

## Hidden 1431

### Chapter 1431: Providing For A Pretty Boy

"Don't worry, she didn't touch me," Lu Tingxiao comforted.

"But I saw it! I saw her rub her chest against you!" When she said this, Ning Xi got even angrier.

"Do you think that I would have let her touch me?" The man's wide palm rubbed the hair of the girl who was about to explode. The haze that lingered in between his brows the entire day today had also quietly dispersed. "I moved back and evaded it. Just that from your angle, it looked like we touched."

It turned out she had viewed it wrongly from a misalignment of position. She knew that the devil would not have just let anyone take advantage of him.

Only when she heard this, did the fire of fury in Ning Xi's heart somewhat extinguish a little.

Freaking hell! She had been on edge for so long and had been worried that Lu Tingxiao would fall into the vinegar jar, but who would have thought that in the end, it was she who almost died from drowning in vinegar... Jeez...

After she cooled down, Ning Xi's recent uneasy frame of mind had already calmed down quite a lot. Her relationship with Lu Tingxiao would not reach to the extent of being affected by this little matter. Since Lu Tingxiao was fine, she had nothing to be worried about then...

Ning Xi and Lu Tingxiao walked towards the car park. They noticed two people strolling from the other side directly opposite them. Coincidentally, it was Meng Shiyi and her assistant.

This was truly a case of enemies on a narrow road.

"Why is it that no matter where we walk, we bump into this crappy vase? How unlucky!" Meng Shiyi's assistant was muttering despicably.

Meng Shiyi immediately revealed an expression that was delighted about getting on Ning Xi's nerves when she saw her, then she looked mockingly towards Ke Mingyu beside her and smirked maliciously. "Huh, Ning Xi... I wonder... If your manager and your fans know that you're providing for a pretty boy. Sleeping with a junior from the same company... How would their reactions be like?"

When she heard this, Ning Xi instantly raised her brows.

Huh? Sleeping with him?

She liked this term! She liked the party she was sleeping with even more.

Meng Shiyi watched as Ning Xi did not seem in the least concerned. Her expression then turned gloomy, and she spoke sternly, "Ning Xi! Do you think that I can't do anything to you because I don't have evidence? Huh, I'm telling you, when I, Meng Shiyi, speak in the entertainment circle, I don't need evidence!"

Indeed, with Meng Shiyi's status, if she were to expose Ning Xi and Ke Mingyu's scandal, even if everyone did not completely believe her, word would get around and most of them would talk.

When she heard this, Ning Xi laughed then she slowly took out her phone and played a video. She mocked, "Top actress Meng, obviously, you don't need evidence when you speak, but mere characters like us... Well, we obviously need to have some evidence when we speak!"

Ning Xi played the video showing Meng Shiyi doing many bad takes in a row and losing her self-control. On the screen, she was fuming mad after the bad takes, and there was even a scene of her flying into a terrible rage.

After she guessed that Meng Shiyi might have found out about her relationship with Ke Mingyu, Ning Xi had long asked Xiao Tao to quietly help her record the scenes.

As the saying went, a beggar can never be bankrupt. It was fine if she did bad takes, but it mattered very much to Meng Shiyi. Besides, Meng Shiyi had even done those bad takes in front of someone like her, a junior she felt was beneath her, a rookie, a vase, an idol camp...

Meng Shiyi did not think that Ning Xi would have had something up her sleeves. Her expression instantly changed. She was so angry that her face turned a livid purple. "You!"

If this video was shared with the public, the consequences would be more severe than Ning Xi and Ke Mingyu's scandal. Within the entertainment industry, scandals were commonplace. Even though there would be outcomes, it would be limited. Besides, Meng Shiyi would be speaking like an empty vessel since she did not have enough evidence that could shock and attract eyeballs. However, to Meng Shiyi, the video in Ning Xi's hands could ruin her image that she had worked so hard to build.

Thus, Ning Xi had correctly predicted that Meng Shiyi would definitely not dare to act rashly.

When she saw that she had achieved the results she wanted, Ning Xi had no patience to be long-winded with her, so she just held Ke Mingyu's hand right in front of her and left swiftly.

Behind them, Meng Shiyi almost passed out from anger. Besides the fact that she could not do anything to her, she had even been thoroughly made a fool of!

