

Hidden 591

Chapter 591: This Is My Reward For Helping You Today

Lu Jingli wanted to run around in joy!

Oh! I'm so jealous! How nice was it to have a son! It was as though God had sent assistance Himself!

Lu Tingxiao actually took a while to react to Ning Xi's out-of-the-blue invitation.

Even though Little Treasure had always been his trump card, this was the first time the little bun had genuinely taken the initiative to help him.

Was it because of what had happened tonight? Then, this was a rare case of getting luck out of a misfortune!

Finally, Lu Tingxiao stayed while Lu Jingli the bachelor went home tearfully.

In the bedroom.

Ning Xi accompanied Little Treasure to lie on the bed and sang him to sleep. Lu Tingxiao sat on the other side of the bed, his sleeve still being held on tightly by the little guy.

After Little Treasure had been coaxed to sleep, Ning Xi asked, "Why don't you sleep with Little Treasure tonight? I'll sleep in the guest room."

"We can sleep together," said Lu Tingxiao without a hitch.

Ning Xi was shocked to hear his proposition and felt slightly awkward. She scratched her head and said, "Ah? That would not be too appropriate, would it?"

Lu Tingxiao replied, "No, I don't mind."

Ning Xi was speechless. The devil...was getting naughty!

The Big Boss already said he didn't mind being taken advantage of but could she say that she did?

It was a good thing that the bed was huge, so even with the little bun in the middle, each of them had their own personal space.

When Ning Xi entered the room after finishing her shower, Lu Tingxiao was already lying on the bed. His hair was wet and messy post-shower, while he wore pajamas and was looking at Little Treasure with a gentle gaze, like an ordinary father. Ning Xi felt her heart beat faster at the sight of them together.

When he heard her footsteps, Lu Tingxiao looked up and ordered her, "Finish the milk before going to bed."

"Oh..." Why did it feel like Lu Tingxiao had two children to look after?

After Ning Xi finished the milk, she lay on the other side of Little Treasure.

Lu Tingxiao turned off the light and only left a dim night light on. He lay on his side and kissed his son's forehead.

Seeing Ning Xi watch him, Lu Tingxiao raised his brows. "You want a goodnight kiss too?"

Ning Xi widened her eyes and shook her head quickly. She was just thinking to herself that the way the devil took such gentle care of Little Treasure was so charming that she could not help but to continue looking a little longer. There was no way that she would have such inappropriate motives!

Lu Tingxiao eyes shone teasingly, then he suddenly leaned over Little Treasure. With Ning Xi's eyes still in its bewildered state, he kissed her on the lips.

Ning Xi was shocked.

Damn it! Devil, what are you doing? Didn't we already say we were just accompanying Little Treasure to sleep?

Lu Tingxiao squinted his eyes and told her, "This is my reward for helping you take that bullet today."

Ning Xi was speechless. She had nothing to reply to him...

The next morning.

Ning Xi woke up in a daze and felt like she had never slept that well before. She had no dreams the entire night and her whole body felt warm, so warm that she did not want to wake up.

No, she still had to wake up to make a healthy breakfast for the little bun!

Ning Xi finally opened up her eyes.

The moment she did, what she saw was a bare chest...

What?!!!

Damn it! What was going on? Why...why would she sleep so carelessly?!

She didn't know how ended up on Lu Tingxiao's side. In fact, her entire body was sprawled on him until his pajamas had been messed up by her, revealing his peach-colored skin. As for her hand, it was casually lying on his naked belly and chest.

Ning Xi quickly got up and initially wanted to move back to her own side but in her panic, she accidentally touched Lu Tingxiao...in a place she shouldn't have...

Chapter 592: Are You Sleepwalking?

The man grunted, then slowly opened his eyes. His eyes glimmered and her panicked and stunned face was reflected ...

Ning Xi swallowed her saliva and quickly thought of how to explain the awkward situation.

