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Chapter 471: Regret

Gu Shaoting could feel her discomfort, but he was helpless.

He regretted letting her and Huanhuan go to the banquet, it was really worrying.

“I want water, I’m thirsty,” Shu Pan felt like her throat was on fire.

She clung to Gu Shaoting’s neck, constantly pleading for water because she was extremely thirsty.

Her eyes were slightly widened, blinking innocently.

The man lowered his gaze, gently rubbing her tender face, “Be good, let go of me now, and I can give you some water to drink.”

Shu Pan couldn’t understand what he meant, she just wanted water.

As long as he was there, she would feel at ease.

Gu Shaoting heard her request for water, but she refused to let him get up.

Helplessly, he had to carry her off the bed to fetch water.

Shu Pan hung onto him like a koala.

Gu Shaoting finally managed to pour a glass of water, bringing it to her lips. She gulped it down in a few swallows.

Her throat finally felt less uncomfortable, the coolness of the water providing some relief.

“Panpan.”

The man’s Adam’s apple bobbed as he called her name, his voice low and sexy, like the melody of a cello.

Then, his deep gaze lowered, staring into her eyes with an intensity that sent shivers down her spine.

Shu Pan let out a muffled sound, looking up at the man, feeling bewildered.

In an instant, the man kissed her with astonishing speed.

His kiss was passionate and lingering, leaving her powerless to resist.

Shu Pan felt like this moment was the most real.

The man didn’t say another word, but his strong arms tightly embraced Shu

Pan...

The night was still young, and the romantic interlude between lovers had only just begun...

Next Day

Shu Pan whimpered and woke up. Looking around at the unfamiliar room, she froze as memories of last night flooded her mind like a tidal wave.

She suddenly felt a dull ache in her head, shaking it slightly. How could this have happened? She still couldn't understand.

Then she heard the sound of running water from the bathroom. She remembered that Gu Shooting had arrived last, so she guessed it was him inside, which relieved her. Thank goodness he came, otherwise she couldn't imagine what might have happened.

Alone in the room, she slowly pulled back the covers and looked at herself in the mirror, feeling stunned.

It seemed like the first time something like this had ever happened to her.

And because of the drugs, she didn't feel like herself anymore. Thinking about it, she really wanted to find a hole to crawl into at this moment, it was so embarrassing.

She covered her face with her hands, blushing as if she were about to bleed.

She couldn't quite understand how attending a banquet had led to this. Who could have done this to her?

She sat there, feeling anxious.

Gu Shooting must be furious, she thought, because he had initially refused to let her go, and she had insisted on accompanying Huanhuan.

Who would have thought something like this would happen?

Could it have been Tong Fei? She might still hold a grudge, thinking Shu Pan had stolen Gu Shooting from her, so she wanted to retaliate.

It wasn't impossible, but she had no evidence, so she couldn't be sure.

But she probably wouldn't want to go to such complicated gatherings in the future, because this lesson was unforgettable, wasn't it?

She curled up, preparing herself for Gu Shaoting's scolding.

Sigh, it's been a tough year, feeling like there's so much going on.

She rubbed her temples, feeling helpless..

Chapter 472: Investigation

While Shu Pan was lost in thought, Gu Shaoting emerged from the bathroom, a white towel draped around his waist, his physique strong and firm.

"What's wrong?" Gu Shaoting asked, seeing her covering her face, thinking there might be something else bothering her, and quickly approached her.

Shu Pan looked up, stunned. She saw numerous scratch marks on Gu Shaoting's body, knowing instantly whose handiwork it was. Shu Pan felt like banging her head against the wall.

"I have a headache..." Shu Pan pouted.

"That's normal, considering the drugs," Gu Shaoting said sympathetically.

"Yeah..." Shu Pan's gaze was somewhat dazed.

"What happened exactly?" Gu Shaoting furrowed his brows, puzzled. Shu Pan was naive; apart from knowing Huanhuan, she was unfamiliar with such settings and unlikely to accept drinks from strangers.

"I don't know exactly. A waiter came to me and said Huanhuan was looking for me. I left for a moment, then returned to the lounge. Feeling thirsty, I saw the champagne I had just been drinking on the table, so I took a few sips, had some snacks, and then started feeling dizzy and hot," Shu Pan slowly recalled the events of last night.

