

## Hidden 581

### Chapter 581: Aunty Xiao Xi is On A Date?

Lu Jingli shut up, not daring to say anything further.

In such a situation, everything he said felt like a risk...

At the other table, Ning Xi and Xi Shiqing had started to go deeper into conversation. Even though the table was quite a distance away from the Lu brothers, the restaurant was quite quiet, so if they listened closely, they could hear the conversation.

Because he was late, Xi Shiqing felt that he should explain himself out of basic courtesy to his date, thus he started, "I'm really sorry. I actually saw an elderly woman fall on the way here, so I sent him to the hospital and that took quite some time."

Ning Xi blurted, "Pfft!" and could not help but say, "Mmm...if another man said such things to me, I would definitely doubt their IQ level for not being able to find a more sincere excuse. However, since it's you, Mr. Xi, then I would believe you because you do look like the kind of person who would help an elder woman cross the road and send a lost child home!"

Xi Shiqing laughed out loud when he heard this. "Ms. Ning, are you trying to say I look like a kind person?"

Ning Xi nodded. "Not just that! Not only are you kind, you're practically at the level of Kim Tsai Zi the monk!"

Xi Shiqing laughed at her cute description and he lowered his chin slightly. "Miss Ning, you're very interesting."

Ning Xi paused. Damn it, it was her first time meeting someone this special and she could not hold herself back, ending up spurting out such sentences.

She cleared her throat and quickly got to the point, "Mr. Xi, I'll just be honest here. Actually, I'm not all up for this blind date but unfortunately, my grandfather already helped me to arrange a date with you, so I had to come and explain the situation to you. I hope you will forgive me for this."

Xi Shiqing did not seem angry or change his expressions when he heard this. However, somewhere deep in his eyes, something seemed to have dulled...

Behind her, Lu Jingli heard Ning Xi's words and quickly perked up his ears, regaining some spirit. "Nice one, Xiao Xi Xi, immediately knock him out!"

After Xi Shiqing heard what Ning Xi said, he expressed instantly, "I understand, even though I am slightly disappointed, I respect your wishes."

Ning Xi brows raised slightly at his diplomatic answer. Slightly disappointed? Did he mean to say that he was interested in her?

No way! Nothing she wore today should have fitted this man's aesthetic taste. He was just saying it to be charming, wasn't he? Mmm, it was a possibility with this type of men!

"So, you don't need to feel pressured. Let's just treat today's meal as one between normal friends, okay?" Xi Shiqing said.

Ning Xi suddenly realized that this man did not look extremely handsome but he had a voice that was alluring and especially easy on the ears!

Since he had said it that way and he was so accommodating without needing her to explain further, Ning Xi naturally felt it would be cruel to reject him. "Of course!"

Lu Jingli bit sharply into a slice of salmon. "Damn it! I misjudged! I thought it was a saint who wouldn't get close to women yet, he was clearly tempted by seduction! In such a situation, if he was not interested in her, he would have immediately called for the bill and left, no need for further contact. But he actually asked her to enjoy a meal together 'in the name of friendship'. Clearly, this guy has underlying motives!"

Lu Jingli continued to insult Xi Shiqing while Lu Tingxiao looked miserable and Little Treasure, who was admiring Auntie Xiao Xi's back, finally realized that something was odd...

Mmm, why is Auntie Xiao Xi eating with another strange uncle?

Little Treasure pursed his lips, thought about it, then wrote on the board: [Date?]

### **Chapter 582: Have Babies With Another Man**

Little Treasure pursed his lips, thought about it, then wrote on the board: [Date?]

Indeed if he did not know he had to ask.

Is Auntie Xiao Xi on a date with someone else?

Lu Tingxiao and Lu Jingli looked at the question on Little Treasure's writing board at the same time.

Lu Jingli sighed and looked at Little Treasure with pity like he was about to tell the kid that he was going to be abandoned by his mother. "Baby, this is even scarier than a date. It's called a blind date, do you know what that means?"

Little Treasure honestly shook his head.

"A blind date is one of the rituals of Chinese traditional marriage. It can also be called to meet one at their door, interview, law of the play, or meet up. Most marriage introductions delve into family backgrounds and the two people will be connected by the matchmakers. After that, the older relatives from both parties would meet to suggest a matrimony..."

