

## Hidden 161

### Chapter 161: Didn't See Him As a Man

Hearing this, Ning Xi immediately pushed the embarrassment to the back of her mind. "Done? All of it?"

Lu Tingxiao nodded, and signaled for her to take a look herself.

At first, Ning Xi was worried that she wouldn't understand what she was seeing, but then she realized that Lu Tingxiao was showing her the results straightaway without going through all the complicated processes.

The IP address of the sender showed that the email had been sent from the apartment that Ning Xueluo was staying in, Regal Riveria, and that the anonymous foreign account belonged to Cui Caijing, Ning Xueluo's assistant.

"I thought this kind of hacking only existed in TV shows! Especially for anonymous accounts, they have high levels of security, so you need to hack into the bank's system in order to break it, it's almost an impossible mission..." Ning Xi was so excited she couldn't speak for a long while. At last, she hugged Lu Tingxiao. "Lord Boss! You are absolutely brilliant!"

Lu Tingxiao: "..."

In that moment, Lu Tingxiao realized that he was now facing a problem.

Even if Ning Xi did completely trust him now, she trusted him a little too much... to the point of forgetting the fact that he was a man!

To put it simply, she treated him like a good teacher and friend, even like a father, but didn't see him as a man.

This was really a headache...

But it was also a good sign. The moment he had been waiting for was quickly approaching.

"What are you going to do with this evidence?" Lu Tingxiao asked after sorting out his emotions.

"There's no rush in making it public yet, I'll let Ning Xueluo continue making a fuss. The larger the fuss she makes, the worse it'll hit her when the time comes! I'm going to... to..."

"To do what?"

"Mm... Lu Tingxiao, can you help me, why do I suddenly feel like the floor's spinning..."

At the word "spinning", Ning Xi blacked out, and she fell to the floor with a hard thump.

"Ning Xi —" Lu Tingxiao's face changed abruptly, and he quickly picked her up.

The soft body in his arms was burning up like a fireball. He felt her forehead; as expected, it was hot to the touch.

He had noticed it a bit earlier, but had thought the heat was just his imagination. He never expected that she would really be sick.

With the person in his arms, Lu Tingxiao ran downstairs: "Uncle Yuan! Get the car!"

The old butler was alarmed to see what was happening. "What is wrong with Miss Xiao Xi?"

"I ... don't know." Lu Tingxiao's ice mask, which hadn't changed for a thousand years, fractured.

He didn't know! He didn't know whether it was a left-over effect of the drug or if it was just a fever, or maybe Zhu Xiangcheng had given her something?

In that moment, Lu Tingxiao was drowning in self-recrimination. He should have taken her to the hospital for a check-up in the first hour; not only hadn't he done so! He had dragged the time out for so long, and made her exhausted from running up and down.

So much had happened this time, and she was under such immense pressure. He was afraid that she had now finally reached the limits of her endurance...

"Eldest Young Master, don't worry too much, it looks like Miss Xiao Xi just has a fever, how about we call the family doctor to come and take a look at her..."

In that moment, Lu Tingxiao was already deaf to anything anyone could say, and when the driver came around with the car, he immediately got in with the person in his arms. "To the hospital!"

Then he said to the butler outside the car, "Tell Qin Mufeng to come, too!"

"Yes." The butler was helpless to do anything but obey.

If he still had the slightest uncertainty, seeing Eldest Young Master's expression in that moment swept it all away.

This girl was most likely their future Eldest Young Mistress.

### **Chapter 162: Oh My, My Wife is Really Cute~**

When the butler made a call to Qin Mufeng, he was at the bar. Lu Jingli had pulled him into a conversation to gossip.

Once they heard that Ning Xi had suddenly fainted, the pair rushed over to the hospital.

At the First People's Republic Hospital in the capital, in the VIP ward on the top floor.

Once Qin Mufeng and Lu Jingli arrived, they saw a sickly pale Ning Xi lying on the hospital bed, her arm hooked up to an IV. Sitting in a chair beside her was Lu Tingxiao, his face heavy with worry and his expression overcast.

Lu Jingli and Qin Mufeng gazed at each other, and realized they were both frightened by Lu Tingxiao's expression.

At this moment, a nurse carrying medication came over, and Lu Jingli hurriedly pulled her aside to ask, "How's the condition of the patient? What's wrong with her? Is it serious?"

"The patient has a fever of 39.6°C," the nurse replied.

"Oh, a fever... what? She has a fever?" Lu Jingli appeared confused. "Are you sure it's a fever? Only a fever?"

