Falling for the Contract Bride Chapter 316-320

Chapter 316 She Was Your Lover

Mu Zhi choked. In the water, nothing felt real. She watched Jian Xiaoning approach her. She could still remember that the last time she met Jian Xiaoning wasn't pleasant, but now Mu Zhi felt a sense of familiarity towards her.

Join Telegram Group For Fast update and Novel Query She couldn't remember where she had met her before! Jian Xiaoning pulled Mu Zhi up the surface, and she could finally breathe in fresh air. She looked at Jian Xiaoning. Jian Xiaoning helped Mu Zhi into her room and slipped a photo into her pocket.

Mu Zhi did not notice. When they reached her room, Mu Zhi thanked Jian Xiaoning and quickly entered her room. As she was changing, she felt a headache coming on. She changed out of her wet clothes and left only to notice that Jian Xiaoning was gone.

Mu Zhi had people search for Jian Xiaoning, but no one could find her. Mu Zhi assumed that she may have some other commitments and left. Mu Zhi did not pursue the matter. She returned to the room and stayed there for the rest of the night.

When Mu Zhi returned, a maid was cleaning her room and picked up Mu Zhi's wet clothes to wash.

At first, Mu Zhi did not mind.

The servant left with her clothes but soon returned. She handed the contents of the pocket to Mu Zhi and said, "Madam, this is..."

Mu Zhi stared at the photo in her hand in surprise and took it.

"It's fine. Go back to work." Mu Zhi quickly said.

The maid obeyed without a second word.

While Mu Zhi stared at the photo in silence.

If someone had told her that the person in the photo had no relations to her, she wouldn't have believed them.

The person in the photo was wearing clothes that hinted that she was twenty to thirty years older than Mu Zhi.

Moreover, her facial features were extraordinarily similar to Mu Zhi's. Mu Zhi looked for any sign that the photo was fake, but couldn't find any.

Mu Zhi brought the photo to the mirror and stared at her reflection and the photo alternately...

She was confused.

There were too many unanswered questions.

Xie Xiu and her had grown up in the USA. And what of this woman? Was she her relative? Or even her mother?

Mu Zhi pondered and could not help but doubt what Xie Xiu had told her.

She was deep in confusion when she heard footsteps coming from the hallway. It was the purposeful strut that was distinctly Xie Xiu's.

Just before Xie Xiu opened the door, Mu Zhi quickly hid the photo in her pocket and turned to look at Xie Xiu.

"I heard that you fell into the water."

Xie Xiu looked at Mu Zhi. Anxiousness was still written all over her face.

Mu Zhi quietly nodded.

"There was a man who drank too much and came onto me."

"I've gotten rid of him."

Xie Xiu quickly responded after Mu Zhi.

Mu Zhi was suddenly rendered speechless and was in shock. "Gotten... Rid of?" She repeated.

Xie Xiu did not elaborate further. He was worried that Mu Zhi would not be able to accept what he told her. Instead he said, "The party has ended. Let's go for a walk."

Mu Zhi glanced out the window to find that the party really had ended.

She looked back at Xie Xiu to see that he had picked up his coat. Mu Zhi and Xie Xiu then headed out.

Once out the door, Xie Xiu reached for Mu Zhi's hand.

Mu Zhi was shocked but did not reject him.

She didn't ask where he was going to take her but followed him into his car. Xie Xiu drove out of the compound and onto the main road. They drove for about twenty minutes and came to a stop at a tall building.

"We're here." Xie Xiu slowly got out of the car.

Mu Zhi followed him in confusion.

They entered to find that everyone was still busy and scurrying about. As they went deeper, Mu Zhi noticed something strange. On the first floor, the ratio of men and women were somewhat similar.

But the higher they went, the more imbalanced it became.

They reached Xie Xiu's floor only to find that Xie Xiu's staff were all female secretaries.

Mu Zhi stared at all of them and couldn't help but frown. "Why are all your secretaries women?"

Xie Xiu brought Mu Zhi into his office. At her question, he glanced up at her and laughed.

"Why? Are you jealous?"