Lu Jingli tried to explain while Little Treasure looked innocent and naive, like he barely understood. Thus, Lu Jingli could only drop the bomb, "This blind date means that your Auntie Xiao Xi is about to be taken away by another man! To go give birth to a baby with another man!"

Little Treasure's was shaken by this earth-shattering news.

Auntie Xiao Xi...will go with another man...to give birth to another baby...another baby...baby...

The poor little bun's head was filled with this sentence repeatedly and without any signs, he started to cry buckets of tears and could not stop.

Lu Jingli just wanted to tease him but he accidentally went too far. Seeing Little Treasure bawl like that, he was instantly a panicked mess. "Haih, baby, don't cry!"

Lu Tingxiao shot Lu Jingli a fierce look, then pulled Little Treasure to sit beside him, patiently clarifying, "Blind dates are just a way for men and women to meet one another, still far from marriage. Besides, she already rejected him earlier and she's just having a meal with him now."

Unfortunately, the little bun had been hurt too deeply earlier and he could not take anymore information in. He cried a river and started to gasp in between tears.

Lu Tingxiao and Lu Jingli were two adult men who had no clue on how to coax children at all, as they watched the little bun cry his heart out. They were completely rooted to the ground...

Ning Xi was still completely oblivious about any tear-inducing incidents happening behind her back.

Earlier, she had drunk two flasks of liquor and even though it was not high in alcohol, she was slightly drunk. Also, Xi Shiqing was really too sweet that one would easily lower their guards and relax with his company. They drank as they ate some sashimi while having casual conversation on some safe topics.

"Ah! You're in the business of jewelry right? Coincidentally I've been setting up a fashion studio recently and will definitely use accessories such as jewels. When the time comes, I'll be thick-faced and ask for your help!" Ning Xi suddenly took up the responsibility as a business owner and took the opportunity to indirectly promote her business.

"Miss Ning Xi, don't be too shy. If you need anything you can contact me anytime."

After chatting for a while, Xi Shiqing asked, "Miss Ning, I don't know if you still remember, but many years ago, we have actually met once."

When Ning Xi heard this, she started to sober up. "Have we? How could that be when I've no memory of us meeting at all?"

After all, Xi Shiqing was a pretty unique person and she was confident she would have remembered him.

Xi Shiqing sipped on his sake and said, "Your attention was on someone else then, naturally, you wouldn't notice anyone else."

### **Chapter 583: A Belated Fate?**

Even if he was attractive, he was probably invisible to her. Besides, he was still a young boy from university at that point in time...

Ning Xi blinked. From what he said, he must have been referring to five years ago when she was in love with Su Yan.

However, she really did not remember meeting Xi Shiqing, so she was a little curious about the circumstances had he seen her in to remember it for five whole years.

"Really? When was that?" Ning Xi asked casually.

"Five years ago, at your 18th birthday party," Xi Shiqing answered.

The cup in Ning Xi's hand wavered.

After all, that was the worst day of her life.

Xi Shiqing's eyes clouded over as he slowly said, "You know that our grandfathers are really close, so for that birthday dinner, I went along as well. I remember, you were wearing a white dress at that time. When I saw you for the first time many years ago, I was drawn to you, you were like a...natural princess..."

When Ning Xi listened to Xi Shiqing's description, she really did not know what to say. "Hah, princess...obviously, Mr. Xi, your memory is a little foggy. That dress was a fake and I was even exposed by the crowd..."

Xi Shiqing interrupted her, "Real or fake, is that really important? Even though the ugly duckling was born among the ducks, she was still a swan and she would not change because of just anything."

That was one of the most memorable days of his life because it was the first time he fell in love at first sight and then had to watch as the girl of his dreams get bullied while he looked on helplessly...

It was probably after that incident that he had never returned to the Ning residence.

When Ning Xi heard this, she felt moved and her eyes darkened. "Mmm, Mr. Xi, you seem to know more than I had imagined."

This was when Xi Shiqing realized he had lost his regal posture and had said too much unnecessarily. "My apologies, I accidentally overheard what they were saying."

Because his gaze continued to follow after her for the rest of that night, he had accidentally overheard some things that were not meant for his ears.