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#### **Chapter 1432: Feeling of Being Protected By The Wife**

"My dear, I'm here, don't worry!" Ning Xi looked like an overbearing guardian protecting her lover. She was quite dedicated to adhering to their illegal relationship.

Lu Tingxiao coughed lightly and held back his laughter. "Mmm."

As he observed the girl's protective look, Lu Tingxiao could not help but recall the girl's words from the series, "If anyone dares to touch a single strand of hair of his... I will have his head... If anyone dares to hurt him, I will kill his entire faction..."

Lu Tingxiao's heart instantly turned to a pile of mush. He instinctively leaned towards her lips...

However, before Lu Tingxiao could get closer, accompanied by a gust of wind, a palm swept directly towards his face.

Ning Xi instantly reacted and immediately pushed Lu Tingxiao behind her to protect him, then she raised a palm against the person who had ambushed him.

To her surprise, Ning Xi's palm met nothing. When the other person saw that it was her they were striking, they immediately retrieved the attack.

"Who is it?!" When Ning Xi looked up and clearly saw who the attacker was. She was dumbfounded. "Shi Xiao?"

At that moment, Shi Xiao was staring straight at Lu Tingxiao with a murderous expression at whom she protected behind her.

Hmm, this was a rather familiar situation...

This was the exact same reaction Lu Jingli had when he first saw Ke Mingyu.

Ning Xi put her hand to her forehead helplessly.

Now, she finally remembered Shi Xiao, and at the same time, she remembered that it was probably in the morning when Shi Xiao had first seen her intimate contact with Ke Mingyu. With Shi Xiao's restless and impulsive personality, he had probably held back and only made a move now. She could imagine the kind of brutal struggle his heart must have experienced the entire day.

Shi Xiao's gaze looked like he wanted to pummel someone as he walked past Ning Xi without a word and moved to attack Ke Mingyu behind her again.

However, with Ning Xi there, Shi Xiao was destined to not be able to touch a single hair of Ke Mingyu's.

Shi Xiao's continuous attacks were all stopped by Ning Xi's tight defense. Do not even mention beating up that pretty boy; he could not even touch him. His frustration almost drove him to his own death.

Bloody hell! He knew that running here to become the Lady Boss's bodyguard was just bringing contempt upon himself. Now, he could not even handle one little pretty boy...

What was the point of the Boss wanting him to do this job? How could he still face the Boss!?

Whilst facing his subordinate that was on the verge of breaking down, a certain devil had no reaction at all. Hmm, being protected by the wife was not a bad feeling at all.

After the last failed attempt, Shi Xiao felt really defeated. He looked with bloodshot eyes towards Ning Xi and the pretty boy beside her and complained, "Miss Xiao Xi, how can you do such things behind the Boss's back? Even though... Even though the Boss is serious, stubborn, unromantic and doesn't know how to make girls happy, when he's angry, he's no different from the King of Hell..."

When she heard this, Ning Xi could not hold it in anymore and buried her face into Lu Tingxiao's chest to explode in laughter. "Hahaha... My dear, now that you've heard your subordinate's honest evaluation of you, how do you feel?"

Shi Xiao was ranting halfway when he suddenly looked up in disbelief at Ke Mingyu again.

The Lady Boss's words... What did she mean?

Lu Tingxiao looked helplessly towards the girl who was laughing in his embrace, then he looked up towards Shi Xiao and said expressionlessly, "It's me."

This time, Lu Tingxiao used his real voice.

When that familiar voice rang in his ears, Shi Xiao's entire face looked like it had been rocked by a major disaster. "Boss?!"

### **Chapter 1433: No Problem**

Moments later, in the car, Shi Xiao drove as he kept looking through the rearview mirror at the person in the back seat.

Ning Xi was listlessly leaning against Lu Tingxiao. As she kept yawning, her pair of starry eyes watered. She had done so many scenes in a row today and had used up too much energy. Once she got the chance to relax, it was immediately hard to stay awake any longer.

Lu Tingxiao helped to adjust the girl into a comfortable position. "If you're tired, then sleep for a while."

Ning Xi nodded with sleepy eyes. She lay on Lu Tingxiao's lap and shut her eyes. Very soon came the sound of drawn-out, exhausted breathing.

Lu Tingxiao took out a blanket from the storage compartment and gently covered the girl with it, then he ordered the person driving up front without even looking up, "Increase the temperature a little."

