

Loving 711

Chapter 711. Delivery (1)

Xi Xiaye sat quietly on the sofa. She turned over to look at her parents from time to time and saw Xi Mushan peeling some peanuts for Shen Wenna, so she lowered her head and chuckled.

“Father, Mother, Mu Yuchen got someone to refurbish the apartment in University A, but it’s already pretty late now, so...”

Before Xi Xiaye could finish, Xi Mushan interrupted her, “Your mother will be staying with your grandpa for a while. I’ll be going back to my own apartment now. I’ve gotten people to clean it up for me. Let’s talk about this again after the New Year. I’m afraid that I’ll be busy with some things for now.”

Xi Xiaye was stunned as she looked at Shen Wenna and mumbled, “Then, Mother...”

“He had to go see your grandfather and that person. I want to spend more time with your grandpa during the year-end as well, so I’ll stay there after the semester starts,” Shen Wenna explained though her voice was not as cold as before.

Xi Xiaye felt relieved to hear that. After a while, she asked, “When are you two going to remarry each other?” This was her biggest concern, and she did feel a little uncomfortable asking that question.

“Xiaye, it’s not really urgent or important at this point now...” said Xi Mushan before Shen Wenna could say anything, recalling his conversation with Shen Wenna.

Xi Xiaye’s expression darkened slightly before looking at Shen Wenna. “Mother, what do you think?”

“Let nature take its course. You don’t have to worry about us, Xiaye. Take care of yourself instead. We’ll talk about this again after your child is safely delivered...”

“If you’re really letting nature take its course, I’ll get Mu Yuchen to ensure the necessary procedures are done tomorrow. Father, Mother, you aren’t children anymore. I don’t think there’s anything more important than the happiness and harmony we can get right now. Give me your identification cards and household register!” Xi Xiaye sounded determined.

“Xiaye!”

“Aunt Wu, Aunt Wu! Go to my mother’s room and get me her identification card and household register!” Xi Xiaye ignored Shen Wenna’s hesitant attitude and nudged her out of the way.

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“Both of you are more than fifty years old now. If you’re going to keep waiting like this, it’ll be too late. Let me make the decision for once.” Xi Xiaye put her hand into Xi Mushan’s pocket and grabbed his wallet and took out his identification card. “I’ll bring you two the document to sign after everything is prepared. That’s it.”

Shen Wenna and Xi Mushan traded glances at each other as they were surprised at Xi Xiaye’s decisiveness. It felt like Xi Xiaye had...

She had pulled a fast one on this matter, totally ignoring Shen Wenna’s hesitation and getting it done. Shen Wenna received the marriage certificate three days later.

After running back and forth for half their lives, the two of them finally got back together again.

Both Shen Wenna and Xi Mushan knew very well that apart from their feelings for each other, their remarriage this time was mainly for the sake of Xi Xiaye. It was about time to pay her back.

They did not want to cause a big fuss, so their renewal of vows just happened without anything huge. They just had a feast at the Shen Residence that night; even the Mu family was not involved.

The night of Glory World’s annual dinner arrived again. It was held on the seventh floor of the Imperial Sky Hotel.

Caitlyn and many other artistes under the company attended the event. Even Qi Lei went. Although Xi Xiaye was planning to stay this out, in the end, Mu Yuchen dragged her there.

The annual dinner was much more crowded than the previous year's, and the turnout exceeded expectations. Mu Yuchen fulfilled his promise and shared the company profits with the departments that had achieved the goals, and there were a lot of other prizes as well.

When the host announced the winner for the largest contribution of the year to be Xi Xiaye, Chairman Mu of Glory World was invited to bestow this prize. Mu Yuchen smiled elegantly as he looked at the woman beside him.

Xi Xiaye smiled as well. She leaned closer and said, "Mr. Mu, isn't this prize biased?"

Mu Yuchen raised his eyebrows. "My dear, no one else could've contributed more than you." He then glanced at her baby bump hidden under her big coat.

