

## The Apple of the Ruthless CEO's Eye: My Sweet Wife Is so Adorable - Chapter 16 - 20

### Chapter 16

In the hotel, Li Yan helped Qiao Mu into a room. He then brought her to the bathroom and said, "Wash yourself and regain your senses before coming out."

Li Yan was about to leave the bathroom when Qiao Mu tugged at his shirt. She was in agony as she bit her lower lip, she looked like she was in quite a daze. "Don't go. Help me..."

She felt like tens of thousands of ants were biting her skin, and she was in so much pain that she could barely breathe.

She could no longer stop her body temperature from rising. She accidentally touched Li Yan, and his skin felt so icy that it felt like a drop of water in the desert. She did not want to let this feeling go.

Qiao Mu could not bear the pain anymore. She went before Li Yan and started touching his chest.

Li Yan looked at the woman before him. Her cheeks were red, and her eyes were glassy. Her lips parted and closed as she panted, and she looked like a delicious dish that was ready-to-serve.

Li Yan's body stiffened. He grabbed her wandering hands and said in a husky voice, "Qiao Mu, do you know why you're feeling so bad?"

Qiao Mu bit her lower lip, and her voice was extremely meek. "I was drugged."

Li Yan stayed silent for a moment. 'At least there's still a hint of rationality in her.'

"Qiao Mu, you'll have to pay the price for asking for my help!"

Qiao Mu blinked dumbfoundedly. She could barely take the discomfort anymore. She grabbed his neck and brought her lips to his.

Li Yan stiffened. He did not want to have s\*x with her, at least not so soon. After all, she had just turned eighteen.

However, this woman had taken the initiative to kiss him twice and seduce him. If he were to be indifferent to it, it would have meant that he was not a normal, healthy male. Moreover, the other party was a woman who had been tugging at his heart strings for ten years.

To be precise, she was not a woman, but a teenage girl.

In the very next moment, Li Yan carried Qiao Mu and placed her on the large bed. He then pinned her down with his hulking figure.

His profound black orbs darkened with desire. "Little thing, do you know who I am?"

Qiao Mu narrowed her eyes and looked at the face before her. He was breathtakingly handsome. She chuckled and mumbled subconsciously, "Big brother..."

Li Yan froze. He felt as if the door to his heart was suddenly opened, and all his memories came flooding back.

He clutched her chin and kissed her passionately. "Qiao Mu, since you're giving yourself to me today, remember that I'm the only man in your life from now onward!"

The moment he finished speaking, he immediately p\*netrated her and made her his.

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After they were done making love, Qiao Mu slept quietly as Li Yan sat by the bed and lit a cigarette.

He exhaled a puff of smoke and lowered his gaze to look at the woman, who was sleeping soundly. She looked innocent and pure, and this made him want to protect her, just like how he used to ten years ago.

Li Yan was already eighteen ten years ago. Unlike Qiao Mu who could not remember anything because she was too young, he could remember all the memories they shared very well.

The first time he met young Qiao Mu, the little girl who looked like a doll was sitting under a tree and weeping. She told him that her mother did not want her anymore, and that even though her mother was not nice to her, she wanted to be with her mother.

She sobbed as she asked him if she was not likable. She said that no one liked her.

That was the first time Li Yan did not find a crying girl annoying. Instead, his heart ached.

He rubbed her head and consoled her. "You're amazing, and you look like a doll. My mum had always wanted an adorable daughter like you."

The girl, who was crying miserably, immediately flashed a smile. Her eyes were watery as she blinked. "Really? Big brother, you're such a great person!"

He only found out after some time that the little girl was the Qiao family's illegitimate daughter who had just started staying with them.

## Chapter 17

Li Yan thought that after being sold by her birth mother to her father, this illegitimate child would feel inferior and become withdrawn. However, young Qiao Mu was able to deal with the members of the Qiao household well. She continued living a carefree life even though her stepmother and stepsister were pretentious and bullied her all the time.

She was only five years old at that time.

Her family members told her that Li Yan was her uncle, but being the innocent little girl she was, she refused to call him anything other than "big brother".

She said to him behind everyone's back, "Big brother, don't tell my father and Aunt Yun about me crying. The members of the Qiao family don't allow me to talk about my mum, and Qiao Ya said that my mum is a bad woman."

He nodded just to pacify her, but she asked him to make a pinky promise with her. She said that this was their secret.

The cigarette had burnt out. Li Yan could feel its heat on his fingers, and this jolted him out of his reverie.

