

## Hidden 671

### Chapter 671: Worried It Would Not Be Exciting Enough

Night fell and there was no sight of the moon outside, only several stars loomed in the dark sky above.

Inside where there was no trace of any light, only a blurred silhouette could be seen.

The man leaned his stiff body forward slightly with one palm on the girl's waist. The girl kneeled on the bed with her arms around his neck, the slender shape of her neck against the dim light appealing to him greatly...

Lu Tingxiao's brain had blanked out earlier from his inner struggle after his world was blasted by Lu Jingli's horrible news. However, at that moment, he did not know who he was anymore.

It was too quiet. It was as if he had been struck by lightning; he did not move at all.

At last, after holding her breath for so long, Ning Xi's heart started to thump wildly. What was going on?

No matter if it was good or bad, at least he should give some reaction. She had prepared for so long after all and killed so many brain cells, even giving it her all...

Ning Xi could not help but whine slightly, "Hey, Lu Tingxiao, I'm confessing my feelings to you here. Could you at least react a little? Even if you want to reject me..."

Lu Tingxiao finally responded, but his body was still as stiff as a statue. Only a warm whisper indicated he was speaking, "What...what did you just say?"

"I said I'm confessing my feelings to you!"

"To...me?"

"Duh, who did you think it was?"

After the short exchange, the dead silence returned.

Until the air rang with a soft sneeze did the frozen atmosphere thaw.

It was already deep into winter and even though the room had a heater turned on, it was still chilly if one did not wear anything.

In the next second, Lu Tingxiao instinctively picked up the blanket and wrapped the girl tightly like a silkworm cocoon. "Foolishness! Do you want to be even sicker than you are right now?"

Ning Xi was so mad until she scrunched up her shoulders and sniffed while mumbling, "Lame...I thought so hard about how to confess that my head was about to explode and I even put down my ego to ask around for help before I thought of this idea. I wanted to give you a memorable confession experience! Ah-choo..."

"Put on your clothes! Where are your clothes?" Lu Tingxiao felt like he was about to go insane from a mix of frustration and lust.

"I'm not wearing them! You haven't replied me yet!" Ning Xi muttered without complying.

Her clothes were still under the blanket. In her rush earlier, she could only curl under it to strip.

When Lu Tingxiao heard her refusal, he had an indescribable expression. "Do you still need me to respond?"

Ning Xi's eyes shone, then she asked, "Then, are you very surprised? Is this memorable enough? I still think this way of confessing my feelings is too common and not exciting enough! It's all Lu Jingli's fault, his big mouth! I wanted more time to prepare myself for it to be perfect and wait till at least tomorrow. Just now, I saw that you had probably misunderstood what Lu Jingli blabbered to you about and I was worried that you would think nonsensically, so I had to do it now, at the last minute and that caused me to be so rushed!"

Listening to the girl ramble on with her incessant complaints, Lu Tingxiao did not know what to say.

His long fingers covered his forehead helplessly, then he held up her hand and brought the other hand to cover his left chest. His tone sounded awkward and hoarse as if he had just returned from hell. "Not exciting enough? My heart...it was about to stop beating from that fright you gave me. What more do you want?"

"Uhh...was it that serious?" Ning Xi blinked.

She was only afraid that it would not be exciting and special enough. She didn't think that she would have possibly overdone it...

#### **Chapter 672: Because I Realize I Prefer Cabbage**

Yet, the truth was right before her.

Underneath her palm, the frequency of Lu Tingxiao's heartbeat was messed up as if he had been poisoned and she even detected that it skipped half a beat.

Ning Xi had to believe it now - she had really overdone it.

Thus, she started to find excuses...

"Hmm, you can't blame me for this. If you really want to blame someone, it would be your brother. He taught me this idea. It's all his fault for being too corrupted."

Actually, she really could not blame Lu Jingli. Lu Jingli had completely directed her towards the pure and safe way. Who would have known that it would be misunderstood?

At that moment, at Lu Jingli's bungalow in China.

A certain koi fish was hugging his pillow and sobbing in silence. The good days had come to an end and he was not sure how he could survive the upcoming seasons of misery!

