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Chapter 141 His Wedding Invitation

It had been a while since Mu Zhi ate fast food. She had not had a sip of alcohol for ages too. With her arm injury, she had been avoiding heavy foods.

However, when she received the delivery from Lu Junnian, he promptly made a call to follow up, "How is it? Have you received it?"

"I appreciate your gesture. Thank you."

Mu Zhi said to Lu Junnian indifferently.

Despite her listlessness, she was genuinely thankful to him. While expressing her gratitude, hot briny tears started streaming down her cheeks involuntarily...

Lu Junnian, oh, Lu Junnian, why would you do this?

You know that we can never return to how we once were.

She seemed to be destined to fail in her love life.

When she used to love Lu Junnian, she was forced to stay away from him. Then when she loved Lu Jinye, she would not allow her to be with him.

"I'm feeling a little sleepy, let me go to bed."

There was a long silence in their phone call. In the end, she chose to end the phone call.

Whether or not she could sleep was not the point. The more important thing was, she needed space for herself. She did not want disturb anyone.

Meanwhile, Lu Jinye was sitting on his balcony in his pajamas, watching the entire hour of fireworks show before it ceased.

The clamoring instantly dissolved into a sudden silence, making it difficult to get used to.

In this instance, Xiao Qingqing held two glasses of wine in her hand and gradually approached Lu Jinye. She handed a glass to him, leaving one for herself.

She said gently, "Let's celebrate this special occasion when I finally become yours."

Lu Jinye seized the remaining glass from Xiao Qingqing's hand, and placed it at the side, "You can't drink."

He gulped down what was in his glass, and then wrapped his arm around Xiao Qingqing, making their way to the lounge.

In contrast to the magnificent proposal that was happening outside, the interaction between Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing was dull and ordinary.

Lu Jinye gave her a ring, and reassured her that he would marry her.

Xiao Qingqing was still moved by his simple gesture. She tried it on, and placed a kiss on him.

However... For some reason, she had a feeling that everything was merely a rehearsed performance. Things unfolded in an orderly fashion.

What would happen before the next event took place.

Thus, during the climax of the night, there was no trace of surprise.

But even if that was the case, Xiao Qingqing did not care.

Because she won... She finally! Won!

Lu Jinye finally belonged to her!

With both her arms around Lu Jinye's waist Xiao Qingqing squeezed him towards her, embracing him firmly.

Meanwhile, Lu Jinye was merely rooted to the ground, allowing Xiao Qingqing to hug him. After a long moment when Xiao Qingqing freed him, she invited him into the bed jovially. However, Lu Jinye did not oblige. He peered at the gloom of the night, and slowly made his way back into the blackness.

Using work as an excuse, he refused Xiao Qingqing once again.

The following day.

When Mu Zhi woke up, she hurriedly prepared breakfast for Mu Xiaomu. Just as she was done with the preparation and coaxing Mu Xiaomu into eating, she suddenly received a call from the hospital.

Mu Zhi was informed that the hospital representative from the States was urging her to expedite the application. Otherwise, the quota would be given to another patient.

Upon listening to the news, Mu Zhi ushered Mu Xiaomu to finish the breakfast, then brought her to the hospital.

She went through great lengths in exchange for the treatment opportunity. She must not lose it easily.

But when she arrived at the hospital, she could see Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing approaching her from afar. They seemed to be there for a prenatal check-up. Xiao Qingqing was leaning on Lu Jinye's embrace, beaming blissfully, catching the eyes of passers-by wherever they went.

Mu Zhi tried to avoid both of them, hoping to not be spotted.

Alas, the corridor was only that wide. There was nowhere she could hide. All she could do was standing at the edge, witnessing Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing brushing past her.

The instance they passed by her, she could faintly hear them discussing the future of the child, including the name, what school to go to, whether the baby would take after the father or the mother's features. All of these were unpleasant to hear.

As soon as they walked past her, Mu Zhi hurriedly got out of there. When she was done with the discussion with the hospital representatives, she felt a little unwell. So, she went to the washroom. As luck would have it, when she was done using the washroom, she ran into Lu Jinye once again.