She also wanted to figure out what had happened. Did she accidentally drink something, or was she deliberately drugged?

"Did you meet anyone at the banquet? Talk to anyone?" Gu Shaoting inquired.

"Yeah, I talked to Tong Fei," Shu Pan replied, stealing a glance at Gu Shaoting's expression, knowing that Tong Fei was once his fiancée.

Gu Shaoting frowned deeply upon hearing this.

Why was she still in Bin City? Didn't he warn her last time to develop her career abroad?

If Shu Pan hadn't mentioned it now, he would have forgotten about this person.

It seemed he needed to have He Ming investigate the matter. What exactly had happened?

If it turned out to be her doing, then she shouldn't blame him for not showing mercy.

After all, he had given her a chance based on their past relationship.

Now they were strangers, so there was no sentiment to be considered.

She'd better pray that it wasn't her doing.

“Alright, I got it. I’ll look into it,” Gu Shaoting reassured, patting her head.

“Oops, where are we now? What about Joy?” Shu Pan finally snapped out of her daze.

“With your condition yesterday, I booked a hotel room. Joy is at home, don’t worry, He Ming is taking care of her,” Gu Shaoting comforted her, knowing that she was most concerned about Joy.

“That’s good,” Shu Pan nodded, feeling relieved.

“Your change of clothes is on the chair,” he gestured towards the prepared clothes arranged by the hotel staff.

Gu Shaoting lifted her from the bed, then settled her on his lap, his hand gently massaging her temples.

“What’s wrong?” Shu Pan hesitated.

Gu Shaoting remained silent, his gaze lowered as he moved his hand away from her temples, gently resting it on her abdomen, lost in thought.

It was only when she spoke that he snapped out of it, “Hungry?”

“Yeah,” Shu Pan nodded. She had only eaten some snacks yesterday, and now her stomach was growling.

Feeling a bit uneasy under his stare, Shu Pan hastily got off his lap and went into the bathroom with her clothes.

Seeing her go in, Gu Shaoting took out his phone and dialed He Ming’s number.

“He Ming, sorry to bother you last night. Is Joy awake? We’re heading back now,” Gu Shaoting rubbed his forehead.

"She's awake, ordered breakfast, and is eating. You guys come back and join us for breakfast," He Ming replied, understanding that something had gone wrong, but he didn't ask. Gu Shaoting would tell him..

Chapter 473: So It Really Was Her

Gu Shaoting and Shu Pan returned home, only to find He Ming coaxing Joy, who was upset because she woke up and didn't see Daddy and Mommy around.

"Daddy, Mommy, where did you go? Why didn't you take me?" Joy burst into tears.

"Sweetheart, we had some work to attend to, it's adult stuff," Shu Pan crouched in front of Joy, patting her head.

Joy sniffled, looking quite forlorn.

"Next time, you have to take me with you wherever you go," Joy pouted, bargaining.

"Alright," Shu Pan chuckled at Joy's tearful smile, gently tapping her little nose.

"Come on, let's have breakfast before it gets cold," He Ming reminded them. "Okay, sorry for the trouble," Shu Pan apologized to He Ming as she stood up.

"Don't be silly," He Ming smiled faintly.

Shu Pan led Joy to the dining table, while Gu Shaoting exchanged a glance with He Ming.

He Ming followed him to the balcony, sensing that something serious had happened since they didn't return home last night.

“Brother Ting, what happened?” It must be something significant for them not to come back last night.

“Ting, have someone check the surveillance footage from Binjiang Hotel’s banquet yesterday, see who drugged Shu Pan,” Gu Shaoting’s tone was stern, sending a shiver down He Ming’s spine.

“Drugged?” He Ming was stunned. Who dared to take such a risk? Are they out of their minds?

It’s no wonder Gu Shaoting was so angry. If anyone dared to treat Xiaomeng like this, he would probably tear them apart.

“Yeah, drugged with aphrodisiacs. It feels intentional, because Shu Pan said she only left for a while, came back, drank that glass of champagne, and then things went downhill,” Gu Shaoting said fiercely. It was truly despicable.

“Alright, I’ll have someone look into it,” He Ming nodded.

“Also, find out who harassed Shu Pan. When we arrived, she seemed disheveled.”

