

FMH Marriage 691

Chapter 691: I Need Your Help!

Ling Zhizhi's heart sank. "You..."

"Ms. Ling, you had better know your place. If not, I won't guarantee your daughter's safety!" Hu Hongda ended the call after his threat.

Ling Zhizhi's face was pale as snow as she stood there, still holding her phone.

She then quickly called the school. "Hello, Teacher Wang! Is Lingling there?"

"Lingling's mother? Yes, she's here!"

Ling Zhizhi calmed down and her tone softened. "What is she doing?"

"She's playing Jenga with the other kids. I'll let her talk to you! Lingling, come here..."

Soon, a sweet, soft voice piped through the phone, "Mother!"

"Hello, my little sweetheart!"

"Mother, when will you come and see me?"

"I'm...still busy...I'll go and see you once I'm done with work, alright? Be good and listen to Grandfather and Grandmother, and remember, never talk to strangers, alright?"

Ling Zhizhi still felt uneasy after calling her daughter, so she made another call to her parents to fill them in on the details.

She then stared at the unsent file on her screen, struggling to make the right decision...

In a bungalow on the outskirts of Imperial.

Hu Hongda ended the call and held Fang Ya in his arms, looking at ease. "Don't worry, my dear, it's settled now. There'll be no problem! Just be at ease and take care of our child!"

"That's great! Well...there shouldn't be any more problem, right?" Unsure if it was just a pregnant lady's overthinking, Fang Ya still felt uneasy.

"What problem could there be? She's just a manager. It's as easy as killing an ant for me to handle her!"

"But she's from Glory World Entertainment. If the higher-ups are involved..."

"There are so many managers and artistes in Glory World Entertainment. Would they really care about some small matter? Even if they knew about this, do you think they

would want to offend me just for a mere manager? I'm not afraid even if the owner of Glory World Entertainment, Lu Jingli, came for me!"

Fang Ya was truly relaxed now and she looked at Hu Hongda admiringly. "Mmm, I knew that my husband is the best!"

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On the other hand, Ning Xi kept on waiting for Ling Zhizhi's message, but it did not come after a long while.

Could something have happened?

Ning Xi's eyebrows closed in and she quickly called her. The phone was picked up after some delay.

"Hello, Sis Zhizhi!"

"Hey, Ning Xi..."

"Sis Zhizhi, are you okay? You don't sound alright...did something happen?"

"There are some changes. We have to stop the original plan..." Ling Zhizhi sounded like she was in pain to tell her about the changes.

Ning Xi instinctively knew something had happened. "Sis Zhizhi, did they threaten you?"

There was no reply. Ning Xi knew that she was right. She had been worried from before, but she just did not expect for it to really happen.

"I'm sorry, Ning Xi..."

"Don't be silly, Sis Zhizhi. I'm the one who should apologize. You could have given up on me, but you never did! I've always brought trouble to you...Sis Zhizhi, let me handle this matter! I'll get it settled!"

Damn it! They dared to bully her friend! She was not going to hold back now!

After ending the call with Ling Zhizhi, she quickly made another call. "Hey, Boss!"

"Hmm?" A deep cello-like voice answered.

"I need your help."

Chapter 692: Why Don't We Meet Up?

At Lu Corporation, in the meeting room.

Lu Tingxiao suddenly stopped talking and picked up a phone call.

"Hmm?"

Afterwards, their ice-cold boss melted and he even smiled.

He then spoke gently, "I'm in a meeting right now. You can ask him out. I'll be there soon."

Everyone looked at each other in the meeting room in shock.

Why did something feel odd? The sense...of spring...

Lu Jingli was looking dreadful at Lu Tingxiao's side. Should he reconsider being a monk again? He felt tortured if his brother ever broke up, but even more tortured if they continued their relationship...

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Ning Xi obeyed Lu Tingxiao's directions and called Hu Hongda.

Lu Tingxiao was really sweet. He was afraid that Ning Xi might not be able to contact Hu Hongda herself, so he passed her Hu Hongda's private number.

"Hello..."

Hu Hongda was making out with Fang Ya when he got the call, so he was annoyed, but the voice on the other end sounded sweet. He asked politely, "Hello, who's this?"

"Greetings, CEO Hu. I'm Ning Xi."

"Ning Xi? Which Ning...Ah! Ning Xi! Ah..." Hu Hongda exclaimed, glad that he did not end the call earlier.

