

Lazily 446

Chapter 446: Shoge

So far, the exhibit had been going well.

The exhibit started at six in the evening, and it would end at ten. Or so everyone thought.

At ten, they will announce that there would be an auction for the blueprint of the armor. In this way, everyone would have the chance to bid. The winners would be given twenty-four hours to give the money or they will do another round of bidding the next day.

Lyca was actually very excited about this. However, instead of spending time in the exhibit, she chose to stay inside the security room where she could see all the footage inside and outside of the hall. To her, staying here with food is definitely better than forcing herself to socialize.

Unlike the ordinary security room where they met Old Man Shen, this room was located on the rooftop of the building. There were ten monitors in front of her, each showing different angles of the hall. To her left were another ten monitors showing another angle.

Right now, Lyca was alone in the room. Ronan was currently assisting Shen Qui while Rue, Cleo, and the Chu Twins were attending the party. Once again, the twins asked Cleo and Rue to act as their escorts to help them chase away women.

"I wonder why Xu Je'er is not even looking at Chu Munan," Cleo spoke. Everyone was equipped with a small communicator that would make them talk to each other. "She is so beautiful, but Chu Munan seemed to hate her. I think he's gay."

"I can hear you, moron." Chu Munan's voice echoed, making Lyca chuckled.

"Chu Munan, Xu Je'er is pretty and rich. Why don't you like her? Look at her jade-like skin and pinkish lips. Her eyes sparkled like stars, her smile so blinding and beautiful. Isn't that something men likes?" Cleo said.

Chu Munan only snorted in response. He didn't say another word again.

"Also that Mr. Ken Xu is also handsome, no?" Cleo suddenly said. "But he's got this unique aura surrounding him. Like he was the King or something. Do you think he would become the next president?"

Lyca snorted. Who knows? Maybe Xu Ke is already the president. After all, he had the technology to create face masks. Lyca wasn't even sure if he had something he could use to imitate the president.

"I think he is suspicious," Rue chimed in. "He's got this scary look."

"He is handsome. How come you think he was scary?"

"His eyes it's like dead."

"Oh! I know what you mean." Cleo said. "Lyca Mr. Ken Xu is talking to your father."

"I can see that," Lyca said. Before the exhibit started, she already warned her parents to avoid anyone from the Shen and Xu family, so she wasn't so worried about it. Lyca started fondling the computer and after a few seconds, she did another scan to check who was bringing weapons with them.

While bringing guns were already prohibited, Lyca was certain that some people still brought other weapons with them. And just as she expected, a lot of people had a gun hidden somewhere. Some have daggers and knives. But most of them were security detail of some prominent figures.

She arched an eyebrow at Xu Ke when she noticed him carrying daggers that looked like hers. Weird. It seems that he also asked his people to make a dagger just like Lyca's? She tried to check for needles but wasn't able to find one. She was already expecting not to find needles on him. After all, his primary weapon was a double-edged dagger that had a smaller curved blade near the hilt. Xu Ke used to call it Shoge. The blade was attached to a chain that he can use to pull his enemies towards him.

Xu Ke liked to use the weapon as he could use it in long-distance and short-distance fighting. It was efficient, and once he started using Lyca's poison on its blade, the weapon became almost invincible. Lyca nodded when she didn't see the weapon around Xu Ke.

Soon, she zeroed into the other guests, making sure that no one is actually bringing a bomb.

"Lyca Old Man Shen is looking for you. Why is that old man here? After what he did yesterday? He really dared to still show himself. What a freak." Cleo commented.

"He is old, his skin is thick," Lyca said, nodding to herself. "And he is shameless." After their conversation the other day, the old man just left, leaving the body of his people behind. Who does that?

He actually abandoned the bodies of the people who had been working under him. Even Shen Jiaojiao didn't show any surprise reaction because of what the old man did. It was like she was already used to it. Growing up with that old man must have been very tragic.

Lyca already knew that what happened last time wasn't really a test. It was real. He wanted to kill her. But when he saw that his people died, the story, the facial expression, and even the killing intent changed. The Old Man immediately started acting like a weak senior who only wanted to test his juniors.

Crazy and calculating.

