| Chosen Wife 341                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Chapter 341 - Unconditional Support                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| A smile escaped her lips thinking about it. If he really was seeing someone, then it would be for the best. He deserved to find happiness too, especially since both of his daughters were all grown up. She would be much busier soon and would not have enough time to pay him frequent visits. On the other hand, Luna was now about to become a mother and would be busy as well. He would be too lonely on his own. |
| Even if the woman he fell in love with was not her mother, Lanni would still be happy for him. After all, Li Yuming had rejected him so coldly that it would be unreasonable for him to keep pining for her.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Xia Hanchen noticed Lanni's line of sight and cleared his throat. Ignoring the scarf, he probed, "What were you saying?"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Lanni tore her gaze from the scarf and decided not to say anything about it. "I applied for a job online."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| "You did? What kind of company?" He asked curiously, glad that he had successfully diverted her attention.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| "A news agency." She responded cheerfully.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| He frowned at her answer, thinking about it with his thumb on his chin. "If you want to work at a news agency, why didn't you go back to Galaxis? It is a grand news agency and if I'm correct, you still have a position there."                                                                                                                                                                                        |

Lanni was spooked just at the thought of it. Galaxis? "I was still a trainee at the academy and even if I was qualified, I wouldn't go back there."

"Why not?" He questioned.

She frowned and stretched out a hand to touch his forehead. "Did you knock your head? Of course I cannot go back. Firstly, we had an agreement that I would only complete one mission and then I would be free. Secondly, they forced me to complete the mission by threatening your life. I would never be comfortable working for a company that plays dirty just to get work done." The thought of it irked her. Was the past her so stupid as to enroll into such an agency?

Xia Hanchen raised an eyebrow at her reasons. "The first reason makes sense, but as for playing dirty... which news agency has never played tricks? To get to the bottom of some things, one may have to make a few sacrifices."

She thought back to how she had created a new fake identity just to trick XIng Han and get evidence of his crimes. "If those tricks involve lying to criminals in order to catch them red-handed, then they shouldn't count as tricks, should they? As long as it does not include threatening the lives of innocent people."

He couldn't refute her logic. He nodded in approval. "Good luck, cupcake. I hope your application gets approved."

She smiled happily and hugged his arm. "Thanks, dad. I will work hard."

He patted her head proudly. "Just don't tire yourself out too much, okay? Also, don't endanger yourself and if you encounter any sort of trouble, just look for daddy."

She nodded, happy that he was not doing anything to stop her from doing what she wanted.

After thinking things through, she had realized that Flynn was right. She really was suited to being a reporter. After all, she would never let anything suspicious go past her and not try to find the truth, unless she thought it was a mere waste of her time.

All along, she knew that art was just a minor hobby to her and that she had enrolled in B City University's art class in the past thanks to the pressure she got from Li Yuming—and time had proved her right. Li Yuming had made her major in it just so she would forget about what she really wanted, taking advantage of the fact that she had forgotten her past. No wonder she was anxious when she started regaining her memory.

Not that Lanni blamed her, she must have done so in the fear that her daughter would put her life in danger while scouting for news. However, she was more appreciative of Xia Hanchen's way of supporting her.

But thinking about it, it was also surprising that Xia Hanchen would want to recommend her to go back to Galaxis. After all that happened, shouldn't he be the one to hate that agency the most?

Before she could ask about it, the answer crossed her mind. Flynn.

It must be thanks to that guy's incessant coaxing. Now it made sense why the annoying guy would keep seeking Xia Hanchen. He must have been finding ways to convince him that she wanted to go back. As expected, nothing good ever happened whenever that guy appeared. He was like a jinx, bringing bad luck wherever he set foot.

"Lanni?" Xia Hanchen's voice pulled her out of her thoughts. When she looked at him in a trance, he chuckled. "What are you thinking about? You are lost in thought."

Since they were still on the topic, Lanni decided to tell him about it. "Dad, I don't think you should keep close contact with Flynn. Everything about him is suspicious."

"What do you mean? Isn't he your friend and former trainer? Besides, he is such a nice young man."

She slapped her forehead. "Don't trust what you see on the outside. That man is such a deceptive actor."

He chuckled at the anxiety in her voice. "Then I will listen to you, cupcake."

| She was relieved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| "Anyhow, how is that young man from the Ji family treating you?" He asked. "If he ever tries to bully you, tell me and I will teach him a good lesson."                                                                                                                                      |
| She laughed at his protective expression. "Don't worry. Xiehan is the best boyfriend I could ever ask for."                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| As if on cue, her phone rang and from her bashful smile, it was obvious who the caller was.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| He sighed at the side, his face filled with happiness. He really was growing old. The little princess who used to babble incomprehensible words and give him happy, toothless smiles was suddenly a young woman in love. Not only that, but he was also a soon-to-be grandpa How time flies. |
| Chapter 342 - Two Magical Words                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Before she could pick the call. Xia Hanchen also received a call from work. Hence, Lanni decided to bid him goodbye so he would return to work, and talk to Xiehan while in her car.                                                                                                         |
| "Why are you awake so early?" She asked with a slight laugh when the call connected. He was on a business trip in the UK, and it was barely 6 am in his time.                                                                                                                                |
| "I missed you so much that I dreamt about you all night." Came the sweet reply. "The first thing I wanted to do as soon as I woke up is to speak to you."                                                                                                                                    |
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Lanni felt her cheeks flush. "Did you have honey for breakfast?"

In response, he laughed lightly. "I haven't had breakfast yet, but I know for sure that not even honey is sweeter than you."

She sighed with a smile as she reclined in the driver's seat. "I miss you."

"I miss you too, my love." Xiehan groaned. It had only been two days but he missed her so much it was unbearable. "I will be back tomorrow."

She was puzzled. "So soon? Didn't you have a lot to do on this trip?"

"Mmh. But luckily, the other party took a shorter time making their decision than we had anticipated, making things easier for both sides. Why does it sound like you are not happy about me coming back earlier than expected?" He asked teasingly.

A smile escaped her lips. "Of course I'm happy. I'm just worried that you are overworking yourself just to get things done earlier."

"Isn't it best to finish everything ahead of schedule?" He laughed. "Don't worry. I know my limits."

"You better not push yourself too hard." She nagged a little more and nodded in approval when she received a satisfactory response.

"Yes ma'am." He chuckled. "I wonder if I will be lucky enough to receive the honor of having my beautiful girlfriend pick me up at the airport?"

"What's in it for me?" She teased, although she would have picked him up even if he didn't ask. She had missed him too much.

He chuckled at her tone. Before he could respond, a knock resounded on his door and his assistant came in. "Sir, the conference call with Mr. Guan starts in twenty minutes."