Before Shi Xiao's brain could process the order, his body had already swiftly increased the temperature of the air conditioner by a little.

Uhh...

This automatic conditioned reflex terrified him.

Was this person truly his boss?!

Even though he had completely changed his face, in a situation where the man was not intentionally keeping a low profile at that moment, his presence and his every move were incredibly natural, especially that loving gaze when he looked at Ning Xi... Mmm, that was his boss, no doubt...

He knew that things like a human-skin mask existed, but he would never have thought that his boss would use such a method to accompany Ning Xi on drama sets and actually act. This was pampering to the point of defying the natural order!

Ke Mingyu...

The boss had, in fact, already joined the crew during "Dream Chaser", entering the team to protect Miss Xiao Xi himself.

When he thought about this, Shi Xiao's expression could not help but darken. If it was not for him losing his boss's trust, the Boss would not have needed to go to this extent.

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At night, at Peachwood, after Ning Xi woke up from her sleep, she immediately got busy in the kitchen.

Annie ran over worriedly. "Bro Xi, let me help you! How many days are you going to spend making so many biscuits!?"

"Never mind, it's done." Ning Xi waved her hand.

Ding! She opened the oven door and a strong waft of sweetness filled the air.

Ning Xi put on a pair of thick mittens and took out the biscuits.

Annie was just about to comment on how it was not enough, but when she took a closer look at the biscuits, she was instantly speechless.

"Success!" Ning Xi swiftly packed the biscuits up in a box and then clapped her hands.

Ning Xi had made eight biscuits. Every one of the biscuits had a word scrawled on with jam. Putting them together would make "nine", "thousand", "nine", "hundred", "and", "ninety", "nine", "biscuits".

Nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine biscuits. No problem!

To deal with illogical maniacs, you would need to use unusual logic!

Obviously wanting to get this over with as soon as possible, Ning Xi immediately rushed to the suburbs to deliver the biscuits when she had just finished. After she passed it to 16, she did not stay longer. She left the biscuits in the woman's hands and immediately ran off.

Little did she know that not too long after she left, outside the haunted old residence in the suburbs, a black, low-profile car had stopped mystically at the entrance.

The person in the driver's seat quickly got down and walked to the back before carefully opening the back door.

Moments later, a 50-odd-year-old man in a traditional Chinese outfit and white hair stepped down from the car. Feng Jin and four other bodyguards followed behind him with solemn and respectful expressions.

The man in the Chinese outfit had just walked to the door when Tang Ye personally went up to greet him. He lowered his gaze and spoke with utmost respect, "Master!"

"Mmm." The man in the Chinese outfit responded expressionlessly, "Where's Ah Shen?"

"Inside the house."

#### **Chapter 1434: Obviously The Woman**

The man clad in the traditional Chinese outfit walked inside the house. Along the way, everyone was filled with nerves and no one dared to say anything.

In the master bedroom upstairs, Yun Shen was lying on the recliner on the balcony. On the short table beside his hand was a script and a box of biscuits.

When he heard movement, the man leaned over to see who it was. In a lazy drawl, he said, "Uncle Qiao, what wind has blown you here?"

Qiao Yu looked upset. He first raised his hand to dismiss everyone else, then he spoke with a frigid expression. "Ah Shen, don't forget the purpose of your return to the country! Is it for the Lu family or a woman?!"

Under the moonlight, Yun Shen's expression was cool and frivolous. "Obviously, the woman."

Qiao Yu choked. "Yun Shen!"

"Huh, what!? I'm just kidding! Don't be so tense!" The man laughed lightly.

Qiao Yi's face was covered with gloom. He had raised this person before him, and the person who understood Yun Shen the most in the world was him. Sadly, he was not sure when it began, but he actually felt that he could no longer read him anymore...

"As long as you know it well in your heart!" Qiao Yi huffed before he walked out with a stiff expression.

In the corridor, Tang Ye stood as straight as a ramrod and waited.

"Ah Ye, follow me."

Tang Ye seemed to expect that Qiao Yi would look for him. The fists by his side tightened slightly before he followed Qiao Yi into a study room.

Under the dim lights, Qiao Yu's expression was a little bleak. "Ah Ye, the three-month period is up. Don't tell me that despite so many of you catching Tang Lang, none of you could lay a hand on him!"