Lyca looked at the monitor where he could see the old man approached Shen Qui, Xu Ke, and Huang Sheng Hong. Then she looked at Shen Jiaojiao, who was standing next to her grandfather, smiling at everyone. From time to time, her gaze would stop at Shen Qui before turning her eyes away from him.

"Hey, I get that you don't like talking to people but come on man are you really letting anyone just ogle your husband like that?" Cleo's said. "I can see three other women staring at him, waiting for an opportunity to pounce. You should totally come here and show your beauty to everyone."

"That's his problem," Lyca said. She trusted Shen Qui, and no one could take that away from her. "Those people wanted him, he should deal with it accordingly. I am sure that he wouldn't want me to intervene. After all, my methods when I am angry are different and bloody." Lyca's voice was calm. It was the exact opposite of the meaning of her words.

Of course, Lyca knew that Shen Qui was actually listening to them from his own communicator.

Chapter 447: The Woman That He Once Knew

Just as expected, not many people were surprised to hear about the bidding.

Lyca thought that it was because many of them have spies around each other. For instance, the Xu should have a spy on the Shen Family and some families should have spied on other families. To the people in upper society, this is considered normal. To Lyca, these people are just too nosy.

She rested her feet on the table as she looked at the bidding. Right now, they are bidding on the blueprint of the lower-quality armor. After a few minutes, she stood and stretched before walking out of the small room. It was already past ten and she had been sitting in her comfortable chair for hours now. Her butt is starting to feel a little numb.

"I've been looking for you everywhere. Turns out you were here watching us."

Lyca eyed the man who spoke the moment she opened the door.

"I wanted to just barge in but I know you did something to protect yourself out there."

Lyca didn't say anything. She turned her gaze away from the man wearing an all-white suit. "Why are you here?" she asked.

"To talk to you" He took a step towards her, decreasing the five feet distance between them.

"One more step and you die."

This made him stopped walking. He stood, gentle eyes staring at her. Was he waiting for her to hug him? Crazy.

"I don't remember we still have something to talk about Mr. Xu."

"Listen" Xu Ke gulped. "I won't go into detail about what happened but I came here to talk to you about our world."

Lyca only arched her eyebrow without saying anything.

"Don't you want to go back?"

Still, she didn't answer him. Why would she want to go back to a world like that? In her previous world, you can't even sleep without being aware of your surroundings. You have to always watch your back. If other humans won't kill you, monsters and demons will.

It was dangerous.

And tiring.

Who would want a world like that?

"Listen I think it's time that we forgive what happened in the past and help each other out. After all, we are like aliens in this world. We need to find a way to come back."

"Mr. Xu "

"Lyca please stop acting. I know you are not from this world. I know it from the moment I saw you at that cave."

That f*cking cave! Lyca gnashed her teeth in silence. She never once thought that Xu Ke would also arrive in this world. She never even considered that she would once again see him, alive and well. She hated it.

"I know you miss that world. Listen I miss it too. We don't belong in this world. We should find a way to go back."

"Mr. Xu I have a question." Lyca frowned. "Are you crazy?" So what if he knows she was once his lover? She would deny it no matter what! It's not like they already talk about this before right? Heh, he could insist all he wanted. All she needed to do was deny it.

"Lyca "

"I mean are you on drugs? Cocaine? Did you use some injectable?" She continued.

"Does this mean you don't want to come back with me?"

Why would she come back with him? No. The real question should be Why did he assume that Lyca would just act like a friend to him? Considering, he murdered her and her whole family in that world. Did he forget those things?

"About the past " Xu Ke took another step but before he could approach her further, a sharp blade was already on his neck.

"Stay away." Shen Qui's face was just a few inches away from Xu Ke. He squinted at Xu Ke, his hand tight around the dagger. "Stay away."

Xu Ke's face turned rigid. He didn't feel Shen Qui approached them, nor he felt his presence. In this world, only Lyca and Xu Ke should know ways how to hide themselves in the dark. Did Lyca taught him something? A sour taste started to spread in Xu Ke's mouth. But even with those methods, Xu Ke was confident that he should have been able to detect Shen Qui.

