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Chapter 160: Are You Afraid?

"Hmm, maybe I grew up eating cuteness so I grew up cute!"

The warm breath drew closer and closer. Xu Youyou felt the sensation of lips brushing lightly against her ears before she heard him say in a low and magnetic voice, "No. I think you're born cute."

Xu Youyou felt her breath hitch. Before she could speak, she felt his lips against hers.

Mo Shenbai kissed Xu Youyou deeply as though he wanted to devour her.

The banquet hall was next door so the sounds of conversations could be vaguely heard.

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Mo Shenbai pushed her against the door and kissed her passionately, causing her legs to go weak. In the end, she could only rely on him to support her body.

Mo Shenbai was in a good mood. He lowered his head and kissed her ear before he said teasingly, "It's just a kiss, but your legs went soft?"

Xu Youyou panted lightly as she held onto the front of his shirt. She said in a sweet and seductive voice, "It's all because..."

Xu Youyou quickly swallowed the words 'you're too good at kissing' back into her belly. She was too embarrassed to say those words out loud.

Mo Shenbai stroked the back of her neck as though he was stroking a cat. His lips were very close to her ear as he asked, "If you're like this with just a kiss, what will happen to you in the future?"

"Hm?" Xu Youyou did not understand the meaning of his words.

Mo Shenbai did not mean to scare her. However, they were a legitimate couple now. Some things would happen sooner or later so it was better to mentally prepare her. He said, "I might not be able to wait too long."

Mo Shenbai could not help but want to be closer to her. He wanted her everything.

Realization finally dawned on Xu Youyou. Her face was red as she bit her lower lip, and she did not speak.

Mo Shenbai's fingers gently touched her lips as he asked, "Are you scared?"

Xu Youyou felt as though her heart was going to explode at this moment. She wanted to nod, but she also wanted to shake her head. She felt like it was difficult to breathe at this moment; it was too hot. Beads of sweat appeared on her forehead. Even her palms and back were sweaty.

"Don't be scared," Mo Shenbai said in a low voice. His voice was like that of a siren that

Xu Youyuo was extremely embarrassed so she quickly changed the topic. "I, I have to go back. Lanlan and Zhiyun will be worried if they can't find me..."

Mo Shenbai did not want to press her too hard so he said, "Go..."

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Xu Youyou walked out of the room with a red face. Just as she was about to enter the banquet hall, she saw Su Lanxu and Mo Zhiyun walking out hand-in-hand with worried expressions on their faces.

"Why were you in the bathroom for so long? What happened?" Su Lanxu asked worriedly.

Xu Youyou shook her head and said, "Nothing, nothing..."

Mo Zhiyun saw Xu Youyou's abnormally red face and asked worriedly, "Youyou, why is your face so red? Do you feel unwell?"

"No, no, I'm fine," Xu Youyou said reassuringly with a smile.

When Su Lanxu saw Xu Youyou's sparkly eyes, red face, shy expression, and moist lips, she knew immediately what was going on. Hence, when Mo Zhiyun was about to ask questions again, she interjected and said, "Hurry up and go in. The lead judge just asked about you."

Xu Youyou sighed in relief inwardly before she nodded and followed the duo back into the banquet hall.

Su Lanxu nudged Xu Youyou discreetly and asked in a hushed voice, "You were with Mo Shenbai earlier, right?"

Xu Youyou glanced at Su Lanxu. She pursed her lips and did not say anything. However, the panic in her eyes had already given her away.

"Don't worry, I won't say anything to Zhiyun," Su Lanxu said as she thought to herself, 'I'll be noble and spare Mo Zhiyun from this sweetness that's torture to single people!'

Xu Youyou looked at Su Lanxu shyly and did not say anything.

When the lead judge came over to talk to Xu Youyou, Su Lanxu and Mo Zhiyun tactfully left to get something to eat.

The lead judge said appreciatively, "Congratulations. You're very talented. You definitely have a bright future ahead of you."

"Thank you for your praise," Xu Youyou said with a slight bow and smile. She did not feel too proud or complacent when she was praised.

The lead judge smiled and said, "Your painting is very good. The others didn't notice it, but I did. I noticed there were a few strokes that were added later. Can you tell me why?"

Xu Youyou's smile froze. Her beautiful eyes contained a hint of panic. She was at a loss for words.

"I've asked someone to check the surveillance footage. On the day of the competition, Miss Bai came in contact with your painting," the lead judge said. Seeing that Xu Youyou did not speak, he continued to say, "I'm just curious. Did you forget to add those few strokes or..."

The lead judge spoke very tactfully, but Xu Youyou understood his meaning.

The lead judge was certain that she did not add the extra few strokes during the competition and that Bai Qingyu was the one who added the strokes. However, he was unsure whether she had forgotten those few strokes or if she knew Bai Qingyu was going to tamper with the painting so she dug a trap for Bai Qingyu.

Xu Youyou said, "Initially, I wanted that area to be blander. As for why someone added a few strokes later, I'm not sure either."

In any case, he had no evidence to prove that she dug a hole for Bai Qingyu to jump into. As long as she did not admit it, there was nothing he could do.

After all, it was impossible for Xu Youyou to tell others about the things she had seen in her dreams. It was fine if people did not believe her, but what if they treated her like a monster or sent her to a mental hospital?

The lead judge stared at Xu Youyou for a moment before he said with a smile, "No matter what, I still have to congratulate you on winning the competition."

Xu Youyou only smiled and did not say anything.

The lead judge said with a sigh, "I heard that Miss Bai studied abroad and won quite a number of competitions. I thought that inviting her back would be good for publicity, but I didn't expect it to backfire. After looking at her paintings, I also discovered their empty and without souls."

Xu Youyou had never seen Bai Qingyu's painting before so she did not comment.

Seeing that Xu Youyou did not comment, a hint of approval could be seen in the lead judge's eyes. Although Xu Youyou was young, she was very mature.

"If there are any opportunities, I'll recommend you to go abroad. After all, the environment overseas is better than that at home."

'Go abroad?'

Xu Youyou was stunned. Thinking about the other party's good intentions, she replied obediently, "Thank you. I'll consider it carefully."

The lead judge continued to advise her for a few moments before he left. After all, due to their age gap, there was really nothing to talk about except for art.

Xu Youyou let out a long sigh as she watched the lead judge leave. She thought she was going to be exposed.

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Lin Yin looked at Bai Qingyu, who was in a sorry state after being drenched in water. However, no pity could be seen on his face at all. Even his usual gentleness was gone. His voice was cold and derisive as he said, "So I'm only worth three million to you."

Bai Qingyu's eyes widened slightly before she hastily said, "A Yin, listen to my explanation!"

Lin Yin said icily, "Explain what?"

'What else is there to explain?'

"Bai Qingyu, I've always felt that I've let you down so I tried my best to make it up to you. I didn't expect that you were playing me and treating me like an idiot," Lin Yin said. He stared at her ashen face and said, enunciating each word, "You're a b*tch, but you still want to pretend to be a saint."