you can go back to sleep," Gu Shaoting covered Joy's eyes playfully, then leaned down to place a kiss on Shu Pan's face.

Shu Pan blushed instantly, glaring at the culprit.

"Good morning kiss, my princess." The man's mouth curved into an innocent yet cheerful smile.

"Send Joy to school first." After saying this, Shu Pan felt a bit uneasy, recalling yesterday's events.

"Alright, I'll drop Joy off, and then I'll come back to pick you up. Today, I'll accompany you for a stroll." Gu Shaoting continued, knowing Shu Pan didn't have work today.

Shu Pan frowned. "Aren't you busy today?"

"Not busy. Besides, nothing is more important than you," Gu Shaoting said with a smile, fully aware of the implications in Shu Pan's hungry gaze.

"Shut up." Shu Pan knew what he meant.

Seeing Shu Pan's shy expression, Gu Shaoting couldn't help but remember last night's Shu Pan – blushing and snow-like skin, utterly irresistible.

Gu Shaoting mimicked a zipper motion near his mouth.

"Let's go." Shu Pan, already washed up, pulled Gu Shaoting towards the door.

It had been a long time since they went out together. She wanted to nurture their relationship.

She had thought it through last night; they were both adults, and now they were a couple. Doing things that couples do was only natural. So, she decided to let go..

Chapter 426 - 426: Showing off

Gu Shaoting took Shu Pan to the most bustling mall. Along the way, Gu Shaoting reverted to his usual demeanor—aloof and unapproachable.

It was mostly Shu Pan doing the talking. She asked a question, he replied with a brief answer or a nod.

Although Gu Shaoting didn't speak much, he never let go of Shu Pan's hand, holding it tightly as they strolled along.

Wasn't this feeling a bit special?

Because they rarely went out like this.

But soon, they attracted attention. The man was handsome, and the woman was beautiful.

Shu Pan wasn't particularly fond of leisurely shopping and didn't have anything specific to buy. Whatever she needed, she would directly enter a store and purchase it without delay.

After a while, they entered a brand clothing store.

It was a brand that Shu Pan had always wanted to buy but hesitated due to its high prices.

This store sold scarves for thousands and new items for tens of thousands.

It was a luxury in clothing. Shu Pan wouldn't have stepped foot in such a place if Gu Shaoting hadn't brought her.

Gu Shaoting had bought her gifts before. She was just thinking about how to repay him when this opportunity arose.

Gu Shaoting didn't lack anything, and she also wanted him to like it.

With the weather soon turning cooler, buying clothes would be practical. He should appreciate that.

The clothes here wouldn't embarrass him.

"Let's go in and have a look." Shu Pan eagerly grabbed his hand.

“Sure, let’s go.” Gu Shaoting nodded.

“Welcome... M... Mr. Gu...” The moment they stepped in, the staff’s enthusiastic expression froze, and they stuttered, “Mr. Gu...”

Gu Shaoting looked bewildered. Was this one of his employees? He seemed to have no impression of her whatsoever.

The saleswoman turned out to be MO Lan, who had been recently fired from the Gu Group. After being dismissed, she couldn’t establish herself in the design industry, so she ended up working here as a saleswoman. “Do you know me?” Gu Shaoting looked at her in surprise.

He had no recollection of encountering such a woman.

MO Lan’s initially cheerful expression dimmed upon seeing Shu Pan. She had wanted to talk to Gu Shaoting about possibly returning to the company, but seeing Gu Shaoting and Shu Pan holding hands so intimately, she abandoned the idea.

Seeing MO Lan’s glare filled with resentment, Shu Pan involuntarily tightened her grip on Gu Shaoting.

It was really unexpected to encounter such an enemy here. It’s a small world indeed.

“Miss, could you please show us these clothes?” Shu Pan pointed to a few new items.

MO Lan gritted her teeth in anger, but another saleswoman quickly approached. “Miss, are you buying these for your boyfriend? Wait a moment;

I’ll help you with that.”

The saleswoman’s sweet words instantly defused the awkwardness.

Shu Pan smiled. She picked up a thin sweater from the shelf, a classic style that she felt suited Gu Shaoting's temperament in terms of color and fabric.

"Try this on, what do you think?" Shu Pan held up the sweater against Gu

Shaoting, then looked at him expectantly.

Gu Shaoting liked it when Shu Pan took care of things for him.

Although Shu Pan was somewhat ignorant, she knew that the clothes Gu Shaoting wore were all handmade, so she was worried he might find them uncomfortable.