After he knew all of that, he felt his heart ache even more for her and hated himself for being useless...

Five years later, he was a successful person but he never could let go of what happened then, until his grandfather suddenly told him that he had arranged a blind date for him.

He was going to immediately reject the old man but who would have known that his grandfather would say that the date was a young lady from the Ning family.

The most popular lady of the Ning family, Ning Xueluo, was already engaged, so who else could it be?

He dared not to imagine, so he asked if it was Ning Tianxin.

Much to his surprise, his grandfather had said the name he did not dare to imagine: Ning Xi.

She had already disappeared for five years. Was she finally...back?

Because he had never paid attention to entertainment news, he didn't even know the most famous stars. He was much like an ignorant person from the ancient times. That was the reason why he had no inkling that she had been back a year ago and even rose to fame as an actress.

In order to share common topics of conversation with her, he had watched all of her works and even read all the news and headlines related to her.

All these years, he had been living the zen life, especially appreciating the teachings of Buddha. His favorite place to go to was the temple to discuss Buddhist teachings with the masters. Even his family was starting to worry that he would become a monk...

Yet, who'd have thought that at this very moment, she would appear.

As Ning Xi and Xi Shiqing were reminiscing, behind them, the little devil's wailing had intensified.

Lu Jingli and Lu Tingxiao took turns to use several ways to calm him but none of them worked. They simply could not coax him!

Lu Jingli was about to kneel down to beg the child. He just wanted this little heir to stop crying!

#### **Chapter 584: Like A Husband Bringing Their Kid to Catch Her Cheating**

"It's no big deal. If you know, then you know." Ning Xi carelessly shrugged.

Xi Shiqing's words had actually moved her a little although she didn't show any signs of it.

She never would have thought that on the saddest day of her life, on the day when she thought she had been shunned by the entire world, there was someone unknowingly on her side.

She felt a rush of indescribable emotions, like she had been saved. Perhaps, this world wasn't so bad and hopeless...

Mmm, well-deserving of this man who looked like the reincarnation of Buddha!

This level of divine intervention was definitely by the hand of God.

When Xi Shiqing heard her nonchalant reply, he breathed a sigh of relief. "That year, I felt very regretful and guilty...that I couldn't help you...if you need anything now, please do tell me, I would cross oceans for you without any complaint."

Xi Shiqing was being way too nice now. She was about to hand him a card for being Samaritan of the year already!

Ning Xi laughed, then raised her cup to his. "Mr. Xi, you're not really Buddha himself, you know. You can't really save everyone."

"I never thought of saving everyone, only you!" Xi Shiqing blurted with a sense of urgency.

As soon as he said that, that charismatic face of his blushed faintly.

Ning Xi was stunned, her heart skipping a beat.

Something was not right...

Behind them.

"Little Treasure, don't cry anymore, okay? I know I was wrong! I won't spew nonsense again! Please, if you keep crying, I'll want to cry too..."

Lu Jingli was still worried but he heard Xi Shiqing say, "I never thought of saving everyone, only you!" as if he was confessing his feelings to her. He was instantly dumbfounded. "Damn it! You can never judge a book by its cover. Xi Shiqing is pretty good at pick up lines!"

As he watched his crying son and the two people opposite him, Lu Tingxiao felt a familiar tinge of hostility that he tried his best to suppress within him. He had the urge to destroy everything that got close to her...

Xi Shiqing subconsciously wanted to explain to her that he didn't mean that, but he didn't know why he changed his mind instead. He only sat quietly, waiting for the girl's response.

Explain? Why would he need to explain?

He had waited for five years for this very day.

How long more did he have to wait?

Ning Xi was uncertain about how to react to Xi Shiqing's attitude when the sound of footsteps came from behind her. A familiar shadow fell on the table in front of her. Then, she saw Xi Shiqing staring behind her with a shocked expression.

Ning Xi's heart skipped a beat as she turned around too.

She then saw the devil with an upset expression and the little bun in his arms who was crying his eyes out...

Ning Xi was confused.

Why would Lu Tingxiao and Little Treasure appear here!?

The both of them stood there, the big one in silence while the little one cried his heart out and reached his short hands out for a hug...while she sat there with a man across her.