Xi Xiaye was speechless as she rolled her eyes. She then walked slowly towards the stage as the crowd gave her a loud round of applause and the host handed the mic over.

She spoke gently as she glanced at Mu Yuchen below the stage, "Thank you for joining us here tonight. I'm not going to give a long speech here. I just want to thank everyone's hard work throughout the year. Glory World's achievement today is thanks to everyone with us here tonight. I thought I'd be thanking everyone with Chairman Mu. I didn't expect to be the one receiving this prize instead, so I'm surprised and very touched. Also, I'd like to say something to Mr. Mu on this stage here.

"Meeting you and marrying you has been the best thing I've done in my life. Liking you is my honor, and my love for you will never change, Mu Yuchen."

Xi Xiaye's gaze seemed gentle as she looked at the man below. Her sharp eyes noticed that the usually calm and collected man was glancing downwards in embarrassment when she looked at him. He could not hide his smile no matter how hard he tried.

After a short moment of silence, a thundering round of applause came from the crowd. Some even started screeching as they gave them their blessings.

People used to have no idea why Chairman Mu would be interested in their Director Xi, but they finally understood after looking at them. Maybe there was no particular reason other than that they belonged to each other from the very beginning.

Who cared about the rumors and gossip? Everyone could see that Chairman Mu was embarrassed!

Only Director Xi was capable of doing that!

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Amidst the crowd's applause, Mu Yuchen slowly walked onto the stage.

Her heart was throbbing as she saw him slowly close in on her. Her eyes were moving along with his figure, and she looked up slightly when he was right in front of her.

His eyes were as deep as the dark sea. He studied her for a long while before he put on a smile. Then, he lowered himself and whispered beside her ear, "Tell me what you just said again tonight..."

He ran his fingers through her slightly messy hair. Before she could react, he retracted his hands and grabbed the trophy from the host and handed it to her along with an exquisite looking gift box with some other prizes inside.

This girl was getting more and more daring now to the point that she just confessed her love for him in public without getting embarrassed. On the contrary, he was the one that felt embarrassed.

Xi Xiaye looked at him as she took the prizes from him. The crowd gave another round of applause with many people shouting for Mu Yuchen to confess his love as well. However, he just smiled and kissed her on her lips.

"Xi Xiaye, I've never won ever since I met you." He sighed before patting her head, and then the two of them walked off the stage.

Xi Xiaye beamed and just followed him as Li Si and the others quickly went over.

As they just walked out of the Imperial Sky Hotel, they saw Qi Lei standing around casually by the staircase with both his hands in his pockets. He gave Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye a meaningful glance while Yang Sheng stood behind him.

The first one to greet them was Yang Sheng. He gave Qi Lei a careful glance before he called out, "Chairman Mu, Director Xi!"

Mu Yuchen nodded, but his eyes were fixed on Qi Lei. He and Xi Xiaye slowly stopped their steps.

"Why aren't you going up?" Mu Yuchen asked him.

"I just don't want to. Qi Kai's annual dinner is today as well, so I need to rush over later. I've received your gift from your assistant Li Si, and I'm here to deliver my gift as well."

Qi Lei gave Yang Sheng a quick glance, and Yang Sheng swiftly handed the gift over. In reflex, Li Si went forward to take it.

"That's very nice of you," said Mu Yuchen as he helped Xi Xiaye to smoothen her creased sleeve.

Qi Lei shrugged and smiled. "You're welcome. Are you free to talk somewhere?" He glanced over at Xi Xiaye beside Mu Yuchen.

Mu Yuchen gave it some thought for a while before nodding. He told Xi Xiaye quietly, "I'll be back after a while."

"Li Si, get your Missus into the car first."

"Yes, Master."

Xi Xiaye gave them a doubtful glance. After some hesitation, she just nodded and went towards the car.

In just a moment, only Qi Lei and Mu Yuchen were left.

