

Loving 511

Chapter 511. Ambush (5)

Where did she go?

Mu Yuchen's hand held onto the car door tightly as his eyes darkened. He looked at the surroundings to find that it was just undeveloped land around. There was no reason for her to come here this late at night.

Ah Mo was getting anxious when he noticed Mu Yuchen's expression getting worse. As he was about to offer some words of comfort, his phone rang. When he took it out, he saw an image attached to a message, and the content was shocking!

It was an intimate picture of Qi Lei holding Xi Xiaye. They had just come out of the car, and the angle of the photo was pretty ambiguous.

Was Missus with Qi Lei?

Ah Mo started having cold sweat as he turned to Mu Yuchen who seemed unstable at the moment. After giving it some thought, he went over to him. "Master, look. A strange number sent this to me."

Mu Yuchen grabbed it swiftly. His expression changed for a moment and returned to normal after that. However, his eyes were still stormy. At the same time, his phone started ringing, so he quickly answered the call.

The voice that reached him gave him a surprise. "Mu Yuchen, it's me..."

Inside the villa, Qi Lei was standing on the balcony on the second floor. He held a freshly lit cigarette between his fingers as he gazed downward at the reflections of the light on the lake. His handsome face seemed a little desolate from the reflected lights.

Mu Yuchen clenched his fists as he heard his voice. He asked coldly, "What did you do to her?"

“What do you think?” Qi Lei laughed coldly.

“If you dare to do anything to her, you’ll face the consequences!” Mu Yuchen’s eyes darkened even further while his tone of voice was icy cold.

“So, what are the consequences? Hunt me down forever? Will you make me disappear in a car accident as well?” Qi Lei’s bitter laugh continued.

“I told you that was really an accident. It’s up to you to believe what I’ve said.” Mu Yuchen took a deep breath and tried his best to suppress his anger. “Where’s Xiaye?”

“She just had a shower and fell asleep.” Qi Lei’s teasing chuckle reached him.

Mu Yuchen’s expression turned into a stormy sky. His hand that was holding Xi Xiaye’s phone tightened and he almost squashed the phone.

“Do you feel heartbroken? Back when Shasha was in the accident, I swore to myself that I’d make sure you have a taste of what it’s like.”

“If it’s about Gu Lingsha, you should look for Qi Feng or me. Why are you involving Xiaye? She doesn’t know anything! I’ll end you if you do anything to her!”

Mu Yuchen’s eyes turned ferocious. A chilly aura gathered around him, even Ah Mo shivered slightly by just looking at him.

Qi Lei started laughing loudly. “Didn’t expect to have this day, did you? I’ve touched whatever that I could. By the way, she smells great! No wonder you are so obsessed with her. Although Shasha is still better, you do have good taste. I’ll send her back tomorrow. Don’t worry. She’s safe now...”

Before Qi Lei was done talking, Mu Yuchen smashed his phone uncontrollably. “Damn it!”

“Master!” Ah Mo was shocked.

Mu Yuchen lowered his head and took a deep breath. His eyes quickly dimmed as he felt a dull pain in his chest. He was in agony even just breathing.

“Master, are you alright?” Ah Mo’s concerned tone dragged him out of the vortex.

Mu Yuchen managed to calm down after a while and his eyes returned to normal as calmness returned to him. He said quietly, “Check where Qi Lei might possibly be staying. He seems to have a villa in the Grand Lake Villa area.”

He remembered Xi Xiaye had told him about it before. He then sat inside the car.

“Yes, Master!” Ah Mo quickly made several calls after a brief reply. Following some short conversations, Ah Mo quickly turned towards the quiet Mu Yuchen.

“Master, it’s No. XX in the Grand Lake Villa area!”

“Head over there now!” Mu Yuchen said calmly as he looked out of the car window.

“Yes!”

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On the other hand, Qi Lei smirked when he heard a loud crash from the other end of the line. He left his phone aside and rested his arms on the railings as he looked at the lake below. The reflections on the lake’s surface made it look surreal.

The cold light flickered before him while the freezing wind blew through, and his shadow still seemed lonely as ever.

He stared at the lake for a long time. When he turned around, he saw his own reflection on the glass door. He looked at it for some time. Then, as if he saw something dirty on it, he tried to wipe a certain spot on the glass door with his hand.

However, the more he wiped, the more his own face seemed blurry, so in the end, he gave up and just stood there in silence instead.

Some time passed until he suddenly heard someone ring his doorbell. He came back to his senses and went to the corridor to take a look. To his shock, his door was already smashed in. Several bodyguards in black suits rushed in with Ah Mo at the front!

Of course, Qi Lei knew Ah Mo!

Did they arrive already?

Qi Lei squinted his eyes as he stared down coldly.

As Ah Mo just barged in, another person followed him inside as well.

Who else could it be aside from Mu Yuchen?

Qi Lei put on a cold grin as he leaned against the railings and had a wicked smile. His eyes were focused on Mu Yuchen down below.

When he noticed Qi Lei's gaze, Mu Yuchen looked upwards and their eyes met. Ah Mo and the others could sense the spark in their surroundings. The air seemed to have stopped moving.

Mu Yuchen did not stop and just went up the stairs as Ah Mo followed behind him.

"You're fast," commented Qi Lei as Mu Yuchen appeared before him.

Mu Yuchen glanced at him but did not reply. His gaze was cold and sharp as he pushed him aside and went in uninvited.

Chapter 512. I Have My Ways! (1)

Mu Yuchen very quickly found Xi Xiaye on the bed. A faint smell of alcohol reached his nostrils.

He walked over and pulled the blanket open while Xi Xiaye frowned as she slept uneasily.

She still looked pale, so he reached up to feel her forehead. Her temperature had already returned to normal. He also realized that the clothes she wore were the ones he had picked for her.

“Let’s go home, Xiaye.”

He leaned down and planted a kiss on her forehead, then carried her up and swiftly left the room.

He had just walked out when he saw Qi Lei standing before him. Mu Yuchen stopped in that instant to gaze down at the woman in his arms. After a while, he met Qi Lei’s gaze indifferently.

Qi Lei’s gaze was cold with a hint of hatred that could not be concealed as he stared at Mu Yuchen through gritted teeth. His gaze practically wanted to pierce through Mu Yuchen.

While Mu Yuchen’s expression was as calm as water, the light in his eyes was still as a moon’s splendor. You could not tell how he was feeling as he just looked at Qi Lei apathetically. Without saying anything, he turned to the staircase.

Qi Lei staggered forward a little as if he wanted to stop him, yet he held himself back, and just watched Mu Yuchen’s figure and the fine black hair that poured from his arms. Suddenly, an overwhelming gush of indescribable feelings surfaced within him.

He felt faintly miserable and his chest felt heavy as if it was hard to breathe.

When he reached the staircase, Mu Yuchen suddenly stopped and calmly said, “Thanks, Master Qi.” His tone was low, and you could vaguely hear a hint of sincerity.

