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Chapter 661: My Dear...

At the old Minister's house.

Lu Tingxiao sat on the bedside as he held Ning Xi's hand. A group of doctors was busily extracting blood from Ning Xi to check her body thoroughly just in case she had any other sickness, wounds, or had been injected with any drugs.

The frown on Lu Tingxiao's forehead remained the entire time.

"Mr. Lu, please wait, we will only know the results in two hours, at most."

"She's having a very high fever."

"It's because her wound is infected. It's a good thing Madam had done some cleaning up herself, or else she would have lost her leg if the bullet had been left for too long inside her body."

Lu Tingxiao's heart ached. The treasure he had so carefully protected within his palm had only left for a short while, and within that timeframe, she had become like this. How could his heart not ache?!

Two hours later, the report finally came out.

"Mr. Lu, the results are out. Madam Lu's body is all normal. Except for the gunshot wound on her leg, there aren't any other problems."

When he heard this, both Lu Tingxiao and the old Minister breathed a sigh of relief. The latter immediately ordered everyone to watch the girl carefully and he arranged the best room in the house for them.

Because he thought Lu Tingxiao and Ning Xi were husband and wife, he naturally arranged for one room only.

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Because Ning Xi was quite injured this time, she had slept for one entire day and night. Her fever soon subsided.

To please Lu Tingxiao, the old Minister had organized a dinner at the lobby with many high-ranking officials and business moguls invited as guests.

At the dinner, they all had a multitude of words of admiration and concern for Lu Tingxiao.

"It's a good thing Madam Lu is safe this time, or else it would be hard for us to escape the blame!"

"Exactly! God blessed the good ones like Madam Lu!"

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Lu Tingxiao did not correct anyone who called Ning Xi his wife.

In that case, the distinction between a wife and a lover was very different. To have America mobilize their military resources for any woman would obviously be a little hard to explain, so he had just called Ning Xi his wife right from the beginning. It was impossible that these people would investigate if he really was married either.

Even though Lu Tingxiao was already used to such occasions, he was obviously distracted this time around. His heart was still hung up on the person who had not woken up yet.

He constantly wondered if she would feel afraid or suddenly fall ill again after she woke up and found herself in a foreign place.

The dinner table was still filled with drinks and lively conversations. Lu Tingxiao leaned his head on one hand while his other hand held the stem of a wine glass. His fingers were rhythmically knocking on the glass.

He was obviously getting impatient. He looked at the time and was prepared to excuse himself.

Just as he was prepared to stand up, someone suddenly appeared in the banquet hall...

Well, strictly speaking, someone hopped in.

Ning Xi stood there on one leg, wearing a loose and warm cream silk sleeping gown. Her long hair tumbled messily on her shoulders, while her forehead was covered in a light sheen of perspiration. She looked terrified as if she had experienced something incredibly traumatic...

It was not until she looked across the long dinner table and saw the man who held a glass in his hand on the other end that she finally calmed down.

She had a dream, a horrible one. A nightmare that Lu Tingxiao had died under cannon fire to save her...

"Bo-"

When she saw Lu Tingxiao sitting there looking well, Ning Xi felt reassured. At the same time, the other people entered her line of vision.

The table was full of well-dressed people...obviously, they were some kind of honorary guests...

From Ning Xi's daze, a clarity suddenly emerged a clarity. Just as she had almost blurted out to call "Boss", she instantly changed it to "My dear..."

Chapter 662: My Dear, What Kind Of Wife Do You Like?

A dead silence hung across the banquet hall.

However, the phrase "my dear" was deafening enough to Lu Tingxiao.

"This is...Madam Lu?" someone finally asked after a while.

Lu Tingxiao stood up and walked towards the girl, his cold eyes staring right at the girl's injured legs. "Why aren't you wearing any shoes?"

Ning Xi avoided his sharp gaze. "I did...but it broke..."

Lu Tingxiao held her in his arms quietly.

Ning Xi put her hands around his neck naturally, then she glanced at the people in the banquet hall and asked softly, "Did I do something wrong? My dear, why aren't you saying anything?"

