

## **As Agreed 491**

### Chapter 491: Cheers, Wifey

There was a heart-shaped steak on Shu Pan's large white porcelain plate, some spaghetti, and two slices of lemon. There was also a rose on the plate where her knife and fork were placed.

Shu Pan was so surprised today that she was stunned. She did not know what to say to express the happiness she felt.

Joy's plate was smaller with her portion of the food.

After Gu Shaoting sat down, he helped Joy cut her steak into small pieces so she could feed herself using her fork.

He then brought out two long-stemmed glasses and filled them with red wine that he had decanted.

"Daddy, what is that?" Joy asked curiously.

"Red wine. Only adults can drink it." Gu Shaoting smiled. His little cutie was an inquisitive child.

"Oh, then I want to drink it when I grow up," Joy said unhappily. Why were there so many things that only adults can do? It was so unfair to children.

"Sure. Then you must grow up quickly." Gu Shaoting spoke as he picked up another piece of steak with Joy's fork.

Very soon, Joy finished her dinner and went back to her room to play with her toys.

The third wheel had finally left after all his efforts. Gu Shaoting smiled as he held up his glass. "Come. Cheers, wifey." Shu Pan blushed when she heard him call her "wifey."

"Cheers." Shu Pan drank more tonight because she was happy.

Gradually, she felt the heat in her face as the alcohol got to her head. "Alright, we've had enough today. I'll help you to the bedroom." Gu Shaoting helped Shu Pan back to their bedroom and put her down on the bed, but Shu Pan refused to let him go.

"Let go first. I'll go coax Joy to sleep." Gu Shaoting helped Joy take a shower and told her a story before she was willing to sleep.

Gu Shaoting was stunned when he got back to their bedroom. Shu Pan, who had showered at some point in time, was waiting shyly for him in bed, wearing a translucent pink nightie.

Shu Pan actually wasn't that drunk. She just didn't know how to face Gu Shaoting, so she pretended to be drunk.

She mustered up a lot of courage to put on this nightie, which she had bought when she went shopping with Xiaomeng last time. She had already thought then that it was an impulsive buy.

The nightie had been stashed at the bottom of the drawer since. She drank some wine just now to boost her courage because she wanted to reward him after all the efforts he put in tonight.

Gu Shaoting kept staring at Shu Pan. It was rare for her to be so proactive.

"You look like a fool. Hurry up and take a shower." Shu Pan felt a little embarrassed by his burning gaze.

"Alright." Gu Shaoting came back to his senses and hurried to take a shower. "Also, as agreed this afternoon, if we're going to have a baby, we'll have to work hard. "

After saying that, Gu Shaoting turned and went into the bathroom.

Shu Pan was stupefied into stone. What was this man thinking all day?

Listening to the sound of running water in the bathroom, Shu Pan blinked her beautiful big eyes as her mind wandered. He really took the matter of having a baby to heart.

Such obvious lustfulness...

Shu Pan stared at the bathroom door like she was about to bore a hole through it.

Gu Shaoting walked out of the bathroom elegantly towards her with only a bath towel covering his vital bits.

Shu Pan felt inexplicably nervous and couldn't help but gulp as she watched him get closer.

Gu Shaoting didn't say anything as he lay down next to her and rolled her into his arms.

Shu Pan wasn't a sexually open woman, but she wanted to surprise him tonight.

Although she was hugging him tightly, her hands were trembling slightly. Her face looked like it was filled with blood, and she was too embarrassed to look at him..

Chapter 492: Heartache For His Wifey

As expected, Gu Shaoting was aroused. He couldn't believe it. He seemed encouraged by her actions and took over. Shu Pan's mind went blank liked she had been tossed into the sky...

Shu Pan didn't know anything after that. She just closed her eyes.

When she woke up from her dreamless sleep and looked around, she saw Gu Shaoting standing by the window in deep thought and dressed for the day.

His posture was so upright with his chin slightly raised, the corners of his mouth curved and his eyes smiling.

Shu Pan really admired him because she found it difficult to get out of bed

while he looked as energetic as always.

That was probably the difference between men and women.

The man seemed to have heard the movement behind him as he slowly turned around. "You're awake?"

"Yes." Shu Pan let out a lazy stretch that lowered the blanket that was covering her body, revealing her fair shoulders.

What a seductive little vixen...

Shu Pan seemed to have felt Gu Shaoting's gaze. She quickly realized her bare shoulders and pulled the blanket over herself again.

