

## Loving 661

### Chapter 661. Scheming (6)

Hearing the sound of Gu Lingsha's grim laughter, Yang Sheng was stunned. He subconsciously turned to look at her, yet at this moment, she had already lowered her gaze and turned to look to the side.

"Is she still like that? Looks like that isn't so," said Gu Lingsha calmly. The contents of her words confused Yang Sheng, and he did not understand what he meant.

He thought about it before asking, "Miss Gu, were you very close to Chief Zhuang before this?"

She wrapped herself with the coat tighter as she replied indifferently, "I'm not."

Yang Sheng recalled Gu Lingsha's relationship with the Mu family previously, and his expression turned stiff. He was well aware of the situation, so he did not ask further after that. Instead, she looked up to look at the bench where Zhuang Shurong and Xi Xiaye sat under the sun and sighed. "I did meet Chief Zhuang quite a few times before this. It's quite hard to imagine that she would have such easy-going moments. She's the famous stern iron wrist in the world of politics. Many people are..."

She did not continue while a smile just curled up on her lips. Yang Sheng softly reminded, "It's best not to simply discuss matters like that. Be careful. The walls might have ears."

Gu Lingsha knew the kind of person Zhuang Shurong was. While she had never gotten any goodwill out of Zhuang Shurong, much less have chatted the casual way she was chatting with Xi Xiaye right now.

In the past, even though she had very carefully tried to please Zhuang Shurong, all she would have gotten would be an indifferent nod.

So, back then, her mother had told her that even if she married into the Mu family, she might not have pleasant days to come, but...

"Miss Gu, you're right. The sun's pretty lovely. How about we go out to sunbathe too? Master Qi's schedule for today is packed, but he's worried about you, Ms. Gu, so he sent me to come and see if you need help with anything."

Gu Lingsha gazed up at the warm sun on the horizon, then sat down on the bench on the side.

She watched the figures of the two people on the bench again as she suddenly asked Yang Sheng softly, "Are you saying that the person I got into an accident with is this Xi Xiaye's best friend's husband?"

Yang Sheng responded with a nod, "Yeah, Director Xi has been good friends with Miss Su and Mr. Ruan since they were young. Miss Su and Mr. Ruan have just been married for less than a year. Their daughter is only two months old. According to the doctor, his condition is quite concerning. Master Qi has also been helping him contact some doctors, hoping for him to regain consciousness soon."

"Is Lei a good friend of Miss Xi? If that's the case, I really put him in a tight spot, huh?" Gu Lingsha looked at Yang Sheng, her blue eyes flickering with a guilty light as she smiled wryly.

"Miss Gu, don't blame yourself. Master Qi's just doing his best as a friend. Director Xi and Chairman Mu are partners with Master Qi, aren't they? Master Qi feels bad that such an incident has happened as well." Yang Sheng sighed, disheartened.

"Doing his best as a friend..." Gu Lingsha muttered softly, yet a skeptical smile flashed across her eyes. "Can they actually let go of all the past grudges and be friends? That requires a lot of courage! I really don't understand him anymore... Please help me check which ward Mr. Ruan is staying at."

Yang Sheng hesitated before nodding and then leaving very quickly.

Meanwhile, Xi Xiaye and Zhuang Shurong chatted for a while before Ji Zitong went over, and Xi Xiaye went to visit Ruan Heng.

Zhuang Shurong coincidentally decided to meet some friends in Hospital T too. When she saw Xi Xiaye and Ji Zitong vanishing in the walkway, she was about to go and meet them. Then, she turned around and walked away.

When she saw Gu Lingsha sitting on the side, Zhuang Shurong was a little surprised, but she was extremely calm and pretended as if she did not see her and continued walking ahead.

As Gu Lingsha watched Zhuang Shurong walk past her, broodiness flashed in her eyes. Both her hands subconsciously clenched tightly and she endured it for a while before she could not help but speak up, "Aunt Zhuang, long time no see. Are you so terribly busy that you can't even say hi?"

When she heard Gu Lingsha greet her out loud, Zhuang Shurong stopped walking and turned to her side to glance Gu Lingsha with apathy, "Since you know how to call me Aunt Zhuang, then you're acknowledging your status as one of the younger generation. My eyesight isn't too great. If you hadn't greeted me, how would I have known that the person sitting there is you?"

Zhuang Shurong was cold as always. She was far different from the easy-going and loving person while chatting with Xi Xiaye earlier.

Upon hearing that, Gu Lingsha laughed bitterly and replied quite sweetly, "Well, in that case, I'm really sorry. It was my fault! Aunt Zhuang, you're naturally beautiful. Five years have passed and you haven't quite changed. You're as radiant as you were from before, and all spirited and sprightly."

Zhuang Shurong did not say anything. Her sharp line of sight swept across Gu Lingsha with her classic stern and incisive look which showed that she was unflustered. Gu Lingsha felt the pit of her stomach tighten in anxiety!

She almost forgot how incredible this Zhuang Shurong was. Every time she met her, Gu Lingsha would feel a lack of confidence. With that sly fox in the Mu family, all of them were difficult to deal with.

"Aunt Zhuang, why are you looking at me like that?" Gu Lingsha muttered.

"Miss Gu, five years ago, I didn't care whether you had a reason, but since the incident has happened, it's a reality that no one can change. These five years, I don't want to know what happened to you either. Right now, the only outcome is that Lingtian has passed while you are still alive. Qi Feng is probably still alive too, isn't he? I don't care what you're back for this time, but if you're thinking about bad intentions, don't blame me for not being courteous. You know my temper and tricks well enough, don't you?"

Zhuang Shurong was always frank, and she did not care about beating around the bush with Gu Lingsha.

Admittedly, when Zhuang Shurong said that, Gu Lingsha's expression froze.

"Since you like Qi Feng, you should guard him well. Ah Chen was happy to let you two be as well even though he didn't tell me the reason. I could already guess that you were behind it. You can't have your cake and eat it. I don't care what has conspired between the Gu family and the Qi family, but I definitely won't allow someone with bad intentions to marry into the Mu family."

When Gu Lingsha heard Zhuang Shurong, her expression darkened, and she could not help but defend herself. "Aunt Zhuang, you're the same as before. You're simply prejudiced against me. I don't blame you, but please don't insult my integrity!"

"Insult your integrity? Are you sure you have an ounce of integrity? Dare you say that you've been honest to Ah Chen and Lingtian?"

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Zhuang Shurong's cold voice entered her ear with the breeze, making Gu Lingsha's heart ache, yet she remained upright. She was about to say something when Zhuang Shurong had already walked past her.

"Aunt Zhuang, about Lingtian, I'd like to personally apologize, but I... All these years, I haven't had it that great either. Aunt Zhuang..."

Before Gu Lingsha could finish, Zhuang Shurong had already walked ahead in huge strides. Clearly, she was not willing to stay for another second.

As she watched Zhuang Shurong's figure move further away, Gu Lingsha clenched her fists. She was not sure why Zhuang Shurong disliked her so much. She clearly received very different treatment from Xi Xiaye.