Ning Xi was really a beauty! Even prettier than his own wife!

He was actually quite willing to carry the scandal out when Fang Ya had asked him to frame Ning Xi as his mistress. He was still a man, after all, and he felt proud to have a sex scandal with such beautiful women; it was all he ever boasted about.

After knowing about this scandal, many of his friends called him up and joked, teasing him about how he was so lucky to be with such a fine woman. Unfortunately, the society today encouraged this trend. The price of a man cheating was way lesser than a woman's. Most of the blame was taken on by the women.

Hu Hongda was not from the entertainment industry, so such a matter would not affect him much.

At worst, his company shares would fluctuate for a few days but as long as he did not divorce Ming Fangfang, things would settle down soon enough.

It might even boost his ego and sexual prowess in the future...

Fang Ya could never be on par with them, but she came to him on her own accord. Plus, she was good in bed, so he just took her in.

When Fang Ya heard it was Ning Xi calling, she was on alert mode. "Hongda, what does she want?"

Hu Hongda signaled her to keep quiet, then he continued talking to Ning Xi. "What now? Are you trying to ask me to clarify like your manager did?"

“We can’t talk clearly through the phone. Why don’t we meet up?” Ning Xi suggested.

Hu Hongda felt excited by Ning Xi’s words. This woman...what was she trying to achieve by meeting him now? Could it be that she knew that she was unable to get herself out of this mess, so she might as well just sleep with him? Such a beauty...he would really love to try her out...

“Sure! Of course,” Hu Hongda replied quickly.

“Alright, we’ll meet at Provence Restaurant an hour later in room number 18. See you there,” Ning Xi confirmed the time and venue with him and then ended the call.

Chapter 693: Your Husband Is Dating The Vixen

Fang Ya was anxious after Hu Hongda ended the call. “That vixen wanted to meet you. What’s she up to? Why did you agree?!”

“Well, we’re just meeting up. I’ll see what she wants, no big deal! Be good, stay at home and wait for me!” Hu Hongdan then went into his bedroom and started picking out his outfit.

“Can you please not go? That vixen is surely up to nothing good!”

“Why should I be afraid of a small little girl?”

“I don’t mean that you’re afraid of her, but...but what if she seduces you? She’s a slut and has a really bad reputation! Who knows what sort of disease she has? Don’t be fooled by her!”

“Do I look like someone who would be easily fooled? Alright, just rest well at home and stop worrying.” Hu Hongda started to sound a little harsh. He was determined to go.

Fang Ya bit her lip hard. She hid in the backyard and gave Ning Xueluo a call. “Xueluo...”

Ning Xueluo was in the middle of a spa session at a beauty salon, so she was annoyed to hear Fang Ya’s pitiful voice, but she still asked her patiently, “What happened, Xiao Ya?”

“Xueluo! That witch is really frustrating me! How could someone be this despicable?!” Fang Ya cried agitatedly.

“Who do you mean? Ning Xi? What did she do?” Ning Xueluo asked carefully, sitting up. Her plan was close to success now. No failure would be accepted.

“She called my Hongda and wanted to meet him! He has already gone out! I couldn’t make him stay at all! What is she trying to do meeting up with him now? Should I follow him? What should I do if Hongda really gets seduced by her?” Fang Ya anxiously asked.

Ning Xueluo was excited instead of being worried. “No, don’t go! Isn’t it better for her to do so?”

“How is this good? My man is going to be taken away from me! I’m pregnant now and unable to satisfy him! If he really wanted to...”

“What are you afraid of when you are carrying his child? Aren’t you worried that you don’t have solid proof to prevent Ning Xi from getting back on her feet? Now’s the best chance to get it! You don’t have to go at all. Just send an anonymous message to Ming Fangfang and let her do the work!” advised Ning Xueluo.

Fang Ya was excited by the plan. “Oh, right! How could I not think of this? Xueluo, you’re a genius! She’ll have no excuses now! Ming Fangfang would never let her get away with this...”

After the call ended, she quickly sent Ming Fangfang a text message: [Provence Restaurant, Room number 18. Your husband is dating the Vixen!]

Ning Xi, you will never ever be deemed innocent again!

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Cheng Feng took his orders and sent his lady boss to the restaurant, and escorted her all the way into the room, afraid that he might miss out on something.

“Thank you, Assistant Cheng. You may return to your work now!”

