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Chapter 281: Taking Turns To Cheer Up Little Treasure

Father Lu was frustrated as he looked at his stone-hearted eldest son, then turned to see the crying mess that was his wife and younger son. "The both of you, stop crying already! It's not like Little Treasure is critically ill or anything. Didn't the doctor say that he was only suffering from indigestion because he was suppressing his feelings?"

Mother Lu anxiously responded with, "What do you mean he isn't critically ill? He's suppressing his feelings! Little Treasure's autism was just about to be better, but what if he gets depression now?"

"It can't be that serious, I don't think children can suffer from depression..."

This was when Little Treasure's room door opened and Qin Mufeng came out, cleared his throat, and said, "Mr. Lu, from a medical perspective, children can suffer from depression too. And based on Little Treasure's current situation, there are indeed such symptoms."

"See! Even the doctor said so!"

Father Lu's expression hardened before he asked, "Then what if we get a girl who looks similar to that woman to accompany Little Treasure? Isn't there something called the shifting of affection in psychology?"

"Well..." Qin Mufeng didn't want to be too blunt and he chose his words carefully.

Lu Jingli on the other hand didn't restrain himself and directly replied, "Father, Little Treasure is just introverted, not mentally retarded. You fooling him like this is too mean!"

"Don't run, you little punk, I'm going to hit you!" Father Lu said angrily. As he was about to hit him, Lu Tingxiao raised a hand to deflect the blow.

Lu Jingli was so touched he almost cried tears of joy! His brother had actually defended him!

"You brothers are trying to get on my nerves, aren't you?!"

"That's enough, what are you fighting for? And so loudly! Don't frighten Little Treasure now," said Mother Lu who rushed to calm everyone down. "Tingxiao, quickly go see Little Treasure and speak to him!"

Inside the room, Little Treasure was just as obedient as Mother Lu said he had been.

When Lu Tingxiao entered, the little guy was holding up his own cup to drink his medicine.

How could Lu Tingxiao advise his kid when his expression barely even changed? He only said to him robotically, "Every person has a life of their own with choices that they make. Over-attachment will only slow you down, so you should learn to let go."

His expression and tone would have easily led one to misunderstand that he was offering his condolences.

Little Treasure's face was still, as if he did not immediately understand the meaning of his father's words. Then suddenly, his little eyes started to fill with immense sadness...

Mother Lu was suddenly concerned and said, "I told you to cheer him up, why did you go ahead and give a five-year-old kid life wisdom advice?"

She buried her face in her hands and sighed, "I'm so silly. Why did I call you, an emotionless person, back for? We would have been better off without you! You've made Little Treasure sadder now. Jingli my good son, you come and try!"

"Ah, me?" Jingli scratched his head a little and walked over, softly saying, "Hey Little Treasure, let Uncle sing for you, okay? Cough cough, gourd doll, oh ,gourd doll on a seven flower vine, unafraid despite the storm, la la la la la..."

In the next second, Little Treasure's eyes suddenly filled with hot tears that started to pour...

Mother Lu was so upset and angry that she hit Lu Jingli on the back, "Dang you! Why did you sing that song? You've made Little Treasure cry now!"

Lu Jingli felt falsely accused, "Please! This is on me too? I sang such a happy song! He used to love listening to his Auntie Xiao Xi sing songs, okay! Uhh...fine, maybe I shouldn't have sang this song..."

Chapter 282: A Heart's Troubles Has To Be Resolved

He had accidentally made Little Treasure sad again...

"Go, go, go! Everyone go away! You're all useless! What did I call you hear for? If you can't think of how to cheer up Little Treasure, no one's going out for dinner!" Mother Lu was frantic as she chased Lu Tingxiao, Lu Jingli, Qin Mufeng, and Father Lu all out of the room.

For the next few days, everyone in the Lu household tried their luck yet no one could cheer up Little Treasure. Instead, they saw him becoming more and more depressed as the days went by.

He was still obediently finishing his meals, though he would often vomit soon after eating. He would also obediently go to bed, but he would always have nightmares, and his spirit was getting worse...

Because of this, Father Lu hired a team of psychologists from abroad, yet nothing worked. They all replied that a heart's troubles had to be cured by resolving it, or else it might take a long period of medication and therapy to prevent the condition from deteriorating.