Years ago, when she had agreed to marry Mu Yuchen, Zhuang Shurong had come looking for her. She had failed to dish out good advice and had even spilled coffee onto her.

However, she was not the same as she had been years ago anymore. Now, she would get all her justice for all of the grudges. She had to have whatever she should. She, Gu Lingsha, had returned from a blood-soaked rebirth. Was all the strife and struggle not for this?

She indifferently looked at Zhuang Shurong's figure as she moved further away. Then, the dark storm brewing in Gu Lingsha's eyes gradually vanished.

No one had ever understood her struggles and pain. Whatever it was, they would have to at least suffer it once, including Mu Yuchen!

Lingtian, Qi Feng, and her child who did not make it, and now Wei Wei...

When she thought about this, she suddenly lowered her head and reached out to caress her flat belly while shutting her eyes painfully.

If it were not for that accident, he would probably be going to school now just like little Wei Wei. He would have been just as cute and as smart.

The corner of her eyes started to tear up. After a long while, she slowly opened her eyes and pushed the tears in her eyes back with much difficulty. She inhaled a deep breath and returned to her usual beauty and elegance.

After going through the many misfortunes, she was already used to holding back her emotions as she wished. This time for her return, there were too many things she needed to do. Taking revenge was just one of them.

She, Gu Lingsha, had never been a weakling.

'Mu Yuchen, you looked down on me, Gu Lingsha. One day, I will make you suffer more than I did and lose more people than I did. Someone like you doesn't deserve to be happy. Your brother's blood is on your hands. What right do you have to happiness?' Gu Lingsha silently vowed in her heart.

Right now, things had only just begun.

A faint smile curved on Gu Lingsha's lips before she sighed. Then, at this moment, Yang Sheng, who had gone over to find out about some things, had returned.

“Miss Gu, I’ve checked and Mr. Ruan is in VIP ward no. 19 on the 15th floor. He hasn’t regained consciousness, and his condition doesn’t look too good.” Yang Sheng told Gu Lingsha everything he found out.

Gu Lingsha nodded in gratitude. “Thanks, Assistant Yang. I’m fine here. I know you’re busy too. You don’t have to care about me. I want to be alone for a while, so you should leave first. If there’s anything, I’ll call you or Lei. You don’t have to accompany me. I’m quite tired too.”

“Miss Gu, I...”

“I’m used to it. It’s fine. Go now. I’ll go back and lie down for a while.”

Without waiting for Yang Sheng to finish, Gu Lingsha had already gotten up and walked into the building. In the end, Yang Sheng could only stand there, stunned. He did not follow after her either.

Gu Lingsha’s figure vanished slowly at the end of the corridor and he frowned. He was about to call Qi Lei, yet just as his hand reached into his pocket, there was suddenly the sound of footsteps from behind him. Just as he thought it sounded familiar, he quickly turned and saw Qi Lei strolling over with both hands in his pockets.

“Master Qi!”

Yang Sheng quickly went up, and then caught his breath before saying softly, “Master Qi, Miss Gu, she...”

“What did you say to her earlier? What did she ask you about?” Qi Lei squinted and looked at the retreating Gu Lingsha before turning to look at Yang Sheng.

“Master Qi, Miss Gu told me to find out which ward Mr. Ruan was in. Right, Miss Gu even asked me if you were really good friends with Chairman Mu and Director Xi.”

As Yang Sheng said this, he could vaguely feel Qi Lei’s expression tense up. His gaze seemed to dim a little, so he did not continue.

Qi Lei did not say anything. He fell silent for a long while, and in the end, turned to leave.

“Master Qi, where are you going?” Yang Sheng quickly followed him.

“Back to the office,” Qi Lei said, and then walked down the stairs.

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On the staircase on the corner of Ruan Heng’s ward, Su Nan looked in a daze at the exquisitely beautiful woman who had suddenly appeared before her. She could not believe that the person who crashed into her husband’s car and caused Ruan Heng to be severely hurt and be in a coma would be this radiantly beautiful woman before her.

“I’m really sorry, Mrs. Ruan. I hope that Mr. Ruan will regain consciousness soon too. I heard that someone from the police will come over to ask about the incident, but before that, I hope we could peacefully resolve this. Here, this is a little token of sincerity from me.”

Just as Su Nan was looking at her while enduring all the sadness and fury, Gu Lingsha just smiled, appearing oddly humble as she gave Su Nan a \$200,000 check.

Su Nan looked up with a dull gaze at Gu Lingsha. She brushed the check that Gu Lingsha handed over away. “I don’t want your money. I want you to return Ruan Heng in one piece to me. Why were you driving while you had a fever? If you don’t know how to drive, then don’t! Return Ruan Heng to me! It’s all because of you! It’s all your fault!”

Su Nan had already broken down these past few days, and she was extremely wan and sallow at this point.

Gu Lingsha frowned as she looked at the check that Su Nan had brushed to the ground. She glanced up at Su Nan. “Mrs. Ruan, both sides were wrong in this. Isn’t it a bit much to just put all the blame on me?”

“It doesn’t help anyone to magnify this issue. If I were you, I’d obediently take the check. If Mr. Ruan doesn’t regain consciousness... I heard that the two of you just had a daughter too. If you won’t think for yourself, at least consider your daughter, won’t you?”

A smile curved across Gu Lingsha’s lips as she smiled faintly at Su Nan.

“He will wake up! He will! Don’t spew nonsense!”

When she heard this, Su Nan suddenly took the check and then tore it to pieces before tossing it onto Gu Lingsha. “You’d better pray that Ruan Heng will be fine, or I won’t be letting go of this so easily!”

“Is that so? I’m afraid you don’t make the decisions here. Mr. Ruan was only severely hurt because he crashed into the railings on the side. It doesn’t really have much to do with me!”

Gu Lingsha’s words had no doubt added fuel to the fire. Su Nan instantly clenched her fists and swung one out without a word!

Chapter 663. Worsening

Xi Xiaye went straight to the office right after her check-up in the morning since the delayed meeting was scheduled today.

The seats inside the meeting room were filled up, and two Vice Presidents were sitting in front while Xi Xiaye went back to her seat as the Planning Director.

However, everyone’s gaze was fixed on her.

She was flipping through the document in her hands as she said, “The report I’ll be showing later is the sales report of each department. I’ve asked Chairman Mu and he’s generally happy with the results. Most jobs were completed by the estimated time, so that’s great. This season is ending, and the end of the year is coming soon. Therefore, we’ll only get busier soon. Chairman Mu intended for everyone to keep this up. He’ll fulfill his promise and share 5% of the company’s profit with the department that exceeds their targets.”

Xi Xiaye’s words were well-received with a big round of applause.



She looked at them with a smile. As she was about to continue, someone closed in on her. She frowned slightly when Ji Zitong arrived beside her.

“Director Xi, something’s happened. Ms. Su Nan has been arrested by the police.”

Xi Xiaye was stunned when she heard the sudden news from Ji Zitong. She spun around and stared at her. “What? Nannan’s arrested by the police?”