He nodded and stood up from the couch in the suite. "Honey, I have to go." Lanni had already heard the assistant's report. "Get to work, We can talk later. Tell me when the flight is due to arrive, okay?" "Mmh. Don't forget to miss me." He blew her a kiss, then got ready for the conference call. Jiang Mansion, later that evening. Luna sat on the swing and reclined in the backrest, smiling at nothing in particular. When Xingyu found her, he called the housekeeper over. "Young master, what orders do you have for me?" The man asked respectfully. "Tomorrow, find someone to restructure the swings. Make sure the new seats are bigger for more comfort and padded for your young madam's safety. Also..." Luna slapped her forehead with a laugh when she overhead the instructions. "It's just a swing. Do you have to make such a fuss?" He looked at the housekeeper seriously. "Did you take note?" The man whipped out a small notebook and pen from his pocket and wrote down all the details. "Also, make sure it is comfortable but not too high," Xingyu added. When he was done, he went over and sat beside Luna on the swing. "There's two of you now, so we have to be at least twice as careful."

She could not refute him and could only nod. "Whatever you say, soon-to-be daddy."

He joyously ran a hand along her stomach, as though he could feel the baby. "I still can't believe I'm going to be a dad. I must be the luckiest man on earth."

Without saying a word, she wrapped her arms around his neck and kissed his cheek.

It wasn't every day she hugged him, so he was startled. "What's wrong?"

Clinging onto him, she shook her head. "Nothing. I just feel like hugging you."

This situation reminded him of something. When Moonlight Studios had just gotten into track, he had gone over to invite her on a date. That day, she had also been as clingy as she was being right now and had even sat on his lap out of her own will. At the time, he was surprised but now it made sense.

It must have been because she was already in love with him at the time. How could he not notice it? Besides, she was already pregnant considering the timing.

Could it be that their baby liked its dad so much that it influenced her feelings?

"I don't need to think to know that your mind is filled with nonsense." She raised an eyebrow at his silly grin.

"How did you know?" He laughed at his own silly thoughts. What was he thinking? Even he was impressed that his brain could come up with such nonsense. A second later, he realized something else and raised an eyebrow. "How do you know me so well?"

In response, she rolled her eyes and grabbed his ear. "You are my man. Of course, I know you well enough." Otherwise, how would she have allowed for their relationship to escalate this much if she wasn't sure that she knew him?

| His ears flushed as his brain replayed the two words on repeat; "my man". Luna had just called him her      |
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| man. His heart raced as he swallowed a lump. If he was dreaming before, then his dream must have            |
| turned into reality. For a while, his lips quivered but he couldn't get a single word out, as though he was |
| scared that speaking would ruin this once-in-a-lifetime magical moment.                                     |

His actions made her scratch her chin in thought. "A penny for your thoughts?"

In response, he stood up, careful not to set off the swing, then took her hand. She subconsciously stood from the swing and followed his lead.

When he led her to the garage, she became curious. "Where are we going?"

He turned to smile down at her. "May I have the honor of having you accompany me somewhere, milady?"

"Of course.." Her heart fluttered when he used the same tone he had used on their first date.

Chapter 343 - A Lifetime Of Luck

He opened the car door for her and after gently helping her in, he carefully closed the door and circled the car to enter the driver's side.

When he started the engine and started driving at a speed that a snail could beat, she almost burst into laughter from his dramatics. "Why are you driving so slowly?" She asked even though she could already guess the answer.

Sure enough, came the anticipated response, "I am being extra careful."

"But driving at normal speed wouldn't cause any danger." She chuckled.

"Oh." He increased the speed, but the so-called speeding up was only slightly different from walking.

She sighed and let him do as he pleased. She wouldn't be able to convince him anyway and besides, he was still new to being a father and was still tensed up. He would be more relaxed with time.

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Thanks to their sluggish speed, it was already 9 pm by the time they arrived at their destination.

Luna was awed when she saw the grand villa they had just entered. The villa was built in harmony with nature and even had a few trees—probably artificial—between the glass walls. Paired with the gentle sound of birds chirping and flowing water from the fountain and the nearby river, this was the most calming place she had ever been to.

"Do you like it?" He asked nervously, as though scared she wouldn't like it.

"I love it." She tiptoed and hugged him in excitement. Everything from the theme to the spacious rooms, to the fact that it was secluded in a place with no other houses in the vicinity, was a perfect match with what she liked. How could she not like it?

Noticing the aquarium in the living room, she went over and, noticing that the fish were waiting at the top, she took a pinch of the food beside the aquarium and sprinkled it in. She chuckled when the colorful fishes scrambled for the food. "I love it. I love everything about it."

He was relieved and smiled. This was a villa he had bought a few months ago when he was chasing her, thinking of it as their marital home if she ever agreed to marry him.

Holding her waist from behind, he placed his head against her neck. "You must be hungry. Let's head over to the dining room."

She was indeed hungry, so she let him hold her hand and lead her to the large dining room—where another surprise awaited her.

The table had already been laid with white and red fragrant candles and rose petals. On the white wall furthest from the door, red roses had been organized to form the characters [L&X], which she automatically filled in as Luna and Xingyu.

When he took her out of the Jiang Mansion, she had wildly guessed that he was taking her out on a date but she didn't expect it to be so much better than she had imagined.

He pulled out a chair for her and sat opposite her after making sure that she was comfortable. He then uncovered the food trays and revealed several of her favorite dishes, including the grilled chicken from their first date. Just when she thought she had seen the limit of his pampering, he went ahead to help her cut the chicken into bite-sized pieces. He was paying so much attention to her that she almost teared up from how silly she had been in the past. Just how muddle-headed was she to push such a perfect man away? Luckily, her eyes had been opened at the right moment.

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"I would like to give a toast." He announced halfway through the meal. Following his words, he poured her a glass of warm milk then half-filled his stem glass with the wine at the side of the table. He then held out his stem glass with a chuckle.

She glanced at his wine then at her milk grudgingly. She had almost forgotten that she could not take any alcoholic drink over this period of time.

"To the start of our relationship." He half-whispered then downed his wine in one go.

She took a sip of her milk then glanced at him. "Thank you."

"What are you suddenly thanking me for?" He looked at her in slight confusion, and she thought she could also detect a hint of nervousness in his eyes.

"Thank you... for always being there for me." She continued emotionally. "You made me step out of the darkness and realize just how beautiful the world actually is." She couldn't forget how trapped she was in the sadness of her past before she met him. She was no different from a cold being with a numb heart; until she fell in love with him and realized that she could once again be happy. She couldn't help caressing her face with her fingertips. "You gave me the courage to face and conquer my insecurities and most importantly, you gave me your heart."

"Luna..." He was rendered speechless. "I can't express how lucky I am to have you by my side. I had only one goal when I met you—to make you mine. And now that you are mine, I have several other goals; to be with you forever, to fight every battle side by side with you, to help each other accomplish our dreams, to wake up with you in my arms every morning until we are grey and old... and to be the best husband to you and the best father to our kids."