Father Lu was infuriated. If he could resolve the heart's troubles, why would he have hired them for?

He needed a cure with thirty percent of drugs, but that woman was practically seventy percent drugs! How would he dare use this on Little Treasure?

A motherly figure played such a huge role on a person's life and growth.

As of now, the Lu family's third generation only had Little Treasure as the sole heir. If anything bad were to happen to Little Treasure due to her mistake, how would he explain that to his late ancestors?

Nightfall, Rivers Hotel.

The shoots had been going extraordinarily smooth recently, so the progress had advanced quite a bit. To let everyone relax a little, Guo Qisheng invited everyone for a dinner gathering.

"Everyone has been working really hard, especially Ning Xi who had particularly more scenes. When we're done shooting, I'll definitely treat everyone to another feast! Cheers!"

"Cheers, everyone!"

"Cheers! Thanks for the treat, director!"

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As Ning Xueluo who sat in the corner heard the words, "Ning Xi who had particularly more scenes", she clenched her fists so hard that her nails were cutting into her palm. Yet, on the outside she could only maintain a polite smile.

Now that the entire drama team's financial sponsorship came from the Lu group and Glory World Entertainment, she had no support or say in the production at all.

Thankfully, she knew the drama team would not dare change her position as the lead female character. Even with all that had happened, her popularity and standing was still evident as she still had lots of diehard fans.

She just had to temporarily endure this.

As much as Ning Xi might have stood out, she was still a supporting role compared to hers. Glory World only spent so much money because of the marriage proposal!

Since that incident, everyone in the drama team obviously distanced themselves from Ning Xueluo. They only spoke around Ning Xi and Jiang Muye; the two of them were even more popular than the lead actors themselves.

Ning Xueluo felt awkward as she was being ignored, so she turned to Zhao Sizhou beside her who was suffering from the same fate. "Sizhou, the fish today is not bad, you should try it!"

"I don't like fish," replied Zhao Sizhou indifferently.

Initially Jiang Muye had already stolen his limelight, and later he was implicated by this woman's nuisance. All of that caused him to have significantly less scenes, so why should he be nice to her?

"Oh, never mind then," said Ning Xueluo who could not mask her displeasure further, getting up to leave for the restroom.

In the restroom.

Ning Xueluo was trembling angrily when she shoved everything off the sink and watched it fall to the floor. "Ning Xi, be happy all you want right now, but watch out, I won't let you be that way for too long!"

"Your Highness, I will be waiting!"

"Ah! You...Ning Xi..." suddenly a voice came from behind her and frightened Ning Xueluo, who turned around to find Ning Xi standing there.

Chapter 283: What Are You Going To Do About It?

Ning Xueluo very quickly regained her posture and said with a look of disdain, "Huh, Ning Xi, I was wondering how amazing you'd be off stage, but you're just with a small time actor!"

News about Ning Xi and Jiang Muye's scandal had been making rounds for the past two days, but naturally, she was one of the first to know.

She did secretly hire someone to spy on them, but who knew - she didn't have to do the work herself as they would be exposed by fans. In fact, it was the total opposite of what she had predicted would happen based on previous circumstances. Instead of ruining Ning Xi's reputation, she gained lots of new fans and popularity.

Damn you, witch, you actually managed to handle Jiang Muye. No wonder the signing of the contract with Glory World sailed smoothly.

Even though she had said "small time actor", she knew in her heart that Jiang Muye was not just any celebrity.

Jiang Muye's mom, Tan Jingxian was Lu family's goddaughter. Jiang Muye actually referred to the Lu parents as grandmother and grandfather, while calling Lu Tingxiao his uncle!

With such connections, even if they were not related by blood, it was already considered a close kinship.

With the Lu family's support, the Jiang family's business had expanded massively. As the Jiang family only had Jiang Muye an only son, the family business would definitely be inherited by him.

However, with Jiang Muye's personality, he was probably only messing around with Ning Xi for a while. Ning Xueluo doubted she would reach to the point of marriage. What a proposterous thought!

"If you look down upon actors, then what are you?" Ning Xi asked with eyebrows raised.

"I'm still Mother and Father's daughter, and Ning family's eldest daughter. Naturally, I'm nobler than you are!" Ning Xueluo said this arrogantly, obviously purposefully boasting about how Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu did not hold a grudge against her for that incident.