Qi Lei was instantly stunned. He stared at Mu Yuchen's figure as his body tensed up and he trembled slightly before laughing out loud all of a sudden. "Haha... Mu Yuchen... Mu Yuchen! I live to see the day that you thank me! Don't you think that it's quite ironic?" His laughter was mixed with some degree of loneliness.

Mu Yuchen paused, but he did not answer before he continued walking downstairs. When his figure was about to vanish out the door, his voice came again, and he left a sentence floating in the wind. "If it's because of Gu Lingsha, she's not worth it. She'll be returning to City Z soon, so you will see her again."

When he finished, he was already gone. Qi Lei remained stagnant there. In that instant, he experienced a mix of emotions!

Did he just say that she would be returning to City Z soon?

She?

Shasha?

She really did not die, did she?

Qi Lei subconsciously clenched his fists and his chest could not help but quiver slightly again.

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The Grand Lake Villa area was not too far from the Grand Waves Villa area. It was only a 10-minute ride if one sped all the way. Mu Yuchen carried Xi Xiaye to the room right away. After he settled her down on the bed, he sat down on the bedside. His heart that had worried about her could finally be at ease now.

He pulled the tie around his neck away with one hand as he said softly, "Xiaye, open your eyes. I know you're awake."

When he finished saying that, he had already pulled his tie away and tossed it aside as he glanced to the woman.

Upon hearing his voice, the hand that curled up beside Xi Xiaye's body tightened slightly. She struggled for a while before slowly opening her eyes. Her misty eyes still had a weak light in them as she looked at him.

When he rushed in to carry her from Qi Lei's bed, she had begun to regain consciousness in a daze. However, she did not know what to say.

Should she tell him that she had called him many times, yet could not get through? Or should she tell him that she had suffered the entire night, then Qi Lei had saved her and helped her the whole night and helped her fever go away? Or should she say something else?

"You're angry..." Xi Xiaye spoke softly. Her voice was dry and raspy.

"Didn't I tell you to stay at home and rest? You never listen to me, do you?" He tried hard to control his emotions that he wanted to let out.

His worry, his gloom, his anger, and even his jealousy wanted to lash out!

His tone was stern and reprimanding while his gaze was not as warm as before as he looked down at her.

Xi Xiaye was stunned. She had been married to him for a while now, and she had never seen him this furious at her. When she thought about it, she felt quite helpless and innocent. She looked up at him in disbelief, feeling wronged as she endured how horribly she felt. Quietly, she turned away with her back against him as hot tears started to well up in her eyes.

When he saw her sorrow, the anger in him subsided a little, yet he was hurt that she had turned her back against him.

“Can’t I just say something now? You like to be headstrong. I didn’t stop you. You suffered the whole night! What if you had met someone else? I have to criticize this attitude of yours! You aren’t aware at all. What about your bodyguard? What did I tell you? When I’m not around, you need to have your bodyguard, yet you ignored my words!”

Mu Yuchen stared at her narrow back. Without toning the sternness in his voice down, he sounded just like a strict father lecturing his disobedient daughter.

Xi Xiaye felt even more aggrieved when she heard this!

Everything had happened so suddenly. How could she have remembered the bodyguard? She could not get through Mu Lingshi and Ah Mo’s phone either, so she had gotten worried. In fact, did she not call him afterward as well?

Only God knows where he had gone then since she could not get through his phone either!

Yet, now all the blame was on her and he had spoken so meanly. She was not his employee, but his wife. Could he not be gentler!?

Seeing her keep quiet, he commanded sternly, “Speak!”

She ignored him, her chest heaving because of the anger she tamped down, and her shoulders trembled too.

“Xi Xiaye!” he shouted her name.

Finally, she angrily picked the blanket up to cover her head.

He very quickly pulled it away and tossed it off the bed as he fixed his eyes on her.

“I don’t want to talk to you. Give me back the blanket!” She was quite stubborn as she propped herself up to glare at him angrily.

“You have to explain it even if you don’t want to!”

“What’s there to explain? Don’t you know everything already? I felt ill and I called you, but you didn’t pick up. Qi Lei so happened to pass by and saved me. It’s just that simple.”

“You felt ill and you still went out by yourself? This awareness of yours hasn’t been sorted out for too long now. Now, you’ve turned back to how you were!”

“Yes, I did! I’m dumb, I’m stupid. Anything you says goes, okay? It’s none of your business. Get out. I want to sleep. Give me the blanket... Ah!” Xi Xiaye responded angrily, and the more he listened, the worse Mu Yuchen’s expression looked. Before she could finish, he pulled her over!

Chapter 513. I Have My Ways! (2)

How dare she? What did she just say?

None of his business?

He was so worried all night long, and for whose sake?

He could not even say something now.

Master Mu was frustrated!

Xi Xiaye screamed a bit when he pulled her over suddenly.

The pleasant and familiar scent bathed all over her.

Xi Xiaye shivered slightly, and she was lifted up before she even realized what was happening. She tumbled in his arms as he sealed her lips with a kiss!

When she struggled a little, he suppressed her and locked her down firmly. He gave her consecutive kisses with the intent to punish her, his little vine viciously conquering each and every part of her.

He would prove that he could keep his woman under control right now!

“Mmm... Let go, bastard... Thug!” She struggled as she tried to push him away from her.

“Thug? I’m doing it with my own woman. With your logic, wouldn’t every man in the world be a thug then? I was so worried about you throughout the whole night. It’s not too much to ask something back from you now! I have my ways of dealing with you. Otherwise, you’ll forget what I say!”

He pressed her struggling hands with one hand while the other explored through her garment. There was a loud ripping noise — her dress ended its short life!

“My dress! I just bought it last week... You... Mmm...”

Under the dim lights, several black shadows flew out from the bed. Soon after, a soft moan followed.

Once again, this man was usually seen gentle and elegant, but at certain times, he was definitely a beast. A bad, wild beast.

The pitiful Xi Xiaye was forced to succumb and admit her fault. She promised to not do it again and she was also forced to say, “Xi Xiaye will belong to Mu Yuchen forever.”

Bastard!

Afterward, she curled up on the bed with the blanket over her. She watched the man return to his gentlemanly self as he lay there casually making a call to Mu Lingshi as if he had been a totally different person moments ago.

Mu Lingshi was still at the club now, and she was very worried.

“It’s okay now.”

He hung up after a brief message. He left his phone on the bedside table and turned towards her, dragging her close to his chest. “Want to do it again? What kind of expression is that?”

“How could you!? I’m a patient now!” Xi Xiaye was still panting as she looked at him.

He hugged her tightly as he asked, “A patient? Are you? You seem plenty healthy. There’s no way you could’ve rushed over so fast while being sick. Weren’t you so excited when you knew your first love was there, so you went over so quickly?”

First love?

Han Yifeng?

Just what was he getting jealous about?

No wonder...

“Our relationship was decades ago! I didn’t even know he was going to be there.”

She explained with her hoarse voice and some coughs in between, “He seemed pretty miserable. I guess his life is in shambles.”