Tang Lang's eyes were instantly filled with darkness and he knelt down at once. "Master, Tang Lang..."

Qiao Yi raised his hand and cut him off. "Ah Ye, I know you and him grew up together. You love each other like brothers. How could my heart not ache? Usually, when he causes trouble, have I ever said a word? But this time, it is a capital offense to betray the faction. For the sake of our master-disciple relationship, I've let you make the move. I've already offered extreme benevolence towards him!"

When he said this, there was clear stress and warning in Qiao Yi's eyes. "I will give you seven more days, Ah Ye. Don't disappoint me!"

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At this same time, at the Ning family's official residence, the house was decorated with lanterns and colored banners. It was a lavish party of glitz and glam in the living room.

Today, it was the auspicious day of the engagement between the Su and the Ning families.

Because it was just an engagement party, everyone present were the relatives from the two families. Even so, the occasion was still rather grand; those who came and went were figures of prestige.

"Congratulations!"

"The two children are really perfect with each other. They are a match made in heaven!"

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All of the guests courteously offered congratulatory and celebratory wishes as if the incident of Ning Qitong publicly exposing Ning Xueluo's life history at the cocktail event the other day had never happened.

Now that even Ning Yaohua's shares had been passed to Ning Xueluo, the Sus would carry out the wedding as planned next month to take Ning Xueluo into their family. Those with eyes would know which of the two Ning daughters were more important. No one would mention that incident on such an occasion.

Ning Xueluo clung onto Su Yan and was busily receiving all the guests, accepting everyone's well wishes and envious gazes. There was a contentment that she had never felt before in her heart.

This was just the beginning. In the future, what she would be getting would be so much more... Much more...

Sadly, that witch Ning Xi was not there that day. She could not see all of this for herself...

However, that was fine. It was her wedding next month. When that happened, the entire city would bear witness to all of this. Even if she wanted to avoid it, she would not be able to!

#### **Chapter 1435: Ideas About The Zhuang Family**

The sound of a phone ringing interrupted her gloating to herself. Ning Xueluo took out her phone to take a look. It was an unknown number.

"Hello? Who's this?" Ning Xueluo asked with a sweet and courteous voice, thinking that it was a guest who was calling.

"Xueluo... It's me... It's mother..."

Ning Xueluo's expression instantly changed. She covered the mouthpiece on her phone and smiled at Su Yan beside her. "Bro Yan, I'm going to take a call."

"Mmm, go ahead."

Ning Xueluo rushed to the courtyard with her phone. The sweet smile on her face instantly vanished, and she spoke sternly now, "Didn't I tell you not to call me?"

There was a pause from the other end, then came the sound of a slightly embarrassed voice, "Xueluo, I heard that it's your engagement today... As your mother, I just..."

"Shut up!" The sound of "mother" seemed to have touched Ning Xueluo's raw nerve. She immediately cut her off sternly.

Sun Lan probably realized her daughter's fear of the taboo, so she immediately changed her words, "I just wanted to congratulate you..."

"There's no need. As long as you pretend that I don't exist, I'd be really grateful to you!"

"Oh, earlier, Xiao Nuo went looking for you..."

"How dare you mention Xiao Nuo? How many times have I told you guys to never come to the Ning residence?! Did you even hear what I said? Must you ruin me before you're happy?" Once that incident was brought up, Ning Xi's fury was ignited again. She did not even bother asking about the reason Tang Nuo had come to the Ning residence.

"Xueluo, it really hurts me to hear you to speak like this. I know that you don't have it easy in the Ning family either. So as not to cause you trouble, we've never once gone looking for you all these years. This time, it was because we had no other option. That was why we let Xiao Nuo make a trip to Imperial..."

"Enough! I'm very busy right now. I've no time to talk about all this with you. Just say it, how much money do you want? But just this once! Please get it straight. You guys have never raised me a single day. I don't have any obligations to you lot and I'm not your ATM!" Ning Xueluo immediately guessed that based on the tone of her voice, Xiao Nuo had probably come looking for money. She instantly looked disgusted.

"No... Xueluo, you've misunderstood... I'm not calling because of money..." Sun Lan never would have thought that her daughter would misunderstand her like that. If it was not for those rogues who had forced them into a tight spot, they would not have troubled her. Still, she had not even asked why Xiao Nuo went looking for her at all or what might have happened at home before she uttered such words.

