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Chapter 191 You Just Want to Own Me

Xie Xiu's eyes were filled with pride. He signified the guard behind him, hinting him to leave.

The guard quickly walked out and closed the door behind him. And then guarded at the door dedicatedly.

When there were only the two of them in the ward, Xiao Qingqing rose from the hospital bed. She reached out her hands and coquettishly pulled Xie Xiu to the side of the bed. In a reserved manner, she asked, "Why have you decided to come and see me today?"

Xie Xiu calmly took Xiao Qingqing's hand away. After dusting the invisible dust with his hand, he took a chair and sat aside.

Evidently, he wanted to keep his distance from Xiao Qingqing.

He did not speak a word, but Xiao Qingqing was already fed up with his act. She then gave Xie Xiu a flirtatious glance, "Mr. Xie, we have had intimate relations before. Why are you giving me a cold shoulder?"

Xie Xiu looked at Xiao Qingqing with his dull eyes and smiled faintly.

"I have never been passionate about women. Women and guns are just the same in my opinion."

"Why?"

Xiao Qingqing was baffled.

Xie Xiu smiled faintly and explained, "Because they are merely tools. One for sexual desire, and the other for killing."

His explanation was straightforward.

It was like insulting Xiao Qingqing for selling herself.

Xiao Qingqing was disturbed by what he had said. She opened her mouth but could not make out anything to say.

She could not afford to provoke a person with such a background.

"Hahaha. What an interesting explanation."

She could only laugh bitterly and said a few words that were against her will. She then changed the subject, "Then I wonder what brings Mr. Xie here?"

Xie Xiu raised his eyebrows in a dignified manner. "I'm not here to do anything. You better don't hurt Mu Zhi with your underhanded, despicable tricks. You may defame her. But if there's any substantial harm, wherever she's hurt, I will hurt you in the same place too."

He said those words in a shockingly calm manner.

Seeing how calm he was, Xiao Qingqing felt a chill down her spine.

Xiao Qingqing was bewildered and speechless. She raised her head and looked at Xie Xiu, gulped, and approached him in a joking gesture and said, "Don't act like this, Mr. Xie. We'd still have the opportunity to have more in-depth deliberations in the future. There's no need for you to give me a cold shoulder."

Xie Xiu glanced at Xiao Qingqing and rejected her.

"I don't intend to get involved with pregnant women. It is inappropriate."

After saying these words, Xie Xiu had no intention to stay any longer.

He stood up instantly, put his sunglasses on, opened the door slowly, and left the ward.

Coincidentally, he met with Shen Mobo who was walking towards the ward. When he saw Xie Xiu coming out from Xiao Qingqing's ward, he glanced at Xie Xiu suspiciously. But he did not question anything. He opened the door of the ward with questions in his mind.

Sitting next to Xiao Qingqing, he placed out the porridge he bought. He then asked, "Who is that man?"

"He is a friend whom I met in the States. He came to City A so we decided to meet up."

Xiao Qingqing replied insouciantly.

Shen Mobo looked at Xiao Qingqing with eyes full of doubts. But Xiao Qingqing did not continue. She went on to eat the porridge, looking undaunted.

After Xiao Qingqing finished the porridge, Shen Mobo seriously asked Xiao Qingqing, "Why do you still have chips on your shoulder about Mu Zhi? Do you still want to marry Lu Jinye?"

In response, Xiao Qingqing yawned. She laid on the hospital bed and replied certainly, "Yes."

“Xiao Qingqing, why don't you give up? You are pregnant with my child. Let me take care of you.”

Shen Mobo was anxious. He pulled Xiao Qingqing's hand while telling her that.

Xiao Qingqing became unhappy in an instant. She looked at Shen Mobo and straightened her body once again, looking like she was ready to fight her corner. “Why should I give up? Is it wrong for me to pursue love? Don't forget! Under what circumstances did we get laid. I don't want to be your wife! I have never loved you!”