How about he just run away from home? No, he should just become a monk and take baby Little Treasure with him...

He would not have thought that the initial ideas he had given Ning Xi about firing up a stove for her love interest would turn into an act of removing his brother's clothes...

At that second, Lu Tingxiao was staring at the woman in front of him like a burning torch, his gaze like an X-ray, seeing through the most secretive nooks of her body.

Ning Xi felt goosebumps rise across her skin. "What is it?"

Lu Tingxiao extended his hand out to feel her forehead.

After a while, he felt it again. A few seconds later, he repeated his action.

The fourth time Lu Tingxiao felt her forehead, Ning Xi could not stand it anymore and grabbed his hand. "Stop it! My forehead is about to be filed down by the calluses on your hand. I don't have a fever, I am not drunk, I am not sleepwalking, and I am very clear-headed."

Lu Tingxiao looked at her and said with an oddly serious expression. "You're sure it's me you are trying to tell this to?"

Ning Xi replied, "Sure, definitely, and most definitely!"

Lu Tingxiao then asked, "Why?"

One could not blame Lu Tingxiao for having such a reaction and doubts. Even right now, he felt like he was still dreaming.

The truth was that what had just happened tonight was definitely the biggest plot twist and the most unexpected surprise of his life. His entire logic, knowledge, and judgment had been entirely flipped upside down.

Ning Xi had confessed to him. She had actually said that...she liked him...

The person she confessed to was no one else but him...

Such an impossible thing, but it had actually happened.

Why? When she heard this question, Ning Xi was stunned for a while.

Lu Tingxiao had asked why she had chosen him.

She was stopped in her thoughts and she started asking herself why had she said it in the end, why had she still told him...

Even she herself had not thought of her reason why.

At first, she had thought about burying her feelings for him forever. Then, she wanted to wait for the right time, for the day she could finally build an empire with him. As the universe would have it no other way, her plans kept changing again and again.

All she could only say was that when it came to love, sometimes one had no control over themselves.

From the moment First Senior Brother had told her that Satan wanted to meet her in Philadelphia, her thoughts had changed drastically when being on the verge of life and death the day before.

Just when she thought she would definitely be dead, her biggest regret was him not hearing what she had said to him during the fireworks show at the theme park that day.

Future or misfortune, no one would ever know which came first.

One should never wait till tomorrow or for the future. The moment the opportunity rose, at the current moment, she had to say it, had to do it.

That was her reason.

So, even though this whole confessing to Lu Tingxiao was a little impulsive in the end, she bore no regrets at all.

When she lifted her head again, Ning Xi's eyes sparkled. She looked at the man who was obviously tensed and she kissed him, answering, "Because...I realize...that I prefer cabbage."

### **Chapter 673: Do You Not Want To Be Responsible For Me?**

"Because...I realize...I prefer cabbage."

Before her lips could leave, Lu Tingxiao icy eyes were set ablaze. He instantly held the back of her head and deepened the kiss...

Unlike the girl's light caress, his touch immediately opened up her mouth for the onslaught of his affections.

In the quiet room, they could barely hear the indistinct sounds of sloppy kisses and the friction between their clothes as their passion lit up the air in that silent night...

Lu Tingxiao had enveloped the girl and her blanket together in his embrace as he kissed her. His hand involuntarily dived into the blanket, tracing her neck and following her spine all the way down to the tailbone, until he touched the only clothing item left on her...

This brat had actually thoroughly stripped everything off, except for her thin little panties, she was not wearing anything...

"Damn it..." There were signs of Lu Tingxiao giving in to his hunger as he held her jaw and kissed even more aggressively.

Ning Xi felt light-headed as her lips were sucked numb and she felt coarse fingers rippling across her skin, evoking waves of trembles. She was not very used to this foreign feeling, yet, she did not feel any rejection and disgust like she had in the past...

Even though she was clear that he was on the dangerous verge of losing control, she still felt assured...

Simply because this person was him.

In the next second, her body had been gently laid on the bed. In the dark of the night, the man's eyes looked like a beast's that had starved for a million years. With both arms on either side of her, he locked her down and growled, "Put on your clothes."