Shu Pan anxiously awaited Gu Shaoting's response. "Okay," Gu Shaoting agreed without hesitation..

Chapter 427: Enemies on a Narrow Road

The staff saw that Gu Shaoting agreed, wanting to step forward to help him, but Gu Shaoting declined.

"I'll do it myself," Gu Shaoting said, then took the clothes and entered the fitting room.

When Gu Shaoting came out, Shu Pan was somewhat stunned.

With his height of over 1.8 meters, Gu Shaoting had no excess fat on him; he was a natural clothes hanger. He wore a sweater paired with casual pants, exuding an extra touch of elegance, making him look remarkably distinguished and handsome.

Gu Shaoting glanced back at Shu Pan, as if asking, "How does it look?"

Approaching him, Shu Pan helped tidy up Gu Shooting's clothes. They were so close that they could both feel each other's warm breath.

Already feeling a bit embarrassed, Shu Pan felt her face flush even more when Gu Shooting's breath brushed against her neck.

Meanwhile, MO Lan's eyes, filled with jealousy, were practically on fire. Her hands hanging at her sides clenched involuntarily; she wanted to pull Shu Pan away from Gu Shooting and take her place.

How infuriating! Why did all the good things happen to Shu Pan? Because of her, MO Lan couldn't establish herself in the industry and could only work as a saleswoman here. All of this was thanks to this woman in front of her.

Shu Pan mainly ignored MO Lan's jealous gaze, thinking to herself that this person never changed; she always coveted men who had been taken.

And she never reflected on herself, where her own problems lay. She always thought that finding a man with power and influence would provide her with security.

But in reality? She had found many such men, but were any of them reliable?

Indeed, as the saying goes, there is often a hateful side to a pitiful person, and MO Lan was such a person.

Shu Pan's lips curved slightly. As she was about to leave his side, her lips accidentally brushed against Gu Shooting's cheek.

Gu Shooting's expression froze slightly, and Shu Pan stepped back, blushing, and asked, "How is it? Do you like it?"

"I like it," his voice was low and sexy. There was a faint smile on his usually aloof face, making him look particularly attractive.

Seeing his expression, Shu Pan knew he had misunderstood her intention. She was asking if he liked the sweater, but he interpreted it as whether he liked her inadvertent kiss.

Shu Pan felt a bit too shy to meet his eyes. She thought he was more reserved and would be shy, but in the end, the shy one turned out to be herself.

Seeing the flirtatious exchange between the two, MO Lan felt a surge of anger. She inwardly cursed Shu Pan as a flirtatious woman who seduced men everywhere.

Shu Pan ignored her presence, treating her as if she were invisible.

Gu Shaoting went back to the fitting room to change clothes. When he came out, he saw Shu Pan asking about the price of the clothes.

"How much is this outfit?" Shu Pan asked.

"8999 yuan," the salesperson replied enthusiastically.

If it were before, Shu Pan probably wouldn't even consider looking at such an expensive outfit. But this time, for Gu Shaoting, she was willing to spend a lot.

Originally, Gu Shaoting said he would take her out and buy her something, but now that she found something suitable, she decided to buy it for him instead.

Helping each other buy clothes could also be considered a kind of romantic gesture between lovers.

Shu Pan didn't hesitate. "Wrap it up."

Encountering such a decisive customer, the staff were ecstatic. Their attitude became even more enthusiastic. 'Ma'am, this sweater also has a matching couple style. Would you like to choose one too?'

Without even thinking, Shu Pan quickly waved her hand to refuse. “No, I don’t need it..”

Chapter 428: Couple’s Sweater

D*mn it, if she bought another one, it would cost her another 8999 yuan, which meant she would be heartbroken, spending more than two months’ salary.

Shu Pan refused decisively. She wasn’t foolish enough to buy such expensive clothes.

Just as Shu Pan refused, Gu Shaoting interjected, “Please bring the other one for my wife to try on.”

Wife? Was Gu Shaoting crazy?

Shu Pan glanced at him in astonishment. Seeing his calm expression, they indeed looked like a married couple.

“No need,” Shu Pan stopped the staff, then said to Gu Shaoting, “Are you out of your mind? I have plenty of clothes, and I’m not used to wearing such expensive ones.”

“As long as the clothes are comfortable,” Gu Shaoting nodded at the salesperson, indicating for her to bring it.

The female salesperson immediately brought out the clothes and handed them to Gu Shaoting. The women’s sweater was slightly different from the men’s.