She chose this industry not only because she loved being sought after and enjoyed the feeling of getting what Ning Xi could not, but the best part was that she could widen her network.

This time too, it was thanks to the fact that she pulled some strings to help Ning International close a big deal that she could walk away from the shadow of framing Ning Xi. She really had to be more careful from then on.

As she thought about this, Ning Xueluo suddenly felt empowered and haughtily said, "You sold yourself for merely eight million, someone like you don't deserve to be comparing and negotiating with me."

"Pfft..." Ning Xi burst out laughing as she heard this.

"What are you laughing at?"

Ning Xi looked at her unbothered and said, "I'm laughing at the eight million!"

Ning Xueluo frowned, "Ning Xi, you can stop being weird with me. What do you mean?"

Ning Xi shook her head and sighed, ""Miss Ning, I'm really sorry but I didn't think that you'd be this stupid. I can't believe you still don't know where I got the eight million from."

Ning Xueluo scoffed coldly, "Isn't it from you prostituting yourself to Jiang Muye? What is there that I don't know about?"

Ning Xi had a smug expression as she leaned forward to her ear and said in a low voice, "That eight million dollars worth of breach of contract fee...didn't you give that to me yourself?"

"What? I gave that to you?! Ning Xi, you're crazy, aren't you? Why would I have..." Ning Xueluo stopped mid-sentence before she widened her eyes and said, "Ning Xi...it was you...the person who threatened and intimidated me was you!"

"Yeah, it was me. What are you going to do about it?"

"You were blackmailing me! I'm going to sue you!"

"Ahhh, I'm so afraid!"

"You...you..." Ning Xueluo was furious.

She never would have thought her hard earned money would have ended up in Ning Xi's pocket as her breach of contract fee.

The incident had finally subsided and she could never mention it again. Besides, she didn't have any evidence. She had long hired people to decode those anonymous letters and the bank account but to no avail.

At last, she had no choice but to swallow her defeat.

Chapter 284: A Rapid Change Of Style

After Ning Xi left, Ning Xueluo gathered herself before giving Su Yan a call.

"Yan, when your meeting's over, can you come fetch me?"

"I'm sorry, Xueluo, I have a dinner meeting tonight, it might end quite late. How about I get the driver to fetch you? Hello? Hello?"

The other end of the phone was silent, only quiet sounds of held back tears were heard. Su Yan immediately asked, "Xueluo, what's wrong? Are you crying? What's happened?"

Ning Xueluo choked on her tears and said, "Yan, I'm really sad...everyone in the drama team is ostracizing me. They're all fawning over Ning Xi and Jiang Muye, no one will speak to me..."

"Just now, I was just asking Ning Xi out of concern about her and Jiang Muye. I told her that if she needed money she could ask from me, that she shouldn't do anything stupid. She said many mean things in return instead, and even said that I don't deserve to care about her..."

Su Yan sighed and said, "Xueluo, rumours about Xiao Xi and Jiang Muye's scandal have already been making rounds recently. Your question might come across as an interrogation, that's why she's unhappy

about it. You even asked her if she needed money, clearly implying that she's getting her money from Jiang Muye."

Unexpectedly, Su Yan just gave such a casual reply, causing Ning Xueluo to clench her fist further. "Yan, you've changed! Just because of that incident, now no matter what happens you'll only believe Ning Xi, won't you? She and Jiang Muye's scandal has already been photographed by fans, plus they are usually already so close within the drama team, who wouldn't know about their relationship? Need I say more?"

"Xueluo, it isn't I who has changed, it's you who has a problem with your mentality. You're such an understanding person, why can't you try to be on Xiao Xi's side and choose to believe her? Even if she really did have anything going on with Jiang Muye, can't it just be normal dating? If that is so, we should wish her the best!"

"Yan, I..."

"Okay, I have to go back to work now. I'll talk to you again when I'm free."

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When Ning Xi returned to the room, everyone had already finished eating and were singing.

"I can never look back, I will write my own rules. The fierce flashing eyes of the werewolf..."

Jiang Muye made everyone cheer with his song. When Ning Xi returned, he quickly called her over to sing, "Ning Xiao Xi, sing us a song! Your favourite is still 'The Boundless Sea and Sky', right?"

This was a must-sing song for Ning Xi every time she went to the KTV. Every single time she had to sing, "Forgive me in this lifetime for I won't let love be free".