She stayed still, her delicate face alluringly red like a ripe cherry.

He walked up to her and sat down beside her before he gently caressed her hair. "If you're really tired, rest a little longer. Wifey, let's move in to Qiyuan this weekend."

Gu Shaoting figured that with Auntie Li's help at Qiyuan, Shu Pan wouldn't be so tired.

Although the place where they lived now was smaller, Shu Pan didn't like to hire people to help at home, so she did everything herself. In addition, she was working. It was inevitable that she would be tired. His heart ached when he saw her work so hard.

Now that the villa at Qiyuan was ready, all they needed to do was to pack the more important belongings and move in.

Since his proposal to her last night, he started to call her "wifey".

Before that, he had always called her by her name, even during their first marriage. He had never addressed her so intimately, so Shu Pan couldn't help but sigh.

However, she still felt tremendous joy in her heart. The best kind of love was when it was reciprocated.

"Okay, let's move in this weekend. Joy will be so happy." Shu Pan nodded in agreement. They would have to move in sooner or later, so she might as well get used to their new home sooner.

Seeing that it was already broad daylight outside, Shu Pan said with slight embarrassment, "Please leave first. I'll come out after I get dressed." "Sure." Gu Shaoting smiled, understanding her embarrassment.

She jumped out of bed abruptly and rushed into the bathroom.

"Slow down, don't fall." Gu Shaoting said as he watched her run away in a panic. His eyes sparkled with joy as he licked his lips subconsciously as though he could still taste her.

But he soon shook his head in disappointment. The sexually proactive Shu Pan from last night was gone. He missed her so much.

After everything was settled, Gu Shaoting went to the office in high spirits. He was beaming with joy all the way and everyone could see that he was in a good mood.

His secretary, Mr. Zhang, said with a smile when he entered his office, "Congratulations, CEO Gu, for winning over the woman of your dreams." Mr. Zhang was a smart person and guessed what happened right away.

"Thank you for your suggestion." Gu Shaoting replied with a smile. "You're welcome." Mr. Zhang figured that a married man would be more hormonally balanced.

That would be great as CEO Gu would be less eccentric in the future.

After Mr. Zhang left, Gu Shaoting sat at his desk. He wanted to call Shu Pan but he put down his phone after thinking about it.

They had just parted but he already missed her. He wished that Shu Pan was his secretary.

However, before Gu Shaoting could make that happen, a candidate for his secretary had arrived..

Chapter 493: Charlene Is Here

It was almost noon when Gu Shaoting looked at the time. Shu Pan was about to go for her lunch break. Just as he was calling her, his phone suddenly rang.

"Brother Gu, are you busy?" The caller's voice was sweet and familiar, but Gu Shaoting couldn't remember where he had heard it before.

"Um... You are..." Gu Shaoting tried to remember who the caller was but failed.

"It's Charlene. Has Brother Gu forgotten about me?" The caller said, sounding very disappointed.

“Oh, it’s Miss Charlene. I’m so sorry. I just finished some work and am still a little concussed.” Gu Shaoting finally remembered that she was Mr. John’s daughter who was heading his way for an internship.

“Brother Gu, I’m booked on a flight to your place the day after tomorrow.” Charlene informed him.

Gu Shaoting sighed in his heart. He was in a difficult position because Mr. John was an important business partner and he couldn’t get out of doing him this favor.

“Okay, send me your flight information. I’ll send someone to pick you up.” Gu Shaoting said.

Charlene felt a little disappointed. Her Brother Gu was sending someone to pick her up instead of picking her up himself. But on second thought, it was understandable. After all, he was the CEO of a big company; he probably didn’t have the time.

But it was okay. She had plenty of time. When she arrived at his office and interacted with him every day, should she worry that he wouldn’t develop feelings for her?

At the thought of this, Charlene felt much better.

“Alright, I’ll have to trouble Brother Gu then.” Charlene hung up happily and immediately sent him her flight information.

She wished that time would pass more quickly so she could see her Brother Gu earlier.

She didn’t have any man as outstanding as Brother Gu around her. This was also the first time she was so interested in a man. He was someone who made her heart flutter.

She felt that he was the person she had been waiting for and that he was the right man for her.

She had waited for so long for him to appear. She must work hard and not miss out on him.

She had a chance as long as he wasn't married. Even if he was, he could still get a divorce, right?

She was the master of her own destiny. Charlene secretly cheered herself on.