He naturally pulled out a red rose stalk from the bouquet in the flower pot at the side. He then stood up and circled the table to her side, then went down on his left knee, holding up the rose stalk to her. "So, Luna, will you marry me?"

Her heart pounded rapidly as her eyes went wide. Everything suddenly felt surreal and she had to pinch herself to prove that she was not dreaming.

"Yes!" Her eyes welled up in joy and excitement as she held his hands and pulled him up and repeated, "Yes, I'll be your wife."

He pulled her into a jubilant hug and spun on the spot with her in his arms in a mixture of relief and happiness. Letting her down, he picked up the rose stalk that had fallen at some point and out of it, he pulled a gold and diamond ring attached to a string and untied it.. Holding her left hand delicately, he slid the ring onto her ring finger.

Xingyu pulled her into a hug that lasted several minutes. When he finally managed to calm down a little from his excitement, he pressed a kiss onto her forehead. He wanted to announce it to the whole world that Luna had agreed to marry him but first, he wanted to ensure she was comfortable. Hence he asked, "Are you tired? I will run you a bath then you can go to sleep after taking a bath."

When she nodded, he carried her to the master bedroom—even though she could walk on her own—and lay her on the huge bed. He then dashed off to run a bath and soon returned to carry her to the bathroom.

"Xingyu, I'm not a baby." She was embarrassed when he wordlessly lifted her off the bed.

"Mmh." He nodded but didn't let her down. "Let me pamper you."

She had no retaliation to that, so she could only wrap her arms around his neck and let him do as he pleased.

He only let her down when they had reached the bathroom. "Go ahead." He coughed, his voice getting hoarse for some reason. "There are clothes in the closet, you can find pajamas to wear."

Before bringing her over, he had already asked one of the part-time servants at this villa to prepare female clothes in her size, and had specifically pointed out the styles she liked.

"I will take a quick shower in the next room and then go to the patio for a breather."

Before she could say a word, he flew off. She laughed when she understood the situation. A certain someone was scared that he would not be able to control himself at the thought of her in the bath so he had fled... and was probably on his way to take a cold shower.

She took a bath and went to the patio. He was already there, lying on a clam-shaped swing bed and holding a book—even though it was obvious that he wasn't focused enough to actually read it. She chuckled and climbed onto the swing bed, kissing his lips.

"You're done." He closed the book and hugged her with a smile.

"Yeah." She eased herself into his arms comfortably. Even though it was not a cold night, he stretched his hand to a compartment at the edge of the swing bed, and pulled out a blanket then draped it over her body so she wouldn't get cold.

"I'm not cold." She laughed.

"But your nightwear can't do much to keep you warm." He tried his best not to look at it. She was wearing a red, lacy nightdress that only reached halfway down her thighs. The top part of the nightdress was almost see-through, letting him catch a glimpse of her boobs. His throat tightened just thinking about it. If he kept seeing her body that way, he was sure that he would no longer be able to control himself—which was another reason why the blanket was useful.

Before he could get it out of his mind, she pulled the blanket off her body and looked into his eyes.

"You..."

Before he could speak anymore, she pressed her soft lips onto his. Deepening the kiss, she crawled onto him and fumbled with the buttons of his pajama shirt. Grabbing his hand, she planted his palm onto her breast and squeezed it against the soft boob through her nightdress. He couldn't help caressing it gently, ecstasy running down his spine as she ran her fingers along his chest and abs.

Seeing as he was still unsure, she smiled. "The doctor said it's alright."

Her words were like a spell that swept away all his self-control. He slid the straps of the nightdress down her shoulders and pulled her down onto his body as he caressed her back.

"I love you, Luna." He said hoarsely and kissed her passionately as he swapped their positions to pin her under his body.

"I love you too, Xingyu." She said through a moan, as his lips trailed down her skin in slow, torturous motions, making her body crave for more. She wrapped her arms around his neck as he took off her nightdress and slid her panties off her waist. Her body itched in anticipation, and she reached to help him take off his pajama pants.

"Xingyu..." She moaned out his name as he positioned himself between her thighs.

"I'll be gentle," He promised. Then, kissing her lips, he gently slid into her. Her fingers curled into his hair as her body filled with waves of pleasure from his slow yet firm thrusts.

The warm breeze caressed their skin as they made love. When they reached their climax, he held her in his arms protectively and kissed her face. How he wished this moment could last forever.

The following morning.

Luna woke up to the soothing sound of nature and the first thing she saw was her left hand, whose fourth finger had a diamond ring on it.

Her heart raced as she smiled happily. It really wasn't a dream; Xingyu really proposed last night. She really was his fiancée now. She turned to check on the other side of the clam bed and found it empty.

'Where is my fiancé?' She wondered, then felt her heart melt. Who would have thought that she would one day be able to call him that?

"You're awake." He walked in a few seconds later, carrying a tray of food with him. She smiled and stretched her hands for a hug.

| Setting the tray down on the circular table a few meters from the swing bed, he went over and pulled her into a warm hug. "Good morning, soon-to-be Mrs. Jiang." He kissed her lips.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| "Morning my love." She rested her head on his belly, wishing that this moment would last forever—but it couldn't because the alluring aroma from the food made her stomach growl in hunger.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| "I'll quickly go wash my face." She laughed and slid off the bed then hurried into the house.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| "Be careful!" He called after her with a grin.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Chapter 345 - Xiehan's Fiancée                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Lanni's apartment, at noon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Lanni paced around the walk-in closet, trying to find what to wear. Xiehan's flight would arrive in one hour and a half and she couldn't contain her excitement. After trying on dress after dress, she finally settled for a blue skirt and white sleeveless top. Sliding her high heels on, she put on a dab of lipstick and, spraying a tiny bit of perfume onto her neck, she grabbed her car keys and left the apartment. |
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| She had left the house at the most convenient time, so neither she nor Xiehan had to wait for the other for too long. It wasn't long before she saw him exit his terminal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

Just as she was about to rush up to him, she noticed a young lady a step behind him. She ignored her, assuming that the girl was going her own way, but just as Xiehan reached her, the girl clung onto his sleeve.

Lanni almost gasped in disbelief. Not jumping into conclusions, she looked up at him with a smile. "I missed you."

Before he could say a word, the girl beside him spoke up cheerfully. "Hello, I'm Xiehan's fiancée. You are?"

Lanni almost dropped her car keys in disbelief. Fiancée? What was this girl saying? How could one gain a fiancée just by going on a two-day business trip?

The girl was giving her a provocative look that reminded her of Ruby. Now that she thought about it, they were quite similar. Paired with their slightly similar facial appearances, they had many similarities in their gaze, aura, not to mention that this girl also had long, fiery red hair. It made her wonder whether Xiehan preferred red-haired girls.