“No problem, I’ll get back to you as soon as possible,” He Ming understood Gu Shaoting’s mood.

After He Ming left, Shu Pan took a day off to rest at home.

In the afternoon, Gu Huanhuan suddenly visited.

“Sis, how are you feeling?” Gu Huanhuan felt guilty for not being able to sleep well last night. She had wanted to visit Shu Pan in the morning, but her brother said Shu Pan was still asleep, so she rushed over as soon as she found out she was awake in the afternoon.

“I’m fine, don’t worry,” Shu Pan smiled softly, knowing Gu Huanhuan was blaming herself. In reality, it wasn’t Gu Huanhuan’s fault. If someone really wanted to harm her, it would have been unavoidable, just a matter of time.

Gu Huanhuan's eyes were a bit red; she must have been quite frightened by last night's events.

Seeing that Shu Pan was okay, she felt a bit relieved. She wouldn't dare to be so careless in the future.

Gu Shaoting had already scolded her thoroughly, but this time Gu Huanhuan didn't argue back. It was indeed her fault this time. If she had stayed by Shu Pan's side, perhaps this wouldn't have happened.

Because she still had other commitments, Gu Huanhuan left after seeing that Shu Pan was okay.

Around 5 O'clock, Gu Shaoting came home. He had to rush back to the office at noon because of an urgent matter.

"Back already? Huanhuan just left," Shu Pan was tidying up the coffee table.

"That girl dares to come again? Stay away from her in the future," Gu Shaoting was now extremely cautious.

"It was an accident this time, don't blame her," Shu Pan persuaded. No one could have expected such a thing to happen. It was a lesson for herself to be more vigilant in the future.

Just as Gu Shaoting sat down, his phone rang.. He glanced at it and immediately answered, "Do you have any updates?"

Chapter 474: Strange

"It's not much," came He Ming's voice from the phone.

Gu Shaoting paused, feeling somewhat uneasy. "Why is it taking so long? It's been almost a day, and still no results?"

"Yeah, because it involves privacy, it's been difficult to coordinate with the hotel," He Ming sounded a bit frustrated.

"But there's some progress. I asked one of the waitresses at the hotel, and she said she saw Tong Fei and Shu Pan talking, and it seemed like they were having some kind of disagreement," He Ming informed Gu Shaoting of the investigation's findings.

Gu Shaoting remained silent, a faint suspicion forming in his mind.

Wasn't using drugs a method Tong Fei excels at?

"Do you suspect Tong Fei?" He Ming asked, puzzled by Gu Shaoting's prolonged silence.

"It's possible. She and Shu Pan seem to have some grievances, and considering our previous interactions, she might still hold a grudge," Gu Shaoting basically confirmed it was Tong Fei, but he didn't want to wrongly accuse her. He wanted her to admit it willingly, without any clever excuses.

"Alright, I'll have someone look into it further," He Ming hung up.

Ye Xiaomeng, who was nearby, overheard and asked anxiously, "Did something happen to Shu Pan? How is she now?"

"She's fine now, resting at home," He Ming reassured her, pulling her to sit on the sofa.

"What's going on? Why do I feel like she's been getting into trouble more often since she got together with Gu Shaoting? Are they incompatible?" Ye Xiaomeng couldn't help but be sarcastic.

"Don't jump to conclusions. She's probably being intentionally targeted. We're still investigating," He Ming hugged her reassuringly.

Ye Xiaomeng remained silent. "How are you feeling lately? Don't stress too much. How about we take a vacation together? It might help to clear your mind," He Ming kissed her.

Ye Xiaomeng also felt a bit overwhelmed lately, especially with the pressure to have a child.

Everyone understood the logic. Things didn't happen just because you wanted them to, especially when it came to having children.

"You've been quite busy lately, haven't you? Let's talk about it when you have time. I can ask Shu Pan's opinion then, and we can all go together, it'll be more lively," Ye Xiaomeng replied somewhat absentmindedly, her mind wandering to which hospital had skilled doctors she could visit.

He Ming understood her thoughts. He planned to talk to his mother about marrying Xiaomeng.

Xiaomeng lacked a sense of security. She wanted to have a child and approval from Mother He. So, he wanted to provide her with what she lacked.

The next day, Shu Pan woke up to find Gu Shaoting already preparing breakfast.