"Yes, we've already done a full body check. There's no other issue so you can all rest easy. Just now, the mister inside the patient's room has already asked multiple times," the nurse said, not appearing the least annoyed because... whether it was the one inside or the two standing outside the door, they were all too handsome! Even if they asked her a hundred times, she would always be willing to answer!

Lu Jingli weakly held onto the door frame for support, feeling his heart that's still beating heavily in his chest. "Dear brother, are you trying to scare me to death? She only has a fever, so what are you doing looking like you have some incurable disease?"

Qin Mufeng, who stood beside him, also appeared helpless. "You even called me to come here. Although I am a doctor, I'm a psychiatrist!"

Lu Tingxiao focused his gaze, and glanced coldly at Qin Mufeng. "Right now, Ning Xi has already replaced you, so perhaps I should save on some expenses."

In other words, he would be fired.

The sum that he spent on Qin Mufeng was not a small amount.

"Cough, don't! Actually, I have plenty of other uses! I know an extremely famous nutritionist at this hospital. I will go and personally request that he help nurse Ning Xi back to health!"

Qin Mufeng did indeed have a slightly guilty conscience. Ever since Ning Xi had appeared, he had a lot more free time. Whether it was Little Treasure or Lu Tingxiao, neither of them required his assistance much anymore. Even the weekly therapy sessions had stopped.

After Qin Mufeng left, Lu Jingli saw that Lu Tingxiao had lowered his head, and was looking down at his cellphone. He couldn't help but ask, "Brother, what are you looking at?"

Since when had his brother become an internet-obsessed youth?

As a result, once he went closer to take a look, he was shocked.

His brother had actually transferred the footage from the secret video into his phone.

"Sheet! Brother, what are you doing looking at this for? Xiao Xi Xi looked so frightening that when I first saw it, I had goosebumps! I couldn't even tell she was acting, it was so real..." Lu Jingli said as he shivered.

But right now, his brother was actually watching intently with an "Oh my, my wife is really cute" expression on his face...

Man, there really was no hope for him anymore...

"But you two really couldn't be any more alike, even your ways of thinking are the same! You're both equally simple and violent! Cough cough, you're really a family!" Lu Jingli lamented.

Lu Tingxiao lightly touched the face of the girl on the bed, his expression full of extreme pride.

To avoid being blinded by this sight, Lu Jingli could only helplessly turn his head. "Have you already discovered the other party's identity? Are we going to follow up with a public announcement online to clear Xiao Xi Xi's name? Should I start working?"

### **Chapter 163: He Didn't Have Such Heavy Tastes**

Coldness flashed through Lu Tingxiao's gaze. "No rush."

Lu Jingli rubbed his chin. "True, after all, she has us as her backup, so she can make some more noise. Then things will be even more fun!"

"Prepare a contract for Ning Xi," Lu Tingxiao replied.

A flash of light flickered in Lu Jingli's eyes. "Contract? Brother, are you finally preparing to pull sister-in-law over to Glory World?"

"Prepare a copy of all the profiles of all the managers working at Glory World for me." This statement indirectly answered Lu Jingli's question.

"I got it, I got it! You want to personally help Xiao Xi Xi pick a manager, right? Really, if you treated me a thousandth of how you treat Xiao Xi Xi, I'd be satisfied!" Lu Jingli sourly whined.

Lu Tingxiao shot a glance at him, and suddenly reached out his hand.

Lu Jingli thought that he was about to hit him and instinctively dodged. "Did I say something wrong again!"

In the end, Lu Tingxiao had only reached out his hand to pat him on the back of his neck.

To him, it was already considered a very intimate action.

Lu Jingli was so surprised, he was practically ready for heaven. His ears were slightly red. "Brother, you... what are you doing?"

Lu Tingxiao furrowed his brow as he looked at him, but his tone was gentle as he said, "Don't only focus on playing around. Work hard and find a person whom you would like to spend the rest of your days with."

Lu Jingli appeared distraught, and he sucked in a deep breath. "Oh my god! You scared me to death! Brother, you suddenly treating me so gently like this is even more horrifying than you beating me up!"

"Later on, I will focus on helping you with your marriage," Lu Tingxiao said.

"What?! Don't! Brother, you should just continue to let me be free!! Please let me be free! I won't ever mess with you again!!! Please just continue to be cold again!!!!" Lu Jingli was so scared, he nearly pissed himself.

What if his brother picked a woman as frightening as him? What would he do then?

If he picked one that was exactly like Xiao Xi Xi, he definitely wouldn't be able to take it!

He didn't have such heavy tastes! He liked women who were more gentle!