“Heartbroken?” He glanced at her.

“I’m so happy that I might just die out of happiness!” She rolled her eyes at him and turned away from him.

“That should be the way. You can rest easy now knowing he’s miserable.”

He put on a warm smile as he closed in, resting his face on her hair as he spoke, "I'm sorry for today. I promise it'll never happen again. Ah Mo told me that there's a phone GPS tracker, so I've told him to get us the same brand of phones. Then, we'll know where we all are at all times."

"Where did you go today?"

She squinted at him and threw him a judging stare. "I smell the perfume of another woman from you..."

"What nonsense are you talking about? It's CEO Zhang's club."

"Really?"

"Mmm!"

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The next morning, Mu Yuchen woke up early as usual while Xi Xiaye was still sleeping in bed.

However, both of them did not know a storm was slowly closing in onto them.

As usual, Mu Yuchen was preparing breakfast in the kitchen when the doorbell suddenly rang. In a glance, he noticed that it was Ah Mo and the others, so he opened the door with a button to let them in.

Ah Mo came rushing in!

He came running all the way in, reporting to Mu Yuchen, who was still making breakfast, in a grim tone, "Master, something has happened!"

Mu Yuchen stopped his movements when he heard Ah Mo's heavy tone. He spun around to Ah Mo. "What happened?"

Ah Mo handed a newspaper to Mu Yuchen. "Take a look, Master. This is the newspaper from this morning. Look at the photos!"

Mu Yuchen took the newspapers from Ah Mo with a frown and he glanced through them.

It contained many intimate photos of Qi Lei holding Xi Xiaye into the Grand Lake Areas. A whole page was used to cover the gossip and Mu Yuchen already knew what the contents were without even needing to read it!

His eyes darkened instantly!

He remembered that one of the photos was the one that was sent to Ah Mo's phone. He thought...

"Wasn't that photo from Qi Lei?" Mu Yuchen threw Ah Mo a sharp gaze.

Ah Mo nodded. "I thought he sent it to me, but it doesn't seem like it now! News like this doesn't benefit him in any way! Just who would do this?! This isn't only harmful to Qi Lei, but even to Missus. Things might escalate very quickly from here on. Such cheap tricks! They serve multiple purposes for just one move!"

Mu Yuchen still seemed calm as he studied the photos quietly. This situation felt oddly familiar. It had happened before!

After giving it some thought, a light flashed past his eyes!

Was it not the same when Xi Xiaye's intimate photo with Han Yifeng had been exposed?

The only difference was the guy involved this time. He had overlooked it. He thought it was Qi Lei's cheap trick trying to provoke him!

Ah Mo noticed Mu Yuchen's change of expression, so he pressed his voice low as he asked, "Master, what should we do now?"

Chapter 514. I Have My Ways! (3)

Mu Yuchen tossed the newspaper into a nearby bin. There was a brimming light in his eyes although his expression still seemed calm. He continued what he was doing before he spoke calmly, "Don't tell your sister-in-law about this yet. We'll observe what happens first."

"But, Master, if this is known, it might put Missus at a disadvantage. It'll create a lot of rumors about Missus and you too. Grandfather and Grandmother will be worried," Ah Mo replied after some hesitation.

Mu Yuchen grabbed a plate and put a beautifully fried egg on it before he glanced at Ah Mo. "If you're feeling bored, I've been pretty unhappy with several news companies recently. Go and deal with them. Teach them what they should or shouldn't say. They don't have to stay in the industry anymore if they don't know what the rules are."

His tone of voice was still calm as usual, yet Ah Mo could sense the bitterness in it.

"Have breakfast here before you go. I won't be going to the office in the next few days." Mu Yuchen gave Ah Mo a casual glance before handing the plate of breakfast to him.

Mu Yuchen started frying the second egg. His smooth gestures mesmerized Ah Mo slightly. Suddenly, Ah Mo said, "Master, we can send one or two chefs over. You don't have to cook yourself every time. You..."

Mu Yuchen smiled. "Our peace will be disturbed if they come. Anyway, this is my hobby too. Your sister-in-law isn't used to the food they make."

"Master, Lingshi said you're very nice to Mi... Sister-in-law..."

"Are you nice to Lingshi?"

Mu Yuchen's words caused Ah Mo's eyebrows to rise. He threw him a meaningful glance as he put on a grin.

Ah Mo could not find any words to reply, so he just stood there with a smile.

"How's it going with Lingshi? No news yet?" Mu Yuchen would be concerned about his brother from time to time. Ah Mo was pretty straight-edged, especially in relationship matters and he would probably never cut to the chase without any reminders from others. Although Wang Hui had given him a lot of hints before, he did not get any of them.

"Still the same, Master. You don't have to worry about us. I'm happy with the way things are right now." Ah Mo lowered his head and smiled.

Mu Yuchen glanced at him. "Are you happy now? If you don't work harder, when are our parents going to see their grandchildren? If you love a woman, then it's natural to marry her and give her a wedding. Give her happiness. If you don't even have the confidence that you can provide happiness to her, you aren't worthy of loving someone."

Ah Mo was stunned for a moment. He almost forgot that his Master always went straight to the point.

As he put on a bitter smile and was about to say something, Mu Yuchen glanced at him and asked, "Are you doubting whether you can truly give her happiness?"

Ah Mo shook his head quickly and gave a firm reply, "Of course not! I'm confident about that!"

Mu Yuchen's grin grew wider and he chuckled. "Actually, I'm very impressed that your feelings for Lingshi have never changed. At least, I won't feel as guilty. I didn't know much about relationships in the past, so I kept myself out of things between Lingshi and you, and now... Brother, I understand how you feel. We can't really control it."

Ah Mo found his words relatable. At the same time, he felt a slight twinge deep inside his heart.

His master rarely spoke about his feelings, especially in the past. The atmosphere around would change rapidly as soon as the certain topic was mentioned, but now he was able to break free of those taboo, so Ah Mo was really exhilarated for him.

Ah Mo suddenly said quietly, "Master, we know you have kind intentions. That's not what you intended to do. Ah Shi doesn't mind. We think it's all worth it as long as Sister-in-law and you are fine."

"Ah Mo, I'm not asking you to prove your loyalty. I'm talking about Lingshi and you."

"Master, we..."

A rare blush appeared on Ah Mo's handsome face while he lowered his head as he had no idea what to say. He coughed several times.

"Alright, I'm telling you this because I don't want you two to get stuck for too long. There'll be a war coming soon," Mu Yuchen spoke as he casually fried an egg in the pan.

"Do you mean that..." Ah Mo looked at him intently.

Mu Yuchen took a deep breath. "A lot of things that happened lately were all directed towards me. It's pretty obvious."

Ah Mo balled his fists. "Master, we won't let them hurt you and Sister-in-law!"

"You and Lingshi shouldn't be involved. I know what to do. I'll leave Movie City in City B and Chenye Movies and Televisions to Vice President Liu and you. You're mostly recovered now, so you should take charge there."