Qi Lei took out a cigarette from his pocket but did not offer Mu Yuchen one since he knew he was not going to touch it. He let out a puff casually. "Qi Qiming handed Fuhua a proposal as well. I'm sure you know about this already, don't you?"

Mu Yuchen's eyes darkened as he looked at Qi Lei.

"Is Fuhua confident about winning the bid? The bidding will start after the New Year. While Fuhua has very strong real estate in City Z, from what I know, Qi Qiming had an alternative plan even though he was trying to get to work with Fuhua. Are you sure Fuhua can win the bid?" Qi Lei's tone sounded grim. He had invested everything into Fuhua and Glory World, thus this fight was important to him!

"Did you hear something?" Mu Yuchen's eyes darkened as he glanced at Qi Lei.

Qi Lei took a deep breath. His eyes were clearly struggling as he shot Mu Yuchen a complicated glance before bending over and sitting down on the cold staircase. "Why do you think Shasha came to Qi Kai? Uncle Gu sent her here. Do you understand now?"

His tone got deeper. "Qi Qiming has been visiting City B frequently. Shasha will be working in Qi Kai after the New Year. I'm not sure what position she'll assume yet, but I'm sure she'll be involved this. She's changed a lot. To be honest, I have no idea which side of her is real now."

Gu Qiwu, huh?

A cold light flashed in Mu Yuchen's darkened eyes as he thought about that name.

"Fuhua will do its best. Don't worry. You won't fail even without this project. I'll make sure your wish gets fulfilled after you've chosen to work with me. I'd never abandon my partner. I'd just fight with them." Mu Yuchen's magnetic voice reached him as his dark eyes lightened slightly.

Qi Lei nodded. "I'll hold you to your word then. That's all from me. Is there any news from Australia?"

“I’ll let you know if I find anything. The New Year is coming soon. I wish you an early Happy New Year.”
Mu Yuchen then walked down the staircase.

Qi Lei watched his back in surprise as he asked, “Mu Yuchen, you’re still so calm, huh? Aren’t you worried that all your preparation with Fuhua will go to waste?”

He had always been so calm and collected. Was he really so confident about this huge project, or did he simply not care?

Mu Yuchen stopped when he heard Qi Lei’s question. He answered without turning back, “I have a baseline for myself. It doesn’t really matter to me as long as this baseline isn’t breached. No matter how bad it turns out, it won’t be so bad that I’d have to starve my family. What’s so difficult about it?”

Qi Lei could not react to what he said, and Mu Yuchen already disappeared when he came back to his senses.

He patted his own head and mumbled, “It doesn’t matter? You have no idea what’s going on! But he does make a little sense...”

Chapter 713. Delivery (3)

New Year’s Eve soon arrived after Glory World Corporation’s annual dinner.

The weather was getting better lately compared to the windy days before, and the days leading up to the New Year were strangely warmer.

Xi Xiaye had been staying in Maple Residence for the past few days. Mu Yuchen would take a walk with her outside every morning and evening while Shen Wenna frequently visited with Mu Zirui and Little Apple as well. All in all, the Maple Residence suddenly became very lively.

The two families planned to have a reunion dinner together at Maple Residence on the night of New Year’s Eve.

Wang Hui and Zhuang Shurong started preparing early in the morning. Shen Wenna went over later and joined them while the two elder men gathered around and played chess as they enjoyed some tea. Xi Mushan called and said he would only be here by night.

Mu Yuchen went out early in the morning. He told Xi Xiaye that he was going to Su Chen's place because Zhou Zimo had returned.

At noon, Xi Xiaye saw Sis Wang and the others trying to put up a pair of couplets by the door. She was reminded that it had been a long time since she last went back to West Park which was where Xi Jiyang had spent all his life in. She felt it was only appropriate for her to visit right before the New Year.

After waiting for a while, Ji Zitong came over.

Due to her being forced to rest at home by Mu Yuchen recently, Ji Zitong hardly had any work to do. She even handed in her resignation letter a few days ago, but Xi Xiaye held onto it first and wanted to talk to her before proceeding.