She was scared! She had just woken up from her sleep and had not done this on purpose!

Ning Xi's adaptation to the situation was so quick that she was already comfortable addressing Lu Tingxiao as "my dear". She did know how much of an impact her casual words brought to Lu Tingxiao.

Lu Tingxiao straightened his back and turned to everyone. "I'm sorry, my wife isn't feeling well. Please excuse us."

Everyone smiled. "It's alright, CEO Lu! Don't mind us!"

"Of course! Your wife is certainly more important!"

"I see now it's true that men who love and care for their wife are the most reliable ones!"

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Everyone broke into excited chatter after Lu Tingxiao went away with Ning Xi in his arms.

"I would never expect Lu Tingxiao to make such a big deal just for a woman, but it seems that he really loves her! Thank God that nothing happened to her. Otherwise..."

"That's weird, isn't Lu Tingxiao single? Where did his wife come from? I've been wanting to ask since just now!"

"It's not unusual for people to get married in secret. It's even more common for people like Lu Tingxiao..."

"Ah, my daughter has been missing Mr. Lu since the last time she saw him. I didn't expect him to be married already!"

"There probably wasn't any chance for your daughter anyway!"

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In the bedroom.

"Ah! Madam Lu! Where did you go? I was so scared!" The nurse had just gone out for a while and Ning Xi was already gone when she returned to the room, so she panicked. "It's alright, let me do it," assured Lu Tingxiao.

"Oh, alright!" The nurse glanced at Lu Tingxiao shyly and left the room.

Lu Tingxiao lifted the sheets and lay Ning Xi on the bed gently.

Ning Xi asked, "Boss, was I smart enough just now to catch on to you?"

Lu Tingxiao squinted his eyes at her. "Not smart enough to cover your mistake."

Ning Xi looked down at the sheets. "I really barge in on purpose..."

"Why did you get up when you're still feeling unwell?" Lu Tingxiao vented. How could she still run around with injuries on her legs?

"Ugh, I had a nightmare..."

Lu Tingxiao sighed, then he explained, "To be able to rescue you this time, I had to lie and say that you're my wife. So, during our stay here, you might have to act as one. But it won't last long. We'll go back as soon as you feel better."

"No problem! Acting is my profession after all!" Ning Xi reassured him, "I can act as any kind of wife you like!"

Chapter 663: Teach Me How To Confess My Feelings To A Man!

Ning Xi looked at Lu Tingxiao, full of curiosity. "Boss, what kind of wife do you like? The gentle type? The unreasonable type? The funny type? Cute? Silly?"

Lu Tingxiao glanced at her. "I like all of them."

Ning Xi smirked. "Boss, you're terribly greedy..."

"Because that's all you." Because she embodied those characteristics, he liked all of them.

Ning Xi remained silent. Since she was still feeling weak, she was afraid that her heart could not withstand his flirtatious advances.

At a five star hotel in D.C.

There was still no news of Ning Xi after three days and Guo Qisheng was extremely worried. "Muye, who did you ask help from last night? Is he actually reliable?"

Jiang Muye brooded and did not say a word.

Unreliable? If he was unreliable, then there would not be anyone else that could be counted on.

Jiang Muye had actually struggled to call Lu Tingxiao. He hated himself for being so helpless and useless. He could not stand that he was unable to protect the woman he loved and had to rely on someone else's help...

He believed in karma now; he was so used to breaking girls' hearts and now he was paying the price...

He had called Cheng Feng for an update earlier on and realized that the problem was much bigger than he thought, so he did not want to keep disturbing him.

But considering that some time had already passed, could there be some latest news?

He decided to make a phone call. If God gave him another chance, he...he might never have made this torturous call!

"Hello, Uncle, did you find her?"

"Mm-hmm."

"How's Ning Xi? Is she alright? Can I speak to her?"

Lu Tingxiao frowned, not wanting Ning Xi to be bothered at the moment.

Well, okay, fine, he simply did not want his wife to talk to any man! Especially when this particular man was obviously still missing his wife. He cared so much for her that he was feeling defensive.