"Master, please let me stay by your side. Li Si might be a more suitable candidate than me over there! He's been working with Vice President Liu lately and he's been handling the tasks spectacularly. I want to stay in City Z, not only for you, but it's also..."

Ah Mo did not specify his reason, but Mu Yuchen understood what he meant.

“Li Si is my personal assistant. Don’t get clouded by your emotions.”

“Please, Master! I don’t want to leave, especially not during such a time.”

How could Mu Yuchen not understand what he meant?

After a long silence, he spoke up, “Let me think about it. Let’s have breakfast first.”

Their conversation ended on that note. Ah Mo wanted to talk about something else, but he did not mention it when he saw Mu Yuchen’s darkened expression, so he went out quietly with the plate of breakfast in his hand.

Xi Xiaye did not wake up when they were having breakfast. Ah Mo left swiftly after he had his meal. Deep down, he was worried about the news. He had to be wary about it even if his Master did not really care. He was really mad about what the newspapers had written.

However, Ah Mo was confused about how Qi Lei was related to Xi Xiaye. He sort of knew who had done this. It was definitely not Qi Lei, but he was having a headache just thinking about what this might lead to.

Chapter 515. You Two Are Incomparable (1)

It was already afternoon when Xi Xiaye was awakened by the noise Mu Yuchen made when he drew the curtains open.

When she heard the sound, she swiveled towards the source and saw the man right beside the window. The warm sunlight streamed in, announcing the beauty of the scenery outside.

She rubbed her sleepy eyes while her voice was still slightly hoarse. “What time is it?”

“It’s 2 p.m. now. Wash up and come down to eat something. You didn’t even have dinner last night. You’ve got to take care of your own health.”

He walked over and put his hand on her forehead before she could react. "Mmm, you're fine now. Your sore throat will get better if you drink more water, and you still need to take your medicine."

As Xi Xiaye sat up and moved a little, she noticed that her whole body ached and she felt very uncomfortable.

It must be because of last night.

She threw him a glare.

He chuckled and helped her up. "I've prepared the bath water for you. Your clothes are on the hanger."

"Don't do that position again." She scowled.

"What position?" He raised his eyebrows and shot her an odd smile.

"What position? Bastard! What position?!"

Xi Xiaye grabbed a pillow and threw it at him before she stood up. Immediately, the blanket fell off her, so she was totally naked!

With a shrill shriek, she quickly picked the blanket back up to cover herself.

Mu Yuchen caught the pillow deftly. "Missus, I noticed that your body seems to be getting better."

Xi Xiaye's eyes brightened and she looked at him in surprise as she put her hand on her waist. "Really? I thought I might've gotten fatter recently..."

He smiled. This girl pretended like she did not really care, but she was really concerned about her figure.

This cunning man dealt with it with just a simple compliment.

Xi Xiaye quickly washed up before lunch. She then looked at him reading through some documents on the sofa. "Aren't you heading to the office today?"

"There's no point going every day when I've already arranged the tasks. Otherwise, what would differentiate me from all my employees?" He continued straightforwardly without even averting his gaze, "You should rest at home for a few days. I've applied leave for you."

Xi Xiaye frowned but did not say anything. She just walked towards him slowly.

When she got nearer, he dragged her into his arms.

Xi Xiaye sat down and leaned into him, stealing a glance at the document in his hand. "What project is this?"

"Movie City. Ah Mo wants to be transferred back to City Z. What do you think?" he asked for her opinion.

She gave it some thought. "That's good. It'd be better for him to stay here as his relationship with Ah Shi is progressing. Although there's more room to grow for him over there, it's a sensitive period right now. I'm sure such chances will present itself in the future. Haven't you heard before that it's difficult to maintain a long distance relationship?"

"A long distance relationship?" He gave her a surprised look before smiling. "Don't worry. This won't affect them, but since you think so, I'll respect his decision then."

"Mmm, actually I think Ah Shi might feel lonely. It'd be great for Ah Mo to be by her side. He's much more sensible than you. Several days ago, I was on a call with Su Nan and she told me that she bumped into Ah Mo and Ah Shi shopping around at the New Era Plaza for quite some time. I've never seen you come shopping with me," she ranted.

“I’ll go shopping with you tomorrow.”

His kind intent earned him an eye roll instead.

“I’m heading to the west of the city tomorrow. Sis Li messaged me that Sis Lan is arriving tonight. We should be able to find her tomorrow.”

She suddenly remembered Sis Li’s message. After giving it some thought, she turned to him. “Did you send anyone to investigate Sis Lan?”

“She’s a well-known manager within the industry and a daughter of a prestigious family. However, her family went out of business which is why she joined the entertainment industry. Her style of working is very decisive and exceptional. She was working at the company my aunt made her debut at. Aunty was scouted and cultivated, then she became Aunty’s manager. They’ve been together for a very long time, so I’m sure they’re very close. They kind of lost contact ever since Aunty was pregnant with Lingtian and retired. When Aunty came out of retirement, she got a different manager, and Sis Lan didn’t contact her at all.”

Mu Yuchen briefly shared the information he received with Xi Xiaye. “I’m quite surprised. According to the investigation results, they were extremely close during the years that they worked together, but they rarely contacted each other after Aunty retired. They didn’t even greet each other during the holidays and celebrations too. Why would she come back to visit Aunty’s grave?”

“Not contacting doesn’t mean they don’t care. I think with Aunty’s condition at that point in time, it might’ve been better if they didn’t contact each other. You know the paparazzi are sharp. Maybe that was her concern,” Xi Xiaye voiced out her thoughts.

“I’ll go with you tomorrow. Remember to bring Zitong along as well.” He gave her a reminder before going back to reading his document.

Xi Xiaye nodded, but then glared at him when she saw that he went back to his documents again. An idea of a prank went through her head. Stealthily, she wrapped her arms around his shoulder as she closed in and touched him sensually.

He definitely would not be able to calm down!

His hand wrapped around her waist uncontrollably when her pleasant scent bathed all over him. “Stay put...”

“I’m staying put...” She smiled as her eyes brightened.

He suddenly put his document away and glanced at her. “It seems like you’re not satisfied from last night!”

As he was about to grab her, Xi Xiaye stood up swiftly and ran away!

You deserve it!

Hmph!

Chapter 516. You Two Are Incomparable (2)

Having been so well-protected by Mu Yuchen, Xi Xiaye obviously did not know that there was an uproar outside right now. Everyone was talking about her scandal with Qi Lei. Almost all the headlines of the huge papers published this news. Even Wang Hui and Mu Yanan saw it!

“What’s this? How did this happen?” Wang Hui only found out about this when she went out for a stroll in the afternoon.

Mu Yanan who sat on the sofa frowned, he flipped through to read this news too, his expression had darkened, but he could remain some degree of calm, while Wang Hui paced back and forth anxiously.

“Xiaye probably wouldn’t do this, but where did these pictures come from then? Isn’t...isn’t this nonsense?”