It seemed like the gods were playing a joke on her. It was a massive washroom in a massive hospital, but there was not a single soul that passed by.

Lu Jinye had finished washing his hands. He was drying his hands while Mu Zhi stood before the sink, trying her best to avoid eye contact with Lu Jinye. After quietly washing her hands, she proceeded to the hand dryer machine but Lu Jinye seemed to have left at this point.

However, Mu Zhi left the washroom and ran straight into Lu Jinye's chest.

Mu Zhi flinched, then promptly jumped out of his embrace.

Her face turned bright red.

Lu Jinye just sniggered.

Despite obvious that he was waiting for her, he pretended as if they met each other out of coincidence. He said casually, "I'm getting married soon, I'll get Linda to send the invitation to you in a few days."

Lu Jinye contemplated for a long while before letting the words escape his lips.

However, Mu Zhi did not bat an eye at him. She replied, "I've booked my tickets to go to the States in two days. I'm afraid that I won't be able to attend your wedding, Mr. Lu."

She was telling the truth. But it sounded like she was saying it in a way that was provocative to Lu Jinye.

Even if that was the case, Mu Zhi did not feel the slightest bit of satisfaction after the jeer.

On the other hand, listening to what she had to say, Lu Jinye displayed no changes in his expression. He disregarded Mu Zhi and left right away.

It seemed like a proclamation that her rejection did not bother him at all. He was merely informing her of the wedding.

Mu Zhi left the hospital when Lu Jinye had vanished from the line of sight.

However, she had just arrived at the hotel when she received the wedding invitation from Linda.

Wasn't that... A little too quick?

Lu Jinye had just proposed the prior night. Did he manage to decide a date already? Besides... When Mu Zhi opened the invitation card, she noticed that the wedding day was in a week's time.

Mu Zhi was even more convinced that she did not understand Lu Jinye.

Looking at the invitation card made her even more flustered.

She did not bother responding to the invitation.

Meanwhile, in the Shanze building, after having Linda sent the invitation, Lu Jinye had been solemnly waiting for Linda's update.

After a long moment, Linda came into his office hesitantly, then said to Lu Jinye, "Mr. Lu, after informing Secretary Mu of the wedding, I haven't heard anything from her, not even an acknowledgment of receipt."

"Then, did she show any emotions when you drove her out of the apartment?"

Lu Jinye had been trying his best to control his emotions.

However, Linda just looked at him and shook her head with a troubled expression.

Interesting... Mu Zhi, do you not feel a tinge of emotion?!

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Chapter 142 I Just Realized Today That You Love Me

Lu Jinye waggled his hand at Linda irritably, beckoning for her to leave. Just before she left, Lu Jinye told her to turn off the lights in the office, drowning him in darkness.

The only source of light came from the outside world, where everyone else lived, while he only wanted to cage himself in the momentary quietness and blackness.

However, it did not last long until a series of door-knocks sounded from the door.

"Come in," muttered Lu Jinye peevishly. Light took over the office space instantly.

Standing by the door, after switching on the lights, Linda was a little restless. Looking at Lu Jinye's annoyed expression, she said helplessly, "Ch-chairman, did you put your personal phone on silent? Home had just called the secretary's office and told me to inform you."

"Which home?"

After his divorce from Mu Zhi, Lu Jinye rarely used the word 'home'. Thus, when Linda mentioned that word, he was briefly confused as to which home she was referring to.

"The Lu's Manor, the butler called, asking you to make your way there at once."

"Is that so?"

Lu Jinye arched his brows, studying Linda coldly and arrogantly.

Linda stood up straight, answering, "I guess... It might be related to the marriage announcement that was released lately?"

The solemn and murderous air then quickly dispersed from Lu Jinye. He gulped down the glass of water that was sitting on the desk, then look at Linda with his usual poise, ordering, "Got it. Make a call to Qingqing and told her to wait for me at the villa entrance, we will make our way to the Lu's Manor together."

"Sure."

Linda was more relieved to see Lu Jinye reverting to his usual poise. She then hurriedly saw Lu Jinye's request.