What was he trying to do, looking like a husband bringing their kid to catch her cheating on him!?

Because Ning Xi was too shocked, she froze and did not make a move to carry Little Treasure.

When the little bun saw Auntie Xiao Xi not reach out to carry him, his little face scrunched up and his tears burst like a broken dam. He cried and his little mouth tried hard to open, as if he wanted to say something but not a word came out.

### **Chapter 585: What Relationship With Ning Xi?**

From an outsider's perspective, the little bun could not say anything because he was crying too hard but you could actually read his lips clearly.

He was calling "mother" soundlessly again and again.

When he read the little bun's lips, Xi Shiqing dropped his cup on the floor.

Was the child I calling Ning Xi his mother?

How could this be?

No way...it was definitely impossible!

This little boy looked like he was four or five years old. How could Ning Xi have a son that old?

And this poker-faced man with a suppressing aura around him looked familiar. Where did he see him before?

Ning Xi also seemed very shocked. Could they have mistaken her for someone else?

As these thoughts flew across Xi Shiqing's mind, Ning Xi stood up and quickly took the boy from Lu Tingxiao's embrace, coaxing him like her beloved baby. "Baby, don't cry, don't cry. I'm sorry, it's all my fault, don't cry, okay?"

Xi Shiqing's face went instantly pale.

In the next second, he met the gaze of the man's cold eyes.

The man's eyes were clearly filled with an instinct to attack any stranger who has invaded his possessions.

However, when he looked at Ning Xi again, his icy gaze melted into a warm river...

This man and Ning Xi...what could their relationship be?

Could it be that Ning Xi had already gotten married and given birth five years ago?

No...no way...Ning Xi was still so young five years ago...

What was going on then? Xi Shiqing was officially confused!

At that moment, Ning Xi's entire focus was on the crying little bun; she did not have the time to care about Lu Tingxiao and Xi Shiqing, so she did not notice Xi Shiqing's incredulous expressions of speculation.

Because this scene was drawing so much attention with two tensed men, a woman and a crying child, very soon more and more people started to look over.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Xi, I have to make a move first." Ning Xi carried the little bun and left the restaurant in a rush. Because the little bun crying had caused her to panic, she had even forgotten to take her bag and handphone.

Lu Tingxiao carefully helped her gather everything, then followed her and even settled the bill for their table.

Xi Shiqing remained at the same spot for a few seconds before running after them.

Outside, Ning Xi carried the little boy and stood on the pavement. The night was cold outside and the man took his blazer off to put it on her shoulders.

The three of them looked like they were in perfect harmony with no space for anyone to cut in...

Ning Xi really tried hard to console Little Treasure until the little bun was finally calmer. Because he had cried so hard earlier, he kept hiccuping, so Ning Xi gently patted his back and tenderly kissed his cheek to continue reassuring him.

"Why were you and Little Treasure here?" Ning Xi asked Lu Tingxiao when Little Treasure was much better.

"Little Treasure missed you, so I brought him here to see you," Lu Tingxiao lied smoothly without any change in expression.

The truth was that he obviously brought Little Treasure over.

When Ning Xi heard this, she felt even more guilty. All the while, Little Treasure didn't appear because he was sitting behind, silently watching her from afar?

Was he crying so sadly because he saw her having dinner with another man and thought that she was going to be taken away?

Ning Xi naturally thought of this as the read he was crying.

Lu Tingxiao saw Ning Xi's expression and knew that she believed him, so he breathed a sigh of relief.

Otherwise, if she knew that he had brought Little Treasure out himself and that the little bun had only cried after Lu Jingli's nonsense, the consequence would be...

#### **Chapter 586: Did Not Understand The World**

Otherwise, if she knew that he had brought Little Treasure out by himself and that the little bun had only cried after hearing Lu Jingli's nonsensical words, the consequences would be dire...

Even though Little Treasure had unleashed his killer move, there were far too many elements that were out of his control, such as today's situation.

Initially he intended to bring Little Treasure to use only when necessary but who'd have thought that Lu Jingli's single sentence would have made him completely lose control.

Thankfully, it did not cause too much of an issue in the end and basically, everything was still within his plans...

After Ning Xi finished questioning Lu Tingxiao, she noticed someone behind her.