Damn it! How could she explain? What could she possibly say in such a situation?!

Even getting caught cheating with someone else in bed would not be this difficult to explain!

Ning Xi's brain was about to be fried. However, in the next second, Lu Tingxiao used his beautiful dazed eyes to stare at her for a few seconds, before he suddenly turned around...

Ning Xi felt like her world had turned upside down when she was pushed onto the bed before she could even figure out what was happening. The shadow above her inched closer, then what came next was a wave of warmth as he delivered an intense kiss...

Ning Xi was shocked by Lu Tingxiao's sudden actions. It felt as if the air in her chest was becoming increasingly thin and her brain was fogging up.

The emotions and physical reactions that were happening were so overwhelming so much so that the feelings she had suppressed in her heart were almost lured out by the kiss. She felt as if the world was coming to an end and that her body wanted to respond involuntarily despite her mind telling her otherwise...

What was worse was the strong reaction from his lower torso that she could feel hardening between them...

Damn it, Ning Xi! Wake up, wake up! Baby Little Treasure was still sleeping beside them!

Helplessly, she struggled to gather herself. Lu Tingxiao, on the other hand, did not. He felt like he wanted to devour her whole with that all-consuming kiss.

Ning Xi had no choice but to bite down with force, her mouth instantly filled with the metallic taste of blood.

Lu Tingxiao frowned and stopped.

Ning Xi took advantage of this single second to push him away and said between gasps, "Hey, Lu Tingxiao! Are you...are you sleepwalking?"

Uhh, if he really was, this question would have no effect!

Wait, that did not seem right either. Shouldn't sleepwalking happen only at night? The sun was already up!

The confused man started to gain clarity and said in a hoarse voice, "No."

Ning Xi blinked as her heart skipped a beat. No?

Lu Tingxiao's long fingers brushed through his hair as lust lingered in his eyes. "Sorry, I wasn't clear-headed earlier. I thought that I was dreaming."

Ning Xi was speechless.

What could she say to answer him?

Was it possible that in his dreams, the devil actually wanted to seduce her and kiss the life out of her?

In fact, the Lu Tingxiao earlier was really different from the Lu Tingxiao she usually saw. That kiss earlier was far too overbearing!

So overbearing that it made her worry a little...

"You...what were you doing just now?" Lu Tingxiao suddenly asked before Ning Xi could say anything. In fact, with this one sentence, he changed his position from being the villain to being the victim.

When she heard his question, Ning Xi actually felt guilty. She stammered, "Well...well, would you believe me if I said even I don't know?"

Lu Tingxiao looked deeply into her eyes, clearly full of disbelief.

Ning Xi looked extremely sincere. "Big Boss, I swear to God, I really don't know how but we were like this when I woke up! I usually sleep much more gracefully...whatever it is, this was an accident!"

Chapter 593: An Unexpected Development

Ning Xi mumbled quietly, "You did something similar to me just now. So, are we even now?"

Lu Tingxiao gave it some thought, then he nodded, "Fine, we're even."

Ning Xi let out a sigh of relief.

However, something still felt odd. This was not right...how was this even? She was the one who was at a disadvantage!

Whatever! She was the one who rolled over. Had it not been for that, what Lu Tingxiao did after would not have happened...

"Well...Boss, can you get up? I need to go and make breakfast!" Ning Xi asked weakly, trying to make an escape.

Lu Tingxiao did not act right away. He looked her into her eyes instead, staring intensely.

Ning Xi had no idea how she looked like at that moment.

The girl's cheek blushed attractively, her lips slightly swollen from the passionate kissing. Her pajamas were crumpled and her long raven black hair billowed out on the feathered pillow like ink...

Lu Tingxiao started to question how was it possible that he had been containing his wild intentions all this while.

"Lu Tingxiao?" Ning Xi asked uncertainly, feeling creeped out by his laser stare.

