

FMH Marriage 871

Chapter 871: Her Shooting Is Even Better

Ning Xi stayed outside the entrance out of courtesy.

It was only now that Zhuang Keer and Zhuang Liaoyuan noticed her. She was dressed in a female outfit now, so they did not recognize her and Zhuang Liaoyuan was surprised when he saw her.

As Zhuang Zongren saw Ning Xi, he was regretful for having forgotten all about her. “Keer, quickly get this lady upstairs for a warm shower and get her a change of clothes! I suffered a heart attack just now by the sea and my medicine fell into the sea. She bravely jumped in and picked it up for me, even sending me all the way back here!”

He then glared at Zhuang Rongguang who was still on the floor. “If it wasn’t for her, I might not even be here alive!”

Zhuang Keer was full of gratitude. “I see! I’m really grateful, thank you! Quickly follow me upstairs for a shower!”

Ning Xi replied, “It’s alright, I can go back and change.”

“You might catch a cold! Your wet clothes have to be changed now!”

“It’s my fault, I only remembered to teach this brat a lesson and forgot her clothes are still wet...” Zhuang Zongren said guiltily.

“Your health is important. Follow Keer,” Zhuang Liaoyuan instructed in a serious tone.

Since he said so, Ning Xi did not reject and she nodded. “Excuse me.”

As Ning Xi was talking to them, the teenager tried to run again, but Zhuang Liaoyuan already had summoned some men over. Two soldiers in uniform grabbed Zhuang Rongguang by his arms...

As he passed Ning Xi, Zhuang Rongguang glared at her. “You witch! I...”

Before he could finish, Zhuang Liaoyuan slapped him. “Nonsense!”

Zhuang Liaoyuan in rage mode was really scary. He probably would really have killed him if Zhuang Zongren had not gotten back in time. Zhuang Rongguang remained silent and was brought inside.

“Sorry for that.” Zhuang Liaoyuan’s expression softened as he turned to Ning Xi.

“It’s alright...” Ning Xi quickly followed Zhuang Keer upstairs.

Zhuang Zongren was looking at Ning Xi. He gripped his walking stick and sighed with a little envy in his eyes. “I wonder what family could have brought up such a good child...”

Zhuang Liaoyuan looked at his father and stayed silent.

“This lady has good reflexes. When she jumped into the water to save the medicine for me, she took less than five seconds.” Zhuang Zongren was impressed.

“Her shooting is even better!” Zhuang Liaoyuan nodded.

“Do you know her?” Zhuang Zongren asked.

“I’ve seen her a few times, she’s Lu Tingxiao’s girlfriend.”

“No wonder you told Jingzhi to stop considering marriage to Lu Tingxiao after you came back the last time...”

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Upstairs, Zhuang Keer brought Ning Xi to her room. “Take a shower quickly! I’ll get you some clothes!”

“Alright, thank you.”

“You’re welcome, we should be thanking you instead!”

Ning Xi went into the bathroom, removed her wet clothes and took a shower.

When she came out in a shower robe, Zhuang Keer had already prepared her a clean set of clothes. There was even a bowl of ginger soup to warm her up. She was really a caring girl.

Chapter 872: Accidental Heart Stealing

Zhuang Keer was a little stunned when she saw Ning Xi who had just come out of the shower. Ning Xi was dressed in pyjamas, her naturally curly black hair still a little damp, and her fair skin glowing pink. It was enough to make Zhuang Keer’s heart race...

Zhuang Keer returned to her senses and said, “Well...we should be about the same bra size, so I brought you mine. They are new and I’ve not worn them before. The same goes for the clothes as well. Here’s some ginger soup, have some!”

“Okay!”

Ning Xi changed and held the bowl of hot ginger soup in her hands, feeling very comfortable. She did not feel like moving at all.

Zhuang Keer’s room was very comfortable to look at, consisting mainly of a warm, yellow with lacy sheets and a plush mattress. The way she dressed was very ladylike. She brought Ning Xi a pink dress and a brown knee-length coat, both of which were made of really warm materials.

