FMH Marriage 1661

Chapter 1661: Quite Cute

In a private room of a certain bar in Imperial.

The woman took out a contract from her bag, then she casually lay it on the table. She lit a cigarette and lazily took a drag.

Tang Ye's eyes stayed on the contract for a second before he reached out to take it.

He flipped it over slightly. He was then surprised to see the share transfer agreement already signed with a woman's name, Song Lin.

Yun Shen leaned on the sofa and held a glass of red wine in his hand. He looked at the signed agreement from the corner of his eyes and asked, "What? Miss Song, have you changed your mind?"

Song Lin unhurriedly exhaled the smoke. "CEO Yun offered me. I have no reason to reject it. Isn't that so?"

Yun Shen smiled faintly as he looked at this woman opposite him. Obviously, he did not believe that she would sell her shares to him because of this. If she had really been tempted by the offer, she would not have dragged it on for so long.

"Who would have thought... that you'd also be interested in the position of being Madam Lu?" Yun Shen's words were pretty explicit.

In other words, Song Lin was prepared to use this five percent of shares to seize Lu Tingxiao, but she had failed.

Song Lin raised her brows ever so slightly as she said indistinctly, "There is something I'm indeed interested in, but it's not Lu Tingxiao."

"Oh?"

Some unknown thought flashed through Song Lin's mind and a passionate fire lit her eyes up. "I wonder if you know that girl by Lu Tingxiao's side, CEO Yun?"

Yun Shen's hand that was pensively swirling his wine glass had reflexively paused, "Ning Xi? I've heard of her. Why?"

Song Lin's head tilted to the side and she laughed lightly. "She's quite cute."

The corner of Yun Shen's mouth twitched as he was speechless.

Even Tang Ye's expression darkened.

Clearly, the two of them had not expected to hear such an answer.

When Song Lin saw this, she raised her brows. "CEO Yun, you aren't like those vulgar commoners, are you?"

Yun Shen's expression darkened slightly. He was not interested in Song Lin's sexual orientation. Besides, he did not find this strange either.

He really did not expect that Song Lin's final reason to take on a united front with him to be this outrageous.

It was a possibility that Song Lin had tried to use this five percent of shares to exchange Ning Xi with Lu Tingxiao, but he had rejected, so she had come looking for him.

On one hand, it could have been because of Lu Tingxiao's rejection. On the other hand, it was also likely because she had yet to have given up...

The Lu family had already had thoughts of connecting families by marriages. The more pressure the Lu Corporation was under, the quicker this matter would be urged and prompted. When that happened, Lu Tingxiao would need to marry another woman, and the two of them would naturally break up...

A few moments of contemplation later, Yun Shen hurled out his hand. "Well then, Miss Song, happy collaborating!"

The enemy's enemy is a friend.

There was one more saying. The mantis stalks the cicada, unaware of the oriole behind [1].

"Happy collaborating!"

Yun Shen was about to continue explaining some details related to the contract when his phone suddenly rang.

"Hello?"

"Boss, Hei Long has been rescued!"

"Rescued?" Yun Shen was surprised at the news he heard. "Got it. I'll be back right away."

After he finished his call, Yun Shen looked apologetically to the woman before him. "Apologies, I have some emergency to deal with. I'll discuss in detail with you on another day, Miss Song."

"Feel free to, CEO Yun!"

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In the suburbs of Beijing.

Yun Shen and Tang Ye had rushed back.

"What happened? Who made the move?" Yun Shen asked in a lowered voice.

Previously, even Feng Xiaoxiao could not get him out, so how had he been rescued?

Initially, he had already prepared to plan for the worst because based on his understanding of Lu Tingxiao, he would definitely not let them have any chances of getting the person out!

Chapter 1662: Helping In Secret

The henchman replied, "I was patrolling when I saw a person by the door. I looked closely and realized it was Hei Long..."

Yun Shen squinted his eyes. "You mean... Hei Long appeared there on his own?"

"Yes!"

"Did someone from our side take action?"