“But...what if Hu Hongda arrives first? I should stay here with you until Boss arrives!” Cheng Feng reminded.

“It’s going to be alright! It’s more fun if Hu Hongda arrives first. It won’t be as fun anymore if you’re here! Plus, you should worry more about Hu Hongda, shouldn’t you?”

Assistant Cheng reminded himself of Ning Xi’s heroic deeds and he had no rebuttals...

Chapter 694: Are You Making Me Your Mistress?

Someone entered a few minutes after Cheng Feng left.

Hu Hongda arrived first.

Ning Xi wore a rose pink turtleneck sweater which matched her fair skin well. Her tiny face looked gorgeous today and she was tasting the hot tea with two hands wrapped around the cup.

Hu Hongda was mesmerized by the woman opposite him.

He has seen her picture before, which he thought was usually edited and untrustworthy, but he did not expect that this woman would be even more beautiful in the flesh. She was even more beautiful than his wife in her younger days.

Strictly speaking, they were beautiful in their own ways. Ming Fangfang had the outlook of a gentle, gorgeous beauty while Ning Xi was pretty with a kick of wildness like a thorny rose. He felt aroused and his desire to dominate as a man heightened.

“Sorry to make you wait, Miss Ning.” Hu Hongda acted like a gentleman, bowing slightly.

Ning Xi’s eyes blinked when she saw the pasty hair wax on Hu Hongda’s hair. “I have just only arrived, please sit, CEO Hu.”

Hu Hongda sat opposite of Ning Xi, not even trying to hide the fact that he was staring at her body lasciviously. “Anything I can help you with, Miss Ning?”

Ning Xi rubbed the teacup in her hands with her index finger. “CEO Hu...you should know what I want, don’t you? Your Weibo posts really put me on the spot; everyone is chasing after me now and I don’t even dare to step out of my house...”

“Oh, really?” Hu Hongda looked at Ning Xi as his prey.

“I’ll be straightforward with you. What do you want in exchange for clarifying the truth?”

Hu Hongda thought that Ning Xi was just playing hard to get, so he went along with her. “Miss Ning, why would I need to clarify?”

Ning Xi raised her eyebrows. “What do you mean?”

Hu Hongda reached out his hands for hers and told her openly, “Why don’t you just be with me from now on? You would never need to worry about money anymore. Isn’t it better than putting in so much effort in acting?”

Ning Xi backed away and avoided his hand, “CEO Hu, are you trying to make me your mistress?”

Hu Hongda sat up straight with his tummy bulging as he spoke in a generous tone, “Miss Ning, you can name me a price.”

Ning Xi held her chin, pretending to consider his offer. “CEO Hu, aren’t you afraid that I might record this?”

Hu Hongda acted as if he saw through everything already. He laughed at her. “Little girl, are you playing tricks on me? Do you know why your manager suddenly gave up helping you? Do you want to try? I know that you’re a smart person, and you won’t act foolishly like your manager.”

After seeing Ning Xi for himself, Hu Hongda decided that this woman would be his even if she declined.

“CEO Hu, are you trying to coerce me?”

This Hu Hongda was a jerk...

He laughed openly. “Yes, I am. What can you do about it? I’m capable of it!”

Ning Xi raised her eyebrows and looked at the time on her phone silently.

Hu Hongda tried to comfort her after his harsh words, “Little girl, what’s wrong with being with me? Aren’t the girls in your industry all trying to find someone rich in the end? How many men in Imperial are richer than I am?”

Chapter 695: I’m Not Interested In Your Husband!

While the two spoke, the door behind them was suddenly flung open.

“Hu Hongda, you liar! You cowardly bastard! How dare you meet up with this vixen behind my back?!” A woman rushed in hysterically.

Ning Xi thought that Lu Tingxiao had arrived, but it was Ming Fangfang instead...

Hu Hongda instantly panicked at the sight of Ming Fangfang. “W-wife...why are you here?”

Ming Fangfang flew into a rage. “Someone sent me a message to tell me that you were meeting up with this witch! I didn’t believe at first! Who knew...good on you! You just promised me and now you are meeting her again!”

“What? Someone sent you a message?” Hu Hongda’s expression darkened.

Only one person knew about his meet up with Ning Xi, so the only person who could have sent Ming Fangfang the message was...Fang Ya!

That damn witch! She had said that she would not ruin his family and that she did not want anything. In the end, she played this little trick behind his back!