Wang Hui was deeply worried as she slapped the newspaper in her hand. She said with a slight headache, “Where did this scandal come from all of a sudden? What affair? This is rubbish! What actually happened? It’s the Qi family again! Bloody hell, why won’t the people from Qi family ever leave

us alone!? Do they think that they haven't tormented us enough all these years? They have to stick a foot in everything! And this Qi Lei, when did he get to know Xiaye? It must be some trap again! They've never known their place, and now I'm afraid Xiaye's going to be implicated too! None of the Qi family are good people!"

"Okay, okay! Don't get so worked up. This matter hasn't been clarified yet, has it? We can't just believe the hearsay of these newspapers and magazines? Let's call the children and ask them what's going on. You call Ah Rong and Tangchuan to give them a heads-up too. Tell them to get a hold of themselves and not listen to what others say! Dampen any problems first. We'll discuss when they get back tonight! I think there's something fishy about this. This doesn't benefit Qi Lei in any way either. We'll see how things go first!"

Mu Yinan was someone who had been through a lot. He had seen things like these happen plenty of times, thus naturally he could calmly evaluate this now as he spoke calmly to Wang Hui.

Wang Hui then tossed the newspaper in her hand aside before picking up her pace and walking upstairs. "I'll go get my phone right now."

Mu Yinan, who had already picked up his phone, nodded as he placidly called Mu Yuchen.

When the phone rang, Mu Yuchen was currently observing the stock market at his desk in the study room while Xi Xiaye was standing by the bookshelf and picking some books to read.

"Chen Er?" The call had just gotten through when Mu Yinan's aged voice came through from the other end.

"Grandfather?" Mu Yuchen immediately frowned. He could already guess what this call was about.

Indeed, the moment Mu Yuchen finished, Mu Yinan asked solemnly from the other end, "I'm sure you've seen the newspapers today. What's going on? Your grandmother's been worried the entire afternoon."

Upon hearing this, Mu Yuchen could not help but look up at Xi Xiaye who was focused on flipping through a book before he said, "Xiaye, go check on the soup in the kitchen. You can turn off the stove now."

Xi Xiaye did not pay much attention and nodded, swiftly closing the book and putting it back before she walked out.

He was worried that she would let her imagination run wild, so he had even taken her phone away with some excuse. He was waiting to observe how things went for the next two days. It was quite easy to resolve this matter, but he wanted to find out the other person's intentions. Mainly, he wanted to see Qi Lei's situation on the other end and what they planned to do, so it would not be too late to tell her after things had gotten under control.

"It's nothing. It's just someone's little tricks, so don't worry. I've already informed Grandpa. Meanwhile, keep calm and just pretend nothing happened," Mu Yuchen answered calmly.

"Whose tricks? You've got to explain this to us! You have to find a way to resolve this. It's now the talk of the town. What nonsense is this?" Mu Yinan was obviously more than a little worried.

"Xiaye has been having a fever for the past two days. There was a dispute at the club yesterday, so she went over. When she was on the way back, she fainted halfway. Qi Lei passed by and saved her," Mu Yuchen spoke indifferently as he closed his laptop and walked to the window. "I'll settle this matter. Trust me, I'll clarify things as soon as possible. Xiaye doesn't know about this yet, so all of you don't have to ask her anything either. She was unconscious from the fever yesterday."

"Find out who the person is. Who is using such a scheme? This is taboo to your grandmother! Don't become someone else's pawn. If it's just purely by accident, I won't say much, but if it's intentional, then I'm afraid they are planning to stir up trouble. This isn't a small matter and you must handle it well! Do they really think we're fools, that we'd believe this little trick? Do we look so gullible?"

Mu Yinan was not someone to go up against because he could quickly figure things out.

"Mmm, I got it, Grandfather."

“Chen Er, tell me the truth. Does this have anything to do with you? Why do I keep hearing that you and Xiaye have been meeting with mishaps recently? Earlier, Xiaye was even blocked in the tunnel. What was that about?” Mu Yinan could not help but ask.

He had probably heard about it from Ah Mo, so now...

When he brought this up, Mu Yuchen felt some frustration rise. He held his forehead with a hand. “I’ll explain these things to you later on. Don’t worry, Grandfather.”

He could hear Mu Yuchen’s warning tone. He thought about it, then decided to cut this conversation short. “Okay then, you have your own thoughts, so I won’t interfere much, but you must watch out for yourself. Things have been getting too odd recently. I’m worried that...”

“Mmm, I know.” Mu Yuchen did not let him continue and just hung up like that.

Night crept closer. Xi Xiaye was carried away by a whim tonight. Suddenly, she wanted to personally cook something while Mu Yuchen looked on favorably. He just told her that he was going out for a bit, and would come back for dinner with her. She went along and started to get busy in the kitchen while Mu Yuchen left the house.

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Night time in City Z was magnificent and enchanting. With the brilliant colors of the city, it was monstrous and multicolored akin to an illusion.

Inside the underground carpark near Yueying Culture Media Company.

The patter of clear and rhythmic footsteps was heard. Under the dim lights, a figure with an evident baby bump slowly appeared.

She donned a white cotton dress with a handbag in her hand.

It was Xi Xinyi who was going home late!

She had been busy in the office till late recently.

She walked towards her own car and was about to open the door when a strong light suddenly shone from across. It was so bright that she almost could not open her eyes!

Chapter 517. You Two Are Incomparable (3)

Xi Xinyi did not even know what happened. She just heard a swoosh and then someone said, “Miss Xi, our boss would like to invite you over for a chat.”

Next up, before she could even answer, she was seized into the car before it swiftly drove away from the carpark.

She struggled, but the two men who held her locked onto her tightly, so she could barely move about. As loud as she yelled, the car was soundproofed well, hence even if she screamed till she lost her voice, no one would be able to hear her.

“Let me go! Let me go! Who are you!? Let me go! Ah! Ah!”

Xi Xinyi struggled like a mad woman. Her screeches could almost rupture one’s eardrums. Nonetheless, the black-clothed men with shades held her down impatiently. Then, one of them slapped her, and the angry imprint of a palm immediately appeared on Xi Xinyi’s face. Abruptly, the screeches stopped.

“Miss Xi, my advice is for you to behave so you will avoid anymore physical suffering. You will meet our boss!” insisted the man apathetically, and Xi Xinyi finally shut up. She dared not make any more noise because she knew that even she did, she would not be able to escape, so she might as well meet their so-called boss.

The car made many turns, and after passing through a very narrow alley, they reached a slum area. After going around the slum and driving much further away, there was a large, shabby, abandoned factory. The car slowly came to a halt in front of the factory.

“Get down!”

The car had just stopped when they dragged Xi Xiaye out. Struggling, she followed the black-clothed men straight up to the second-floor balcony. With the dim lights, she could see a cold and distant figure by the railings from afar. Just from that back alone, she felt an indescribable feeling of infatuation as she could almost immediately recognize who that was!