She was born into a good family and was outstanding herself. Her life had been smooth sailing without any setback. She considered winning over Gu Shaoting a challenge.

She had set herself the goal of success only. Failure wasn't an option and the word "failure" had never been part of her vocabulary thus far.

Shortly after Gu Shaoting hung up the phone, he got a text message. He opened it and saw Charlene's flight information.

He read the message, called his secretary into his office, and forwarded the message to him.

"Mr. Zhang, the message I've just forwarded to you... Check the flight arrival time and pick her up from the airport with the driver. I'll also send you her phone number." Gu Shaoting felt that he couldn't afford to neglect Charlene. If anything happened to her, he wouldn't be able to explain himself to Mr. John. "Okay and she is?" Mr. Zhang clicked on the message and knew that it was a woman when he saw the name. He could not help but frown.

He didn't think that this woman was in some kind of secret relationship with Gu Shaoting. After all, he had worked for Gu Shaoting for so long and knew that he wasn't a playboy.

Moreover, he had just proposed to his ex-wife. They were still in the honeymoon stage of their relationship and he wouldn't do such b\*stardly things.

"She's the daughter of our French partner, Mr. John. She wanted to do an internship here. Let her learn from you when she's here. Don't give her access to any important documents though. Some things are proprietary information after all." After Gu Shaoting finished, he got ready to meet Shu Pan for lunch.

"I understand, CEO Gu. I'll definitely do the job well." Mr. Zhang promised.



“Good. I knew that you will because if you don’t, we still need people to develop our business in Africa.” Gu Shaoting patted his shoulder and said with a smile.

Mr. Zhang’s face darkened. This was another thankless assignment, sob....

#### Chapter 494: Celebrating Her Father’s Birthday

After briefing his secretary, Mr. Zhang, Gu Shaoting drove to Shu Pan’s office to find her.

Shu Pan wasn’t surprised at all when she received his call because he was super clingy now.

Gu Shaoting wanted nothing more than to kiss her the moment she got into the car.

“What would you like to have for lunch?” Gu Shaoting asked sweetly.

“Anything is fine. Aren’t you busy? Actually, I can just lunch with my colleagues on workdays. It’s very tiring for you to run around like this.” Shu Pan felt bad that he was running around so much for her.

Gu Shaoting just smiled.

Shu Pan had no idea how much he looked forward to the time they spent together.

At lunch, Gu Shaoting kept putting food into Shu Pan’s bowl.

“Enough.” Shu Pan cried out when she saw him give her more food. She would definitely put on weight if she ate like this.

“Look at how skinny you are. Please don’t go on a diet like other women.” Gu Shaoting reminded her gently because there were too many women who blindly pursue weight loss.

“I’m not skinny but I won’t.” Shu Pan didn’t think she was skinny. She thought she was slightly chubby. She didn’t understand Gu Shaoting’s assessment of her weight.

“Anyway, I think you’re skinny.” Gu Shaoting didn’t want to discuss in public how she felt under his touch, so he ended the conversation with this statement.

“By the way, it’s my father’s birthday this weekend. Are you free to go back together with us?” Shu Pan suddenly remembered.

“Yes. We’ll go back together to celebrate Dad’s birthday.” Was she kidding? He would find time to go back no matter how busy he was. His father-in-law’s birthday was too important an event. Besides, he wanted to tell them in person about remarrying Shu Pan.

“Great.” Shu Pan was happy that he cared about her father’s birthday.

The weekend soon arrived.

Joy knew that they were going back to see Grandpa and Grandma. She was so excited that she hardly slept the night before.

Gu Shaoting was driving when Joy sighed from the backseat. “Daddy, Mommy, why don’t we ask Grandpa and Grandma to live with us?”

Joy liked her grandparents very much because they always doted on her and never raised their voices at her.

“You can invite them to live with us when you see them later. We’re moving in to a big house. You can even have a puppy.” Gu Shaoting replied with a smile.

Shu Pan gave him a sidelong glance; she didn't expect Gu Shaoting to say that. At least not based on his earlier attitude.

She couldn't imagine what he was thinking as he still had grudges against her father.

She didn't dare to ask if he had already forgotten all the grudges from before.

But she also understood that if a person truly loved another, he would also love the other person's family and accept everything about her.

Gu Shaoting had never liked to go to his in-laws' house before. He was also indifferent to her father and Auntie Lu. Shu Pan finally understood this principle when she saw the contrast.