At this moment, Lu Jingli suddenly had a flash of brilliance. "Brother, this kind of thing isn't for men to worry about! You should focus on sister-in-law and then let sister-in-law introduce someone to me, right? My sister-in-law's eyesight must be really good!"

Hearing this, Lu Tingxiao thought for awhile. "Alright."

Lu Jingli patted himself on his chest, finally letting loose a breath. That had been a very narrow escape from death.

Before, he had switched girlfriends very quickly, but it was now over half a year since he last dated.

Even he didn't know why, but he felt that it was becoming increasingly meaningless. At the moment, he really didn't want to have a girlfriend.

Especially after seeing his brother with Ning Xi, he further realized that his previous relationships had been completely shallow.

Fine, he'd admit it. He was jealous.

He was jealous that even though his brother had had to wait thirty-two years, he had finally met his true love. Meanwhile, he himself didn't know if he could wait until that day...

The more Lu Jingli thought about it, the more sorrowful he felt, so he decided not to torture himself any longer. "Brother, if there's nothing else, then I'll be leaving first! The things you wanted, I will quickly prepare and send them over to you! Bye~"

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Ning Xi's slumber lasted until late into the second day.

When she finally opened her eyes, her body felt light, as if it was floating. Her state of mind was one of confusion, as though a lifetime had already passed.

When Lu Tingxiao pushed open the door to enter the room, he saw a girl wearing loose-fitting hospital clothes under the sunlight from the window... She appeared to have just woken up, and was sitting absentmindedly on the plain white hospital bed. Her expression was wooden and blank, and anyone who saw it would feel their heart hurt and make them helplessly want to embrace her...

#### **Chapter 164: Do You Have The Strength To Eat?**

"You're awake." Lu Tingxiao was afraid of scaring and disturbing her, so he lightly walked over and brushed his palm gently over her messy hair.

"Lu Tingxiao..." Ning Xi was slow to look at him.

"Yes, how does your body feel?"

Ning Xi appeared dazed. "Is this the hospital? What happened to me?"

"You fainted last night because of a 39°C high fever." Recalling that moment yesterday when she had suddenly fainted caused Lu Tingxiao's expression to darken.

Ning Xi shook her head. "I had a fever? Why does my body feel so light, like I don't have any strength!"

"You must be hungry. You slept for nearly a whole day and night," Lu Tingxiao said as he helped her unfold the meal table on her bed. Then he placed a pillow behind her back. "I assumed you would be up soon, so I bought dinner for you just now."

"Thanks..." Ning Xi looked at the busy man before her. She pressed her lips together, and couldn't resist extending one hand to touch his chin.

The warmth of her fingertips caused Lu Tingxiao to freeze, and he looked at the girl, whose gaze was incomparably warm. "Yes? What is it?"

Ning Xi furrowed her brow as she looked at his worn-out appearance and the stubble above and below his mouth. "Did you take care of me all night? All your stubble has grown out!"

"It's alright. I did sleep for a while." In reality, he hadn't rested his eyes for even a minute, nor had he been in the mood to wash his face or rinse his mouth. Only when she woke up was he able to relax.

"Eat your dinner. Since you can't have anything too fattening right now, there's only plain congee. Wait until you're better, then I'll buy you something tasty." Lu Tingxiao placed the bowl of congee and spoon into her hands. "Do you have the strength to eat? Do you need my help?"

Ning Xi didn't say a word, and she also didn't move.

Lu Tingxiao raised his head suspiciously to look at her. "What is it? Are you feeling uncomfortable somewhere on your body? I'll go call the doctor..."

Ning Xi quickly pulled him back, "Ah, I'm fine. I'm just not completely awake, so I'm a bit out of it..."

Lu Tingxiao let out a breath of relief. "Right now, what you need the most is rest, so don't think too much."

"Mm." Ning Xi nodded her head before diving into her bowl of congee. But she still did not appear to be in good condition, and looked only half-conscious.

Lu Tingxiao treated her so nicely, she almost felt terrified.

It was not as though she was dense, but from the beginning, the way he treated her had always been like this. She had continuously overlooked it, until she had gradually become accustomed to it.

Everything which the man before her had done, was it all simply to repay a debt of gratitude?

Even if he saw her as just a friend, would a friend do so much to this extent?

Because her mind had been filled with too many messy things she had had to deal with, in the end she only thought of this fleetingly...

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After eating dinner, Ning Xi finally felt that she had recovered some of her spirit.

She quickly shifted through all the complicated thoughts inside her brain, and began dealing with the important issues. "Lu Tingxiao, is my phone here?"