Ji Zitong nodded as she spoke with a grim tone, “The police looked for Gu Lingsha to find out more about the accident, and they happened to see Ms. Su Nan and Gu Lingsha in the middle of an argument. Ms. Su Nan pushed Gu Lingsha down the staircase. Gu Lingsha passed out and the police brought her back to the police station.”

Thud!

Xi Xiaye’s hands trembled and she dropped her pen on the floor. Her face turned pale as she was in shock.

She calmed down moments later. She quickly told Vice President Zhang Lan to take over the meeting before dashing out of the meeting room.

“Prepare the car. I’m going to the police station. Hurry!” Xi Xiaye urged Ji Zitong while walking briskly toward the elevator.

“The car is already prepared, Director Xi.”

Ji Zitong had been working with Xi Xiaye for a while now, so she knew Xi Xiaye well. Especially recently, Xi Xiaye was extremely worried about Ruan Heng and Su Nan. She had specially instructed Ji Zitong to inform her if anything happened to them.

Xi Xiaye took a deep breath and nodded. “Mmm, help me to contact Ah Mo. Ask him if he can come over. It’d be great if he can come immediately, and tell him that it’s an emergency.”

Although she was worried, she tried her best to stay calm and was still able to make sound decisions.

“Don’t worry, Director Xi. I’ll contact Manager Ah Mo now.” Ji Zitong quickly took her phone out.

Xi Xiaye grabbed her phone as well and gave Mu Lingshi a call. Almost immediately, Mu Lingshi picked up. She could hear her tired voice on the other end, but Xi Xiaye could not hide it. “Lingshi, it’s me.”

“Sister-in-law? What’s wrong?”

Mu Lingshi had just returned home not too long ago. Her mind was on alert when she heard Xi Xiaye’s anxiety-filled voice.

“Ah Shi, can you head to the hospital and look after Ruan Heng for the time being? Something’s happened to Su Nan and she’s in the police station now. I don’t feel assured if there’s no one else there right now, especially with the few elders around. Try to comfort and ease their anxieties.”

“Su Nan was arrested?”

Mu Lingshi was totally awake when she heard the news, she quickly got up with her eyes wide opened, “How could it be? What happened?”

“I can’t really explain it over the phone. I’m heading over to the police station right now. Please help me out.” Xi Xiaye was clearly in a rush.

Mu Lingshi took a deep breath and then agreed. “Alright, I’ll head over right now. Don’t worry, Sis-in-law. By the way, do you want me to ask Father...”

“There’s no need for it first. I’ll see what to do after I find out exactly what happened. I’ve asked Zitong to give Ah Mo a call. He might have an idea on what to do.”

Xi Xiaye's eyes were filled with worry. Su Nan had not fully recovered from her delivery yet, and she had been really exhausted in the past few days worrying about Ruan Heng. Could she really hang in there?

Why had she suddenly gotten into a fight with Gu Lingsha?

Xi Xiaye knew Su Nan very well. No matter what, she would not have pushed Gu Lingsha down the staircase. There must be something more to this.

Xi Xiaye hung up on the call and went into the elevator. The car was already prepared for her at the ground floor, and they swiftly went to the police station as soon as she got into the car.

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Although Mu Yuchen was thousands of miles away, he received the news almost instantly. He had just finished closing a deal with France and was on his way back to the hotel when he received the news.

"Master, something has happened on Missus's end!" Li Si looked at Mu Yuchen anxiously when he just got off a phone call.

"What happened?"

There were not many things that could pull Master Mu's attention away from work, but one of them was news about his wife at home. Mu Yuchen closed the document in his hands as his eyes darkened.

"I just received news that Ms. Su Nan was triggered and pushed Gu Lingsha down the staircase. Gu Lingsha is still unconscious at the moment while Ms. Su Nan was brought to the police station. I'm afraid Missus has received the news as well," Li Si spoke carefully.

Mu Yuchen's eyes darkened further, and Li Si could feel a chilly aura emitted from him, so he stopped saying anything and remained quiet.

After some time, Mu Yuchen put a hand on his forehead before saying, "Book the flight tickets right away... Forget it. Prepare a private jet. I want to be back as soon as possible."

"Yes, Master, I'll get it prepared!" Li Si then took out his phone.

Chapter 664. Return of Master Mu (1)

The black Phaeton was speeding on the highway with Xi Xiaye worried sick in the back seat.

Ji Zitong had called several times, but Ah Mo did not pick up. She guessed he was probably working on some other important matters. She frowned and put her phone away before turning towards Xi Xiaye. "Director Xi, Manager Ah Mo didn't pick up my calls. I'm afraid he's busy at the moment."

Xi Xiaye's expression darkened further when she heard Ji Zitong. She then replied, "Don't worry. We'll see what's happening over there first."

"Okay, don't worry too much. Ms. Su Nan will be fine." Ji Zitong was not sure how to comfort her, but she just had to say something when she saw Xi Xiaye's glumness.

Xi Xiaye just nodded quietly. Then, she took a deep breath and leaned back as she closed her eyes and tried to calm herself down.

It was rush hour in the afternoon, so there was a terrible traffic jam on the way. Feeling depressed and tired, Xi Xiaye almost passed out from all the stress in the past few days. If Sis Wang and Zhuang Shurong had not been there to take care of her health, she would have already collapsed.

She fell asleep as they were on the way to the police station.

Ji Zitong glanced at Xi Xiaye through the rear-view mirror and saw she was sleeping, so she told the chauffeur when they were waiting at a red light, "Park the car aside first. I'm going to put a blanket on Director Xi."

"Alright," the chauffeur replied and quickly parked the car.

Ji Zitong grabbed a blanket from the compartment beside her and got out of the car.

The sky was turning dark while the wind around felt a little humid. It seemed like rain was coming.

Ji Zitong quickly opened the door and slid into the passenger seat.

She gently draped the blanket over Xi Xiaye who was sleeping soundly while feeling chilly. As she sensed a slight warmth on her skin, she unconsciously extended her hand.

“Mr. Mu... Mr. Mu...”

Her voice sounded fragile and bitter.

Ji Zitong looked at Xi Xiaye’s hand grabbing onto her hand. When she saw that Xi Xiaye was frowning and was sleeping uneasily, she took a deep breath and just left her hand there. Then, she quietly adjusted the blanket on her.

“We can go now.”

Ji Zitong turned towards Xi Xiaye and just studied her. Xi Xiaye always looked so calm and collected, so it was her first time seeing her like this.

She knew Mu Yuchen and her were madly in love. However, they treated each other courteously. It seemed like they truly missed each other during a time like this.

Ji Zitong was actually envious of Xi Xiaye. At the same time, she was also touched by the genuine bond of love between them.

She had seen Mu Yuchen bend over to help her put on shoes and put on her coat for her. Besides that, she also saw Mu Yuchen carefully picking out fish bones and trying to convince her to eat more, and there were so many more scenarios...

Only people who truly loved each other would be always missing each other, would they not?

Ji Zitong finally took her phone out and gave Mu Yuchen a call. After several moments, he picked up. Mu Yuchen was at a private airport, preparing to board.

“Chairman Mu, I’m Ji Zitong.” Ji Zitong started the conversation when the call got through.

“How is she?” That was Mu Yuchen’s first reply.