“So you two are married. That’s even better. You can wear matching outfits on some anniversaries. This style of sweater is a newly launched design and is very popular,” the salesperson said eloquently, as expected of salespeople who knew what their customers liked to hear.

Although she didn't know what others were thinking, Gu Shaoting seemed quite interested. He thought of Shu Pan and himself wearing the same clothes, and there was a strange feeling brewing in his heart.

He took the clothes and led Shu Pan to the fitting room.

Shu Pan could only accept the clothes reluctantly, but her heart was bleeding at the thought of her wallet soon being emptied.

When Shu Pan came out, Gu Shaoting nodded in satisfaction. With her fair complexion, wearing the apricot-colored sweater made her look even fairer. The most dangerous part was the sexy collarbone that Shu Pan revealed.

Gu Shaoting felt a bit impulsive, wanting to pull Shu Pan away.

In a husky voice, Gu Shaoting asked, "Do you like it?"

Shu Pan looked at him, first nodding, then shaking her head vigorously, shaking it like a tambourine.

"Please wrap up these two items," Gu Shaoting called the saleswoman.

Shu Pan tugged at his hand, indicating that he shouldn't buy two items.

"Buy it if you like it," he said in a lavish manner, but Shu Pan's heart was really aching.

Forget it, just buy it. She could save some money in the future.

Actually, Gu Shaoting had given her a credit card, but she wasn't used to using it, so she used her own.

When Shu Pan was about to pay at the counter, Gu Shaoting had already handed over his bank card.

Shu Pan was surprised that he brought his wallet; he didn't have this habit before.

"What's wrong? Do you think I'll let you pay?" Gu Shaoting said arrogantly.

It was indeed male chauvinism.

Although it was Gu Shaoting's bank card, Shu Pan felt heartache seeing such a large sum deducted. Gu Shaoting found it amusing to see her looking so pained. She was such a silly girl.

Then he felt a bit bitter; he knew she had a tough time in the past few years, and this amount of money was a lot to her.

"Don't worry, buy what you like. I'll work hard to earn money," Gu Shaoting gently stroked her head and said.

"Even if you can earn money, you shouldn't spend so extravagantly," Shu Pan knew that Gu Shaoting's lifestyle was very luxurious. His clothes were basically all custom-made, and compared to these so-called luxury brands, who knows how much more upscale they were.

But she had developed a habit of thriftiness, so she couldn't stand extravagance and waste.

"Okay, when we get married, you can manage it all," Gu Shaoting whispered in her ear.

"Annoying," Shu Pan's face instantly turned somewhat red.

Shu Pan took the packaged clothes and held Gu Shaoting's hand, ready to leave.

As she turned around, she saw MO Lan's envy and jealousy-filled eyes, and suddenly she felt that the money spent was worth it..

Chapter 429: I Don't Know Her

For someone as narrow-minded as MO Lan, making her jealous is the best way to get back at her.

After walking out hand in hand with Gu Shaoting, Shu Pan asked him, "Do you remember that salesperson from earlier?"

"Which one?" Gu Shaoting said casually.

"The one who was quite pretty," Shu Pan looked at Gu Shaoting earnestly.

"At that moment, the prettiest one was you. I only had eyes for you," Gu Shaoting thought for a moment before saying, full of survival instinct.

"You're so mouthy. I was serious," Shu Pan tapped his arm.

Gu Shaoting shrugged casually, "I know plenty of people. I can't possibly remember everyone."

Shu Pan laughed happily, "You're such a heartless person. Do you remember the female employee you dismissed at the banquet hall in Bin City last time?"

That saleswoman was her."

Gu Shaoting pondered for a moment, "So it was her. Firing her was letting her off lightly."

Gu Shaoting snorted inwardly. He was used to these vain women who relied on their looks to flaunt themselves.

Although Shu Pan teased him about being heartless, she felt happy inside, especially since he remembered the woman who had hurt her foot.

MO Lan had tried her best to get close to Gu Shaoting, using all her charms to seduce him. But in the end, Gu Shaoting didn't even remember her. It was quite ironic. After all her efforts, if she knew that Gu Shaoting had no impression of her at all, she would probably be infuriated.

And indeed, when MO Lan heard Shu Pan ask Gu Shaoting about the saleswoman, she was on the verge of exploding. Gu Shaoting actually claimed not to know her. She remembered appearing in front of him on many occasions, and she was quite attractive. How could he say he had no impression of her?

Was he worried that Shu Pan would get angry, so he deliberately said he didn't know her?