Lu Tingxiao did not look pleased. "I just said you need to rest well."

Ning Xi clasped her hands together. "I've rested enough after sleeping for so long. Also, I'm full from eating. If you don't let me do something, I'll start rotting!"

Lu Tingxiao saw that she did look a lot better, and couldn't resist her pleading gaze, so he ended up handing the phone over to her.

Afterwards, he brought the thermometer over. "Let's take your temperature."

"Ah..." Ning Xi obediently opened her mouth for the thermometer, and then immediately went on the Internet to go through the entertainment news.

<The World>'s Production Team Performs <Beyond the Realm of Conscience>, Vicious Beauty Climbing Up Using Unorthodox Methods

Ning Xueluo Wounded, An Accident Or Attempted Murder?

Starlight Entertainment Publicly Announces Decision To Firmly Boycott Unfair Competition, Protecting The Lives and Safety Of Artistes

Ning Xueluo's Office Sends Out a Lawyer's Letter, Ning Xi's Sudden Disappearance, No Reply Until Now

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### **Chapter 165: You Truly Deserve To Be Called The Great Demon King!**

After that, Ning Xi opened Weibo, only to see a page full of cursing. It was even several times worse than that time with Jia Qingqing, but after all, compared to Jia Qingqing, Ning Xueluo was much more popular. Her fans' battle power was much more powerful.

[That slut Ning Xi keeps hiding and won't appear, so she must be guilty! She must have seen that she'd been exposed so she ran off, right? After all, she's already attempted murder! If they were to go to court, she would definitely have to go to jail! ]

[To be vilified once is just others being jealous, but she's been in the same situation so many times, so it must be her character that's the problem! This time, she was even caught in the act! ]

[Xueluo has such a good reputation in the entertainment industry and she has even supported this junior sister so many times. Who would have thought that she would actually return kindness with enmity, like a Schweinhund! It's because of people like her that the entertainment circle's trends are getting worse! ]

[Don't you guys feel that this might have been Ning Xi's scheme from the start? She gets rid of Jia Qingqing first so that she can secure the role of the second female lead, and then hurts Ning Xueluo to get the role of leading actress! ]

[That's so terrifying! I'm so scared! As expected, a beautiful woman is not a good thing! ]

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Lu Tingxiao glanced at her cell phone out of the corner of his eye, and knit his brows after seeing the vicious comments. "Don't look anymore."

Ning Xi was sitting cross-legged, the thermometer between her lips as she replied unintelligibly, "It's nothing. Seeing these is actually really fun!"

"Measure it properly, don't speak."

"Mm." You're the one who made me speak...

Having finally finished measuring, Lu Tingxiao looked at the thermometer. "37.1oC."

Ning Xi was immediately pleased as she said, "I said I was alright! Actually, my body is really healthy! So can I leave the hospital now?"

"You still need to be hospitalized for a few days for observation."

"Ah? I still have to be hospitalized? But I really miss darling Little White!" Ning Xi decisively chose to bring up Little Treasure.

"He's already on his way here," Lu Tingxiao said in a tone which left no room for discussion.

"Ah, okay..." Ning Xi finally had nothing more to say.

Lu Tingxiao tidied up and put the meal table away, then sat in the chair besides the bed. "What do you plan to do now?"

Ning Xi immediately remembered something. "I actually was about to tell you about it. Can you send a copy of the evidence to my phone? I need to prepare to first send it to a person!"

Lu Tingxiao glanced at her. "Zhang Qiang?"

Ning Xi was already used to Lu Tingxiao's quick intelligence, but she still couldn't help but admire him. "You truly deserve to be called Lord Boss! You're so quick-witted! I'm preparing to make Zhang Qiang fight his own allies by using the evidence to blackmail Ning Xueluo!"

After Ning Xi excitedly finished saying her piece, she immediately coughed and anxiously looked at Lu Tingxiao, "Doing this... would I be too vicious?"

Lu Tingxiao didn't reply, and after some consideration, he said, "The main issue is that this doesn't bring you any benefits, and you're really letting Zhang Qiang off easy."

Ning Xi scratched her head. "What you said is not wrong, but my main priority is to cause trouble for Ning Xueluo. I didn't really think about anything else."

Lu Tingxiao thought for a moment and then said, "Instead of letting Zhang Qiang gain profit, why don't you do it yourself?"

When Ning Xi heard this, her eyes bulged out in surprise. "Would... would this work?"