Even so, she didn't want to lose her mind before confirming the girl's words so she looked up at Xiehan for confirmation.

Xiehan saw her stumped expression and massaged his temples.

"Xiaoshi, don't mess around." He warned the girl beside him sternly, then looked at the confused Lanni. "Yun Xiaoshi is my cousin—Aunt Meiling's daughter. I didn't have the chance to introduce you before she started spouting nonsense. She is too playful."

The girl looked mortified and patted her chest, pretending to be heartbroken. "What are you saying? Are you denying me now?"

"If you continue spewing crap and upset your cousin-in-law, I will shove you into the first flight to Australia." He threatened.

The girl looked embarrassed. "Cousin, please don't be mad."

Lanni was even more confused. She was no longer a fiancée and was a cousin now?

Seeing Lanni's expression, Yun Xiaoshi looked at her pitifully. "Cousin-in-law, I was fooling around just now. Please don't be mad at cousin, okay?"

Having finally comprehended this bizarre situation, Lanni was helpless against the girl's pitiful face. "Alright, I won't be angry." As long as no one joked about being Xiehan's fiancée again. She was still feeling the chills from how the shock Xiaoshi had given her.

Xiehan held Lanni's waist, ignoring his naughty cousin. "Let's go, my love. We can ditch her—she knows her way back to the Ji Mansion after all."

Lanni chuckled at how sad the girl looked when Xiehan mentioned ditching her. "You guys must be tired from the flight. How about having lunch at my place? We can drop her off at the Jiang Mansion later."

Before Xiehan could respond, the girl jubilantly hopped to Lanni's side. "Cousin-in-law is the best! Unlike a certain boring man."

"Hey! Since when was I boring?" Xiehan glared at her.

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On that weird note, the three made their way to Lanni's car.

As she drove off, she couldn't help sneaking a glance at the girl in the backseat. They were about the same age, and she looked cheerful and easy to please. Besides, the more she looked at her, the more Lanni thought the girl looked a lot like Ruby.

From their banters, Lanni could tell that they were much closer to each other than most siblings. They must have grown up together since she was his aunt's daughter... which made Lanni's eyebrows raise at a certain thought.

What if this was the reason why Xiehan had seemed to care for Ruby? Could it be because she looked so much like his cousin that he also thought of her as a relative?

Now that she thought about it, those few times that Xiehan interacted with Ruby, he had never gazed at her like a man would look at a woman he was attracted to. Even so, she still wouldn't be comfortable if her man got too close to a woman who was not related to him. Luckily Xiehan understood this and kept his distance from Ruby.

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When they finally arrived at Lanni's apartment, Xiehan and Xiaoshi made themselves comfortable and Lanni served them drinks.

After chatting randomly for a bit, Lanni finally voiced her curiosity. "I thought Aunt Meiling didn't have kids?" Wasn't it one of the reasons why she took in Xiehan in the first place?

"She does. Xiaoshi is always travelling around the world so aunt rarely talks about her." Xiehan explained. "This time, we happened to bump into each other in the UK and that gave her the perfect idea of where next to travel for fun."

Lanni chuckled at the young lady's preference. Luckily, she seemed to be quite honest and kind—they would get along well. Compared to the scheming Ji Feifei, Xiaoshi was a much better sister for Xiehan and, who knows, perhaps they could be friends as well.

Xiaoshi's phone rang as they spoke.

"I need to take this, please excuse me." She said and picked up the call.

| "What do you mean it's booked out? What a bummer then help me check out The Emerald Grand Hotel." She responded to whatever the other party had said. |
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| When she hung up, Lanni looked at her curiously. "Pardon my curiosity. Are you trying to book a hotel room?"                                          |
| "Yes." Xiaoshi kept back her phone with a sigh. "I didn't make adequate preparations before deciding to come."                                        |
| "Why do you need to book a hotel room?" Xiehan asked.                                                                                                 |
| "Yeah, you don't need to. There are extra rooms here, you can stay over." Lanni seconded cheerfully.                                                  |
| "Really? I can?" Xiaoshi was surprised, while Xiehan's expression darkened.                                                                           |
| That wasn't what he meant, okay? He meant she could go over to the Ji Mansion!                                                                        |
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| Chapter 346 - With The Love Of My Life                                                                                                                |
| Just like that, it was decided that Yun Xiaoshi would stay over at Lanni's apartment.                                                                 |
| "Why are you sulking?" Lanni laughed at Xiehan's pouty expression.                                                                                    |
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"Who is sulking? I'm not sulking." He denied, even though it was evident on his face. Lanni stifled a laugh. He couldn't be jealous, right? But Xiaoshi was a woman and that too, his cousin.

"I'm going to check on the food." Lanni stood to go to the kitchen. "Xiaoshi, do you want to come with me?"

"Of course!" The girl agreed cheerfully. She would be glared to death if she stayed with her cousin anyway.

The girls chatted about all sorts of topics as they cooked, and they realized that they had a lot in common; they had similar tastes in music, watched the same movies and even followed the same stars. Hence, they got along so naturally that one would think they had known each other for years.

"Why don't we watch a movie later? Many awesome movies have been released lately; you can use this chance to relax." Lanni suggested as she prepared the ingredients for dessert.

"I thought you would never ask!" Xiaoshi was excited. "I saw several awesome trailers, we can go to watch any time when you are free."

"Then let's go this evening. Do you want Xiehan to come along?"

"Does he have to? He will end up being a third wheel." Xiaoshi joked, then laughed at the thought of her cousin's expression if he knew what they were planning. "We should invite him too. Otherwise, I will get shoved into the first flight to Australia for stealing someone's girlfriend."

They both burst into laughter as they mimicked Xiehan's threatening tone at the airport.

"Speaking of which, do you not want to go home?" Lanni asked curiously, wondering how come it could be used as a threat.

In response, Xiaoshi sighed like her life had been drained out of her body. "Who wants to go back? The last time I was home, mother forbade me from travelling around and I had to use up my wits to get away. I will not go back unless I find a prince charming to fall in love with and bring back home."

Regarding the young lady's views of life, Lanni was speechless.

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They set the dining table and the three of them ate their lunch amid their chatter. When they were done, the girls sat on the couch in the living room to watch a drama. However, Xiaoshi kept yawning in exhaustion. Hence, Lanni showed her to the guest room and let her take a nap.

"You finally realize that you have a boyfriend." Xiehan harrumphed in complaint when Lanni returned to the living room.

She plastered herself next to him with a giggle. "Are you jealous? But Xiaoshi is a girl."

He pulled her onto his lap and hugged her, resting his head on her shoulder. "How can I be jealous? On the contrary, I am happy."

After all, Xiaoshi was no different from a younger sister to him. Growing up, she liked to cling to him whenever an opportunity presented itself—which was quite similar to Ji Feifei's character. The only difference was that unlike his useless sister, he was not repulsed by Xiaoshi and indulged her.