Zhuang Keer smiled when she saw Ning Xi curled up like a cat. “Feeling better?”

Ning Xi nodded.

“My name is Zhuang Keer, but you can just call me Keer. I still don’t know what your name is!” Zhuang Keer peered at her curiously.

Ning Xi noticed that the way she looked at her was rather odd and she was afraid that her male disguise had been found out, so she mumbled, "I'm Ning Xi..."

Zhuang Keer jumped as if she was expecting this answer. "It's really you! The actress who acted as Meng Changge?"

"Uhh...yes..." So, she just recognized her as Ning Xi the actress...phew!

"I forcefully dragged my father to watch the movie with me. He usually only watches anti-Japanese war movies and he was really against it at first, but afterwards he really liked your character in the movie!"

"Thank you!"

"May I have your signature?" Zhuang Keer started to scramble for her notebook.

When Ning Xi saw Zhuang Keer at Lu Jingli's party the last time, she gave off a cold vibe. Who would have expected that she could be this friendly!?

Zhuang Keer brought her a pink notebook and pen. Ning Xi could not reject her bright smile and signed it for her.

As she was returning the notebook back to her, a photo suddenly dropped out. Ning Xi picked it up and wanted to give it back to Zhuang Keer, but then she was shocked when she caught a glimpse of it...

What even...!?

The person in the picture...

Was it not her?

And it was her in a male outfit!

When she looked closely at the background and her outfit, it seemed like what she wore on the day of Lu Jingli's party, and from the angle it was taken, it was likely a candid shot...

"Ah! Give it back!" Zhuang Keer took it back embarrassed and she looked really nervous.

Ning Xi had no words to describe her feelings right now...

She remembered her conversation with Zhuang Keer the last time.

"I know it's not my place to ask...but...is it true that...you and Lu Tingxiao...have that kind of relationship?"

"So what if it's true or fake?"

"If it's true, I'll give up. I'm really confident in getting Lu Tingxiao. But because of you, I'd give up...I...won't be your opponent..."

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So, Ning Xi in her male disguise had accidentally stole Zhuang Keer's heart?

Chapter 873: Sometimes, I'm Impressed By Myself

Ning Xi asked hesitantly, "The guy in the picture is your...?"

Zhuang Keer's eyes were sparkling as she said proudly, "He's my idol! Isn't he the coolest?"

"Uhh...yeah...he looks pretty cool..." Ning Xi forced a laugh.

"Too bad, no matter how cool he is...he already has a boyfriend..."

Ning Xi started coughing.

Zhuang Keer looked at Ning Xi then sighed, "I wonder...why do all the cool guys nowadays have boyfriends?"

Ning Xi was speechless.

"Do you know who my idol's boyfriend is?" Zhuang Keer asked secretly.

Ning Xi shook her head innocently. "I don't know...who?"

"It's one of my blind dates from before!"

"Such...a coincidence?" Ning Xi gave her a surprised expression.

Zhuang Keer held her chin and mumbled, "My father introduced me to a few people, all of whom are in the military. My dad's from the military, my grandfather's from the military, so are my great-grandfather and great-grandmother...I don't want to be with a person from the military as well! Can you understand where I'm coming from?"

Ning Xi nodded.

"Afterwards, my mother finally arranged for me to meet a person who's not from the military and I was actually quite interested in him but he wasn't. He didn't even come to see me willingly, but that's a good challenge, right? One time, his brother organized a party, so I wanted to give myself an opportunity to bond with him. I attended the party...and that's where I met my idol..."

"I accidentally sprained my ankle and almost fell into the pool,". Can you imagine that people were waiting for me to embarrass myself? I felt so ashamed and at that moment, he appeared! You have no idea how cool he was!" Zhuang Keer shook Ning Xi's arm excitedly as she spoke.

Ning Xi remained silent...

I know...

