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# Forewords

## Stolen Love

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### Forewords:

She is one of the most famous thieves in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.  
She is the legendary queen of speed, unbeaten in the underworld.

She is a carefree girl.

He is a powerful underworld boss, cold-blooded and cruel.

The fate of the two is bounded together by a piece of jade.

Mutants in the forest, underground Pyramid, deep-sea cyclone ...

He took her into his world.

Standing between life and death, they still won't abandon each other. If that's not love, then what is love?

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# Chapter 01

*Snap, snap.*

*Ding, ding.*

When the bell sounded, the anti-theft glass exhibition case made a slight noise and then slowly dismantled.

A hand reached into the case, lifted the jade out of the exhibition case and placed it on top of the case. A voice softly rang, “A dragon head with two phoenix motifs, a red colour like the soil. It’s good stuff!”

“Is it really worth \$30 million USD?” A disbelieving voice came from the gallery door.

The girl, standing in front of the display case, smiled. She did not turn her head. Holding the piece of jade between her index and middle finger, she tossed the piece of jade in the direction of the voice. Slowly she turned around. “It’s a treasure from Western Zhou, what do you think?”

The other girl standing by the gallery door jumped up and caught the jade. Furrowing her eyebrows, she stared at the jade in her hand.

The girl, standing in front of the display case, was dressed in a white Etro jacket and slacks with a green silk scarf wrapped around her neck. On her face was a gentle but haughty smile, eyes sparkling like a starlit sky. At the same time, she exudes an easy-going and carefree aura. The special aura she exudes can easily attract another person to her, even making them forget about her physical beauty.

“Gold can still be priced but jewels are priceless. This stuff is really worth the price. It can be sold to at least \$100 million USD. Unfortunately, this jade has fallen into our hands and can only be sold for \$30 million USD.” The girl with the jade took another look before slipping it into her pocket.

The girl wearing white smiled while shaking her finger. With a serious look on her face, she said, “No, no. Encountering us, it’s not worth a penny. However, if it meets the right person, it will become worth it.”

The girl standing at the door suddenly burst out laughing. They were skilled thieves. If they like something, all they would have to do is steal it rather than forking out money to pay. No matter how expensive a treasure is, in their eyes it's not worth a penny because they have never needed to use money to buy it.

The girl in white glanced at all of the treasures on display in the exhibition gallery and shrugged. "Fortunately, the two of us here have professional ethics so you guys are safe this time." Her rule was never to touch things that aren't on the list. Even though the owner of all these treasures is probably not a good person but it doesn't mean the treasures should belong to someone else.

This is the most famous gallery in New York. The exhibition showcases valuable antiques from all over the world. The total value of the antiques can buy a small town in China. The exhibition had installed security devices that are the most advanced in the world. There were surveillance cameras everywhere; however, the technology that these people are so dependent upon is also a point of weakness.

The girl in white was obviously a professional in her field. A minute for the average person may be too short but it was long enough for her to leisurely steal without worries. The bane of advanced technology is raw materials and resources. For example, a diamond stone could easily cut the glass with some sort of nanomaterial. This expensive piece of jade is truly too easy to steal.

"Li Xin, you only have ten seconds left." The girl standing at the door took a look at her watch as she reminded Mu Li Xin who was inspecting the exhibition gallery.

"Sui Xin, ten seconds is more than enough." The girl named Mu Li Xin smiled, sauntering towards the door.

The two girls, one dressed in white and the other dressed in red, easily walked out the exhibition gallery. Li Xin turned around and looked at the exhibition gallery in silence, her mouth slightly curved up at the corners. Then she raised her hand and slammed it into the wall with the sensor.

A shrill alarm sounded. A few minutes later, countless footsteps came running towards the exhibition gallery.

Sui Xin raised her eyebrows but did not speak up, as if she was very familiar

with Li Xin's actions. Sui Xin raised her hand and struck down on the back of a guard standing nearby, causing him to fall unconscious immediately.

Li Xin smiled. "The VIP guest is almost leaving and yet the host still hasn't appeared, how rude!"

In a matter of moment, the best security team in New York flocked towards the largest exhibition gallery. The whole building was suddenly in uproar as people from each level crowded in and out in confusion and panic. It was a chaotic scene. Meanwhile, all the surveillance cameras in the building had stopped working. In the midst of the panicking crowd, nobody noticed the two beautiful girls comfortably exiting the building.

"What a useless bunch! And they were proudly exclaiming to be the best and yet, they let us infiltrate and steal so easily," Sui Xin said the first thing they got into the red Ferrari convertible. She took out the jade to examine.

Li Xin had one arm on the driver's door and one hand on the steering wheel. As the car sped on the road, her hair was blown up by the cool breeze. She was extremely excited. "In this world, is there anything that we can't steal?" *Advanced technology?* She was the expert in stealing and technology! Combined with Sui Xin's martial arts, there was nothing difficult for them.

Sui Xin laughed out loud. "That's right. As long as the two of us are partners, we can even enter the White House without a problem." After her laughter died down, she turned to Li Xin with a serious expression. "If you don't do this job anymore, then what are you going to do in the future?"

Li Xin smiled faintly. "Do whatever I feel like doing."

Looking at Li Xin's calm exterior, as if even if the world collapsed it wouldn't affect her, Sui Xin shoved the jade into Li Xin's hand and smiled. "Don't be lazy. You take responsibility for delivering this treasure to the final destination. After this, we are free." She patted Li Xin's shoulder.

Li Xin immediately decelerated the speed. The car didn't even stop yet but Sui Xin had jumped out of the car and landed on the ground. Her curly hair floated in the wind. Her action was graceful and elegant. Combined with her beautiful appearance, passersby couldn't help but to whistle appreciatively, especially the men.

Sui Xin didn't turn her head and said to Li Xin, "I'll contact you later."

Li Xin nodded and stopped the car fully. She stepped out and said, "Remember to be careful."

Sui Xin waved her hand then disappeared into the crowd of people on the streets. Li Xin watched the figure of the female who has been her partner for many years. Not once were they ever apart from each other. She leaned against the car and smiled. From now on, they finally have complete freedom and independence.

A strong breeze blew up Li Xin's hair, taking along with it the scarf around her neck. Li Xin shivered as she stared at the green scarf floating freely in the wind.

Suddenly, a black Cadillac appeared on the road in the opposite direction, moving at a very fast speed. The green scarf coincidentally flew into the Cadillac. As the car passed by, Li Xin caught a glimpse of a pair of cold eyes that was also staring at her before looking away.

Li Xin shrugged her shoulders. It's just a green scarf anyway. If it's lost then it's lost. She hopped back into the Ferrari, started the engine and sped off in the opposite direction as the black Cadillac.

A few days later, in a castle-like mansion in Rome, Italy's capital city, there was two middle-aged men sitting in the study room.

One of the men, who was about 40 years old, played with the bullet in his hand as he said, "Li Xin and Sui Xin has never disappointed me. They are definitely our precious treasures."

The younger man smiled and nodded. "They truly didn't disappoint our teachings and training. Right now they are ranked fifth in the world and have helped us make so much money."

"They did not waste our efforts in raising them. . . haha!"

The two men laughed loudly.

"Boss! Boss!"

The 40 year old man heard the noise outside his study room and furrowed his eyebrows in displeasure. "What is it? Don't you know the two of us are talking?"

The person standing outside the study room said in a scared voice, “A package was delivered from Li Xin.”

The sound inside the room became calmer. “Come in.”

With a happy face, the older man reached into the package and took out the piece of jade. He observed it for a moment then nodded his head. “Well done! This is the first time I’ve seen a jade from the Western Zhou period. Li Xin and Sui Xin has not disappointed at all.”

The other man also stared at the jade. “I’m starting to like Li Xin. She’s truly our precious treasure. In my opinion, if we want her to stay beside us forever then we should. . .”

The older man laughed. “You have the same thoughts as me. She has the skills. From what I see, she will be able to find \$50 million within two years to buy back her freedom but I don’t want to lose control of her. Wait for her to return and we shall start on the plan discussed earlier.”

A wicked laughter filled up the entire study room.

A while later, the older man discovered there was also a letter inside the package. As he opened up the letter, he laughed happily. “I wonder what Li Xin has up her sleeves? She even sent us a letter. . . Huh? What’s this? That bitch!” His facial expression darkened immediately as he punched down on the desk, causing the wine glass to tip over and shattered into pieces on the ground.

The younger man saw this and curiously grabbed the letter. “What is it?”