He had been scared that just like Ji Feifei, Xiaoshi would hate Lanni for taking away her cousin's affection (and whatever other insane reasons the former had for hating Lanni.)

Seeing that they were getting along like long-term friends, he was relieved. Indeed, Xiaoshi was a much better person than his biological sister. He had not pampered her for nothing.

Lanni was currently thinking of the same thing. "How is Xiaoshi so cute? Gene mutation?" They were all from the same family, right?

"It depends on who brought her up." Xiehan rubbed his nose. He didn't want to say anything against his parents either, but some facts were just too evident.

| She chuckled at his response. "Speaking of which, we are going to watch a movie this evening. Do you want to come along?"                                                                                                                                          |
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| Xiehan remained silent for a while.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| "Did you have other plans already?" She guessed from his silence.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| "Xingyu called Lin Jian and me out for drinks. But if my girlfriend wants me to accompany her, of course I will ditch the men and follow you."                                                                                                                     |
| Lanni tittered. Poor Xingyu. "It's alright. Xingyu has undergone a wild roller coaster of emotions recently and probably needs support from his friends. How about you go have a drink with him? We can watch another movie together some other time."             |
| When he didn't speak for a while, she turned to face him, only to be met with a pair of complaining eyes. He looked like he really wished he could divide himself into half so that one piece accompanied Lanni and Xiaoshi while the other went out with the men. |
| She laughed at his expression. "Be good. How about I reward you with a kiss?"                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| He held the back of her head and kissed her passionately. "You must be careful, okay? I would never forgive myself if anything happened to you or Xiaoshi."                                                                                                        |
| "We will. It's just watching a movie." She laughed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| "If anything happens, give me a call." He nagged.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| "Got it."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| "Don't slip away from your bodyguards."                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

| "I understand." Not that she was ever planning to slip away after what happened the last time she did.                                                                                                                       |
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| "Don't get back home too late."                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| "Sure."                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| "Give me a call when you get back home."                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| "Mmh."                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| After another string of nagging, Lanni finally managed to slip off his lap and go to make preparations.                                                                                                                      |
| She made a call to the nearest movie theater which also happened to be one of the best ones in the city. After selecting a movie, she booked the tickets for the 8 pm time slot .                                            |
| When that was settled, she wondered what Luna would be doing all night since Xingyu would be busy having drinks with the men. Besides, she was curious about how she and Xingyu have been getting along since she confessed. |
| After thinking it through, she decided to make a call.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| "Sis!" Luna sounded jubilant.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Lanni raised an eyebrow. "Uh did something good happen?"                                                                                                                                                                     |
| "Of course! I'm with the love of my life now. How can there be a shortage of good things happening?" Luna bragged.                                                                                                           |
| Lanni was suddenly stuffed with unexpected dog food.                                                                                                                                                                         |

| Chapter 347 - Movie Night                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| "Do you have anything planned for this evening?" Lanni asked before another fireball of dogfood was thrown her way.                                                                                                                                                  |
| Luna thought for a moment. "I'm accompanying Aunty Jiang to sew but that will not take long. I was thinking of calling you out for fun."                                                                                                                             |
| "Perfect. In that case, why don't we watch a movie together? Xiehan's cousin is coming too." She suggested. She had already booked three tickets but Xiehan wasn't going along.                                                                                      |
| Luna was surprised. "Xiehan has a cousin?" She has never heard of it.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| "Yes, and she is absolutely cute. You will definitely like her."                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| "Count me in." Luna cheered. "My man is calling for me. Talk to you later, okay?"                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| "Geez." Lanni patted her chest when the call ended. Just when she had thought that her sister would no longer display her affection, yet another bomb came charging at her. She should have shown off her love with Xiehan a little more when Luna was still single. |
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At the same time, in the Jiang Mansion.

As soon as Luna went upstairs with Xingyu, Madam Jiang did a happy dance in the living room.

"What's going on this time?" Jiang Xingren, who had just arrived from work, was speechless at his wife's playfulness.

Madam Jiang rushed over to him and spun excitedly. "Did you know? Our son finally popped the big question last night!"

"He did?" Jiang Xingren was pleasantly surprised. He had thought that Xingyu would chicken out and never be able to ask the said question.

Madam Jiang couldn't be any happier. "Luna now has a ring on the fourth finger of her left hand. What do you think?"

"What's there to think? I told you that our son would definitely bring our daughter-in-law back home. He takes after his dad, after all." Jiang Xingren patted his chest in pride.

In response, Madam Jiang rolled her eyes. "What do you mean he takes after you? He definitely takes after me, okay? Or else he would still be hiding the ring and cowering away."

"Honey, are you saying that I hid the ring and cowered away when I proposed to you? Don't forget that I popped the big question in a hall full of people and you were so awed that you were on the verge of tears." He defended himself.

In response, she harrumphed. "That doesn't change the fact that you were too shy to chase me and I had to confess my feelings to you first!"

"It doesn't matter who confessed to who first. What matters is that I love you more each day."

"You are still so mushy." She laughed.

He nodded proudly. "That's because you are still the most beautiful woman in the world."

Luna, who witnessed the heart-warming scene from the balcony, smiled at Xingyu. "They are still so deeply in love even when their son is about to get married and they are about to become grandparents."

Xingyu held her hand and pulled her to him. "Our love is stronger than theirs. We will definitely be deeper in love even when our grandchildren are getting married and we become great grandparents."

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That evening.

At the agreed time, Lanni let a chauffeur drive her and Xiaoshi to the theater. They were quite early but because the movie they were watching was a highly anticipated popular movie, the place was already bustling with activity.

"Luna isn't here yet." Lanni observed. She had already told Xiaoshi about her sister.

"Should we wait for her outside?" Xiaoshi asked.

Lanni thought about it and said, "Why don't you wait for me here? I will quickly grab the tickets and snacks then we can go in and wait for her."

"Okay." Xiaoshi decided to look around as she waited.

She had just looked around for a few minutes when she saw "Lanni" arrive from a different direction and start dialing her phone. She walked over to her in surprise. "Didn't you go to pick the tickets? Also, why did you change your clothes? You even changed your hair color."

Luna glanced at the young woman who had just approached her in surprise. Based on Lanni's description, this should be Yun Xiaoshi. She quickly understood that the girl had mistaken them for each other. Even so, she decided to play a little. "That's because I'm a superhuman. I can teleport and change clothes and the snap of my fingers."

"What? Cousin-in-law, you are messing with me, right?" Xiaoshi didn't believe in the existence of superhumans, but how could she explain what had just happened?

"I'm not messing." Luna said seriously. "Why are you so shocked? Didn't Xiehan tell you?"