Sometimes, I'm impressed by my coolness as well...

Zhuang Keer blushed a little; she was totally in her fangirl mode. “And he’s really gentle and caring! He saw that I’d sprained my ankle, so he massaged some ointment on them. Right there and then, I fell in love and I swore to myself that I’ll marry no one other than him! Then...I realized that he’s in a relationship with my blind date! He likes men! I...”

“Uh...sorry, I got a little too excited...” Zhuang Keer finally noticed that she was not her usual self, then she quickly released Ning Xi’s arms and sat back in her ladylike posture.

“It’s alright...” Ning Xi replied while rubbing her nose in guilt.

Zhuang Keer looked at Ning Xi embarrassedly. “I’m not really that likeable...I don’t always have many friends around me...and I don’t really have someone to talk to about these things...for some reason, I feel that you’re really friendly and I even have this feeling that we’ve met somewhere before, so I just rattled on to you...”

Ning Xi gently looked at the girl and smiled. “That’s not true, Miss Zhuang, you’re very cute!”

She was from a renowned military family, so it was normal for her personality to be a little cold and always acting upright. She had to be her perfect self in front of everyone, which might be interpreted as being unfriendly.

Chapter 874: She’s My Type

But Ning Xi felt that every girl had a cute side of her own. It was just whether one could discover it or if she was willing to show you that side of her.

As she saw Ning Xi smile when she praised her, Zhuang Keer’s heart raced a little.

“R...really?”

“Of course! Miss Zhuang, you’re my...”

“Your what?” Zhuang Keer tilted her head in curiosity.

“Nothing...” Ning Xi quickly shook her head. She had almost said “You’re my type”! She looked cold and strong on the outside, but was gentle and caring on the inside, the typical proud and shy type!

One of her favourite types of girls...

“Oh, are you acting in anything recently? I’m keen to watch!” Zhuang Keer piped up.

“Recently...I’ve only played a small role in ‘Our 18-Year-Old’ for a few minutes, nothing else for now, but my new movie has been decided and if nothing goes wrong, it should start filming soon!”

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Afterwards, they talked for a long time until someone knocked on the door.

Zhuang Keer opened the door and greeted, "Father!"

"Done with the changing?"

"Mmm, all done."

"Pardon my intrusion, Mr. Zhuang," Ning Xi stood up to thank him.

As Ning Xi was preparing to leave, Zhuang Liaoyuan suddenly spoke to her, "If you aren't busy tonight, why don't you join us for dinner?"

"Uh...it'd be too troublesome!" Ning Xi tried to decline.

"Not troublesome! There's no trouble at all! You've helped us a great deal, we have to treat you nicely, please join us! And I have so much to talk to you about..." Zhuang Keer was clinging onto her arm closely as she looked at Ning Xi nervously.

It was difficult for her to make a friend and she did not want her to leave so soon...

"Well..."

"If you don't stay, we'd be really embarrassed!"

Ning Xi could not bring herself to decline a girl's request, so in the end, she agreed, "Okay, then..."

Suddenly, Ning Xi's phone rang. It was Lu Tingxiao.

"Sorry, I've got to get this."

Ning Xi went to the balcony to answer, "Hello?"

"Are you done with work already? Want to have dinner together?"

"Hmm, probably not tonight..."

As they were talking on phone, there was a loud yell from downstairs. "Open the door! Let me out! I'm not a criminal! Why are you putting me under house arrest!?"

"Where are you?" Of course, Lu Tingxiao heard the hollering as well.

Ning Xi sighed as Zhuang Rongguang continued yelling downstairs. She explained to Lu Tingxiao, "It's a long story...didn't I tell you that I'm meeting a client this morning? In the end, the client went outstation, so I left...when I passed by the seaside, I saw an old man having a heart attack...then..."

Ning Xi did not tell Lu Tingxiao that she had jumped into the water to get the medicine, so she lied, "I helped him to get his medicine then made sure he had it. Afterward, I sent him back to his place...now, they want to thank me and treat me to dinner!"