“She looks exhausted, we’re on our way to the police station, Ms. Su Nan...”

“I know what happened and I’m on my way back. I’ll be arriving in around ten hours. Why is her phone switched off? Where is she?” Mu Yuchen sounded worried as he asked.

“She was in a meeting just now, so she switched her phone off. We’re in the car at the moment and she fell asleep, but she was calling out your name just now. Please come back soon. It’s been pretty tough on her recently, and I can’t bear to see this.”

Ji Zitong was speaking softly as she was worried that she might wake Xi Xiaye up.

Mu Yuchen’s eyes darkened while his heart stung. “Take care of her. I’ll get back as soon as possible. I’ll handle Su Nan and Ruan Heng’s issues. Don’t let her do anything reckless.”

“Yes, Chairman Mu.”

Mu Yuchen then hung up.

Li Si made Mu Yuchen a cup of tea, and asked quietly when he saw Mu Yuchen resting with his eyes closed, “Master, can we go now?”

Mu Yuchen nodded without opening his eyes. “Give Su Chen a call and ask him where he is.”

“Yes, Master, we’re only arriving in about ten hours. You should take the chance to sleep now. You’ll be able to see Missus when you wake up. You’ve been busy for a long time. Master Mo’s matter is almost done as well. There are probably a lot of things that need to be dealt with when we’re back after this two-month trip. Master, you need to take care of yourself.” Li Si was very concerned.

“No worries. The European market has pretty much stabilized now, so I won’t have to work on it personally too much afterward, and I’ll have more free time to spend with her.”

He had made all these efforts to get things done early in order to free up his time to be with her during this critical time. There were too many things to take care of when he looked at the father handbook. On top of that, he was worried to leave her alone as well.

“Don’t worry, Master. Missus is a strong and smart person. She can take care of herself well.”

“Strong? I really hope so. It doesn’t matter if she’s smart or not. Most importantly...” Mu Yuchen did not finish his sentence. He turned toward the window and looked outside with a peaceful expression.

What he wanted to say was —

What mattered to him was that he could satisfy her heart and keep her heart for himself forever, give birth to their child safely, and spend the rest of their lives in peace...

Could his simple wish be fulfilled?

Chapter 665. Return of Master Mu (2)

It was slightly after noon when the car arrived at the police station. The weather was not as sunny in the morning, and it was turning gloomy.

A long, somber shower was on its way, as mentioned by the weather forecast yesterday.

The chauffeur in front turned back and said quietly after he parked the car, “Ms Ji, we’re here!”

Ji Zitong nodded and then turned over to look at Xi Xiaye who was still sleeping soundly, "Let her continue sleeping. I'll go inside and take a look at the situation. Stay here."

"Yes, Ms. Ji."

Chauffeur Wang was Mu Yuchen's exclusive chauffeur who had been working for the Mu family for more than twenty years. He was a very loyal subject to Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye, so he was worried when he saw Xi Xiaye's current condition. "Ms. Ji, should we report this to Elder CEO? This matter might be more complicated than we think. It might be better if we can get better control of the situation."

Ji Zitong hesitated for a moment, then she glanced at Xi Xiaye. "I'll take a look at what's happening inside first. I'm going to ask someone to check on Gu Lingsha's condition in the hospital."

She then took her phone out and swiftly called a number. Before leaving the car and heading inside the police station, she gave the receiver a brief explanation on Gu Lingsha's condition.

However, Xi Xiaye woke up soon after Ji Zitong went inside. Her head felt heavy as she rubbed her eyes groggily. She looked at Chauffeur Wang and asked, "Keep driving. Why did you stop?"

"Missus! You're awake!"

Chauffeur Wang turned back and took a nervous glance at her. "We've arrived. Ms. Ji noticed you fell asleep, so she went inside to check out what's happening."

Arrived?

Xi Xiaye looked outside the window and saw the police station. After she quickly straightened herself up, the chauffeur came over and opened the door for her.

It was pretty cold outside. The cold wind blew the moment she stepped out of the car, and she trembled slightly as she wrapped her windbreaker tighter around herself. She shuffled into the police station with a hand on her belly.



Ji Zitong had just finished finding out what happened when Xi Xiaye arrived at the entrance. They followed the police and met Su Nan who appeared exhausted.

They were sitting opposite each other across a table. Life returned to Su Nan's eyes when she saw Xi Xiaye. She grabbed Xi Xiaye's hands while her eyes welled up as she said frantically, "Xiaye, I didn't push her! She fell down on her own. I really didn't push her. You have to believe me! I didn't push her!"

Xi Xiaye was in pain to witness Su Nan's frantic reaction. She tried her best to hold back her tears and maintain a calm appearance. Su Nan and Ruan Heng were in a bad state now, and she could not crumble at this moment.

Xi Xiaye grabbed her cold hands. "Don't worry, Nannan. I believe you. I'll find a way to get you out of here."

"Even the police said they saw me pushing her down the staircase. So what if you believe me? Xiaye, I'm very afraid... With Ruan Heng's current condition, if something happens to me, can you take care of Xiao Xi for me?" Su Nan had tears in her eyes as she made a solemn request to Xi Xiaye.

"Nannan! Believe in yourself. You'll be fine. I'll find a way to get you out of here. Don't overthink it. Xiao Xi has everyone with her and she'll be safe, but you, on the other hand..." Xi Xiaye put on a worried expression. "You have to take care of yourself. I'll get you out of here as soon as possible. I've gotten people to take care of Ruan Heng at the moment. Your parents are thinking of a way as well, so don't worry. It's not really a big deal."

Su Nan sniffled and took a deep breath. "Thank you, Xiaye. Thank you. People can really be unlucky at times. Ruan Heng..."

She suddenly grabbed Xi Xiaye's hands rightly as she begged, "Xiaye, please help me to take care of Ruan Heng! His parents aren't in very good health. His mother is taking care of Xiao Xi, but I'm worried that she might not be able to cope. My parents are worried about me as well, but please tell them that I'm fine and they don't have to visit me. They need to take care of themselves first."

Xi Xiaye nodded and helped Su Nan fix her messy hair. "Mmm, don't worry, I will. We're observing Gu Lingsha's condition. She's still unconscious at the moment. It'd be great if she said you didn't do it, but it might be a little bit more troublesome if she insisted that you pushed her. Even if we need to take this to

court, I'll tell Mu Yuchen to get you the best lawyer possible. Don't worry. You must be exhausted. Take this chance to rest."

Su Nan covered her face with Xi Xiaye's hand as she continued crying. Her warm tears felt like they were burning Xi Xiaye's hands, and her heart suffered with Su Nan.

"How am I supposed to rest? There's so much to worry about. I'm really in trouble and it's all because of Gu Lingsha. Just what happened between me and her in our past lives?" Su Nan sniffled.

Xi Xiaye's face went numb as her eyes darkened.

Gu Lingsha...

Was this really just a coincidence?

For some reason, Xi Xiaye felt uneasy when she thought about Gu Lingsha's sudden appearance. It was all too odd, and somehow she could feel something was closing in on them, especially after Wang Qin's birthday banquet.