The henchman grimaced a little. "I thought it was someone from our side who did it too, but after my investigation, everyone gave up after your orders from the last time. Therefore, there shouldn't be anyone who'd have done it on their own. Boss, do you think Hei Long escaped on his own?"

Yun Shen glanced over. "Escaped on his own? You want to try it out yourself?"

"Uhh..." The henchmen were afraid and they stopped talking.

Even Feng Xiaoxiao failed to rescue Hei Long from the place he was detained. She had even almost lost her life. Hei Long looked really exhausted, so it was impossible for him to escape on his own.

"Where's he?" Yun Shen asked.

"Upstairs. He's still unconscious."

"Let me know the moment he's awake."

"Got it!"

Yun Shen tilted his head and looked at the quiet Tang Ye. He slung his arm over his shoulder. "Ye, what are you thinking about?"

Tang Ye came back to his senses and spoke, "I feel like something is odd. It's impossible for Hei Long to escape on his own, but it's not our people who rescued him. This means..."

"Someone's helping us in secret?" He naturally led up to the same conclusion.

Tang Ye looked at the henchman who had found Hei Long. "Get someone to investigate if there's any reaction from Lu Tingxiao's side."

"Got it!"

Soon, news came back.

"Boss, Bro Ye, we've looked into it. An anonymous person forcefully broke in and took Hei Long away from Lu Tingxiao's place. There were no traces left. Even Lu Tingxiao doesn't know who did it. They probably thought we did it!" The henchman replied.

"Forcefully broke in?" Yun Shen dragged out.

Tang Ye's expression changed. The detaining location was inundated with numerous traps, not just anyone could break through it. One would simply need the knowledge of solving traps and extremely rich experience.

Tang Ye said in a deep voice, "What we can be sure about is that someone is helping us in the dark. There are two possibilities of who this person is. One, this person is on another level above Xiaoxiao. The people whom I know under this category won't help us without a good reason. Two, there's a traitor among Lu Tingxiao's people who helped us to get Hei Long out."

Yun Shen stroked his chin. "Huh, things are getting more interesting..."

"Boss, Hei Long's woken up!" Suddenly, someone rushed in and reported.

Inside one of the room upstairs.

The man was struggling to get up when he saw Tang Ye and Yun Shen. "Boss, Bro Ye..."

Tang Ye put his hand on the man's shoulder gently. "Lie down. We just have something to ask you. Who rescued you?"

Hei Long was taken aback. "It wasn't you guys who sent someone for me?"

"You didn't see who rescued you?" Tang Ye frowned.

Hei Long tried to remember. "I remember I was sleeping at that time, then I realized someone was closing in. Before I could see who was it, I lost consciousness and when I woke up, I was already here..."

Chapter 1663: Taking My Spotlight?

Tang Ye and Yun Shen looked at each other silently.

Soon, Qiao Yi arrived after he found out what happened.

"What happened?"

Tang Ye summarized the incident to Qiao Yi.

Qiao Yi then threw sharp gazes at Hei Long who was still on the bed.

Hei Long endured his injury and quickly spoke, "Boss, Uncle Qiao, rest assured. I only told them some useless information. They tried everything to know about our underground deals. Luckily, I was rescued tonight... If not... I might... really not have made through it..."

It was not unusual for them to be this nervous when Hei Long had been captured by Lu Tingxiao. The situation had been really jumpy lately. A wrong move at this point might be fatal. If their underground deals were exposed, they would have to half all their trades, and the loss of revenue would be severely destructive. If they did not stop, they would get caught red-handed...

As Hei Long was speaking, Feng Xiaoxiao stormed into the room as she rolled up her sleeves. "Damn it! Who is it!? Taking away my spotlight? Hei Long! Who got you out?"

Even she as the top mercenary had not been able to rescue him, and now he was alive and well! What a humiliation!

"Sis Xiao, I was unconscious, so I don't know as well..." Hei Long put on a bitter smile, not forgetting to put out someone's rage. "It might be a traitor from the Lu Corporation..." Qiao Yi looked at Feng Xiaoxiao with a darkened expression. "Xiaoxiao, from now on, you don't have to bother with any other mission. Finish your S-ranked mission within a month!"