"What's so great about being a general? Being a general means you can simply fire shots at people and put people under house arrest? This is a democratic society! I

want my rights to freedom! Even as my father, you don't have the right..." Zhuang Rongguang's yelling continued.

Chapter 875: Could I Have Eaten Her Up?

As he heard the loud yelling, he caught the word "general", then he remembered the useless son from the Zhuang family. Lu Tingxiao asked in surprise, "The person you rescued was Zhuang Zongren?"

Ning Xi scratched her head. "Yes, I only realized it after I sent him home and saw Zhuang Keer and Zhuang Liaoyuan...it seems like Zhuang Rongguang made a mess again and the elder heard about it from a phone call, which then caused him to have a heart attack! I was about to leave right away, but they insisted..."

"I'll go and get you tonight."

"Huh? It's alright, I drove here."

"Do you think I can leave you alone at Zhuang Liaoyuan's place?" Lu Tingxiao's voice sounded cold.

"Uhh..."

She remembered that Zhuang Liaoyuan had mentioned introducing guys to her...

Did the devil always hold grudges?

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Dinner soon started.

The table was a lavish spread of traditional Chinese dishes, but there was only Zhuang Zongren, Zhuang Liaoyuan, and Zhuang Keer.

"I've asked Auntie Zhang to make a few more dishes, I hope you like them!" Zhuang Zongren kindly told her.

"They taste great!" Ning Xi replied.

"Then, eat more! You're way too skinny!" Zhuang Zongren said.

"Grandfather, she's an actress and she's got to be careful about her diet!" Zhuang Keer interrupted.

"How can that be? It's bad for her health!" Zhuang Zongren said, unsatisfied.

Ning Xi quickly butted in, "It's alright, I don't stay on a diet and I just eat normally, I exercise quite a lot."

"Mmm, that's right! Nothing's more important than keeping a body healthy!"

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"I'm hungry! Really hungry! I want to eat! I want to eat! Can anyone hear me!? Are you guys starving me to death? Am I really your son?" Another round of yelling came from the room.

Ning Xi coughed lightly, feeling a little awkward.

Zhuang Zongren did not bat an eye as he put some vegetables into Ning Xi's bowl. "Just ignore him."

Zhuang Keer probably felt he was really overdoing it this time, so she ignored him as well.

Zhuang Liaoyuan pinched the space between his eyebrows and looked a little embarrassed. "Sorry to let you see this...I can tame even the wildest soldier, but I can't even teach my own son!"

The atmosphere went a little stale when Zhuang Rongguang was mentioned.

It was their family matter, so it was not Ning Xi's place to comment. She thought carefully about what to say when she saw Zhuang Liaoyuan's defeated expression. "Teaching a kid is much more different than training a soldier, especially boys. They are usually in a rebellious phase at this age..."

Zhuang Keer sighed, "He's really too much, he's only 18, but he's already started drinking, smoking, fighting, skipping classes, and even gambling. He always picks up all the bad habits. We've tried all we can, but he just won't change..."

"Don't talk about him anymore, let's eat!"

"Yes, let's eat! Try some fish, Little Girl Xi, it's really fresh..."

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As the dinner was about to finish, a soldier came by and whispered to Zhuang Liaoyuan. Zhuang Liaoyuan then looked at Ning Xi, then gave the soldier some instructions.

A while later, there was the sound of familiar footsteps. Ning Xi turned around to see the soldier from earlier lead a man in; it was Lu Tingxiao.

Zhuang Liaoyuan looked at Lu Tingxiao and said coldly, "Why are you in such a rush? Could I have eaten her up?"

Chapter 876: Lu Tingxiao, You're Too Much!

"And this is...?" Zhuang Zongren looked at the man in the black suit with his sharp eyes.

"General Zhuang, pardon my intrusion, I'm Xiao Xi's boyfriend."