Xu Ke took a step back, his eyes never left Shen Qui's cold ones. "What are you?" he asked. He tried to look at Lyca who was standing behind Shen Qui, but she wasn't planning to move. And with Shen Qui's height, Xu Ke found it difficult to get a glimpse of Lyca's head.

"Dr. Xu I never thought that you would try to assault a weak woman who was just trying to relax." Shen Qui withdraw the knife and smiled at Xu Ke.

Weak Woman

The words echoed in Xu Ke's ears. He chuckled. "Weak?"

"Weak and defenseless." Shen Qui added. A confident smile appeared on his face. "Weak, defenseless, and married."

For some reason, the word married made Xu Ke irritated. "Mr. Shen it was a misunderstanding. I was just talking to her. I thought she was lost."

"She's waiting for me." Shen Qui said.

What irritated Xu Ke the most was the fact that Shen Qui didn't move and it seemed like Lyca wasn't planning on walking away too. Was she planning to just stand there behind him?

That was not the woman that he knew!

"We were planning to enjoy the night together." The meaning behind Shen Qui's words was simple. Xu Ke was disturbing their date.

"Well? I think I should just leave then" Xu Ke faked a laughter. "I guess I should just see you back in the hall?" Right now, he was not confident that he would be able to fight against Lyca and Shen Qui together. Lyca if she was still the woman that he knew was already difficult to deal with. She would surely defeat him during the night. It was her expertise. And then there was Shen Qui.

He needed to know more about him!

Chapter 448: Brothers

"Nothing?" Xu Ke raked his long, slender fingers on his hair. His eyes blazed with anger, forehead creased. "You told me he was nothing!"

"He was nothing. Of course, now it's different." Xu Jihan said, confused. "He is the CEO of LS Group, but you already know this, right?" He sized his cousin up as he wondered why Xu Ke was so angry, even if they won the bidding. They would get all the blueprints. Isn't this something worthy of praise? Why was he so angry? A line appeared in between his brows. "I don't understand. Why are you asking about him again?" There is no way that he would get angry without any valid reason.

He tried to recall if Shen Qui and Ken had any tense interaction tonight. He couldn't remember anything. "Did something happen?"

"That man he could escape my senses!" Xu Ke's lips were set in a hard line. He couldn't understand why he didn't feel Shen Qui's presence. Something is definitely wrong here! He clenched his jaw as he squinted. "No one can escape my senses." Even Lyca would find it difficult to do it. Just like Lyca, he had the ability to sense other people's presence using his internal energy.

However, he didn't detect Shen Qui approached them. "Something is wrong."

"Cousin I think you are thinking too much of yourself. I mean I know no one in the Xu Family could defeat you in hand-to-hand combat, but that doesn't mean no one would be able to defeat you. Ever. Someone out there is definitely stronger than you."

Xu Ke's face darkened as he glared at his cousin. If Xu Jihan wasn't so useful, he would have already wrung his neck. "I want to know everything about Shen Qui!"

"We already have "

"Do it again! Lyca must have done something to hide this information from me!"

Xu Jihan stared at him for a few minutes before he opened his phone and started calling his people. Since they were children, Ken had been really weird. He was smart too smart. Calculating and dangerous. However, he would sometimes get mad at the smallest things. He couldn't help but wonder if his cousin had some defects in his brains. Probably bipolar?

"Really? How come you didn't tell me about this before?" Xu Jihan's lips draw back into a snarl. "Incompetent! He hissed. "How did you miss something so important? What busy? I am busy, but I never told you to stop investigating! You know what? F*ck you!" He gnashed his teeth before ending the call.

"Did you get something?"

"Shen Qui someone posted his photos on the black market. Associating her to someone from the Shen Family and Xu Family."

"Associating?"

"It was said that he is actually the son of the previous heir of the Shen Family. The one who ran away to be with your father."

"She died." Xu Ke uttered. "You are saying he is my younger brother?" his face contorted.

"I am going to review the reports. I will get back to you tomorrow." Xu Jihan said as he called another person that could trace back the information.