If Gu Lingsha and Qi Qiming were on friendly terms, would it mean that she knew something more about him?

She found out from Mu Yuchen that Qi Qiming was known as Mr. Wen, but on Wang Qin's birthday banquet, she had come into contact with Qi Qiming. At that time, she did not feel the same vibe from him compared to the person who claimed to be Mr. Wen and blocked her path inside the tunnel.

Could there be two Mr. Wens? Were they mistaken?

Chapter 666. Return of Master Mu (3)

However, if that Mr. Wen was really related to Qi Qiming, could Gu Lingsha have been a part of all those incidents too?

If that were true, then the reason she returned this time was probably to go against Mu Yuchen!

Xi Xiaye obviously did not forget the things the so-called Mr. Wen had said to her. From those words of his, she could clearly feel that the person held a grudge against Mu Yuchen!

The more Xi Xiaye thought about it, the more her expression turned solemn. Her brows furrowed into a knot. Even when Su Nan called her a few times, she did not snap back to her senses. Su Nan was worried and quickly pinched her hand. When she felt the pain, Xi Xiaye slowly regained her senses.

“Xiaye, what’s wrong?” Su Nan had already wiped her tears away as she looked at Xi Xiaye with wet eyes.

Xi Xiaye shook her head and gently patted Su Nan on the shoulder as she said calmly, “I’m fine. It’s okay. I believe that you didn’t push her. Don’t be too worried either. It’ll be fine. I need to take a look at Ruan Heng at the hospital now, and at the same time, understand the situation. You rest well and wait for my good news, okay?”

Su Nan nodded hard as she gripped both of Xi Xiaye’s hands tightly.

Xi Xiaye slowly got up. She was still concerned as she explained, “Whatever they ask you, before anything’s been confirmed, don’t simply answer them. I’ll wait for the hospital to clarify and get you a lawyer. Remember, before the lawyer gets here, don’t say anything. Got it?”

“Okay, I understand. Don’t worry! I trust you! I’ll wait right here for you to get me out. Xi Xiaye, thank God you’re here... Otherwise... otherwise I... I would’ve broken down by now...” Su Nan looked at Xi Xiaye with gratitude.

Xi Xiaye just smiled calmly. “Okay, don’t think too much about it. I’m leaving now. Wait for my good news.”

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After Xi Xiaye left the police station, she rushed straight to the hospital. She even forgot to have lunch, so it was a good thing that Ji Zitong predicted this and called Maple Residence to ask Sis Wang to

prepare some plain porridge and send it over. They managed to meet at the plaza that was not too far from the hospital.

With Sis Wang and Ji Zitong watching over her and after considering the little thing in her, Xi Xiaye forced herself to finish two bowls and drink a few sips of flower tea before she felt much more at ease.

Sis Wang handed a clean handkerchief to Xi Xiaye, as she said, "Missus, the Elder Madam came over this morning. She brought some light snacks for you. She's worried that you'd be too tired in the upcoming days, so she just stayed in Maple Residence. She said she'll only leave when the Master gets back. That way, it'd be easier to take care of you."

Xi Xiaye accepted the handkerchief and wiped her hand as she nodded gladly. "Mmm, Grandmother and the rest have been very considerate."

"Elder Madam's also worried about explaining things to the Master when he returns if you become thinner instead! So, while we still have time, we have to make sure you're nourished." Sis Wang smiled.

Return...

She did not even know when he would be returning!

Xi Xiaye suddenly felt weak and sad on the inside. After she thought about it, she then quickly took out her phone. That was when she realized that her phone was still switched off.

Ji Zitong did not tell Xi Xiaye that Mu Yuchen was rushing home tonight either since she thought to herself that it would be a lovely surprise. Xi Xiaye had been quite worrisome these past few days, so an unexpected turnup would do her good. If this went on, the little baby in her would turn out to be a gloomy little baby!

"I'm good. Don't worry. Go home first. I want to rest for a while. Later, I'll come to the hospital to take a look again."

“Alright, Missus go home earlier today. The Elder Madam’s preparing your meal tonight. She told me to tell you. Right, Chief Zhuang will come over too. The calcium tablets that the doctor prescribed for you are still with her.”

“Okay, I’ll do my best,” Xi Xiaye responded before Sis Wang got onto the car and rushed to Maple Residence.

When she watched the shadow of Sis Wang’s car vanish in the sea of vehicles, Xi Xiaye quietly averted her gaze. She was about to look up and ask Ji Zitong for the time when she suddenly felt a coldness splatter on her hand. She subconsciously looked up and realized that the cold and hazy sky had begun to pour.

“Director Xi, it’s raining. Let’s go in.” Ji Zitong considerately held up a black umbrella and walked over, shielding her from the drizzling rain.

Xi Xiaye nodded and slowly got up as Ji Zitong reached out to help her.

As Xi Xiaye walked into the hospital, she asked, “How’re things on Gu Lingsha’s end?”

“I just received news that she’s regained consciousness. The people from the police station seem to have just left. Shall we go over now?” Ji Zitong responded.

“Mmm, let’s go.”

Gu Lingsha’s ward was the VIP ward on the 19th floor. Xi Xiaye and Ji Zitong walked up and stopped not too far away from the door.

Ji Zitong waved to the two black-suited bodyguards behind her. Immediately understanding, they guarded the door.

“Wait for me outside. I’ll call you if there’s anything,” Xi Xiaye said, and then before Ji Zitong could answer, she had already walked in herself.

Inside the ward, Gu Lingsha was lying on the bed all pale. When she heard the sound of footsteps from the door, she subconsciously looked over and saw Xi Xiaye's figure greet her sight. A faint smile flashed on her lips while she looked with interest at Xi Xiaye.

Without waiting for Xi Xiaye to greet, Gu Lingsha had already spoken up, "We meet again, Miss Xi! Such fate."

Xi Xiaye stopped near her bed and looked at her with dim eyes and a lukewarm attitude. "I find it quite unfortunate instead."

When Gu Lingsha heard her response, her dazzling blue eyes flickered a bit, but she smiled graciously. "Unfortunate? It does seem quite unfortunate. The victim's family was too rash, pushing me down the stairs. My left hand is fractured. The doctor said it might be inconvenient for my mobility after I recover."

When Xi Xiaye heard Gu Lingsha's nonchalant tone, her expression darkened. She spoke with a hint of bitterness in her voice as her gaze was fixed on Gu Lingsha, "Miss Gu, are you saying that Su Nan really pushed you down the stairs?"

"Su Nan?"

Gu Lingsha stared at Xi Xiaye in shock as she frowned. "Do you know this Miss Su Nan, Xi Xiaye?"

She hesitated, then suddenly seemed to remember something as she said in surprise, "Oh, I remember now. I heard that you're good friends with Mr. Ruan and Miss Su, aren't you?"

As she said that, a faint curve flashed on the corner of her lips. Her gaze with which she looked at Xi Xiaye looked a tad more delighted.

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Xi Xiaye glared at Gu Lingsha coldly without saying anything in response as she examined her. She did notice a thick layer of bandage wrapped around her left arm and a slight bruise on her extremely sympathetic face. With her exquisitely beautiful appearance, she did seem coldly delicate, yet there was an odd sign of strength and endurance of suffering between her brows.