"Oh...the kid from the Lu family! You're here for Little Girl Xi!" Zhuang Zongren exclaimed.

“Yes.”

Ning Xi stood up and went to Lu Tingxiao. “Elder Zhuang, Uncle Zhuang, Keer, thank you for the dinner, I’ll be leaving now!”

Zhuang Liaoyuan stayed silent.

Zhuang Zongren thought that Zhuang Liaoyuan was unhappy because Lu Tingxiao and Keer did not get together, but he did not pay much attention to it. “Alright then, be careful on the way back.”

Suddenly, the quiet Zhuang Keer suddenly stood up, her chair making a screeching sound against the floor. She shouted, “Lu Tingxiao, you’re too much!”

Upon Zhuang Keer’s howl, everyone looked at her.

Zhuang Zongren looked aghast. “Keer, don’t be rude!”

Zhuang Liaoyuan frowned and had a suspicion about his daughter’s irrational behavior. Even if Lu Tingxiao chose another woman, she would never act this irrationally.

Zhuang Keer ran over and pulled Ning Xi to her side. “Xiao Xi, don’t believe him! He’s lying to you! He...”

He likes men!

Although she was angry, she did not want to reveal someone’s secret publicly. She looked at Ning Xi worriedly. “Anyway, please trust me, Xiao Xi, he’s not a good man. He’s cheating!”

“What?” Zhuang Zongren and Zhuang Liaoyuan were both shocked.

Lu Tingxiao was expressionless as usual, but his eyebrows were raised and he was looking at Ning Xi. Ning Xi held her forehead and felt that her head was about to explode.

“Well...Keer, this whole thing is a misunderstanding!”

“There’s no misunderstanding! I saw it myself! Xiao Xi, you have to believe me!” The way Zhuang Keer looked at Lu Tingxiao was like she was looking at the worst jerk in the world.

Ning Xi looked at Zhuang Zongren, Zhuang Liaoyuan, and Lu Tingxiao. “Can I have a moment with Keer alone? I have something to explain to her!”

She thought she could make it through without saying anything, but now she definitely had to explain the circumstances!

Zhuang Keer was pleased to hear that, so she quickly brought Ning Xi up to her room.

Downstairs, Lu Tingxiao raised his head as he saw Zhuang Keer pull his wife away and he did not look very happy...

Why was everyone taking his wife away from him?

At that moment, Zhuang Liaoyuan looked at Lu Tingxiao with his fierce eyes trained on him. He already felt that his relationship with Guan Ziyao was ambiguous. Did he really do something that had betrayed Xiao Xi?

Upstairs, Zhuang Keer had Ning Xi sit on her bed and she spoke to her in a serious tone, “Xiao Xi, what I’m going to tell you might be difficult for you to accept, but you have to be prepared mentally!”

Ning Xi rubbed her temples. “What I’m about to tell you will be difficult for you to accept as well. I hope...you can be mentally prepared too!”

“Then, I’ll start first!”

“Alright, go on.”

Ning Xi was having trouble thinking how to tell her that her idol was a woman in a way that would cause the least damage.

Chapter 877: Feeling Like She Was Being Caught “Cheating”

“Xiao Xi, I don’t know what Lu Tingxiao told you, but he’s not genuine towards you. He...”

Zhuang Keer took a deep breath and said, “Lu Tingxiao doesn’t like women, he likes men, and he already has a boyfriend! His boyfriend was the idol I mentioned to you about! He’s just using you to cover up his real sexual orientation! I know this sounds ridiculous but you have to believe me because...”

Ning Xi interrupted her, “Lu Tingxiao’s boyfriend is me.”

“Because I saw them with my own eyes...you...what did you say?” Zhuang Keer looked at her in confusion.

“I said, Keer, I’m the man at the party that night...”

“What are you saying?” Zhuang Keer had no idea what she was talking about.