"If he is indeed a Xu, then he should come in the family. We should introduce him as a Xu." Xu Ke said. Of course, if Shen Qui is a Xu then it means he should support them. "Make sure that the Shen Family doesn't know about this information. Seal it. That person who posted on the black market should be someone who hated Shen Qui and knew about the truth. Of course, that is pretty normal considering they have a lot of enemies."

Xu Jihan nodded and resumed calling his people.

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Meanwhile, Lyca and Shen Qui were still on the rooftop. Having a picnic under the sparkling stars.

Lyca smiled as she looked at the stars that looked like diamonds. "The last time we watched the stars we had sex at the back of the car."

He chuckled, his face lit up before it reddened. "I was young and stupid." When Lyca looked at him, he continued, "We should have done it against the trees."

"Hey!" She gave him a playful slap. "Stop being a pervert!"

"I thought you were the pervert?"

"Stop it."

He laughed. "You started it." And yet she had the guts to blush at his joke. Lyca was still so cute.

"By now, Xu Ke must have known about you and Shen Family." Lyca changed the topic as she reached out the sky and closed her hands. "Meaning they know that you are a Shen and a Xu."

"Frightening," he whispered as he folded his arm that Lyca used as a pillow, pulling her towards him. "You think Xu and Shen would fight it out?"

"They should," Lyca said. The Shen Family is very capable of defeating the Xu Family.

"You think Coup d'etat is coming?"

"It should happen." Isn't this why she released Shen Qui's picture and some random information about his similarities to Shen and Xu's? The Shen Family has its own personal army. Causing a civil war was actually pretty easy once you have the money and an army. The Xu Family winning the bidding was already expected. Meaning, the Shen Family would surely attack before the Xu Family could manufacture the armor.

The Shen's wouldn't want the Xu's completing the manufacture of those armors and the agent that would react to gun powder. After all, having those armor and agent would only increase the power of the Xu Family. "We are already rich. We shouldn't worry about it." Lyca added. Tonight they earned billions. Billions meant they could buy a private plane and safely leave the country.

Bye Xu Ke.

Bye Old Man Shen.

You two could just screw each other!

Lyca laughed. Dealing with the two at the same time would be too tiring. So she chose a simple plan. Make the two giants fight each other while she enjoys her king-size bed. Lyca realized that the Shen family and Xu family hated each other too much. They would surely take advantage of a small weakness.

"Hey when you arrived in front of me earlier. I felt really beautiful."

"Normal people would feel thankful and safe."

"Oh! Don't get me wrong. I was thankful too. I was thankful that I am really beautiful." Lyca giggled.

Chapter 449: A Good Talk

The news of the Xu Family winning the bidding became the number one trending topic in the international news. Since many people were already eyeing the blueprint, many people were interested to know what would happen now that the government has something that could make them almost invincible.

However, just as Lyca predicted, a piece of news about a huge forest fire suddenly surprised everyone. A forest fire is normal, but this one was huge and devastating. Not only the forest were affected, even the people leaving at least a hundred kilometers away from the forest were forced to evacuate. Meaning, they have to move to the centers that the government made for them.

On that same day, a few mines in the south exploded, burying hundreds of miners alive. The devastating news made everyone forgot about the blueprints. Of course, Xu Ke tried to take advantage of this to have his people manufacture the armors while the people would focus on the explosions. To him, this was a gift.

Sadly for him, two days after the explosion, a riot between the farmers and the police ensued after police accidentally killed a farmer while they were in a peaceful protest asking the government for some help with their lands.

How does someone accidentally shoot a person who was sitting peacefully with placards in their hands? No one could explain what happened. Everything happened too quickly after the media got ahold of the news. Exaggeration, fake news, and lies littered the Internet.

"It was only three days after the bidding and the country experienced a lot of problems. Don't you think it's strange?" Tang Ruyi said. She ate some of the grapes that she was peeling for Lyca. "I came here because I was summoned to the capital. They changed my assignment into the capital. Probably in the palace? I am not sure yet. Even grandfather said he couldn't do anything about this."

Of course, Lyca thought inwardly. Since Xu Ke's plan of cornering her didn't work, he was actually trying to hold her cousin hostage. "Why don't you just leave your job?"

"Grandfather would kill me."