"And wouldn't you be jealous if I'm surrounded by male secretaries in my workplace?"

Even though it was a rhetorical question, the answer was clear that he would be jealous!

Xie Xiu smiled and invited Mu Zhi to sit with him.

"Are you worried that I'll have other women around me?" He asked.

Mu Zhi was stunned at his question.

She didn't know if she should bring up the strange woman who had approached her and said that she was Xie Xiu's.

Mu Zhi hesitated.

She didn't know where to start.

When she was still figuring out what to do about it, Xie Xiu said, "Some time ago, when I was checking the surveillance footage for your disappearance, I saw that a woman came looking for you. What did she say?"

That woman... Was Rao Xue.

From what he could tell, Rao Xue did not do anything to Mu Zhi.

They had stood facing each other and spoke. It ended with Mu Zhi leaving in anger.

Xie Xiu could only gently probe when discussing her.

He couldn't make any conclusions yet.

He did not know what Rao Xue had told Mu Zhi.

At Xie Xiu's insistence Mu Zhi said, "She told me that she was your lover."

"What sort of relationship did you two have?"

Mu Zhi asked him solemnly. Her voice suddenly tensed.

Coldness flashed past Xie Xiu's gaze.

"She used to be my subordinate. I dismissed her for negligence."

"Is that your only relationship?"

Mu Zhi asked again.

Xie Xiu frowned at her and quietly nodded.

Chapter 317 Mu Zhi Was Just in His Arms

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At that moment, one of his secretaries knocked on the door.

Xie Xiu allowed entrance. The secretary brought some documents with her. They exchanged some business jargon before she placed the documents on the table and left.

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It wasn't until later that she understood that she had no interest because she did not love him.

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While Xie Xiu started on his work, Mu Zhi stood up quietly and looked around his office. She noticed how thirsty she was, so she quietly exited his office and made her way to the refreshment bar for a drink.

She had just arrived when she heard the employees whispering about her.

"Hey, did you guys see the Chairman Xie's wife?"

"Oh my goodness! She's so beautiful."

"The chairman has never brought a woman to the company before."

The assistant secretaries were all busy gossiping even though they still had work to get to.

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They were gossiping about her after all.

She did not know how to face them, which was why she stood frozen for a while.

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She took the glass from Mu Zhi's hand.

After pouring a glass of water for Mu Zhi, the secretary led her back to the office.

"Why did you decide to come to the company?" The secretary asked by way of chit chat.

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"It's my first time meeting you. You're very beautiful."

The secretary was obviously surprised by Mu Zhi's answer and only answered after a slight pause.

Mu Zhi smiled gently at her and entered Xie Xiu's office.

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Even in the face of someone he loved, he would unconsciously keep himself under covers.

When he was done bringing her around, he brought Mu Zhi home. Mu Zhi took off her coat and looked at him. "Why did you decide to bring me along today?"

"I just wanted to show you what I usually do."

Mu Zhi chuckled at his respond.

"Why did you want to do that?"

Xie Xiu took her hand and pulled her into his embrace. "Because I'm afraid of losing you."

Mu Zhi did not know what to say to that.

"What does this have to do with that?"

Xie Xiu looked at her solemnly and said, "Ann, I never used to worry over you. I don't know why but ever since you left suddenly, I've started to worry. I've thought of many ways to keep you safe and untouched, but I found out the best way to keep you with me is to show you who I really am and have you fall in love with me."

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Mu Zhi had never seen him express himself this way.

She was taken aback and did not know how to respond.

After a long while, she finally said, "I won't leave you."

She still hadn't told him about the incident with Lu Jinye.

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Chapter 319 Saved Her Life

Mu Zhi turned around and stared at the hand that was holding hers tight. Then she flung it off fiercely and taunted, "Let go." Lu Jinye glanced at Mu Zhi. They were already by the roadside. He could see that Mu Zhi had come by herself today.

She did not drive. Lu Jinye scrutinized Mu Zhi, hesitated a while, and invited, "Let's talk about it in the car." It felt uncanny conversing in a cemetery.