Lu Tingxiao returned to his usual self and propped himself up. Ning Xi shot away like a rabbit...

She quickly served a nutritious spread for breakfast, then proceeded to call both Lu Tingxiao and the little bun to the table.

The little bun looked really overjoyed today, his face shone brighter than usual and he ate a lot more than his usual portion.

A moment ago, Ning Xi still regretted having Lu Tingxiao stay over last night after reflecting on how inappropriate it was but she changed her mind upon seeing how happy Little Treasure was.

The little bun was always top priority in her heart and nothing mattered as long as he was happy.

After breakfast, Lu Tingxiao read the newspaper on the sofa as the little bun sat beside him and communicated to him through his writing board while holding a book from Ning Xi despite not understanding its contents.

They both painted a warm portrait together under the sun, emitting a calm aura that brought a sense of love and kinship to anyone who watched them.

Suddenly, Ning Xi's phone rang.

Ning Xi took a look at her phone and was surprised to see that it was her grandfather calling...

Lu Tingxiao noticed that something was amiss, so he asked, "What happened? Who's that calling?"

"It's my grandfather!" Ning Xi frowned. Did they not settle everything last night? Did Grandfather change his mind?

Ning Xi chewed on her lip and picked up the call nervously. "Hello, Grandfather..."

"Xiao Xi! I've got something to ask you. Are you hiding anything from me?" the elder asked her directly in an oddly grave tone.

Ning Xi replied, "Ah? What do you mean? Nothing out of the ordinary has happened!"

"I'm talking about Xi Shiqing!"

Ning Xi had a bad feeling when she heard the name. Could Xi Shiqing have broken his promise and said something he shouldn't have?

Impossible, he did not look like someone who would break a promise!

"Grandfather, what happened to Mr. Xi? I really don't know what you're talking about!"

The elder sounded fairly angry as he berated her, "You don't? Then, can you explain to me why he decided to become a monk after meeting you yesterday?!"

What?!

What did Grandfather just say?

Ning Xi was startled and she almost dropped the phone. "Grandfather, what are you talking about? Become a monk???"

Chapter 594: A Great Punch of Destructive Power

"Xi Shiqing is going to become a monk? Grandfather, are you sure? Are you pulling my leg?" Ning Xi probed, not believing what the elder just said.

Lu Tingxiao frowned incredulously as he listened to Ning Xi's conversation with her grandfather.

He thought that the matter with Xi Shiqing had been settled last night. How in the world did this happen?

The elder fumed, "Why would I kid you at a time like this? That young man from the Xi family is already at the temple. He's going to shave his hair off this afternoon! Which part of this sounds like a joke?"

Ning Xi was confused and she sputtered, "This is...impossible! Could there be some other reason? Why would you think that it was because of me?"

"What else could it be? He was acting all fine before he left, but he suddenly told his family he wanted to become a monk after having dinner with you! You are the biggest suspect!" The elder continued, "Xiao Xi, please think about what happened last night! Being a monk is not a trivial matter! If it's related to you, how can I face Elder Xi at this rate?"

Ning Xi suddenly felt guilty...

Actually, quite a lot happened last night...

Did she try too hard to get her message clearly across to him?

Regardless, it would not have reached the point that he would decide to become a monk immediately!

"Grandfather, where are you now?" She queried, hearing chanting in the background.

"I'm at the Fahua Temple right now. Shiqing's grandfather and parents are here as well. Xiao Xi, please come over as I can't explain everything to you over the phone clearly."

"Alright, I'll be right there!"

After she hung up, Ning Xi gave Lu Tingxiao an alarmed look. The devil's attack sure packed a great punch of destructive power!

"Xi Shiqing is going to become a monk?"

Ning Xi nodded and stood up to leave. "Yes, and it seems like it was because of me. I need to go to Fahua Temple at once."

"I'll go with you."

"Forget it! What if he does something even more insane after he sees you?" Ning Xi said bitterly.