Ning Xi was measuring her temperature when her sharp hearing senses picked up Jiang Muye's voice and she panicked. "Ah! I've gone missing! The crew must be worried sick! Dear, let me talk to him!"

From various aspects, Ning Xi really was an exceptional actress...

The speed of putting herself into the role and her professionalism...No one could ever know!

Lu Tingxiao nodded curtly and handed her the phone.

Ning Xi quickly greeted, "Hello, Jiang Muye!"

"Ning Xiao Xi! What have you done! You've just given me the worst scare of my life! Why did you go to Philadelphia all of a sudden?! And...did I just hear you call someone 'dear'...who are you calling?" Jiang Muye asked like a bullet train.

"It must have been your imagination!" Ning Xi blushed and made up a lie on the spot. "Well, you know, laws pretty much don't exist here. I was kidnapped but thankfully your uncle was here in time. Everything is alright now!"

"How about you? Are you okay? Are you injured?" Jiang Muye asked in concern.

"Just some minor injuries, it's no big deal. Oh, right...I actually have something important to discuss with you now!" Ning Xi informed seriously.

Ning Xi glanced around and saw Lu Tingxiao go to speak to the doctor, so she quickly said, "Teach me how to confess my feelings to a man!"

Chapter 664: Offering Myself Out Of Gratitude

A good ten seconds of silence went by.

Ning Xi could not wait any longer. "Hello...hello? Jiang Muye! Blondie! Are you there? What's with this signal?! Failing on me at such a critical moment! Hellooooo?"

Ning Xi was about to hang up and redial, but Jiang Muye suddenly replied, "I'm here..."

"Ah! You're still on the line! Quickly teach me!" Ning Xi urged.

"How...what even?! I've never confessed my feelings to a man before. How could I teach you?" Jiang Muye was clearly annoyed.

"Liar! When I was in school, I heard you confess to a handsome underclassman and he even accepted you!"

"Ning Xiao Xi, can you not? I was just joking!"

He could not do this anymore...

He felt that Ning Xi was driving him mad!

Jiang Muye took a deep breath. "Why would you ask me about confessing to a man? Ask yourself! Aren't you the most experienced?"

Ning Xi raised her eyebrows. "Well...the scums from before were too easy and I didn't get to confess on my own! Even Su Yan...he was the one who took the initiative! This is my first time, I really don't know how to!"

Jiang Muye was surprised when he also realized that indeed, she really had never confessed to a man before! Damn it! After being together for a while, he had been totally fooled, even up until now!

"Wait, I haven't asked you yet. Who's the man? Who are you trying to fool again?" Jiang Muye asked cautiously.

"Your uncle."

Again, another awkward moment of silence.

Jiang Muye felt that they were communicating on different channels...

"Why did you change your mind?"

"What's so odd about it? Your uncle saved me, so I want to offer myself out of gratitude for rescuing me!" Ning Xi replied as a matter-of-factly.

Jiang Muye had no idea what he was feeling right now, his feelings were all over the place."So, it's just because of this?"

What if the one who rescued her...had been himself and not Lu Tingxiao? Then, would she...

He had just given his chance away! To Lu Tingxiao!

"What else could it be?" Ning Xi replied.

The thought lingered in Jiang Muye's mind and he could not help but ask her, "If it was I who came to your rescue, would you have offered yourself to me as well?"

Ning Xi replied almost instantly, "Impossible! I'm not a fool."

Jiang Muye felt his heart sink to the ground.

"Go to hell, Ning Xiao Xi! Ask someone else! I don't know anything!"

"Eh...what's wrong? Are you on your period? Why are you so grumpy?"

"Get lost!"

"Please help me! I can only talk to you about this! Do you know how difficult it is for me to be this determined?" Ning Xi sighed.

Jiang Muye clenched his teeth. "Would you tell this to your exes?"

"Aren't you one?"

Jiang Muye just wanted to stop talking to her already. "Are you an idiot? My uncle has always loved you. Why would you need to confess? Just tell him how you feel directly!"

"You're not being sensitive at all! Of course, I'd like to give the person I love an unforgettable experience! I will never skip the phase of confession!"