As she had called her father and Auntie Lu when on their way, she could see them waiting eagerly for them before they arrived at their house. They had been looking out for them, paying attention to every passing car.

Shu Pan saw them getting older by the day and felt sad.

This visit, she would try to persuade them to move to Bin City so she could take care of them.

As soon as the car came to a stop, Joy opened the door and ran out.

"Grandpa, Grandma, I miss you so much." Joy said coquettishly.

"You're really my little sweetheart. Let Grandpa see if you've grown taller?" Shu Laide picked Joy up and laughed happily.

With Joy around, he forgot all his worries.

"Dad, Auntie Lu..." Gu Shaoting and Shu Pan called out politely as they got out of the car.

“Hi, hi. It’s good that you’re back. Come on in.” Shu Laide was pleased. At least Gu Shaoting’s attitude seemed respectful..

#### Chapter 495: Dad, We’re Getting Married

Once in the house, Gu Shaoting put the gifts they brought on the coffee table.

Shu Pan was carrying a cake. Because it was packed well, the butter cream didn’t melt and the cake was in good condition.

Auntie Lu was very glad to see the entire family there and went into the kitchen happily to cook.

Shu Pan saw that Joy was playing in the living room and her father and Gu Shaoting were both there, so she also went into the kitchen.

“Panpan, get out quickly. It’s smoky and oily in here.” Auntie Lu stopped Shu Pan when she saw her walk in.

“It’s okay. It’s not like I’ve never cooked before. Let me help. It’ll be faster this way.” Shu Pan said indifferently.

“Panpan, how is it? Did Shaoting mention marriage with you?” Auntie Lu asked quietly when she saw that no one else was around.

Shu Pan was very touched. Although Auntie Lu was not her biological mother, her concern for her was no less than her biological mother’s.

She knew that Auntie Lu cared very much about marriage and didn’t want her to be short-changed.

"Auntie Lu, don't worry. Shaoting has already proposed to me, and I've agreed." Shu Pan felt that she shouldn't have kept Auntie Lu worried.

Auntie Lu beamed. "Good, good."

If he had marriage in mind, he was serious about her and not playing around.

Panpan had already suffered enough. She did not want her to be hurt again.

Shu Pan's eyes instantly turned red.

She didn't know that she had caused Auntie Lu so much worry.

In the living room, Shu Laide and Gu Shaoting, two grown men, were sitting quietly.

But they were both drinking tea in synchrony.

Gu Shaoting finally broke the silence. "Dad, Panpan and I are getting married."

Shu Laide's hand that was holding his teacup froze. He took a sip of tea and said, "Are you serious? You won't be talking about divorce again in a few days, right?"

Shu Laide's words were quite sarcastic, and Gu Shaoting felt a little embarrassed.

"Dad, don't worry. I'm serious. I'll make them happy." Gu Shaoting said confidently.

Shu Laide nodded. What else could he say? After all, his daughter was still in love with this man and he was Joy's father. It was the best thing for them to get married. It would be good for Joy's development too.

Seeing that Shu Laide did not object, Gu Shaoting heaved a sigh of relief. He was very nervous on the way here.

After a long time...

"Time to eat." Auntie Lu shouted as she brought out a large porcelain bowl.

Joy was the first to leave the living room.

"Grandma, I'm ready to eat. I'm hungry." Joy's childish voice was especially likable.

"Alright, my sweet baby. I'll dish out soup for you first." Auntie Lu was very happy. It had been a long time since the house was so lively.

"Come sit down and eat. It's simple homecooked food." Auntie Lu was a little worried that she wasn't a good host.

After all, Gu Shaoting rarely came to their house in the past. One could count with one hand the number of times he came here when he was married to Panpan. Moreover, he came and went in a hurry every time. She and her father weren't happy about it but they didn't want Shu Pan to be sad, so they kept quiet.

Auntie Lu didn't know what Gu Shaoting liked to eat, so she asked Shu Pan. But Shu Pan told her that she didn't need to cater specially to him, that he would eat whatever was served. He wasn't picky about food.

Auntie Lu wouldn't be too casual either. After all, he would be her future son-in-law, so she made all her signature dishes.

Gu Shaoting ate happily and praised Auntie Lu's cooking as he ate.

Did the sun rise from the west today? This man actually knew how to flatter Auntie Lu...

Shu Pan saw Gu Shaoting in a new light. He had disdained doing such things in the past.

But he had changed for her.