"I'll send you to the entrance of the temple."

"But you'll be late for work!"

"Nothing much is happening in the morning. Just a meeting which I can get Jingli to attend on behalf of me instead." Lu Tingxiao was already calling Lu Jingli as he said this.

Lu Jingli's cheerful voice answered the phone, "Hello, Bro! What's up so early in the morning? Oh, did something happen? Heh heh."

"I can't attend the meeting later. Please attend it in my stead," Lu Tingxiao said calmly.

Lu Jingli's happiness was suddenly deflated. "Ah? Can't you go? What happened last night? Did you and Xiao Xi Xi..."

"Xi Shiqing is going to become a monk now and I need to go to Fahua Temple with Ning Xi." Lu Tingxiao's reply stopped Lu Jingli's wild imagination in its tracks.

"What?!" Lu Jingli gasped in shock, "Become a monk? Are you kidding me?"

Lu Jingli still could not believe what he had just heard. This latest development was a gossip's fantasy...

Most importantly, how could he be left out in such an important moment?

He quickly gave his manager a call and have him hold the meeting instead, then he sped off to Fahua Temple.

Chapter 595: He's Fallen In Love!

At Fahua Temple.

Lu Tingxiao waited in the car with Little Treasure while Ning Xi rushed to her grandfather.

She avoided the morning crowd and walked directly to the backyard of the temple, then she saw a familiar silhouette standing together with a middle-aged couple. They should be Xi Shiqing's parents, she thought to herself.

"Grandfather..."

"Xiao Xi, come over here!" Ning Zhiyuan quickly called out to her granddaughter.

"Grandfather Xi, Uncle, Auntie..." Ning Xi greeted them, feeling apprehensive.

The three Xi family members welcomed her warmly. Mother Xi even held Ning Xi's hands as if she was their savior. She gushed, "Are you Xiao Xi? You look like a really obedient and filial child. Xi Shiqing has been telling us all about you after you got back!"

Ning Xi was surprised by the praises coming from his mother as she had expected a good scolding instead.

"Please don't be afraid, my dear. Your grandfather was overreacting over the phone just now. We all know that this matter is not related to you. Shiqing told us last night that he felt the both of you are better suited as friends..."

With a huge internal whoosh, Ning Xi felt relieved and guilty at the same time.

She was suspecting that Xi Shiqing had spilt the beans about their deal but he had not said anything and even praised her instead.

Damn it! She had hoped that he was just another rich playboy since she could handle them better but...

Mother Xi continued to hold her hands as she said with tearful red eyes, "We didn't really mean to trouble you here. It's just that we've thought of everything we could but we still don't understand why he decided to become a monk, so we asked you to come here as our last hope! From his tone last night, I can see that he really bears a torch for you, so I think he might just listen to you. Would you please persuade Shiqing for me?"

Elder Xi spoke up, "Bears a torch? Pfft! I bet that boy has fallen in love with Xiao Xi instead of just admiring her! He rejected me when I first told him that I have arranged a blind date for him but his attitude took a 180 degree turn when he knew it was Xiao Xi I was setting him up with."

"Then, why did he say Xiao Xi wasn't his type and that they were better suited as friends?" Mother Xi asked in confusion.

Father Xi vocalized his thoughts, "Our son is a passive chap. He'd never compete with anyone. Moreover, he's been learning about Buddhism since he was young, making him even less competitive...I bet he realized that Xiao Xi had no special feelings for him whatsoever, so he chose to hide his real feelings inside!"

The elders started making their own assumptions without waiting for Ning Xi's explanation.

Mother Xi agreed with Father Xi's analysis, "Qingqing might really resort to this solution after all that...it does sound plausible."

Father Xi said, his voice on edge, "I've been worried that this would happen one day since he has been obsessed with studying Buddhism. I should have stopped him earlier while I could!"