"Bye!" Jiang Muye ended the call.

Your good friend Blondie has just received a heavy blow...

Chapter 665: Xiao Xi Xi, Who Do You Want To Confess To?

When he saw Ning Xi chatting with Jiang Muye for so long, Lu Tingxiao's expression stiffened. "Time to have your medicine."

"Oh, oh...right away!" Ning Xi hung up.

Just as she was prepared to return the phone to Lu Tingxiao, her eyes flew wide open.

On the screensaver of the phone was their selfie from the theme park!

It was such a playful photo. She thought that Lu Tingxiao was only accommodating them and did not like it himself but who knew...

Sigh, how could the devil be so hot yet so adorable?

She really wanted to make that picture her screensaver on her phone too. Sadly, her occupation did not allow such a thing, which would definitely cause unnecessary scandal.

However, she did quite like her current screensaver and it was very meaningful. It was the first portrait that Little Treasure had drawn for her. On numerous occasions since she made it her

screensaver, many people had asked her which artist had drawn her portrait and they wanted her to introduce them. However, she obviously could not announce Master Little Treasure to the world!

Lu Tingxiao watched her look at his own phone screensaver with a strange look on her face and he quickly took away the phone, passing her her pills.

Ning Xi looked at the myriad of pills with various sizes and felt her head spin. "Why are there so many pills? Do I have to eat them all?"

The nurse holding the plate by the side quickly explained, "Madam Lu, yes, you have to eat them all. You still have a slight fever and your wound was seriously infected. Apart from that, your..."

The nurse continued to ramble on with reasons to make sure that she did not miss even a single pill.

Ning Xi could only look to Lu Tingxiao for mercy.

However, Lu Tingxiao just gave her a stern look, indicating that there was no space for negotiation at all. "If you don't want to swallow the pills, don't cause a ruckus next time."

Ning Xi blinked and said, "My dear..."

Lu Tingxiao then responded, "When you finish them, I'll take you out to play. There's a Sika deer in the garden."

Ning Xi's eyes shone then she immediately finished the medicine obediently.

Even though she had a fear of taking medicine, she would still obey...she was greedy for the warmth of Lu Tingxiao...

Only in front of him would she entirely let go of any restraint on her vulnerability and temperament...

When the nurse watched the two of them interacting, she was so jealous that she started to tear up. He spoilt her so wonderfully! He was practically coaxing her like a little girl!

Mr. Lu was usually so cool...this was unbelievable!

After that phone call, Ning Xi had started to plan how she should confess her feelings. She actually called herself the queen of picking up girls, but who'd expect that something as menial as confessing would trouble her!

Actually, the task was not difficult. The main thing was that she wanted to do it for the devil and he had done so much for her. She thought that her confession had to impress him, so she had to be careful about it.

Thus, that night, out of desperation, Ning Xi started to seek for help again.

This time, the level of help was significantly higher than Jiang Muye.

"Hello...who's this?" The person on the other end of the phone seemed to have been woken up from their sleep.

"Hello, Second Master, it's me!"

"Xiao Xi Xi!!! Are you alright now? I heard my brother said you were kidnapped? And you were even shot? Why are you calling me so late at night? Did something happen?"

"Yes! It's an utmost emergency! Second Master, I need immediate backup! How do I confess so that the other person has a strong impression of me that will last for the rest of their lives till they die?" Ning Xi asked in one breath.

Lu Jingli, who was on the other end of the phone, kept silent for a long while before he stuttered, "Con...confess...Xiao Xi Xi, you want to confess to someone?"

Chapter 666: Loosen Up Or Start A Fire!

Ning Xi quickly thought of something and replied, "Not for me, it's for a friend!"

If she had admitted that it was her, he would definitely not teach her.

However, Lu Jingli was pretty sharp and was instantly filled with righteous indignation. "You're lying, it's definitely for yourself! Which punk do you want to confess to? I'm going to kill him!"

Ning Xi raised her brows and asked, "Are you sure?"

"Of course, I'm sure! My knives are sharpened and raring to go!!!"

Ning Xi laughed, this guy was indeed very loyal to his brother!