He put out the cigarette. The little thing beside him squirmed a little and moved closer toward him.

She had changed a lot after ten years. The only thing that did not change was that she was still capable of tugging at his heart strings.

She had succeeded. Again, she managed to seduce him!

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Qiao Mu's eyebrows were slightly furrowed as she slept, and she parted her lips a little. She looked like she was having an unpleasant dream.

She dreamed about the day her mother sold her off to her father. Her mother started haggling with her father as she wanted a large sum of money from him. She did not care that her daughter was there at all, and her words were mean and ruthless. After they settled on a price, her father held her hand as they walked away from her mother.

She then dreamed about something else. She dreamed about how the big brother next door whom she liked very much suddenly disappeared. His whole family had moved away. She cried her heart out, and she felt as miserable as she did the day her mother sold her off to her father.

Her heart ached as she opened her eyes abruptly. Only then did Qiao Mu realize that she was dreaming.

She lay there in a daze. She often dreamed about her mother abandoning her, but this was the first time she had dreamed about Li Yan leaving.

Her eyes were wet, and she realized that she had been crying.

Perhaps, that memory had come back because Li Yan suddenly showed up in her life again. She did not expect herself to feel so sad.

Qiao Mu was in a daze for quite a while before she came round. She sat up, and she froze when she realized that her whole body was aching.

She was in neither her room in the Qiao family's mansion nor her hostel. She was in an unfamiliar place!

Qiao Mu immediately became so shocked that her heart skipped a beat. Her shoulders felt cold, and she finally regained her senses completely. She realized that she was naked...

The memory of what happened the night before slowly flooded into her mind, and her face immediately turned pale. She and Li Yan...

She only remembered that Li Yan had placed her on the bed. After that...'Damn it, why can't I remember anything?'

There was no one beside her. Qiao Mu did not know whether to feel relieved or disappointed.

This was when the bathroom door opened. The man that she thought had left appeared before her.

He was wearing a bathrobe, and he glanced nonchalantly at her. He did not look guilty and uneasy at all after taking advantage of the fact that she was drunk!

Qiao Mu blinked as she looked at Li Yan, and her ears were red. No matter how upset she was, she could not change what had happened. Right now, she must appear calm!

But the person before her was Li Yan, her stepmother's cousin. Technically, he was her uncle. Why was she careless enough to... f\*ck him?

Erm... no. Her waist was hurting right now, but he appeared nonchalant and unaffected. He was the one who f\*cked her!

Li Yan saw Qiao Mu's facial expression. He tossed the towel he was holding aside and said flatly, "You're awake. Let's talk about what happened last night."

## Chapter 18

Qiao Mu immediately became nervous. "What is there to talk about? You did... such a thing to me when I was drunk. What are we even going to talk about? You better not try to evade responsibility!"

The corners of Li Yan's lips curled up. "You want me to... take responsibility?"

He did not really expect this. For a moment, he did not know how to react to this little thing.

"Of course you must take responsibility. There's no such thing as a free lunch in this world!" Qiao Mu said firmly. She extended her hand. "I'm not asking for much. 300,000 RMB, and I'll forget whatever had happened. I promise that I won't hound you regarding this matter, and that I'll keep it a secret!"

Li Yan's smile faded when he heard what Qiao Mu said, and his expression immediately became extremely icy.

He narrowed his eyes, and his gaze was cold. "300,000 RMB?"

Was this what she meant when she asked him to take responsibility? She wanted money from him?

When Qiao Mu saw his sudden change in expression, she shrunk subconsciously. 'Is 300,000 RMB too much for him? But with this man's net worth, to him, 300,000 RMB is like what 3 RMB is to ordinary people. He's not even willing to give me 300,000 RMB?

'But yesterday was my first time! Isn't he being a little too stingy?'

He did not used to be so stingy. Back when she was young, Qiao Ya deliberately ate a lollipop in front of her to show off. This made her extremely envious, and she was salivating. But she told Qiao Ya in disdain that lollipops caused tooth decay in children. That particular brand of lollipop caused more than 20 RMB, and that was a huge sum to a child. But Li Yan bought a lot of it for her, and she ended up having cavities.

Qiao Mu decided to stop thinking about the past. She had not seen him for ten years, and even though they were very close, they were now strangers. This man before him was no longer the big brother she remembered.

Qiao Mu straightened her back and cleared her throat. "If you feel sorry about what has happened, you can give me 3,000,000 RMB!"

As expected, after she said that, Li Yan's expression turned even darker. The aura he emanated was so cold that it could practically freeze people to death.