Inside the letter, there was also a cheque for \$100 million USD along with a message: *“The cheque for \$100 million is in the Swiss bank. This is the amount we have negotiated for Li Xin and Sui Xin’s freedom. From now on, the two of us have nothing to do with you.”*

The younger man’s expression also changed for the worst.

“Very well, Li Xin! You want to fly? It won’t be that easy for you. This isn’t a place where you can leave when you want to leave.” The older man grabbed the \$100 million cheque and screamed for his underlings.

## Chapter 02

In a villa near the coast of San Francisco, a gentle-looking girl standing at the kitchen door said to the girl who was eating fruits while watching TV in the living room, “Li Xin, hurry up and go buy soy sauce. We’ve ran out of soy sauce.”

Li Xin curled herself up on the sofa and frowned. Initially she felt this villa, which was located near the coast, gave it a refreshing feeling with the cool sea breeze. Coincidentally it was also up for lease so she decided to rent it. Not to mention, the owner was also Chinese with a polite and amiable appearance, so she thought there wouldn’t be any troubles. However, this person was way too friendly to a fault. The owner, seeing that she was also of the same ethnicity, immediately treated her as a little sister, no matter if Li Xin liked it or not.

Li Xin looked at the sweet smile in front of her. The smile was so sweet and innocent that it was hard for her to reject. Nonetheless, Li Xin still didn’t forget to bargain. “I want to eat sweet and sour ribs.”

Xiu Shui burst into laughter. “Hurry up. If it takes you too long then don’t even think about eating.” After saying so, she dismissed Li Xin with a wave.

Upon Xiu Shui’s dismissal, as if she was a pet, Li Xin didn’t know whether to laugh or cry. She slowly got up from the sofa. She looked like a mess. Her t-shirt didn’t look like a t-shirt, blouse didn’t look like a blouse, a sleeve was torn in half and one hand looked as if it was chewed up by a dog like a toy. Her jeans was old and torn to the point even beggars on the street wouldn’t care to wear. Around her neck was a long necklace with black and white beads. Despite the clothes looking shabby and mismatch, Li Xin made it work, wearing it with a carefree, confident spirit.

Xiu Shui couldn’t help but furrow her brows at Li Xin’s shabby appearance. “Li Xin, why are you dressed like that, what kind of style is. . .”

Hearing Xiu Shui’s grumbling and feeling an impending lecture, Li Xin immediately sprinted towards the door. Xiu Shui has completely regarded her as a little sister. The moment she opened her mouth, there would be nonstop nagging. Li Xin has always been carefree. She wore what she liked and didn’t care

what people say. Xiu Shui also understood this about Li Xin; however, sometimes it was simply too hard to keep her mouth closed.

Li Xin was near the front door when the bell rang. As she changed into her shoes, she said, "Your friend is here."

Xiu Shui dried her hands and came closer. "It could also be your friend."

Li Xin didn't look up. "I don't have friends."

Xiu Shui was taken aback while Li Xin calmly stood up with an unaffected expression, as if what she just said was a mere comment on the weather. There wasn't a hint of loneliness or sadness on Li Xin's face.

Sensing Xiu Shui looking at her with a warm look, Li Xin crossed her arms, leaned her back against the wall and said, "Are you thinking that I'm quite easy on the eyes? If you like me, I also don't mind playing for the same team."

Xiu Shui narrowed her eyes. She turned her attention to the CCTV screen to see who the visitor was. Afterwards, she pressed a button which opened the door, at the same time she grabbed Li Xin by the arm. The moment the door opened, Xiu Shui shoved Li Xin out the door, looking at her with a murderous look, "Hurry up and go buy soy sauce. Otherwise, don't even think about eating sweet and sour ribs!"

Despite Xiu Shui's glare, Li Xin merely shrugged her shoulders. Pitying her? She didn't need pity. Friends are merely a term. It didn't matter if she had friends or not. There was nothing wrong with roaming the world alone.

"Xiu Shui, long time no see." A deep male voice filled with happiness flew in.

"Jun Qi, how come you're so free today to drop by and visit?"

Hearing Xiu Shui's joking yet disinterested voice, Li Xin turned around. A couple entered the house. The woman looked as if she had no bones in her system as she leaned into the man's shoulder, appearing like a naïve, damsel-in-distress.

The man was about 6 feet tall with a pair of beautiful eyes and an angular face structure. The corner of his mouth was slightly curved upwards into an attractive grin. He wore a dress shirt and the first two buttons were opened, revealing a glimpse of a firm, hard chest. His black hair was long up to the ears. Over all he

was a very attractive man.

Having caught Li Xin's staring, Jun Qi flashed her a smile. However, Li Xin merely glanced at them then walked past them out the door, completely regarding the two guests as invisible. With that type of flirtatious man, she was not interested in knowing. Seeing that Li Xin didn't even give him a second glance, Jun Qi couldn't help but furrow his eyebrows as he watched her disappearing figure.

"Fang Jun Qi, what are you looking at?" Xiu Shui asked through clenched teeth, noticing that Jun Qi kept looking after Li Xin.

Jun Qi turned his head back. "Who's that girl?"

Xiu Shui firmed her face. "You can stop it. Don't even think about laying a finger on my people." This guy had no sense of manners! He had absolutely no tact or consideration. The moment he opens his mouth, he wanted to know about Li Xin. He didn't even spare a thought about the beautiful girl who was already in his arms and she was looking very unhappy at this moment. What a player!

Jun Qi laughed out loud. "I could. . ." He didn't finish his sentence as the red Ferrari sped off.

Li Xin was in the driver's seat, waving at Xiu Shui with one hand. She didn't care to spare a glance in Jun Qi's direction.

Jun Qi swallowed back the rest of his sentence and raised an eyebrow. He didn't know if that girl was deliberately being cold or it was unintentional, it still made him upset. All these years, no woman has ever ignored him the way she did. That girl was quite interesting.

"Soy sauce, soy sauce. Where can I buy soy sauce?" After visiting a several shops and supermarkets, she still couldn't find any Chinese soy sauce. Li Xin pressed on the gas pedal, driving along the coast.

"Mother fucker! Beat them to death for me!"

There was a bloodcurdling scream up ahead.

Li Xin looked up at the scene. Not far from there was a silver BMW that had

been smashed in. Behind it were several red, black, and blue race cars. Further ahead, two men were running away from several others who were sprinting at full speed, chasing them down. The gap between the chasers and the two men weren't wide. Several times, the two men were hit from behind but they couldn't afford to slow down. They could only dash forward.

Witnessing this scene, Li Xin suddenly let out a soft laugh. "Are the cars simply for display then?" Those cars parked behind definitely belonged to the gang of men. They could have easily chased the two men with the cars but have stupidly decided to chase them by foot. Perhaps they wanted adrenaline or were so confident that their legs were faster than the speed of a car.

## Chapter 03

Li Xin slowed down the car, enjoying the amusing scene in front of her. True enough, a smart person returned to get the car. Li Xin shook her head, feeling disappointed. Looks like the fun scene is about to end soon. She looked away and began to speed up again.

Just then, Li Xin's car drove past the two men who were running away. Perhaps they were at their wit's end because one of them grabbed onto her car's door and leaped into the convertible. Then he reached out and pulled in his partner. They were quite agile. Seeing that they were in her car, Li Xin raised her brows.

"Speed up! If you don't want to get involved then speed up!" A tirade of fluent English came from the back seat. However, there was not an ounce of panic in the man's voice. He was clearly aware of what he was doing.

Li Xin didn't turn her head as she continued to leisurely drive the car. Through the rearview mirror, she noticed what a mess the two guys were. One of them had black hair but he also looked mixed. His forehead kept bleeding, causing his handsome face to look quite scary. The other guy with blonde hair and blue-eyes looked even worse. His face was covered in blood, making it hard to see his features.

Right then, the blue-eyes noticed Li Xin was driving quite slowly. Despite faster than the chasers on foot but if she didn't drive any faster, the ones with car would definitely catch up from behind. He quickly nudged the guy beside him. "You pull her out so I can drive."

The black-haired guy furrowed his eyebrows, glancing at Li Xin. "Sorry to bother you but right now, we need to lose the tails behind us. If you can't drive fast then let us drive. You don't need to worry. After everything's over, we will compensate you."

Li Xin heard the black-haired guy talking to her in Chinese. Her mouth curved up into a cold sneer. "I don't like other people driving my car."

"Shit, then can you drive faster," said the blue-eyed guy in Chinese, at the same time he frantically examined the situation behind them.

“You bitch! Stop the car right now, do you hear me?”