Lyca snorted. Their grandfather was a very proud military man. Seeing his grandchildren follow in his footsteps was making him so proud, he always brags about it to his friends. Lyca nodded.

"Also our beautiful cousin would work in the capital too. Her application was accepted, despite grandfather telling her mother not to agree to the arrangement."

"She's stupid," Lyca rolled her eyes. "And hopeless. Yes, she was hopeless." Sometimes, she would pity people who are too blind with love.

"Oh! By the way, I brought the tea that would help you get pregnant. Grandfather said that "

"Pregnant?"

Lyca almost jolted up when she heard Shen Qui's voice. Her eyes widened as she stared at his smug face.

"I thought you guys wanted a child?" Tang Ruyi asked.

"We were," Shen Qui walked inside the room and accepted the tea that was in a delicate box. "Thank you." He smiled and Tang Ruyi. "Send my regards to grandfather." Then he looked at Lyca, "I have a meeting in the office. I will see you at dinner?"

"Hm?"

"I said I will pick you up for dinner."

"Oh. No need," Lyca wanted to slap her own face. "I I will drive there." She wanted him to pick her up. That would save her the hassle. But she was too nervous about the pregnancy thing. She gulped as she met his eyes. Half of her felt relieved that Shen Qui accepted the teas. But the other half is actually scared of his reaction.

Shen Qui smiled before he leaned and kissed her lips. "Oh, when does she need to drink one of these?"

"Grandfather said one every morning. This should help her feel better and have good energy. The one in the blue box should be taken every night. It is best if you put it in a soup too. He said grandmother used this too."

"Oh?" Shen Qui's eyebrow lifted. He didn't take his gaze away from his wife. "Thank you. I will surely remind her to take this every day."

Lyca swallowed all the words she wanted to say as she nodded at him. Remind her? For some reason, she could sense a tinge of something serious in his tone. However, she was already planning to say no to this plan. She was merely using this to get away from her cousin!

"I'll see you later?" Shen Qui kissed her again before giving her a mischievous wink. Then he nodded at Tang Ruyi and left the room.

"My goodness. I know what you need!" Tang Ruyi said, almost squealing.

"What?"

"New lingerie!" Tang Ruyi said before she suddenly stood up and dragged Lyca out of her office. "You and I will have lingerie shopping!"

"What? Why do you think I need lingerie to seduce my husband?" Despite asking this question, Lyca followed her cousin.

"Everyone needed a few lingerie for their husband."

Lyca rolled her eyes. "I don't need something like it. He would just rip it off. Waste of money."

Tang Ruyi suddenly halted her steps. "Then we need more! You can wear one every night."

"I don't think that's necessary."

"It is needed! To spice up your you know marriage life."

Lyca doesn't need lingerie to spice up her sex life, but she didn't say anything. She just let her cousin drag her to the nearest mall.

Meanwhile, Shen Qui just arrived in his office when his door was pushed open. A man who looked a little like Old Man Shen walked inside. He didn't even bother introducing himself as he sat opposite Shen Qui. "Cancel your meeting. You and I will have a good talk."

Contrary to the man's expectation, Shen Qui calmly put his pen down and pressed the intercom, "Ronan... call security. Someone is here in my office. Someone... I don't know."

Chapter 450: See Through

"When my daughter told me you didn't show any signs of respect to my father. I almost couldn't believe it." The man said, smiling at him. The corners of his eyes crinkled. "Let me introduce myself. I am Shen Qiaosong, Shen Jiaojiao's father."

"You are expecting me to say something nice to a trespasser?" Shen Qui asked.

"A trespasser?"

"It's a person entering someone's property without permission. I own the building, I own the office, and you came here without my permission. Aren't you just another trespasser?" Shen Qui understood that he is not the most powerful man in this country. Thus, it is expected for stuff like this to happen.

Threats and coercion are just two things that they already expected to happen.

"I know what It means."

"Funny" Shen Qui snickered as he leaned against his seat, his hand rested on the table. "I thought you were asking me what it was."

"Sir, is this the person that you wanted to be removed from the office?" A man walked inside, he was wearing a black suit, his eyes coldly looked at Shen Qiaosong.