She said it all in one breath.

Shen Mobo clenched his fists furiously.

“And... Don't you forget too. Lu Jinye has never loved you too!”

It was the first time Shen Mobo had ever spoken to Xiao Qingqing in such an agitated tone.

Xiao Qingqing was stunned by his words. She looked at Shen Mobo incredulously.

“So instead of helping me, you choose to criticize me?!”

She questioned him.

Shen Mobo stared at Xiao Qingqing without speaking.

Xiao Qingqing was so pissed that she got back to her bed, closed her eyes and muttered, “I'm tired. I want to sleep now.”

Shen Mobo did not leave. He stood there and watched Xiao Qingqing for a long time.

At last, he took a deep breath and looked as if he was alienating his emotions. He spoke once again and his emotions had somewhat eased.

He pulled a chair and sat beside Xiao Qingqing.

“Qingqing, I apologize for my rude behavior. But I hope that you can stand in my shoes.”

“After all, I'm the child's father. No matter the circumstances he was conceived, he is still my child.”

Xiao Qingqing opened her eyes and looked at Shen Mobo. “Do you love me?”

She asked with her eyes glaring at Shen Mobo. She did not respond to Shen Mobo's concerns.

Shen Mobo nodded, "I do."

"To what extent do you love me?"

"I love you more than the stars in the sky and fish in the sea."

Shen Mobo replied.

Xiao Qingqing smiled mockingly. She stared at Shen Mobo and said, "You don't love me. You are a selfish person. You just want to own me. True love is about making sacrifices."

"Do you think I've not made enough sacrifices?"

Shen Mobo was agitated by Xiao Qingqing's words.

Xiao Qingqing reached out and hugged Shen Mobo. "You knew how Lu Jinye loved me back then. Just because I made a wrong choice in the past and he resents me. All I'm asking for is a chance to right my wrongs. I hope you can help me."

Xiao Qingqing explained.

Shen Mobo looked at Xiao Qingqing and did not speak a word.

Her body was so soft. Due to her pregnancy, her body had become softer for unknown reasons. Her tenderness yearned his desire for protecting her.

At last, Shen Mobo embraced Xiao Qingqing and nodded. He had agreed to help her.

Xiao Qingqing stood up and hugged Shen Mobo cheerfully. She then placed her lips on Shen Mobo's.

All of a sudden, the kiss aroused a reaction within Shen Mobo.

Shen Mobo gathered her closer and deepened the kiss.

It seemed that Xiao Qingqing wanted not merely a kiss. She had already started unbuckling Shen Mobo's belt.

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Chapter 192 What Kind of Love Strategy Does Mr Lu Play?

They were doing it in a hospital, not at home. There was no privacy at all.

Due to Xiao Qingqing's notable status, she lived in a VIP ward. Privacy matters were slightly better.

However, getting excited in such a place was simply unacceptable. The nurses could come at any time.

With that in mind, Shen Mobo stretched out his hand and pushed Xiao Qingqing away.

"Qingqing, it is inappropriate for us to do it here. Let me take you home."

Xiao Qingqing shut her eyes tightly. Her fingers lingered around Shen Mobo's body and she responded, "But, I want it."

She used to think that she must marry Lu Jinye only. She was a traditionalist despite debuting as a porn star in the past. However, now that she thought of it... Her body was after all a weapon.

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Using her body to her advantages. If that made her happy, why not?!

She was too naïve in the past.

She was an imbecile. She had missed out on too many opportunities. Working hard to achieve future goals was a mere joke!

Xiao Qingqing was engrossed in Shen Mobo's caress.

Shen Mobo hugged Xiao Qingqing tightly. At last, his last line of defense collapsed and he finally attacked the pink castle.

The entire ward was filled with the entanglement between the two.

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After returning home, Mu Zhi took a bath and then cooked for Mu Xiaomu. Lu Jinye also returned home.