Join Telegram Group For Fast Update And Novel Query Mu Zhi threw Lu Jinye a suspicious glance, then followed him into his car. As soon as she got in, she directed, "Okay, you can start speaking."

While igniting the engine, Lu Jinye gazed into Mu Zhi's eyes and explained, "This was your mother. Needless for me to point out, she looked exactly like you."

"So what? It would not be a complicated task for Chairman Lu to find a Photoshop professional to doctor some photos."

"And what do I get doing all these?"

Lu Jinye frowned and stared at Mu Zhi.

Mu Zhi did not want to look at Lu Jinye. She folded her arms in front of herself to display her reluctance to cooperate.

Then she proclaimed deliberately, "Hadn't Chairman Lu's intentions been clear enough all this while?"

"I understand Chairman Lu's anguish over losing your beloved wife, but please refrain from hinging your love onto others."

Mu Zhi stopped right after she said these words.

She demanded Lu Jinye, "Do you care to stop at the shoulder ahead? I want to get out of the car."

Hearing Mu Zhi's words, Lu Jinye scowled helplessly.

He did not intend to let Mu Zhi go so quickly. Mu Zhi pressured Lu Jinye, "Let me go off now."

"Chairman Lu, love is supposed to be a mutual affection, not personal indulgence. You're forcing yourself upon me now."

Mu Zhi was clearly pushing Lu Jinye away by any means possible.

Lu Jinye frowned and leered at Mu Zhi. Finally, he stopped the car by the side and analyzed, "It is easier to find your transportation here. If you want to take the bus or the train, walk straight to the junction ahead. If not, you can just flag down a cab here. But it's almost noon, so there might be fewer cabs going around."

Lu Jinye explained in such detail to Mu Zhi that he could not help but applaud himself for being on the qui vive.

However, Mu Zhi looked aloof. She simply threw a short glance at Lu Jinye, and replied, "Okay."

Then, she got out of the car and stood by the roadside.

Lu Jinye paused and waited a few seconds before leaving.

He drove towards a junction and turned left. But he stopped his car at an intersection and observed Mu Zhi at a distance.

Mu Zhi stood by the roadside and monitored the traffic. At last, she chose to flag down a cab.

Indubitably it was what Lu Jinye said. It was a challenging task to hail a cab at this hour.

After failing to stop a car for a long time, she spotted a restaurant at a distance. So, she decided to have a bite at the restaurant.

When Mu Zhi walked towards the restaurant, Lu Jinye slowly put up his window.

But there was no indication that he was leaving.

He stayed put and kept an eye on Mu Zhi.

Nevertheless, after Mu Zhi went into the restaurant, Lu Jinye suddenly noticed a suspicious woman with a cap secretly stalking Mu Zhi. She sneaked out from the dark and fixed her eyes onto Mu Zhi, who was sitting by the window.

Lu Jinye looked daggers at that instance as he carefully observed that woman.

She looked particularly familiar!

On the spur of the moment, she suddenly waved her hand. This action turned out to be a kind of a signal as immediately after, a car sped towards Mu Zhi at high speed from afar.

Mu Zhi raised her head in surprise. Before she could react, the car had accelerated towards her like a bat out of hell.

It was going for Mu Zhi.

Mu Zhi anxiously tried to dodge, but it was too late.

Just at this time, Lu Jinye suddenly stepped onto his accelerator and sped towards the car.

At this moment of crisis, Lu Jinye fortuitously was a second ahead of that car.

Just as the car was about to hit Mu Zhi, Lu Jinye's car stopped right in between them and knocked the car aside and away from Mu Zhi.

This huge blow made Lu Jinye giddy all at once.

Mu Zhi was taken aback.

This created havoc in the restaurant a sudden, but Mu Zhi was still puzzled about what happened.

She had just taken a seat, but the car was obviously speeding towards her.

If it were not for the car that stopped right in front of it, she must have been dead by now!

Mu Zhi was in a cold sweat when she thought of this, but she could not care at all. She stood up from the chair and walked towards her savior, who was in the car.

The car grew increasingly familiar to her as she gradually walked towards it.

Mu Zhi was blown away when she opened the door. It was... Lu Jinye!