Half an hour later, Lu Jinye picked up Xiao Qingqing in a timely fashion.

When she heard that they were heading to the manor, Xiao Qingqing promptly wore some makeup. She had heard about Master Lu's preference, so she only wore some light makeup. Draping her well-kept hair over her shoulders, she chose to wear a classic, black Chanel dress to go with a baby pink handbag. The round toe flats did a spectacular job amplifying her elegant ambience.

However, Lu Jinye merely looked at her for five seconds before telling her to get into the car, and set off for the Lu's Manor.

Throughout the journey, Lu Jinye did not say a word to her.

"Do you think... There might be an issue today? I mean, Master Lu never likes me." Although she had a clear idea, Xiao Qingqing insisted to put up a sheepish front.

"I'm for you!"

Lu Jinye parked his car, turned to Xiao Qingqing, and responded.

A contented smile immediately formed on Xiao Qingqing's face. That was what she wanted to hear.

She scurried up to Lu Jinye, held his arm, and entered the manor with him.

The Lu's Manor was filled with solemn air. The first person they met was Lu Yunxi, who was currently playing games. When he noticed Xiao Qingqing and Lu Jinye's appearance, he did not even raise his eyes, before asking, "Jinye, PUBG, chicken dinner?"

Lu Jinye glanced at Lu Yunxi, and responded, "When have you ever seen me play such games?"

Lu Yunxi then put down his phone, and stood to his feet, gradually approaching Lu Jinye, saying, "Hehe, true, the Jinye I know prefers real people."

Lu Yunxi laced those few words with a sarcastic tone, making Xiao Qingqing, who was standing next to them, uneasy.

Firstly, she did not play games. Thus, she had no idea what game Lu Yunxi was referring to. But the emphasis on the word 'chick' made her feel restless.

Secondly, Lu Yunxi followed by mentioning 'real people', making it sound like Lu Jinye was a womanizer.

However, Lu Jinye was not bothered by Lu Yunxi, he uttered, "Is Master Lu upstairs? I'll go see him."

"No no no, the eldest brother isn't home yet, I heard he has an important announcement to make this time. They say that there might be two great news in the Lu Family today."

In between his words, a flurry of approaching footsteps had sounded outside the door.

Everyone turned their attention to the door when Lu Leiming and Xu Changshu gradually made their entrance. Behind them was a woman. The woman rocked a pair of crystal heels to go with a crimson red short dress. She had her hair up in a ponytail, exuding a high-profile and casual temperament.

Her outfit did not suit the occasion at all.

But Xu Changshu showed much courtesy to the woman, saying, "Zhu Sha, take a seat, Junnian will be back soon."

"Zhu Sha."

As soon as Lu Yunxi heard the name, he burst out in snigger.

Looking at Zhu Sha's outfit, he could not help but ask, "Did you wear that dress so you can live up to your name?"

At this moment, Master Lu had slowly made his way down the stairs.

He first noticed Xiao Qingqing and chose to turn a blind eye to her. But when he saw Zhu Sha, he asked, "This is..."

"Dad, this is the lady I plan to introduce Lu Junnian as his girlfriend, I've invited her here so you can take a look first."

"Oh, great... Great. Unlike someone who doesn't bother informing me of his marriage! What a filial kid Junnian is!"

Master Lu did not bat an eye at Lu Jinye and started praising Lu Leiming and Lu Junnian.

"What's your name?"

The question was directed at Zhu Sha.

"Zhu Sha."

Zhu Sha rose to her feet, smiled at Master Lu, and answered with poise.

"Zhu Sha is known to cure poisons! Great name!"

Master Lu then slowly moved towards his wooden armchair while praising her.

Xiao Qingqing subconsciously glanced at Lu Jinye in response, having resentment written all over her face.

Those were provocative words against her.

It was obvious that she did not meet Master Lu's eyes.

In this instance, Lu Jinye had tightly clutched onto Xiao Qingqing's hand. He stood up, and then said to Master Lu, "Qingqing and I have some business to take care of, please excuse us."

Finishing what he had to say, Lu Jinye started dragging Xiao Qingqing towards the door.