It was lunch time. When Lu Jinye entered the house, Mu Zhi greeted him and asked him to eat.

Everything seemed to be going smoothly. Their interaction at the dining table almost felt like a family. Lu Jinye interacted lovingly with Mu Xiaomu. However, Mu Zhi could feel that Lu Jinye's behavior was a bit off.

After lunch, Mu Zhi hurriedly coaxed Mu Xiaomu to take a nap. After putting Mu Xiaomu to sleep, Mu Zhi walked out of the room and found that Lu Jinye had not yet gone to work.

"Are you waiting for me?"

Mu Zhi asked. She was taken aback for a moment.

Lu Jinye nodded his head. He said with his haughty glare, "Come back and work for me."

Mu Zhi actually had the intention of working. After all, the jobs that she was looking for were stale. She did not want to sit idle and eat away all her money.

But she was puzzled. "Why?" She asked.

Lu Jinye explained, "During this critical time, I feel more comfortable with you working by my side."

After hearing what he had to say, Mu Zhi did not know whether Lu Jinye actually admired her capability or if he was just using her as a tool.

In the end, she asked Lu Jinye, "How about the pay?"

Lu Jinye stretched out his hand and showed three of his fingers.

"Three times more than your previous pay."

In an instant, Mu Zhi replied without any hesitation, "Deal."

Lu Jinye's lip corner raised and he said to Mu Zhi, "That's good. You may stay home today and start working tomorrow. I hope that you will put all your energy into work and be worthy of your salary."

After saying that, Lu Jinye picked up his jacket and went to work.

However, Mu Zhi was still unhappy!

Lu Jinye seemed to be troubled. He was not in the right mood. Why did he suddenly talk to Mu Zhi about work?

She felt that everything about her was an extreme mess. She could not even figure out what she should do...

One of the biggest mysteries was that... Did Lu Jinye love her?

Firstly, Lu Jinye did not marry Xiao Qingqing. She originally thought that it had nothing to do with her.

However, Lu Jinye later expressed that he wanted to be with her again. Although he did not directly say that he loved her, he meant it.

Thus, Mu Zhi thought that Lu Jinye loved her.

Thereafter... Lu Jinye never expressed anything else. Even worse, he treated her indifferently.

What was Lu Jinye's intention?

So, was he a scumbag? Was it all a perfunctory love confession?

Mu Zhi was not born yesterday, neither was she a girl who had just fell in love! How could she be fooled by an occasional confession of love!

However, when she thought of Lu Jinye's behavior, she felt puzzled.

What had he got up his sleeves?

When Lu Jinye got into his car, he received a call from Linda. Linda reminded him, "Mr. Lu, the clients have been waiting for ten minutes. Are you coming back soon?"

Lu Jinye frowned and looked at the time. "I'm five minutes away."

"Okay. I will inform the clients. By the way, do I have to set up an office desk for Secretary Mu?"

"There's no need for that. She'll work in my office."

Linda did not respond.

For half a second, she was baffled by what Lu Jinye had said.

How could a secretary be so closed to him?

She did not say anything more. She replied okay and quickly hung up the call.

After notifying the clients to attend the meeting, she then gathered all the documents that needed to be handed over to Secretary Mu.

The entire secretary room was filled with a discussion about Lu Jinye's recent behavior.

Had Mr. Lu fallen in love recently?

Why did he always leave the meeting for no reason?

Technically speaking, Lu Jinye's morning and afternoon were usually jam-packed with meetings. The only short break in between was lunchtime. Lu Jinye, who always managed his time precisely, was willing to use his only free time to go out.

When the lunch box was delivered to him, Lu Jinye caught a glimpse of the hot news about a mysterious man spending a huge amount of money for Mu Zhi.

Linda and the other secretaries bet that Mr. Lu must have gone home to catch the traitor.

Subsequently, Mr. Lu called them and told them that Secretary Mu would be returning to work!