"Darling, time for breakfast," Gu Shaoting, wearing an apron, opened the door and called out to Shu Pan in bed.

"Okay," Shu Pan responded quickly, swiftly getting ready.

"Panpan, there's something I'd like to discuss with you," Gu Shaoting hesitated, feeling a bit uneasy about bringing it up.

"Go ahead," Shu Pan frowned slightly.

"Are you tired from work?" Gu Shaoting asked cautiously.

“Not too much. Why do you ask?” Shu Pan looked at him, puzzled by his question today.

“How about quitting your job and staying at home? Don’t overwork yourself. If you get bored, you can come to the office with me,” Gu Shaoting suggested. He didn’t want her to be so tired, and with her by his side, he felt safer, not constantly worried about what might happen next.

Shu Pan was surprised by Gu Shaoting’s suggestion.

“I can manage for now. Let’s consider it when I can’t juggle family and work anymore,” Shu Pan felt that women needed to work to show their worth. If she stayed at home doing nothing every day, she would go crazy..

Chapter 475: Furious

Shu Pan also sensed Gu Shaoting’s thoughts. The recent series of accidents had really shaken him. He believed that staying by his side was the safest option.

There was a hint of disappointment on Gu Shaoting’s face. Although he had anticipated the outcome, hearing it still left him feeling a bit disheartened.

“Okay, I’ll quit when the family needs me more,” Shu Pan promised, seeing his expression.

Gu Shaoting had just settled into his office when He Ming pushed the door open.

“Brother Ting, we found out. It was indeed Tong Fei who did it. She took advantage of Shu Pan’s absence and spiked her champagne,” He Ming said indignantly. “She even told the entertainment industry’s notorious womanizer, Yang Yong, about it.”

It was despicable.

Gu Shaoting's face darkened instantly, like the harbinger of a storm, making people feel a little scared.

"Okay, I understand. I'll handle the rest. Thanks," Gu Shaoting's voice sounded restrained, his expression showing his anger.

He had given her chances, but unfortunately, she didn't appreciate them. Now, he wouldn't be polite anymore.

Gu Shaoting couldn't quite comprehend Tong Fei's mindset. She loved her career more than anything, willing to sacrifice herself for it.

She was no longer the Tong Fei he had known. If it weren't for Shu Pan's incident, he would have long forgotten about her.

But since she chose to do this, she should be prepared for what was to come.

"What do you plan to do?" He Ming could only mourn silently for Tong Fei. There was no use in saying anything now.

"If she likes spiking drinks, let's spike hers. If she likes introducing people to President Yang, let's introduce her instead, then take photos and send them to the press," Gu Shaoting said lightly, as if discussing today's weather. It was so natural.

"Go find someone and act when the time is right," Gu Shaoting instructed. This time, he would make her regret why she ever provoked him.

"Mmm... Alright." Initially, He Ming had considered pleading for mercy on her behalf. After all, if they really went through with it, she would be done for. A woman's reputation was the most important thing.

Tong Fei had no idea what she was about to face.

After leaving the office, He Ming immediately arranged for someone to track Tong Fei, waiting for the right moment to strike.

After two days of surveillance, they finally got their chance.

Tong Fei was scheduled for a commercial shoot. She always carried a thermos with her to keep her voice in good condition. Inside, she kept some tonic supplements.

While she was away shooting, He Ming's associate discreetly poured the aphrodisiac into the thermos, doubling the dosage.

Then they waited for Tong Fei's reaction.

Sure enough, when Tong Fei returned, she was thirsty. She casually poured herself a cup of red date and wolfberry tea that she had prepared herself.

The warm water was soothing to her throat, very comforting. Glancing at the time, she realized it was about time to leave. She called Zhou, her chauffeur, asking her to bring the car around.

Her career wasn't as successful as before. Previously, the company had provided her with a lot of support, but now it was just Zhou alone.

Once she got into the car, Zhou informed her that President Yang had called and wanted to see her, saying he needed her advice.

Tong Fei furrowed her brows.

President Yang? Why would that lecherous man want to see her? It couldn't be for anything good.

But she had no choice. After all, she relied on him now.

“President Yang, what’s the matter? Do you need something?” Tong Fei spoke in a sweet and delicate voice.