On their way to West Park inside the car, Ji Zitong spoke up quietly, "Director Xi, I'm sure you're safe with Chairman Mu around, so I won't be your bodyguard for very long. Back then, when Manager Ah Mo approached me, the intention was just for me to help around for half a year. My job will be done after things have settled down. I've learned a lot during this period of time guarding you, and I'm really grateful for it. Director Xi, if you need anything from me in the future, please give me a call anytime."

"If you aren't my assistant anymore, what do you plan to do?" Xi Xiaye looked at Ji Zitong quietly and asked.

"My mother and I just bought a tiny shop and we're planning to start a florist business. It's pretty close by to my father's martial art center. It'll be opened on the 7th of next month. Of course, Chairman Mu and Director Xi are welcome to come over."

Ji Zitong smiled. Her hair had grown much longer now after half a year, and she tied it up into a bun. It was a new sight to see pairing with her slightly distant expression.

"A flower shop? Do you know how to do floral arrangements?" Xi Xiaye looked at Ji Zitong in surprise.

Ji Zitong smiled as she sped up. "My mother was an art teacher before, and she knows about floral arrangements. I learned a little bit by observing her. Having a flower shop and living a peaceful life has always been what I'm looking for."

Xi Xiaye nodded. "I'm not going to keep you if that's your will. It's better for a woman to settle down. I'll tell Chairman Mu about it. I personally like floral arrangements. I'll find a time to learn from you one day."

"Thank you, Director Xi. You're welcome anytime."

"Call me Xiaye. We're friends."

While Xi Xiaye looked cold on the outside, she was a pretty carefree person once you got closer to her. Ji Zitong had always admired her, so they became friends after working closely together for half a year.

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West Park seemed quiet as the golden evening rays showered over it. The cool breeze added a tint of loneliness to the place.

Xi Xinyi wrapped herself in a khaki-colored coat as she raised her head and looked at Xi Mushan who was standing at the top of the staircase. Her eyes seemed complicated, and she pondered a little while before walking closer.

"Father..." Her voice was still sweet as ever, but her tone sounded like she was suffering on the inside.

"Why are you here?" Xi Mushan did not seem surprised to see Xi Xinyi. He just gave her a glance.

"I went to your apartment and the guard told me that you went to the west. It's New Year's Eve today, so I thought you might be here."

Xi Xinyi dared not make a fuss in front of him. Even though he stopped being the mayor, he had left a lasting impression on her for the past twenty years. Even now, she still feared him out of respect.

“Father, aren’t you at least going to take a look at Mother?” Xi Xinyi grabbed Xi Mushan’s sleeve. “You two have been married for over twenty years. No matter what kind of faults my mother did in the past, she did all of it because she loves you, Father... I know, I also hate that she’s such a failure, but I...”

Xi Mushan sighed before looking away. “Your mother and I were a mistake from the very beginning. Xinyi, you’re my daughter. Think about how I’ve been treating you all these years. And how did I treat your sister?”

She was speechless.

“The Xi family doesn’t exist anymore. Let the past stay in the past. I’ve paid the fees for the rehabilitation center for five years in advance. I did my part. Now, let go of me.”

“Father, are you and Aunt Shen...?” Xi Xinyi bit her lips as she looked straight into Xi Mushan’s eye and suddenly let go of his sleeve.

Xi Mushan did not reply and just walked down the staircase quietly.

“Father!” Xi Xinyi tried to catch up. “Father, Han Yifeng took my child away. Can you ask Xi Xiaye... No, can you ask Sister to call Han Yifeng and tell him to return my child to me? I can act as if nothing happened. All the conflict will come to an end for real. Father, please!”

Xi Xinyi’s voice was anxious as she begged Xi Mushan after considering every other solution at her disposal. Han Yifeng ignored all her phone calls and she was on the verge of breaking down. Even though her new movies were doing great at the box office, none of her career achievements could fill the void in her heart.