"Why not?" Lu Tingxiao countered, and then continued to elaborate. "Based on Ning Xueluo's capability, you should be able to extort about eight million from her. This is your best opportunity to dissolve your contract with Starlight Entertainment. You can use the money to pay the penalty fee."

"..." Ning Xi was utterly speechless after hearing Lu Tingxiao's words.

At the most, she had only wanted to incite other people, but the Big Demon King was truly excellent. Not only did he not admonish her actions, he even taught her how to be even worse...

'Schweinhund' is German for 'pig-dog', and is considered an extremely offensive insult.

### **Chapter 166: An Even Faster Method**

However, this maneuver was so perfect!

The only issue was that extortion, this kind of thing, if one were to personally go and do it, the conscience wouldn't easily allow it...

Ning Xi bit her lip as she remembered everything that had happened that night, and she laughed coldly inside her heart. Ah, what conscience, they had even gone to that extent!

Ning Xi quickly made up her mind. "Alright, send it to me. I'll contact Ning Xueluo!"

"No need, I'll help you. That way, no one can track down your IP address," Lu Tingxiao said.

At this moment, in Ning Xi's view, Lu Tingxiao was no different from a god. Her eyes glimmered as she said, "God Lu, I've realized your abilities are too heaven-defying! Do you accept disciples?"

Seeing the girl's worshipful gaze elevated Lu Tingxiao's mood a lot. He glanced at her. "I don't accept."

Ning Xi immediately appeared disappointed. "Ah..." As expected, he wasn't accepting any! Big Boss Lu had so many things to take care of, so how could he possibly accept any disciples...

Lu Tingxiao continued to gaze deeply at her. "If you want my level of capability, there's an even faster method."

"What is it, what is it?" Ning Xi instantly perked up as she asked.

Lu Tingxiao: "Marry me." If she married him, everything that was his would also be hers, what else would she still need to learn?

"Cough cough cough..." Ning Xi nearly choked on her own saliva.

This method, you really couldn't say he was wrong...

It was just that... did she just get hit on again?

Lu Tingxiao admired the girl's embarrassed expression, before asking, "Have you thought about which company you want to join after you dissolve your contract?"

Ning Xi rubbed her chin. "This... I'm still thinking it over..."

Lu Tingxiao was undeterred as he continued. "After you've cleared your name, your popularity should be on par with first- and second-tier artistes. It'll be much easier to find a company then."

Ning Xi sighed. "It's actually very troublesome. Small companies aren't very competitive and don't offer a good future, while big companies will be hard to get into because of my lack of background. I might appear very well-known, but most of my fame comes from bad press. I don't have even one finished work, so my position is pretty awkward... hmm, Teacher Lu, do you have any ideas?"

Regarding such an important decision, Ning Xi had already intended to ask Lu Tingxiao for advice.

Lu Tingxiao poured a cup of water for her before replying: "From my perspective as a businessman, you are a very explosive stock full of rising potential. I believe you will prove your worth in the future. Therefore, I naturally hope you will join Glory World."

Ning Xi speechlessly widened her eyes in disbelief, and was frozen for a while before coming back to her senses. "Is Lord Boss trying to personally poach me right now?"

Lu Tingxiao slightly smiled. "What you said is not wrong. I really do want to poach you. So, will you come?"

Damn it! This manner of speaking was foul play!

Ning Xi gulped while calming her heart, and then seriously replied, "To be direct and honest, if this time, I am able to smoothly leave Starlight Entertainment, the company I most want to join is Glory World. Today, Glory World has already surpassed Starlight Entertainment and has indisputably become the best entertainment company in this industry, with the best future prospects..."

Lu Tingxiao appeared very pleased and nodded. Then he extended his hand towards her. "Then let's have a pleasant cooperation."

"Ah?" Ning Xi subconsciously extended her hand. "Let's... let's have a pleasant cooperation."

What... what was this situation? Just like that they were going to happily work together?

Just like that she had come to an agreement with Glory World?

The Great Demon King was so efficient even in poaching people...

## **Chapter 167: Our Feelings Are Mutual**

"Eh, so our cooperation is considered confirmed?" Ning Xi was still a little dumbfounded.

"I think highly of you, while you already have your heart set on Glory World. Our feelings are mutual, so is there an issue?" Lu Tingxiao replied with a question.

"..." Our feelings are mutual, this phrase could even be used like this...

Ning Xi felt that she could trouble anyone in the world except Lu Tingxiao, which was why she asked in an extremely solemn tone, "You don't need to think things over again? I feel that I'm rather troublesome, and if by chance, I bring trouble to you..."

"If you could handle everything so well on your own, then what would you still need a management company for? That's the purpose of my existence."