Women are so troublesome!

Hu Hongda looked angry but he could only suppress his feelings and coax, “My wife, this time I’m really wrong. You’re so good to me. Why would I mess around with such a woman again? This time, she clung onto me shamelessly and said that if I don’t come looking for her, she would look for you instead. How could I let her go harass you?! That was how I was forced to come over! That message must have been sent by this woman. Her aim is to pull us apart. My wife, please don’t fall into her trap.”

Opposite him, Ning Xi held onto her teacup and was utterly confused as her mouth twitched.

What was that saying again? One would much rather believe that there were ghosts in this world than believe men and their mouths...

She had finally seen it for herself today.

Hu Hongda was capable of lying without even blinking. Yet, people still believed him.

When Ming Fangfang heard Hu Hongda’s explanation, her expression softened significantly. She instantly redirected her anger towards Ning Xi instead. “Witch! First, you instructed your manager to get involved. Now, you actually dare to mess with me yourself! Are you shameless? Why are you still clinging onto Hongda till now?! Is it very thrilling to steal someone else’s husband?”

Ning Xi put her teacup down lightly and looked up to say slowly, "Excuse me, I'm really not interested in your man right here."

Ming Fangfang's expression immediately changed and even Hu Hongda did not look too happy.

Ming Fangfang laughed coldly on the spot. "Ha, what a joke! Such words! Aren't you interested in my husband? Then, who else do you want to hook up with?"

Just as she said that, the door opened once again and someone walked in.

It was a man clad in a gunmetal grey tuxedo with a jet black coat on him. It seemed like it was snowing outside. The man's hair and shoulder had snowflakes on them. His poker face seemed to be even icier than the snowflakes, making one shudder involuntarily.

When he saw who it was, Hu Hongda almost choked on his saliva. "CEO...Lu?!"

Hu Hongda thought he had seen a hallucination. The person who just came in was unexpectedly the Lu Group's Lu Tingxiao who he had been wanting to meet for months unfruitfully...

How...how could this be?!

As unbelievable as it was, he would never recognize Lu Tingxiao's face wrongly.

Even Ming Fangfang was stunned. During her one year tenure with Glory World Entertainment, she had quite a crush on this legendary man. She had seen him at the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Glory World once. Little did she expect that many years later she would see the man in the flesh, and at such a close distance...

Chapter 696: Lu Tingxiao's Woman

God seemed to have spent extra time perfecting this man. Not only did time not leave any marks on his face, it had actually made him even more charming instead. Years only added to his charisma.

Ming Fangfang suppressed her emotions and tried to make conversation with him. "CEO Lu, why are you here? This is Room 18. Are you in the wrong place?"

No matter what the reason was, this was an opportunity not to be missed!

Hu Hongda instantly forgot about everything and quickly smiled to greet him. "It really is CEO Lu. Who knew I would meet you here? Before this, I have been wanting to discuss developing that land in the east..."

Midway through his introduction, Lu Tingxiao seemed to not have seen him and he walked over to the direction behind him instead.

Hu Hongda and Ming Fangfang were stunned. "You are..."

Lu Tingxiao walked right up to Ning Xi. When he saw that she wore a thin red sweater, he frowned. His cool face looked unhappy and his wide palms covered the back of her hand. "Why are you wearing so little?"

Ning Xi excitedly touched the snowflakes that had not melted on Lu Tingxiao's hair and responded, "Oh, is it snowing outside? It hadn't yet when I first arrived!"

"Mmm." Lu Tingxiao nodded, his expression softening when he felt the warmth from the little hand beneath his palm.

At that moment, Hu Hongda and Ming Fangfang looked at each other, completely dumbfounded. What...what was going on?

Lu Tingxiao...and this D-list female celebrity...

These two completely unrelated people...how did they get tied up in a relationship? In fact, it seemed like this was no ordinary relationship!

Suddenly, Hu Hongda felt afraid while Ming Fangfang was full of suspicion, seemingly noticing that something was not right.

Not waiting for the two to recover from their shock, Ning Xi suddenly thought of something and held onto Lu Tingxiao's arm. She then turned to Hu Hongda and said, "Right, my dear, I forgot to introduce to you to Hongda Estate's CEO Hu. This mister is the one who's having me as a mistress!"

Hu Hongda was horrified while Ming Fangfang was speechless.