Mu Yuchen!

That God-like man!

That person who could only be seen from afar and not up close!

The reason Yueying was in its state today was all because of him!

Xi Xinyi really did not understand why someone like him would fancy someone like Xi Xiaye. That witch Xi Xiaye really lucked out!

Then, she looked back at herself!

The more she thought about it, the angrier she felt!

Even so, she did not resent this man one bit. The person she resented with a vengeance was Xi Xiaye!

Xi Xinyi stopped walking and stared at that figure for quite a while before slowly walking over.

Mu Yuchen could obviously hear the footsteps that came from behind. He was casually looking downwards at the moment while he playfully rolled a freshly lit cigarette between his fingers.

Xi Xinyi could faintly smell the cigarette smell in the air as she walked over quietly and stopped behind Mu Yuchen.

“Long time no see, Miss Xi.”

Mu Yuchen did not turn back to glance at her. He just took a puff, his deep and calm voice sounding as still as the water, devoid of any emotion.

“Chairman Mu, it’s you!” Xi Xinyi softly cried out. Her voice trembled slightly. When she got closer to this man, she felt uneasy. Suddenly, she remembered that news from this morning and she immediately felt delighted!

Xi Xiaye deserved it!

She had a man like Mu Yuchen, yet she still messed around. Now, she had caused an uproar. Everyone knew that Xi Xiaye had had an affair and cheated on Mu Yuchen! The newspaper really wrote it marvelously. Today, she even heard her company employees secretly cursing her for being a fickle woman!

Xi Xinyi finally felt better at these thoughts. Hesitating, she could guess that this man had come looking for her because of Xi Xiaye. When she thought about the witch, a smile flashed across Xi Xinyi’s sweet-tempered face instantly. “Chairman Mu, it seems like you know about the witch, Xi Xiaye’s scandal too? Let me tell you. She’s met Qi Lei from long ago. Back then, the family wanted her to marry Qi Lei, and she pretended to be all high and mighty. Ha, now she ended up having an affair with Qi Lei. She’s like that! She’s a fickle and extremely disgusting woman! You have all been cheated by her! Didn’t she use to love Han Yifeng to death? In the end, she found you instead, kicking Han Yifeng aside immediately. Now, it’s Qi Lei. Chairman Mu, I think you should be very clear about that slut’s morals now!”

Xi Xinyi was very smug. Xi Xiaye had dug her own grave, and she did not mind adding fuel to fire as long as Xi Xiaye would suffer. In fact, Xi Xinyi would feel much better. She could care less about her image as she continued to curse her by calling her a ‘slut’.

“She just wanted to use you to take revenge on me, Chairman Mu. This woman is evil and scheming. Her bitchy capabilities grow with each passing day. I hope you won’t be confused and cheated by her too!”

When she saw that Mu Yuchen did not say anything, Xi Xinyi continued again, “How dare she think of competing with me with those morals of her?! Delusional! I’ll always be one step ahead of her! She

pretends to be all noble. Who does she think she is?! Why does she always think that she's rightfully the princess? I'm the real princess. She's just an annoying slut and a pitiful creature!"

Xi Xinyi was really having a ball cursing her. Compared to her current situation, there was nothing that could make her happier. It would not be long before Xi Xiaye was kicked out of the Mu family with her current scandal!

Because of her giddy excitement, she was in a state of madness.

That was no wonder either. She had been busy working recently, and after being provoked by Han Yifeng, before returning home to see Yue Lingsi in her sorry state, she had become quite sinister and even found it hard to control herself.

Sadly, this was all her own wishful thinking.

After her mad sneering, Mu Yuchen finally turned around coldly. His eyes were as still as a lake as he calmly looked at Xi Xinyi. "Don't compare yourself to her. The two of you are incomparable."

His deep voice brought a hint of indescribable hostility. "I thought that after so many times, you'd at least know how to exercise restraint and be more self-aware."

Mu Yuchen's tone was eerily calm while his cold gaze seemed a little casual, yet Xi Xinyi could vaguely feel a chill start to spread from behind. She could not help but take a few steps back.

His gaze locked onto Xi Xinyi as his handsome face flashed with bitterness. "Who took the pictures of Han Yifeng and Xi Xiaye by the riverside that day?"

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When Mu Yuchen demanded his answer coldly, Xi Xinyi was instantly stunned. Her gaze flashed with a faint light. As her eyes met Mu Yuchen's sinister gaze, her hands that lay by her side could not help but tighten. She took a deep breath and then said, "I have no idea what you're talking about."

"Do you not have any idea? I don't like playing guessing games. I'm only asking one more time. Where did you get those pictures from the last time?"

Mu Yuchen's gloomy gaze held a degree of stern coldness as he coldly locked his gaze on Xi Xinyi's little face.

"Do you think I did it?" Xi Xinyi's eyes turned cold as she clenched her fists tightly and met his gaze.

"Even though I don't hit women, this doesn't mean I'm a gentleman. I won't trouble you."

A cold smile flashed across Mu Yuchen's lips. "Don't make me ask you a third time. Where did you get those pictures? If you'd like to assume responsibility, I'd be very happy to let you."

"Enough! The reason Xi Xiaye has everything she does today is all thanks to the bitchy things she did. Why do you have to blame it on me!? I don't know what you're talking about. Hmph, if it were me, Xi Xiaye wouldn't just be facing this! This shameless witch! If it weren't for her, I wouldn't have fallen to the state that I'm in today. I'll let her have a taste of this scandalous storm. Let her know how much I've suffered!"

Xi Xinyi cackled coldly. The sinister light that gathered in her eyes clearly exhibited her delight.

Mu Yuchen looked coldly at Xi Xinyi who was close to insanity. He could tell that the fall of Yueying had taken a huge impact on her. Even that fool Han Yifeng could not settle this one woman. He had indeed overestimated Han Yifeng's IQ!

"If you were smart enough, you should know that the reason I didn't attack Yueying again was that I was giving you a chance. Since you won't let go and aren't showing remorse, I'm willing to help you accomplish your aim too," Mu Yuchen said, and the half-burnt cigarette fell to the ground. He gestured to the black-clothed bodyguards behind him who immediately went forward. With each of them flanking her, they swiftly held onto Xi Xinyi's shoulders.

Xi Xinyi panicked and quickly struggled. She widened her beautiful eyes and looked uneasily at Mu Yuchen as she asked with a slight tremble in her voice, "What are you doing?"

"Be smart and tell me." Mu Yuchen smiled apathetically, then gestured to the men who shoved Xi Xinyi down.

She then shouted, feeling frightened, “Let go of me! What are you trying to do? Let me go! I’m pregnant! You can’t touch me! It must be that bitch Xi Xiaye saying things about me again! Chairman Mu, it really wasn’t me! You can’t touch me!”

“Let go of me! Bitch! Ah! Ah! You can’t touch me! I’m pregnant! I’m pregnant!”

“Let go of me! What are you trying to do! Ah! Ah! Let go, bastard!”