But today, Ning Xi waved and said, "I'll choose by myself!"

"What are you going to choose?" Jiang Muye looked over, worried that she would choose a song that was too extreme.

Once Ning Xi chose her song, she leaned on the sofa and picked up the microphone to begin singing—

"Look at what is before me with the lights on: the huge room, lonely bed. Without the lights, they were all invisible, the hurt in the heart, with no one to share..."

Jiang Muye was shocked, "Jesus! Ning Xi, your style has changed a little too quickly, hasn't it? Where's the Ning Xi who enjoys singing about animals, flesh, and toxic?"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes at him, "This is not a private gathering, do you think I would sing that kind of song at this occasion?"

Ning Xi once said that a lot of the songs she knew were not underage-friendly, so she wasn't kidding. The three songs Jiang Muye just mentioned were the classics.

There was once she drank till she was high during those years of studying abroad. She sang the song 'Flesh' live and set the bar so high that they had to increase the security measures by three times, and yet they could not control the crowd...

Chapter 285: I Really Miss You

Ning Xi continued to sing—

"Life slips away with the years, grows old with white hair, leaves as you do, leaving happiness unheard of..."

As he listened, Jiang Muye knew something was up. Why did he feel like this song wasn't a casual choice, but was sung for a specific person?

"I really miss you, I do, but I reveal no signs, I still think of you, I still let memories take over, I still pretend to be okay..."

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"I really miss you?" realization dawned on Jiang Muye. Indeed, she was singing for someone!

At this moment, no one knew but outside the room door stood a tall figure.

He was initially only passing by, but found himself stuck and mesmerized at the door.

His partner noticed him stopping and could not help but called out, "CEO Lu, is there a problem? CEO Zhang and CEO Wang are still waiting for us upstairs."

"Quiet."

The coldness of his tone rendered his partner speechless.

Then, a girl's low and sultry voice was heard from the room—

"I really miss you, I do, yet I lie to myself, I really miss you, I do, but let's just keep it a secret, I really miss you, I do, I'll just keep it to myself..."

Even when she had stopped singing, he stood at the same spot, not moving for a long time before he left.

Late at night.

Lu Family Old Residence.

In the garden on the jade colored stairs, he held a cigarette between his fingers. He did not put it to his lips at all till it burnt out, lost in his own deep thoughts.

"Bro, it's already so late, why haven't you made your move?" Lu Jingli rushed over to ask.

Lu Tingxiao put out his cigarette and said, "What?"

Lu Jingli shot him a look, "Stop pretending! You've planned such for Father Lu to be outstation. Wasn't so you could call Xiao Xi Xi over tonight? Father Lu will rush home first thing tomorrow morning. If you don't call Xiao Xi Xi now, we won't make it! Look at our poor Little Treasure, doesn't it break your heart? I'm heartbroken as his uncle! Don't wait till he really gets depression!"

"You can try, but the probability of her agreeing to it is zero," said Lu Tingxiao as he got up and walked into the house.

"No way! I can definitely persuade her to come over!" Lu Jingli said, full of confidence as he took out his handphone.

After the gathering ended, all the drama team members left one after another.

Just as Ning Xi reached the hotel, her handphone rang.

She took a look at the caller ID. It was Lu Jingli.

She didn't immediately pick up, but instead she let it ring several times until the caller hung up.

After a while, her phone started to ring incessantly again.

Ning Xi hesitated momentarily before finally answering the call.

"Hello..."

"Hello, Xiao Xi Xi? Are you asleep?"

"Nope, the drama team's gathering just ended. Second master, it's already so late, is there anything?"

Lu Jingli had too many things that he wanted to say and rant about. He immediately blurted non-stop to her and asked, "Xiao Xi Xi, what did you actually say to my brother that day? He locked himself inside his room for a whole day after that. When he came out, he pretended like nothing happened and began to work without stopping for three whole days. Only until Mother called to tell us that Little Treasure was feeling unwell, then he returned to the old residence, and then these few days..."

"Little Treasure is ill? What's wrong with him?" Ning Xi quickly caught Lu Jingli's key point and stopped him.

"..."

Lu Jingli paused for a moment for his brother. Indeed Xiao Xi Xi still cared about Little Treasure the most! Poor brother!

Chapter 286: Always Been This Quick-Witted

"Dr. Qin says he has slight depression," said Lu Jingli with a heavy tone.