"Luna, don't scare Little Shi." Lanni laughed when she arrived to this scene. She then went ahead to explain, "Luna is my sister, the one I mentioned. She is my twin."

Xiaoshi dashed to Lanni's side like she had found a saviour. "No wonder! Why didn't you tell me you guys are twins? You are so identical that I thought you were one person." She wondered whether her cousin could tell them apart. Wouldn't it be tragic if the twins decided to play pranks? She then thought of something and chuckled. "Serves me right for tricking you at the airport, I guess."

Lanni chuckled in agreement. "The movie is starting soon. Let's go in."

"Okay, I'll just send a text to my man and tell him that I have arrived." Luna responded.

Lanni cast a glance at her sister. "I will start ignoring you if you don't stop throwing dog food around."

"Let's ditch her." Xiaoshi joked.

On that happy note, the girls settled in their seats and the movie soon started.

The movie they were watching was called "If you were mine", featuring the nation's current most popular actress. It was a heartbreaking movie of a young couple who kept missing out on opportunities to be together because of a series of misunderstandings caused by their families.

| In a twist of events, the female lead finally found out the truth and looked for the male lead so she could explain everything to him. Alas, she found that it was too late as the male lead was already married.                                                |
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| "Waaah so sad. If her flight didn't delay, she would have arrived before the wedding" Cried Xiaoshi when the movie ended.                                                                                                                                        |
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| Chapter 348 - Top-notch Bragging                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| "Some things are just destined to happen." Luna coaxed, sad about the ending as well.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| "I know which is why I'm so scared." Xiaoshi looked away sadly.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| "Why are you scared?" Lanni had a feeling that it was not related to the movie, and Luna listened in curiously as well.                                                                                                                                          |
| Xiaoshi didn't want to talk about it in the theater full of people, so she waited until most of the people had exited. She then poured her heart out. "Actually, I came back this time because of a man. Don't tell my cousin." She whispered out the last part. |
| "Of course we will not." Lanni chuckled.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| "Where is my microphone?" Luna joked, earning glares from both girls.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| When she stopped fooling around and became more serious, Xiaoshi continued, "I have been in love with someone since I was a teenager but when I confessed to him, he said that we were both too young                                                            |

to think about love. Besides, he thought it was a mere puppy love crush that would fade once we grew up.

Hence, I decided to stay away from him for all these years and now that I'm a grown up woman, he should take me more seriously." She sighed, evidently nervous. "I heard he is in B City so I insisted on coming back with my cousin. Luckily, he doesn't have a girlfriend... I hope he will not reject me again."

Lanni and Luna were both surprised that she was still in love with her teenage crush.

"You are so cute, Xiaoshi. No man can reject you." Lanni encouraged her genuinely.

Luna nodded to second that. "I only knew you three hours ago but I already know that you are a kind and genuine girl. You are so easy to like that no one would be so blind as to not fall in love with you."

"Really? Thank you so much." Xiaoshi hugged the sisters, seeing as they were encouraging her from the bottom of their hearts and not just saying random things that they didn't mean in order to please her.

Feeling more confident, she let out a sigh. "You are so kind. My cousin has such a good taste."

"What's this got to do with XIehan?" Lanni laughed.

"That's because you are so much better than those fake girls that aunty used to introduce to him. You are friendly and kind and so is your sister. He has gotten himself a perfect girlfriend and family-in-law."

Luna chuckled. This young woman's focus was quite out of the ordinary.

Lanni's heart melted from the praise. "You are so kind yourself. In fact, you are a much better sister than Luna."

"Hey! You mean she is a much better sister than Ji Feifei, right?" Luna asked sternly.

"Nope, she is better than you. I would swap sisters if it was possible." Lanni harrumphed.

Luna widened her eyes. "How can you say that? I am the best sister anyone could ever ask for! Not to mention, we are even twins and have the best telepathy."

Lanni crossed her arms with a strict look. "Then I would rather not have a twin than have to rely on telepathy to find out about my sister's engagement." She glared at Luna's ring finger.

Luna followed her gaze and smiled in embarrassment. "That... I was going to tell you about it later."

"Uh huh." Lanni obviously didn't believe her.

"Come on, don't be mad. Elder sister loves you the most." Luna hugged her arm.

"I'm your elder sister." Lanni narrowed her eyes.

Luna laughed. "Fine, fine. No one was born earlier so we have to rely on other ways to determine who the elder sister is."

"In that case, I got a boyfriend first." Lanni bragged.

In response, Luna crossed her arms. "That doesn't mean you fell in love first. I met the love of my life when you were still bragging about coming of age."

"Hey!" Lanni complained.

"I also got engaged first, and I will be a mother first. Do you still want to contest?" Luna challenged.

"Fine, you win." Lanni grudgingly admitted defeat. Even if Xiehan proposed right now, she would still lose to Luna.

Luna patted her head playfully. "I love my little sister so much."

Xiaoshi was still laughing her butt off at the twins' bicker when she heard the part about Luna being engaged and being a mother. She looked at the latter in awe. "You are..."

"Yes, I'm pregnant." Luna laughed joyfully when the girl couldn't complete her statement.

"Double Congratulations!" Xiaoshi wished her in excitement. She loved babies and was secretly hoping that Luna would let her hold the baby when it was born.

"Can I treat you to a meal to congratulate you? I didn't bring any gift with me."

"Of course. It's the thought that counts." Luna was starting to get hungry since she was avoiding eating junk food, so there was no way she would reject free food. Hence, the girls made their way to a restaurant that Xiaoshi chose after researching on the internet.

Compared to the emotional atmosphere that the girls had, the men were drowning in drinks at the cellar in Xingyu's villa.

Just when Xiehan and Lin Jian were starting to wonder what was going on with their friend, the latter finally spoke up. "Sigh, I really don't know what to do."

"What happened?" Lin Jian asked with concern. "Did you do something wrong and upset your little beauty again?"

When Xingyu shook his head, Xiehan finished his umpteenth drink. "Then why do you look deflated?"

Xingyu played with his glass, lying his chest on the table like he was at a loss. "Well, here's the thing. I proposed to Luna and she said yes, and now I don't know what to do next. Should I tell our relatives



"How is that anything new?" Xingyu raised an eyebrow.

"I'm being serious this time," He repeated the words he had said every other week. When he saw that his friends were looking at him like they were scolding him for being a jerk, he felt wronged. "I really love Ruby. But she hates me so much... the more I go after her, the more she wants to stay away from me."

"Serves you right." Xiehan laughed.

"How could you be so heartless?" The man complained and looked at Xingyu as though seeking solace.

Alas, the latter seconded Xiehan. "You really deserve it. How many girls' innocent hearts have you broken? Your record is so notorious that no one can trust you now. It's just logical that Ruby doesn't want anything to do with you."

Regarding these heartless friends, Lin Jian had nothing left to say. He decided to save his words and use more effort when chasing Ruby next time.