Just as they were about to leave, they bumped into Lu Junnian coming in.

"Hold it right there!"

Master Lu exclaimed. He rose furiously and shouted at Lu Jinye.

However, Lu Jinye did not even turn his face around. Holding Xiao Qingqing in his hand, he made a beeline out of the Lu's Manor.

When they entered the car, Xiao Qingqing then looked that Lu Jinye emotionally, "Jinye, I thought the love between us has changed. But I just realized today that you love me. You are still the same man who will protect me at all costs!"

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Chapter 143 Zhu Sha

But Lu Jinye did not respond to Xiao Qingqing's words.

All he did was listlessly starting the engine and took off.

Xiao Qingqing buried herself into Lu Jinye's chest for a short while before leaning away from him upon noticing that he did not share the same enthusiasm with her. She cast her gaze on the road.

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Meanwhile, Mu Zhi was getting ready to sleep, putting her phone on airplane mode when a message suddenly came in. It was a video footage, and she curiously opened it.

She regretted her decision as soon as she did. Because the video showed Lu Jinye grabbing Xiao Qingqing's hand as he left, while Master Lu was infuriated.

It was a short video, but it managed to portray everyone's emotions and the interaction between one another flawlessly.

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Lu Jinye was defending Xiao Qingqing.

After watching the video, Mu Zhi ghosted Lu Junnian, pretending not to have seen the video.

But Lu Junnian immediately called her. Mu Zhi was trying to close the running application when she accidentally answered the call.

"Have you seen the footage?"

Lu Junnian went straight to the point.

Mu Zhi acted dumb, "What footage?"

"The one I sent you."

"No, I haven't. I'm too sleepy."

Mu Zhi refused to linger on the topic with Lu Junnian. Lu Junnian was increasingly difficult to understand for Mu Zhi. He would help her unconditionally, but it would further complicate their relationship.

His fluctuation between callousness and tenderness was mindboggling to her.

She felt like she did not understand his train of thoughts at all.

But continuing to be indecisive about their relationship would only result in a stalemate.

Thus, Mu Zhi wanted to hang up on him after uttering the words. But Lu Junnian added, "Don't be too quick to end the call. It doesn't matter if you haven't seen the footage. The night is still young, let me describe the content to you."

"It's fine, I've seen it."

Mu Zhi finally budged in response to Lu Junnian's adamance. She could feel a suffocating sensation. So, she stood to her feet with the phone in her hand and paced the room irritably.

"Have you heard about Lu Jinye's marriage announcement?"

Lu Junnian's voice was cold and intimidating. It brought shivers to Mu Zhi even when it was said through the phone.

"Yeah."

"So, have you given up on him?"

This time, his words were laced with a dash of scorn.

They felt like provocative words to Mu Zhi.

"Yes, I've given up. Are you happy now? If you are, I need to go to bed. I don't enjoy being interrogated in the middle of the night, Dr. Lu."

"Mu Zhi!"

Beep, beep, beep...

Lu Junnian had more to say, but Mu Zhi had hung up the call.

After ending the call, what drowsiness Mu Zhi had had disappeared.

Insomnia had been frequently haunting her in the recent nights...

She switched off the lights to allow herself to sink into darkness, but to no avail.

Early next morning, Mu Zhi woke up, deciding that she would send her mother overseas for the treatment as soon as she could, then make necessary arrangements for Mu Xiaomu.

Staying as far from Lu Jinye and Lu Junnian as possible was the best decision she could make!

Thus, she went to the hospital to complete the application and then communicated to Mu Xiaomu about their trip overseas. However, when she had just finished talking to Mu Xiaomu about the move and bought the tickets, Liang Jieyi and Liang Yunzhan showed up at the hotel entrance!

Mu Zhi was holding her luggage as she stared at both Liang Yunzhan and Liang Jieyi in confusion. She asked Liang Yunzhan, "Yunzhan, what are you doing here?"

"Xiaomu gave me a call and told me to come to pick her up. She wants to stay at my place so she wouldn't be a burden to her Aunt Mu Zhi, she said."

"…" Mu Zhi was left with no words.