“Son of a bitch, if I get my hands on you, you will die. How dare you let them in your car!”

Li Xin didn't even have a chance to reply to the blue-eyed guy because she was interrupted by the swearing and cussing from the people behind them. Li Xin's face immediately darkened as she glimpsed at the rearview mirror. “Hold on tight.” Li Xin pressed down on the gas pedal as the Ferrari flew down the streets, speeding along the coastline.

“There's a corner in front, change lane! You should be careful!” The blue-eyed guy advised with experience and professional skills in racing. Hearing this, Li Xin grinned.

“Fuck! Let's see where you guys can run to!” The men chasing them were fierce. Their speed and racing skills wasn't actually bad.

Li Xin became excited. She continued to drive at a speed of 200 km per hour.

“Are you crazy?! Hurry up and slow down! Do you want to fall into the sea and become food for the fish?! Slow down!!” The blue-eyed guy panicked when he noticed that Li Xin didn't plan on slowing down, instead she was speeding up dangerously, especially when there was a corner ahead.

Li Xin studied the situation via the rearview mirror. She shouted, “Shut up!”

The black-haired guy was still silent but he reached over and tugged at the blue-eyed guy's shirt, shaking his head. Nonetheless, when he saw the vast sea ahead of them, his face still turned pale white.

The steep was becoming closer and closer. The cars behind them also sped up when they saw Li Xin's car speeding up. As she continued to study the situation through the rearview mirror, a cold smile formed across her lips. Shifting the lever, revving the engine, steering the wheel, braking fast, the Ferrari almost bolted out of the lane and made a quick 180 degree reverse. The wheels screeched against the pavement due to the friction. The car launched into the opposite lane.

At the same time, a wide range of sounds could be heard due to collision. Surprised by Li Xin's change of lane action, the first car hesitated to brake and

change lane, causing all the cars behind unable to stop in time as well. They rear-ended one another like the domino effect. In a flash, all the expensive race cars were smashed and broken. Fortunately, they weren't amateurs and were able to reduce the damage to as little as possible.

“Hahaha! Good luck to y'all!” Looking at the bunch of collided cars, the blue-eyed guy evilly laughed and raised his middle finger towards his enemies.

Once again, Li Xin decelerated the car to a calm, lazy speed. She had one hand on the wheels and one hand propped up on the door. For swearing at her, they had to pay a price. This could be seen as a life lesson towards those who disrespect others.

“Well done! I can't believe your skills is that good, almost comparable to me. Oh right, my Chinese name is Xiao Yun and his name is Wu Sen.” The blue-eyed guy called Xiao Yun jumped into the front passenger seat beside Li Xin. He looked at her with an enthusiastic expression, as if the scuffle earlier had nothing to do with him.

Li Xin dryly smirked. “Get off.” As soon as she said it, she braked the car. She still had to go buy soy sauce.

Xiao Yun stared at Li Xin with wide-eyes. Right now they were at the coast where not a single person could be found. If they had to walk, it was going to take more than a day for them to get back to the city. She was definitely serious and decisive, wanting to throw them out on the side of the road in the middle of nowhere. Couldn't she see that he and Wu Sen were both injured?

Xiao Yun was about to speak up but Wu Sen had already dragged him out of the car. Wu Sen placed a business card in Li Xin's car. “Thank you. This is my number. If you need help with anything later on, you can call this number. If we can help you, we will do it to the best of our ability.”

Li Xin lifted her head. Seeing the serious and sincere expression on the two guys' face, she suddenly pursed her lips. This black-haired guy spoke so much and yet he still didn't mention the most important thing! Li Xin held out her hand. “Pay me, \$150.”

Wu Sen and Xiao Yun's face darkened. They didn't expect this girl who was driving an expensive car to be asking for money. Their promise was worth than a

measly \$150 but she didn't care.

Sullenly, Xiao Yun pulled out his wallet. He took out all of the money in his wallet and gave it to Li Xin.

Li Xin pulled out exactly \$150 and returned the business card. Without another word, she floored the gas pedal and sped off, disregarding the two guys with bloody injuries on the side of the road, allowing them to enjoy the sea wind.

"Ah, so hungry!" Li Xin wrinkled her face as she picked up the bag and entered the house. She was hungry to death! She had to wander through nearly half of San Francisco in order to buy a bottle of soy sauce.

The moment she entered the house, looked at all the people sitting in the living room, Li Xin couldn't help but think what a small world it was. Aside from Jun Qi, in the living room appeared two other guys who were all wrapped up in bandages. They were the two guys in her car earlier.

Xiu Shui immediately walked up to Li Xin and took the bag. "What took you so long? What time is it now? Lunch is long over."

Tiredly Li Xin replied, "Do you know how hard it is to buy soy sauce?"

Xiu Shui stiffened up in realization. "I forgot to tell you where it's sold."

Li Xin was speechless. If it wasn't for Xiu Shui's excellent cooking skills, she would have moved out a long time already. Unfortunately, Li Xin had no resistance towards food. Who said that a way to a man's heart is through the stomach? This statement could very well be applied to females.

"Hi beautiful, so we meet again!" Xiao Yun, who was lying on the sofa eating fruits, whistled and smiled brightly at Li Xin.

## Chapter 04

Li Xin shifted her eyes towards Xiao Yun. After washing up, this guy actually looks a bit more human. Nodding her head, Li Xin walked over towards him and held out her hand. "\$250."

Xiao Yun startled. "What?"

"What else? The money for the car wash was not enough. Don't say you're going to make me pay from my own pocket." Li Xin glared at Xiao Yun. This guy was surely obtuse. They left blood stains all over her car, so of course she has to go and give it a good wash. A car wash in San Francisco was truly too expensive. She thought a wash for the Ferrari would cost about \$150 but it turns out, she had underestimated the cost. Luckily for her, she ran into them again.

Xiao Yun was completely speechless as he stared at Li Xin. So it turns out she wanted the money for a car wash. He took money out of his wallet and handed it to Li Xin.

"I heard that you're a very good driver," came a voice filled with interest.

Li Xin turned around and saw Jun Qi leaning into the sofa, swirling a wine of glass in his hand. He smiled wickedly. The girl with him earlier was nowhere to be seen. Li Xin glanced at Jun Qi before turning her attention back to Xiao Yun and Wu Sen.

Xiao Yun spoke up in support, "She's a very good driver! I'm telling the truth."

Meanwhile, Li Xin was looking at Wu Sen. She noticed behind him was a table filled with sweet and sour ribs as well as other delicious looking plates. The food attracted her attention immediately, making her even hungrier than before. Ignoring the men, Li Xin dismissed Xiao Yun's comment with a wave then eagerly sprinted over towards the table filled with food, looking like a hungry wolf ready to rip apart its prey.

"Go wash your hands first." Standing beside the table, Xiu Shui hurriedly stepped up and blocked Li Xin whose eyes were filled with the images of food. "We haven't eaten yet because we were waiting for you. Go and wash your

hands first. There's also steamed shrimp in wine and stir-fried crabs that you like the most. . ." Xiu Shui hadn't finished her sentence but Li Xin had already disappeared. "Oh and there's also stewed pork meat. . ." And as soon as those words left Xiu Shui's mouth, Li Xin had returned from washing her hands. She was already sitting down in front of the dining table, holding a crab in her hand and nibbling on it happily.

The three men standing by were taken aback, momentarily unsure of how to react. They thought she was elegant and sophisticated, but instead they were greeted with this profane, unladylike image.

Everyone settled at the dining table.

"Hey! Xiu Shui, what are you doing?" Xiao Yun angrily stared at Xiu Shui. His chopsticks were stopped in midair. The shrimp he was about to reach for was stolen before he could touch it.

Putting the shrimp into Li Xin's bowl, Xiu Shui said, "Li Xin likes this dish the most. Don't you want your saviour to eat a little more?"

Xiao Yun frowned. But this dish was also his favourite! It's been a long time since Xiu Shui prepared this dish, but he's not even given a chance to taste it. Isn't a bit too evil? Sadly he couldn't argue with Xiu Shui's reason. Consequently he was forced to settle for the plate of vegetables.

"Li Xin, eat this one. It's also your favourite." Xiu Shui wrestled the crab out of Wu Sen's chopsticks and placed it into Li Xin's bowl instead. "Li Xin, this dish is also very good. I just made it today. Have a bite and tell me how's the taste?" Xiu Shui seized the stewed pork meat out of Xiao Yun's chopsticks and once again, placed it into Li Xin's bowl. "This too. . . And this too . . ."