"If it's delicious, then eat more." Auntie Lu saw that someone appreciated her cooking and happily picked up more food for Gu Shaoting.

The whole family was happy.

#### Chapter 496: A Difficult Task

After lunch, they went on to cut the cake.

Joy sang her grandfather a birthday song and danced. Shu Laide hadn't been so happy in a long time.

His worry about Shu Pan's marriage was finally a weight off his mind.

"Dad, Auntie Lu, I'd like to discuss something with you. We'll be moving to Qiyuan soon. We have plenty of room there and we'd like you to move in with us. That way, we'll be able to take care of each other." Gu Shaoting suggested knowing well that Shu Pan's biggest worry was her parents.

"Thank you for the thought, but your Auntie Lu and I are used to living here. It's also troublesome to move." Shu Laide's main concern was the inconveniences if they moved in with their son-in-law. They enjoyed their freedom too much.

"Qiyuan is a very nice place. You'll be more comfortable living there." Gu Shaoting continued to persuade them.

Shu Pan was very touched. It was enough that he had the intention.

"If you'd like to have your own space, our place at Shuimu Qinghua will be available after we move out. You are welcome to live there. If you continue to live here, we won't be able to take care of you if something happens." Gu Shaoting said earnestly.

"Don't worry, we are not at that stage yet. We'll tell you when the need arises." Shu Laide said gratefully.

It seemed that Gu Shaoting had taken everything to heart this time, so he could rest assured.

"Are you planning to hold a wedding this time around?" Auntie Lu asked because other than registering their marriage, they didn't do anything else the first time they got married.

Every woman dreamed about the day she donned a wedding gown. Shu Pan didn't have a wedding last time. Auntie Lu wondered if she could make up for it this time around.

"There will be a wedding. I'll let you know when the date is set." Gu Shaoting said firmly.

He would give Shu Pan an unforgettable wedding this time around.

"Okay, we'll go to Bin City when we attend your wedding." Shu Laide said.

"Daddy, so Grandpa and Grandma are not moving in with us?" Joy was slightly disappointed.

"No, they are not. If you miss them, Daddy will send you back here to play with Grandpa and Grandma during your school holidays, okay?" Gu Shaoting comforted Joy.

He understood how she felt. Joy grew up with her Grandpa and Grandma, so it was expected that she would miss them.



“Fine. I’ll miss them when we go home.” Joy said dejectedly.

Gu Shaoting patted her head.

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Mr. Zhang felt that the most difficult task in the world was to pick someone up at the airport.

According to the message sent by CEO Gu, Charlene’s flight was scheduled to land at 2 p.m. He and the driver left for the airport at noon. He was worried that there would be a traffic jam on the way, so it was better to set off earlier.

He was right. Traffic was bad on their way to the airport. When they finally arrived, there was also a sea of people in the airport. Announcements through the P.A. system mixed with noises from the crowd created a rather chaotic scene.

Mr. Zhang found the arrival gate and looked at the time. It was almost time, so he quickly took out a placard with Charlene’s name on it.

He admired his foresight. The arrival gate would be packed with people when flights land and they had never met before. It was necessary to hold up a placard for his guest.

He was quite pleased with himself. Why did the heavens give him such a brilliant mind?

Just as he was indulging in his narcissism, a slender figure walked towards him from afar.

Mr. Zhang’s heart raced as he watched the woman walk closer.

She was really attractive. Many people at the airport were staring at her.

It wasn't because of anything else but because she had a beautiful face and an elegant but slightly playful demeanor.

The beautiful woman walked up to him.

"Are you Mr. Zhang? Did Brother Gu ask you to pick me up?" The woman wasn't just beautiful, she also had a sweet and gentle voice.

"Yes. Hello, you are Miss Charlene, right?" Mr. Zhang quickly snapped out of his daze.

#### Chapter 497: Probing For Information

"Yes, I am Charlene, sorry to trouble you." Charlene replied gracefully.

"Don't mention it. It's my pleasure." Mr. Zhang felt a little embarrassed. He felt that his hard work was worth it when he saw that the beautiful woman was also modest and polite.

He put away the placard and turned to help Charlene with her bags.

Charlene walked in front while Mr. Zhang followed behind with a trolley wondering the whole time if it was a good idea to have such a beautiful woman working at Gu Group...

He also wondered what the beauty in front of him was thinking. She wouldn't be causing any trouble at work, right?

When they got to the car, Mr. Zhang sat in the front passenger seat while Charlene sat in the back.