Liang Yunzhan displayed a chivalrous attitude, but his words were shocking to Mu Zhi's ears.

She lowered her head to look at Mu Xiaomu, "Did you make that call?"

Mu Zhi noticed an important point that astonished her.

Mu Xiaomu was not intelligent enough to come up with words like 'Aunt Mu Zhi' and 'burden'.

Moreover, she was suspecting that Liang Yunzhan changed her title himself. Mu Xiaomu had always addressed Mu Zhi as her mother.

However, Xiaomu looked up at her with her adorable, round eyes paired with a gullible expression, and then shook Mu Zhi's hand off before slowly walking towards Liang Yunzhan's side. "Aunty, go look after your mama, I will be waiting for you at Mr. Liang's place!"

"!" Mu Zhi was flabbergasted!

Mu Xiaomu addressed her as aunty!

She used to fake it in front of Lu Jinye, telling Mu Xiaomu to call her aunty jokingly. Besides, she was accustomed to introducing Mu Xiaomu as Jian Xiaoning's daughter. But even if that was the case, she felt it was strange that Mu Xiaomu suddenly addressed her as aunty.

In this instance, with Liang Yunzhan around, it was inappropriate for Mu Zhi to ask about it.

She steadied herself and then attempted to coax Mu Xiaomu, "No way, you can't be troubling Mr. Liang. Come with aunty, your mama will be back for you."

"It's not troubling at all."

Liang Yunzhan pointed out gently, "You'll be occupied with taking care of your mother in the States, so you may not have the time to look after the girl. Just leave her to me. I've spoken to Jian Xiaoning, she's agreed with it!"

"Agreed?!"

Mu Zhi blurted out.

But the fact that she was the last to learn of the plan completely caught her off guard.

It was time to get to the airport for her flight. Mu Zhi did not see this coming at all. Thus, she settled down, and looked at Liang Yunzhan, while Mu Xiaomu was wittily hiding behind him.

Mu Zhi did not have time to spare. She could only thank Liang Yunzhan for his gesture, and told him that she would come back to Mu Xiaomu as soon as she had settled in. Following that, she rushed to the airport to catch her flight.

She meant what she said to Liang Yunzhan. She had intended to quickly settle herself in the States and come back to pick up Mu Xiaomu. However, when she landed in the States, she was busied with countless errands. She did not have the time to return to the country at all.

Two doctors were assigned to the hospital in the United States for an attachment, unrelated to Mu Zhi's mother's treatment. One of them was a middle-aged director, while the other was Bai Shao.

During their introduction, the doctor who conducted the briefing was youthful, yet experienced. Her name was Zhu Sha.

When Zhu Sha came before Mu Zhi to introduce herself, Mu Zhi stared at Zhu Sha, her jaw almost dropped to the floor.

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Chapter 144 Kisses Between Couples

Mu Zhi was stunned with her eyes fixed on Zhu Sha. It wasn't until Zhu Sha's hostile gaze met her eyes when Mu Zhi turned her eyes away.

Next to them, the hospital representative burst into a fit of laughter after Zhu Sha introduced herself. "Dr. Zhu Sha, what a coincidence, you must be destined to be connected to the family member of our newest patient, Mu Zhi."

"Your last names rhyme and the spelling of Zhu and Zhi are so similar."

The hospital representative made a very, very lame joke.

Mu Zhi did not go along with the joke, while Zhu Sha chuckled lightly, and said, "What witty brain you have."

Following that, Mu Zhi was brought to complete the admitting procedure. Upon finishing with the procedure, Mu Zhi heaved a sigh of relief. She was mentally and physically drained. It was dusk. Mu Zhi slowly headed out of the reception area, preparing to set off to the canteen for dinner.

She ended up running into Zhu Sha once again.

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Zhu Sha looked at Mu Zhi, and put up an inviting smile, "Miss Mu Zhi, I trust you haven't found a place to stay since you're in a rush. My house is just nearby, you can crash at my place. It's convenient for you to make your way to the hospital too."

"I don't think that's necessary. Thank you for your offer, Dr. Zhu Sha."