Since Lu Jingli already knew, he definitely would not help her, so she could only resort to her last attempt.

Ning Xi intentionally said in a threatening tone, "You don't have to care who it is, you will know sooner or later! So, what's it going to be? Are you going to teach me or not? If you don't, I'll go ask your brother instead!"

Ning Xi was prepared to give Lu Tingxiao a surprise. Obviously, she could not directly tell Lu Jingli who it was, or else, this blabbermouth would definitely not be able to keep it a secret and blurt it out to Lu Tingxiao. Then, there would be no need for her to prepare a surprise!

"Xiao Xi Xi! How can you be like this? If you ask my brother to teach you, wouldn't he die of anguish? Xiao Xi Xi, from today onwards, I've decided not to like you anymore! You've really disappointed me!" Lu Jingli exploded.

Ning Xi held back her laughter and said in a villainous tone, "Haha, so, little goldfish, are you going to teach me or not? If you don't, I'll really have to go ask your brother!"

"You..." Lu Jingli said in an exasperated tone, "Okay...fine, I will! Also, I'm not a goldfish! I'm a koi fish!"

He had not overlooked this despite his extreme disappointment...

I am a koi fish, how could I be this sad?! I'm so down!

"Then, quickly tell me!" Ning Xi urged as she lowered her voice, carefully eyeing the direction of the bathroom where Lu Tingxiao was showering; he should be done anytime now.

Lu Jingli said absentmindedly, "You should cover your face with some mud, draw a clown, ride a unicycle, hold a donkey in your hand..."

Ning Xi quickly stopped him angrily, "Lu Jingli!!!! If you don't be more serious, I'll really go ask your brother!"

Lu Jingli gasped and said tearfully, "If he is new to love, help him loosen up and rid of his clothes. If he has much experience with people, then you may start a fire by the stove! This is all I can teach you! This is the essence of what I've learned in life! You have to understand it concretely for yourself! You can choose to believe me or not. I'm hanging up now, bye bye!"

Your good friend, the Lu koi fish, is deeply hurt...

Lu Jingli thought about it and looked at the situation from the perspective of not knowing much. At least, he could confirm that the dude Ning Xi liked had to be an old, cunning person who had met many walks of life, so he would just let Ning Xi cook him a meal before confessing!

This is the one way he thought was the safest, and a way that would not have Ning Xi trouble him...

Ning Xi looked at the hung up phone speechlessly.

However, after thinking about Lu Jingli's words, she thought that it did make sense.

This logic of his was something she understood. However, she was momentarily limited by her thought process.

She still wanted to cause a ruckus!

But...changing her modus operandi wasn't a bad idea either!

Someone new to love would use the seduction method...

Someone who had met many people would need the culinary tricks...

Lu Tingxiao had never been in love for the past, so he definitely counted as being new to love!

Pfft, Lu Jingli, what nonsense! The fact that you could offer such grand advice without knowing anything about the situation is spectacular!

Chapter 667: Success Rate Was Too High

"Not sleeping yet?" When Lu Tingxiao got out of the shower, he saw that Ning Xi was still on the phone talking and jotting something down in her book. She looked very excited, making him frown out of curiosity.

"I shall go now!" Ning Xi quickly shoved the notebook like her treasure under the pillow.

Then, she started to plan her big confession.

Lu Tingxiao looked at the pillow and was slightly suspicious, but he did not take her actions too much to heart."Have you taken your medicine?"

Ning Xi nodded, her gaze falling on Lu Tingxiao's chest muscles that moved fluidly under his pyjamas and started evaluating them appreciatively. "I have! I've drunk the milk too!"

Ugh, this kind of confession...would it really be memorable enough for him to take to his deathbed?

Did she really not need to do it on some mountain 8000 meters above sea level, then shout it out to the whole world? Did she not have to do something outrageous or in public? She felt like doing so would be fitting of the devil's level!

Okay, never mind, she did not have that sort of capability anyway...

Lu Tingxiao used his towel to dry his wet hair, then walked closer to her to touch her forehead with his warm and damp hand. "Good, your fever is gone."