"Depression? Why does he suddenly have depression? How is he now?"

For the past few days since she hadn't heard any news from the Lu family, she thought that the best news was no news. She thought Little Treasure had entirely healed under her care. Based on what she knew about his reactions, he could really have kicked up a fuss. Had Lu Jingli and the rest sought her earlier, it might not have been like this...

"Now his condition is getting worse, even when we've had many doctors over. It's all not working, Xiao Xi Xi, you have to come visit Little Treasure quickly!"

"Where is Little Treasure now?"

"At the old residence, where my parents live!"

Ning Xi's end of the line was silent for a few seconds, and then there was a slight shift in her tone, "Lu Jingli, you're hiding something from me."

"What? No...No, I'm not! What would I hide from you?"

"Little Treasure has already been ill for a few days now, logically you would have called for me earlier, at the very least, a call, but you didn't. Not until now, when it's already so late at night, that you're rushing for me to come over. Plus, Little Treasure is still at the old residence..." Ning Xi paused, before she continued, "Father and Mother Lu, they found out about my identity, didn't they? They're against me and Lu Tingxiao getting together, and they don't let me go near Little Treasure anymore, right?"

"Uhh...well..." Lu Jingli was used to being the one who guessed everything correctly. This was his first time being exposed with no way to hide. He suddenly turned sour and grumbled, "Xiao Xi Xi, since when did you become this quick-witted?"

"Hey! I've always been this quick-witted!" Ning Xi rolled her eyes, frowned and asked with a tired tone, "Second master, you know how Lu Tingxiao and I are like now. If I go over it wouldn't be appropriate, what more with your parents' opinion of me now."

"I promised Lu Tingxiao I would take care of Little Treasure, and actually...tomorrow will be the final day of the contract. I would have to leave eventually."

"Even if I went right now, what about next time, and the next time?"

"Little Treasure has the best doctors, his grandfather and his grandmother, and you guys to take care of him. I believe that as the days go by, he will soon forget all about me..."

Ning Xi said all of this in a single breath, not knowing whether she said those for Lu Jingli or for herself.

Of course she was worried about Little Treasure, but if she visited him now, she was almost sure that she would give in the moment she saw Little Treasure, to the point that she might even agree to all of his requests...

She had already persevered for so many days, she could not just give up now.

"But, sister-in-law, a heart's troubles can only be cured by resolving it. Little Treasure's illness happened because he misses you too much. Every day, he looks forward for your return, do you really have the heart to...hello...hello..."

The line went dead, and Lu Jingli was suddenly at a loss.

Damn it, I have actually failed!

Seems like Xiao Xi Xi had really hardened her resolve this time.

What do I do now? My poor baby!

Lu Jingli had no choice but to report the situation to his brother.

After searching everywhere, he finally found him in Little Treasure's room.

Lu Tingxiao sat at the bedside while Little Treasure laid on his bed with his eyes close, unsure if he was asleep as the little guy had been having trouble sleeping lately.

Lu Tingxiao only needed to see Lu Jingli's expression to know the outcome. He replied in an expectant tone, "She rejected, didn't she?"

Chapter 287: Only You Can Protect Her

Lu Jingli could not bear to break the bad news in front of Little Treasure and only nodded after much hesitation. "I've said all that I could have, but she is really determined this time. The worst part is, she managed to guess that our parents have found out about her identity and their sentiments towards her..."

"Give me your handphone," said Lu Tingxiao, holding out his hand.

"What? Why do you want my handphone for?" Lu Jingli begrudgingly handed over his phone.

Lu Tingxiao picked up Lu Jingli's phone, entered the password, and took a picture of Little Treasure's room. He then opened his message inbox, searched for Ning Xi's contact number and sent the picture to her.

"Jeez! Bro, how did you know my phone's password? That's too much! It's like I don't have any privacy at all!" Lu Jingli complained and snatched his phone back.

Almost immediately, a new message came in. A reply so soon?

Lu Jingli immediately opened it to see what Ning Xi had said.

All he saw was a whole lot of exclamation marks—

[Lu Jingli! You asshole!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Fine! I'll come right over!]

"Woah! Xiao Xi Xi, why did you scold me? Bro, what did you send her? I'm completely innocent! It was you but now I have to take the blame. How unfair can this be?" Lu Jingli whined, and then quickly opened to see the picture, curious about what was it that prompted such a quick response.