Mu Zhi understood that some people might be more zealous than others. In this instance, Zhu Sha's smile was warm and gentle. But she could sense that the woman was not that simple from the first time they locked eyes.

There was no reason for Zhu Sha to be overzealous towards Mu Zhi.

"Then what about a meal together?"

Zhu Sha did not seem to be bothered by Mu Zhu's rejection of her gesture.

Mu Zhi nodded and headed in the canteen's direction. She could feel Zhu Sha sizing up herself on the way. After a long moment, Zhu Sha asked, "Miss Mu, do you have a boyfriend?"

The question was beyond the boundaries of a pair of strangers.

It was too personal. Mu Zhi was rather unwilling to answer it.

Noticing Mu Zhi's reluctance, Zhu Sha explained to Mu Zhi in embarrassment, "Miss Mu, please don't mistake me. I didn't mean to be nosy. I just find you pretty, so you should have a partner."

After finishing her words, Mu Zhi had not managed to address Zhu Sha's query before Zhu Sha's phone went off. She answered the phone with a welcoming attitude, greeting the caller as 'madam'.

"Madam, sure, got it. Don't worry, I'll be careful with our relationship."

"Alright, goodbye, madam."

The zealous attitude combined with her expression told Mu Zhi that the call might have come from the mother of Zhu Sha's partner.

Mu Zhi used to rock that upright attitude.

Thus, she could relate to it.

After hanging up the call, Zhu Sha apologized to Mu Zhi, and then said casually, "Let's go get dinner."

Mu Zhi followed behind Zhu Sha into the canteen.

However, as soon as they entered, a series of flurried footsteps came from behind them. A man showed up and questioned her apathetically, "What are you doing here?"

The voice belonged to Lu Junnian.

Mu Zhi could instantly tell.

She hurriedly spun around, staring at Lu Junnian who came out of nowhere, wanting to tell him the reason for her visit to the hospital. However... It just occurred to her that Lu Junnian's question was not directed at her.

It was meant for Zhu Sha.

Lu Junnian's gaze was fixed on Zhu Sha, while Zhu Sha behaved insouciantly. She replied nonchalantly, "Why can't I be here? I'm the doctor in charge."

"You intentionally applied for this treatment?"

Lu Junnian's eyes were locked on Zhu Sha like an eagle watching its prey.

However, there was not a hint of intimidation on Zhu Sha's face. She blinked her eyes, reached out to hold Lu Junnian's arm, and changed into a teenager's coquettish tone, saying, "Don't worry, I'm an ethical doctor. Besides, Prof. Andrew is guiding us, I won't do anything reckless."

"Unless... You're worried about what I may do to Miss Mu? Don't you worry, I quite like Miss Mu."

At this point, the relationship between the two dawned on Mu Zhi. She felt uncomfortable to be the third wheel amid the lovey-dovey of the couple. So, she turned around and headed straight to the canteen.

Fortunately... Both of them did not follow suit. They might be bickering with each other.

Mu Zhi sat at the edge to finish her meal before preparing to leave silently.

Alas, as soon as she stepped out of the canteen, she met Lu Junnian waiting by the entrance.

She could tell that he was expecting her by his body language.

Zhu Sha was not around him.

Mu Zhi raised her eyes to glance at Lu Junnian then walked past him, pretending not to see him. But Lu Junnian called out her name. He looked at her, asking, "Why didn't you inform me before coming here? I could arrange for your accommodation and the transfer."

Mu Zhi merely glimpsed at him with a listless expression, "I can handle it, it's not necessary."

After finishing her words, she turned around and left.

But Lu Junnian chased after her, following closely behind Mu Zhi nonchalantly. He did not seem to want to make any explanation.

While Mu Zhi had no intention to question him.

Lu Junnian's personal matters were none of her business.

However, with Lu Junnian ceaselessly following her, she could not make her way to the hotel. More troubles would come upon her if Lu Junnian had found out where she stayed.

In the end, Mu Zhi returned to the medical ward, waiting outside her mother's ward.

Finally, Zhu Sha showed up. She welcomed Lu Junnian zealously as soon as she saw him, saying in an uncomfortably coquettish tone, "What are you doing here? Are you worried that I'd be too bored over the night shift, so you're here to keep me accompanied?"