She did find Gu Lingsha an exceptionally elegant beauty, yet the aura she exuded made her oddly uncomfortable as if there was something sinister about her. She wondered if she was overthinking it.

“Miss Gu, why would you insist that it was Su Nan who pushed you down the stairs?” Xi Xiaye immediately asked frankly.

When she heard the question, Gu Lingsha suddenly smiled. “Oh, it turns out that you’ve come for this too, Miss Xi? Miss Su’s emotional. I don’t blame her. After all, with Mr. Ruan in the state that he is, she must be quite shaken too. Thankfully, the police arrived in time. Otherwise, I was really worried that she’d break down.”

Xi Xiaye looked down at Gu Lingsha who lay on the sickbed as she said calmly, “But Su Nan said that she didn’t push you and that you fell yourself, Miss Gu. I know Su Nan well. She wouldn’t irrationally push you down the stairs. Could there have been some kind of misunderstanding here?”

A smile flashed in Gu Lingsha’s eyes as she spoke apologetically, “I can understand your worry, Miss Xi. I also express my sympathy for Miss Su Nan’s current situation, but the police saw it themselves too. My hands are tied. If you’ve come for this, then I can only apologize. Uncle Qi will be sending someone to handle this. I almost forgot that Xi Xiaye seems to have some prejudice against me. My current health isn’t great and my head is still heavy. I want to rest for a while, Miss Xi, so I won’t talk to you for long now.”

From the depths of Xi Xiaye’s twinkling eyes, a hint of hostility flashed. She did not expect Gu Lingsha to be so begrudging. So, it seemed like she was getting back at her now, was she?

“Hmm, does that mean you’ve set your mind on the fact that Su Nan pushed you down the stairs?”

“Miss Xi, please watch your words. What do you mean by setting my mind on it? It was there for all to see!” Gu Lingsha frowned and pouted unhappily at Xi Xiaye. “Miss Xi, you should be careful and pick your words carefully, especially for something like this, to avoid creating unnecessary misunderstandings. Don’t you think so?”

She was quite the character! Xi Xiaye scoffed haughtily. “Whether it’s true or not, we’ll know when we check the hospital’s CCTV. I heard that you still had a fever a few days ago, so we can’t be sure if you’ve been having illusions from the high fever, so I think there might even be a misunderstanding here.

Besides, you also had a concussion, thus it's extremely possible that you could have had an unclear conscience sometimes."

Her headstrong ways did not budge for Gu Lingsha. Xi Xiaye put a hand in her pocket as she stared coldly at her.

Indeed, when Gu Lingsha heard this, her expression darkened slightly. She was about to say something when Xi Xiaye continued, "Ruan Heng and Su Nan did not offend you, Miss Gu, but anyone can make mistakes, so forgive them when possible. I'm sure you know the truth of this incident best. Such a nice family being tormented so terribly has everything to do with you, Miss Gu. Anyone with even a little bit of conscience would feel bad—" Xi Xiaye pointed to where her heart was and fixed her gaze on her. "—right here, Miss Gu. Are you someone like that?"

Gu Lingsha's lowered gaze hid the disdain that flashed in her eyes. She turned away and did not look at Xi Xiaye anymore. Clearly, she was being hostile, so she asked her to leave. "Then, you may go investigate! I don't need anyone to judge the kind of person I am."

Xi Xiaye's apathetic lips curved up slightly. There was a faint ruthlessness on her expression, but she did not say anything anymore. She just shot Gu Lingsha a glance, and then turned to leave the ward.

When she heard the sound of the door close, Gu Lingsha then turned to glare at the door. A sneer curved on her lips.

Already anxious?

She was just getting started!

She took in a deep breath and then held her heavy and hurting head before she finally closed her eyes slowly.

"Director Xi!" When she saw Xi Xiaye walking out, Ji Zitong quickly went up to her from the side.



“Let’s go see how Ruan Heng’s doing,” Xi Xiaye’s expression was a little gloomy as she softly said, and then walked ahead.

Ji Zitong frowned in concern. She looked grimly at the two bodyguards before the three of them silently followed after Xi Xiaye.

However, they had just taken a few steps when there was suddenly the clear sound of footsteps from the front. Xi Xiaye subconsciously looked up and Qi Lei’s handsome and slightly demonic face greeted her sight.

At that moment, he held a bouquet of violets in his hand. They looked very pretty, and she knew they were for Gu Lingsha.

Qi Lei stopped in that instant too. When he saw Xi Xiaye, he was clearly a little shocked.

“Why are you here?” he asked softly.

Xi Xiaye lowered her gaze indifferently and fell silent for a while. She turned to the side and walked past him slowly.

“Don’t you already know? Or you can go ask Gu Lingsha yourself,” she replied, then her frail body continued ahead while Ji Zitong and the rest followed her very quickly.

Qi Lei’s handsome brows raised as he abruptly turned to watch Xi Xiaye as her figure moved further away. After a while, he held a hand to his forehead and sighed with a shrug. Then, he sighed to himself again.

This woman was genuine. Once this incident happened, she became unhappy. Only someone like Mu Yuchen could handle her.

Qi Lei massaged the space between his brows a little helplessly. He thought about it and could only shake his head before he walked towards Gu Lingsha’s ward.

“Lei, you’re here!” When Gu Lingsha saw Qi Lei from her bed, a soft smile rippled on her face.

Qi Lei nodded as he put the bouquet onto the table on the side. Then, he turned to Gu Lingsha, that demonic smile flashing across his face. “How are you feeling? Yang Sheng told me all about it. It’s a good thing you’re okay. Otherwise, I’d be sad again.”

Gu Lingsha smiled plainly. Her clear blue eyes looked at him as she said softly, “It’s nothing. It’s just this hand that’s probably done for. I’m really plagued with misfortunes, aren’t I? Bad mishaps one after another. I can’t even escape it. Don’t you think I’m quite unlucky?”

He could hear helpless sorrow and a plain bleakness in her tone.

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Qi Lei looked at her with his serene eyes as the curve on his lips widened. He pulled a chair out from the side to sit beside her.

“Isn’t it just a fracture? With the medical technology nowadays, it shouldn’t be too hard to heal,” Qi Lei assured as he poured Gu Lingsha a glass of water.

Gu Lingsha did not reject it and lowered her head to take two sips. “Uncle Qi’s just sent someone over too. Lei, you and Uncle Qi... Can’t you just sit down and have a proper talk? Actually, he still cares about you very much. It’s just that he and Aunt Wang are a little tensed. Aunt Wang’s also the kind of stubborn person who won’t give in. Sometimes, I’m quite worried too. It’s not like Uncle Qi’s doing well when things are like this.”

She sighed again. “They’ve been at each other’s throats for decades now. It should be time to stop.”

Upon hearing this, Qi Lei’s gaze darkened and his expression turned blank. “This is between them. Don’t interfere and just recover well. Did Xiaye come looking for you earlier?”

Qi Lei looked at Gu Lingsha coolly. He was not interested in Qi Qiming and Wang Qin’s matters at all. He would only find it the world’s biggest mockery if he talked more about it.