Charlene and Mr. Zhang chatted about the sights, sounds and culture of Bin City as they drove.

Suddenly, Charlene changed the subject and asked about Gu Shaoting.

“Brother Zhang, is Brother Gu very busy?” Charlene was smooth talker as she quickly changed the way she addressed Mr. Zhang from “Mr. Zhang” to “Brother Zhang”.

“Of course, he’s busy. It’s no easy feat for CEO Gu to manage such a big company.” Mr. Zhang’s tone was filled with deep admiration.

“Yeah, I heard from my father that he’s super impressive.” Charlene’s tone was filled with pride too.

“That’s for sure. But he’s probably not going to be busy with the company soon. I think he’ll be busy with his significant life event in the coming days.” Mr. Zhang could be a gossip sometimes, like how he was speaking cryptically now.

“His significant life event?” Charlene was shocked. What was going on? Although she had spent a lot of time overseas, she had majored in Chinese, so she knew the meaning of “significant life event”.

She might have heard that he had a girlfriend, but she wasn’t paying much attention. After all, there weren’t many women worthy of her Brother Gu. Moreover, most men with successful careers would not step into the tomb of love, marriage, so early in life.

“That’s right. Not many people know about this, and I’m telling you this in confidence now.” Actually, Mr. Zhang had his selfish motives. He wanted to tell her to warn her not to fall in love with the wrong man.

Charlene didn’t say anything. She looked out the window and thought to herself disdainfully, “It’s a little premature to talk about marriage, right?”

“Is she beautiful?” Charlene suddenly asked an unrelated question.

Women tend to compare themselves to others. Mr. Zhang could not help but shake his head.

“Are you referring to the future CEO spouse? Of course, she’s beautiful. Otherwise, she wouldn’t have caught CEO Gu’s eye.” Mr. Zhang was tempted to ask Charlene if she knew the obvious answer to her question.

“Did Brother Gu tell you what to do with me?” Charlene asked. She knew that familiarity bred romance, so she had to find out quickly.

“CEO Gu asked me to be your supervisor. You’ll be working with me as an executive assistant.” Mr. Zhang replied.

“Okay, I look forward to learning from you, Brother Zhang.” Charlene was rather satisfied with this arrangement because she would be working closely with the CEO; there would be plenty of opportunities for him to grow fond of her.

“Don’t mention it. We’ll learn together.” Mr. Zhang replied modestly.

They chatted happily all the way until they arrived at a hotel owned by Gu Group.

“Miss Charlene, please have a rest at the hotel first. You must be tired after such a long flight. I’ll bring you to see the apartment after you recover from your jetlag.” Mr. Zhang didn’t get to be Gu Shaoting’s secretary for nothing. He was a very thoughtful executive assistant.

After sending Charlene to the hotel to settle down, Mr. Zhang called Gu Shaoting. “CEO Gu, I’ve settled things for Miss Charlene. She’ll officially start work on Monday. She’s still jetlagged.”

“Okay, thanks. Good job. Take good care of her.” Gu Shaoting reiterated.

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“Will do.”

Gu Shaoting trusted that Mr. Zhang would do a good job. After hearing that everything had been properly arranged for Charlene, he felt that he had done good by Mr. John and went back to his task at hand.

He was packing at home with Shu Pan for their move to Qiyuan.

Qiyuan already had everything. All they needed to do was to pack a few important belongings and move in. He didn't expect his wife to deem almost everything important.

When they were done packing, there were numerous big and small cartons of things to be moved. He would need to hire a mover.

“Wifey, we really don't have to go through so much trouble. We'll just buy whatever we need.” Gu Shaoting didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

“Don't waste what's still usable. These things will just collect dust if we leave them here.” Shu Pan said matter-of-factly.

Joy was elated when she heard her father tell her about the big garden with a swing she could play in and keep a puppy.

She wished that they would move in right away.

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After Charlene arrived at her hotel room and put down her bags, she looked at her phone and figured that Mr. Zhang had probably updated her Brother Gu that he had picked her up from the airport.

Theoretically, her Brother Gu would call her to check if she was settling in alright.

But her phone never rang.

She sat on the bed, staring at her phone. Her lips were mashed together in a hard line and her face looked depressed.

What was going on? Did Brother Gu not care about her at all? Did he think that she was here to cause him trouble?

She squeezed her phone as she made up her mind to call Gu Shaoting.

Her call was picked up after a long time.