Especially during the times late at night and moments when she missed her son, she suddenly felt that everything important to her was moving further and further away.

“I’ve already said I won’t get involved between the two of you. Don’t disturb your sister as far as her health is concerned. Not only will your scars hurt, but how do you think your sister will feel if you tell her to talk to Han Yifeng about it?”

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Xi Mushan did not say another word. When Xi Xinyi snapped back to her senses, the sound of a car starting was heard. Gradually, the sound grew distant until she could hear nothing apart from the cool breeze that rustled past.

Xi Xinyi felt her heart ache. She could not help but quietly squat down as she buried her head in her hands to calm down for a long while. When she looked up again, her eyes had reddened. She seemed to be in a sorry state while being wan and sallow as well. Evidently, she had not been having it good in recent times.

She had called Han Yifeng many times, but not one call ever went through. He had long changed his number. Even when she called the place they stayed at before that, the occupants had changed. This was when she realized that Han Yifeng was thoroughly cutting her off this time. She probably could not call for his return any more. Apart from the anger and suffering she felt, the love she once had gradually turned to resentment.

At this moment, Xi Xinyi would not have known that just not too far behind her, a black car was parked by the roadside, and Gu Lingsha was apathetically seated in the front passenger seat, taking all of this in. Her exquisite appearance revealed a sneer with some degree of disdain.

This morning, when Xi Xinyi went to Qi Kai, she was there at the same time too. She overheard her trying to look for Xi Mushan, so she set her heart on it then and there.

Xi Mushan... Of course, she was quite familiar with this name. He was the previous mayor of City Z of whom she had heard much about. In fact, she did not forget that Xi Mushan was Xi Xiaye’s father. Upon seeing that Xi Xinyi’s expression was out of place, she quietly followed her and saw this scene!

She thought to herself that Xi Xinyi was probably heartbroken, and a person like her under such circumstances would be much easier for her to use.

The sneer on Gu Lingsha’s face became even more obvious as she looked at Xi Xinyi who was hugging herself tightly with enjoyment.

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After a while, Xi Xinyi sniffed and stood up powerlessly. She took one final look at West Park before dragging her heavy feet to walk towards her car that she had parked at the roadside.

Yet, just as she reached the corner turn of the pavement, she noticed a luxurious Bentley driving slowly towards her. The Bentley stopped steadily by the roadside, and the car door at the backseat opened, revealing an elegant dark figure that slowly got down from the car.

Her black coat hid her whole body. She still had waist-length hair and wore sunglasses. She seemed to be holding a few crimson words that said 'fortune'.

Xi Xiaye!

When she took a better look at the figure in front of her, Xi Xinyi was shocked.

She came!

Xi Xinyi's gaze instantly turned sharp. She subconsciously stopped walking and watched without batting an eyelid at Xi Xiaye who was slowly getting closer.

Xi Xinyi was not the only one shocked. Gu Lingsha, who was in the car beside Xi Xinyi, was bewildered too!

it was Xi Xiaye!

The two sisters...

Gu Lingsha quietly watched Xi Xiaye walk over and Xi Xinyi who stood unmoving. The coldness in her eyes flashed. She could not help but be delighted!

God was on her side!

Mu Yuchen, I told you, you would feel my pain too. Look, has the opportunity not just presented itself?

When she saw Xi Xinyi before her, Xi Xiaye paused too, yet it was just an instant before she quickly pulled her gaze away and picked up her pace as she continued to walk ahead. She wanted to quietly walk past Xi Xinyi.

“Xi Xiaye!” Xi Xinyi subconsciously turned to her side and called out for Xi Xiaye. Her voice was dense with mixed emotions. She thought that if she gave in for a while and talked to Xi Xiaye, perhaps...

However, before she could say anything, just as the words “Xi Xiaye” came out, she could already feel herself being pushed hard from behind. Caught off-guard, she staggered forward, unable to stop herself!