Lu Tingxiao was as frigid as an ice sculpture at that moment, his every word digging into Hu Hongda's skin. "My girlfriend is your mistress?"

The moment these words came out, Hu Hongda almost fell to the floor on his knees!

Lu...Lu Tingxiao's girlfriend???

This woman was actually Lu Tingxiao's girlfriend?

He...he must be crazy to have Lu Tingxiao's woman as his mistress!!! More importantly, did Lu Tingxiao's girlfriend still need to be another man's mistress? People would think he was crazy if he told them!

Ming Fangfang finally realized what was wrong here. She would never have thought that Ning Xi and Lu Tingxiao would have a relationship!

No wonder...no wonder Ning Xi had said earlier that she would not be interested in Hongda...

If that was the case, there was no way Ning Xi was Hongda's mistress. Then, why would Hongda lie?

At that moment, Hu Hongda finally realized who he had offended and did not even care if Ming Fangfang was still there. He turned pale instantly and quickly explained, "This...is a misunderstanding! A huge misunderstanding!"

Ning Xi then said, "How could it be? You've already admitted it on Weibo and you even tagged me!"

“That...that was a mistake! I tagged the wrong person! Miss Ning, quickly explain to CEO Lu, I didn’t...how could I have had you as my mistress?!”

Ning Xi blinked. “Explain what? You did!”

Chapter 697: Now You’ll See What Real Bullying Is

Hu Hongda was unable to say anything. Now he truly understood how it felt like to smash a huge rock on his own feet.

He was filled with regrets. Why was he so unlucky? He had just wanted to frame a woman and this woman he framed turned out to be Lu Tingxiao’s girlfriend. Had he not always been single? There were even rumors that he liked men! Why did he suddenly have a girlfriend? This really ruined his plan!

No matter how powerful he was in Imperial, he was nothing compared to Lu Tingxiao. Absolutely nothing.

Hu Hongda could only surrender in defeat and he spoke in a low voice, “Miss Ning, it’s all my fault, I didn’t know that you were CEO Lu’s girlfriend. I’ve offended you gravely. I’ll now delete the Weibo post and I will clarify everything. I could say that I just tagged you wrongly. Then, everyone will be happy. What do you think?”

Everyone will be happy...?

He was too naive! Not only did he want to protect himself, he was still trying to hide the identity of his real mistress up till now.

Ning Xi laughed bitterly and looked at Ming Fangfang. “Tagged the wrong person? Could you really have wrongly tagged your mistress and even my manager? Do you think anyone would believe you, CEO Hu?”

Hu Hongda arrogantly answered, “No one will question my credibility! Don’t you worry!”

Ning Xi was not patient enough to entertain him any further and sternly said, “Announce who your real mistress is and admit that you framed me on purpose, then I’ll forget about this matter.”

“Miss Ning, don’t try to challenge my limits!” Hu Hongda’s expression changed as he darted a glance at Ming Fangfang in horror.

If he were to announce it, he would never be able to keep Fang Ya’s child!

Damn it, was she not just Lu Tingxiao’s girlfriend? In fact, she might not even be his girlfriend for long! She was just an actress! Who did she think she was?

While Hu Hongda was not as powerful as the Lu family, he was still someone important in the Imperial!

Hu Hongda felt cocky as he stroked his own ego, so he ignored Ning Xi and turned to Lu Tingxiao to haughtily scoff, “Women know nothing about business. Let’s talk, CEO Lu, what do you think of my plan? It’s beneficial to the both of us!”

He made an intentional pause and looked at Ning Xi with a warning glare. “If you’re really trying to force me, heh...”

He had worked his way up to where he was today; even Lu Tingxiao had to respect that. Looking at Hu Hongda’s evil grin, Lu Tingxiao kept quiet.

Ming Fangfang broke the silence angrily, “Hu Hongda! You bastard! You dare to lie to me! You lied again! Who’s that witch? Why are you trying to hide her!”

“Dear...please calm down! We’ll talk about this back home, alright? Not with outsiders around!” Hu Hongda was actually planning to frame another woman since Ning Xi was not a viable option now. He could never reveal Fang Ya as his mistress.

As Hu Hongda was cooking up his plan, his phone rang. It was his company’s vice president calling him. He answered impatiently, “What is it? Tell me only after I get back...what? The company shares are dropping drastically? How is this possible?!”

