WILLIAM

INT. JIA VILLA - KITCHEN - NIGHT

William enters, still sweaty from Hyrox training, and swings open the fridge. His face falls.

START

WILLIAM
(in Mandarin)
Xiao Mian. Are you hiding the energy drinks?

XIAO MIAN, 26, attractive, the Jia's live-in housekeeper, rolls her eyes.

XIAO MIAN
They're on backorder. I think you singlehandedly caused a creatine shortage.

William slips off his shirt, tosses it over an ANTIQUE CHAIR. Xiao Mian picks it up annoyed.

WILLIAM
(switching to English)
You don't have to do that.

XIAO MIAN
It's either that, or learn how to get water stains out of 500-year-old rosewood.

William grabs the shirt from her, but Xiao Mian doesn't let go.

WILLIAM
You really don't have to do that.

They hold each other's gaze for a beat; there's an undeniable charge between them. Then... DING! Xiao Mian looks down at her phone--

XIAO MIAN
Energy drinks arriving Monday. Can you survive 'til then?

WILLIAM
Best news this week.
(then, smiling)
What would I do without you?

XIAO MIAN
Your own laundry, for starters.

William flashes her a devilish grin and heads off.

END

Note: Please see next page for Mandarin / English translations

WILLIAM

SIDES “WILLIAM” – Translated Dialogue

WILLIAM
(in Mandarin)
Xiao Mian. Are you hiding the energy drinks?

XIAO MIAN
They’re on backorder. I think you singlehandedly caused a creatine shortage.

WILLIAM
小面，你把我 *energy drinks* 藏起来了？

XIAO MIAN
都卖断货了。我看全世界的肌酸都不够你一个人喝呢。