Chapter 596: Changed Totally

As Elder Xi was going to lecture his son about his inappropriate words about Buddhism, he stopped when he thought of his grandson's current situation.

Albeit being a religious Buddhist, he still could not accept his grandson becoming a monk...

From the conversation between his parents and his grandfather, Ning Xi found out why Xi Shiqing was such a nice person.

They were all kind people, comforting her instead of blaming her or scolding her right away, which was what she had expected.

This made Ning Xi felt even guiltier.

It would not sit well with her if she was the actual reason Xi Shiqing decided to become a monk!

She was doubtful earlier but from their conversation earlier and how they could not think of any other reason for his sudden decision, then it might just boil down to last night's incident.

"Well, since I'm already here...I don't have much confidence but I'll try my best, alright?" Ning Xi told them.

Mother Xi was very grateful and she squeezed Ning Xi's hands. "That's great, Xiao Xi! Thank you!"

Father Xi's expression softened. "You don't have to pressure yourself too much. His decision isn't related to you anyway but just give it a try!"

They tried to conceal their intense worry when comforting Ning Xi since she was now their only hope left.

Ning Xi took a deep breath and walked towards the room Xi Shiqing was in.

Ning Zhiyuan mumbled, "Let's hope that Xiao Xi can really persuade Shiqing..."

He was actually not confident at all. Shiqing looked really determined and probably nothing could deter him even if his reason for becoming a monk was related to Ning Xi.

Ning Xi finally reached the room.

Following a path of mossy green pebbles, there was a quiet yard where flowers bloomed amongst lush bamboo plants and zen seemed to be gentle dynamic energy flowing around.

The door to the room was opened and a curtain billowed in the wind. The air was silent but not stifling still as if it was a different world compared to the outside.

Ning Xi went up to the entrance and hesitated a little, then she lifted the curtain up.

Through the window, Xi Shiqing sat quietly behind a screen full of Buddhist scriptures with a scripture in his hands. He was obviously very focused on going through it.

Despite wearing a suit, he already imbued the character of a monk's.

Ning Xi realized that she actually felt frightened of this version of Xi Shiqing.

It had just been one night. How did he suddenly change into such a different person?

He was a clean-cut man before but a worldly one. The Xi Shiqing before Ning Xi now seemed as if he had lost all his earthly desires.

Ning Xi had a splitting headache throbbing. Xi Shiqing's situation was much direr than she had thought!

She could not back out now. She had to take responsibility for what she had done and the people outside were waiting for her.

Chapter 597: Dear Lord, Can You Speak Like A Normal Person?

Ning Xi took a deep breath then walked towards him.

Xi Shiqing closed the scripture he was holding and looked up when he heard some footsteps.

Xi Shiqing's eyes were tranquil, he did not react much even after he saw who had come in.

"Benefactress Ning..."

Ning Xi felt immensely helpless against him. He was so determined, even using "benefactress" to address her now!

Ning Xi pinched the space between her eyebrows, sitting right across Xi Shiqing as she released a long sigh, "Bro, what are you doing? Why have you suddenly decided to become a monk?"

"I made this decision after quite a long consideration. If you, Benefactress Ning, are here to persuade me, you may leave now."

"Is it because of me?" Ning Xi asked directly.

"It was all my decision, it is unrelated to anyone."

Ning Xi took a deep breath and probed further, "May I know why? Even if it was because of what happened last night when you found out that there's someone else whom I like, you don't have to go so far. This is too illogical..."

"Everything is just momentary. A moment of heaven, a moment of hell, a moment of life, a moment of death."

Ning Xi was on the verge of crying. "Dear Lord, can you please speak like a normal person?"

She was feeling genuinely terrified!

"Benefactress Ning, if you feel guilty, you don't have to because it truly is my own decision," Xi Shiqing replied.

"What about your parents and your grandfather? Don't you care about them anymore? They've been with you through the years and now you just suddenly decided to become a monk and desert them?"

"This is my fate. They still have Shixuan."