Xi Xiaye only felt a strong wind whistle past her ear. Before she could react, she instantly felt like she was falling before she crumpled hard to the ground, and then she felt the coldness as excruciating pain smothered her!

Xi Xinyi screeched because she had been cushioned by Xi Xiaye as she fell hard on her!

Ouch!

Xi Xiaye did not have time to feel the pain flood her senses. She reflexively tried to protect her baby bump with both trembling hands as she could feel like something seemed to be drained from her belly...

She clenched her fists in panic while fear surged in her. In an instant, her clear eyes were colored with misty despair. Bitter fear filled her throat and she almost could not shout while her mind went blank!

Xi Xinyi’s both hands held Xi Xiaye’s baby bump tightly. Only she knew how hard she had hit into her. In horror, she quickly got up and widened her eyes at Xi Xiaye. She only felt warm wetness on her fingertips. Panicking, she subconsciously looked over. This was when she realized...

Blood...

Bright red blood...

They were all over her fingers...

Xi Xinyi was extremely frightened. She trembled all over as she looked at the blood stains on her finger and said incoherently in panic, "No, no, it wasn't me... It wasn't me! Someone pushed me! Someone pushed me! It wasn't me..."

As she screeched, she turned to look behind her to find that it was already empty. There was no one!

However, she remembered clearly that a black car was parked right behind her earlier! It was the person in the car that pushed her. That was how she had knocked into Xi Xiaye!

It was not her fault!

Not her fault at all!

It was the person in the car. Who was it? Who was it?

Xi Xiaye painfully clutched her belly. She finally found her voice after much effort, and her raspy voice sounded desperate. "My child... Zitong... Zitong... Save it. Save my child, Zitong..."

Ji Zitong was reversing her car when she saw this scene before her. She was dumbfounded.

"Director Xi!" She quickly rushed up to her and kicked the dazed Xi Xinyi to the side as she lifted Xi Xiaye up in a panic.

“Zitong, hurry... Hurry! Quickly send me to the hospital... My child, I can’t lose it!”

Xi Xiaye was panting and begging with much difficulty. Her pale face was already sweating as she painfully gripped onto Ji Zitong’s sleeve

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When Ji Zitong saw this, her heart burned with anguish. She quickly carried her up and walked to the car. Frantically, she settled Xi Xiaye in the front passenger seat swiftly and buckled her safety belt.

“Director Xi, hold on. I’ll send you to the hospital right away.”

Then, she started the car.

Meanwhile, Xi Xinyi, who had been kicked by Ji Zitong, had yet to regain her senses. When she turned to look, she only managed to see the car vanish around the corner!

On the ground before her, only the sheets with the word ‘fortune’ that were torn up remained.

Xi Xinyi was frightened. She stared down at the crimson blood on her trembling fingers. After a while, she took a deep breath and tried hard to calm the surging shock in her. She looked around her.

She remembered very clearly that a car had been parked behind her earlier. The person in the car had shoved her very hard, and that was how...

Who was it?

Xi Xinyi tried hard to find any traces, yet this road only bypassed West Park, so there would not usually be any passerby. Where was she going to find the car from earlier? And the person?

Xi Xinyi suddenly felt so nervous that she was about to break down. Her mind immediately flashed with the word of advice Mu Yuchen had once given her!

No!

She could not just become a black sheep. She was a victim too!

When she thought about this, Xi Xinyi could not help but hold her head of messy hair and shriek. Then, she got into her car frantically and drove ahead too.

It was close to evening right now. The warm sunlight gradually dissipated.

When his phone buzzed, Mu Yuchen was driving back to Maple Residence. He slowed down his car and answered the call, "It's me."

Ji Zitong did not have time to explain much on her end. She just said, "Chairman Mu, it's me, Ji Zitong. Director Xi got into an accident. We're rushing to Hospital T now. Come over quickly. It doesn't look too good! We're in a really bad traffic jam. We probably won't make it even if we call an ambulance."