It was not just about catching a traitor; it was about bringing Secretary Mu back to him.

Mr. Lu must have fallen hard for Secretary Mu!

Linda gathered all the files and documents for Mu Zhi and then handed them over to another secretary so that she could check through them each document.

After that, she quickly followed Lu Jinye, who had reached the company just in time, to the meeting.

When Linda and Lu Jinye had finished the meeting, she went to the secretary room to have a drink. The other secretary suddenly handed her a file that was supposed to be given to Mu Zhi.

Linda took a look at it and was stunned.

At first, she did not check the details of the file as she was sure that the case was okay.

However, the other secretary discovered that... the next important client turned out to be Mr. Xie Xiu!

From Mr. Xie Xiu's file, he could be seen wearing a pair of sunglasses while the man who was willing to spend a big sum of money lavishly for Mu Zhi only showed his back.

Nevertheless!

The secretary thought that both of them looked similar.

The others felt the same too after comparing both pictures.

Everyone in the secretary room got even more puzzled... What exactly was in Mr. Lu's sleeves?

Luckily... Secretary Mu would start working the next day. They could finally examine her properly!

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Chapter 193 Touching Lu Jinye's Cheek

The moment Mu Zhi stepped into Lu Jinye's company, she felt a sense of familiarity.

She did not know why. She had always felt that her destiny was to be a doctor. Being Lu Jinye's secretary was just something she did to spend her days. However, this time round, she felt an inexplicable sense of familiarity.

She walked in slowly and when she reached the top floor, she walked into the secretary room. She instantly felt a strange welcoming atmosphere.

"Welcome back, Secretary Mu!"

It was Linda who said that first. She then gave Mu Zhi a bouquet on behalf of the other secretaries.

Mu Zhi took over the bouquet and expressed her gratitude to Linda.

She then headed to where she used to sit. But when she turned around, she realized that there were many files placed on the table and chair. There was no place for her to sit.

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She wanted to clean up.

Linda hurriedly stopped her. "Secretary Mu, you don't sit here anymore. Don't rush to clean up."

"The assigned position is secretary, isn't it?"

Mu Zhi questioned.

"Didn't Mr. Lu tell you? Shouldn't husband and wife communicate more?"

She could not bluntly ask about their relationship, but she could not restrain her inquisitiveness.

So Linda slowly peeled the onion.

Mu Zhi shook her head and asked, "Hasn't Lu Jinye been working overtime recently?"

The secretaries should know if Lu Jinye had been working overtime.

After Mu Zhi's reminder, the secretaries' curiosity level slowly declined. They explained, "Mr. Lu said that you will be working in his office, so we didn't clean up your old place."

Mu Zhi was surprised.

"What do you mean... Working in Mr. Lu's office?"

Lu Jinye must be out of his mind. She did not want to face Lu Jinye while working. She could easily develop psychological trauma from that.

"For real?"

They used to joke around a lot with Mu Zhi. This time, Mu Zhi wondered if Linda made a deliberate joke just to test her out.

However, Linda did not seem to be joking at all. Instead, she nodded seriously and said, "Yes."

"Where is Lu Jinye?"

Mu Zhi gazed at Linda intently.

She asked when she was sure that Linda was no longer speaking.

Linda pointed at Lu Jinye's office, "He should be in his office."

Mu Zhi stood up instantly and hurried towards Lu Jinye's office.

Lu Jinye had just drunk a cup of coffee. Still feeling a little tired, he laid on his chair with his eyes closed.

He could feel the emotion of the person knocking at the door. Without any hesitation, he said, "Please come in."

There was only one person that could show her temper in front of him. That person was none other than Mu Zhi.

Therefore, Lu Jinye did not even open his eyes. He kept his eyes shut and heard Mu Zhi's voice. "Why should I work in your office?"

"So that it is convenient for us to communicate."