"Xueluo, why are you here alone?" Behind her, Su Yan's mother called out. Ning Xueluo did not wait for Sun Lan to explain and quickly hung up.

"Auntie Su..." Ning Xueluo rushed to flash her signature sweet-tempered and lovable smile.

"Good child! It won't be long before you have to correct yourself and call me 'Mother-in-law'! I've waited this day for five years!" Su Yan's mother playfully tugged Ning Xueluo's hand affectionately.

Ever since Ning Xueluo's identity had been exposed, Su Yan's mother's attitude towards her had become quite indifferent. Even after Ning Yaohua had transferred all his shares to her, it was still hard to return to how it was.

Ning Xueluo never would have thought that Su Yan's mother would suddenly become so friendly towards her. She could not help but feel a little taken aback by the affection, then she quickly revealed a shy and touched expression. "It's my good fortune to have a mother-in-law like you!"

Su Yan's mother smile spread wide as she tugged at Ning Xueluo's hand to say a few more intimate words, then she changed the topic. "Xueluo, on your wedding day, is your family inviting anyone from the Zhuang family?"

### **Chapter 1436: Free of Worries**

When she heard this, Ning Xueluo was instantly stunned. She was just wondering why Su Yan's mother was suddenly so friendly and eager to her tonight. She did not think that it would have been because of the Zhuangs...

Ning Xueluo immediately revealed an embarrassed and awkward expression. "Well, I've never heard my parents mention it. On the guest list, there doesn't seem to be any sign of people from the Zhuang family..."



Su Yan's mother instantly frowned, then she held Ning Xueluo's hand again as she spoke earnestly, "Xueluo, in any case, we're already a family now, so there are some things I still need to say. Which parents aren't at fault in this world? As parents, don't we all just want the best for the future generation? Your mother has been estranged from the Zhuang family for so many years already. It's time to let go. What do you think?"

Ning Xueluo chose her words carefully. "Obviously, I hope that Mother can bury the hatchet with Grandfather too. I hope for the entire family to be harmonious and happy, but you know Mother's personality as well..."

Something flashed in Su Yan's mother's eyes. "Silly child, there are some things that your mother obviously can't do in fear of hurting someone else's feelings. The Zhuang family needs a way out too. Now, we'll obviously need to rely on you young ones.

"Next month, your wedding will be a good and rare opportunity! If, at this moment, you make the initiative to invite the Zhuangs and give them a way out, as long as they have the intention to reconcile, they'll definitely come.

"Then, once the Zhuangs arrive, on such an occasion like your wedding, even if your mother is unhappy, she definitely won't make it obvious. Taking advantage of the joyous atmosphere, everyone can talk about some things in common. Wouldn't the awkwardness be resolved then?

"After all, the Zhuangs disagreed with the marriage between your mother and your father back then because they felt they were not an appropriate match. Now that the Ning family is expanding, while you're so well-educated, bright, and competent, added with the fact that you are now in-laws with us Sus too, no matter what, the Zhuang family should have a change in their attitudes..."

Su Yan's mother did not even think about the issue of whether Ning Xueluo was the biological daughter of the Ning family or not. Even Zhuang Lingyu had acknowledged Ning Xueluo as her daughter, so the Zhuang family would obviously do the same. Otherwise, would they still get close to Ning Xi who had been scorned by the Ning family?

Su Yan's mother had spoken so much, and to such a logical extent, yet there was an unpleasant look on Ning Xueluo's face.

If Su Yan's mother could think of it, how could she have not?

Right from the start, she had already secretly sent an invitation to the Zhuang family, but it had been many days and there was not a single response from their end. Clearly, they did not have any intentions of acknowledging the Nings.

Now, there was Su Xun glaring like a tiger watching his prey on the Su family's side. Su Xun's wife was not one to be messed with. If that was just the case, based on her connections in the entertainment circle, her own company, and the Ning family's shares in her hands, it would be more than enough for her to gain a foothold after marrying into the Su family.

However, now that the scandal of her not being the biological daughter of the Ning family had caused such a ruckus, it was like a time bomb hanging over her head. If she could have the Zhuang family's backing, she could then be free of worries.

Ning Xueluo obviously could not just tell Su Yan's mother about how dismissive the Zhuangs were towards the Nings, so she said, "Aunty Su, I understand what you mean. I'll try my best to invite the Zhuangs!"