In no time, Li Xin's bowl was a mountain of food. Li Xin didn't have to look up to know there was someone staring at her intently as well as another person helplessly watching as Xiu Shui repeatedly placed food into Li Xin's bowl. Li Xin stared at the gigantic pile of food in front of her. Even though they were all the dishes she loved, it didn't mean she was such a glutton that she could finish everything by herself.

After a moment of thinking, Li Xin lifted her head and looked into Xiu Shui's warm eyes. "I want to package them for take-out."

Xiu Shui helplessly shook her head. Technically Li Xin was her neighbour but she was always at Xiu Shui's house all day long. She ate three meals a day at Xiu Shui's house. Take out? Yeah right, it's more like she can't finish it. She might as well just say it but only Li Xin would think up of such an excuse.

Xiao Yun laughed happily and raised his chopsticks, aiming for Li Xin's bowl. "What's the point of take-out? When the food turns cold it's no longer good. Let me help you take care of the problem."

Before Li Xin could reply, Xiu Shui had already snatched the food out of Xiao Yun's chopsticks and bit into it. Then she said, "Oops, I already bit it."

Xiao Yun seethed in anger.

"Let it go. Today you managed to anger Xiu Shui then you should also realize that there's no way you will be able to peacefully eat her food," Jun Qi said as he watched the humorous scene. He took sip of the wine then looked at Xiao Yun. Clearly Xiu Shui was doing it on purpose, not giving him a chance to eat her food but the foolish guy didn't seem to realize it. He wondered how dense was Xiao Yun's head? Jun Qi shook his head, wondering why he was friends with someone like Xiao Yun.

Xiao Yun leaned back into the chair, his eyes never straying from the food on the table. "They were the ones who made a move first. It wasn't me who started it. It wasn't my fault."

Xiu Shui furrowed her eyebrows. "It's not your fault? If it wasn't initiated by you then why would they come looking for revenge? You said you have the ability to resolve it. And how did you resolve it? If it wasn't for Wu Sen who accompanied you today and luckily ran into Li Xin, you would have already lost your life without anyone knowing. How many times do I have to tell you. . ."

Xiu Shui was starting to nag again. Li Xin had no interest in their conversation so she rose to her feet and left. Sometimes, knowing too much won't result in anything good. Li Xin knew this more than anyone else.

At the dining table, Xiu Shui continued to lecture Xiao Yun and Wu Sen. Sitting beside them was Jun Qi, who was listening to the conversation with amusement. His gaze changed when he looked at Li Xin's disappearing figure.

“Xiu Shui! You talk so much to the point Li Xin is going home!” Upon seeing Li Xin leave, Xiao Yun used her as an excuse to stop Xiu Shui.

Xiu Shui immediately closed her mouth as she stared in the direction where Li Xin had disappeared to. Slightly worried, she stood up.

“She simply doesn’t want to get too close to us.” Jun Qi swirled the wine glass in his hand. That woman surely knew how to keep a distance to the point it was infuriating.

At dusk, Li Xin returned.

Standing on the porch, Xiu Shui saw the Ferrari convertible speeding towards the house. Li Xin wore a beautiful sleeveless, light blue Qipao with a flying phoenix embroidered on the skirt. Her hair was tied up. She gave off the image of a traditional beauty from the late Qing dynasty.

Xiu Shui face-palmed herself. Only Li Xin would dare to wear a Qipao while driving a convertible.

“Li Xin, tomorrow you have class with Professor Hawke. Don’t be late. Professor Hawke is a strict man. Be careful he won’t let you pass.” Xiu Shui had waited for Li Xin to return so that she could remind her of this. Even though they haven’t known each other for a long time, without her reminders, Xiu Shui could picture Li Xin’s constant lateness and procrastination.

Li Xin shrugged her shoulders, indicating she knows but truthfully she didn’t have much of an impression of the professor. What professor? She was absentminded about it.

To compensate for her regrets about never going to school, Li Xin had forked out a large sum of money for education and became a second year student. Unfortunately after attending a medical class, which she had mindlessly signed up for, she felt dizzy and confused on the subject. It was so boring that Li Xin decided to drop out of school altogether, completely abandoning the idea of making up for her regrets.

## Chapter 05

Early the next morning, Li Xin's doorbell rang loudly. Yesterday she watched TV until midnight so it was hard for her to wake up. Ignoring the sound of the bell, Li Xin pulled the blanket over her head and continued to sleep.

*Ring, ring, ring.*

The door bell continued to ring for half an hour.

At long last, Li Xin couldn't tolerate it anymore. She lifted herself up and reached for a button beside the bed. It was a button to open the door and let in the visitor.

"I knew it. You're still sleeping. Hurry, wake up. You're almost late. Hurry up, you can go to the tutorials. He doesn't have a lot of classes. You can sleep any other day how ever much you want but today, you have to go to class." Xiu Shui glanced at the living room which was a total mess. Fortunately she knew the type of person Li Xin was.

"I'm not going. Who cares if I don't pass." Li Xin had decided to go to school because she thought school was fun. Instead school had proven to be stressful and restrictive. Although she didn't have a high education, it didn't mean she had to graduate university in order to make money.

"When you come home I'll have braised duck in honey and soy sauce, fried chicken wings, stir-fry snails, stewed beef tripe, gai lan. . ." Even though Li Xin was ignoring her, Xiu Shui wasn't angry. She sat down on the edge of the bed and counted all the dishes she was going to cook.

"And dried shrimp with sautéed vegetables."

Xiu Shui looked at Li Xin's grumpy and lethargic expression and said with a smile, "Alright, hurry up and wake up."

Li Xin inwardly sighed. It's all because she's a big foodie. Food was her one and only weakness. Having lived this long, Xiu Shui's cooking skills suited her taste the most. God was so mean! Since her sleep was interrupted, Li Xin was irritated as well as angry at that so-called Professor Hawke. As a result, Li Xin drove like a

speed demon to school. Sitting beside her, Xiu Shui's face was pale like a corpse.

"Hi, aren't you Xiu Shui? Did you buy a new car? That's sleek! It's the newest model isn't it?" Xiu Shui had just stumbled out of the car dazedly, as if she had just experience a life-and-death situation when a whistle sounded from behind her. Several good-looking blue-eyed, blonde-haired guys walked towards them.

Slightly frowning, Xiu Shui leaned back into the car's door. They were the rich guys at the university—troublesome womanizers because they have both money and looks. Nonetheless, Xiu Shui didn't pay any attention to them. This particular university was quite famous. A lot of people entered the school through the use of money.

The group of guys narrowed the distance. Xiu Shui turned towards Li Xin with a pleading look. Her jaw dropped when she realized Li Xin was peacefully napping on top of the steering wheel. Had she been sleep-driving all this time? Xiu Shui felt cold all over. Disregarding the guys, Xiu Shui pulled the door open and screamed at Li Xin, causing the group of guys to stare in shock as they realized Xiu Shui was actually a tigress in disguise.

"Next time you're not allowed to drive! That was dangerous."

"I think we need to sell this car fast."

"How can you drive like that?"

Xiu Shui's nagging and grumbling didn't stop even in the lecture hall. Eventually Li Xin surrendered to it. The auditorium was quiet and focused but Li Xin wasn't the least bit interested in Professor Hawke's lecture. She threw the car keys towards Xiu Shui. She can go ahead and do whatever she wanted with it—sell it or drive it herself, whatever. Li Xin calmly and gracefully walked out despite the numerous gazes on her.

Finally, she could have some peace.

She felt that she was very enlightened. Xiu Shui was always telling her to do this and do that but she has managed to tolerate and endure it for so long. Not to mention, she was even ready to endure it for a while longer. One can see how fatal her weakness for food was.

Li Xin strolled down the sidewalk, feeling relaxed and at ease. It's been a while

since she took a walk by herself. The feeling wasn't bad.

Passersby were rushing back and forth on the streets. The shopping district was crowded with people who were attracted to the sales and discount activity going on. Cars were congested on the road. The world was lively and boisterous. Standing on a skywalk bridge, Li Xin observed the chaos beneath. Unconsciously, she grinned. It seems like, in this busy world, opportunities for idle time and relaxation was a rare occurrence. People work hard all day long and quickly tired themselves out, only to have nothing in the end. She had risked twenty years to work hard to finally achieve this life of freedom and independence.

While Li Xin stood and watched the busy scene, someone raised their voice from behind, "Xiu Shui is looking for you."

Li Xin turned her head and saw Jun Qi not far from her. Today he was dressed in casual clothing. Beside him was a drop-dead gorgeous woman. With an antagonistic look, the woman glared at any females who dared look at Jun Qi with the slightest hint of interest. Jun Qi continued to smile charmingly, disregarding the stares from the female passersby, as if he was used to this happening all the time.