Feng Xiaoxiao's back tensed up and she almost cried, "Yes, Master!"

Damn it! Clearing that mission within a month was like asking her to die!

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The next morning, at the Lu residence.

"What did you say?" Lu Chongshan stood up angrily as he listened to the reports from his subordinates.

Yan Ruyi looked anxious as well. "Did you say Song Lin sold all her shares... to that person?"

"Yes, I've already confirmed it."

"Does Tingxiao know about it already?" Lu Chongshan asked in a deep voice.

"CEO Lu already knows about it."

"Okay, you can leave now!" Lu Chongshan waved his hands impatiently.

After the subordinate left, Lu Chongshan could not suppress his anger anymore. "This Song Lin... We, the Lu Corporation, have not been mistreating her over the years, yet she betrayed us at this critical moment without batting an eye. Artistes are heartless! That's for sure!"

Yan Ruyi frowned. "I thought Song Lin was a pretty nice person... I didn't expect..."

"Where's Little Treasure? Is he up yet? We can't just keep waiting anymore!" Lu Chongshan said in a rush.

He had been really pleased when Little Treasure tried to accept other girls and was really cooperative by staying over and choosing the girls for his father seriously.

However, as time passed by, he realized that the little guy was serious. In fact, he was a little too serious and he took such a long time just shortlisting. Until now, the party had not happened yet.

Things were getting worse with time. He simply could not wait anymore!

"Grandfather, Grandmother!" At this moment, a cute little bun walked down the stairs.

Chapter 1664: Cute Little Grandson

The little bun was very adorable today. His face was a little red. Furthermore, the way he called "Grandfather, Grandmother" just melted their hearts. They would not hesitate to pick out the stars from the sky if he asked for it.

"Little Treasure, come over to Grandfather!" Lu Chongshan's expression turned from angry to happy the instant he saw his grandson. "I want a hug from Grandfather!" The little guy opened his arms wide as he walked over to his grandfather.

Lu Chongshan was overjoyed as he held the little guy in his arms. "Okay, hugs for you!"

"Grandfather, Father is coming over to pick me up later. It's been a long time since I've been with Father, but don't you worry. I'll be back to accompany you soon. Don't miss me too much!" The little guy was chatting to his grandfather like he was the adult.

Lu Chongshan felt really content. "Alright, you're such a good child!"

Yan Ruyi was speechless by her husband's transformation and she coughed lightly to remind him.

Who had been the one in a rush just now? He forgot about everything when he saw Little Treasure...

Lu Chongshan came back to his senses, then he hemmed awkwardly as he looked at his dear grandson and asked gently, "Little Treasure, are you done picking from the list already? We have to finalize it within this month!"

Little Treasure's mind was working fast. He knew that his plan to delay had come to an end. He could start the next phase now, so he nodded, "Alright, Grandfather, I'll be quick. I'll be done in the next few days!"

Lu Chongshan let out a sigh of relief. "That's great, that's great..."

His cute grandson was the best!

Little Treasure went to his grandmother and held onto her hands before he asked with a serious expression, "Grandmother, what kind of daughter-in-law do you like? I, Little Treasure, will surely pick someone nice and filial, so she can take care of Grandmother with me!"

Yan Ruyi was really touched by his words. "Good boy, thank you very much...'

As Yan Ruyi and Lu Chongshan were talking to their grandson, Lu Chongshan caught a glance of his own son at the door and his expression darkened.

"You're here."

Lu Tingxiao saw that his son had dealt with both the elders well. "Mm-hmm, I'm here to get Little Treasure."

Lu Chongshan's expression turned dour. It was obvious that they were going to see that woman, but he did not point it out to avoid making Little Treasure unhappy.

"Do you know about what Song Lin's done already?" Lu Chongshan asked.

"Yes." Lu Tingxiao had zero expression on his face, making Lu Chongshan feel like he had punched cotton.

He wanted to avoid fighting in front of Little Treasure, so he stopped talking. "Go now, be careful!"