When she saw that Ning Xueluo was intelligent enough to understand her intentions, Su Yan's mother nodded, pleased.

A darkness flashed across Ning Xueluo's eyes. It looked like she needed to think of another way to handle the Zhuang family...

### **Chapter 1437: Everyone's Trying To Get You Girls**

The next morning, at the Lu Corporation office, the directors meeting had just ended. As everyone had departed, only Lu Chongshan and Lu Tingxiao were left in the meeting room.

Because of Little Treasure's speedy recovery to the point that he was just like any other normal child, in addition to his intelligence and outstanding performance, the atmosphere in the Lu family was pretty harmonious.

However, the family gathering was soon approaching and Lu Chongshan was reminded of his worries again.

"Tingxiao, the family gathering is near. As the eldest son of the family, how are you going to explain the situation? Are you going to tell them... that their future lady of the house is a little actress?"

Lu Tingxiao looked out of the window without any expression. "I don't have to explain to anyone."

Lu Chongshan was enraged. "You're in an important position! How could you say something so blase?"

"It's exactly because I'm in this position that I can."

If he could not even protect the one he loved in his position, there was no point doing anything anymore.

Lu Chongshan looked helpless and exhausted. He softened his tone, "Tingxiao, it's normal that you have someone you love. I'm not against you being in a relationship with this woman. You can dote on her however you want, but the position as lady of the house is not a joke."

With Lu Tingxiao's position, there would never be a problem as to whomever and however many women he wanted, it could be easily solved with money, but the one he was going to marry would be a family matter.

Besides, Lu Chongshan's biggest worry was Little Treasure...

After a short silence, Lu Chongshan said with a serious expression, "Tingxiao, it doesn't matter how much you dislike Ziyao. You have to admit that with her family background, at least Little Treasure's kidnapping three years ago would never have happened!

"As for Ning Xi, can you be absolutely sure that an actress at the very bottom of the food pyramid wouldn't have any impure thoughts when she sees everything the Lu family has? What if she uses Little Treasure against us, especially now that Little Treasure trusts her so much?!"

Lu Chongshan halted a little and looked regretful. "If I knew you were going to pick a woman like her, I would rather find out who Little Treasure's real mother is and get her in!"

Although Lu Chongshan had rattled on so much, Lu Tingxiao did not look like he heard a word he said. He just sat in the main chair and rested his head on his arm, appearing distracted.

Lu Chongshan left with a stormy expression as he knew whatever he did was not working.

Their conversation once again ended unhappily.

After a short while, Lu Jingli cautiously went into the meeting room.

"Father's doing the talk again? Well, it's still alright now! Wait until the family gathering. It's terrifying when everyone's trying to get you girls!" Lu Jingli shuddered when he was reminded of what had happened in the past.

"When's the report coming out?"

Lu Jingli's eyes brightened. "Today! This afternoon! I'll go to the hospital for the report later! I went to the main branch of the military hospital in Imperial. It's definitely accurate!"

Lu Tingxiao glared at him coldly, and Lu Jingli instantly understood what he wanted to say. "I swear I never told anyone about it, and will never breathe a word! Rest assured!"

Lu Jingli then coughed lightly and asked, "Bro... The results for the DNA test... You... Do you hope that it'll be positive or not?"

#### **Chapter 1438: Urging For A Blind Date**

What was his expectation of the results?

Lu Tingxiao was a little taken aback, but he did not say anything.

If he knew the answer to this question, he would not be this worried.

Lu Jingli scratched his head, realizing that it was indeed an odd question. "I'll just go to the hospital and wait now. We'll wait until the results are out. Any talk now is meaningless!"

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In Peachwood.

Ning Xi did not have work today, so she stayed at home.

Flowers were all around the garden, and the air was also filled with the fragrance of herbs.

Annie was happily arranging her herbs on the floor to dry them, while Ning Xi and Ning Tianxin were sitting on rattan chairs, enjoying some tea and desserts.

"It's been such a long time since I have been this relaxed... What a great day indeed!"

In comparison to Lu Tingxiao who was currently facing one of the biggest challenges in his life, Ning Xi got her hard-earned rest. Without her bunch of exes back at the production, she looked at the cute

Annie, then at the relaxed Ning Tianxin. She was definitely in a good mood with the company of the beauties beside her.