A faint smile flickered across his lips. He was confident that nothing could beat the reason he gave.

"We have a working relationship. There is no need for such communication. I should work in the secretary room."

Mu Zhi realized that she should not be so straightforward with Lu Jinye.

She had to... Be calm.

Therefore, she tried to talk some sense into Lu Jinye.

However, Lu Jinye opened his eyes and looked at Mu Zhi. Instead of answering her, he handed her a document.

"Have a look at this. You are coming with me to a business meeting."

"..."

In an instant, Mu Zhi did not know what to do. She was trying to keep everything professional with Lu Jinye.

"Lu Jinye, I'm being serious with you!"

Mu Zhi had to remind Lu Jinye.

However, Lu Jinye had already picked up his jacket, turned his head and looked at Mu Zhi confidently, "What's the matter? What I said was business, wasn't it? Is there anything more serious than work?"

Mu Zhi was speechless.

His words had shut Mu Zhi completely.

Lu Jinye smiled with satisfaction. "Let's go to the meeting first. We can talk about the rest later."

With that said, Lu Jinye had already left the office. Mu Zhi hesitated for a moment. She then took the document with her and followed suit.

When they came to the underground garage, Lu Jinye gave the key to Mu Zhi, indicating that he wanted Mu Zhi to drive.

Mu Zhi looked at Lu Jinye skeptically. Lu Jinye only gave her a word, 'Sleepy'.

Mu Zhi had no choice but to drive.

However... It was only her first day of work, so she could not go to a business meeting with Lu Jinye without any preparation. Even though she had had great chemistry working with Lu Jinye before, it had been a while since she worked. She felt that she should at least understand the work content beforehand.

She then turned her head, wanting to discuss it with Lu Jinye.

She saw that Lu Jinye had already fallen asleep. Even when he was sound asleep, his look remained cold and distant. His brows were still tightly locked.

And his breathing was getting heavier.

She brushed off the thought of waking Lu Jinye. He had been too tired these few days.

Before driving, Mu Zhi called Linda and asked about the meeting time. She was told that the meeting point would take an hour's car ride. Looking at the time, there was two hours left. So she took her time to drive to the destination.

Upon reaching the destination, there were twenty minutes to spare. Mu Zhi did not wake Lu Jinye. Instead, she watched as Lu Jinye slept.

At that moment, the tension between Lu Jinye's brows seemed to have lessened.

How tired he was to be sleeping at this hour?

Mu Zhi suddenly had a moment of realization that she had been neglecting Lu Jinye.

Lu Jinye used to have stronger endurance. He could stay up for nights just to close a business deal.

It was all thanks to Lu Jinye's intelligence and hard work that the Lu Family could have all its glorious achievements.

Many were astonished by his tremendous vigor.

However, it seemed that this business battle was doomed to be defeated before it had even started.

The Lu Jinye she knew earlier had never looked so tired.

But now... Exhaustion was written all over Lu Jinye's face.

When she was about to touch Lu Jinye's cheek, Lu Jinye suddenly opened his eyes.

In an instant, he seemed to be full of energy, not as tired.

"What did you want to do to me?"

Lu Jinye frowned and looked at Mu Zhi.

Being caught red-handed, Mu Zhi was a little embarrassed.

"Nothing. There was a little bug just now. It's almost time, we should go."

Mu Zhi changed the subject and got out of the car hastily.

Not far away, a man got off from a Bugatti when Mu Zhi stepped out of the vehicle. And that man turned out to be Xie Xiu!

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Chapter 194 Love Comes From Within

Mu Zhi could not help but to blink her eyes. She looked at Xie Xiu in disbelief.

From a distance, a few people came out from the elevator. They seemed to be his subordinates. They walked towards Xie Xiu and respectfully talked to him. Mu Zhi could not hear them. She could only see those people leading Xie Xiu into the elevator.

At the same time, Lu Jinye stepped out of the car.