"She's looking for me?" Li Xin frowned. Why was Xiu Shui looking for her? She had already given Xiu Shui the car keys, giving her permission to do whatever she wanted with the car. It couldn't be that Xiu Shui wanted her to meet up with the buyer? Ah! It's probably because it's almost lunch time. Thinking about a table filled with scrumptious meals, Li Xin became excited.

Watching Li Xin strutting away like a model, Jun Qi smirked. He turned to the gorgeous woman beside him, said something into her ear then left her side and approached Li Xin. He bent over, propped a hand down on the bench and leaned in closer to her ear, "Don't you want to know why she's looking for you?"

Li Xin paid no particular attention to their proximity. She looked straight ahead and said, "Calling me to eat."

After hearing her reply, Jun Qi burst into laughter. His aura, which was radiant like the glaring sun, along with his devious charms attracted the nearby females' attention.

The drop-dead gorgeous woman who came with him wrinkled her face and

walked up to him, tugging at his arm, “Qi, let’s go.”

Jun Qi firmed his face. He turned towards the woman and stroked her hair. “I don’t like disobedient people.”

The woman hurriedly explained, “I’m not.”

Raising his brows, Jun Qi grinned. Looking at his face, the beautiful woman obediently returned to her spot and waited.

A few girls walked up to Jun Qi in hopes of starting a conversation with him. He didn’t have a modicum of interest for those girls as he politely rejected them one-by-one. Instead he was working hard to become more appealing to the aloof woman who wouldn’t even spare him a glance.

Jun Qi lowered his gaze on Li Xin. She was still sitting on the bench calmly and nonchalantly. Turns out he was simply wasting his effort in acting. Jun Qi looked at Li Xin intently and clenched his teeth, “Xiu Shui said you left in anger. She’s about to cry.”

Li Xin lifted her head and stared at Jun Qi. What did he mean? When was she angry? How come she didn’t know that she was angry?

It was the first time Li Xin showed another expression rather than her aloof one in front of him. Jun Qi couldn’t help but study her carefully. It seems like she herself didn’t know what was going on.

He found her to be quite interesting.

## Chapter 06

“It’s finished, beautiful. Here’s your painting.”

The person in the painting resembled her, so Li Xin generously took out a wad of bill and gave it to the artist.

“You should quickly call Xiu Shui. Let me give you her number.” As Li Xin was about to walk away, Jun Qi hurriedly spoke up.

Li Xin shrugged. “No need, I don’t have a phone.”

Jun Qi scrutinized Li Xin up and down with curiosity. For the life of him, he couldn’t understand why this girl with a weird fashion sense, who also drove an expensive convertible, did not have a cell-phone. It must be a joke.

On the other hand, Li Xin didn’t care to explain. She didn’t have anyone to call, so what was the use of a phone?

“Hey, I already dialed the number. You should talk to her in case she’s going to say I saw you but kept it from her. I’m going to get in even more trouble,” Jun Qi said, handing over his phone to Li Xin.

Li Xin took the phone and immediately heard Xiu Shui’s nagging. She was only able to identify herself, couldn’t even speak another word and was interrupted by Xiu Shui bursting into cries. Li Xin flinched and touched her ear. Goodness, this woman was truly something! She wasn’t even dead yet. There was no need to break down into powerful sobs.

She endured it. After patiently listening, Li Xin suddenly wanted to punch someone. Xiu Shui said she didn’t want Li Xin to drive. Alright then, Li Xin gave her the car keys. Xiu Shui said she wanted to sell the car. Okay then, Li Xin didn’t care either. She could always buy another car, one that she liked. As it turns out, it wasn’t what Xiu Shui wanted at all. Li Xin had misunderstood her intentions. These days, it was so hard to please people.

Additionally, Li Xin came to the conclusion that she was going to have to kiss her dream of a delicious lunch meal goodbye. Xiu Shui had been so worried looking for her that she had completely forgotten to prepare lunch. Why was

mankind given so many emotions? Emotions and sentiments should be restricted.

The corners of Jun Qi's mouth twitched as Li Xin ended the call with a grimace. This girl could easily give up an expensive car without an ounce of sadness but the moment she heard there would be no food, her expression immediately changed for the worst. It was the first time he met someone like her.

"Today's lunch will be on me, as a way of saying thank you for helping my friends." Jun Qi faintly grinned when he noticed Li Xin still looked unhappy. It was just a simple meal. She didn't have to be so displeased.

Li Xin raised her brows and dismissed his suggestion with a wave of her hand. "No need." Saying so, she turned around and walked away. She didn't consider it as helping them out but a mere coincidence.

"Thief! Catch the thief! Catch the thief!"

Li Xin had only taken a few steps when she heard a noise. She stopped and stared at the scene. A red-haired guy was running at full speed towards her. In his hand was the purse. Behind him was a man and a woman—possibly a couple as they chased after him, screaming and yelling.

At the moment, there were a lot of tourists on the streets. However, they all pretended not to know what was going on. A particular person even coldly turned his head somewhere else, like what was happening had nothing to do with him.

Li Xin observed the thief. As he was running, the thief glared at all the nearby locals and tourists. His gaze was fierce and full of murderous intent, causing everyone to scoot back in fear. He dressed like ruffian and it was obvious that he was an amateur. Li Xin was already in a bad mood to begin with. Running into this amateur thief who made professional thieves like her looked bad, Li Xin narrowed her eyes and walked towards him.

Li Xin lifted her leg. The red-haired thief tripped over her leg and fell over onto the ground. Jun Qi laughed then he also lifted his leg and kicked the thief's back, causing him to lay flat on the ground. Li Xin stepped back and with a wicked chuckle, she stepped down on the thief's back—hard. Not to mention, today she was wearing high heels. The thief, having been attacked by two people

simultaneously, couldn't even lift a finger off the ground.

"You're very brazen." Jun Qi smiled brightly at Li Xin. At a time when everyone was hiding and not wanting to lend a helping hand, she was brazen enough to catch the thief herself. People like her were definitely a rarity in society.

Li Xin glanced at Jun Qi. She pressed her heels down harder onto the thief's back then she squatted down next to the thief who was cussing in fury. She said, "You're a thief, not some bandit. A thief should have skills rather than going around glaring at people with murderous looks. Damn it, you're a thief, not an assassin! Even a thief should have professional ethics, understand?"

Upon hearing Li Xin's advice, both Jun Qi and the red-haired thief were surprised. Just then, the couple appeared before them, said their grateful thank yous, took back the purse and called for the cops.

As she watched the thief being arrested and dragged away, Li Xin was much more cheerful.

Standing beside her, Jun Qi noticed the change in her features, causing him to chuckle. "Didn't know you were so kind-hearted."

Li Xin looked at Jun Qi. She was kind-hearted? How come she didn't know that? She simply thought that the red-haired guy was a huge humiliation to professional thieves like herself. Stealing required technique and skills, not brute force. Once caught, a thief should still be proud and admirable. The red-haired guy didn't have the basic foundation of being a thief, which was why she had to help him look for it.

Li Xin waved her hand. "If you don't have the skills then you shouldn't go out acting like you do. Such an embarrassment!" With that said, she hummed a random tune and cheerfully walked away to find a good restaurant for lunch.

Jun Qi furrowed his brows. So it wasn't because she was kind-hearted but because the red-haired thief was embarrassing to the eyes. Her reasoning was contrary to an ordinary person's reasoning but at the same time, it further piqued his interest.

The night was beautiful. The city was lively and bustling with activity under the starry skies.

Xiu Shui sat alone at a bar as she swirled the liquid content in her hand. She watched from the sideline while Li Xin was on the dance floor, moving her body excitedly to the house music. A small smile formed on Xiu Shui's lips. Initially she thought Li Xin was upset with her but truthfully, Li Xin hadn't even thought about being angry. Besides an exquisite, hearty dinner was the resolution to everything.

“Hi! Xiu Shui, why aren't you dancing? Dance a song with me.”

Xiu Shui turned towards the arrogant man beside her. Smiling, she replied, “I don't know how to dance, but you go and enjoy yourself.”

“How can that be? We invited you so you need to participate too. What's the point of us dancing alone?” Another man piped in. They were the group of rich guys Xiu Shui had met at the university earlier in the day.