Ning Xi rephrased and then explained, “On the party that day, the man with the surname Tang was me. Lu Jingli invited me over, but I had to bring Lu Tingxiao’s son as well, so to avoid any misunderstanding I went there in a male outfit. In the end, something unexpected happened and people misunderstood my relationship with Lu Tingxiao...”

“Hold on...you’re saying, you’re Mr. Tang? You cross dressed?” Zhuang Keer tried to reorganize her thoughts.

“Yes.”

Zhuang Keer scoffed, “Xiao Xi, you’ve really charmed by Lu Tingxiao. I know you want to defend him, but rest assured that I’ve never told anyone. I really don’t want you to be cheated, so I’m telling you about it. You can never be Mr. Tang, I’ve seen him...”

“Keer, I’m really him.” Ning Xi almost collapsed out of exasperation. She had no place to change into a male outfit now, so how could she explain this mess?

Zhuang Keer sighed as she regarded the long-haired Ning Xi in her pink dress as a damsel in distress who had lost her mind for love. “Xiao Xi, don’t be stubborn. You’re so beautiful and amazing, so why love someone who’s not serious about you? I’m not discriminating against homosexuality, but using a woman to hide his own sexual orientation is too much...”

“Alright, Keer, you said Lu Tingxiao likes men and already has a boyfriend. If you can call that man out and let me talk to him then I’ll believe you.” Ning Xi realized that no amount of convincing would change Zhuang Keer’s mind. She looked at her straight in the eye.

Zhuang Keer frowned a little. “Well...I don’t have his contact...”

Ning Xi nodded. “Good, you can’t call him out? But I can.”

“What...”

The next moment, Ning Xi pushed her over and Zhuang Keer was lying on the bed with Ning Xi on top of her...

“Xiao Xi, you...”

While Ning Xi was still in her dress, her facial expression and her aura totally changed...

Ning Xi used an arm to support her weight while being on top of Keer. Her face had lost the gentleness she had when she was talking to Zhuang Keer just now. It was full of her wildness at the moment as she whispered, “Now...who am I?”

Ning Xi’s exterior outlook was still a woman but through her eyes, Zhuang Keer could see the image of the man who had charmed her. “You... you’re...”

Someone knocked on the door and came in. “Ning...”

Lu Tingxiao saw the both of them on bed and he stood frozen there...

Chapter 878: My Devil Sure Is Impressive!

Zhuang Keer and Ning Xi both looked at the door at the same time and they saw Lu Tingxiao’s face of disbelief.

Ning Xi covered her face guiltily. Why did she feel like she was being caught cheating!?

As if the magical effect just disappeared, Ning Xi switched back from her wild wolf modI into her white bunny mode and she quickly went to Lu Tingxiao. “Lu Tingxiao, why are you here?”

Lu Tingxiao thought it was difficult for her to explain, so he decided to tell Zhuang Keer personally, but it looked like it was unnecessary...

“You’re...really him?” Zhuang Keer stood up and felt that she was still in a dream. She was still excited from the moment her idol had pushed her down onto the bed, and the last sentence still lingered in her mind. Her heart was racing fast.

It was a girl right in front of her. How could it be..? Impossible...

Seeing Zhuang Keer glance towards Ning Xi, Lu Tingxiao pulled Ning Xi behind him. “Since the misunderstanding is cleared, we’ll be leaving now.”

He then brought Ning Xi downstairs without any hesitation.

Zhuang Keer was not able to stop him from doing so. The idol she had been longing to meet had finally appeared before her, yet the very same idol was brought away by another man...

Outside the house, Ning Xi turned towards the direction of her car. “Hold on...Lu Tingxiao! I drove my car here!”

“I’ll have the driver drive it back.”

“Oh...”

In the car, Lu Tingxiao remained silent with his lips shut tight, obviously angry, and really angry at that.

Ning Xi was having a headache.

Why did it really feel like she had actually been caught cheating?

“Hey, are you angry?”

Lu Tingxiao did not say anything.