"Oh..." Ning Xi rubbed her nose.

Anyway, she had already noticed that the Great Demon King normally said very little, but when he did speak, each word was a gem. She could not win against him.

Ning Xi thought carefully for a moment. Up until now, Starlight had wronged her so many times, so it would be considered normal for her to suggest dissolving their contract. She wouldn't be creating any reason for gossip, and even her termination fee would be taken care of. Clearing her name was only a small issue, so it shouldn't particularly trouble Lu Tingxiao.

Thinking of it like this, she finally relaxed.

"Lord Boss, to repay your kindness, from now on I will work hard to earn money for you. I won't disappoint you!" Ning Xi immediately expressed her heartfelt sincerity.

At the very least, she was very confident in her own capability!

Lu Tingxiao smiled. "Yes, I look forward to it."

At this moment, Ning Xi's cell phone suddenly rang.

The display name was Evil Fairy King.

Jiang Muye had called countless times, but because she had been too busy and had suddenly fallen ill, she had never managed to pick up his calls.

Ning Xi didn't hide it from Lu Tingxiao, and directly answered, "Hello, Jiang..."

Not waiting for her to speak, a roar so loud that her eardrums almost exploded came from the phone —

"Ning Xiao Xi, where in hell have you roamed off to! Do you know that you're being bad-mouthed by everyone!

He went to the Lu residence once to find her, but the butler had informed him that she wasn't there, and neither was Lu Tingxiao. That day happened to be her birthday, and with the two of them missing, how could he not overthink it!

Ning Xi wordlessly pulled at her ear. "What do you mean 'roam'! I'm currently in the hospital!"

Jiang Muye froze when he heard this, and his voice immediately became frantic and nervous. "What? In the hospital? Are you okay? Don't tell me you got beaten up?"

Ning Xi curled her lips. "You're the one who was beaten up! It's just a fever!"

"Which hospital are you at, I'll come see you right now!"

"No need, you're so busy. You should just worry about the stuff at home first. My fever has already gone down, and Lu Tingxiao is here, not to mention, Little Treasure will be coming soon."

The cell phone suddenly went silent for a few seconds, and then Jiang Muye spoke in a somber tone: "Ning Xi, have you seen the email I sent you yet?"

"Not yet, I haven't had the time. Ever since the day before yesterday, I haven't been able to take a break from all the problems! In short, there's too much to talk about, I'll tell you everything later when I have the time."

Jiang Muye took a deep breath. "Just remember to take a quick look. Also, let me ask you, what are you going to do about Ning Xueluo? Originally, I was prepared to help you deal with Zhang Qiang that bastard, but in the end, when I sent someone over to stop him, his place was already empty. Because you belong to Starlight Entertainment, I can't use my company's public relations department, so I've discussed with Brother Ming and personally contacted a reliable public relations team..."

When Ning Xi heard this, she gratefully replied, "Thank you Jiang Muye, but there's no need. I've found evidence to clear my name."

Jiang Muye ground his teeth. "Was it Lu Tingxiao AGAIN?!"

### **Chapter 168: Love Her a Little More**

"I got it myself, alright? But after that, Lu Tingxiao did help me a lot."

"Got it, as long as you're okay. I'm hanging up! Remember to check the email I sent you!" Taking into consideration that she was still sick, Jiang Muye suppressed his anger with effort. He wasn't in the mood to ask how Lu Tingxiao had swept in like a hero to rescue her, and simply ended the call forcefully.

Damn it! If Lu Tingxiao hadn't used dirty tricks to stall him, right now he should be the one standing by her side and helping her through this crisis!

Shameless, he was too shameless!

"Jiang Muye called?" Lu Tingxiao asked casually.

"Yes, he asked me if I needed help! And he also said he emailed me, I don't know what it is, but he kept reminding me to take a look. He was all mysterious about it, I'm guessing it must be some kind of trick birthday gift. He did the same thing last year, and sent me an especially scary video. I was so angry I beat him up three times before I was satisfied..."

Ning Xi grumbled to herself and wasn't in a hurry to read the email. She continued scrolling through her texts and missed calls to see if there were any she needed to reply to.

The missed calls were mostly unknown numbers, which would definitely be from the media and press. As she scrolled down, she saw a name; the call had been made on her birthday.

Seeing the two characters, Ning Xi's indifferent expression turned warm and soft. "I thought he forgot my birthday!"

"Who?" Lu Tingxiao tensed unconsciously.

"My little brother, Tang Nuo."

Lu Tingxiao nodded, and secretly breathed a sigh of relief.