Only then did Mu Zhi come back to her senses. He looked at Lu Jinye and reached out to take over the documents that Lu Jinye had handed her. While waiting for the elevator, Mu Zhi turned to Lu Jinye and tentatively asked, "Is Xie Xiu the client we are meeting today?"

Lu Jinye turned his head to look at Mu Zhi calmly, “So, are you disturbed by that?”

Earlier, Lu Jinye had warned her to stay away from Xie Xiu.

And now he intended to start a business with Xie Xiu?

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Mu Zhi was a little confused.

She shook her head and said, “No... No problem at all.”

She did not even realize that she gulped when she talked.

Lu Jinye did not respond but he looked at Mu Zhi serenely. He walked into the elevator and Mu Zhi followed suit.

The elevator was moving up slowly and stopped when it reached the 22nd floor.

When they stepped out of the elevator, Lu Jinye spoke faintly, “If you’ve looked through the documents that I gave you, then there’s no need for any introduction. This is Xie Xiu’s company.”

While saying that, he walked in leisurely.

The decorating style of Xie Xiu’s company looked completely different from Lu Jinye’s.

The color scheme of Lu Jinye’s company was mostly black and white with shades of grey, giving it a demeanor and orderly manner.

Xie Xiu’s company, on the other hand, used light colors such as white and tiffany blue. It felt warm and cozy.

And that reflected Xie Xiu’s appearance.

Nevertheless... Mu Zhi had heard of Xie Xiu’s stories in the past. She was puzzled that an ex-killer like Xie Xiu could be as sophisticated.

So... which of them was more cold hearted? Xie Xiu or Lu Jinye?

Mu Zhi did not have extra time to think as they had already arrived in front of Xie Xiu's office.

Lu Jinye was about to knock on the door when a secretary-like person walked towards Mu Zhi and Lu Jinye. She was an extremely flirtatious woman. She wore a suit that flattered her body figure. Even women like Mu Zhi could not help but glance at her.

She was very coquettish indeed!

"Hello, Mr. Lu. Mr. Xie Xiu is waiting for you in the tea room. He feels that it is more cordial to chat with you in the tea room."

While speaking, the secretary had led both of them to the tearoom.

"You don't have to lead the way as we can do so ourselves. You may wait here."

Lu Jinye stopped the secretary from leading the way and the secretary obediently stopped where she was with a sweet smile remaining on her face.

When Lu Jinye and Mu Zhi came to Xie Xiu's tea room and opened the door, Mu Zhi's eyes were greeted by another woman who looked even more gorgeous. She was like a lotus that bloomed in the sun, beautiful and whole. She wore a cheongsam dress and was making tea. Beside Xie Xiu was a demure-looking secretary with some documents in her hand.

Seeing this situation, Mu Zhi suddenly felt that Lu Jinye should have brought along his secretary team with him to compete in this battle.

However... Mu Zhi quickly brushed off that thought as it would be inappropriate to bring the entire team to a business meeting.

After all, they had been standing at the door for less than two minutes and several women had already walked in and out of the tea room to deliver refreshments. These women had their own merits, but they were all beautiful in their way.

So beautiful that Mu Zhi could not help but stare.

If a woman could not contain herself in such a situation, how could a man be?

Lu Jinye's secretary team was not a patch on Xie Xiu's.

It was incomparable in number and formation.

"Welcome!"

After the women brought in the refreshment and left the room, Xie Xiu stood up and greeted Lu Jinye, "Mr. Lu, welcome."

"Miss Mu Zhi, welcome."

Lu Jinye nodded and replied, "Thank you, Mr. Xie."

Xie Xiu smiled and invited Lu Jinye to take a seat. As he took the seat, he asked Lu Jinye, "Mr. Lu, I see that you are used to bringing only one secretary with you. As for myself... Sigh. I'm not fond of loneliness so I always make sure that I'm surrounded by people."

What a lousy excuse. It was obviously lust.