Ning Xi recalled him mentioning that he had a younger brother.

He really had everything well thought out and was fully resolved to become a monk!

"My Lord, Mr. Xi, Qingqing? Can you please give it some more thought? Becoming a monk is not a trivial matter! Three days! Just wait three more days to think it over. It's not too late to make your decision by then!" Ning Xi tried to persuade him.

"I've already finalized my decision. Please return now and from now on, you may address me by my Buddhist name, Yuanqing." Xi Shiqing gestured for her to exit the room.

"Yuanqing...Xi Shiqing! Why are you being so stubborn?" Ning Xi's eyes were burning with rage and frustration. He looked so soft and gentle but he sure was stubborn like an ox!

She almost wanted to knock him out and bring him back by force!

Xi Shiqing still did not move an inch, sitting in his place like an old rock.

Ning Xi was already tired from all the talking but she was still not able to persuade him. Suddenly, she got another phone call from her grandfather.

Ning Xi went out of the room to pick up the call. "Hello, Grandfather..."

"Xiao Xi, what took you so long? How did it go?"

Ning Xi's heart sank with disappointment in herself. "I'm sorry, Grandfather, I've tried my best, but...it's not working..."

The elder sighed, "Well, I expected this to happen. Come back here, Xiao Xi!"

Ning Xi ground out between her teeth, "Don't worry, Grandfather. Please wait for a little while. Go and find someplace to rest and have a meal, I'll try again."

"Okay...don't overexert yourself! And wait, Uncle Xi wants to talk to you."

Chapter 598: Nearly Point-Blank

Father Xi was on the line now, saying, "Just come back here, Xiao Xi. You don't understand Shiqing. While he may look soft on the outside, he won't compromise once he has decided on something. He really is that adamant."

"He's right, Xiao Xi. Don't push yourself too hard, we're not blaming you. It really isn't your fault," Mother Xi echoed, afraid that Ning Xi was putting all the blame on herself.

"Uncle, Aunt, I understand but I won't back off until I've tried everything I can. Let me give it one more shot!"

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Ning Xi's expression changed swiftly after she ended the call.

Knocking him out and taking him back by force would not be the best solution. If Xi Shiqing was not going to change his mind, he would just leave after he waking up anyway.

What should she do?

At the same time, a black car was parked under a big tree near the temple.

Lu Tingxiao frowned as he checked the time on his phone.

"What's taking her so long?" Lu Jingli had already arrived to meet his brother.

Lu Tingxiao got out of the car to light a cigarette, looking impatient.

Lu Jingli scratched his head and tailed his brother. "We can't just sit here and wait. Should we go in and see what's happening?"

"I can't."

"Ugh, okay...you're not the best person to go...you might make him go crazy again..." Lu Jingli mumbled. He then said, "I'll go then! I'll just go and check on what's happening! It'd be really terrible if the Xi's pressured Ning Xi and she's forced to tell them what actually happened last night. They might even force her to try and get together with Xi Shiqing for a little while!"

This was what Lu Tingxiao had been worrying about.

With Ning Xi's personality, if people from the Ning family went soft on her, she would definitely try everything she could to bring Xi Shiqing back.

"Bro, I'll go now, I'll let you know immediately if anything happens! I'll stop Sister-in-law if she's going to try something risky!" Lu Jingli went in as Lu Tingxiao kept silent.

Little Treasure poked his little head out from the car and held up his writing board: [Father, is there anything that I can help with?]

The little guy was actually going to cooperate after what happened last night.

Lu Tingxiao looked at his son with a loving gaze. "Thank you but you can't help me this time."

The little bun looked down disappointedly.

Ning Xi went back into the room once again.

After asking around, Lu Jingli quickly went to the zen room.

Xi Shiqing saw Ning Xi return but he remained expressionless as if his world only consisted of him and the scripture book he was holding. There was only the Buddha in his heart and he was completely determined to ascend towards the true meaning of Buddhism.