Then, she saw Xi Shiqing who had followed them out, stand quietly a few steps away from them. She was not sure how long he had been standing there for.

Looking at the lonely and bewitched Xi Shiqing, who looked as pale as a sheet of paper, Ning Xi's heart tightened a little and a bad feeling rose from the pit of her stomach.

Even though she had roughly guessed that Xi Shiqing might be interested in her during their dinner, she seemed to have underestimated his determination and feelings for her.

That expression...did not seem like he was only meeting someone from the past who he once liked...

It seemed more like he had liked her for all those years...

But she could not fathom it. What occurred five years ago was a very brief meeting. Rationally, Xi Shiqing couldn't have developed such strong feelings for her, could he?

However, no matter what it was, the reality was there before her eyes.

In that case, this was trouble now!

Even though it had been just a short interaction over dinner, she could see that Xi Shiqing was indeed a good man. Plus, this was Grandfather's best friend's grandson and if she did not handle this well, it would turn out to be a very sticky situation later.

Thus, she absolutely had to get to the root of it today and completely shatter any fantasy ideas he might have.

As she thought about this, Ning Xi gathered her courage to make a decision.

"Hold on for a little while. Jingli went to get the car." Lu Tingxiao stood where the wind blew from, using his tall and built figure to block Ning Xi and Little Treasure from the blustery weather.

Ning Xi's eyes squinted and she suddenly looked deeply into Lu Tingxiao's eyes. "Lu Tingxiao..."

"Hmm?" Her gaze was so intense in that instant that Lu Tingxiao felt his heart shiver. "What is it?"

Ning Xi stared at him unblinking, her gaze seeming as if it could see through his heart. "Actually, Little Treasure didn't want to come tonight, did he? Did you...did you bring him here by yourself?"

Lu Tingxiao was speechless.

He was just being thankful earlier that his plan was flawless but now, he was about to be exposed!

Lu Tingxiao quickly thought of a plan to respond to this.

Yet, he never would have thought that at that very moment, Ning Xi who was interrogating him, would suddenly tiptoe and kiss his lips...

Lu Tingxiao was mind-blown. His head was a blank void; he did not know anything anymore...

Ning Xi...

What was she doing?

He could still see the girl's long eyelashes up close and taste the fragrance of the liquor lingering on her soft lips. Everything felt surreal like a dream.

No, even in his wildest dreams, never would he have dared to imagine such a crazy moment...

"Oh—" No one could tell when Lu Jingli had driven the car over, but the moment he lowered the car window, this scene unfolded in front of him. He was so agitated that he almost mistook the accelerator as the brake.

Aaaaaaaaaah!

What was happening?! Why was it that he had gone to get the car and left for a few minutes, only to return to a world he did not understand?

## Chapter 587: That's Why I Kissed You

Why is Xiao Xi Xi kissing my brother? Aaaaaah! No, no! That's not the main point!

The main point was, from the looks of the situation, it was Xiao Xi Xi who had taken the initiative!

It was possible that his brother had gotten too jealous and couldn't help but to steal a kiss from her, but based on the current situation, it was simply illogical!

After Ning Xi left Lu Tingxiao's lips, she looked at Xi Shiqing. Then, she looked at Lu Tingxiao and with her smiling eyes that shone like the blanket of stars above them, she tilted her head to the side and teased Lu Tingxiao, "Jealous?"

It was completely the tone of a girlfriend teasing her boyfriend...

With Lu Ting Xiao still looking at her, stunned, Ning Xi smiled and continued, "I already told you that the person I like is you!"

Upon hearing her shocking words, Lu Jingli felt thoroughly confused by the progress of the plot.

When Lu Tingxiao listened to those beautiful words she had just uttered, he looked into the girl's love-filled eyes and his arm grabbed the girl tightly in his embrace. He covered her lips again and sank deeper into the kiss this time. At that very moment, even though he knew there was practically a cliff in front of him, he was willing to jump off it without hesitation...

Only until Ning Xi was almost suffocating did the kiss finally end. She secretly looked over Lu Tingxiao's shoulder and peeked behind him. Xi Shiqing was nowhere to be found.

Ning Xi silently sighed to herself. Even though she felt bad, this was the best solution she could think of for the both of them.