“Well...you can’t blame me! I was just trying to clear your name! If you didn’t kiss me in public that night, would Zhuang Keer have misunderstood us? I’m trying to help you, alright...? If not, people would really think that you like men and have been cheating on me...”

Lu Tingxiao still kept quiet.

“Zhuang Keer is a girl. Are you really being jealous of a girl?” Ning Xi mumbled.

At a red light, Ning Xi suddenly fell backwards with her seat adjusted to a reclining position. Before she realized what had happened, the man’s face was hovering above her and his arms were pressed by her side, his gaze and tone oddly dangerous. “Yes, even if it’s a woman, it’s still the same.”

He then kissed her lips wildly...

Honk!

The light had turned green and the cars at the back started honking.

Ning Xi pushed the man away and tried to get up. “Hey, it’s...it’s turned green! Who was the one who told me to not try anything funny when driving?”

Still leaning over her, Lu Tingxiao lowered his foot on the accelerator gently, then continued kissing.

The car moved on its own.

Seeing the view outside whizzing past, Ning Xi was surprised. Did this car have automatic driving?

Could he have installed this after what happened the last time?

My devil sure is impressive...

Chapter 879: Do You Hate Me?

When they reached home, Ning Xi’s cheeks were puffed up and judging from her pout, she was obviously unhappy.

Lu Tingxiao’s eyes fell on the faint mark on the girl’s fair neck that was a result of his loss of control earlier. “Unhappy?”

Ning Xi instantly nodded vigorously.

Who would be jealous of a woman anyway!?

“One day, if you saw me and another man in such a position, would you feel bothered?” Lu Tingxiao said plainly.

“You...you and another man in a situation similar to mine earlier!?” Ning Xi visualized the image in her head for a while and almost started to bleed from her nose. “How could I not be bothered!?”

When he saw the girl’s excited little face, it was clear that she was not affected by jealousy...

Lu Tingxiao’s eyes flashed with helplessness. “You...? Fine...”

Ning Xi looked at Lu Tingxiao’s exhausted expression and ran over to him in small steps. “Angry?”

Lu Tingxiao shot her a look. “If I was really angry at you, do you think I would still be alive?”

The way he said that sounded like he would die from anger or something...

She had only caused little ruckuses out of impulse once in a while...and accidentally stole the hearts of girls every now and then...

Shortly after Lu Tingxiao left, Ning Xi worked for a while. As she was about to fall asleep, her phone rang.

She looked at the phone display. It was Zhuang Keer. They had exchanged numbers before this.

Why was she calling at this hour?

Ning Xi suspiciously picked up the call. "Hello, Keer?"

"Xiao Xi, are you sleeping yet? Am I disturbing you?" Zhuang Keer asked carefully.

"No worries, I'm not asleep yet!"

"Oh..."

Zhuang Keer did not continue any further.

Ning Xi could only take the initiative to say, "Well, whatever happened before this...I'm really sorry...that I've caused you to misunderstand..."

Zhuang Keer replied softly, "There's nothing to be sorry about. You had no intention to lie to anyone anyway. On the contrary, I should thank you. Thank you for coming to my rescue that time. I have always...always wanted to thank you face-to-face..."

When she heard the girl's shy and nervous tone from the other end, Ning Xi rubbed her nose and quickly cleared her throat to say, "It's okay, it was just a slight effort on my part."

"Um, Xiao Xi, are you free tomorrow?" Zhuang Keer hesitantly asked again.

"Tomorrow...I have to swing by the company tomorrow. My manager has something to discuss with me and I'm not sure what time I'll finish. Is there...something you need me for?" Ning Xi tried to probe.

"It's nothing...nothing important anyway! We're now considered as friends, aren't we? You know that I don't usually have many friends, so I just wanted to ask you out for shopping and meals or something...it's okay if you are busy! Work comes first!" Zhuang Keer said this with quite a bit of difficulty.

When she heard the girl's obviously disappointed tone trying to be disguised as nonchalance, Ning Xi almost could not help herself and she wanted to immediately agree to everything.