“Xiaye? Xi Xiaye... What a sweet name... Are you very close to her?”

A small smile appeared on Gu Lingsha's face as she looked at Qi Lei with interest.

Qi Lei squinted and smiled at her as he said in a deep voice, "I guess we're quite close. Previously, they've treated me to a few meals, and I steal food from their house too. It feels like quite a good relationship." He did not hide his relationship with Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye either.

When Gu Lingsha heard his light-hearted humor, she suddenly smiled sadly. "Looks like you've been doing quite well these past few years."

She suddenly paused and her eyes dimmed. "Sometimes, I really admire you all. At least, you can live a happy life like normal people while I..."

"Shasha, now that you're back, you can also live a simpler and relaxed life. Since those things are in the past now, let them stay in the past. I've roughly understood your matter with Miss Su Nan too. You hurt your hand and you were slightly grazed, so it's not too huge of a matter. However, Miss Su Nan is still locked up at the police station. This is just a small matter. Mr. Ruan is still in coma right now. Earlier, didn't Xiaye come looking for you about this too?"

It was rare for Qi Lei to say so many things at a go.

Upon hearing Qi Lei's words, Gu Lingsha was stunned. She silently looked up in surprise, and there was a light of mixed feelings in her eyes.

"Why are you looking at me like that?" Qi Lei asked with raised brows.

Gu Lingsha just laughed and lamented sadly, "Lei, why do I suddenly feel like upon my return this time, you've changed so much?"

"Changed so much? In what way? Aren't I still the same Qi Lei? Still that skinny boy who said he wanted to protect you..." Qi Lei smiled and lifted a hand to fix a strand of hair that had gotten stuck on her face. There was a gentleness in his eyes.

“No, Lei, you’ve changed... If this was before, you’d definitely give that person a lesson without hesitating if you heard someone hurt me. You were impulsive, and because of that, you were scolded by Aunt Wang. I really thank you for protecting me as always, but now, you’ve changed. You’ve become more mature and steady. I’m happy about that.”

As Gu Lingsha said this, she slipped into her memories and her eyes started to become misty. She thought and thought about the past, then suddenly giggled. “I remember back then, I didn’t like you. I thought you were an arrogant bumbeetle. After that, I realized that no matter what, the first person who would protect me was always you while Lingtian would always protect me from the dark. After so many years, there are still so many things I remember very clearly, but those things will only become memories. We’re still around, but Lingtian... He’s gone forever...”

“Okay, Shasha, don’t think about those things anymore. The most important for you to do right now is to heal well. I listened to you and didn’t call to inform Uncle Gu and the rest. Don’t worry. Even if I’ve changed, I’ll still protect you, but, Shasha, have you changed?” Qi Lei said as he helped her fix her blanket.

When Gu Lingsha heard his straightforward question, her movements stiffened, then she smiled wanly. “What do you think?”

Qi Lei shook his head. “Five years is quite a long time, so I can’t tell, but I do hope that you can make it a non-issue. Xi Xiaye’s quite a vulnerable person too. She’s like glass. It’s not easy being pregnant, and Ruan Heng and Su Nan seem to be her best friends. Because of Ruan Heng’s matter, no one’s been doing well either. Is that okay?”

After Qi Lei said this, Gu Lingsha immediately fell silent. She looked up and fixed her gaze on Qi Lei, whispering softly, “Lei, do you like Xi Xiaye?”

Qi Lei was stunned by this question. His handsome face started to blush involuntarily and he could not quite calm down. After a while, he suddenly shook his head and grinned. “How’s that possible?! I wouldn’t fancy such an uninteresting woman. Mu Yuchen has bland taste, and Xi Xiaye is his cup of tea. I still like beautiful and mature women like you. Besides, I am a very moral person. A married woman is a fatal poison that you can’t touch. She and Mu Yuchen are probably like you and Qi Feng. They’re a harmonious couple.”

“A harmonious couple? Do you know about him and Xi Xiaye?” Gu Lingsha probed.

“It’s obvious. Any man can tell that he cares about Xi Xiaye. As for Su Nan’s matter, you...”

“Tell that to Uncle Qi. He’s already sent for someone to help me handle it, so I can rest easy. I’m fine with it as long as Uncle Qi doesn’t look into it.”

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When the plane arrived at the private airport in City Z, it was already late at night. Cold winter rain was pouring outside, and with the patter of the rain and the wind sneaking into the night, it was even colder and bleaker.

The cabin door opened followed by the stairs being lowered. Li Si appeared at the entrance of the cabin first to see that the people below had already prepared the car to fetch them.

Li Si opened the huge black umbrella as he leaned to the side. “Master, be careful. It’s still raining outside...”

Before he could finish, Mu Yuchen’s handsome and tall figure had already walked past him and down the stairs without even waiting for Li Si to hold the umbrella out for him.

He walked through the patter of the rain with apathy toward the car.

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Li Si sighed and quickly caught up with an umbrella in his hand. “Be careful, Master. It’s still raining outside!”

“Master!” The bodyguards bowed respectfully.

Mu Yuchen nodded without stopping. His deep voice rumbled in the rain, “Go straight to Maple Residence.”

He then went into the car, and Li Si quickly closed the door. As he was heading towards the front passenger seat, Mu Yuchen rolled down the car window and said, "Li Si, you can head back first. Leave the documents in the car. You can have the day off tomorrow."

"Yes, Master!" Li Si then left the heavy briefcase right beside Mu Yuchen's seat.

The car then slowly moved forward in the rain.

It was late at night and the breeze was blowing wildly outside. Inside the study room on the second floor, one could still hear the howl of the wind even though the windows were shut tightly.

Xi Xiaye was sitting on a chair right beside the tall bookshelf. She had fallen asleep with an opened book on her lap.

Wang Hui got a phone call after dinner and she went back to the Mu Residence after that. She mentioned she would come again tomorrow morning. Xi Xiaye overheard Mu Yinan calling her. He seemed to have fallen sick and was suffering at the moment, so she offered to send Wang Hui off and arranged for a chauffeur to send her back.

Xi Xiaye then gave Mu Yuchen a call when she arrived back at Maple Residence, but his phone was switched off, and she could not contact Ah Mo as well. Fortunately, Su Chen called her from abroad during dinner and told her to not worry about Su Nan. He made sure the police were taking good care of her, and he would take care of the rest when he got back.

Relieved, she took a warm bath and washed her sorrows away. Then, she did some prenatal education with the little thing inside her until it settled down. After that, she went to the study room and looked around for something to read.

When he was not around, reading books to help her fall asleep had become a habit of hers. Soon, she returned to being a late sleeper again.

She had no idea when he would return. Despite having asked him twice, she was not able to get a definite answer, thus she stopped asking about it after that.

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A car parked outside the entrance of Maple Residence. The rain was getting heavier, so the bodyguard came over and opened the door for Mu Yuchen while holding an umbrella. Mu Yuchen alighted from the car with the briefcase as the bodyguard quickly put the big black umbrella over him. He quietly looked at this villa that was shrouded in mist.