'Great! This young woman is still as good at pissing people off as ever. In fact, she needs a good smack!'

Li Yan forcefully pulled the bathrobe off his body. Just when Qiao Mu thought that he was about to pounce on her and do something indecent, Li Yan picked up his clothes and started putting them on.

He was actually getting dressed in front of her just like that!

Li Yan tightened his grip on his clothes, and the veins on his hands were bulging. His voice was ice-cold. "Qiao Mu, listen up! I don't plan to take responsibility!"

"What!?" Qiao Mu did not expect him to give such a straightforward reply, and she widened her eyes in disbelief. "Li Yan, are you trying to dine and dash!?"

Li Yan was rendered speechless.

To her, what he had done was unacceptable. But she was only so shocked and stunned because he refused to give her money. If he were to pay her, there would no longer be anything between them. She had never thought of things from his perspective!

Just a moment ago, he even thought that this young woman was merely being as straightforward to him as she used to be ten years ago. What she had said after that totally caught him off guard!

Even though Li Yan was extremely furious, he was putting on his clothes very slowly. He slowly buttoned up his shirt with his long and slender fingers. "300,000 RMB is indeed too little for someone's virginity. 3,000,000 RMB is still okay."

After Li Yan said this, he could see that Qiao Mu's eyes had visibly lit up. His expression darkened as he continued, "Qiao Mu, based on the way things progressed last night, you were the one who initiated the s\*x, and I merely helped you out so that you don't have to suffer the effects of the aphrodisiac. You're the one who should take responsibility instead. So, you should be giving me 3,000,000 RMB!"

Qiao Mu was immediately rendered speechless, and she did not know what was going on.

'I should take responsibility?

'I should give him 3,000,000 RMB?'

'Why is he so shameless!?'

After pausing for a moment, Li Yan added, "Last night, it was my first time too."

Qiao Mu did not say anything.

'First time? He's obviously lying!'

Chapter 19

Qiao Mu was seriously about to cry. She did not know that Li Yan was such a shameless person, to the point that he would bicker with an innocent young woman over such a matter!

If it was not for that fact that she really needed money right now, she would not even engage in this conversation with him. She would definitely throw 300 RMB on the bed in a generous manner before turning and leaving gloriously.

But... even queens had to bend their backs every now and then. There was no helping it. She happened to desperately need money at the moment.

Qiao Mu naturally knew that 3,000,000 RMB was only a small sum to Li Yan. So why was he doing this to her?

She suddenly had an idea. Qiao Mu smiled and said, "Uncle, don't tell me that... you have fallen in love with me, and that everything that happened yesterday was part of your plan. You deliberately set things up so that I entered the private lounge you were in, and you asked the man to make things difficult for me and drug me. You then pretended to come to my rescue so that I am indebted to you, and this way, you can make me mine. Am I right?"

Li Yan's expression was as cold as ever while the young woman sitting on the bed looked cunningly at him like a little fox.



The emotions in Li Yan's profound dark eyes could not be deciphered. He said slowly, "What if I say that you're right?"

'What?'

Qiao Mu froze. She was just trying to turn the tables so that she seemed like she had been taken advantage of. She was merely making things up. She did not expect him to admit to it.

Qiao Mu quickly tried to come up with a reply. This was when Li Yan said, "You have an overactive imagination."

He was leaning against the wall with his hands crossed in front of his chest. He appeared calm as he looked at her. "If I wanted you, I could have made you mine the night you entered my room in the cruise ship. Why would I need to set you up?"

What Li Yan had just said was a great insult to Qiao Mu. She had taken the initiative to enter Li Yan's room but managed to leave unscathed the following day. For God's sake, she was a woman. This was not even the main point. The main point was that Li Yan had said in disdain that he was not interested in underage bodies!

Since he was not interested in her, why was he so full of lust last night?

Alright, this was merely her imagination. Qiao Mu did not actually remember what had happened. She only knew that her whole body was aching.

Qiao Mu balled up her fists. "Uncle, if other people find out that you had s\*x with your niece, your precious reputation would be destroyed. Give me 300,000 RMB, and I will keep quiet about it. This isn't too large a sum, is it?"

'She's talking about money again!

'Why is she so crazy about money!?'

Li Yan pursed his lips, and the aura he emanated was icy. "You don't seem like an intelligent person. You're talking about keeping your mouth shut, right? Are you trying to threaten me or yourself? I wouldn't mind at all if you complain to your stepmother that her cousin had f\*cked you. If you want, I can even talk to her on your behalf."