Ning Tianxin caught onto Ning Xi's happiness when she saw how she was enjoying herself.

Actually, ever since she had moved there after she was discharged from the hospital, her mood had been uplifted. She felt a peace that she never experienced before.

She did not have to care about anyone anymore. Her happiness was no longer controlled by that single person now.

A phone rang. It was Ning Tianxin's cellphone.

"Hello?" Ning Tianxin tensed up a little, and her tone sounded cold.

"Tianxin, are you home? Can I go over? I have something important to talk to you about!"

"Nope, I'm at Xiao Xi's place. What's the matter?"

Ning Yaobang sounded excited. "A huge matter! Do you know Hong Xiongjie? The big boss that has a net worth of over \$10 billion? He's even more powerful than the Su family. CEO Hu saw you once at the dinner last time and took a fancy to you. He actually contacted me to suggest dinner some time..."

"I don't have time. I've got to go."

Ning Tianxin ended the call after just a few terse words.

"Did Second Uncle call?" Ning Xi asked. From Ning Tianxin's expression, it must have been something unpleasant.

Ning Tianxin nodded. "He's urging me to go on a blind date."

Ning Xi's expression darkened slightly. "He's so persistent! Who is it this time?"

Birds of a feather flocked together. The people in Ning Yaobang's circle could not be of any good, and he could not have found anyone decent.

Ning Tianxin replied, "Hong Xiongjie."

Ning Xi was triggered when she heard the name. "Damn! He's even introducing you to a 50-year-old man? Is he really your biological father?!"

She knew Ning Yaobang was not reliable, but she did not expect him to be this shameless.

Hong Xiongjie was the gambling lord of Macau and the pioneer of the number betting industry. He was definitely powerful and rich, but he was way past his fifties and was an infamous pervert who had already changed several wives and probably had a lot of mistresses as well.

Sending Ning Tianxin to a person like this? What was the difference compared to sending her on the path to hell?

It seemed like Ning Yaobang was anxious about Ning Yaohua already being on good terms with the Sus to the point that he had to make contact with people like this.

Ning Tianxin did not react much. From her lack of anger, it seemed like she was already used to this.

Ning Xi frowned and mumbled worriedly, "Second Uncle probably won't give up..."

### **Chapter 1439: Overseas**

"I was already expecting this. It just came sooner than I expect," Ning Tianxin sighed, "I'm graduating next month. I'm planning... to go overseas."

"Ah..." Ning Xi looked bitterly at her. "Sis Tianxin, are you going to work overseas?"

Ning Tianxin nodded. "I've already applied to several companies in Los Angeles."

Ning Xi was missing her already, but she knew that it was the best for Ning Tianxin. "Okay, as long as you're happy! Going overseas is a pretty exciting adventure too! I'm quite familiar with Los Angeles and I have a few friends there as well. If you need any help, remember to let me know!"

"Mmm, thank you, Xiao Xi." Ning Tianxin was really grateful. "If it wasn't for you..."

Ning Xi quickly interrupted her as Ning Tianxin was about to start thanking her again, "We're family. It's alright!"

"Eh? Sis Tianxin is going overseas?" Annie felt a little down just thinking about it.

"Yes! Annie, thank you for your care during this period of time!" After spending these few days with her, Ning Tianxin really liked this friend of Ning Xi's as well.

"You're welcome. Bro Xi's sister is my sister as well! Let me know when you're leaving. I'll prepare some medicine for your treatment as well as a prescription for your health care!"

"Thank you!"

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In a Western restaurant in Imperial.

"Lingtian... Lingtian?" Guan Ziyao waved her hand in front of the man.

"What?" The daydreaming Mo Lingtian came back to his senses.

"Lingtian, what's up with you? You don't seem to be yourself lately. Isn't the issue with that woman resolved?" Guan Ziyao asked worriedly.

Mo Lingtian's eyes darkened. He rubbed his forehead and forced a smile. "It's alright. I probably just didn't rest well."

Guan Ziyao frowned. "Stop staying up so late already. Go easier on the alcohol as well. Your body won't be able to last long if you don't take care of yourself."

"Mmm, got it." Mo Lingtian managed a feeble smile again. "Haven't you been busy lately? What's with the sudden invitation?"

Guan Ziyao took out a file and handed it over to him. "Lingtian, I looked for you today because I need some help. This person... Can you help me look for him?"