He was already jittery at the thought that it could be yet another ex-boyfriend.

Ning Xi called back immediately. "Hi, Xiao Nuo~"

"Sis, you finally returned my call! How are you? Is everything alright? Did those people give you a hard time? I saw it in a newspaper article..."

"Don't worry, I'm fine!"

"But that woman said she was going to sue you!"

"Your sister is not someone to be trifled with, we'll see who gets sued in the end!"

"Are you really okay?"

"I'm really alright! If you keep worrying about me, I'm going to suspect that you're not seventeen, but seventy years old instead!" Saying this, Ning Xi paused. "But do you really trust me that much? Maybe I really did lose my mind, and stabbed Ning Xueluo on purpose?"

On the other end of the phone, the young man's voice was clear and bright: "Who would I trust if not my own sister?"

At these words, warmth spread in Ning Xi's heart. "You brat, you're good with words!"

"I'll stop worrying now that I know you're okay. Ah, that's right, I still haven't wished you happy birthday, but it's past already..."

"No big deal, saying it now is the same. Thank you, my dear handsome, thoughtful little brother~"

"Don't be so sappy! I won't talk to you anymore, school's going to start soon, I need to catch up on my holiday homework!"

"Go, go! Fighting, young man!"

After the call, Ning Xi's mood was instantly sunny.

Seeing her good mood, Lu Tingxiao's own mood was also lifted. "The two of you are very close?"

"That's right! Even though we're not related by blood, we're very close. My grandmother favored boys over girls when I was little, right? Back then, only Xiao Nuo got to eat all the good food at home. I couldn't even eat at the table, but Xiao Nuo would always hide some food away for me. And every time Grandmother found fault with me, he would always come out to protect me. He's such a good brother!"

Saying this, Ning Xi felt a little downcast. "Isn't it strange? My own blood treats me like the enemy, while the one I have no blood relations with is my family. I should've known from the start, interests always outweigh family in that circle..."

Lu Tingxiao gently patted the cute little hair bun on top of the girl's sad, drooping head. "You'll find better."

Every time he heard her speak about her childhood, he couldn't help wanting to love her a little more, to dote on her a little more, to give her back double of everything that she had lost.

## **Chapter 169: Really Want To Steal Him Home**

Ning Xi finished going through her calls record, and had moved on to her messages when she was taken aback by one in particular.

[Dearest, I really underestimated your courage.]

Sender: YS

What did this guy mean by sending her such a statement out of nowhere? What did she do?

Lu Tingxiao had deleted the call log, so Ning Xi naturally didn't know about the call between the two men that night.

"What is it?" Lu Tingxiao asked, seeing something was off about her appearance.

"Nothing..." Ning Xi just assumed that person was acting crazy, and paid it no mind. She put her phone down and asked, "When is Little Treasure coming?"

"He should be arriving soon."

Hearing that, Ning Xi immediately fixed her hair subconsciously. "Where's the hair clip Little Treasure gave me?"

"Here, I put it away for you." Lu Tingxiao opened the bedside table drawer, took the pink hair clip out, and passed it to her.

Ning Xi immediately clipped it back on happily.

Seeing the hair clip in Ning Xi's hair, Lu Tingxiao felt a little regret; if he had known earlier, he wouldn't have given her a gun. If he had given something like a necklace, bracelet or earrings, she could at least wear it on her...

Actually, he had already prepared a gift a long time ago: a ring. Unfortunately, it still wasn't the right time to give it to her.

As the two of them were speaking, there was a knock on the door.

Ning Xi rolled out of bed to open the door, and sure enough, Little Treasure had arrived.

"Darling, you're here!"

After Little Treasure entered, he used his little hand to pull urgently on her clothes, as if he wanted her to bend a little.

"What's wrong?" Ning Xi crouched down.

Little Treasure immediately bumped his little head into Ning Xi's forehead with a serious face.

Ning Xi couldn't help laughing aloud. "Heh, darling, are you taking my temperature? Don't worry, I just measured it, and the fever's already gone!"

Little Treasure's face was still full of worry, and his heart hurt to look at the bruises on the back of her hand from the IV drip.

Ning Xi embraced the little guy in her arms and patted him comfortingly. "Don't frown, Auntie is all healthy now after seeing you!"

Little Treasure was a miracle cure, she really wanted to steal him home.

"Want to take a walk?" Lu Tingxiao suggested.

"Yes, yes!" After sleeping for a whole day, Ning Xi was ready to move about, and it also wasn't good to make Little Treasure accompany her in the ward either.