Ning Xi stepped right in front of him and snatched his book of scripture out of his hands.

As expected, Xi Shiqing was not angry and stayed calm in his seated position.

Ning Xi tossed the book away and closed in on Xi Shiqing swiftly, one of her knee positioned beside his torso, an arm crossing over him and her face a millimeter-close to his, nearly at point-blank...

Xi Shiqing's eyebrows twitched ever so slightly.

As he was about to say something, Ning Xi stole his chance as she pressed on his shoulder and held him down, using her body to envelope his at the same time...

Chapter 599: Damn It, He Was Toppled!

Outside the room, Lu Jingli was just peeking in from the window when he saw this earth-shattering scene. Sister-in-law had actually flopped onto Xi Shiqing and made him topple over!

In that moment, Lu Jingli was so intimidated that his heart almost leaped out of him.

What to do, what to do? Should he go in to stop them?

Oh, what a classic combination: the monk devoid of worldly desires and the wild and unruly but alluring woman! He suddenly felt that they made an oddly good match.

Damn it! If his brother ever found out that he had such a thought, he would definitely be a corpse!

Not only did Ning Xi topple Xi Shiqing over, she also dragged her warm and slim fingers across his brow all the way to his lips and even inched closer towards him in a deliciously slow, torturous way...

At this moment, Xi Shiqing was akin to a lake of stagnant water that suddenly met a storm. His entire body was rigid like a bow pulled to its maximum tension. His long fingers were balled tightly into a fist and even his breath was out of rhythm, bordering on raggedy inhalations. As he watched Ning Xi's lips about to plant on him, he shut his eyes tightly as if in denial and tried to turn his head away slightly as blood rushed to his ears...

Just as his entire being was being shaken to the core, he heard a cold voice beside his ear saying, "The bonds of the world are still there! Your six roots of sensations aren't pure and clean! Xi Shiqing, how can you become a monk? What kind of religious life are you trying to take refuge in? What kind of monk will you be? Aren't you afraid of contaminating Buddhist sacred grounds?"

Upon hearing her bold statement, Xi Shiqing's boiling blood instantly cooled down, his face as pale as a ghost.

Outside the window, Lu Jingli watched, starstruck. Wow! My sister-in-law is way too cool! He would never have thought of such an ingenious trick! Thank goodness he had not rushed in on impulse, or else he would have ruined her plans...

Xi Shiqing opened up his mouth as if he wanted to say something, but he did not utter a single word. He just opened and closed his mouth like a goldfish. Even when he had debated with Master Xuan Jing about Buddhism teachings, he had never lost...yet, at this very moment, he was utterly speechless.

Because he could not control his own heart, he could not control his feelings and his desire...

As she watched Xi Shiqing trying to come to terms with his failure, Ning Xi squinted and prodded at him. "What is it? Still in denial? Do you want me to continue?"

"No...there's no need..." Panic flashed across Xi Shiqing's eyes and he looked miserable. "You're right, my six roots of sensations are impure and corrupted."

Ning Xi then got up and walked towards Xi Shiqing to offer her hand to help him up. Even though she was aware that her trick was cruel in nature, she knew that she had to be harsh to defeat Xi Shiqing in such a stubborn situation.

At that moment, all serenity vanished from Xi Shiqing's face. He did not know how to describe his current feelings at all. No one, including Ning Xi, could understand why he would make such a rash decision. He had waited for five whole years before such an opportunity was unexpectedly presented before him. However, before he could properly appreciate it, the window of opportunity turned into a slab of concrete.

If he had never had hope in the first place, maybe he would not feel such a dark cloud of despair.

Even now he could still reminisce the moment he watched them hug and kiss each other, the kind of ache that tore his heart apart bubbling from within again.

Then, he remembered that the man was the CEO of the Lu Corporation, Lu Tingxiao.