Ning Xi's breath was a mess as her chest rose and fell furiously. She was stunned when she heard him. "Huh?"

When she was slightly clearer-headed, Ning Xi blinked and asked, "You sure you want me to put them on? Why do I feel like this doesn't seem like it's progressing right? Like you're not following the script?"

"What script?" the man asked in a hoarse voice.

Ning Xi thought about it quite seriously. "Well, the point is the male lead would definitely not allow the female lead to put on her clothes! Shouldn't we pour our hearts out to each other, then melt into one another fiercely and spend the night together?"

Lu Tingxiao gritted his teeth and leaned forward, nipping on her lips. "You sure your body can handle that now?"

This dangerous tone made Ning Xi shiver. She shook her head like a wave had just hit her.

Even if she did not have any wounds on her and could still jump around, she felt suffocated...

"Wait! Does this mean...you really did consider following the script? You only stopped because of my wound..." Ning Xi thought about it, then said, "I remember...when I first met you, you told me that you'd only sleep with someone if marriage was at the forefront?"

Lu Tingxiao's eyes squinted coolly, "Do you not want to be responsible for me?"

Ning Xi was stunned again and propped herself up on her elbows. "Something's not right. This script still isn't right. Shouldn't the man be responsible for the woman?"

Lu Tingxiao nodded slowly. "That's fine with me too."

Ning Xi did not know what to say. She had fallen for the trap. She really could not be distracted at all when talking to the devil...

Thus, tonight, Ning Xi had to start considering another problem...

Her confession was done out of passion in the heat of the moment. Then, what about after the confession? How could she settle this?

And now she and Lu Tingxiao...what was their relationship with each other now?

#### **Chapter 674: You're Too Easily Seduced**

Lu Tingxiao looked down and saw some red marks on his shoulder as a result of being accidentally scratched by Ning Xi.

"When am I going to attend your wedding?" Tang Lang teased.

The ice in Lu Tingxiao's eyes melted slightly. "I'll leave that up to her."

When he noticed that Lu Tingxiao had obviously become gentler and had a loving look whenever he mentioned Ning Xi, Tang Lang who was smiling outwardly could not help but worry.

Up to her?

If it was up to Little Junior Sister, he would never be able to attend their wedding in this lifetime. Based on what he knew, Little Junior Sister was a strong believer against marriage!

He really did not believe that anyone had the capabilities to convince her to enter the graveyard called marriage, even if it was Lu Tingxiao himself.

He was not sure what Ning Xi and Lu Tingxiao's current relationship status was. Sugar daddy? Lover? Or partner?

No matter which one it was, he did not think too confidently of the outcome of their relationship because their personalities, occupations, lives, backgrounds, and even principles were much too different.

Little Junior Sister's wild and untamed personality against Lu Tingxiao's cool and arrogant ice stature were simply too clashing.

He could not imagine how it was like when the both of them were together, including their positions in bed...

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When dawn broke, Ning Xi opened her eyes in a faze.

She subconsciously looked around and saw that Lu Tingxiao was already awake, sitting on the sofa opposite her. He had a laptop on his lap as he looked at the graphs and numbers on his screen with full focus. The light streamed through the windows and highlighted his hair, layering it with a golden beam, making him an unbelievably beautiful sight.

She thought to herself, "The most beautiful thing in this world must be waking up early in the morning with sunlight and you by my side."

As if noticing he was being stared at, Lu Tingxiao looked up from the screen and met the girl's eyes.

"You're awake?"

Ning Xi nodded and yawned.

Lu Tingxiao put his laptop down, standing up and walking towards the bed. He then bent down and caught her lips in his.

At first, it was just a light graze, then it went deeper and became more passionate. The wet trail of kisses continued all the way to her neck and left a red mark...

Ning Xi subconsciously arched her back and her fingers found the bed sheet beneath her to clench it tightly, using it as her tool to control her desires.

She had just woken up and was overwhelmed by such a dizzying kiss. Even though her conscience was not entirely clear, her body had definitely woken up.

When the man's head went further south, Ning Xi started to panic and pushed him away. "Hey...it's too early."

"You seduced me first." The man's voice was husky and full of heat.