“Hello, who is this, please?” Gu Shaoting’s deep and magnetic voice rang out over the phone. His voice sounded like a tantalizing blend of silk and honey that sent shivers down her spine with each word.

Charlene was so stunned that she couldn’t speak.

“Hello?” Gu Shaoting said again over the phone.

Charlene finally snapped out of her daze and replied quickly, “Brother Gu, it’s Charlene. I’ve arrived.”

“That’s good. Have a good rest. I’ll treat you to a meal tomorrow.” Gu Shaoting said because he was busy and figured that Charlene was tired after such a long flight.

That was why he didn’t offer to buy her a welcome dinner right away.

“Alright then.” Charlene’s voice was filled with disappointment. She wasn’t tired because she had slept for a long time during her flight. She had travelled the world and was used to flying around.

But since Gu Shaoting responded that way, she didn’t press on.

It was still better for a girl to act more reserved. She had plenty of opportunities ahead and letting this one go was no big deal.

After hanging up the phone, Charlene opened her suitcase and hung up the clothes that she had specially selected for her stint here. What she brought with her was just part of her wardrobe. The clothes that she had shipped herself had yet to arrive.

She was worried about her unfamiliarity with this place that she didn't know where to shop, so she brought a lot of clothes.

A woman must dress to impress her love interest.

She was starting work tomorrow. What should she wear to impress her Brother Gu?

She must knock his socks off.

She browsed and browsed until she decided on an above the knee pencil skirt, paired with a white silk blouse. It was a very professional ensemble.

The professional ensemble was often the hardest to carry off but it accentuated her curves.

The skirt she picked was pink and her top was white. As the blouse was made of silk, it had a semi-translucent quality and made her look very alluring.

Charlene smiled in satisfaction. She was young, beautiful, and smart. She was confident that she could win Brother Gu over.

Didn't people say that it was much easier for a woman to pursue a man?

If Gu Shaoting didn't want to pursue her, she could always be the pursuer.

She had always worked hard to get what she wanted. She believed that people had their destiny in their own hands.

“Go, Charlene, go!” She looked at herself in the mirror and secretly cheered herself on.

#### Chapter 499: Her First Appearance At Gu Group

As Mr. Zhang was worried that Charlene didn't know how to get to the office, he and the driver waited for her downstairs of her hotel the following morning.

When Charlene walked out from the hotel lobby, she saw Mr. Zhang standing beside the car and the astonishment in his eyes.

She knew that she had achieved the desired effect.

“Good morning, Miss Charlene.” Mr. Zhang averted his eyes and greeted Charlene when she got close. He then turned to open the car door for her.

“Good morning, Mr. Zhang. Just call me Charlene from now on. After all, we are going to be colleagues. There's no need to be so formal.” Charlene said gently.

Her first step was to win the hearts of the people. Mr. Zhang had told her that he had worked for Gu Shaoting for several years. Just the sound of it made her think that Mr. Zhang was a star employee at Gu Group. Gu Shaoting must trust him a lot, so it was necessary for her to get his support.

“Please get in the car.” Mr. Zhang didn't dare to be informal with Charlene as he continued to treat her with utmost respect.



“Brother Gu will be in office today, right?” Charlene asked. She woke up very early today to dress and doll herself up for her Brother Gu. Everything would go to waste if he didn’t go to work...

Who was Mr. Zhang? Someone who got to his position knew how to read people. He frowned.

Wasn’t this Miss Charlene paying way too much attention to the CEO?

Charlene felt a little awkward when Mr. Zhang didn’t answer her. She quickly changed the subject, “The weather is really nice today.”

“Yes, the weather is always nice in Bin City.” Mr. Zhang replied indifferently.

When they arrived at Gu Group, as Charlene expected, she caused a sensation at the office.

People wondered if she was a new employee when they saw her. But when they saw her walk in with Mr. Zhang and how Mr. Zhang was so respectful to her, some guessed that she was CEO Gu’s mistress.

People were whispering to each other and Charlene enjoyed being the center of everyone’s attention.

Her head was high and her chest was puffed out as she walked in confidently in her high heels.

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It couldn’t be helped because Charlene was too eye-catching. She was wearing a pair of white stilettos and her pink skirt wrapped tightly around her buttocks, making her waist look slender and her long legs flawless and fair.

Her light makeup made her look fresh and not gaudy.

They rode the elevator straight up to the executive floor. There was another female executive assistant in the secretary pool area. Everyone called her Xiaoyu.