"Wait. Ruby?" Xingyu was suddenly curious. "She is the girl you love?"

Lin Jian was on the verge of losing it. "Isn't that what I just said? Why do you look so shocked?"

Xingyu snuck a glance at Xiehan and coughed. "Nothing." He seemed to understand why Ruby wouldn't spare Lin Jian a glance. This wasn't going to create trouble between Xiehan and Lin Jian, right?

Lin Jian followed his gaze and recalled the same thing. He had thought about it before, but the girl didn't seem to try to get close to Xiehan either, so he thought she might have been momentarily charmed by him.

Anyway, tonight was not about him and his romantic woes so he shifted the focus back to Xingyu. "What are you planning to do now? Since you guys are already expecting a baby, I would suggest having your wedding as soon as possible. Any later and your beauty will not be able to handle the hassle and bustle

| of preparing for a wedding. With us here, you can have the perfect wedding even if you decide to have it in two days."                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| "Thank you." Xingyu smiled genuinely. He had always known that he could rely on his friends.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| "However, I would suggest having the wedding after the baby is born." Xiehan voiced his thoughts.  "After all, you proposed and got engaged as soon as she became your girlfriend. If you want to have an engagement party as well, don't you think it might be too much for both of you to handle?" |
| "Now that you mention it, our relationship is quite rushed. I was too excited to realize that." Xingyu contemplated.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Meanwhile, in a luxurious restaurant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| "Then he went on one knee and held out a rose I was so shocked and excited!" Luna narrated Xingyu's proposal cheerfully.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| "That's so romantic. And your ring is so beautiful." Xiaoshi gushed in admiration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| "And it suits you too," Lanni added.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Luna glanced at her ring finger with a smile. She loved it too She didn't remember ever talking about rings with Xingyu but he had managed to get exactly what she loved.                                                                                                                            |

As they finished up their food, Luna's phone rang. She blushed. "My man's call. He must be missing me

Lanni grabbed her phone to text Xiehan while Xiaoshi nursed her wounded single soul.

and wondering why I'm not home yet."

| Lanni chuckled at her deflated expression. "I guess the men have finished their meeting and my future brother-in-law is looking for his fiancée. We should go home as well."                                                    |
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| When Xiaoshi nodded, they all left the restaurant and walked Luna to Xingyu's car where the chauffeur was waiting.                                                                                                              |
| "Thank you for the treat, Xiaoshi." Luna thanked the other genuinely.                                                                                                                                                           |
| "It's nothing much. I enjoyed it as well." Xiaoshi smiled.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| "How about we add each other's cintact numbers so we chat later?" She suggested as she took out her phone. "Right. Do you read comics? I know a really awesome app with hundreds of interesting comics."                        |
| "I love comics! What's the app?"                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| When Luna recommended it, Xiaoshi installed it on her phone right away.                                                                                                                                                         |
| At the side, Lanni chuckled. She had thought that Luna had forgotten all about her company after getting engaged. On the contrary, she was still business minded enough to scout for more users even when simply having a meal. |
| Promising to go out for fun more often, the girls bid each other and each went their way.                                                                                                                                       |
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| The Jiang Mansion.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Because it was already late, Xingyu and Luna did not go back to Frais Villa and decided to spend the night in the Jiang Mansion instead.                                                                                        |

| After Luna had a bowl of nourishing soup, they went to Xingyu's room and talked about the plans for their future.                                                                                                |
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| "When do you want to have the wedding?" He asked, considering what she wanted first.                                                                                                                             |
| "After the baby is born." She responded, giving similar reasons to those that Xiehan had stated.                                                                                                                 |
| "As for the engagement banquet, we can have it soon. What do you think of the third day of March?"                                                                                                               |
| "3rd March sounds great." He nodded and noted it down in his Ipad.                                                                                                                                               |
| She pieced in some details too, and selected the most suitable venue after agreeing about it with him. "Could we just invite close friends and relatives?"                                                       |
| He nodded in agreement. "I don't want to have too many guests either. We can give some invitation cards to our parents so they invite their close friends, and then invite our own friends."                     |
| "I only need one invitation card." She stated with a shrug. "That one's for Xiaoshi. My dad doesn't need to have a card in order to attend his daughter's engagement. Lanni and Xiao Yu don't need them either." |
| "Who is Xiaoshi?" Xingyu was curious.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| "Xiehan's cousin."                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| He hummed in approval. A certain someone was finally letting go and making more friends. It was a good sign.                                                                                                     |

Actually, Luna didn't ever think she could ever make friends with other people, much less with a girl she just met. However, she liked the fact that she was free to mingle with other people now; unlike the cold introvert she once was.

| While they wrote their guest lists, Xingyu wrote down his mother's name and that reminded her of something.                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| "Do I need to send an invitation to her?" She asked hesitantly, unable to get the word out of her mouth.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Xingyu knew she was talking about Li Yuming. He had almost forgotten about her.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| He pulled her into his embrace soothingly. "You can just send one out of formality. If you don't want her to attend it, then you don't need to invite her."                                                                                                                            |
| She nodded. "Just take it as inviting an enemy—one who will receive the invite but will definitely not come."                                                                                                                                                                          |
| He kissed her forehead. "I'm sorry."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| "It's alright, It's not your fault. Besides, I am not sad about it anymore." After all, Madam Jiang had pretty much taken up the role of a mother in her life and not only did they love each other so much, she was about to be her mother-in-law as well. Why else would she be sad? |
| Resuming the initial preparations, they sent their suggestions to their friends to seek their opinions, then went ahead to try and come up with designs for their invitation cards.                                                                                                    |
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| Lanni's apartment.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Lanni was on the balcony, going through some news forums when she received a pop-up notification of Luna's message. When she saw the suggestions for the venue and the theme, she smiled and reacted to the message with a heart to express that it was perfect.                       |

[Have you come up with an invitation card yet?] She asked in the group chat.

| [Not yet T_T                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Xingyu's taste is such an insult to aesthetics and I'm so lazy that I cannot think of anything!] Came the reply from Xingyu's phone, and Lanni knew that it was her sister's reply.                                                                 |
| She laughed and responded, [May I suggest this?]                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Opening another window on her tablet, she made a few changes to an invitation card she had created before and then sent it to the group chat.                                                                                                       |
| [It's beautiful! We don't need to think of a design anymore, thanks sis! <3] Luna was the first to react.                                                                                                                                           |
| [Wait, why do you have a custom invitation card?] Xingyu asked.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Chapter 350 - Heavenly Luck                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| [That's because I looked into the future and predicted that you lovebirds would get engaged and rack your brains over the design of your invitation cards.] She joked in the group chat and laughed when Luna sent over a bunch of teasing remarks. |

"Why are you sitting out here alone?" Xiehan spoke up from behind her. She turned and saw him standing at the door leading to the balcony, wearing low cut pajamas that exposed his finely defined

chest.