Now that the matter with Xi Shiqing was finally resolved, of course what followed was a very important. She still had to explain the situation properly to the devil...

The two were surprised to feel something soft bump against both of them, again and again.

A little head popped out in between them. It was Little Treasure.

This was when Ning Xi noticed that she was still carrying Little Treasure and she quickly wriggled out of the tight embrace she was in. "Hey, hey, Lu Tingxiao...you're squashing Little Treasure!"

Aaaah! Damn it! Just when she thought of how to make Xi Shiqing give up hope, she had actually forgotten that Little Treasure was here and she even did such child-unfriendly things in front of him!

When he heard what Ning Xi said and peered at his son caught in between them, Lu Tingxiao woke up from his daze.

The little bun puffed up his cheeks and looked at his father angrily. This was too much! Not only did his father get a kiss from Auntie Xiao Xi, he even got a hug from her!

However, even though he felt annoyed, it seemed like...he wasn't that angry!

Because if Auntie Xiao Xi likes father, then she can continue to be his Auntie Xiao Xi! No wait, it'll be Mummy Xiao Xi!

As he thought about this, Little Treasure decided to temporarily forgive his father.

After Lu Tingxiao released her, Ning Xi put Little Treasure down, then stood up straight and bowed at a 90 degree angle. "Sorry, Big Boss! I didn't mean to violate you! I'm order to avoid anymore unnecessary hassle in the future, I wanted to let Xi Shiqing give up hope and in a moment of desperation...I kissed you and even said those words. I'm really sorry!"

In the car, Lu Jingli was officially dumbfounded.

What a roller coaster of a plot!

He suddenly felt very bad for his brother. Just moments before, he had thought that Xiao Xi Xi liked him, and then suddenly, the truth smashed his fantasy into smithereens...

At that moment, Lu Tingxiao looked at Ning Xi quietly without saying anything.

Seeing that Lu Tingxiao was silent, Ning Xi suddenly felt a little guilty. The devil wasn't angry, was he?

Actually, the reason she dared to do what she did was because she believed that Lu Ting Xiao had a level of IQ which would definitely enable him to understand her reasons immediately and even accommodate her.

### **Chapter 588: This Was Too Much**

Ning Xi would only dare to do so because she believed that Lu Tingxiao had a level of IQ which would definitely enable him to understand her reasons immediately and even accommodate her.

At last, the devil indeed cooperated well, and the scene played out flawlessly...

However, looking at Lu Tingxiao's reaction, could something have gone wrong?

How tragic! Lu Tingxiao wouldn't have thought that this was real, would he? That wasn't like the devil's IQ!

In reality, Lu Tingxiao was stunned for a short while, before he instantly understood what Ning Xi had been trying to do. His feelings had overrode his rationality and even though a part of him had known she was acting, he had chosen to believe it as the truth and let himself drown within this dream she created...

After a while, Lu Tingxiao finally said something. He tousled Ning Xi's hair lightly, then said, "No worries, you did very well."

His silence earlier was not because he was angry at her; he just wanted to quietly remember every detail, remember her kiss, her words, and his feelings in that moment.

When Ning Xi heard his reassurance, she was relieved. However, why did those few words "you did very well" sound so odd?

At that moment, Lu Jingli finally could not help but say, "Uhh...Brother and Sister-in-law, please take a look at me. I have been waiting here for quite some time. Do you guys still want to get in the car?"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes at Lu Jingli, then carried the little bun into the car.

Once they were on their way, Lu Jingli smiled cunningly. "Xiao Xi Xi, I saw everything just now! Pity my baby Little Treasure, he was about to be sandwiched!"

"Lu Jingli! I haven't asked you, the more I think about what happened today, the more I find it weird. Even if Little Treasure was unhappy seeing Xi Shiqing and I dine together, he still wouldn't have cried this hard. Was it you who didn't shut up and say something you shouldn't have to Little Treasure?" Ning Xi suddenly attacked him.

Lu Jingli almost pissed in his pants and denied vehemently to save himself, "I didn't! I didn't say anything! Xiao Xi Xi, you're blaming the wrong guy!"