Ning Xi was confused. "I seduced you? When did I seduce you? I just woke up, I didn't do anything apart from open my eyes!"

"You gave me that look," said Lu Tingxiao, his eyes locked onto her.

"What look?" Ning Xi blinked and tried to recall.

Hmm, it seemed like Lu Tingxiao had an issue with the way she looked at him earlier.

Since confessing to Lu Tingxiao last night, she had let her guard down and shed all disguise, inevitably revealing her true feelings.

Ning Xi held the man's face in her tiny hands and could not help but laugh. "Big Boss, you're too easily seduced, aren't you? What happened to being a male god who can resist all earthly temptations?"

### **Chapter 675: Not Beneficial For The Body To Hold It In**

The man's response was to kiss her again...

"Ning Xi..."

"Hmm?"

"Let's go home. The doctor said your injury is stable, so you can move about now."

"Okay! I've meaning to go home!"

The two clung onto each other in bed for a while before they finally got up.

When Ning Xi was putting on her clothes, she was upset to find that her entire body, even all the way down, was covered in hickeys!

It was a good thing that it was winter now, so she could wear something with a high collar to cover up.

When she asked the nurse for a turtleneck sweater, she still felt a little awkward.

The nurse did not look very old, but she was married. When she heard what Ning Xi asked for, she immediately could guess why and said, "Aiya, this Mr Lu, Madam, you're still injured! Why couldn't he control himself a little?! The wound must have opened up. That kind of injury can very easily be affected. I even especially reminded him that it's best that the two of you not be in the same room for this period of time."

Ning Xi's wound was on her inner thigh. If they wanted to do a certain act, the wound would indeed stand reopening easily.

The nurse was very worried and she kept mumbling to herself.

Ning Xi held her forehead and had to just say straightforwardly, "Nurse, don't worry, we didn't do anything."

How awkward! Who would have known that the nurse would even remind Lu Tingxiao of something like that? She was really professional...

"Ah...well, if you didn't, that's good! Mr. Lu really loves you!" Although, the nurse was not very reassured. In fact, she was even more worried. "But, to hold it in like that is not beneficial for Mr. Lu's body! How about I teach you some other ways? If you don't do it, you can still deal with the tension. You don't have to be shy..."

"Uhh...", Ning Xi felt uncomfortable. Nurse, why are you suddenly teaching me bed tricks?

"What are you talking about?" This was when Lu Tingxiao walked in and asked out of curiosity.

Ning Xi quickly looked innocent and said, "Nothing!"

"Let's go, the flight's been booked."

"Okay." Ning Xi naturally hurled out both hands towards him.

Lu Tingxiao walked over, bent down and carried her like a damsel in distress.

When the both of them were leaving, the old Minister led a huge group of people to send them off. In fact, the send-off was oddly grand. Even Ning Xi felt a little guilty for her superb acting skills.

Lu Tingxiao had booked an international airline and not a helicopter since the flight in the former would be stabler.

The first class cabin was very spacious and comfortable. Lu Tingxiao helped her adjust her seat to lean back and covered her with a cashmere blanket. "Get some sleep."

"I can't fall asleep..." Ning Xi shook her head, a little worried, "Lu Tingxiao...tell me, what if Minister Naka and the rest realize that you lied to them? What would you do? It wouldn't cause some international conflict, would it?"

Lu Tingxiao laughed lightly. "Then, I guess I'll have to trouble this Madam here to save me."

"Huh?" Ning Xi was instantly stunned. Was Lu Tingxiao implying that they should make their act real?

So as not to trouble her, Lu Tingxiao immediately stopped and patted her head. "I'm just kidding, don't worry. They already got what they wanted, so even if they know, it's nothing."

Ning Xi nodded in relief.

Then, Lu Tingxiao suddenly looked right at her and said, "Ning Xi, may I ask you a question?"

"Yes?"

"Why was your choice in the end...me?"

"Umm...let me think..." Ning Xi thought for a while then answered, "One percent of the reason is obviously because you're very mature, stable, reliable, handsome, and so nice to me..."

Lu Tingxiao's eyebrows went up. "Then, what about the other 90 percent?"

Ning Xi blinked. "The other 90 percent is, of course, because of Little Treasure!"