Ning Xi was already prepared to carry out her plan when the phone rang, causing her frustration and annoyance to peak.

Who was it?!

Lu Tingxiao walked to the table and glanced at his phone before picking it up.

"Hello?"

"Hello! Bro!!!" Lu Jingli's voice sounded teary and low, as if he was trying to tell him something privately.

"What is it?" Lu Tingxiao had never heard Lu Jingli that sad before. He frowned and wondered if something had happened back home.

"Bro, is Xiao Xi Xi beside you?" Lu Jingli asked.

"Yes."

"Then, walk away further to speak to me, don't let her hear our conversation. I want to report something to you!" Lu Jingli said in a hushed tone.

Lu Tingxiao was confused, but he still obeyed and walked to the balcony. "Speak."

On the other end of the phone, Lu Jingli seemed to have struggled with himself before he said, "Bro, I didn't want to tell you at first…but…I think I have to tell you now. It's better as compared to you finding out without being mentally prepared at all…so…I still think that telling you now would be better. You could save yourself from being sad when you find out later…"

"What is it?" Lu Tingxiao frowned, sensing something bad.

Lu Jingli took a deep breath and said word by word, "Xiao Xi Xi wants to confess to that person."

Lu Tingxiao's face instantly went blank. "What...what did you say?"

Lu Jingli glumly said, "Xiao Xi Xi wants to confess her feelings to the man she likes! Just now, she called me to tell me personally! She even made me help her come up with a plan!"

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There was a dead silence over the phone.

It was not sure how long had passed, but Lu Jingli's anxious heart was about to explode when finally Lu Tingxiao spoke, "Is it?"

"Bro...are you okay?" Lu Jingli asked, his stomach uneasy with worry.

"I'm fine." There was no oddity detected in Lu Tingxiao's tone.

Nevertheless, Lu Jingli was even more worried now and he could only helplessly console, "But, Bro, you don't have to be too worried. Xiao Xi Xi had only said she would confess, but she might not necessarily be successful!"

Truthfully, when he was consoling his brother, he did not quite believe himself.

When he thought about Xiao Xi Xi's capabilities, added with her sincerity and a serious approach, her success rate was quite high...

So much so that there was close to no possibilities of her failing.

Chapter 668: Lu Tingxiao, I Like You, I Really, Really Do

The more he thought about it, the sadder he felt. Not too long before this, he had suspected Xiao Xi Xi of being slightly interested in his brother and he was prepared to test her. Who would have thought that when they finally found her and before he could test her, he would receive such a shockingly horrible news...

Lu Jingli told his brother earnestly, "Because she threatened me, she would ask you instead, so I had to simply teach her a little.

"I told her that if the other person has met many people, she should cook for him. And if he is new to love, she should use the seduction method. I'm guessing she's definitely prepared to cook.

Mmm...wait...what if she combines my methods and cooks before seducing? Oh...bro, I've let you down!"

While Lu Jingli was still rambling on, Lu Tingxiao felt his brother's voice fading away and even the world around him seemed to be dissolving into the background.

The instant he heard Lu Jingli say that Ning Xi wanted to confess to that man, he felt like he was being smashed by planets into ashes beneath his calm surface.

All his bloodthirsty, negative emotions were running through his veins, colliding against the rationale of not wanting to hurt her. These thoughts kept clashing within him and it felt as if it was going to tear him apart...

His heart, it ached so much, it was about to explode...

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Ning Xi tossed and turned on the bed for quite a while before Lu Tingxiao finally finished his phone call and entered the room.

She noticed that he seemed slightly out of place...

It was like the phenomena of an eclipse, whereby all light had instantly vanished, taking away with it all emotions and liveliness.

Ning Xi suddenly thought of something based on her observations. She instantly started cursing in her heart.

God damn it!!!

That call earlier wouldn't have been from that Lu Jingli, would it? Did he tell Lu Tingxiao everything?

No need to wonder further...

He definitely did...

Or else, Lu Tingxiao wouldn't look like this.

She initially thought that in order to avoid hurting Lu Tingxiao, Lu Jingli definitely wouldn't tell him. But he still went ahead anyway.