Ning Xi gritted her teeth, obviously already knowing that it was his fault. "Did I blame you wrongly now? I'll just ask Little Treasure then! See if I really was wrong"

Lu Jingli was dumbfounded when he heard this and he quickly looked at his brother to beg silently.

Bro, save me! If Sister-in-law finds out, she will kill me! She will hit me with as much force as she loves Little Treasure!

Lu Tingxiao shot a look at Lu Jingli who looked frightened like a rabbit. Seeing as he had contributed in the past, he said something on his behalf, "Ning Xi, you said you wanted to let Xi Shiqing give up hope. Do you mean that he was interested in you?"

Ning Xi's attention was successfully diverted by Lu Tingxiao's question. She scratched her head and looked helplessly at him. "To be honest, I was stunned too. I do not know how Xi Shiqing ever liked me. We chatted over dinner and that's how I knew that we've met once five years ago. But it was only that one time, there were no other interactions. Of course, perhaps I was too sensitive and overthought. No matter what it is, the point is that there aren't anymore problems now! Thanks to you, Big Boss, thank you again!"

Lu Tingxiao replied, "You're welcome."

Crisis averted! Lu Jingli wiped away his sweat in relief.

Looking at his brother's serious expression, he suddenly regained some of his energy.

He thought that this time, his brother didn't perform too badly either. He did not do anything and managed to knock out a rival, and even got a kiss for nothing too. This was too much!

For good things like these, he wouldn't mind complaining a few more times!

### **Chapter 589: The Boss Doesn't Allow Me To Date**

No matter what, the issue was finally resolved.

In the car, Ning Xi was prepared to call her grandfather to report the situation to him. However, before she called, she still felt troubled.

Sigh, even though she and Xi Shiqing had already discussed what to say to each other's grandfathers, what if her grandfather refused to give up?

"Hello, Grandfather!"

"Hey, Xiao Xi! Have you met up with the grandson of the Xi family already? How was it? He's not too bad, isn't he?"

"Cough, Grandfather, he's not too shabby. But he wasn't interested in me!" Ning Xi answered.

"What are you saying? That kid wasn't interested in you?" the elder asked agitatedly.

"No, Grandfather, what I mean is that the both of us aren't interested in each other. Please don't try to match us together anymore!" Ning Xi played out the explanation she and Xi Shiqing had agreed upon.

On the other end of the phone, the elder sounded very disappointed. "How could this be? I even met up with him first. He doesn't have any disabilities and he looks like a talented young man before I was satisfied enough to let him meet you for a blind date. You don't like someone like him? Then, tell me what's your type, I'll help you look again! I still have another old friend. His grandson..."

Oh no...

Ning Xi buried her face in her hands. "Grandfather, don't! Grandfather, I really don't want to look for a partner right now!"

"Xiao Xi, trust me, I was once in your shoes. You're at the best age right now. Now is the best time to look for the ideal man. In fact..."

Ning Xi was suffering from a headache when she felt a warm presence beside her. Lu Tingxiao had suddenly sidled up to her and said softly into her ear, "Tell your grandfather that your boss doesn't allow you to date."

Ning Xi was astonished. She covered the mouthpiece of her handphone to ask Lu Tingxiao, "What?"

"Didn't Ling Zhizhi tell you? In your current situation, you can't get a boyfriend," Lu Tingxiao said without skipping a beat.

Ning Xi's eyes shone when she heard his suggestion. "Right! That's a pretty good reason!"

Lu Jingli, who was driving, heard this and mumbled, "Haha, right, your boss doesn't allow you to date. He will only allow you to date with the boss himself..."

"Grandfather, I only want to perform well in my job right now. Besides, I'm in the growing phase of my career and our company won't allow me to date!"

The elder was angry when he heard this. "What? Not allowed to date? Why would there be such a company with such a silly rule? Does your boss even understand what human rights are?"

Ning Xi shot a look at Lu Tingxiao who had to take the bullet for her. "Grandfather, everyone in our industry is in the same boat. If we have boyfriends, the number of fans will drop drastically. In fact, I've just opened up my own studio and will be very busy every day. Next month, I will start promoting my

new show and I'll have to run around the country. Then, once I'm done with that, I'll start shooting for a new show. I really don't have the time!"