Chapter 698: Causing Bankruptcy Without A Word

Hu Hongda looked at the calm man with an aghast expression as the room turned cold with a looming sense of peril.

It was...Lu Tingxiao...

Damn it! This man!

It was rumored that his wealth and connection was enormous and powerful, but Hu Hongda did not expect him to be able to put a company’s fate hanging so precariously in a few minutes...

Ning Xi was a little surprised when she heard Hu Hongda’s conversation on the phone as well. When had Lu Tingxiao taken action? Even if he started taking action last night when he knew about this scandal, whatever he did was incredibly fast!

He was making Hu Hongda go bankrupt without even saying a word...

The devil had given her a valuable lesson in life. Now, she knew what real bullying with power was like!

Hu Hongda was listening to his vice president’s report over the phone, his jaw hanging slack. Not only were the shares dropping, most clients had retracted their orders as well. In just one night, his company was on the verge of crumbling and he would only be left on the path to bankruptcy if nothing was done!

He might still be able to struggle against a regular joe, but he could not do anything against the real powerful stakeholders.

Hu Hongda did not have time to think anymore. Each second that passed was a big loss for his company.

“I...I get it! I’ll follow what Miss Ning says! CEO Lu, please don’t do this anymore!”

Hu Hongda's arrogance dissolved into thin air as he quickly posted on Weibo: [My real mistress is @Fang Ya and not @Ning Xi! I was trying to protect my mistress and framed Ning Xi. I hereby apologize to Ms. Ning and her manager, Ling Zhizhi!]

"Is...is this okay?" Hu Hongda asked Ning Xi feebly.

Ning Xi felt that it was sufficient. She would ask Sis Zhizhi to release the evidence of his cheating with Fang Ya, then the case would be clarified thoroughly.

As she was about to nod, Lu Tingxiao suddenly spoke up gruffly, "Organize a press conference and clarify the entire matter in public."

How ruthless! He probably felt that just posting on Weibo was too easy a task, so he wanted him to be embarrassed in public...

She realized that Lu Tingxiao was being careful as well. A simple Weibo post might not be enough for people to believe him. Having the reporters to ask Hu Hongda in person would be more convincing.

"No problem, no problem! I'll do it the moment I get back!" Hu Hongda dared not complain anymore, only following whatever Lu Tingxiao said.

He cursed Fang Ya countless times inside his heart. That idiot woman! She made him frame Lu Tingxiao's woman and in doing so, she was trying to kill him! Almost everything was ruined!

Ming Fangfang looked at them cluelessly. "Fang Ya?"

She remembered Fang Ya imperceptibly as a poorly performing actress with average looks...

She had lost to someone like her? And her husband had hidden Fang Ya from her the whole time and lied to her?

Hu Hongda realized something worse was coming for him. As his company was in ruins now, if Ming Fangfang filed a divorce with him...

Chapter 699: Boss Is The Best!

Hu Hongda panicked at the thought of losing everything and he quickly tried to cover up. "Dear... dear, can you please forgive me again? I promise I'll never lie to you again!"

It was only at this moment he started to remind himself of what Ming Fangfang had done for him all along. Aside from not bearing a child for him, she was beautiful and generous, she never complained about being by his side, she took care of his daily lifestyle habits, and most importantly, she was extremely helpful in his business...

No! He could not afford to divorce Ming Fangfang now!

"Dear, this is the last time, I swear!"

Ming Fangfang did not trust him blindly this time. She stared at him coldly and said, "Huh, not lying anymore? Okay, then tell me, why are you trying to protect that woman?"

Ming Fangfang was forcing an answer out of him.

“I...” Hu Hongda panicked even more, sweat trickling down his face. “I was just seduced by that woman and was unable to think rationally in the thick of the moment!”

Ming Fangfang lost her final spark of hope she had in this man. “Lies...all you did was lie to me! That woman is pregnant! She’s pregnant, am I right?!” Ming Fangfang yelled uncontrollably at him.

Aside from this reason, she could not think of anything else that would make this man, who prioritized profit, to protect that woman.

“I...” Hu Hongda knew he could not hide it anymore and he picked the path of defense instead. “Fangfang, I’m a man! How can any man stand not having descendants? You can’t get pregnant and my parents have been nagging me about it everyday...”

“So, that’s why you cheated? That’s why you betrayed me? That’s why you fooled me with that witch? Hu Hongda! Don’t you know how I treated you all these years? Just because I can’t bear your child? How dare you?!”