"Goodbye, Grandfather. Goodbye, Grandmother!"

"Alright, goodbye, Little Treasure!"

"Be careful!"

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In the car, Little Treasure switched from cute grandson mode to his usual cool mode.

"Where's Mommy?" As expected, his first question was about his mother.

"At your aunt's place. We'll go to the airport to send her off first," replied Lu Tingxiao.

"Mmm." The little bun nodded and never said anything else. He was busy working on something on his phone.

Chapter 1665: Not Love

At the Mo residence.

Mo Lingtian was sleeping soundly when he was suddenly awoken by the sound of the phone ringing. He was instantly fired up. "Who is it? Early in the morning... Looking for death?"

"Bloody hell! Mo Lingtian, I'm getting married today! You said you'd be with the bros to pick up the bride. Look at what time it is!" From the other end of the phone came a man's raging voice.

Mo Lingtian was stunned for a moment and he murmured in a daze, "Pick up the bride?"

"Dude! You didn't forget, did you? I don't want to nag you, Mo Lingtian, but what's up with you nowadays? You're always distracted, you don't come for gatherings, you don't join for socials either, now you've even forgotten about something as huge as me getting married!"

"You're so noisy! Why are you foolishly shouting? I'll be there right away!" Mo Lingtian hung up and irritatedly ruffled his messy hair, then he showered and changed before swiftly rushing downstairs.

In the living room, Mo Jianzhang and Kang Shuhui were having breakfast.

Mo Lingtian casually picked up a piece of buttered toast. "Father, Mother, I won't be having breakfast. I've got an emergency and I've got to leave now!"

Kang Shuhui frowned and tried to stop him. "You should at least have some breakfast. It's so early. Where are you rushing to?"

"Hao Zi is getting married!" Mo Lingtian casually answered.

"Oh, right... the son of the Zhuos is getting married today..." Kang Shuhui vaguely recalled. She was still mumbling blankly when she came back to her senses moments later. "Quickly go then, don't be late!" "Mmm," Mo Lingtian answered muffledly before he rushed out of the door.

He had just reached the door when Mo Lingtian's face sunk.

Had it been in the past, when he had friends who were getting married or even if they had just gotten a girlfriend, his parents would take turns to nag him for three days straight. They would urge him to get a girlfriend and shove marriage down his throat.

However, ever since that incident, the two of them had not even once mentioned getting him a girlfriend or urging him to get married...

Since he turned 20 years old, his ears had never experienced such peace!

It was so peaceful that he was not used to it...

The murmurs of a woman faintly flashed across his mind...

Lingtian, the last thing... I could do for you...

He knew that he owed her too much, but this self-blame and guilt was not love.

Mo Lingtian wiped his face as if he was trying very hard to wipe the chaos in his head away. Then, he started his car engine.

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At the Imperial airport.

Ning Xi was reluctant to part ways as she hugged the girl tightly. "Sis Tianxin! I hate to part with you!"

"I'll contact you often."

"Remember to take care of yourself well. If you need anything, you must let me know!"

"Got it!"

"Also, you must remember to continue to take the medicine that Annie prescribed you. Also, the public safety abroad isn't as good as it is here, so you have to be particularly careful. Don't go out alone at night. Also... also..."

When she saw that Ning Xi was not stopping nagging her, there was an extremely feeble voice from a certain someone on the side, "Please, there's still me accompanying her. Do you have to be so worried? I guarantee that I'll properly help Tianxin settle down. Please relax!"

Ning Xi hugged Tianxin, then she shot Qin Mufeng a look of warning. "The thing I'm most worried about is you!"

Qin Mufeng looked innocent as he turned to Lu Tingxiao for help.

Lu Tingxiao held Ning Xi by the shoulders and patted her to console her, "Okay, be good. It's about time. Mufeng is very familiar with the place abroad, and I've also arranged for the branch assistant to fetch them from the airport, so there won't be a problem."

"Okay..." Ning Xi finally let go of Ning Tianxin with a heavy heart. "Sis Tianxin, goodbye! Little Treasure, come say goodbye to your aunt!"