There were too many pretty women around Xie Xiu.

Mu Zhi could not help but grumble.

However, it was at that moment that Lu Jinye reached out and grabbed Mu Zhi's hand, and said to Xie Xiu, "Mr. Xie must be joking. I didn't bring any secretary here. Mu Zhi is my lover."

Mu Zhi did not catch any look of surprise on Xie Xiu's face.

But Xie Xiu sounded surprised, "I'm sorry. I didn't know... Miss Mu is your wife. Miss Mu and I have had contacts before and we have a good impression of each other. I have never heard Miss Mu mentioned her relationship with you. Could it be that you don't contact each other often? My apologies as I don't quite understand the culture of this country."

These few words sounded unpretentious but in fact, he was mocking the distant relationship that Mu Zhi and Lu Jinye had.

Lu Jinye was not annoyed. He even pulled a faint smile and explained, "It's not our culture. It's rather a tacit agreement established by the people here. Love comes from within, and it doesn't need to be spoken out."

The words he used displayed a high level of intellect.

First of all, he corrected Xie Xiu by saying that it was not the culture, but the tacit agreement in life. That instantly implied that Xie Xiu, who had been living abroad, was an outsider. After all, not everyone could simply form a tacit understanding in life.

The second sentence was directed to his relationship with Mu Zhi.

It was love.

A love that did not need to be spoken out.

Mu Zhi was not dumb. She could tell that these two men were competing with each other although they seemed to be having a peaceful conversation.

It was already stressful enough to be sandwiched by two authoritative men.

And being the topic of their discussion was even...

It was even more terrifying.

Mu Zhi could feel the chill that went down her spine.

Fortunately, she saw the boiling water and hurriedly said, "Let me make some tea. Please have a seat, gentlemen?"

Mu Zhi wanted to ease the conflict between the two people.

However, Lu Jinye took her hand and said, "You don't have to make tea today. After all, Mr. Xie has a tea master here."

Mu Zhi saw the tenderness in Lu Jinye's eyes.

If she did not know that Lu Jinye was acting, she could have fallen into his love trap.

Every word he said sounded like a confession to her.

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Chapter 195 It Is Fine to Hold Hands

Mu Zhi decided to play along with Lu Jinye. After Lu Jinye had spoken, she answered him with a gentle 'yes'.

Then she took a seat beside him.

Xie Xiu did not seem to react to seeing Mu Zhi by Lu Jinye's side. Instead, he flipped open a folder of documents and said, "Mr. Lu, this is my company's investment plan for your businesses. Do have a look at it."

Lu Jinye arched his brow but still took the documents offered.

Although Mu Zhi had been with Lu Jinye for a long time, most of it was in the capacity of a secretary. As such, she was not familiar with the business technicalities and analysis of the business data.

In the past, she had only the medical field in mind which was why she had put all her mind on other areas. As for being a secretary... It was an identity she had assumed while acting as Lu Jinye's wife.

As such, when Lu Jinye and Xie Xiu were negotiating with the data, Mu Zhi could not understand what they were talking about.

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Who knew a difference in the decimal points of a value could affect the development of an enterprise greatly?!

Mu Zhi was in awe of their mental capacity.

Lu Jinye had always had photographic memory especially when it came to numbers and figures.

Likewise, Xie Xiu also seemed to have that ability and was also able to recall large amounts of information. When referring to figures and relevant information, Lu Jinye did not need to refer to the documents.

Xie Xiu was also the same.

Both of them continued to raise inquiries concerning the data while Xie Xiu's team of secretaries flipped the pages of the documents hurriedly to find the information from their negotiations.

Meanwhile, Xie Xiu's team of accountants was calculating frantically. Their calculations determined the success or failure of the deal.

On the other hand, Mu Zhi as Lu Jinye's secretary seemed completely out of place!

After all... She had not read the documents, so her presence in the meeting was unnecessary.