“I’ll send you an address. Come over.” With that, President Yang hung up, and Tong Fei received a text message on her phone..

Chapter 476: The Revenge

Tong Fei was in a dilemma. She didn’t know if she should go or not. It was not a good thing to go, but if she did not go, she would offend others.

“President Yang, I just happened to be filming. What’s the matter?” Tong Fei continued to send a message.

“Cut the crap. Come over now.” President Yang’s tone was very impatient.

Tong Fei had no choice but to let Xiao Zhou drive the car to the designated place.

On the way, Tong Fei started to feel that something was wrong. Did she have a fever? She felt that she was burning up.

Moreover, her body was reacting strangely.

This feeling was strange, but also somewhat familiar.

She thought about it for a moment. She was filming in the studio today and did not go anywhere else. Moreover, the tea she drank was prepared by herself.

Now that she was in society, especially in the more complicated entertainment industry, she still had the awareness to protect herself.

However, nothing had gone wrong. Why did she have such a reaction?

It was not a fever. Her heart was very hot and stuffy right now.

“Miss Fei, what’s wrong?” Zhou looked at Tong Fei in surprise. Her face was peach-colored, but her eyes were a little dazed.

“I don’t know. I want water.” Tong Fei tugged at her skirt. Her tone was a little impatient.

“Do you want me to send you to the hospital?” Zhou asked worriedly. Why did it suddenly become like this?

“No need. Just send me to the place I mentioned just now.” Tong Fei knew what

her reaction was.

At the moment, there was no way to figure out the problem. She had to solve the problem at hand first.

“Alright. Have some water.” Zhou handed her a bottle of mineral water.

Tong Fei leaned against the chair. Her body was burning hot.

When they arrived at the hotel, Zhou parked the car in the underground parking lot. Tong Fei sneakily got out of the car. Then, she put on her sunglasses and coat and quickly walked into the elevator. She was worried that someone would recognize her.

She had just knocked when the door opened. A hand reached out and pulled her in.

At the corner of the hotel's premium suite, a person was holding a camera and facing the door. He quickly pressed the camera button.

After a long time, Tong Fei came out. Her hair was a little messy and her clothes were a little wrinkled.

She looked around and saw that there was no one else. She could not help but heave a sigh of relief.

She was somewhat awake now. She thought about the cause and effect of the matter and knew that something was wrong.

She was drugged.

She had experienced this before, so she knew how it felt.

But who was it?

She only drank a little of the red dates and wolfberry water that she had prepared throughout the filming. Could it be that someone had put it in at that time?

She was too careless.

Who could it be? Was it another artiste who was competing with her for the endorsement?

She had used some tricks to get the cosmetics endorsement. Did that artiste bear a grudge and want to take revenge on her? Did she want to ruin her reputation?

That was all she could think of now.

D*mn it! If she found out that it was that woman who did it, she would make her suffer.

Tong Fei wanted others to know that she was not easy to deal with. She had seen a lot of scheming, so she knew how to deal with it.

Tong Fei thought as she walked, so she didn't notice the person who was taking photos of her behind her. She also didn't notice that President Yang followed her and watched her leave when she opened the door.

President Yang was still thinking about it. Supermodels lived up to their reputation. The hag at home was incomparable. It was because he had suffered at home that he called Tong Fei. Thinking about the mess the night before, he asked Tong Fei to compensate him.

However, he also promised to give her benefits and they did not owe each other anything..

Chapter 477: The Photos Were Exposed

Tong Fei could not imagine what was going to happen next.

When she returned to the car, her head was still aching a little.

"Miss Fei..." Zhou wanted to say something but hesitated. She knew what had happened.

"I'm fine." Tong Fei waved her hand, telling her to go home as soon as possible.

Tong Fei sat in the car and looked at the scenery outside the window. Her heart ached. How did she become like this?

She felt that she was making her final struggle now. She had to use all means in her career to get a small endorsement.

She suddenly thought of Gu Shaoting. Why didn't he love her?

She still couldn't understand how she was inferior to Shu Pan. She was better than her in terms of appearance, figure, and knowledge.

If Gu Shaoting hadn't broken off the engagement with her, she wouldn't be in this predicament.

Therefore, she gritted her teeth whenever she thought of Shu Pan.

Gu Shaoting had already received a message from the person who was following Tong Fei.