Chapter 1666: All Good Things Must Come To An End

Little Treasure obediently walked up, then he looked up and said crisply, "Aunt, this is a present that I've prepared for you!"

The little guy very caringly presented a parting gift. It was a portrait he had done of Ning Tianxin based on the picture his mother had sent him and even came complete with a frame for her to hang up.

Apart from drawing his mother, this little guy seldom drew portraits. One could see that he had a positive impression of this aunt and really liked her.

Ning Tianxin fondled it admiringly, her expression incredibly gentle as she looked at the little guy before her. She squatted down to hug him lightly. "Thank you, thank you, Little Treasure! I really like it!"

The little guy's body was soft, and there was even a whiff of milk fragrance on him, making one's eyes well up for some reason.

Ning Tianxin quickly let go of him. "Xiao Xi, I'm leaving now. You guys should go back!"

"Mmm, take care!"

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After they sent Ning Tianxin off, Ning Xi's mood was a little somber.

When the little bun saw his mother in such a low mood, he immediately started to comfort her very seriously, "Mommy, don't be sad. All good things must come to an end. In fact, Little Treasure believes that Aunty will have a new and even better start!"

Ning Xi looked at her dearest son and instantly laughed between tears. "Mmm, Little Treasure, you're right!"

Qin Mufeng had said that he was going to America for work, so he could coincidentally be with Ning Tianxin and look after her on the journey too.

This dude had long admitted his intentions towards Ning Tianxin to Ning Xi, so Ning Xi knew that he had ulterior motives. Whether or not this two would turn into a pair in the end was still a mystery.

If they did, Qin Mufeng was actually a rather reliable partner.

Far away, the plane was buzzed and rose into the sky, gradually flying further and further until it vanished from sight...

Ning Xi finally retrieved her reluctant gaze, then she sent a message in her moments [1]. "All good things must come to an end, my dearest sweetheart. I believe you'll have a brand new and even better start!"

At a certain high-end villa district in Imperial.

A lively wedding was going on. A group of people were messing and joking around, and the atmosphere was exceptionally enthusiastic.

"Not allowed to enter, not allowed! Where's your red packet?"

"Hand over the red packet!"

"No, no! That's not enough! Do a hundred push-ups first!"

"Whoa, are you guys trying to act dumb!? How do you get ten people to do ten each!?"

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Mo Lingtian followed the groom and had blended into the crowd. From time to time, he followed and came up with some rotten ideas. After being tortured for half a day, he finally helped his buddy to enter the bride's room smoothly.

Zhuo Haoran was one of the loiterers in their circle. Usually, he would be all over town, enjoying cockfights and dog racing. Now, when he saw his wife, he would smile like a fool. At that moment, he was clumsily helping the girl put on her shoes...

Mo Lingtian leaned on the wall to stand, quietly watching this scene before him. It was clearly so lively right now, yet for some reason, his heart felt empty.

His phone rang from time to time. He casually opened up the moments folder and scrolled through it. All of it was friends from the circle who wished Zhao Haoran well for his wedding, and he clicked a few likes in passing.

As he continued to scroll down, Mo Lingtian's expression suddenly turned stiff.

Female Monster posted: "All good things must come to an end, my dearest sweetheart. Hope you will have new beginnings!"

"Female Monster" was the nickname he gave Ning Xi.

Sweetheart [2]...?

When he read this word and combined the meaning of the sentence, Mo Lingtian's expression suddenly stiffened as he quickly clicked on the below picture.

There was a picture attached and in the picture was a delicate frame. In the middle of the frame was a brightly colored hyperbole-styled portrait, but based on the features, one could instantly recognize that that was Ning Tianxin...

Chapter 1667: Unconditional Assistance

Mo Lingtian repeatedly read that line on his phone and studied that picture over and over again.

That drawing style was clearly Little Treasure's, and the person in the portrait should be Ning Tianxin, no doubt.

All good things must come to an end... What did this mean?