She had no idea why Lu Jinye had called her here and even let her attend the meeting!

She suspected that Lu Jinye was deliberately doing this.

But... This time, Lu Jinye did not seem to need a secretary.

He did not need a secretary to confirm the figures for him. He even supported his proposals with actual proofing rendering Xie Xiu's accountants somewhat redundant.

Every little cost they were calculating had already been calculated by him carefully.

All the mature data were deeply familiar to him.

As the two men were negotiating, Mu Zhi was suddenly tired. She was not sure why and wondered if it was because she had not worked for a long time.

Moreover, a meeting with Lu Jinye was a test on both mental and physical stamina. Lu Jinye had always been robust both physically and mentally, so even she could not keep up with his pace. It seemed that Xie Xiu also had extraordinarily good stamina.

Halfway through the meeting, Mu Zhi found it difficult to stay awake.

Watching their extensive negotiations and their constant back and forth, her mind became tired suddenly...

She stifled a yawn. Feeling embarrassed, she stood up and used the pretext of using the washroom to go out and take a breather.

Although she had been drinking tea throughout the meeting, she still couldn't stay alert. This showed how mentally taxing the meeting was.

Even Mu Zhi felt it was incomprehensible.

She went to the washroom and splashed cold water on her face. That made her a little more alert.

Then she quickly walked back to where Lu Jinye was having the meeting.

However, when she pushed the door open, she saw that everyone was clearing away their belongings. The meeting had ended and they were getting ready to leave...

Mu Zhi was baffled.

"The meeting has ended?"

She went to Lu Jinye's side, looked at him quizzically, and asked.

The corner of his lips curved up slightly as he handed her the documents, "Take the documents. We are leaving."

Mu Zhi was bewildered but she still took them as instructed and followed Lu Jinye out of the room.

In the past, she was willing to swear on her memory, Lu Jinye had never sought to hold hands when they entered the lift after a business meeting.

Moreover... Even when they desired each other, they had never felt the need to hold hands.

They had always expressed their love in more direct ways.

This time, Lu Jinye took her hand on his own volition. His large warm hand grasped firmly onto her more delicate one. Even her fingertips had not escaped his grasp.

His hand was thick and warm, and he willfully secured his grasp.

Even if Mu Zhi wanted to free herself, she would not be able to.

So, she let him hold her hand as the lift slowly descended the building.

Lu Jinye was still holding her hand even after they had left the building.

He did not let go when they had reached the underground car park.

When Mu Zhi wanted to pull her hand away, Lu Jinye was suddenly tense. "Don't, there's surveillance."

Mu Zhi was not sure why. Perhaps Lu Jinye was too convincing when he spoke of a mysterious threat.

So, Mu Zhi was petrified for a moment and forgot to pull her hand away.

She let Lu Jinye continue to hold her hand as she got into the car. He had only let her go when he started the car.

Mu Zhi felt her heart beating rapidly but her mind was more concerned with her pressing questions. "Lu Jinye... What was that for?"

Mu Zhi couldn't hold back her curiosity, so she asked and looked straight at him.

Lu Jinye looked back at her but did not answer her question. Instead, he leaned over and helped Mu Zhi put on her safety belt...

His actions left her even more puzzled.

"Lu Jinye, what are you up to?"

She had not worked with him for a long time. Did that cause him to change his work manner?

Mu Zhi could not understand what was going on.

“Nothing, I just wanted to hold your hand. Was that not allowed?” Lu Jinye smiled.

His tone was bold and confident.

With that, he drove the car and left the car park...

Mu Zhi was not asking him why he was holding her hand.

Considering the nature of their relationship, they had done things much more intimate than that, so holding hands was not an issue.

What Mu Zhi wanted to ask was... Why did he bring her to the meeting when she didn't know anything?

“You were well prepared and did not need a secretary, not that I would be of much help anyway. Why did you bring me to the meeting?” she asked.