“I...”

“If you wanted a child this badly, why didn’t you just divorce me and find someone who could bear your child? If you were to tell me straight away, I would have agreed instantly. Why did you say that you loved me and didn’t care about having a child?!”

“Dear, I...listen to me...”

“You’re just afraid that losing me will cost you your protection from the Ming family! Is that why you acted like you love me? Have you been such a jerk all along?!” Ming Fangfang lost control of her emotions and swept everything off the table.

Lu Tingxiao shielded Ning Xi so that she would not get cut by the shattered glass pieces that crashed to the floor.

Ming Fangfang felt an indescribable anguish when she saw Lu Tingxiao’s protective gesture...

Seeing the both of them leaving, Ming Fangfang took a deep breath and bowed her head. “Ning Xi, I’m sorry, I misunderstood you.”

Ning Xi looked back and saw the proud Ming Fangfang with her crushed, lonely soul...

Outside of the restaurant.

Ning Xi felt bad for Ming Fangfang, so she spouted, “All men are evil!”

Lu Tingxiao was speechless.

She suddenly remembered the devil was still beside her and she quickly turned to him. "Except Boss! Boss is the best!"

Lu Tingxiao looked into Ning Xi's eyes as he held her in his arms. "I won't do that."

"Hmm?"

"I won't force you to bear a child."

"Of course you won't, you already have a son..."

"I won't betray you either."

Ning Xi looked up at his face and murmured, "I believe you."

Chapter 700: Parental Activity

Ning Xi wore Lu Tingxiao's windbreaker and wrapped herself in it tightly. As she was about to ask Lu Tingxiao if he was going to go back to his office, she felt a vibration coming from the jacket.

"Lu Tingxiao, your phone is ringing."

Lu Tingxiao took his phone out from the pocket of the jacket, frowning at what he saw.

"What happened? Who's calling?" Ning Xi asked.

Who was it that could make Lu Tingxiao pull an "I-can't-handle-this" face? How rare...

"It's Little Treasure's teacher," Lu Tingxiao replied.

"Isn't it school hours? Why would the teacher call now?" Ning Xi questioned.

Lu Tingxiao gave it some thought, then he handed his phone to Ning Xi. "You should take it."

Obviously, Lu Tingxiao had no idea how to deal with a foreign creature like his son's teacher,

"Me?" Ning Xi scratched her head. "Okay...I guess it's better that I pick it up anyway..."

She could not imagine the conversation between Lu Tingxiao and Little Treasure's teacher. The teacher might speak a lot and he might just reply with a grunt.

It would be even more possible that the teacher got frightened by Lu Tingxiao's voice...

Ning Xi did not decline and put the call on the speaker for Lu Tingxiao to listen.

"Hello, is this Lu Qingyu's father?" a female teacher's voice said.

"Hello, Teacher Wang, I'm Lu Qingyu's mother." To make things easier, Ning Xi did not give it much thought and just said it as it was.

She did not realize...how intensely Lu Tingxiao was feeling at that moment.

"Did something happen to my kid in school?" Ning Xi asked nervously.

“That’s not it, Madam Lu, I’m just calling to confirm if you and Mr. Lu really do not have time this afternoon. It’d be great even if just one of you can attend! It’d be so pitiful if both of you can’t come!” The teacher sounded disapproving.

For Little Treasure to experience school life like any normal children, no one in the school except the principal knew about Little Treasure’s real identity. Even the teachers were not informed of who he was.

The teachers only knew that this kid was from a well-off family and preferred to be quiet. His parents were busy and did not seem to have a good relationship because ever since the first day of school, they were not seen at school together again.

Ning Xi asked in confusion, “This afternoon? Is there something going on in school?”

“Don’t you know about it?” The teacher sounded surprised.

Ning Xi stared at Lu Tingxiao and he shook his head, signaling that he was unaware as well.

Ning Xi replied, “Both of us are unaware of this. Little Treasure never mentioned it to us.”

“He didn’t? How could this be? I even confirmed with him a few times...”

The teacher started to explain, “Here’s the thing. There will be a parental activity today. We’re organizing a masquerade party. I’ve told the children a few days ago to inform their parents, and I even gave them a letter for their parents. A few reminders were given out too. From the name list yesterday, only Lu Qingyu’s parents will be absent. All the other children have at least one parent attending.”