He sat in his office and looked at the photo on his phone. His eyes couldn't help but darken.

This was Tong Fei's fault. He would not allow such a dangerous person to exist by Shu Pan's side.

Now, his heart was not that strong. If Shu Pan had any trouble, he would be on tenterhooks.

He flipped through the photos. There were photos taken this time and the last time. He knew what the consequences would be if they were exposed.

But this time, he did not hesitate at all, nor did he feel any pity in his heart. With an expressionless face, he sent the photo to the newspapers he knew, giving them an exclusive.

The next day, the newspapers, television, Weibo, and other media outlets were all reporting that "Supermodel Tong Fei is dating a married man" and "Tong Fei is compromising for endorsement."

With the photos as evidence, she could not clear her name this time.

Some parts of the photo were even mosaicked. One could imagine the reason. It was as if a pot had exploded. Everyone was discussing this matter.

“I didn’t see her as that kind of woman.”

“The entertainment industry is complicated indeed.”

“Such a woman should get out of the entertainment industry.”

The news was spreading like wildfire outside, but the person involved was still sleeping.

Zhou was burning with anxiety. She called Tong Fei many times, but no one answered.

In the end, she had no choice but to go to Tong Fei’s house to find her.

Tong Fei rubbed her hazy eyes and opened the door for Zhou.

“What’s wrong?” Tong Fei was a little grumpy after waking up. After being woken up, she probably couldn’t fall asleep.

“Something big has happened, Miss Fei.” Zhou’s eyes were red with anxiety.

“What is it? Come in and talk. It sounds scary.” Tong Fei still didn’t know what destructive thing had happened.

“Look at the entertainment news headlines on your phone and Weibo.” Zhou didn’t know where to start.

Tong Fei was confused, but she still did as she was told. She took out her phone and opened the web page.

The headlines were full of her embarrassing photos and some scary headlines.

Tong Fei was dumbstruck. She felt as if her soul had left her body.

Was she being followed last night? Or was someone taking revenge?

She couldn't tell what had happened.

She broke down and smashed her phone against the wall. Bang! The phone split into two.

Tong Fei squatted on the ground, pulling her hair with both hands and wailing.

It was over. Everything was over.

Zhou saw that she was on the verge of collapse. She did not know how to comfort her. After all, no one could accept such a thing.

Her reputation was ruined, and so was her career.

She would probably become a public enemy and be despised by others.

After all, such an immoral thing would be criticized by others.

"Miss Fei..." Zhou called out to her softly..

Chapter 478: Collapse

“Zhou, tell me that this isn’t real. It isn’t real.” Tong Fei grabbed Zhou’s arms and shook her.

“Miss Fei, calm down.” Zhou took the opportunity to grab her hand and hold her down.

“Who is it? Who did it? Who framed me?” said Tong Fei nervously.

“Miss Fei, come over and sit down first. We’ll discuss this further.” Zhou helped her sit on the sofa.

“Is there still room for negotiation? I think the whole world has seen it and is laughing at me,” muttered Tong Fei to herself.

Zhou comforted her, “Let’s get to the bottom of this first before we hold a reporters conference to clarify.”

“Heh! Clarification...” Tong Fei smiled bitterly with tears in her eyes. She knew that all of this was true. Whether it was the photos or the reports, they were all true. How could she clarify it?

Tong Fei suddenly stood up, pulled open the curtains, and looked downstairs. As she expected, there were already reporters standing downstairs.

Such scandals were what these “paparazzi” liked to dig up the most.

“What should we do?” Tong Fei paced back and forth in frustration.

Zhou suggested, “Miss Fei, why don’t you go abroad to hide for a period?”

Staying here now would only make them report more. Eventually, the truth might be distorted even more.

“But there will probably be no place for me here once I leave.” Tong Fei was indignant. She had worked so hard to climb to her current position.

“If you don’t leave, there’s no place for you in this situation.” Zhou was about to yell out this sentence, but she suddenly stopped.

“Let me be quiet first.” After such a thing happened, the management company would probably give up on her.

Zhou saw that she was still sober and calmed down a little, so she left first.

Tong Fei sat still on the sofa. She couldn’t figure it out no matter how hard she thought about it. Who leaked the news?

Why didn’t she notice it at all?