**Chapter 676: You Were Looking Very Cute, I Could Not Help It**



Ning Xi said, "The other 90 percent is, of course, because of Little Treasure!"

Lu Tingxiao was speechless.

Little Treasure was such a huge bonus...wasn't it a little too much?

He instantly added 99 points?

He really did not know whether to be happy or feel unhappy...

When she saw the girl's cunning smile, Lu Tingxiao narrowed his eyes. "You..."

When Ning Xi and Lu Tingxiao landed, it was already evening. Only the chauffeur came to pick them up.

"Where's Jingli?" Lu Tingxiao casually asked when they got into the car.

The chauffeur looked slightly awkward as he answered, "Second Master is busy, so he could not personally come."

When she heard this, Ning Xi raised her brows and said, "Busy? I think he just doesn't want to see me!"

The chauffeur was speechless.

Without revealing anything, Miss Ning Xi could guess so accurately.

Second Master's words verbatim were, "I'm not going! I never want to see that woman again. From now on, where I am, she won't be near me, and where she is, I won't be there!"

Lu Tingxiao naturally guessed the reason Lu Jingli had not come too. "Should we explain to him?" Ning Xi shook her head and scoffed, "No! Wait till he sees me for himself, I want to shock him! Hehe, serves him right for being such a blabbermouth..."

The chauffeur watched the two of them in the back seat and thought that it was odd. Master and Miss Xiao Xi seemed to be getting along so well. What was wrong?

He subconsciously looked at Assistant Cheng beside him suspiciously and shot him a look to say "What's going on?".

Cheng Feng looked back at him and did not say anything. He just replied with a look that said "Who can I ask?",

The point was that since Miss Ning Xi had been rescued, the atmosphere had been different. He suspected that they had seen real love in times of need. However, whether this was true or not, he still had to observe for a while more...

After all, in D.C., the two of them were pretending to be husband and wife. He could not tell whether those loving ways and displays of affection were real or fake.

As Cheng Feng thought about this, in the back seat, Lu Tingxiao suddenly leaned over and kissed Ning Xi.

The chauffeur, who watched this scene play out through the rearview mirror, had a slip of his hand and almost lost control of the steering wheel.

Boss! I'm driving here! Can you not suddenly shock me?!

Cheng Feng was just stunned and in his head only one thought remained: very good, no need for further observations...

This was clearly hitting the nail on the board! Based on Boss' mature attitude, if the other person did not return his affections, he would definitely not make such a random move!

My God! Did he just see what happened? Was he dreaming? The boss had been waiting for this day to come! Ahhh! Why did he feel even happier than falling in love himself?

Behind, Ning Xi was no less shocked than Cheng Feng and the chauffeur up front. She quickly pushed Lu Tingxiao away. She could not help but blush as much as she tried to be calm. "Hey, what are you doing?! Don't do such nonsense in broad daylight!"

Most importantly, there were other people up front!

Lu Tingxiao looked at her and said nonchalantly, "You were looking very cute earlier, I could not help it."

Ning Xi was speechless.

What the hell? Was it her fault again? Didn't she just say she wanted to shock Lu Jingli? What was cute and irresistible about that? Was he even seduced by that too?

Seriously...she really did not get the devil sometimes...

#### **Chapter 677: What? My Brother Wants To Jump Into The River?**

Up front, for the safety of driving the car, the chauffeur very consciously pressed the button that wound up the divider for their privacy.

Ning Xi puffed up her cheeks and looked angry. She definitely had a reason to believe that Lu Tingxiao was intentionally taking revenge because she said that the 90 percent was for Little Treasure...

Looking at the girl's lively expression, Lu Tingxiao's gaze turned into a deep, bottomless swirl, capturing one's soul...

He always could not help but stare at her and want to get close to her. All because he did not feel secure.

When they got down from the car, Lu Tingxiao walked her to the door of her apartment.

"Stay at home to rest well for the next few days. Don't run around," reminded Lu Tingxiao seriously.

Ning Xi nodded obediently. "Definitely, with this leg of mine, even if I wanted to run, I couldn't!"