At last, she tactfully said, "Let's hang out when we're free!"

When she said this, the other end of the phone suddenly fell silent for a long while.

Ning Xi frowned. "Hello? Keer, are you still there?"

"Xiao Xi, do you...do you hate me?" Zhuang Keer's voice was shaking slightly.

Upon hearing the voice on the other end on the verge of tears, Ning Xi was shocked and she quickly said, "Of course not! Why would you think so?"

Chapter 880: You're My Insider

"I...well, after how I felt towards Lu Tingxiao at that time...at that time, we were...we were technically romantic rivals but now, I...I really don't feel anything towards Lu Tingxiao at all. You have to believe me...can you...not hate me...?" Because Zhuang

Keer was too nervous about explaining herself, she was practically slurring at this point.

After all, she was used to being proud and carrying her esteem well, so she had probably never spoken to anyone like this before. With such little experience, she did not know how to befriend someone...

For an arrogant and pampered person to confess their inner feelings was an extremely challenging feat! At the same time, this proved that she really, really cared about Ning Xi!

Ning Xi's heart instantly melted into a mess. Without thinking twice, she immediately said, "Keer, I really don't hate you. In fact, I really like you and I want to befriend you. I really do have errands to run tomorrow and I'm not sure what time I'll finish. How about the day after tomorrow? We can go out for a meal, go shopping, and catch a movie."

"R-really?" Zhuang Keer asked in disbelief and she sounded pleasantly surprised.

"Of course, be there or be square! That's that, then!"

"Okay!"

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After she hung up, Ning Xi immediately cried when she realized what she had just done and buried her head into the sheets.

Damn it! Why did I not keep it in? Aaaah!

Her heart was exhausted; she had absolutely no restraint against cute girls...

The next night, Ning Xi rushed to Platinum Palace the moment she was done with her errands.

Mmm, time to meet the devil!

Ning Xi had personally cooked a feast and once they were done with dinner, she had fought to wash the dishes too.

At night, after she had coaxed the little bun to sleep, she quickly grabbed the opportunity to cozy up to Lu Tingxiao and massage his shoulders and legs. On the sofa, Lu Tingxiao did not look at her and seemed to be focused on the document in his hands, but in actual fact...

The girl knelt beside him and massaged his legs with just the right amount of force. As she massaged upwards, she would occasionally touch a few sensitive spots. Even if he used the restraint of the world, there was no way he could focus...

Finally, Lu Tingxiao pinched his brows and put the document in his hands aside. His large hand held the girl's wrist and pulled her up, instantly making her sit on his lap.

"Enough, tell me, what is it."

Ning Xi sat on Lu Tingxiao's lap and blinked, then weakly said while looking at her fingers as though they were the most interesting thing in the world, "Um...Big Boss, how did you know that something's up?"

Lu Tingxiao shot her a look with a poker face. “You’re unnecessarily eager and attentive...”

Ning Xi broke out in a cold sweat and tried to defend herself. “What!? That’s not true! I don’t have any evil intentions, okay?!”

Lu Tingxiao’s long arms surrounded the girl as he lay on the sofa relaxed, then he asked, “What is it then?”

Ning Xi struggled to choose her words carefully. “Um, well...it’s actually nothing really...just that...well, I’m meeting up with Zhuang Keer...to shop and eat tomorrow...”

“If I remember correctly, I made an appointment with you first,” Lu Tingxiao pointed out unhappily.

“Right, right! I’m sorry! I only remembered after I agreed to her too quickly, but I’ve already agreed after all. I really can’t bring myself to go back on my words...so...”

“Yet, you can bring yourself to do so with me?” Lu Tingxiao broodily stared at her at this point.

Ning Xi quickly wrapped her arms around his neck and purred against his chin like a cat, “Of course, I can do so with you. Zhuang Keer is an outsider but you’re an insider! We’re much more intimate with each other, aye?”