Damn it! She had initially wanted to prepare for a little while more...argh!

But from the looks of the devil's expression now...

Obviously, he was not preparing to explode with his silence, but preparing to self-destruct with it!

She could not bear to delay it for another second! She had to speed up her plan now!

Ning Xi sighed, pinched the space between her eyebrows and curled up under the blanket.

Several seconds later, she peeked her head out and looked at the man. "Big Boss..."

Lu Tingxiao looked up at her with empty eyes.

"Could you come over for a while?" Ning Xi asked, her voice oddly gentle as if afraid she would disturb him.

Lu Tingxiao lean body stiffened straight, he walked to the bedside robotically like he a conditioned reflex.

Ning Xi stared straight at the man in front of her bed and said, "Big Boss...uhh...let me just tell you beforehand...wait...I might need to do something...that offends you as a superior..."

Before the man could react to the implied meaning of her words, the girl turned the lights off. She then suddenly sat up in the bed to kneel and put her arms around his neck, pulling him down to kiss him without hesitation.

At the same, because she was in a kneeling position, the blanket that had initially covered her entire body slid down.

Ning Xi felt around in the dark and pulled up the man's stiff and icy cold palm on her own bare naked waist.

The man was still stunned by the sudden kiss, so when he felt the girl's warm and smooth skin, he jolted.

This was when the girl's soft and clear voice said right into his ear, "Lu Tingxiao, I like you...I really, really like you..."

Chapter 669: Worried It Would Not Be Exciting Enough

Night fell and there was no sight of the moon outside, only several stars loomed in the dark sky above.

Inside where there was no trace of any light, only a blurred silhouette could be seen.

The man leaned his stiff body forward slightly with one palm on the girl's waist. The girl kneeled on the bed with her arms around his neck, the slender shape of her neck against the dim light appealing to him greatly...

Lu Tingxiao's brain had blanked out earlier from his inner struggle after his world was blasted by Lu Jingli's horrible news. However, at that moment, he did not know who he was anymore.

It was too quiet. It was as if he had been struck by lightning; he did not move at all.

At last, after holding her breath for so long, Ning Xi's heart started to thump wildly. What was going on?

No matter if it was good or bad, at least he should give some reaction. She had prepared for so long after all and killed so many brain cells, even giving it her all...

Ning Xi could not help but whine slightly, "Hey, Lu Tingxiao, I'm confessing my feelings to you here. Could you at least react a little? Even if you want to reject me..."

Lu Tingxiao finally responded, but his body was still as stiff as a statue. Only a warm whisper indicated he was speaking, "What...what did you just say?"

"I said I'm confessing my feelings to you!"

"To...me?"

"Duh, who did you think it was?"

After the short exchange, the dead silence returned.

Until the air rang with a soft sneeze did the frozen atmosphere thaw.

It was already deep into winter and even though the room had a heater turned on, it was still chilly if one did not wear anything.

In the next second, Lu Tingxiao instinctively picked up the blanket and wrapped the girl tightly like a silkworm cocoon. "Foolishness! Do you want to be even sicker than you are right now?"

Ning Xi was so mad until she scrunched up her shoulders and sniffed while mumbling, "Lame...I thought so hard about how to confess that my head was about to explode and I even put down my ego to ask around for help before I thought of this idea. I wanted to give you a memorable confession experience! Ah-choo..."

"Put on your clothes! Where are your clothes?" Lu Tingxiao felt like he was about to go insane from a mix of frustration and lust.

"I'm not wearing them! You haven't replied me yet!" Ning Xi muttered without complying.

Her clothes were still under the blanket. In her rush earlier, she could only curl under it to strip.

When Lu Tingxiao heard her refusal, he had an indescribable expression. "Do you still need me to respond?"

Ning Xi's eyes shone, then she asked, "Then, are you very surprised? Is this memorable enough? I still think this way of confessing my feelings is too common and not exciting enough! It's all Lu Jingli's fault, his big mouth! I wanted more time to prepare myself for it to be perfect and wait till at least tomorrow. Just now, I saw that you had probably misunderstood what Lu Jingli blabbered to you about and I was worried that you would think nonsensically, so I had to do it now, at the last minute and that caused me to be so rushed!"