When Li Xin disappeared, Xiu Shui had become uneasy and anxious. She searched for Li Xin everywhere but could not find her. Seeing Xiu Shui in a state of panic, the guys didn't want to lose the opportunity and offered to help her. They took her around San Francisco with the pretext of helping her find Li Xin. In reality, they simply wanted to get closer to Xiu Shui.

Unable to get rid of them, Xiu Shui was forced to accept their invitation to the bar as a way of expressing gratitude.

## Chapter 07

Xiu Shui frowned. She really didn't want to interact with this group of guys. As she looked for Li Xin in the crowd, she made sure to keep a distance between herself and the guys.

"If you don't appear, Xiu Shui is going to be taken advantage of." In a corner of the bar, Jun Qi observed Xiu Shui's discomfort as he explained to Wu Sen with a grin.

The moment Xiu Shui entered the bar, Wu Sen had already recognized her. He hadn't expected to see her at this bar. As he watched those guys surrounded Xiu Shui, making her anxious and uncomfortable, Wu Sen's face darkened and he promptly stood up.

"Wait, look." Xiao Yun, who had his back towards Xiu Shui, climbed onto the sofa's armrest and pulled Wu Sen back, signaling him to look in Xiu Shui's direction instead.

"Just one drink, Xiu Shui. At least have this one drink and give us some face."

Xiu Shui looked at the two guys before her with a conflicted expression. Biting her lips, she accepted the drink. Since they personally asked, it was difficult for her to decline. She didn't notice the strange look in the two guys.

"So thirsty!" The glass hadn't even touched Xiu Shui's lip and was suddenly snatched away from her grasp. It was emptied in one gulp. Seeing that it was Li Xin, Xiu Shui grinned. "Are you hot?" At the same time, she signaled the bartender for a glass of ice water.

Li Xin's mouth curved up as she spoke to the two guys in front of Xiu Shui, "Sorry I drank your guys' drink."

The two guys looked at each other and burst out laughing. "No problem. It's even better than you didn't reject it."

"How stupid! How can she just carelessly drink it?" Watching Li Xin gulp down that drink, Jun Qi's face turned black as he stood up and walked towards her.

Xiao Yun and Wu Sen looked at each other, exchanging raised brows.

“I thought you’re very capable but it turns out you’re just an idiot.” A cold voice spoke up, speaking over the loud dance music.

Li Xin furrowed her brows.

After finished talking to her, Jun Qi turned towards the guys. “How dare you touch my people?”

The guys looked at one another then smiled perversely. “None of us have laid a finger on her. However, Young Master Qi, we’ve done you a deed.”

“Who were you thinking of fooling?” Wu Sen was already standing beside Xiu Shui.

The guys stiffened up. “Sorry, we didn’t know these two girls were already taken. Young Master Sen, hope you have a good time tonight.” They cued each other with a wink and started to walk away.

“What are you afraid of? It’s such a rare opportunity for everyone to hang out together. Just stay and party hard,” Li Xin interrupted them from leaving. Apparently, it seems as if Jun Qi and Wu Sen were powerful people because even these rich guys had to show them respect.

As soon as the invitation left Li Xin’s mouth, the rich guys looked at each other then glanced at Wu Sen and Jun Qi. They let out a forced laugh.

Smiling, Li Xin waved her hand in the air. The server, who was standing by all this time, came over with a round of alcohol. With a smirk, Li Xin said, “Thanks for your guys’ help today. Xiu Shui can’t hold her liquor so I will drink in her stead. I’ll drink first.” Li Xin poured back the alcohol, emptying the contents. The guys looked at one another, smiled as they all picked up a glass of wine and drank it. Li Xin smiled sinisterly. Confirming that they’ve finished the drinks, she turned her attention elsewhere. Meanwhile, the rich guys laughed and excused themselves towards the dance floor, hoping to find an escape.

On the other hand, Li Xin had her back towards them as she lowered her voice and whispered a few words to the server. The server nodded happily then left.

“Li Xin, you’re so evil.” Xiao Yun finally appeared. He had been hiding at the corner of the bar and watching the fun scene. Coincidentally he had overheard what Li Xin said to the server.

Li Xin merely shrugged her shoulders and didn't retort.

Standing on the side, Jun Qi asked, "What is it?"

Seeing that Li Xin had no intention to keep it a secret, Xiao Yun went ahead and told everyone what he had heard. When Li Xin was still on the dance floor, she had already seen those guys forcing drinks on Xiu Shui. With years of experience on the streets, Li Xin had correctly guessed what their intentions were. Therefore, she had immediately prepared a plan to deal with them.

The alcohol that those guys had consumed was spiked ten times more than what they had given her. This bar had many types of women. Whether those guys were going to be beaten up or minced, forced to compensate a huge sum of money or infected with some sort of disease, it had nothing to do with Li Xin. She was merely giving them a gentle reminder.

Jun Qi furrowed his brows and looked at Li Xin. This girl wasn't a fool but she was surely wicked. Only Li Xin would come up with that kind of trick. Standing beside Xiu Shui, Wu Sen touched his chin but said nothing.

"Li Xin, are you okay?" Finally understanding the situation, Xiu Shui looked at Li Xin with panic.

In response to Xiu Shui's worried and regretful countenance, Li Xin simply smiled. "If you can't stand the heat then get out of the kitchen." Despite growing up abroad, Li Xin had read Chinese literature before. Knowing there are tigers in the mountain but still volunteer to go is an idiotic thing to do. Of course, she must be capable to handle the situation in order to drink that glass of wine. There was no way Li Xin was going to sacrifice herself for someone else.

In this crowded and noisy place, nobody took notice of the small pool of liquid next to Li Xin's foot.

"Hey, isn't that Qi? Qi, where have you been? Why didn't you look for me?" A whiny voice flew into the scene causing everyone to shudder.

Li Xin and Xiu Shui lifted their heads and saw a flirtatious woman. She shoved the man beside her off and rushed over towards Jun Qi excitedly. She hooked her arms around Jun Qi's and pouted. "Qi, I miss you so much yet you didn't look for me at all! So mean!"

Li Xin had goosebumps all over. One look at the woman and it was obvious she was the experienced type. However, she was acting as if she was innocent and naïve. Suddenly Li Xin felt contempt towards Jun Qi. What was wrong with his eyes? Out of reflex, she scooted further away from him, the further the better. Li Xin also caught Wu Sen and Xiu Shui's scornful looks. They were also horrified as they quietly turned away and picked up their alcohol. Only Xiao Yun was interested and kept observing.

Jun Qi looked at the pretty but whiny and clingy woman on his arm. He truly did not remember this woman. When it came to beautiful women, he had plenty. He changed girls as if they were his clothes, which was why he couldn't remember this particular woman. Nonetheless he maintained his gallantry, playboy persona. "Gorgeous, I—"

"Qi, is that you? Oh my god, I've been looking for you for so long. God really has eyes to let me run into you today!"

Jun Qi didn't get to finish his sentence as another beautiful and voluptuous woman rushed towards him like an arrow and clung to his other arm.

## Chapter 08

“Who are you?” The first woman demanded angrily.

The voluptuous woman retorted, “Who are *you*?”

“I’m Qi’s girlfriend.”

“You? How absurd! Why don’t you take a look at yourself in the mirror? Why would Qi pick someone like you for a girlfriend? To say that is an embarrassment to Qi.”

As the argument intensified from a verbal war into a physical fight, Li Xin quickly moved away from the crime scene. Xiu Shui and Wu Sen moved away as well. Even Xiao Yun was scared, but he chose a safe corner and continued to watch the exciting drama unfold.

“Seriously this Jun Qi guy. I’ve reminded him so many times to not go around dating several girls at once. Something like this always happens. Doesn’t he feel troublesome? He really doesn’t know how to reflect on his behaviour.” Xiu Shui glared at Jun Qi who was standing calmly beside the two heated women going at it with each other.

Wu Sen faintly smiled. “When Mars and Earth collide, that’s when he will stop his trifling ways.”

Li Xin chuckled. Wu Sen usually had a stern and serious expression, but he was starting to learn how to make jokes.

Xiu Shui didn’t quite understand as she turned to Wu Sen. “What?”

Xiao Yun piped in eagerly, “When everyone in the world has died, who is left for him to flirt with?”

Xiu Shui was speechless.

“Say, what’s so good about Jun Qi that women are always fighting each other over him? Knowing that he’s a flirt and a player but they still want him. Damn it, why don’t have I any appeal with women the way he does?” Watching the two women fight each other because of Jun Qi, who was coolly sipping his wine, Xiao

Yun felt it was unfair.

Wu Sen glanced over Xiao Yun. Taking a sip of his alcohol, he said, "It's not like you just met him."