At this juncture, Lu Jinye was already nearing unconsciousness and trying hard to hold on.

He had a wound on his left hand.

Mu Zhi tore off a corner of her dress instinctively, pressed it onto Lu Jinye's wound, and wrapped it to stop the bleeding.

Then, she carefully inspected Lu Jinye's condition and called the ambulance.

She described in detail the exact condition Lu Jinye was in professionally.

When she had finished explaining, the nurse at the other end of the phone asked politely, "May I know which doctor this is? We shall dispatch the ambulance right now."

When the nurse called Mu Zhi a doctor, only then Mu Zhi paused for a bit and explained, "I'm sorry, I'm not a doctor."

But Lu Jinye had seen all of Mu Zhi's response.

The corner of his lips slightly curled into a smile.

Mu Zhi performed exactly like a doctor who had clinical experience.

Mu Zhi reacted to her instincts without realizing it. However, Lu Jinye noticed.

Shortly after, Lu Jinye slowly closed his eyes.

Mu Zhi looked at Lu Jinye and took a deep breath. She felt almost suffocated.

She didn't expect Lu Jinye to be her savior.

"Lu Jinye."

Mu Zhi couldn't help but call out Lu Jinye's name.

"Don't lose me. You have to stay conscious."

Mu Zhi cried out Lu Jinye's name once more. Lu Jinye slowly opened his eyes and fluttered his eyelashes weakly.

Nevertheless, Mu Zhi felt increasingly grief-stricken.

It continued until the ambulance arrived and brought Lu Jinye to the hospital.

Mu Zhi rushed to the hospital as well as fast as lightning. By any means, Lu Jinye got hurt because of her.

Mu Zhi felt heavy with guilt. When they got to the hospital, Lu Jinye was promptly sent to the emergency room. Mu Zhi stood in the hallway and waited for him anxiously.

Time passed by... And she got increasingly nervous as time ticked.

Chapter 320 Do You Know What's To Reap Where One Has Not Sown?

Mu Zhi did not check Lu Jinye's wound in great detail. Even though she knew that Lu Jinye's life was not in danger, she was still worried about him.

Mu Zhi was worried that Lu Jinye could be in danger. There was still a possibility for that. Then, Mu Zhi's phone rang. She stared at Xie Xiu's name on the screen and picked up without delay.

Join Telegram Group For Fast Update And Novel Query Xie Xiu's calm voice came from the other end of the phone, "Where are you?"

Mu Zhi hurriedly tried to explain when she heard Xie Xiu's voice, "I'm at the hospital. I was having my meal outside, but a car suddenly came and hit me... then..."

"Which hospital?"

Before Mu Zhi could finish, Xie Xiu interrupted her with a question.

"The First Hospital."

Mu Zhi's voice was shaking.

After Xie Xiu hung up, he dashed out of the company to the hospital.

When he saw Mu Zhi in the hallway, he hurried up to her. Holding Mu Zhi's hand, he frowned and asked in concern, "Are you alright?"

"Yes, I am. Luckily some good Samaritan saved me. But his life is in danger right now."

Mu Zhi explained at once.

The lights of the operation theatre went off. The operation was over. Before Xie Xiu and Mu Zhi could ask about the situation, Lu Jinye was pushed out.

Mu Zhi hurriedly walked over for a look and asked the doctor about his condition.

The doctor replied curtly, "The patient should wake up within 8 hours. There's nothing to worry about except for a broken hand and some bruises."

But he had conducted a thorough check on his body due to his prominence.

After listening to the doctor's explanation, Mu Zhi sighed in relief and hurriedly thanked the doctor once more.

At this moment, Xie Xiu walked over and saw the man lying on the hospital bed...

It was Lu Jinye!

When he saw Lu Jinye's face, shock and anxiety flashed across his face for a moment.

But these emotions were just for a split second.

Mu Zhi thanked the doctor once again and followed the nurse who was transferring Lu Jinye to the VIP ward.

She breathed a sigh of relief as she turned around.

Then she updated Xie Xiu of Lu Jinye's current situation.