Even though he had only met him once at the ribbon cutting ceremony at Jade Treasury for its inaugural opening, he definitely recognized him.

Had it been someone else, he might still stand a chance to compete for Ning Xi's affections, but it was Lu Tingxiao. Of all people, it had to be him!

Before he could even do anything, he had already lost the battle miserably.

Chapter 600: The Master Drew Her A Flower

Coming from a wealthy family, he had never faced any obstacles since he was young. He never had anything he particularly desired either because as long as he mentioned it, it would be his. This led to him developing a personality that neither fought nor begged for anything. Life, to him, seemed to be something that he was indifferent to.

His existence in this world felt like an identity of an outsider's. Until Ning Xi's appearance...and her appearance once again five years later...

It had completely shattered that layer which dissociated him with the world. It made him long for something for the first time. Precisely because it was too precious, he felt intense despair when he lost it.

He had thought that in this lifetime, there was nothing else he wanted anymore.

When he came to look for Master Xuan Jing and asked him to accept him as a disciple, Master Xuan Jing had even agreed to help him with the tonsure of his hair because his state of mind at that period of time was absolutely void of worldly temptations.

But now, because of her single action, she had completed pulling him back into this dreadful worldly realm...

Perhaps, she really was his fated inexorable doom!

Xi Shiqing's expression revealed hints of his compromise to accept his fate.

Seeing Xi Shiqing's resignation, Ning Xi secretly let out an exhalation of relief, knowing that she had succeeded.

"Going home?" Ning Xi looked at him with a tilt of her head.

"I have to go to speak to Master Xuan Jing."

When Ning Xi heard this, alarms rang in her head. She quickly offered, "I'll accompany you!"

She had finally manage to pull him back after so much effort. His talking to Master Xuan Jing might undo her hard work!

Xi Shiqing wanted to tell her that there was no need but by looking at the determination in her pair of fiery eyes, he could empathize with her concern, so he just let her tag along.

In the hall.

Master Xuan Jing seemed unsurprised by Xi Shiqing's arrival. However, when he saw Ning Xi behind him, his gaze became broody.

"Abbot, my apologies, this disciple of yours is not done with the worldly realm yet; my state of mind has not calmed down to a steady flow. I feel I don't have the right to be part of the monastery at this point in time."

In front of the master himself, Ning Xi actually felt slightly guilty. After all, this was because of her cunning tricks. Aside from the fact that Xi Shiqing was not yet a monk, he was still at an age where, as a high-spirited young man, his state of mind was still fleeting. There were not many who could actually withstand such temptations in the world, especially if they had yet to experience them.

Thankfully, Xuan Jing did not ask further or make any attempts of convincing him. "Everything has been predestined. You may go now."

Ning Xi watched this wise old monk in front of her and felt a little curious.

Was this the fabled Master Xuan Jing?

The one who gave that jade bead bracelet which had an affinity with her?

Hah! She finally met the person himself. Now, if he could help her check on her luck, whether blessed or ill, that would be great!

Hmm, perhaps it was best to forget it. To let a master of his level investigate her luck was no different than asking a legendary God-like character to wipe out a small village and to get rid of minions.

Just then, Xuan Jing unexpectedly initiated the conversation. "Young benefactress, is there anything I can help you with?"

"Uhh, me?" Since Xuan Jing had asked first, Ning Xi decided to be thick-skinned and just ask anyway. At most, she would just be rejected. "Master, you really are observant! Indeed, I...well it's like this, I keep feeling restless recently. I wonder if, Master, you could offer me some words of wisdom?"

When Xuan Jing heard this, his bright eyes evaluated her briefly, then he whispered something to the monk beside him.

Soon after, that monk brought over a pen and paper.

Then, Xuan Jing started to write on the paper with the calligraphy pen. After he finished, Ning Xi held up the paper to look and was stunned.

The master had not written any words. Instead, he had drawn a flower!

What could that possibly mean?