Mo Lingtian scanned through the documents. "Who's this?"

"I'm sorry. It's a private matter of mine." Guan Ziyao did not seem willing to say more, and she knew that Mo Lingtian would not push her.

Mo Lingtian closed the file. He took a deep breath and tried to remove that image of his worthlessness inside of him. He also tried to forget the entire incident. Despite his best efforts, he was not able to focus in front of Guan Ziyao. "I'll try my best."

Guan Ziyao gave him a grateful smile. "Thank you, Lingtian, for always helping me!"

"Oh, I promised you to ask Tingxiao out, but he's been so busy lately and probably won't be available anytime soon."

Guan Ziyao did not seem to mind. "It's okay. The Lus have been pretty busy lately after all. About Tingxiao... It's fine... Let it be..."

Mo Lingtian was a little surprised by Guan Ziyao's reaction.

Had Ziyao... moved on?

He did not know how long he had been waiting for this day. He had imagined this countless times. If his obstacle in the form of Lu Tingxiao did not exist, he would have done everything he could to be with her, yet at this moment, probably because of his guilt towards Tianxin, he felt no joy or victory. The passion and excitement he imagined were nowhere to be felt...

#### **Chapter 1440: Freaked Out Little Goldfish**

At Platinum Palace.

Lu Jingli held his suitcase in front of his chest as he walked swiftly and stealthily like a thief into his brother's place.

The moment he reached the entrance, he bumped into another person and freaked out. "What the-?! Xiao... Xiao Xi Xi!"

"What's wrong with you? Am I really that scary to you!?" Ning Xi looked at Lu Jingli with a suspicious expression.

Lu Jingli gripped onto his suitcase tightly, his handsome little face going pale. At that moment, she was way scarier than a ghost!

"Xiao Xi Xi, you... Why are you here? Don't you have work today?" Lu Jingli forced his anxious heart to calm down as he tried to ask with a calmer tone.

Observing Lu Jingli's timid eyes, his sweating forehead, and the stuttering speech, Ning Xi narrowed her eyes. "Did you do something bad?"

"No! Who told you that I did something bad?! I'm so cute and nice! You're the one who did something bad. Your whole family did something bad!" Lu Jingli quickly denied.

Ning Xi's mouth twitched. What a big reaction! That was definitely suspicious!

"What are you holding?" Ning Xi looked at the black suitcase Lu Jingli was protecting.

Lu Jingli's little heart skipped a beat. "A suitcase! Can't you see?"

Ning Xi did not let him off and she persisted, "What's inside? Why are you so nervous?"

"Of course, there are documents inside! Secret documents! That's why I'm nervous!"

"The thing is... Why are you so nervous to see me?"

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Lu Jingli was on the verge of crying. "I'm busy. I have to go and give something to my brother!"

Ning Xi grinned and blocked the way right in front of Lu Jingli. She closed in slowly and spoke in the low tone of a gangster, "Hey, don't go! I think you're really suspicious... Is there something related to me inside this suitcase?"

Oh—

Bro—

Save me!

Lu Jingli yelled from deep down inside his soul. His brother had asked him to make sure no one knew about it. Most importantly he could not let Xiao Xi Xi know!

How unfortunate! The moment he came back, she was here and he could never prevail against her.

As Ning Xi's hand was about to reach out for Lu Jingli's suitcase, suddenly someone hugged her from behind gently yet firmly.

"What are you doing?"

It was Lu Tingxiao's voice.

Ning Xi was distracted by the person behind her. She turned around and hugged the devil, laughing cheekily. "I'm just teasing your brother! He was so freaked out just now, hahaha..."

Lu Jingli was exhausted.

How could she do this!?

He was almost scared to death!

"Every year during our family gathering, people will always send some... Hmm... Information about girls..." Lu Jingli looked at Ning Xi as he explained helplessly with a nervous face.

"Oh... I was wondering what it was about! You think I'd get jealous over this?" Ning Xi pouted. She remembered that she once waited for Lu Tingxiao in his office and happened to see an album of his potential blind date candidates on his table. Lu Tingxiao's reaction was even bigger than Lu Jingli's then when he returned from the factory as soon as possible, all just to avoid her misunderstanding the situation.

Ning Xi would never doubt Lu Tingxiao about this.