"I knew it, you're such a considerate man. You're only cold on the surface."

Lu Junnian appeared to insist on keeping a safe distance between him and Zhu Sha, despite trying to not make it obvious.

Mu Zhi espied the distance between the two. She wondered to herself that any other woman wouldn't be this close to Lu Junnian.

She did not waste another second. Seizing the opportunity, she fled the hospital, found a hotel, and checked into it. Upon settling down, she hurriedly made a call to Liang Yunzhan to ask about Mu Xiaomu.

It was dawn in City A. Meanwhile, Lu Jinye had spent the night drinking with Liang Yunzhan, having no intention to leave whatsoever. He dragged Liang Yunzhan along, saying, "Brother, let's go have some fun in the garden, come on."

He put an arm over Liang Yunzhan's shoulder. Hence naturally, when Liang Yunzhan took his phone out of the pocket, Lu Jinye could see Mu Zhi's name on the screen.

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Chapter 145 It Was Papa Jinye Who Brought Me Here

Lu Jinye slightly raised an eyebrow to pair with his unemotional stare. The apathetic temperament he radiated felt like cold frost.

The clamoring surrounding instantly reduced to silence, while Liang Yunzhan composedly lifted his phone, and accepted the call, greeting gently, "Hello?"

Mu Zhi's apologetic voice came from the phone, "Mr. Liang, so sorry for calling this early, I hope I didn't interrupt your sleep. I'm just wondering if Mu Xiaomu has been behaving. I'd like to let you know that I have settled down here, I can return to pick her up now."

On top of the word Liang Yunzhan's 'hello', the flurry of words that followed after were heard by Lu Jinye. The moment he heard Mu Zhi's voice, he spontaneously reached out a finger to put the phone on speaker.

Liang Yunzhan was not bothered. He listened to what Mu Zhi had to say insouciantly, and then turned his gaze to Lu Jinye, as though waiting for a response.

Meanwhile, Lu Jinye threw his arrogant gaze into the far distance, pretending like he did not hear a word Mu Zhi said.

"Mu Xiaomu is doing great over here. She's willing to learn with Jieyi."

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Liang Yunzhan replied casually.

"Then let me have a look at the flight tickets, I'll try my best to go back today for Xiaomu."

Mu Zhi said to Liang Yunzhan, relieved that Mu Xiaomu had not been causing trouble.

In the end, an impetuous voice sounded out of the blue, "Hey Zhi, where are you now? Why do you have to check the flight tickets?"

The voice belonged to Lu Yunxi.

Lu Jinye and the gang were just heading out of the clubhouse when the call came in. They were standing at the entrance of the clubhouse, answering the call, while Lu Yunxi had just woken up from his sleep, readying to party at another spot after breakfast.

He saw Lu Jinye from afar, hence naturally he could hear Mu Zhi's voice too.

Hurriedly running up to Liang Yunzhan, he bowed his head slightly before seizing the phone off Liang Yunzhan's hand.

Lu Yunxi then put on an exceptionally jovial expression, "Zhi, you don't have to go out of the way to fly back here. Coincidentally, I'll be going to Washington today, let me bring the little girl over. You don't have to thank me, considering you're my sister-in-law, the decision is made. I'll call you when I get there."

Mu Zhi was put in a trance...

Lu Yunxi barged into the call out of nowhere astonishingly, and then arranged for Mu Zhi, making it... Difficult to process and accept!

Mu Zhi tried to stop Lu Yunxi, but he told her that she didn't have to thank him and hung up the call right away.

Alas, Mu Zhi felt like her brain cells had been randomized.

Why is Lu Yunxi there? Where is Liang Yunzhan?!

Luckily... It is Lu Yunxi and not Lu Jinye. Otherwise, the situation would have been more troublesome.

Mu Zhi comforted herself, feeling a little glad.

On the other end of the phone, after hanging up the call, Lu Yunxi peered at Lu Jinye playfully, then diverted his gaze towards Liang Yunzhan, who was standing at the side, "Where's the girl? I'll pick her up in the afternoon."