Xiao Yun couldn't say a word. Shifting his gaze towards Jun Qi, he noticed Jun Qi was enjoying his wine while talking to the person sitting next to him, completely disregarding the two fighting women. Those two women didn't pull him into their altercation either, as if he was someone to be cherished and honored. Xiao Yun shook his head and turned his head away. "We need to teach him a lesson, so that he knows he can't do everything as he pleases. Besides, I will also have something fun to watch."

Wu Sen nodded. "I think so too."

The two men were of the same thoughts. It seems like Jun Qi's behaviour was truly infuriating. Being too good-looking and attractive isn't necessarily a good thing.

Li Xin couldn't help but laugh. "It looks like we're about to see something fun."

The three others looked over to Jun Qi's side. The men who came with the two women did not look the least bit happy as they surrounded Jun Qi. They felt very humiliated that the women they came with were fighting each other for some other guy.

"What do you guys think you're doing?! Are you going to beat up people?!" The two women's shrilly voices made Li Xin flinch.

Xiao Yun's face darkened. "He's impossible."

As soon as those two women realized something amiss in the atmosphere, they immediately rushed over to protect Jun Qi. They were shouting, punching and kicking those men that came with them. How absurd!

Xiu Shui had cold sweats on her forehead as she turned away, pretending not to know. Li Xin, Wu Sen and Xiao Yun all pretended they didn't know Jun Qi.

A while later, Xiu Shui spoke up, "And he's still able to tolerate this?"

"Why not?" Somehow Jun Qi had appeared next to them, standing right behind Li Xin.

Xiu Shui pointed towards the two furious women. “You let them—”

“What does that got to do with me?” Jun Qi coldly interrupted. “I’ve never asked them to do anything for me. They willingly did it. I stood there calmly without losing my cool is already helping them save their faces.” Jun Qi was always polite towards women. Even if he had no impression of a woman, he won’t embarrass them. However, this time they had stepped way out of line. It was to the point he couldn’t tolerate it and opt to ignore it instead.

Xiao Yun laughed loudly. “You are really. . .”

“Hello there handsome.” Xiao Yun couldn’t finish his sentence as he was interrupted by another woman’s voice. Everybody looked up and saw a young girl dressing provocatively and winking at Jun Qi. Xiao Yun face-palmed and cursed. Even at this moment, there’s still a woman trying to hit on Jun Qi. Some things in life are simply unexplainable.

Jun Qi weakly smiled. “Sorry, I’m here with someone.” Saying so, he stepped in closer towards Li Xin. Even though he was a playboy, it didn’t mean he flirted with everyone indiscriminately. His standards were high. Even those two arguing women were utterly drop-dead gorgeous that not everyone could be compared to.

“How dare you touch my woman?!” The young female hadn’t said a word but a scary-looking man had charged forward and threw a punch at Jun Qi. Jun Qi’s face changed but he had fast reflex as he angled his body and successfully avoided the attack. Then he reciprocated the scary-looking man with a punch of his own.

“He has the nerves to touch our men! Everyone, attack! He thinks he can do whatever he wants in our territory then he’s obviously wishing for death!”

All of the men and women who were standing behind the scary-looking man charged forward. Right at that moment, the two men who were the arguing women’s dates also joined in. Everyone started fighting, causing a ruckus. In the moment of chaos, they even broke chairs, tables and even smashed liquor bottles. Profanities and vulgar remarks blended in with the sound of people kicking, punching and shoving each other. It filled up the entire bar. Even the people who were initially bystanders joined in, wanting to be a part of the

excitement and adrenaline. Screams and hollers mixed in with the house music. The disco lights flashed red and green, creating an intense and heated atmosphere.

Li Xin was sitting at the bar counter. Her eyes followed the chaos and mess. She softly chuckled. "This is the way it should be. If you want to fight then fight. You're not a man if you talk so much nonsense."

Wu Sen and Xiao Yun had complained a lot about Jun Qi, but the moment they saw someone attempting to hurt Jun Qi, they immediately lunged forward and fought off each and every assailant.

Xiu Shui was struck with fear and horror. Worriedly she held tightly onto Li Xin's hands. Her eyes were glued to the three men as she anxiously shouted, "Stop it! What's the meaning of this? Stop it!"

Li Xin tossed Xiu Shui a glare. Then she grabbed Xiu Shui and dragged her to the stage. They were outnumbered by the enemies. Not only did the three men have to defend the girls, they also had to take offense with their opponent. And yet, the moment she opened her mouth, Xiu Shui had unknowingly told the enemies of their weakness. Should Xiu Shui be considered naïve or foolish?

## Chapter 09

The stage lights were turned off.

Li Xin sat down next to the musical instruments. Observing the chaotic scene below, she had on an alluring smile as she grabbed the drumsticks and hit it against the drum. The noise was amplified throughout the bar. The drumming rhythm was intense and powerful. It was fast and ferocious, provoking everyone's hot-blooded temper.

With a pale face, Xiu Shui looked at all the crazy people off stage. She quickly tugged on Li Xin's hand. "What are you doing?"

Li Xin grinned. "I'm creating an atmosphere for them!" She was a fearless girl to begin with, thus there was no reason to not participate in the thrilling activity going on.

Off the dance stage, Jun Qi kicked a guy across the floor then turned to face Wu Sen. The two of them exchanged a look and smiled. When Li Xin dragged Xiu Shui up to the stage, they had both seen it. Apparently, Li Xin didn't think it was crazy enough so she had to add oil to the fire. Her fierce drumming was an encouragement to everyone, making them even more excited. Jun Qi surveyed the bunch of hot-bloods around him. He was annoyed he couldn't do anything to Li Xin.

"Li Xin, are we just going to leave and ignore them?" After a while of playing the drums, Li Xin had grabbed Xiu Shui and dragged her through the crowd of hot-blooded people and escaped out of the bar. On the other hand, Xiu Shui kept looking back.

Li Xin furrowed her brows. "Whoever started it has to deal with it. If you want to go back, I will send you back in."

In front of Li Xin's serious expression, Xiu Shui bit down on her lips. It was a pandemonium in there. To go back inside was simply looking for death. Not to mention, this issue was caused by Jun Qi. Nonetheless, Li Xin had a hand in it too as she had helped fan the growing fire. Yet Li Xin was able to calmly leave.

Xiu Shui simply her head.

The two of them got into the car. They saw the police cars speeding towards the bar with the sirens on, wailing loudly. Then the police rushed into the bar. Meanwhile Li Xin pressed down on the gas pedal as the car flew forward. Just then, a metallic sports car sped by Li Xin's car. Li Xin studied it carefully then burst out laughing. As it turns out, the person sitting inside the metallic white sports car was none other than Jun Qi. It seems like they weren't that stupid after all. They knew how to retreat quickly.

Under the moonlight, the outstanding red and metallic white sports car sped down the road.

When the two cars were side-by-side, Xiao Yun shouted enthusiastically, "You're quite something, Li Xin. You didn't even care to say a word of good-bye and left. If it wasn't for Jun Qi's keen eyes, we would've been abandoned by you."

The night's breeze blew up Li Xin's hair, making her look even more beautiful and radiant. Li Xin nonchalantly spoke up, "Am I that close with you guys?"

Xiao Yun was so angry he couldn't speak a word. In other words, Li Xin was saying there was no need for greetings because they weren't familiar with each other.

Facing Xiao Yun's infuriated look, Li Xin softly chuckled. "You guys should thank me for dragging Xiu Shui out instead. If I didn't do that, you guys wouldn't be able to fight without feeling burdened. Therefore, you guys have no rights to make a comment."

While Jun Qi was driving, he was also listening to Li Xin. He was irritated but it was also the truth. Jun Qi glanced at Li Xin and asked, "What is the meaning of 'close'?"

Li Xin didn't bother to look at Jun Qi and replied, "There are some people who just met each other and are the best of friends. There are also people who have known each other for all their lives and still aren't close."

Wu Sen instinctively glanced at Jun Qi. He still had on a charming smile but his eyes were bright. Wu Sen knew the meaning of that expression. It was the look

of a predator for its prey. Unfortunately, this particular prey wasn't an easy target to hunt down. They were still casually conversing when there was the sound of car engines rumbling deeply from behind. Simultaneously Li Xin and Jun Qi steered their car to the side, allowing a whole bunch of sports cars of varying colours to speed past. There was the sound of laughter and conversations, whistling and hollering.

Xiao Yun looked at the group of cars that had passed. He coldly scoffed.

"It's those people." Wu Sen's expression became stern.