Lu Tingxiao looked suspiciously at her. He bet that even if both her legs were shot, it would not stop her from actively moving around...

Ning Xi knew that she had many bad past records, so she coughed lightly and reassured, "It's true, I guarantee that I won't run around! Take my word for it!"

After she repeated this over and over again, Lu Tingxiao had no choice but to believe her. "Then, I'll leave now."

"Eh? Leaving so soon?! It's still quite early, why don't you come in for some tea before you leave?" Ning Xi asked.

In a flash, the man's expression instantly became dangerous again. "Do you know what those words of yours imply to a man?"

Ning Xi was instantly confused and her mouth twitched. "Hey! What are you thinking? I'm just inviting you to come in for a cup of tea! I'm implying what the words say on the surface! I'm not inviting you in to do whatnot! Lu Tingxiao, are you that corrupted now?"

Lu Tingxiao held her by the waist and kissed her roughly as if he wanted to deliver all his buried emotions through the kiss. "Infected by you."

Ning Xi was speechless. Her fault again...

Also, why was it that now whenever she and the devil were not on the same page, they would start kissing?

After he left the Regal Riveria, Lu Tingxiao did not go home immediately. He went to the riverside instead.

"Boss, you're not going home...?" Cheng Feng hesitated to ask.

He had already gotten what he wanted. Why did it feel like the boss still had things weighing on his mind?

"Mmm." Under the cold breeze across the river, Lu Tingxiao lit up a cigarette and did not say anything.

Cheng Feng did not want to ask too much either, so he just left.

Lu Tingxiao obviously wanted to be alone for a while, that much Cheng Feng could tell. Thus, Cheng Feng and the chauffeur got into the car and left first.

Halfway through, the chauffeur's phone rang. It was Lu Jingli.

"Hello, Second Master!"

"Where's my brother? Did you guys pick him up?" Lu Jingli sounded a little awkward on the other end of the phone.

"Yes, we already did. Second Master, is there anything you need?"

"Then, why isn't he back yet?" It seemed like Lu Jingli was already waiting at home.

"Oh, Master hasn't gone home yet. He sent Miss Ning Xi home first then went to the riverside alone," answered the chauffeur truthfully.

"What? My brother wants to jump into the river!" shouted Lu Jingli before the chauffeur could continue, then the phone went dead.

The chauffeur's eardrums were shaken by the yell and he was stunned. "I...when did I say Master wants to jump into the river? I didn't, did I? I just said he went to the riverside!"

How did Second Master hear what he thought he did? How in the world did he misunderstand like that?

Cheng Feng's mouth twitched in amusement. "Second Master's thought process is rather out of the ordinary."

### **Chapter 678: Who Told You I Was Lovelorn?**

After he hung up on the chauffeur, Lu Jingli drove quickly to the riverside where Lu Tingxiao always went when he was unhappy.

"Oh, brother, hold on! Don't take things too hard! You still have me!" When he saw the familiar silhouette loitering around the riverbank, Lu Jingli immediately ran over and jumped on Lu Tingxiao, intending to topple him over.

Lu Tingxiao had sharply noticed that there was someone behind him, so he moved aside and avoided the attack.

From the corner of his eye, he recognized the familiar shadow and his hand shot out to hold on to the back of Lu Jingli's collar, pulling him back from almost jumping into the river.

Lu Tingxiao rushed to put out his cigarette and frowned. "What are you doing?"

Because Lu Jingli had almost jumped into the river himself, he was still traumatized from the experience, patting his own chest to calm himself down. He replied anxiously, "Obviously, I was trying to stop you from jumping into the river!"

Lu Tingxiao kept silent for quite a few seconds, then stressed word by word, "Who told you that I was going to jump into the river?"

"The chauffeur said so! He said you were going to jump! Anyway, it doesn't matter who said it! The point is, bro, don't think of doing something stupid!"

Lu Tingxiao sighed helplessly. How could it be the chauffeur? His brother must have been jumping to conclusions again.

"The world is so huge with so many hot fish in the sea. There must be someone who's suitable for you! You can't lose hope to live just because you've been lovelorn once!" Lu Jingli advised till his mouth turned dry.

"Who told you I'm lovelorn?" Lu Tingxiao asked, looking amused.