At this moment, he noticed Ning Xi's location as Imperial Airport.

When he read the location address properly, Mo Lingtian's fingers trembled. Before his head could react, his body had already rushed out.

"Eh? Mo Lingtian! Where are you going?"

"What's up with this guy?"

"I don't know!"

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All of the voices disappeared behind him. Mo Lingtian had gone down and hopped into his car at the quickest speed possible.

In the driver's seat, Mo Lingtian looked at that message from the corner of his eye again. He was about to start his engine when he hesitated. He suddenly stopped everything that he was doing.

Ning Xi had posted this status an hour ago...

This meant that... she was probably long gone...

Even if he got lucky and she had not left, he was at the peak of a mountain. It would take at least two hours to get to the airport from here, so he would not be able to make it.

Suddenly, Mo Lingtian felt as if he had abruptly fallen from a towering cliff. The weightlessness mixed with dizziness instantly engulfed him.

It was not sure how long had passed. The man still held onto his phone and lay on the steering wheel. He did not move at all, and the part of his chest, where his heart was beating, felt as if it had been forcibly hollowed out as a cold wind whistled by.

As if it was only at this point that he was truly aware, that girl who had stood at the same spot no matter where he turned had really, thoroughly left his life...

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After leaving the airport.

Ning Xi was still thinking about Ning Tianxin. "Darling, what kind of person is Qin Mufeng really? Is he reliable?"

"His character isn't too bad. He's led a simple private life. His family and parents are more tolerant and open-minded."

Lu Tingxiao's few simple sentences had included all of the things Ning Xi cared about.

Ning Xi's expression softened. "Sigh, I hope this guy will work harder! I wonder how his pick up skills are like, but at least he studied psychology! If he really can't do it, then let him ask me. I'll teach him! Whatever it is, just as long as it isn't Trash Mo, as long as he's sincere towards Sis Tianxin, I'll definitely offer unconditional assistance!"

Lu Tingxiao did not know whether to laugh or cry as he looked at the way she was even graver than Qin Mufeng. "This sort of things can't be rushed. It still needs your cousin to move on by herself."

"I know..." sighed Ning Xi.

One could not blame her for worrying because she knew Ning Tianxin too well. Based on her personality, she was most unwilling to implicate others. The kinder someone treated her, the more she would be like that. She was afraid that she would really choose to spend the rest of her life alone...

It was not easy that they were out with the little bun. Ning Xi tried hard to lift her own spirits. "Baby, where do you want to play today?"

"Mommy, can we go to the theme park?"

"Of course, we can!"

The little bun was still very similar to the other normal children in this aspect. Whenever she was free, he would let her bring him to places that other children liked to play at, and there was even once that he let her bring him to KFC. The reason was that he saw other children he liked going there very often too.

The little bun was gradually blending into the crowd, becoming the same as other normal children. Naturally, Ning Xi was the happiest about this.

The family of three went around to have fun for an entire day, then they went home together feeling incredibly contented and happy.

"Mommy, can we go up the roof to look at the stars?" After they reached home, the little bun suddenly looked up, his eyes exceptionally bright as he asked.

Chapter 1668: Nothing Compares To Mommy

Ning Xi beamed and patted the little guy's head. "Sure!"

She then went up to the rooftop with the little bun.

Lu Tingxiao trailed right behind them, glancing at his son questionably.

When they reached the rooftop, Ning Xi gazed up at the sky regretfully, "What a shame! We can't see that many stars in Imperial... Next time, we'll look at the stars from Peachwood!"

The little bun watched his mother contentedly. "It's alright, Mommy. We can look at something else!"

Ning Xi blinked her eyes in confusion. "Something else? What's that?"

The little bun pursed his lips and pointed towards the sky. "This..."

Ning Xi scanned the direction the little bun pointed at. Suddenly, there was a bright flash and a stream of light popped up from below, then it exploded mid-air. Fireworks started going off one by one, forming a few words...

At the same time.

Lu Jingli was enjoying some wine by his balcony, and Jiang Muye was playing games inside his room when the both of them suddenly heard a loud explosion outside.

