

Trapped In Paradise

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Whether Ning Chu liked it or not, time continued to fly by.

Before she knew it, exam week had arrived, and with it came the final written exam.

Since yesterday, students dragging suitcases through campus could be seen everywhere, happily heading home for the break.

Starting tomorrow, Wen Yang would begin his internship and officially step into the working world.

And she would be separated from him for ten days or so.

"Seriously..."

The exam paper had already been handed in, but Ning Chu remained slumped over the cool desk, absentmindedly playing with a pen cap.

School life really was more comfortable...

Just thinking about how she would eventually join the ranks of the 996 workforce, living a life so busy there was barely any time for entertainment, made her feel exhausted.

"Ning Chu~ Let's go!"

She looked up toward the hallway.

Several of her friends, along with Wen Yang, were waiting outside.

Yan Xinya was even pressed against the classroom window, waving enthusiastically at her.

Ning Chu sighed helplessly, gathered her stationery, and stood up to leave.

The moment she stepped out of the air-conditioned classroom, the humid heat outside made her chest feel stuffy.

She immediately shoved everything she was carrying into Wen Yang's arms and stretched lazily.

"Finally over~ My butt hurts from sitting so long~"

"How'd you do?"

"Not bad. Passing definitely won't be a problem."

Then she ground her teeth and added, "All thanks to your wonderful tutoring, Wen Yang~"

"See? I knew I had a talent for teaching."

Oh, absolutely.

If she didn't finish reviewing an entire chapter every day, he'd cut off the succubus's food supply.

Only a hentai protagonist could come up with something like that.

As a result, she'd spent several days surviving on nothing but breakfast milk for nutrition.

"Sister Ning Chu can actually pass?" Xi Xi lowered her head pitifully. "I thought I'd finally have someone retake exams with me..."

Then she looked hopefully at Wen Yang.

"Maybe you could tutor me too?"

Ning Chu immediately rejected the idea on his behalf, "No!"

"Huh? Why?"

"His teaching methods aren't suitable for you."

Yan Xinya excitedly ran over.

"Want to go out for dinner tonight? We can make Shaoqing pay!"

But Ning Chu shook her head.

"My train leaves at seven."

"Ah? Why~"

Ning Chu rolled her eyes at the wolf girl.

"We've already had several dinners together these past few days. You still want another one? Aren't you worried about getting fat?"

In reality, she was simply worried that she'd become emotional in front of everyone.

It was easier to leave decisively.

Yan Xinya's wolf ears and tail drooped.

"Aww~ I was hoping we'd have one last meal together before graduation."

"Graduation is this time next year, okay? It's not like we'll never see each other again."

"It's all Wen Yang's fault for stealing Ning Chu away. Otherwise she'd definitely still be on campus next semester," The wolf girl grumbled.

Honestly, spending an internship period hanging around school wasn't exactly a good thing.

Ning Chu silently rolled her eyes and followed Wen Yang downstairs.

It was only a little after five in the afternoon after the exam ended.

But her train left at seven, so she needed to hurry back, collect her luggage, and take a taxi to the railway station.

As they emerged from the teaching building, she suddenly turned around.

"Oh right, Lily, do you want to come stay at my place? Your house will be empty after you go back anyway."

The topic had come up before, and Lily had seemed hesitant.

This time, however, she directly shook her head.

"I'll pass."

"Then make sure you take care of yourself while you're home alone~"

Lily's face reddened slightly.

Keeping a straight face, she avoided Ning Chu's teasing gaze.

When they reached a fork in the road, everyone instinctively stopped.

Wen Yang took Ning Chu's hand and smiled at the other girls.

"We'll head out first then."

"Bye-bye, Sister Ning Chu~"

Yan Xinya giggled mischievously.

"Just don't show up next time with a big pregnant belly~"

"Your graduation photos won't look good if that happens!"

The moment those words left her mouth, Ning Chu's face instantly turned red.

"What nonsense are you talking about?!"

Meanwhile, Wen Yang nearly choked on his own saliva.

Ning Chu shot the wolf girl an annoyed glare.

"Wen Yang and I already talked about it! We're not having kids!"

"People always say that. Once you're actually pregnant, you definitely won't be willing to get rid of it."

"Stop making things up! That's never going to happen!"

Ning Chu clicked her tongue and turned to the still-shy Lily.

The two simply nodded to each other, a silent farewell.

The next time they met would probably be at graduation...

For a moment, Ning Chu suddenly felt that failing a final exam wouldn't be so bad after all.

At least then she'd have an excuse to come back for makeup exams and see the friends she'd spent years with.

As she watched her close friends joking, laughing, and gradually disappearing into the distance, she couldn't hide the sadness in her eyes.

Lowering her head, she stared at the tips of her shoes.

"It's not like working means you'll never get time off," Wen Yang comforted her from beside her.

"You can always invite them out for a trip during holidays."

"Yeah."

In reality, even the close friends she'd had in elementary, middle, and high school had only kept up class reunions for a year or two after graduation.

As time passed, those relationships slowly faded.

Now, Ning Chu couldn't even remember the names of some of her old best friends.

Back when they graduated, everyone had talked about meeting up whenever they had time...

But somehow, there was always someone who couldn't make it.

"Lily's waving at you."

Ning Chu looked up.

Far away, Lily was waving goodbye.

Ning Chu raised her own hand and waved back before quickly grabbing the corner of Wen Yang's shirt and hurrying toward the school gate with her head lowered.

It was the same road they had walked countless times before, leading from the school's main entrance to the bus stop.

The streets were filled with students dragging suitcases.

Even the buses that usually had plenty of empty seats were now packed to capacity.

Stopping beneath the bus-stop sign, Wen Yang looked down at the expressionless Ning Chu, who was hiding her emotions.

He gently rubbed her head a few times.

"You should spend more time thinking about how you're going to survive these next few days without me."

"It's not like I can't live without you..."

Then it suddenly hit Ning Chu.

Now wasn't the time to be sentimental.

With her mother and Black Bean at home, she'd have to be as sneaky as a thief whenever she wanted to satisfy herself.

If she got caught, she'd probably be too embarrassed to stay in that house ever again.

It was all Wen Yang's fault for spoiling her over the past few years and making her increasingly difficult to satisfy!

"Isn't this all your fault?!"

She glared at him.

"You had to go work so far away!"

"The pay's good..."

Wen Yang laughed and rubbed the little succubus's head again.

This time she slapped his hand away in annoyance.

"Stop touching it! You're messing up my hair!"

"My train's tomorrow. I'll clean up the apartment tonight and move out tomorrow."

"Want me to take you to the station later? I'd feel better."

Meanwhile, Ning Chu was already scanning the area for a shared bicycle.

"I'm not a little kid. What are you worried about?"

"Let's bike back. Waiting for the bus will take forever."

"Why are you in such a hurry?"

"You know exactly why!"

She needed to hurry back and "recharge" a little.

After all, for the next ten-plus days, she wouldn't be able to have her boyfriend around.

No, wait.

It was because she was worried that without a succubus by his side, Wen Yang's excess energy might lead him to get seduced by some vixen.

Definitely that.

Ning Chu silently calculated the timing.

It would take more than twenty minutes to get back to the apartment.

Then about an hour by taxi to the train station.

That left only about thirty minutes of spare time she could spend monopolizing Wen Yang.

Way too little...

"Let's reschedule it two hours later."

"Mm."

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