Listening to the girl ramble on with her incessant complaints, Lu Tingxiao did not know what to say.

His long fingers covered his forehead helplessly, then he held up her hand and brought the other hand to cover his left chest. His tone sounded awkward and hoarse as if he had just returned from hell. "Not exciting enough? My heart…it was about to stop beating from that fright you gave me. What more do you want?"

"Uhh...was it that serious?" Ning Xi blinked.

She was only afraid that it would not be exciting and special enough. She didn't think that she would have possibly overdone it...

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Yet, the truth was right before her.

Underneath her palm, the frequency of Lu Tingxiao's heartbeat was messed up as if he had been poisoned and she even detected that it skipped half a beat.

Ning Xi had to believe it now – she had really overdone it.

Thus, she started to find excuses...

"Hmm, you can't blame me for this. If you really want to blame someone, it would be your brother. He taught me this idea. It's all his fault for being too corrupted."

Actually, she really could not blame Lu Jingli. Lu Jingli had completely directed her towards the pure and safe way. Who would have known that it would be misunderstood?

At that moment, at Lu Jingli's bungalow in China.

A certain koi fish was hugging his pillow and sobbing in silence. The good days had come to an end and he was not sure how he could survive the upcoming seasons of misery!

How about he just run away from home? No, he should just become a monk and take baby Little Treasure with him...

He would not have thought that the initial ideas he had given Ning Xi about firing up a stove for her love interest would turn into an act of removing his brother's clothes...

At that second, Lu Tingxiao was staring at the woman in front of him like a burning torch, his gaze like an X-ray, seeing through the most secretive nooks of her body.

Ning Xi felt goosebumps rise across her skin. "What is it?"

Lu Tingxiao extended his hand out to feel her forehead.

After a while, he felt it again. A few seconds later, he repeated his action.

The fourth time Lu Tingxiao felt her forehead, Ning Xi could not stand it anymore and grabbed his hand. "Stop it! My forehead is about to be filed down by the calluses on your hand. I don't have a fever, I am not drunk, I am not sleepwalking, and I am very clear-headed."

Lu Tingxiao looked at her and said with an oddly serious expression. "You're sure it's me you are trying to tell this to?"

Ning Xi replied, "Sure, definitely, and most definitely!"

Lu Tingxiao then asked, "Why?"

One could not blame Lu Tingxiao for having such a reaction and doubts. Even right now, he felt like he was still dreaming.

The truth was that what had just happened tonight was definitely the biggest plot twist and the most unexpected surprise of his life. His entire logic, knowledge, and judgment had been entirely flipped upside down.

Ning Xi had confessed to him. She had actually said that...she liked him...

The person she confessed to was no one else but him...

Such an impossible thing, but it had actually happened.

Why? When she heard this question, Ning Xi was stunned for a while.

Lu Tingxiao had asked why she had chosen him.

She was stopped in her thoughts and she started asking herself why had she said it in the end, why had she still told him...

Even she herself had not thought of her reason why.

At first, she had thought about burying her feelings for him forever. Then, she wanted to wait for the right time, for the day she could finally build an empire with him. As the universe would have it no other way, her plans kept changing again and again.

All she could only say was that when it came to love, sometimes one had no control over themselves.

From the moment First Senior Brother had told her that Satan wanted to meet her in Philadelphia, her thoughts had changed drastically when being on the verge of life and death the day before.

Just when she thought she would definitely be dead, her biggest regret was him not hearing what she had said to him during the fireworks show at the theme park that day.

Future or misfortune, no one would ever know which came first.

One should never wait till tomorrow or for the future. The moment the opportunity rose, at the current moment, she had to say it, had to do it.

That was her reason.

So, even though this whole confessing to Lu Tingxiao was a little impulsive in the end, she bore no regrets at all.

When she lifted her head again, Ning Xi's eyes sparkled. She looked at the man who was obviously tensed and she kissed him, answering, "Because...I realize...that I prefer cabbage."