After her narration, it suddenly came to Mu Zhi's realization that she had been patronizing Lu Jinye's injuries. She had followed him all the way from the accident scene to the hospital.

That she didn't notice where the culprit went.

"I didn't check the car that intended to hit me. Can you send someone to check the surveillance cameras?"

It suddenly occurred to Mu Zhi.

"Don't worry and leave it all to me."

Xie Xiu promised as he picked up his mobile phone and made a call to have it done.

Then he assured Mu Zhi, "You should go home and rest first. I will take care of all these things, okay?"

Mu Zhi glanced at Lu Jinye's ward anxiously. She was obviously still on pins and needles.

Xie Xiu gazed at Mu Zhi seriously and promised her, "I will be here, trust me."

Convinced, Mu Zhi nodded her head.

Xie Xiu immediately asked the driver to escort Mu Zhi back.

Before leaving, Mu Zhi reminded Xie Xiu, "You must notify me as soon as possible when he comes into consciousness."

Xie Xiu nodded.

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Five hours later, Lu Jinye woke up.

When he found himself in the hospital, he couldn't help but scoff at himself.

He wasn't in time to wear a seat belt, and he was not even prepared to save Mu Zhi all by himself too.

Fortunately...nothing very serious happened to him.

Just then, the door of the ward was pushed open.

Xie Xiu walked in from the door. He greeted Lu Jinye casually, "Hello, Mr. Lu."

When Lu Jinye heard a noise, he struggled to sit up. When he saw that it was Xie Xiu, he immediately fixed a distant smile on his face.

"Long time no see, Mr. Xie."

"Thank you, Mr. Lu, for saving my wife's life."

Xie Xiu didn't refrain himself. He was a smart person. Since Lu Jinye had appeared by Mu Zhi's side and even saved her life, he didn't need to hide anything from him.

Lu Jinye and Xie Xiu were both smart people.

Dialogues between smart people had always been turbulent and dark.

"Mr. Xie's wife?"

Lu Jinye asked Xie Xiu, with a smile on his lips.

He seemed to have seen through Xie Xiu's deceit.

But Xie Xiu showed no fear. He glanced at Lu Jinye nonchalantly and asked, "Is there any problem?"

"When did you and your wife meet?"

"We were childhood friends."

Xie Xiu answered.

Lu Jinye's lips couldn't help but sneer, "I don't think I need your gratitude. I should be the one thanking you instead over your care for my wife all these years."

Lu Jinye carried a hint of mockery in his tone as he spoke.

Then he continued gently, "Let me tell you a story for the idiom "The Dove Occupying the Magpie's Nest", that we have here.

"Birds like turtle doves never make their nests. They only wait for the magpies to build their nests before they force them away to occupy the nests."

However, Xie Xiu replied to Lu Jinye with a smile on his lips.

"The process is not important. What matters is the person holding the trophy in the end."

Xie Xiu looked at Lu Jinye with extra confidence.

Just as the two were facing each other, the door of the ward was suddenly pushed open again. Mu Zhi walked in with a thermos.

She went to Xie Xiu's side and asked Xie Xiu first, "Why didn't you notify me? I only knew that he had awoken when I called the hospital to ask about the bill."

Mu Zhi tried her best to behave normally in front of Lu Jinye.

Then, she walked towards Lu Jinye and said, "Mr. Lu, thank you for your life-saving grace. I had this nourishing soup specially made for you by my maid at home. I hope it's to your liking."

Xie Xiu had fixed a hypocritical smile on his face when Mu Zhi arrived.

He added, "Mr. Lu, thank you very much for saving my wife. No words can express my gratitude towards you."

"There's no need for Mr. Xie to be so courteous. We should find out who instigated this as soon as possible."

"Right!"

Lu Jinye pretended to bring the matter up casually.

"I think I saw Mr. Xie's old subordinate, Rao Xue, when I was at the scene."

Mu Zhi was serving Lu Jinye some soup when the two men were talking. But when Mu Zhi heard the name Rao Xue, she froze for a while.

She couldn't help but turn around to look at Xie Xiu to watch his reaction.