After seeing it, he finally understood.

His brother had sent Little Treasure's blank drawing canvas that only had those few short sentences to Ning Xi.

If not even Father Lu could stand seeing this, what would Xiao Xi Xi's reaction have been if she saw it?

It was entirely predictable...

Jeez! He said so much to her but to no avail, yet all her brother did was send a picture over to her and she immediately changed her mind!

If that was the case, why didn't he just send that picture right from the start?

What followed was another message from Ning Xi: [Your brother...is he at the old residence too?"]

Lu Jingli was about to subconsciously reply with a "yes", when the phone was taken away by Lu Tingxiao. He immediately sent: [No.]

Ning Xi immediately replied with: [That's good then, I'll reach within half an hour.]

"Uhh..." Lu Jingli silently felt sorry for his brother again.

The three words: "That's good then" was so heart-wrenching to hear!

No reaction could be seen from Lu Tingxiao's expression, and with a poker face he said, "I'll avoid her later, you just let her in."

"Oh okay, understood!" Lu Jingli nodded.

After Lu Tingxiao finished explaining to Lu Jingli, he walked to Little Treasure's bedside and said, "Little Treasure, there are a few things I need to explain to you."

Little Treasure did not react.

Lu Tingxiao continued, "It's about your Auntie Xiao Xi's safety. You too know that her visiting you tonight would result in bad consequences if your grandfather found out."

Little Treasure still did not open his eyes.

Lu Tingxiao knew he was listening, so he carried on, "What I'm about to say, you must remember. Now the only person who can protect her is you, only you..."

At the same time, at Jun Lai Hotel.

Ning Xi was crying as she ran out.

When she clearly saw what Little Treasure had written, whatever principles and whatever determination she had not to be shaken, every bit of her preventive efforts, were all wiped out in a heartbeat.

Darn it! She really wanted to kill that Lu Jingli!

Why did he have to show her that drawing!?

She had to muster a lot of determination to suppress her urge of visiting dearest Little Treasure!

Now she just wanted to do something a little illegal, like secretly bring Little Treasure home with her...

Chapter 288: Take Little Treasure Away

It was a good thing she still had the car she borrowed from Ah Ka. After Ning Xi briskly changed her outfit, she made her way to the old residence.

She followed Lu Jingli's advice to drive to the back door of the old residence. She could see from afar that Lu Jingli was waiting for her, anxiously walking back and forth.

"Xiao Xi Xi, you're finally here!"

"Where's Little Treasure?"

"In the house! Come with me!"

"Can I really just walk in like this? Will anyone find out?"

"Don't worry, my father has gone outstation today and will only be returning tomorrow morning. I've already dismissed the maids and butlers. Actually, my mother is no longer against the both of you anymore, she just wants Little Treasure to be happy. It's just my father; he's still too hard-headed and I can't seem to get through to him just yet..." Lu Jingli went on and on as he showed her the way into the house.

In the garden, Ning Xi suddenly stopped midway and looked up.

"Xiao Xi Xi, let's go! What are you looking at?" asked a confused Lu Jingli.

"Nothing...I just keep having the feeling that someone's watching me...maybe I've just been a little bit paranoid lately..." said Ning Xi, before she continued following him.

Lu Jingli, on the other hand, was relieved. He subconsciously looked up and thought to himself, Xiao Xi Xi, you aren't paranoid, you're just too alert!

His brother was up there evading her.

Lu Jingli brought Ning Xi to Little Treasure's room, "Dun dun dun! Little Treasure, look who has come to see you!"

Little Treasure was zoning out on the bed, and despite hearing Lu Jingli's voice, he did not react at all.

"Uhh..." Lu Jingli awkwardly rubbed his nose and let Ning Xi pass through, "You go!"

She was slightly nervous. On the way here, she wanted to travel at the speed of light. Yet, now as she faced Little Treasure, she did not know what to do or say.

Her mind flashed the little man's melancholic question repeatedly in her head, "Aunty Xiao Xi, Little Treasure has been very good, Why don't you want Little Treasure?"

She underestimated the feelings Little Treasure had for her, and cruelly thought that he was only a child, that he would forget her eventually as the days go by. She didn't know that she would inflict such harm onto his emotional well-being.