"Yes," Shen Qui smirked at Qiaosong in response. "He does not have an appointment. Ronan You and I needed to have a serious talk about these security breaches," his gaze turned towards Ronan who just arrived in the room.

In response, Ronan nodded, however, his eyes were focused towards Qiaosong.

"I came here without any intention of fighting."

"So you decided to just walk inside my office. Should I call you stupid or intellectually incompetent?"

Contrary to everyone's expectations, Qiaosong was still calm despite all the insults that Shen Qui was throwing at him. "I want a deal."

"You are in no position to deal."

"Make your people leave."

"Why should I?" Shen Qui fired back. Funny how this man and that Old Man Shen were so similar, he couldn't help but wonder if they are the same person. Even the way they talked nonsense was the same.

"I want cooperation. You will help me fight the Xu Family. In return I will give you something important against them."

"Who told you that I am fighting them?" Just like Lyca, his aim was never about fighting it was surviving.

"Make your people leave us."

Shen Qui squinted, and for a few seconds, he turned quiet. Then he nodded and gestured them to leave.

"The Xu Family that man Ken Xu is creating poisons. He was the one who poisoned your wife's grandfather."

Shen Qui's eyebrow arched. This is something they already knew. "You consider this information important?"

"I will tell you something more important than this if you agree to help me."

"You think I would need your help to know the Xu Family secrets?" If Lyca wanted it, she would have it. It's that simple. However, Lyca didn't show any interest in the affairs of the Xu Family.

"It was about her Huang Family."

"Interesting" Shen Qui uttered. His lips turned thin as he handed him a card that contained his personal phone number. "Dinner. At six. Call me for the exact location."

The corners of Shen Qiaosong's mouth turned up into a smile that looked more like ugly crying. Perhaps the fact that It was Shen Qui who was ordering the future patriarch of the Shen Family didn't make him happy. However, he still accepted the card, memorized the number before giving it back to Shen Qui.

"I will call you in an hour."

And just like that, he left the room without saying anything else.

This time, Shen Qui only smiled, the corners of his eyes crinkled before he dialed Lyca's number. "Hey"

"Hey." She finally said something after a few seconds of silence.

"Are you alright?" He could sense Lyca's discomfort just from that one word alone.

"What?"

"Did something happen?" The smile on his face vanished as his brows furrowed. "Where are you?" Lyca's silence only made him more nervous.

"I am inside a mall."

"A mall?"

"A boutique."

"A boutique " But why does she sound so stressed? "Did Tang Ruyi did something?"

"She did"

"Lyca where are you? I am coming to " Before he could grab his key's, Lyca voice already interrupted him.

"Nope. No don't come."

He was about to inquire about her uncomfortable voice when he heard another voice in the background.

"Oh? I didn't know that see-through lingerie would look so good on you! I'm sure Shen Qui would "

"Shut up!" Lyca's voice followed. "Don't listen." She said. "I'll call you later."

Before Shen Qui could say anything the call already ended. He stared at his phone for a few minutes before he chuckled. He was actually too nervous. It turns out she was just trying out lingerie? Was that why she was so uncomfortable?

He shook his head and was about to put his phone down when it vibrated. He immediately opened the text and almost dropped his phone when he saw that it was a photo. of her in red lingerie.

A see-through lingerie.

He blinked and blinked again. Before he realized what was happening.

[I don't like it]

A text followed the photo.

[But Ruyi said your opinion would matter. Not mine.]

Shen Qui felt a bead of sweat on his forehead. He opened the two buttons of his shirt and eyed the centralized air conditioner. Did they turn it off? Then he gulped and responded.

Sending pictures like this are dangerous. These are the things that hackers would love to see.

Realizing his response was a little off, Shen Qui pressed canceled. Of course, it was already too late.

She will kill him.

He was certain she would strangle him!

He started typing again.

I would like you better without it.

And pressed send.

Then he waited.

And waited.

[I thought so too. Buying something like this would be a waste. It's expensive and the fabrics are thin. You could rip it in seconds.]

Shen Qui responded almost immediately.

Then Buy it

Buy a dozen He added. *Two dozen should last us a long time.*