They then gawked at the fireworks in the sky that formed three words: "I love you".

A shadow crossed Jiang Muye's face when he saw the three words. His hands shook and his game avatar died on-screen.

"What the heck?!" Lu Jingli shot up to his feet. He leaned against the balcony railing and looked up into the sky. "Dude! Do they have to do this after all this time?! Can you please let your brother be at peace? My little heart is so wounded..."

As Lu Jingli was lamenting on and on, there was another explosion as another word appeared in the sky, "Mommy".

I love you, Mommy?

"Uhh..." Lu Jingli stood there in disbelief.

He thought his brother was being romantic, but it had been actually Little Treasure all along?

"W-wow, my little bun is amazing!"

This damned kid was impressive. Just how old was he? Besides, he would only get better when he grows up!

Jiang Muye looked like a dog when he saw the words "I love you, Mommy" and "Nothing compares to Mommy". So, the difference between him and Lu Tingxiao was but a child?

What a godly form of support! He could just kneel before him now...

Compared to Lu Jingli and Jiang Muye, the one with more mixed feelings should be... the devil himself.

He realized that the little guy had been busy preparing something since the morning, but he did not expect this...

Son, you just snatched my job away, do you know that?

However, the little guy did remind him that as time passed and the longer they dated, whilst they became more intimate and closer to each other, starting to act like an old couple, he was not really an expert at this and that their relationship was lacking some spice and romance.

His son did not get such ideas from him for sure; he received these romantic genes from Ning Xi...

"Wow... These are..." Ning Xi was really surprised before she could realize what was going on.

Despite being an outrageous flirt who knew about everything a Casanova would do, Ning Xi was just as excited as any typical girl would react right then.

"Little Treasure, did you prepare this for your Mommy?"

Little Treasure nodded shyly as he looked nervous. "Mommy, I read a book says that girls need romance! Do you like it?"

Ning Xi replied with a big hug and kisses to the little bun. "Oh! I love it!"

Chapter 1669: I Love You

Ding! Ding!

Ning Xi received two message notifications consecutively.

[Naughty King: Fine, I'll move now! Goodbye!]

[Prince of Koi: Woof!]

Ning Xi chuckled out loud.

After the fireworks ended, Ning Xi sent Little Treasure back to the Lu Residence with Lu Tingxiao.

When they returned to Platinum Palace, Lu Tingxiao suddenly took out a square box covered in black swan feathers from his pocket and gave it to her.

Ning Xi blinked her eyes. "What?"

"A present," Lu Tingxiao replied.

Ning Xi accepted it suspiciously. "It isn't a special day today. Why're you giving me a present?"

"Do I need a reason to?" Lu Tingxiao raised his eyebrows, his expression saying, "Do I really need a reason to give you a present?"

Ning Xi grinned. The moment she opened the box she almost went blind. "Oh my God!"

Lu Tingxiao had given her a diamond necklace, which seemed like a new design from TFN called "Starry Night".

As the name went, it was incredibly shiny...

"Uhh..." Ning Xi had an indescribable expression when she saw the sparkling diamond necklace.

"What's wrong?" Lu Tingxiao asked.

"Darling, you... like diamonds?" She was surprised that he had the same interest as a certain someone!

Lu Tingxiao replied casually, "I don't really like diamonds. I just like how they look on you."

Ning Xi felt like Cupid had just shot his arrow through her heart.

Her darling was the best!

Him and his magical words!

Ning Xi closed in gladly and kissed him on the cheek. "Thank you. Put it on for me!"

"Mm-hmm." Lu Tingxiao took the necklace and carefully helped the girl wear it.

"Does it look good?"

Ning Xi mostly wore jades and stones, and rarely diamonds because she was really sick of diamonds, but at the moment, she felt that this necklace was extremely beautiful. No wonder all women loved diamonds!

Lu Tingxiao gently hugged the girl by her waist. There was a tint of darkness in his tone as he comforted firmly, "Xiao Xi, give me a little more time. Believe me and I'll solve everything. The tea party will happen in a few days' time, but Little Treasure bought me enough time to solve everything."