"Come here. It's such a calm night that it's a pity to not sit out and enjoy it."

He went over to the space she was patting beside her and sat down, then pulled her into his arms and breathed in her scent. "Indeed, it is calming."

"Is Xiaoshi asleep?" She asked. The young woman had flopped into bed soon after they arrived.

"I guess she is." He closed his eyes to enjoy the moment.

Placing the Ipad aside, she hugged his arms that were around her. "My sister finally found her happiness. It's such a relief; I'm so happy for her."

In response, he kissed the side of his neck. He was happy too; happy that his friend had finally gotten together with the woman he loved and at the same time, happy that one issue had been lifted off his girlfriend's plate and she would be less stressed now.

"What about you?" He breathed onto her neck.

"Me?" She asked as her breath got heavy and unsteady from whatever his closeness was doing to her. Pulling her hair away from her neck, he kissed the soft skin and caressed it with his tongue. "Yes. Are you happy?"

She nodded reflexively. "You are my man—what else could I ever hope for?"

Letting out a tiny chuckle, he asked, "What do you like about me?"

"Everything." She gasped when she felt his hand snake around her and slide up her nightdress. "You're handsome, so hardworking, intelligent, caring, and... good in bed."

He smiled at her evaluation of him. Pulling her onto his lap, his hands fondled her breasts. "Is this enough to lure you to bed? It's already so late; any later and you will not be able to get enough sleep."

| "Mmh." She nodded to whatever he was saying even though she could barely hear any of it.                                                                                                          |
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| Laughing, he stood up with her in his arms and carried her back into the bedroom.                                                                                                                 |
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| The following morning.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Lanni hummed her way into the kitchen to prepare breakfast. Xiehan had woken up much earlier since he had work to take care of, so it was just her and Xlaoshi left in the apartment.             |
| "You look happy." Xiaoshi left the guest room and raised an eyebrow.                                                                                                                              |
| Lanni set the table joyously. "I had applied for a job and this morning, I received an email stating that my application was approved. I will go for an interview this afternoon."                |
| "That's awesome!" Xiaoshi was happy for her. When she sat at the table with Lanni, she glanced at the other teasingly. "No wonder you and my cousin "celebrated" a lot."                          |
| "What are you talking about?" Lanni blushed when she realized just what Xiaoshi meant. When she saw the latter glancing at her neck, she subconsciously used her hair to cover up the kiss marks. |
| "You don't need to be shy. You two are in a relationship after all." Xiaoshi teased.                                                                                                              |
| To change the topic, Lanni shoved a piece of fruit into the latter's mouth to shut her up. "I haven't decided what to wear to my interview yet. Could you help me?"                               |
| "Sure." Xiaoshi's attention was successfully diverted.                                                                                                                                            |
| After breakfast, they went to Lanni's room and began looking through all the options.                                                                                                             |

When they had made their choice, Lanni did a few things to prepare for the interview before she took a bath and changed into the outfit they had selected—a floral skirt and a white blouse. "You look beautiful! Good luck." Xiaoshi winked at her as she left the room. "Thank you. Will you be alright staying on your own?" Lanni was worried that she would be bored since there was no telling how long the interview would last. Xiaoshi had not thought about it but she smiled. "It's alright. I will just watch a bunch of television dramas until you return." Lanni chuckled. She looked like an obedient child promising to behave herself while her mother was away. "You can call Luna over if she is not busy." "Okay, okay." If you continue putting on that worried face, you will turn into a wrinkled old hag, and then I will not like you anymore." Lanni laughed. "As long as you are okay." Soon after Lanni left, Xiaoshi's phone rang as she bawled her eyes out at a sad twist in the drama she was watching. She freaked out when she saw who the caller was. "Mother?" "Did you think that I would not know where you ran off to if you told Xiehan not to tell me?" Ji Meiling scolded.

"I can't hear you. Hello?"

"Just stop. Your acting is ridiculous." Ji Meiling really didn't know what to do with her daughter. "Did you get to meet Lanni?"

Seeing as the topic was diverted, Xiaoshi was happy to answer that. "Uh-huh. She is more beautiful than you made her out to be! And she is so friendly as well." She went on to babble about the details of how she and Lanni had gotten along.

"Alright. As long as she is a good girl and Xiehan loves her." Ji Meiling was satisfied that her nephew had finally found love. Since that was settled, she continued scolding her daughter. "Take care of yourself, okay? And don't be a bother to your cousin."

"How could I? I'm a little angel; the best cousin one could ever ask for." She wiggled her brows even though she knew just how much she had bothered Xiehan lately. She was even putting up in his girlfriend's apartment. Was this really alright?

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Lanni entered the building and made it to the conference room with five minutes to spare. There had been a traffic jam on her way thanks to an accident ahead, luckily she had left the house earlier so she still made it in time.

After being let in, she walked in and sat in front of the two interviewers; a man who looked to be in his late twenties and a younger man who she recognized as the CEO and the Chief Editor respectively.

After reviewing her resume, they asked her several trial questions. They then discussed in a hushed tone that only the two of them could hear, making her wonder whether she was too horrible. She would not be surprised if she did not qualify. After all, she had studied online and not had any actual experience in the field.

Just when she was wondering which company she should apply for next, the CEO finally spoke up. "Mr. Ming will show you to your office. You can start working tomorrow if it is convenient for you. The work contract will be given to you in a minute; you can read through it and sign it if there are no problems."

Lanni was in disbelief. Did that mean she had passed?

She almost couldn't contain her excitement. "Thank you, sir. I will do my best."

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The Chief Editor, Mr. Ming, led her to the twelfth floor and entered his office. Thinking that he was going to give her a few instructions first, she followed him in.

"This is your contract." The man handed the documents to her. "This will be your office once you sign it. I will get someone to redesign it according to your preference."

Lanni looked up from the contract she had just started reading, thinking that he was speaking to someone else.

"It's been long since I started looking for my replacement and I'm glad that I finally found the right person. Your trial period is three months. Don't disappoint my expectations."

Lanni finally realized that there was something wrong with her contract as well. "Sir, I'm afraid you got it wrong. I applied for the position of a journalist. How can I replace you?"

"Is that so?" The man looked intrigued. "But we have interviewed you and found that you qualify for the position of Chief Editor. Even though you don't have any experience in the field, you are knowledgeable and are able to analyze information correctly, handle whatever problem comes your way, and make the best decisions regarding what should or should not be published.

Tian Yu Media does not turn away promising talents simply because of their lack of experience. Instead, we do our best to nurture them."

Lanni was speechless when she heard the explanation. No wonder she felt the interview questions were too different from what she had expected. It turned out that she had applied for the position of a journalist but been interviewed for the position of Chief Editor—and even qualified for it.

What heavenly luck was this?