Qiao Mu was rendered speechless, and her face was contorted. She felt as if she had just dug a hole for herself.

If Yu Tingyun found out about what had happened between her and Li Yan, this stepmother of hers would have something against her. Things definitely would not end well.

Qiao Mu chuckled to make the atmosphere less awkward. Why did none of her threats work on him!?

Li Yan lowered his gaze to look at her. “The Qiao family pays for your living expenses and university fees. What do you need 300,000 RMB for?”

Qiao Mu’s head was lowered, and she sounded a little upset. “I want to buy luxury goods. Qiao Ya has a lot of branded clothes, handbags and jewelry. I’m really envious.”

## Chapter 20

He knew what life was like for her in the Qiao family. It had been like this since she was young. Qiao Ya would get plenty of expensive stuff which she had to live without. Fortunately, she did not really mind. It was just that sometimes when she really wanted something, she would talk about it again and again to Li Yan. “Big brother, what does the ice cream Qiao Ya is eating taste like? It looks really tasty.”

Li Yan would then reply, “It’s spicy.”

“Ah? It’s definitely not tasty, then.”

Li Yan would then laugh as he looked at her. Now that Qiao Mu thought about it, he was definitely laughing because of how stupid she was. She used to believe in everything he said.

He would then buy her an ice cream, and she would eat it so messily that her lips were full of cream. She would then ask him, “Big brother, do you want to give it a try. There’s some cream on my lips. Do you want to lick it?”

Qiao Mu was surprised at how good her memory was. She had actually forgotten a lot of things that had happened when she was young, but after she

met Li Yan again, she could not help but recall a lot of memories she shared with him.

When she regained her senses, she saw that Li Yan was walking toward her. She froze and looked vigilantly at him as he approached her. She clutched her blanket tightly.

Li Yan's expression turned dark. Her vigilance had put him in an extremely bad mood.

Li Yan stood beside the bed and leaned closer to Qiao Mu, supporting himself by placing a hand on the bed. Qiao Mu vigilantly inched backward to keep a distance from him.

His handsome countenance was right before her face. Whenever he was expressionless, his face was ice-cold, and he emanated an extremely icy aura that radiated from the inside to the outside. For some reason, this made her anxious.

Li Ya said in a low voice, "You want money so that you can buy luxury goods?"

"Yes!" Qiao Mu nodded vigorously.

"Is there anything else you want?"

"Nothing else!" At this moment, Qiao Mu forgot how anxious she was. She suddenly felt a sense of familiarity, and it was as if she could see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Li Yan's gaze fell upon her exposed shoulders. Her skin was as fair as a flawless piece of jade, and it was tremendously soft too.

His eyes darkened with desire. He picked up his suit jacket and walked out of the room after saying coldly, "Come to my company on Monday."

Qiao Mu widened her eyes and said nothing. 'Does this mean that he has agreed to it?'

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Qiao Mu's entire body was aching as she left the hotel room. Li Yan had left after saying those words, and she did not have time to ask him if he would be giving her money when she headed to her company on Monday.

Just as Qiao Mu was about to exit the hotel, she saw Yao Shu in the hotel lobby. Qiao Mu walked over to her and asked, "Young Shu, why are you here?"

Since she was showing up so early in the morning in the hotel lobby, she was probably checking out instead of checking in.

Yao Shu blushed and smiled shyly. "Mu Mu, I confessed last night, and he said yes!"

Qiao Mu froze and asked in astonishment. "Yao Shu, don't tell me that you were... staying with him here last night?"

Yao Shu was blushing, and she did not deny it. Qiao Mu immediately understood what was going on. Were things not progressing a little too fast? They were spending a night together right after they started dating?

Erm, she did not seem to be a position to comment on this. After all, Yao Shu was spending the night with her boyfriend, but Qiao Mu spent the night with her uncle...

Qiao Mu's cell phone started ringing. It was a call from Han Su. Qiao Mu could vaguely remember that she had bumped into Han Su after she was drunk. She quickly answered the call.

Han Su asked, "Mu Mu, you were drunk yesterday, and Li Yan left with you. Is he really your uncle?"

Qiao Mu did not remember what she had said last night. She replied, "He is, Senior Han Su. Don't worry, I'm okay. Thank you for your help, but I don't think that the nightclub is a suitable place for me to work at. I won't be going there anymore."

After Qiao Mu thanked Han Su, she hung up. However, she saw that Yao Shu was fixing her gaze on her.

"Mu Mu, you were talking to Senior Han Su, weren't you? Are you very close to him?"