"Mmm, I believe in you!"

Ning Xi expression looked a little troubled. She did not know what Lu Tingxiao was up to and how far he would go. The other party was not an easy opponent. If he were forced into a corner...

That person had saved her life after all. If his life was in danger, she was afraid that she could not just be a bystander anymore...

Lu Tingxiao seemed to be able to see through her. He spoke as he caressed the girl's hair. "The Lus have a house rule. We forbid siblings from hurting each other."

Ning Xi was relieved when she heard that. She understood what Lu Tingxiao meant. He was saying that if it ever reached that point, no matter what the other side did, he would not kill him off.

Not just because of the Lu family house rule, it was probably... because of her... because he was afraid that she would feel troubled...

"Lu Tingxiao, thank you..."

"Mmm?" Lu Tingxiao raised his eyebrows. "You sure that's what you're trying to say?"

Ning Xi smiled and kissed the man on his lower lip. "Okay, it should be... I love you!"

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Chapter 1670: Foolish Humans

Since Ning Xi had some free time after she was done shooting, she took some time to prepare a lovely and healthy lunchbox for Little Treasure to bring to school. It had been a really tough period for the little bun recently because as a little child, he had to be burdened with the adults' affairs.

Hopefully, this would all end soon...

Three days passed.

With the bustling preparation of the whole Lu family, the long-awaited "Socialite Tea Party" began.

To welcome all the socialites, the whole Lu residence was refurbished. There was an elegant vibe across the classical interior design, and various luxury cars were parked by the entrance. Everyone was dressed to the nines and there were all kinds of girls were present. It was a dazzling sight.

It was impossible for Lu Jingli to not be there for some juicy gossip on such a big day. Well, he was just there to gawk around anyway...

At the moment, the grandeur of the scene almost gave him goosebumps.

Luckily, he had his brother as his shield. If not, this horrible scenario might have happened to him instead.

"Jingli, what are you doing here? Go and fetch Little Treasure from school!"

"Understood!"

"Also, don't think you're uninvolved. Look around today and see if there's any girl you like!"

"Mother, what did you say? The wind is too strong I can't hear you—", Lu Jingli let his voice fade, then he ran away.

Yan Ruyi glared at his son helplessly.

Whatever! She had to settle her sons one by one then. Her priority now was to take care of this matter for Tingxiao.

"Aunty Lu, why don't I see Little Treasure anywhere?" A sweet-looking girl came over and asked.

"Little Treasure is still in school. Jingli has gone to fetch him already! Please wait for a while, everyone. Let's go and have some tea first!"

"I see, it's alright! Studies are important!"

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Soon, Little Treasure came back with Lu Jingli.

While most of the socialites here were not seeing Little Treasure for the first time, they were still charmed by the little guy who shared the same facial features and manner as Lu Tingxiao.

Even when they knew Lu Tingxiao had a son whose mother was unknown, even if they knew they were going to become a stepmother after marrying him, it was hard for them to not like him when he was such a cute boy.

"The prince is so cute!"

"I'd wake up smiling from my dream if I had such a cute son!"

"I heard the prince is actually pretty easygoing..."

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Lu Jingli mumbled to himself as he realized that the girls were deceived by Little Treasure's innocent appearance, "Tsk tsk, foolish humans! I'm sure you'll all cry later..."

The little bun was very efficient. He took out the deck of materials he had prepared, then he told his grandparents, "Grandfather, Grandmother, we can start now."

"You just came back. Don't you want to rest first?" Lu Chongshan was a little worried.

"It's alright, Grandfather. I'm not tired. Let's get on with this quickly." The little bun looked serious.

Lu Chongshan replied happily, "Alright, we'll go with what you say. Let's start now! Are the rules still like what we've discussed before?"

Little Treasure nodded. "Mmm, I'll give out the questions since they differ for each person. I'll give the questions based on the situation. Those who can answer will stay for the next round."

"Okay!" Lu Chongshan asked the butler to inform everyone that they would start now.