"Baby, I'm so sorry..." Ning Xi lightly held the little bun's hand. It had only been a few days since she last saw him, and already the little bun had lost some weight. It had not been easy for her to plump him up.

Little Treasure only blinked slightly, but there was no other reaction.

Ning Xi fell silent. Apart from apologising, she did not know what else she could say. She knew she was unable to keep any of her promises, unable to promise him that she would accompany him forever, unable to irresponsibly use such words just to coax him.

But she had to find a way to cheer him up.

Lu Jingli started to be anxious as he looked at Little Treasure who remained stiff and not reactive, then looked at Ning Xi who was silent.

This was not what he had expected at all. Why was Little Treasure still so motionless? I hope it's not because Little Treasure's illness is so severe that even Ning Xi cannot help him feel better?

"Second master, I have an unorthodox request," Ning Xi suddenly said.

"Ahh? What is it? Just say it!"

"Can I take Little Treasure away tonight?"

"What? You want to take Little Treasure away!?" Lu Jingli was flabbergasted.

"Yes. If I stay here long, I would have to be on alert all the time, and I can't communicate properly with Little Treasure. Besides, if I'm guessing correctly, Little Treasure has already been in here for quite a number of days, right? What he really needs now is a change of atmosphere to lighten up!"

Chapter 289: A Midnight Date

Lu Jingli sighed, "The psychologist has mentioned this as well, but Little Treasure wouldn't even move away from the old residence at all. I'm guessing he must have been waiting for you to take him home!"

When Ning Xi heard this, she felt her heart tighten.

"The only thing is, letting you take Little Treasure away is too heavy of a decision, one that I don't dare to casually allow..."

Lu Jingli was just thinking about what to do when his phone suddenly rang.

It was a message from his brother—

[If she wants to take Little Treasure away, let her]

Woah! His brother had accurately guessed Xiao Xi Xi's thoughts again! He was caught off guard again.

Once he had received the decree, Lu Jingli changed his stand and said, "Xiao Xi Xi, just take him away! Bring Little Treasure anywhere, it's fine! I'll leave it to you now!"

Seeing him change his mind faster than flipping a page, Ning Xi was suspicious, "Didn't you just say that the decision was too heavy and you didn't want to easily say yes to me?"

Lu Jingli only replied matter-of-factly, "I really didn't dare to casually say yes to you, but now I've thought it over properly, so it wasn't too casual a decision. I'm seriously telling you, yes!"

Ning Xi was speechless, then she said, "You can rest assured, I'll bring Little Treasure back before tomorrow morning."

"You can do that, but it's already late at night, where do you plan to bring Little Treasure?"

"What's wrong with it being at night? It's more romantic to relax at night!" Ning Xi shot him a condescending look, implying that he was shallow. Then she took out her cosmetics bag and started putting on makeup.

Technically, it was a disguise.

Practice made perfect. Ning Xi very quickly made up her face to take on a futuristic sci-fi robot look. Then, she put on her short-haired wig and earrings.

Ning Xi's skin now looked like there was no flesh underneath, but as if it were made of metal and steel. She looked very cool.

Lu Jingli watched this with astonishment and exclaimed, "Xiao Xi Xi! Why did you make your face look like this? It's really cool though! You look like our Robot Butler 1!"

Ning Xi sprung a finger onto him. "This is a skill that all actors must master if they want to maintain a free soul!"

"Pfft, this skill ain't bad. Even if you stood on the busy streets, no one would recognise you!" As Lu Jingli said this, he noticed that when Ning Xi was putting on her makeup, Little Treasure's empty eyes started to react, and he was staring at Ning Xi.

When Ning Xi was done with her makeup, she reached to grab Little Treasure from under his armpits, and lightly carried him to sit on her lap. Then she picked up the makeup tools again.

Lu Jingli raised his brows at this and asked, "Even Little Treasure needs makeup?"

"To be safe! Little Treasure's handsome little face is going to attract more attention than mine, okay? Besides, making him up like me, wouldn't that be cool? Don't worry, these makeup are organic, they're not harmful to the skin," she explained before starting to work on Little Treasure.

Little Treasure sat obediently in Ning Xi's lap without moving an inch, as though he was the most perfect little model.

Ning Xi got it all done very quickly within five minutes.

"Wah! So handsome! I want makeup too!" Lu Jingli said with shining eyes.