Ning Zhiyuan had wanted to mention her joining the company, but from the way she lay everything out, he knew there wasn't a possibility. Even though he felt regretful, hearing how his beloved granddaughter had her own successful career today and was living life to the fullest made him feel very happy.

"Then, what's going to happen to my great grandchildren? When can I have some?"

When she heard the elder's sad sigh, Ning Xi touched the little bun's head and sighed internally too.

If only the little bun was my son, that would be great. Everything would be resolved.

"Grandfather, what if I got a test tube baby?"

Lu Tingxiao and Lu Jingli were stupified.

Little Treasure was surprised too, although he wondered to himself, "What's a test tube baby?"

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"Nonsense!" The elder still thought more conservatively, so there was no way he could accept something like this.

He was also afraid that he was pushing Ning Xi too hard to the point that she would do something outrageous, so he quickly softened his tone, "Fine, fine, you're actually still quite young. Go focus on your career first then. Grandfather won't trouble you anymore, but there's just one thing you must promise me. You have to visit me often. This request of mine isn't too much, is it?"

Ning Xi brightened up upon hearing that. "Not at all! I will definitely visit you often!"

After she hung up, Ning Xi felt relaxed now that she had finally resolved the matter.

In front of the wheel, Lu Jingli was still deep in shock about the 'test tube baby'. He said, "Bro Xi, you're amazing! Even test tube babies are an option for you now!"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes at him. "My grandfather wants great grandchildren, yet I can't find myself a man. What do you think I should do then?"

"Where are you going to get the sperm?" Lu Jingli asked.

"Obviously, the sperm bank!"

Lu Jingli looked at his brother in the rear view mirror and mischievously said, "Actually there is ready sperm beside you. In fact, the genes are of extremely good quality..."

Ning Xi obviously knew who Lu Jingli was talking about, so she replied, "Stop! This topic is not suitable for children's ears!"

To have a baby with the devil...

Lu Tingxiao then said, "I'm sure that under natural conditions, the sperm quality will be better."

Ning Xi rebutted, "That's enough from you guys! I was just saying it without much thought...don't discuss it in too much detail. Little Treasure is still here!"

When she looked down, thank goodness, Little Treasure had already fallen asleep as a result of the fatigue from his tears.

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At Regal Riveria Hotel.

Lu Tingxiao and Lu Jingli sent Ning Xi and Little Treasure to their doorstep.

Lu Tingxiao patted his son's head then looked up at Ning Xi and said, "I'm going to leave now. It's been getting colder recently, remember to keep warm at night."

Ning Xi nodded. "Sure, I will! Goodnight, Big Boss!"

Lu Tingxiao looked at the girl longingly. "Goodnight."

Lu Jingli yawned. "Goodnight, Bro Xi! If there's any more gossip from Xi Shiqing, remember to share it with me!"

Ning Xi shook her head in disbelief at his thirst for gossip. "Nothing goes without you!"

The two started to leave.

However, just as Lu Tingxiao turned away, he suddenly felt a little tug on his shirt.

He looked down to see that it was Little Treasure who had suddenly woken up and was peering at him with sleepy eyes. His hand gripped on to his shirt hem, refusing to let go.

Lu Tingxiao was stunned.

After all, Little Treasure had never shown such an intimate affection towards him. Every time he left Ning Xi, that little guy was always doing a happy dance and could never wait for him to leave...

Even Lu Jingli and Ning Xi were surprised too.

"What's wrong, Little Treasure?" Ning Xi asked gently.

Ning Xi knew he was looking for his writing board, so she quickly helped him take it out from his bag.

The little bun was still holding on to Lu Tingxiao's shirt, while his other hand rubbed the sleep away from his eyes before writing on the board, "Father, don't go."

These words...before Lu Tingxiao had the chance to react, Lu Jingli started to wail emotionally, "Oh! Little Treasure is so warm! I want a son too! I want to have test tube babies now!"

At this moment, Lu Tingxiao felt a rush of mixed feelings watching his son's little hand holding onto him, the touching words on the writing board and his tilted head looking at him curiously for a response.

Ning Xi was already tearing up. The improvement in the little bun's relationship with Lu Tingxiao was something she wanted to see more than anyone else. "Lu Tingxiao, how about you just stay over at my place tonight? Accompany Little Treasure!"