It was no use struggling. Before she could even react, the two tall men held her down facing the stairs below. Xi Xinyi faintly smelled a putrid smell. Amidst the dim lights, she could only feel herself being pushed to the ground. Then, she felt something icy and heard some swishing sounds. She struggled in fear for a while and was trying to prop herself up to escape when someone held her hands just as she moved. While someone held onto her hands, both her arms were also gripped and her legs were pressed down too!

The disgusting reek filled the air, but she could not react. She just saw something being tossed towards her, and then she was dragged over!

“Let go of me! Ah! Let go of me, who are you people!?”

Xi Xinyi quickly sat up in a panic, and with the help of the dim streetlights, she realized that she was surrounded by several rogue beggars!

Her eyes finally got used to the darkness around her before she quickly glimpsed around. To her horror, she then realized she had entered a den of refugees and beggars!

All around her were dirty beggars curled up. They had never seen a woman for many years, what more one with her beauty. With the help of the faint light, she could vaguely see the disgusting gaze of those people!

She gagged twice.

With the horrible smell, Xi Xinyi could not help but begin to vomit. She was about to cover her mouth with her hand when she realized that both her hands were locked in the grips of two haggard and disgusting beggars. Before she could shout, her dress was ripped to shreds.

One of them held her down by the shoulders, and his hand quickly felt up her thigh. Another person closed in, their rough and oily hands grabbing past her clothes and reaching for the tenderness of her bosom. Xi Xinyi immediately widened her eyes and subconsciously struggled ferociously with a shriek!

“Ah! Let go of me! Let go of me! Don’t touch me! Bitch!”

“Don’t touch me! Mmm...”

Those people moved very quickly. Despite struggling aggressively, Xi Xinyi was still a woman. How could she fend off the attack of several men at once?

Her shrieks broke the silence of the night. She was close to breaking down as she struggled. Panic and fear swiftly surged out, and she started to cry out loud out of terror, “It wasn’t me! You can’t do this to me! Let go of me... Ah!”

In the blink of an eye, her clothes were in a sorry state. When she looked up, she could see Mu Yuchen watching everything that happened down below heartlessly.

Xi Xinyi’s tears covered her face as she shrieked out helplessly through the struggle, yet the pungent smell was enough to make her dizzy. The people around her did not seem to have any intention of stopping. At that moment, there was not a strand of thread on her. Someone searched her lower body. She finally broke down and screeched, “Xi Xiaye, you bitch! I won’t let go of you even if I turn into a ghost! I’ll talk! I’ll talk! Let go of me! I’ll talk! Don’t touch me! Fuck off! I’ll talk...”

Only when she said this through gritted teeth did the man that watched on the side from the start to the end pulled those beggars away and carried Xi Xinyi out.

Bam!

The tearful Xi Xinyi was carried to Mu Yuchen without a strand of thread on her. Her fair body was filled with bruises and streaks as her beautiful blonde hair was a tangled mess. She curled up and trembled in fear as she wept.

Mu Yuchen, who stood by the railings, then slowly turned around. His expression was as calm as water and his cold eyes held a degree of coldness too. You could not tell his emotions from his noble and handsome face. When he looked at Xi Xinyi, it was as if he was staring at air.

He glanced at the black-clothed man beside him. Then, he pulled a black windbreaker out and tossed it onto Xi Xinyi.

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Xi Xinyi, who still had tears streaked all over her face, quickly grabbed the windbreaker and covered herself. She wrapped herself up tightly as if her life depended on it!

“You can talk now.” His words contained no emotions.

Xi Xinyi was on the verge of breaking down as her whole body trembled. She looked at the ruthless man before her in fear. It was her first experience of being so close to hell.

What a cruel move! In order to make her talk, he...

What a heartless and cold man with such an elegant appearance on the outside! No one could ever imagine he was such a cold and cruel person!

She knew that if she kept her mouth shut, she would definitely face a tragic end. He was more than capable of seeing her get raped. Even when she was pregnant, he would not feel an ounce of sympathy for her.

How wicked!

Xi Xinyi could not stop herself from shivering. The tear trails on her face remained and she had an odd sensation pooling in the pit of her stomach. It must be from the shock just now!

She covered her stomach frantically as she seemed stupefied. "It wasn't me... I admit that I sent people to tail Han Yifeng before, but they didn't... they didn't get any useful information as well. Those photos... Actually, actually... Mr. Wen sent them to me... I don't know anything. I didn't do it! It's not me!"

"Mr. Wen?"

Mu Yuchen's eyes darkened when he heard that name. He glanced at Xi Xinyi's terrified face. "Who's Mr. Wen?"

Xi Xinyi shook her head wildly as she looked into Mu Yuchen's eyes and tried her best to explain herself, "I don't know! I really don't know! I've only seen him once. He was the one that initiated our meeting and I couldn't see his face... I don't know who he is or how he looks like! I'm telling you the truth. I didn't do it!"

"Back then, when you worked with the newspapers and magazine companies, whose idea was it?"

Mu Yuchen still remembered that Ah Mo had blocked the leak of the news regarding Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna. Xi Xinyi was not someone important enough for them to consider publishing this news, but Xi Xinyi was very confident, so she probably had someone backing her up.

"Mr. Wen! It's Mr. Wen! It's all his idea! Chairman Mu, this has nothing to do with me. I don't know what Mr. Wen is planning!"

Xi Xinyi just pushed all the responsibilities onto Mr. Wen.

Mu Yuchen threw her a frozen, sharp gaze. He glared at the timid Xi Xinyi quietly as he gave her a cold reminder, "You'd better make sure what you've just said is the truth. Otherwise, you know very well what the consequences will be."

"I told you the truth! It's the truth! Chairman Mu, I didn't do any of those. It's not me! Please believe me!" Xi Xinyi curled up in fear as she explained. She lowered her eyes to hide the anger inside them.

Just wait for now, Xi Xiaye!

I'll make sure you experience the embarrassment I experienced today by tenfold in the future!

She assumed Xi Xiaye had accused her and was deliberately trying to frame her!

That must be it!

Only that witch would want her to die. She would just love to see Xi Xinyi fall into hell!

"Are you planning a plot against Xiaye?" Noticing her clenched fists, Mu Yuchen glared at her fearful face warningly. "Or are you thinking about how to get your revenge for tonight?"

His laughter was as cold as ice and Xi Xinyi's trembling became worse as she raised her head in fear.

Mu Yuchen walked towards her slowly after he took several photos from the man in the black suit beside him. He scanned through them before throwing them in front of Xi Xinyi. "Take a look!"

Xi Xinyi picked them up and saw that they were photos of her being humiliated by the beggars from earlier.

It was extremely clear that she was totally naked and several beggars were kissing her breasts. It was such a vulgar and erotic scene with her being fully exposed and having nothing to hide. It was very much comparable to some pornographic videos!

If these photos were shown to the world, what would Xi Xinyi's future be?

Anyone did not need to think hard to know!