His eyes softened when he noticed that the lights in the study room on the second floor were still on, but then he frowned soon after that. He grabbed a keycard from his pocket and walked towards the door.

Taking the umbrella from the bodyguard after he opened the door, he said, "You guys can go back now. There's no need to come tomorrow. Missus will be resting for a day. Don't let anyone come and disturb her."

"Yes, Master!"

Before waiting for the bodyguard's reply, Mu Yuchen vanished behind the door.

It was getting close to midnight, and Sis Wang and the other servants were already asleep. It was extremely quiet inside the villa.

Mu Yuchen switched on a dim light before he changed into his slippers and removed his windbreaker as he walked upstairs.

The living room was dark when he got inside. Tiny fragments of light came from the study room. Although he was really in a rush just now, he now felt her unique aura around.

He left his clothes on the sofa and put his briefcase aside before heading into the study room.

The first thing he saw was the petite woman on the chair.

She had become really skinny and looked exhausted. Her long hair was left untidy and messy around her face although the length was not very different than when he left. Her belly had grown larger, but she seemed pretty miserable as a whole.

His heart was in pain as he cursed himself.

How were the idiots taking care of her?

Xi Xiaye could sense the man's presence when she was still asleep. She thought she was dreaming. As she struggled in her daze, she felt someone run his fingers through her hair. She woke up gradually and opened her eyes as a familiar face appeared right before her. The necktie was extremely familiar. When she raised her head, she saw the man's elegant face.

Thinking that she was in a dream, she rubbed her eyes and took a closer look at the man again. She finally believed it was a reality when his unique scent wafted all around her.

Her eyes teared up as she started sobbing. The next moment, she started crying and looked at him quietly, sniffing while tears rolled down her cheeks. "Why are you only back now? I've been calling and you didn't pick up..."

Mu Yuchen's heart broke seeing her like this. He quickly wiped her tears away as he spoke to her with his magnetic voice, "Alright, I'm back now, aren't I? What's there to cry about? How are you taking care of yourself? Refugees in Africa aren't as miserable as you."

"Isn't this all your fault?"

Xi Xiaye used his shirt as her handkerchief to wipe her tears, sniffing while she complained. She unconsciously wrapped her arms around him tightly, desperately longing for the warmth and ease from his heart.

"I can see that you had it rough when I wasn't around... Me too..."



He let out a long sigh and hugged her close. When he ran his fingers through her smooth, long hair, they felt at ease with each other's presence. Their wandering hearts had found their place to settle down.

She struggled out of his embrace as she looked at him with her starry eyes and whispered intimately, "I missed you..."

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He hugged her even tighter. He was using so much strength that he wished the two of them could merge into one.

"I never knew how it felt like to miss someone in the past, but nothing else could make me experience this pain being away from you." Mu Yuchen pulled her head towards his chest, his gentle tone of voice sounding happy. "Only you can do that, Xiaye."

She buried herself in his arms and complained, "Then, why didn't you come back earlier?"

"I just wanted to get everything done and spend several months with you and welcome our newborn baby, okay?"

He patted her head and left a kiss on her forehead. Then, he glanced at her belly as he smiled and put his hand over it. "This little thing is growing up quickly. It's only been two months and it's grown so big."

Xi Xiaye looked down as well, a smile appearing on her face. "Mmm, it's growing well. It's pretty naughty at times too. Sometimes it wakes me up at midnight."

"I'll be sure to give it a lesson after it's born!" He looked at her, and his heart softened when he saw the sweet smile on her face. He could not help but give her a kiss on her lips.

She felt warm and secure as his slightly cold aura closed in. A faint light flashed in her eyes, and she wrapped her arms around him as they continued to embrace each other.

With that little thing between them, his dirty thoughts had to be put on hold at the moment.

Xi Xiaye looked at the man and smiled warmly. "You just got off the plane. Go take a bath and I'll cook you some noodles. Sis Wang and the others are already asleep. Let's not wake them up."

"It's fine. I'll do it myself."

"Go and take a bath. I'll go and cook for you now... Hurry. You smell..." She pushed him out of the study room.

Mu Yuchen had no choice but to do as she said. He wanted to say that he was not really hungry, but he felt bad declining her kind offer.

He went into the bathroom and took a comforting bath. When he came out of the bedroom in his clean sleeping robe, Xi Xiaye served him a piping hot bowl of instant noodles.

The tempting fragrance reminded Mu Yuchen that he was actually hungry.

Xi Xiaye put the bowl of noodles before him and also got him a glass of water. "Have a try. Let me know if I've improved." She handed him a pair of chopsticks as she looked full of hope.

"It looks pretty good. You don't really need to cook, you know. So what if you improved or not?"

He smiled and took the chopsticks from her. As usual, he started eating elegantly. Xi Xiaye sat down beside him and just watched him while he ate. "I don't want to be a woman who can't cook."

"Do you want to become a housewife? Unfortunately, I don't see any potential in you." He swallowed the noodles and laughed. "Mmm, there's some improvement."

Xi Xiaye glared at him and said unhappily, "What does that mean? Don't look down on me."

"I'm not looking down on you. It's just that there's no need. It's already taxing enough at work. You're going to tire yourself out quickly. How are you so skinny already? In a glance, people would think you're a refugee."

He put a small piece of a fried egg into her mouth.

Xi Xiaye ate it, but she found it a little oily, so she grabbed a small slice of tomato and put it inside her mouth. She then started picking up his coat and necktie that he had left around earlier. "Things have been really hectic lately. Ruan Heng is still unconscious. The doctor said it all depends on his willpower. Su Nan... She's in the police station now. It's all because of your ex-fiancée..."

Xi Xiaye suddenly stopped what she was doing as her eyes darkened. She glanced at him, looking for help.

Her pitiful eyes successfully softened his heart. He put his chopsticks down and grabbed her shoulder. "It's only been a while and you've become a mess. Xi Xiaye, can you let me be at ease? How did you survive all these years?"

As he thought about how she had endured all of these alone in the past, his heart twisted in anguish. The struggle, the depression, the helplessness... He related to these feelings very well.

She looked at him with a fragile glance as she replied honestly, "I haven't really experienced this kind of thing before. Su Nan and Ruan Heng always protected me, and now... I used to be independent on my own in the past, but ever since I got married to you, I..."

She did not continue, but she knew very well that she had caught a bad habit ever since she married him, that was, she would be overly reliant on him. She would always think about leaving problems to him since he could fix everything anyway.

Including Su Nan's issue, she believed that there was nothing he could not do. Her heart was at ease the moment she saw him return. It felt like such a huge contrast from the storm that she was experiencing before.

"Do you think that I'm a burden, Mr. Mu?" she asked anxiously when he looked downwards quietly.

Mu Yuchen raised his head and stared at her face intently. He touched her face as he spoke with his magnetic voice that melted her heart, "Can your brain think of something else? Just what nonsense are

you thinking about? You're married and are becoming a mother soon. Stop asking these questions. I don't need a capable or smart woman. You'll always be by my side as you're my child's mother. The rest has nothing to do with me. Got it?"

She finally nodded after some time. "Mmm, I won't ask again."