Just as Wu Sen finished talking, the sports cars suddenly made a U-turn and came back.

Li Xin immediately braked the car and parked beside the sidewalk. Propping her elbow on the car, she was prepared to watch another episode of drama.

"Isn't that Xiao Yun?" A piercing voice spoke up. Several cars surrounded Jun Qi's car, trapping his car in the middle.

Xiao Yun firmed his face, stood up and said crisply, "So what if I am?"

A man stepped out from the only yellow car in the group. He stood with his back leaning against the door and laughed boisterously. "You fool, San Francisco is our territory. You think you can come and go as you please? It's not going to be that easy."

Xiao Yun sat up on the door of the rolled down convertible, right behind Jun Qi. He scrutinized the man from head to toe and laughed mockingly. "You loser, you have no rights to talk to me. You lost but didn't want to admit it. Not only that but you decided to be sly and pull a few tricks. Your grandpa has the nerves to come here then that means I'm not afraid of your gimmick."

The man's expression changed for the worst as he listened to Xiao Yun's blunt words. Clenching his fists, he gritted his teeth. "Don't be rude just because I'm showing some politeness. I'm going to ask you one more time, are you going to join? If you're not going to join then don't blame me for not being polite."

Carefully observing from the sideline, Li Xin was able to roughly understand the situation. Xiao Yun had probably won over those guys in a car race, which was why they wanted him to join their team. Unable to get him to join, they turned

to underhanded tricks.

Li Xin suddenly looked down on those people. Li Xin didn't think there was a need to talk it out, just beat them up already. Consequences could be dealt with later. It wasn't as if they were diplomatic people. This was simply wasting time and not resolving anything. Li Xin had totally forgotten that the three guys, who were trapped in the middle, were people she was acquainted with. Yet she wasn't thinking about helping them, instead she wanted to watch the amusing scene. She was a typical detached and heartless person.

"So what if you're not polite?" Xiao Yun wasn't able to say a word when Wu Sen coolly interrupted.

Only he had the power to do whatever as he pleases in San Francisco. They had the nerves to talk about territory in front of him. These people were really thick-skinned in a foolish way.

## Chapter 10

“I will —” The scary-faced man couldn’t finish his sentence when a chilly voice spoke up from behind.

“With the young master from Sen Yu Group here, we don’t dare to be discourteous. I was rude last time. I’m really sorry.” Despite the words of apologies, there was no real intention of actually apologizing.

Li Xin shifted her gaze over to the car behind the scary-faced man. That person didn’t seem fierce, pompous or murderous but still took others by surprise. Li Xin’s interest was further piqued.

Those words turned the fiery crowd silent.

The scary-faced man was slightly faltered by the information then coldly scoffed. “Turns out you have powerful backing, is that why you were so arrogant?”

Xiao Yun shrugged his shoulders nonchalantly. “So what if I’m arrogant?”

The man was instantly speechless.

The mysterious person hiding inside the car spoke up again, “The young master of Feng Yang Group can naturally be arrogant.”

Xiao Yun stiffened up. A finger, placed on top of Jun Qi’s shoulder, unwittingly tapped once. Jun Qi shook his head. Xiao Yun’s true identity was only known by Jun Qi and Wu Sen. On the outside, Xiao Yun was one of the racers in the underworld. Nobody could’ve guessed he was the young master of Feng Yang Group—a multinational corporation in New York. It seems his true identity was not that simple.

“Since you already know, say what it is you want?” Wu Sen crossed his arms over his chest and stared at the mysterious person inside the car with indifference. This person knew their true identities but still purposely blocked their paths, which meant this person also had influential power. Since it has turned out to be like this, they might as well cut to the chase. There was no need to care about the other racers surrounding them. Those people didn’t even have

the abilities to be considered an underling.

“From what I know, the CEO of Feng Yang Group had issued an announcement that they were hunting for their escaped young master. I think this news is going to travel fast.”

Xiao Yun’s face darkened. Capturing him and forcing him to marry some woman, don’t even dream about it! He didn’t have enough fun yet. Over his dead body will he marry some woman who only had family backing and nothing else to talk about.

Having heard those words, Wu Sen knew immediately the person was threatening them. He asked coldly, “Conditions?”

“It’s very simple. There’s a car race 3 days later in Washington. We hope the young master of Feng Yang Group would join and represent us. In return, we will censor news regarding the young master; thus guaranteeing the young master will be able to continue to have his fun.”

Xiao Yun furrowed his eyebrows. Representing someone else or representing himself, he didn’t mind. However, who knew if the news about the illegal race would be kept on the down-low or not? Feng Yang wasn’t as small as a pea. Feng Yang had its own source of information. His grandpa wasn’t someone they could easily deceive.

“Isn’t your condition a bit too much?” Wu Sen had also thought about Xiao Yun’s worries. He stared intently at the yellow car.

“If it’s only information censoring, we wouldn’t dare to open our mouths to make the request. However, the young master had been too hasty in his actions yesterday. Because of a small disadvantage, he appeared in our territory and started smashing things. Smashing things wasn’t a big deal either. It can be treated as our apology towards you, but there was a present I had prepared for a special guest that was destroyed as well. Why wouldn’t this loss be calculated in?” As soon as the sentence was finished, an arm reached out from the car and handed something to the scary-faced man.

That man looked at Xiao Yun with delight as he passed over the item for the three of them to examine. The three guys lowered their heads and realized it was a playback video that had recorded a scene of Xiao Yun smashing and destroying

furniture and equipments. Wu Sen tossed Xiao Yun a glare. If he couldn't handle the matter with efficiency and covertness then he shouldn't have acted at all. This was clearly reaping what one has sowed.

He opened up a brocade box.

Jun Qi, who had been quiet all this time, finally made a sound. "He accepts the request, but he can't guarantee the race ranking."

"Not a problem. I believe that the person known as the Flying Leopard in the world of underground racing isn't mediocre. Great, I will take care of everything and definitely will not disappoint you guys. With regards to the fees, I'll be fair. See you guys again in Washington. Oh right, please give your father my greetings." The mysterious person inside the car said to Jun Qi.

Jun Qi suddenly got out of his car and walked over to the yellow car. With a grin, he said, "You should also give your boss my greetings."

A few seconds later, the yellow car's door slowly opened. A man with a tall nose and blue eyes, approximately 30 years old, with a stoic face stepped out and held his hand out to Jun Qi. "I will definitely deliver the message."

Jun Qi smiled politely and shook the man's hand.

"Tch, it's ended already. There was nothing interesting." Li Xin watched the group of cars leave and disappointedly lay down on the steering wheel.

Xiu Shui was sitting next to her and she was scared to the point her face was pale white. Trembling, she tugged on Li Xin's arm and asked, "Is it over?"

Seeing Xiao Yun's crestfallen expression, Li Xin pulled Xiu Shui out of the car and ran over towards the three guys. She was curious as to why they had given in so quickly. No matter how expensive the present may be, Xiao Yun's family had the money, so why had they instantly agreed to the request?

Noticing Li Xin's confused gaze on the broken jade, Jun Qi chuckled and explained, "It's because he didn't use his eyes and blindly smashed everything. In truth, this jade isn't a rare item but the person who gifted it and the person who received it are people we can't go head-on against. For that reason, he's going to have to risk his life to compensate."

Listening to the explanation, Li Xin realized that Jun Qi had a full understanding of the situation.

Next to him, Wu Sen furrowed his eyebrows. “Who was that person? Do you know him?”

Jun Qi’s smile disappeared. In a serious manner, he replied, “Qi Clan’s people.” At the moment when the person reached his arm out of the car, Jun Qi had seen a red falcon tattoo on the man’s wrist with the help of the car’s headlights. The tattoo represented the status and position within the Qi Clan. Consequently Jun Qi had quickly agreed to the condition.

“Qi Clan? Xiao Yun, you should feel lucky that you’re the young master of Feng Yang.” Upon the mention of Qi Clan, Wu Sen was startled as he said with a grim face.

Xiao Yun silently cursed in his head.

The Qi Clan was one of the biggest crime syndicates in the underworld. They were infamous for their ruthless and cruel methods as well as their heartlessness. A simple step could make the entire underworld shake and tremble. Xiao Yun’s family was considered one of the influential and powerful businesses in mainstream society but they still didn’t have the guts to directly oppose the Qi Clan.

It looks like they had really given him some face this time. If it was someone else, he would’ve probably already lost his life without a chance of a cordial conversation. Then again, Xiao Yun had Wu Sen and Jun Qi’s support. They were probably showing those two some respect as well.