"Xiao Xi Xi has already confessed to whoever that is! She must have already succeeded!" Lu Jingli looked upset.

Lu Tingxiao looked at him like his brother was the wisest man on earth. "Mmm."

"Aha! I knew it! Bro, don't you or anyone else try to stop me. I must go and cut that wild man into pieces and throw him into the river to feed the fishes..."

Before he could finish, Lu Tingxiao's voice interrupted, "The person she confessed to was me."

Lu Jingli almost choked on his saliva and coughed in surprise. "What???"

"That wild man...Eh, wait! The person Xiao Xi Xi confessed to was you? Bro, did you get confused now that you've suffered such a heartbreaking provocation? Or are you just kidding?"

Lu Tingxiao shot him a look with a cool gaze. Obviously, he was neither joking nor was he confused.

Lu Jingli himself felt like he was going crazy himself.

Lu Jingli instantly exploded as he circled the same spot for about 49 times, "Bro!!! Are you telling the truth? Did Xiao Xi Xi really confess to you? That's completely bewildering and illogical! There is no way, no way, no way...Why do I not understand this world anymore? Who am I, where am I and what am I called?"

Lu Tingxiao stood in the midst of the river breeze and lit up another cigarette. To tell the truth, upon seeing Lu Jingli's reaction, he felt much more consoled because initially, he had decided to stay calm.

No matter if it was the chauffeur's, Cheng Feng's, or Lu Jingli's reaction, there were all exactly the same.

Lu Jingli rambled on for a few minutes before he finally slowed down and thought about it. "That's not right. Since Xiao Xi Xi has confessed to you, why do you still look lovelorn?"

And why are you here in the breeze?"

Lu Tingxiao replied, "I'm feeling too emotional, I need to calm down."

"Uhh..."

### **Chapter 679: None Of Them Could Survive Beyond A Week**

When he saw the way Lu Jingli choked at this piece of information, Lu Tingxiao could not help but smile. His heart, which was initially heavy, seemed to have lightened up a little.

He did need to clear his head.

All of this had happened too suddenly that it felt so surreal. He was afraid that he would wake up and realize that this was all a dream. Even more terrifying was the possibility of her only saying those words in the heat of the moment, that she would turn around and regret it. He was afraid that this happiness was a short-lived affair and that he would not overcome the *clair-de-lune* in her heart...

After all, the biggest emptiness would be felt not from never possessing something, but from losing it after having a taste of it.

Now, his happiness only brought torment to his heart.

She had introduced him to Gong Shangze before as her boss, friend, master, and talent scouter.

What about now? What was he to her?

She might have just said those things impulsively after experiencing a life and death situation, not wanting to have any regrets. In such a situation, her feelings for him might have been intentionally heightened under such peril.

And after she said what she did, what would come after? How about their future? She might not have even thought about it at all...

The "what if's" made endless rounds in his heart and head over and over again, but he still did not want to ask her in the end.

Even though he really wanted to know the answers were, he dared not to open it, fearing a case of Pandora's box.

"So...so...you're not lovelorn, but you're in love?" Lu Jingli reiterated.

Lu Tingxiao looked at the sun setting in the horizon of the river and said, "Maybe."

"Why do you say 'maybe'? Since it's a case of mutual affection, shouldn't dating be naturally the next step? Wait, that's not right either...there are quite a few kinds of relationships that could come after seeing each other eye to eye. Not only romantic relationships...for example, a short one night stand, or a few dates, or a long-term mistress..."

Lu Jingli was obviously an expert on this as he started to analyze the different kinds of possible relationships. Until he noticed his brother's face was cooler than the river breeze. He quickly stopped blabbering and coughed. "Actually...did you guys do it since Xiao Xi Xi confessed to you?"

"No," replied Lu Tingxiao curtly.

However, that was because she had been injured. Otherwise, he was not too sure how things would have actually progressed...

Even though he expected so. Lu Jingli still looked distraught and sighed, then consoled his brother, "If you didn't, then that basically rules all the other possibilities, right? It must be a purely romantic relationship!"

All of a sudden, Lu Jingli's expression stiffened. "Oh, crap...a romantic relationship seems to be even scarier. How did I forget that outcome?"