And how did the person know that she went to the hotel to meet President Yang?

Suddenly, she thought of something. There was a photo in the headlines that seemed familiar. The background was her home. It was taken when Gu Shaoting brought people to her house last time.

Could it be that Gu Shaoting did this? She was a little unwilling to believe it. Did he already know that she was the one who drugged Shu Pan at the

banquet?

Was that why he wanted to take revenge on her?

Tong Fei thought about it again and again. She definitely couldn’t win against Gu Shaoting. She might as well listen to Zhou’s advice and go abroad to hide. She would come back after this matter faded.

As she thought about it, she immediately took action and began to pack her luggage.

When Gu Shaoting returned home, he saw Shu Pan reading the entertainment gossip news. The news was about Tong Fei.

He frowned, then walked to the TV and turned it off.

“Don’t look at these non-nutritious things.” Gu Shaoting walked to her side and sat down.

“It’s just some gossip.” Shu Pan pursed her lips. “Do you think the report is true? Is she that kind of person?”

Curiosity could kill a cat.

“Is it really important? It has nothing to do with us. Nothing happens for no reason. These are not groundless rumors,” said Gu Shaoting lightly.

“Sigh! I just feel that it’s such a pity,” said Shu Pan emotionally. One shouldn’t take such a path no matter how difficult it is. Perhaps everyone’s values were different.

“Don’t worry about it.” Gu Shaoting pulled her to sit on his lap. The woman in his arms was too soft-hearted, so he was worried.

“Got it.” Shu Pan nodded.

“Don’t make me worry. Look, my hair has turned white.” Gu Shaoting stuck his head in front of her..

Chapter 479: The Birthday Celebration

“Yes, yes. You have white hair. You’re an old man now.” Shu Pan pretended to be serious.

Gu Shaoting smiled slightly and patted Shu Pan’s buttocks. Then he said in an extremely dangerous tone, “Hmph! Old man? Have you ever seen such a handsome old man?”

“Alright. I was wrong.” Shu Pan raised her hands in surrender.

“Panpan...” His gaze was deep and serene, and his voice was low and hoarse as if the eighteen-year-old NV Er Hong Wine.

She looked at him and into his eyes that were as deep as the vast starry sky. Listening to his magnetic and deep voice, she unconsciously reached out and wrapped her arms around his lean and strong waist.

She didn’t say anything, but he could feel her subtle movements and gaze in his heart.

“Panpan...” He called her name again in a hoarse voice and kissed her again. Their lips and teeth collided, and the kiss slowly deepened.

At this moment, he only had her in his eyes, and so did she.

The next day.

It was late in the morning when Shu Pan slowly woke up. After the incident that happened last time, she had taken a leave of absence to rest at home.

She moved her body and felt a little weak.

She opened her eyes and instinctively looked out the window. However, she

didn't see Gu Shaoting.

She grabbed her phone and turned it on. It was almost noon. No wonder it was so quiet.

She found it unbelievable. How could she sleep so well now?

She got up and saw that Gu Shaoting and Joy were not at home, so she hastily made a bowl of noodles.

She looked at the time and called her father.

"Dad, how have you been recently?" Shu Pan felt that she was quite unfilial since she rarely went back.

"I'm pretty good..." Shu Laide wanted to say something, but Auntie Lu had already snatched the phone away.

"Panpan, your dad's birthday is next week. Are you free to come back? When the time comes, I'll set a date for you and Shaoting to come back." She had already mentioned it to Shu Pan the last time she went home, but she had almost forgotten about it.

"I'm free. I'll ask him about this again. He's back from a business trip and has been quite busy recently. I don't know if he has time." Even if Shupan had to ask for leave, she still wanted to go back to celebrate her father's birthday.

However, she had to discuss it with Gu Shaoting to see if he had time.

"That's good. Remember to tell him. You guys can discuss it. We can accommodate your time." Auntie Lu had a purpose. She wanted to ask Gu Shaoting if he had any plans to get married. What was the point of wasting time like this?

"Alright, I got it." Shu Pan didn't know Auntie Lu's purpose, so she didn't understand why Gu Shaoting had to go back.

Auntie Lu suddenly thought of Gu Shaoting's powerful mother. "By the way, does Shaoting's mother know that you two are together? What's her attitude towards you now?"