On their way to the elevator, the three of them passed a ward which had a horde of reporters crowded noisily around its entrance with their cameras, all of them trying to interview the woman in the room:

"Xueluo, have you gotten in touch with Ning Xi yet?"

"Not yet, I haven't heard anything about her."

"Ning Xi fled to avoid being punished, what do you have to say about this? What do you plan to do next?"

"I... I don't know... until now I still can't believe she could do such a thing..."

"We've heard that Ning International and Starlight Entertainment have already withdrawn their investments in protest, is that true? Has there been any reply from the production team? Will they replace Ning Xi?"

"I'm not sure about this, you can ask the representative for the production team."

"If Ning Xi apologized to you, would you forgive her?"

"If she really meant it with her heart, I could personally forgive her for this confusion, but the negative impact which she has had on the entertainment industry cannot be fixed with an apology, and I also wouldn't be in a position to forgive her for that!"

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Ning Xi couldn't help raising an eyebrow at Ning Xueluo's white lotus drama, and it was only at that moment that she realized that she was in the same hospital and on the same floor as Ning Xueluo.

At this moment, one of the reporters noticed Ning Xi standing by the elevator opposite the ward, and immediately shouted, "Ning Xi —"

'White lotus' here refers to Ning Xueluo pretending to be vulnerable and innocent.

## **Chapter 170: How Can It Be Ning Xi**

"Ning Xi? Where, where?"

"Ning Xi's here? No way! She actually dared to show up?"

"There, over there!"

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All the reporters turned to look in unison, and one after another lifted their cameras, ready to shoot the latest news.

Ning Xi frowned. She didn't care about herself, but her first reaction was to protect Little Bun and to not let anyone scare him.

But before she could hug Little Bun, a large palm had pressed her head forward so that she was enveloped in warm arms, and one of her hands was gripped tightly by Little Bun's soft little hand, almost as if he was telling her to not be afraid.

As for those reporters, they all stopped ten steps away.

Two huge men in black and wearing sunglasses appeared out of nowhere. Their expressions were fiendish, and like door gods, they blocked the path.

"Hey, who are you people, get out of the way! Good dogs don't get in the way!" All the reporter was thinking about was grabbing a headline, and he spoke without thinking.

But there was also a smart one in the crowd, and he pulled the guy who had spoken to a stop, his face full of fear as if he had seen something extremely frightening. "Are you out of your mind! Those are bodyguards for the Lu family!"

"Lu... Lu family... you're not saying that Lu family, are you?"

"No kidding! How many Lu families are there in the capital!"

"But how do you know? It's not like they have letters carved on their faces!"

"Are you a moron? Didn't you see the emblem on their clothes?"

After being reminded, everyone retreated three steps, and those who had acted rudely apologized non-stop, their faces full of terror. "These two big brothers, we're sorry, sorry! We didn't recognize who you were! Please don't hold this against us!"

Holy sheet! These were the personal bodyguards for the Lu family? Then who were the three behind them?

The reporters wanted to figure out the situation, but as soon as they carefully extended their gazes, they were all scared into retreating back, their faces drained of color.

The tall, strong man who held the girl in his arms had a face as cold as frost, like a god. But his eyes were so severe, and his aura too oppressive. The more experienced reporters were the ones who were the best at reading people, and they instantly understood that this was not a man to be trifled with. At the same time, when they settled down, they felt that something wasn't right...

What Ning Xi, you saw wrong! That's a family of three! How can that woman possibly be Ning Xi!"

"Exactly! Did you go crazy with wanting that headline too much? Everyone looks like Ning Xi to you!"

"One look at this person and you know he's not someone to be trifled with, you want to get us all killed?!"

One by one, the reporters started to grumble at the person who had first shouted.

"Eh, I probably saw wrong, but she really looks similar, you guys also got confused at the beginning, didn't you..."



"Similar my butt! That Ning Xi is a poisonous snake, but you can tell this miss is a good wife and loving mother. She has a noble and refined temperament, how are they alike!"

"Exactly! So gentle and so cute! How could she be Ning Xi that wicked b\*tch!"

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By now, the elevator had arrived with a ding.

Even after the three of them had disappeared in the elevator, the reporters were still sighing:

"Aiyaya, did you see that little boy just now, he was so beautiful! He looked like an exact copy of that man, you can tell with one look that they're father and son!"

"Who on earth is he in the Lu family? His aura was so scary!"

"I keep thinking that man looks a little familiar... eh...why do I feel that... he looked a little like the God of Fortune?"

"Shut up, he really did look like him! Then that little boy...don't tell me that was the legendary little prince?"