Yue Lingshi was the best example of that!

She was unwilling to step out of the house aside from playing mahjong with some of the lower-class people! Otherwise, she would be flooded by curses and criticisms!

“Arghhh!” Xi Xinyi tore the photos apart uncontrollably. Her eyes were filled with anger and madness. “This isn’t me! This isn’t me! Why are you doing this to me!? Why!?”

“You’d better stay put. Only we know what happened tonight and no one else, but if I find out that you’re trying to pull something funny, these photos will be published in every newspaper and magazine. Of course, the Han family will receive a special photo album too. Also, if there’s any news about Mr. Wen again, I suggest you cooperate. Or else, these photos will make you lose everything, understand?”

Mu Yuchen’s icy cold voice reached her, shaking Xi Xinyi as her fear had reached its maximum. She took a deep breath while feeling more pain in the stomach, but she was too afraid not to give a reply.

She nodded and replied in despair, “Yes... I understand! I understand!”

Mu Yuchen gave her a cold smile before standing up and turning around.

“Clean things up around here and send her back, but before that, get her to a hospital!”

He vanished out through the stairs before Xi Xinyi’s body weakened and she fell to the side.

The night was getting late. The quiet Maple Residence was surrounded by a gentle warm light as a faint light quietly embraced this peaceful place.

It had been some time since Xi Xiaye was done preparing dinner, but the man was not home yet.

She sat on the sofa watching TV for a long while, but she could not sit still anymore, so she waited outside the door.

The night zephyr was cooling. On the staircase outside of the entrance of the villa, Xi Xiaye sat down in a comfortable spot and looked up into the sky. Stars filled the night sky and the moon was nowhere to be seen.

As she was trying to look for the Big Dipper, she heard the sound of a car closing in.

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She raised her head and looked over. As expected, she soon saw the man walking towards her.

His tall figure strode past the dim street lamp and stopped right before her.

“What are you doing here? It’s cold outside. Get in!” Before she could say anything, his strict tone reached her. However, she could feel the warm kindness in his voice as he then grabbed her by her shoulders.

“It’s alright. It’s not particularly cold today. Anyway, why are you so late today? I’ve been waiting for a long time.” She picked on her long hair as she looked at him and sounded like she was complaining.

“There was a bit of jam on the way back. Go back in now. It’s cold outside, and you’ve just recovered.” He chuckled as he put his arm over her skinny shoulders. His eyes were filled with love, and he sported a totally different look from his cruel, cold self earlier.

“I’m not that weak, alright? I’m not made of mud!” She rolled her eyes at him as she just let him drag her back inside.

The meal on the dining table was still warm, so there was no need to reheat the dishes.

Xi Xiaye was somewhat a beginner at cooking and she hardly had any presentable dishes. Instead, she had just made several simple dishes.

He did most of the cooking ever since they got married. The man was a particularly clean freak, especially when it came to having meals. He did not like how others did things and preferred to do it himself. Nonetheless, he took it as a hobby, and he really enjoyed cooking for her.

He was pretty much a stay-at-home person. If his work and necessary socializing were taken away, he would mostly stay at home to play games or do some reading whenever he was free, very different than the usual men from rich families. They had been married for around half a year now, but Xi Xiaye had never seen him frequently visit entertainment clubs, and even if he did, he was usually accompanied by Su Chen and Zhou Zimo. They just drank and played cards together.

When he was eating elegantly, he noticed the woman opposite him staring at him continuously, so he stopped and then looked at her. He then pointed at a plate with some red and green stuff in it and asked, "Why are you looking at me? What is this?"

Xi Xiaye raised his eyebrows as she put on an awkward expression. "That's... Mapo beancurd. I know it doesn't look nice, but it's the first time I'm making this dish."

Mr. Mu used his spoon to stir the dish. There was not one solid-looking tofu.

"Are you sure this isn't soft beancurd dessert?" He gave her a teasing smile.

"Of course! Here, have some wine, Mr. Mu."

She straightened her back as her eyes darkened and she gave him a warning stare.

He smiled and nodded.

They had several drinks together, and the dinner went on pretty well. The only thing that desired room for improvement would be Xi Xiaye's cooking. She herself did not eat much, yet Mr. Mu was kind enough to finish everything up.

Towards the end of the meal, Mu Yuchen suddenly felt that he should not let her go into the kitchen again. Otherwise...

After dinner, Xi Xiaye went upstairs while Mu Yuchen cleaned up the dining table and the kitchen. He only went upstairs half an hour later.

He opened the door and was about to head inside when he smelled a pleasant fragrance and suddenly stopped. Xi Xiaye was standing right beside the door. Her face seemed pale and her eyes were uneasy.

He frowned as he put his hand on her shoulder and asked gently, "What's wrong?"

Xi Xiaye calmed herself down and suppressed the panic inside her. With a deep breath, she looked at him in the eyes. "I just gave Su Nan a call... I found out about the news. I... I..."

His expression darkened as he cursed deep inside. Embracing her in his arms, he comforted, "What's the big deal? It's nothing to panic about!"

"Why didn't you ask me anything? And you're trying to hide it from me? Those photos... I don't know..."

Xi Xiaye then realized the reason for him applying leave for her and taking her phone away, aside from giving her time to rest, was also because of this.

"About what?" He gave her a meaningful glance and asked, "If Qi Lei is better-looking than your Mr. Mu?"

Xi Xiaye was stunned for a moment. She shook her head and replied to him with a genuine expression, "You're much more handsome than him!"

Mu Yuchen nodded, apparently very satisfied with her reply. He then continued, "Is he more attractive than your Mr. Mu?"

Xi Xiaye gave it some thought. Master Qi was no more than a hooligan to her. Of course, he was incomparable with Mr. Mu. Although Mr. Mu could be quite a bastard at times, he was still mostly very attractive and charming.

Xi Xiaye shook her head again.

He smiled calmly., “Then, what should I ask about? It’s hard to lower your standards once you’ve experienced better just like buying clothes and jewelry. If you have a priceless diamond, would you still look at street stall ornaments?”

Xi Xiaye was once again dumbfounded by his words!

What diamond and street stall ornaments?

Her eyes widened slightly as she looked at him.

This person!

How shameless!

Was he saying he was the diamond and Qi Lei was the street stall ornament?

“Moreover, you can’t even satisfy me, so how are you going to have the energy to deal with him? I heard there are only the same few reasons that cause a marriage to fall. Those reasons don’t apply to us. You don’t have a criminal motive.”

“What reasons? How do I not have a criminal motive? Actually, Qi Lei is pretty okay...” She was like a curious little baby as she stared at him.

“Do you want to know?”

He looked at her from above as a grin gradually appeared on his face. His burning eyes sent off a pressure towards her, so she grabbed onto his shirt and nodded.

“First, the inability to satisfy your material needs. Secondly, the lack of emotional communication. The third, unhappy sex life.”

He went straight to the point!

Xi Xiaye was counting with her finger when he listed down the reasons.