"Yes, Auntie Lu. Don't worry. We don't live together, so we won't have a chance to see her. Besides, this matter depends on Shaoting's attitude."

Shu Pan felt a little guilty for making them so worried.

"That's good. If she bullies you, don't let yourself suffer. We're here," said Auntie Lu firmly.

"Alright." Shu Pan felt a lump in her throat and nodded her head in gratitude.

Auntie Lu was about to finish what she wanted to say. Recalling Gu Shaoting's previous behavior, she reminded her again and again, "Remember to ask him what I just said."

'Yes, I will.'

She looked at the time. Gu Shaoting and Joy hadn't come back yet. Joy had dance class today and would probably be late.

Shu Pan turned on the TV and went into the kitchen to prepare dinner.

She was nimble and familiar with housework, so she quickly prepared three dishes and a soup.

She looked at the time. They were still not back yet. It was already half past six.

She thought for a moment, then dialed Gu Shaoting's phone..

Chapter 480: Depression

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The call was picked up only after a long time.

Gu Shaoting was in a meeting when Shu Pan called. When he saw the caller ID, the cold expression on his face seemed to soften a little. He made a pause gesture, walked out of the conference room, and picked up the phone.

“What’s wrong?” Gu Shaoting asked gently, but his voice sounded a little tired.

Shu Pan’s heart ached when she heard this.

When she heard his voice, her soft voice rang out. “Shaoting, are you still busy?”

“Yeah, it might take some time. I was busy just now and forgot to call you. Joy hasn’t finished class yet, right?” Gu Shaoting’s voice was very soft. He was too busy today and forgot to call Shu Pan.

He had neglected his duty!

“Alright, I’ll pick Joy up later. You...” Shu Pan wanted to say that she should not disturb him so that he could settle the matter quickly, but she suddenly paused when the words were about to come out of her mouth. Instead, she said, “Are you in the office now? I’ve already prepared the food. I’ll pack the food and then go pick up Joy. I’ll go to the office to look for you for dinner.”

Gu Shaoting thought for a moment and refused without hesitation. “No, go home after you pick up Joy. Don’t wait for me to eat. I don’t know how long I’ll be busy.”

“It doesn’t matter. It’s not too late anyway.”

“No need.” Gu Shaoting’s tone sank a little, with a toughness that could not be rejected.

Shu Pan's enthusiasm was instantly extinguished. She bit her lips and replied with an "Oh."

Perhaps sensing her unhappiness, he paused for a moment before coaxing her again. "Don't come all the way here. It's too tiring. Besides, it's dark and not safe. I'll be back soon after I'm done. Be good."

He coaxed her like the way he did to Joy. Shu Pan suddenly felt a little shy.

However, she was happy again when she knew that he cared about her.

It was easy for her to worry about gains and losses.

Shu Pan nagged like a wife, "Then I'll make noodles for you when you finish your work. Don't be too late. You've always had stomach problems. It's because of your work."

"Yes, I know. I'll be careful." The corridor of the office was very quiet. A few higher-ups were in the conference room, and everyone else had already gotten off work.

He walked to the balcony and looked at the lights outside. The neon lights were chaotic and dazzled. Listening to Shu Pan's instructions, he felt exceptionally calm and warm.

It was good to have someone who cared for his warmth and coldness. At least he was not alone now. He was not a walking corpse. He had warmth.

After hanging up the phone, Shu Pan packed her things and went to pick up Joy.

After returning with Joy, she ate and took a shower. Shu Pan looked at the time. It was almost 10 O'clock and Gu Shaoting was still not back. Forget it. She would lie down first and then cook noodles for him when he came back.

Hence, she waited for a long time. As she waited, she fell asleep on the bed.

The next day, Shu Pan woke up very early. She thought it was night.

Gu Shaoting was a light sleeper, so he woke up when Shu Pan woke up.

Only then did Shu Pan realize that she was lying on his chest. Shu Pan was hugging his medicine and finally regained consciousness. "When did you come back? Why didn't you wake me up? You didn't eat last night, right?"

"I came back last night and made a glass of milk. Didn't you make soup? I drank a bowl too."

He just woke up, so his voice was a little hoarse. He hugged her gently and gave her a good morning kiss.

"Oh." Shu Pan still blamed herself for being too sleepy..