Lu Jingli anxiously scratched his head and said sadly, "Based on my investigations previously, none of Xiao Xi Xi's ex-boyfriends survived beyond a week! Most lasted about three or four days! There was even one who lasted for only one day! The one who lasted the longest seems to be Jiang Muye, which was for a week! The scariest thing is that Xiao Xi Xi is the type who will never date an ex; she is very cruel to all her ex-boyfriends, so there is definitely no possibility of making up after breaking up! Aaahh! This girl won't do what she did before, will she?"

Lu Jingli wrung his hands and anxiously asked, "Bro, how long has it been since the two of you had this whole special thing going on?"

Lu Tingxiao's expression darkened as he uttered, "It's only the first day."

### **Chapter 680: Definitely Won't Let You Become An Ex-Boyfriend!**

Logically, based on Ning Xi's attitude towards him, she was agreeable to being an item with him, so Lu Tingxiao never knew where his confusion and insecurity came from.

Now, after Lu Jingli had analyzed everything in his messy way, he somehow understood the gist of it. Even though his relationship with Ning Xi was somewhat confirmed, it was like a rootless duckweed, at the risk of being damaged at the attack of the wind; it was simply too fragile.

That was why he felt such anxiety creeping up on him...

After he heard Lu Tingxiao's response, Lu Jingli whipped out a notebook and wrote something down as if he was noting down the date and date, then sympathized, "Bro, don't worry, just survive the next seven days and you would have won half the battle, successfully defeating all the past romantic rivals! Oh no...not all, there's still Su Yan. Su Yan has a pretty good record...argh, this is thinking too far ahead, let's not go there first! Let's first survive the next few days!"

Then, he meaningfully patted Lu Tingxiao's shoulder and said, "Bro! I'll help you! I will use all my power from this lifetime to help you survive this hard pass! I definitely won't let you become an ex-boyfriend!"

Ex-boyfriend...

Ex-boyfriend...

Ex-boyfriend...

These words appeared like three overwhelmingly monstrous mountains that fell onto Lu Tingxiao's face, instantly blacking everything out.

He looked in fear at the little black leather notebook in Lu Jingli's hands as if it recorded the date of his death...

At Regal Riveria Hotel.

At that moment, Ning Xi was reading through the tabloid news, unaware of a black car moving from the riverside to this apartment, finally stopping quietly below her unit.

After she returned to the apartment, thanks to the good sleep on the plane, she felt very energetic. The first thing she did was to look at the entertainment news she had been deprived of for a few days, getting updated with the latest headlines. Most importantly, she wanted to look at how well their promotion of "The World had gone.

She got the shock of her life.

It had only been a few days, but all the current gossip related to "The World" was about an argument that had broken out on Weibo.

With the entire drama team's hard work, "The World" had already gained popularity ahead of the release and it had taken the industry by storm. However, the public's attention would naturally be focused on the drama's male and female lead in the early stages.

Eventually, the co-stars, Meng Changge and Sun Huanqing, started to gain popularity too. After many fans had watched the trailer, they started to recommend the show with high praises for the pair of co-stars. This caused the co-stars to be even more popular than the main leads.

Thus, the fans of the leads were obviously unhappy.

The catalyst for this fight was the second version of the trailer released by the officials just two days ago.

The drama team saw that since the co-stars were so popular, they decided to appeal to the audiences by editing in Ning Xi and Jiang Muye's scenes on a level on par with Ning Xueluo and Zhao Sizhou's.

Some fans had even calculated and highlighted that the screen time of the female co-star, Ning Xi, was even more than the female lead, Ning Xueluo's, by three seconds.

Now, Ning Xueluo's fans, who were already unhappy to begin with, exploded.

[Hey! What's up with the drama team? Don't confuse the leads! Who's the female lead now? Why does a mere supporting character have even more screen time than our Xueluo?]

[We just want to see Xueluo, not some evil witch!]

[Exactly, she's so ugly. What the hell?! Stop corrupting our eyes further!]

[The male and female supporting actors are stealing all the limelight. The drama team's bias is so obvious now! How embarrassing!]

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