But no matter what the reason was, she felt both annoyed and angry, and there was even more resentment in her heart.

MO Lan was so angry that she clenched her fists and stomped her feet.

"MO Lan, I don't care what happened before, but when you're working here, you represent our brand's image. Remember, the customer is God. Don't argue with customers. Luckily, the customer didn't make a fuss today. Otherwise, if there's a complaint, you'll be out," the manager warned MO Lan, seeing her furious state, probably because she had just clashed with a customer.

MO Lan had always been arrogant. When she saw customers wearing designer clothes and looking wealthy, her attitude was very good, all sweet and lovely. But if she saw customers dressed normally, her attitude would change completely, becoming indifferent.

The manager had wanted to talk to her for a while now but couldn't find the right opportunity. Today, seeing her seem to know these two customers, but her attitude was really not commendable.

"I understand, manager," MO Lan bit her lip and replied quietly.

Her eyes kept staring at the departing figures of Shu Pan and Gu Shaoting, and many malicious thoughts flashed through her mind.

Someday, she would seize the opportunity to crush Shu Pan under her feet.

Shu Pan, don't be too smug. Those who offend me will not have a good ending. Be careful.

The ruthlessness in MO Lan's eyes was terrifying.

The manager, seeing MO Lan's unrepentant attitude, shook his head and walked away. Such people would surely pay a heavy price for their actions..

Chapter 430: Urgent Matters

Gu Shaoting took Shu Pan to several women's clothing stores again, and they returned home with their hands full of bags.

Shu Pan noticed Gu Shaoting swiping his card without hesitation, while her own heart was pounding.

"You bought too much," Shu Pan reproached.

"Show me one piece every day," Gu Shaoting whispered in her ear, then firmly wrapped his arm around her waist.

With so many people around, Shu Pan felt shy. She pushed him hard, but he held onto her even tighter, pressing her body against his.

Gu Shaoting was always elegant in his gestures, but his strength was unexpectedly great. Shu Pan couldn't pry his hands off with both of hers.

What had gotten into him today? He was usually so reserved, but now he was acting like this in public.

What was he thinking? Occasionally, he would act so unexpectedly, catching her off guard, and she couldn't keep up with his pace.

Just when she wished she could disappear, Gu Shaoting paused, then released her, smiling gently. His magnetic voice could make anyone's ears melt.

"This is a thank-you gift for you."

A thank-you gift? The scene from last night involuntarily flashed through Shu Pan's mind, and she felt like she was blushing so hard that blood would drip from her face.

Internally, she was in turmoil. Did he have to say such ambiguous things in such a public place?

"Shut up," Shu Pan blushed and scolded him.

"Let's go. I've devoted all my time to you today, including tonight. What do you want to do?" Gu Shaoting added the word "tonight" ambiguously.

"I'll think about it carefully," Shu Pan replied seriously. It was still early, and it wasn't time to meet Joy yet.

"Okay, take your time," Gu Shaoting looked around, considering whether to find a place to eat something. After all, he rarely went on dates with women. Suddenly, a jewelry store not far away caught his eye. Right, he should prepare for it.

Hmm, he would give her a surprise. Gu Shaoting remained calm and turned to see that Shu Pan was still lost in thought.

At that moment, Gu Shaoting's personal phone rang. He checked the number and said to Shu Pan, "Wait for me here. I have to take this call."

Shu Pan nodded. "Sure, go ahead and take the call."

Gu Shaoting walked to a less crowded place to answer the phone. Shu Pan felt a bit bored after shopping for so long and was a little thirsty.

Seeing a nearby bubble tea shop, she walked over and bought two cups, intending to sit down and drink, just like everyone else, to relax during the date.

Just as she was about to pay, Gu Shaoting hurried over. "Panpan, I have an urgent matter to attend to."

"Okay, go ahead," Shu Pan understood him. With the responsibility of thousands of people's livelihoods on his shoulders, being busy was normal. It was already rare for him to take her out for a walk today.

"I'll take you home first," Gu Shaoting was afraid of leaving her alone outside. After all, he had originally planned to accompany her shopping.

"No need. I can take a taxi home myself. I still want to shop some more. You go and take care of your business," Shu Pan saw the concern on his face and guessed that this time, the problem was probably serious.

She couldn't help, so she could only promise not to cause trouble for him.

"Okay, be careful on your own. Use the card I gave you last time. Buy whatever you like. I'll probably be busy until late. Go meet Joy, don't wait for me."

Before Shu Pan could nod, Gu Shaoting hurriedly left..