Ning Xi scoffed, "You stay aside, don't ruin the dynamic between Little Treasure and I!"

Lu Jingli squatted aside, feeling defeated.

"Fine, since you've helped me and Little Treasure so much, I'll help you make your face up next time when I'm free! Now, I've to take this cutie out!"

"Okay I'll hold you to your word, yeah, you're not allowed to break your promise. I'll pre-book my makeup for Halloween with you then!"

"No problem!"

Lu Jingli was satisfied, then he quietly led Little Treasure and Ning Xi out of the garden.

Chapter 290: Being Both The Mother and The Father Figure

Back door of the old residence.

Ning Xi carried Little Treasure in one arm, while she retrieved a children's helmet from her motorcycle's storage with the other, before she took out a safety belt.

Lu Jingli who watched from the sidelines watched in astonishment and said, "Wow, you're really well prepared! You already thought of taking Little Treasure away from the outset, didn't you? Those who didn't know might think you were eloping!"

"I wouldn't elope!" Ning Xi secured Little Treasure's helmet, and then used the safety belt to fix him tightly behind her waist. "Hold tight, Little Treasure, off we go!"

As he watched Ning Xi go off with Little Treasure, Lu Jingli mumbled to himself, "I wonder if Xiao Xi Xi is making up for Little Treasure's lack of motherly or fatherly love..."

Under normal circumstances, it should have been the father who brought their sons out to explore, shouldn't it?

It wouldn't usually be the mother who brought their sons out with motorcycles in the middle of the night...

But to let Lu Tingxiao bring Little Treasure out like that?

No way!

That was why he thought that Xiao Xi Xi was amazing - she could be both the mother and the father.

Tonight, with the moon hanging brightly in the sky and a chilly breeze blowing, it was the perfect weather.

"Speeding ??at seventy, feeling free, hoping the end is the Aegean Sea, running ahead and dreaming of the other side, we want to roam the world...running with the wind with freedom as your direction, chase after the power of lightning and thunder, fill my chest with the vast ocean, even the smallest sail can voyage..."

Ning Xi drove her motorcycle at 40 yards per hour instead of the usual 400 yards, sang a few small tunes, and brought Little Treasure to explore the city...

After a while, there was a familiar rumbling of motorcycles.

She turned around to look, and as expected, it was Ah Ka and the gang.

Ah Ka, too, had noticed Ning Xi.

Xiang Xiang who was sitting in the back of Ah Ka's car excitedly screamed, "Ah Ka, slow down! Why does that motorcycle in front of you look so much like the one you lent Xi?"

Ah Ka slowed down and adjusted his headlights to look at the motorcycle, "You're right, that's the one!"

"Hurry, follow him!" Xiang Xiang excitedly urged, as she waved one hand to shout, "Hello— Xi—"

When both motorcycles met, Xiang Xiang immediately whined, "Xi, you're so mean! The last time we invited you, you wouldn't come. At last you came here yourself!"

"Since we bumped into each other, let's compete a little! The destination is our old gathering spot!" Ah Ka suddenly sped up, and the other motorcycles quickly followed suit.

Because it was late and dark at night, coupled with the fact that Little Treasure and Ning Xi wore the same black color clothing, no one saw that Ning Xi had a little one with her.

Ning Xi steadily followed after them, and reached out to touch the little hand holding on to her waist and said, "Little Treasure, hold tight, I'm going to speed up, okay!"

Little Treasure's hand gripped onto her clothes much tighter.

Ning Xi accelerated and rode ahead...

Tonight, Ah Ka and the gang were riding on the road that was not as dangerous as Death Valley and were not showing off their skills. It was just a normal highway, and speed was what mattered.

"Little Treasure, are you happy?" Ning Xi shouted into the wind.

A short while later, she felt a light knock on her back from the little helmet.

That slight knock melted Ning Xi's heart, and so she asked, "Then do you want to go faster?"

The little helmet knocked on her again without hesitation.

Ning Xi smiled widely and continued to pick up speed.

Of course, Ning Xi's "acceleration" was only in comparison to her 40 yard per hour speed, definitely incomparable to the speed of Ah Ka and the rest...

When Ning Xi finally brought Little Treasure to the destination, Ah Ka and the gang were already sitting around smoking. Some were even so bored that they brought out the poker cards for a few rounds of games...