Xiaoyu was a smiley and carefree girl.

When she saw Charlene, she thought that she was the newly hired executive assistant.

“Xiaoyu, this is Miss Charlene. She will be working here in the secretary pool area. Kindly acquaint yourselves and support one another.” Mr. Zhang gave a quick introduction. Not everyone had arrived in office, so he would do the formal introduction later.

“Looking forward to learning from you.” Charlene said modestly. There was no harm being nice to people. Anyway, it was always good to build relationships as soon as possible.

After a little pleasantries, Mr. Zhang brought Charlene around the office so she wouldn’t get lost finding her way around the company.

The executive floor alone was huge. Charlene regretted wearing stilettos as her ankles hurt after they walked just the one floor.

Mr. Zhang was an astute observer. He quickly noticed Charlene’s strange behavior and said considerately, “Why don’t I show you the other floors some other time? You have time to slowly familiarize yourself with the office and the company.”

Charlene couldn’t have asked for more as she staggered back to the secretary pool area.

Mr. Zhang had other business to take care of, so he left after walking Charlene back to her desk.

Chapter 500: An Invitation

Xiaoyu looked up and thought for a moment. She then looked at the time and said, “He’s probably in. I wasn’t paying attention.”

Charlene smiled and then asked, "Do you get many opportunities to go into the CEO's office?"

"Not really because Mr. Zhang is usually the one who interacts with CEO Gu." Xiaoyu replied with an incredulous expression on her face.

"I see." Charlene was lost in thought.

She needed to think of a way to get close to Brother Gu. How else would she win him over?

Charlene looked at the time. It was 9:30; her Brother Gu should have arrived in his office.

She straightened her clothes, picked up a notebook and walked towards the CEO's office.

"Knock, knock..." Gu Shaoting was startled when he heard the knock on the door because he was saying sweet nothings to Shu Pan.

Shu Pan also heard the knock on the end of the call, so she found an excuse and hung up.

"Please come in..." Gu Shaoting said in an annoyed tone because he didn't appreciate the interruption.

"Brother Gu, is this a bad time?" Charlene carefully poked her head in.

"It's fine. Come in." Gu Shaoting suppressed his annoyance when he saw that it was Charlene.

"Brother Gu, my presence here has troubled you." Charlene said politely like a submissive little wife. She believed in the saying "one step back today for two steps forward tomorrow".

"Not at all. If there's anything you don't understand, just ask. I asked Mr. Zhang to supervise you because I'm quite busy and not always in the office." Gu Shaoting's words made sense.

Charlene stood beside Gu Shaoting's desk, all tall and charming with her beautiful, fair skin. Her every move exuded the elegance of a wealthy young miss. At this moment, her beautiful eyes were wandering with excitement.

But no matter what her expression and thoughts were, Gu Shaoting seemed indifferent because he was thinking where he should take Shu Pan for lunch later.

They worked at different companies at different locations and Shu Pan was busy with Joy when they were home. They didn't really get much couple time.

Therefore, their two-hour lunch break was precious.

"Brother Gu, I have a few questions for you, but I don't want to disturb you at work. Is lunchtime today convenient for you? Let's have lunch together." Charlene's invitation sounded so legit that it was difficult to decline.

Gu Shaoting wanted to tell her to cut to the chase but held back when he saw her eager eyes.

He also thought about how he hadn't yet welcomed her after she touched down on this foreign land.

"Alright, let me get some work done first. Please ask Mr. Zhang to come along." Gu Shaoting thought that having his secretary at their lunch would be better. He would ask Shu Pan for her opinion later.

"Thanks, Brother Gu. I shan't disturb you anymore." Charlene was so happy that she wanted to dance. She didn't expect things to go so smoothly. As for Mr. Zhang, he would probably be too busy to join them later.

After Charlene finished, she politely left Gu Shaoting's office.

Gu Shaoting finally had his peace. He shrugged as he wondered what young girls nowadays were thinking.

He got down to work.

It was almost noon when Gu Shaoting looked at the time. He called Shu Pan.

“Wifey, what are you doing? Come to my office. We’ll have lunch together.” Gu Shaoting said as soon as the call was connected.

“All that running around is too much trouble. I’ll just find something to eat my office cafeteria.” Shu Pan was reluctant.

“A friend has just arrived and it’s a welcome lunch.” Gu Shaoting said awkwardly.

Shu Pan thought that Gu Shaoting was referring to one of his male friends, so she didn’t take it to heart.