Liang Yunzhan had heard the whole exchange between Lu Yunxi and Mu Zhi. Thus, he could not help but oblige.

Upon deciding the time and venue to pick up Mu Xiaomu in the afternoon, Lu Yunxi left...

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At three in the afternoon.

Lu Yunxi arrived at Liang Yunzhan's mount chateau in a timely fashion. He saw Mu Xiaomu and ushered her into the car.

While Mu Xiaomu was staring at Lu Yunxi in hesitation, another car came up behind her. Stepping off the car was Lu Jinye's secretary, Linda.

She approached Mu Xiaomu with a gentle and sprightly expression, and said to her, "Mr. Lu Jinye needs to go on a business trip. Would you like him to bring you to your mommy?"

When she heard Lu Jinye's name, Mu Xiaomu's eyes were instantly dazzling with excitement!

She walked up to her with her chunky little legs, saying, "Sure, where is mister?"

Linda pointed at the MPV behind her, while Mu Xiaomu scurried towards the car. Mu Xiaomu addressed Lu Jinye as 'mister' before the crowd, but as soon as she saw Lu Jinye's face, she called out, "Papa."

Her word stunned Lu Yunxi, who was left in desolation behind her.

Lu Jinye did not acknowledge Lu Yunxi's presence. All he did was stretch out his long, slender arm and grabbed Mu Xiaomu, putting her in his embrace, closed the door, and took off when Linda got into the car.

The series of actions occurred too quickly. When Lu Yunxi forced himself to blink a couple of times, bringing him back to his senses, the car had whipped up a cloud of dust. Lu Yunxi hurriedly chased after it, shouting, "Lu Jinye, what are you doing?!"

In the end, all he could see was the car's taillights zooming away...

"Alright, that's enough, it seems like your reverse psychology worked." Liang Yunzhan wore his usual tender smile as he said to Lu Yunxi.

Lu Yunxi glanced at Liang Yunzhan, frowning childishly as he asked, "Is it that obvious? How did you tell?"

Liang Yunzhan just smiled in response.

After being informed by Lu Yunxi of the flight number, Mu Zhi rushed to the airport to wait for his arrival. However, Lu Yunxi was nowhere to be found. When she finally saw Mu Xiaomu, she realized that Mu Xiaomu came alone!!

Mu Zhi was dumbfounded. She lowered her head to look down at Xiaomu, "Xiaomu, did you come alone?"

Lu Yunxi, you unreliable bastard.

"It was papa who brought me here."

Mu Xiaomu's face was overwhelmed with contentment while explaining solemnly.

Hearing what she had to say, Mu Zhi subconsciously scanned the area, but she could not find any traces of Lu Jinye.

"Where's Lu Jinye then?"

"Mama, would you like to see papa?"

Mu Xiaomu avoided her question and answered with another question.

Mu Zhi was starting to be suspicious.

She looked at Mu Xiaomu, then scanned the area once again to ascertain that Lu Jinye was not around before carrying Mu Xiaomu off the floor, "Don't ever call that man papa again, and you're not allowed to ask mommy such question in the future. Mommy doesn't want to talk about it."

With Mu Xiaomu in her arms, she made her way to the airport exit.

But Mu Xiaomu kept gazing at the back, saying, "Mama, why don't you wait for papa? Papa is right behind us."

Mu Zhi did not turn back. She could vividly remember what happened between him. Despite being overseas, Mu Zhi had seen numerous scandalous news related to Lu Jinye recently. How could Lu Jinye bring Mu Xiaomu right now?

Perhaps Mu Xiaomu had confused herself between Lu Yunxi and Lu Jinye.

Or it might be Lu Yunxi who sent Mu Xiaomu here, then mischievously told Mu Xiaomu to lie that it was Lu Jinye who did!

In any case, the unlikeliest possibility was Lu Jinye.

Meanwhile, Lu Jinye waited until Mu Zhi and Mu Xiaomu had left the airport before sweeping around and left listlessly!

He must be out of his mind!

What am I doing here?!

Why would I bring Mu Xiaomu here?!