Mu Yuchen could seem to hear her holding back from crying! His chest suddenly tightened with an ache as his whole body turned rigid.

He took a deep breath, and managed to maintain a bit of calmness as he asked softly, "Where are you two now?"

"We're near the Da Yu flyover. I have my GPS on. Chairman Mu, quickly rush over, I'm afraid... Director Xi won't be able to make it..."

Da Yu flyover!

Mu Yuchen did not even wait for Ji Zitong to finish when he suddenly braked and quickly spun his car around.

It hurt!

Her whole body hurt and Xi Xiaye was in a daze. She only knew to clench her teeth right now as she silently protected her belly and forced herself not to fall asleep. She only knew that they had waited for the arrival of this child, so no matter what, she could not lose it!

Ji Zitong's anxious and concerned voice continued to be heard as she struggled hard to listen and suffered even more.

It was not sure how long passed. In her daze, she suddenly seemed to smell a faint and familiar fragrance. She was pulled into a warm embrace, but she did not open her eyes. Instead, she reached out to hold onto the person's shirt tightly. Instantly, tears fell like rain.

When she opened her misty and teary eyes and saw the traffic jam ahead, her hopeless cries surged like a storm. She seemed to be holding tightly onto her last sliver of hope as she cried in a raspy voice, "Save it...Mu Yuchen, save our child... I can't lose it... Save it. It must live. I beg you to save it... Mu Yuchen, save it..."

Mu Yuchen looked down at her struggling in pain. In that one instant, his eyes turned hot as coals and they could not help but redden. He quickly pulled her into his arms and blocked out the cold wind. His deep and raspy voice said, "Don't be afraid. I'm right here. You and the baby will be fine. Hold on. It will all be fine!"

He then carried her away from the sea of cars.

"Chairman Mu, take the Ying Bin Avenue! The fastest ambulance is from there!" Ji Zitong abandoned the car and rushed into the crowd with Mu Yuchen as she quickly paved the way ahead!

"Excuse me, make way, please. Please make way! Please make way! Please!"

Ji Zitong only wore a thin shirt. She had taken off the coat that she wore for Xi Xiaye. Amidst the rustling cold wind, anxious cries were heard as the crowd on the sidewalk all quickly made way.

Mu Yuchen did not know how long he carried his woman and ran. He only knew that for the first time, he felt that the person in his embrace carried a lot of weight. It was so much weight that he dared not

look down at her, so much that when he heard her quietly cry, he felt his entire heart constrict in extreme pain, and he felt suffocated.

They rushed through a few streets until they reached the entrance of the hospital when they saw the ambulance drive out.

“Doctor! Doctor, save her! Hurry, call your best doctors here!”

“Gynaecology right away. Call the gynecologist!”

“Prepare for operation right away. Hurry!”

“Mister, you can’t go in. Please wait outside. Please trust us!”

“Chairman Mu! Chairman Mu!”

Xi Xiaye only heard the jumble of panicked voices by her ear as she felt her hand holding on tightly to Mu Yuchen’s shirt being pulled away.

“Xiaye, I’ll wait for you to get out safely!” Mu Yuchen only had time to say these final words before Xi Xiaye was wheeled into the operating theatre.

When he saw the operating theatre doors close, Mu Yuchen fell limp in fatigue. He subconsciously held onto the wall behind him, and the wall immediately had five fingerprints!

“Chairman Mu! Are you okay?”

Ji Zitong quickly went up as Mu Yuchen propped himself up with one hand on the wall. He lifted a hand to stop her while his handsome face was extremely pale. His dark eyes gathered with endless concern and pain too as he turned and took one look at the tightly shut operating theatre doors. After a while, he turned to Ji Zitong and asked grimly, “What happened? How did she suddenly end up like this?”

Ji Zitong was frightened by Mu Yuchen's hostile and stern voice. She sighed and then maintained composure as she said, "Director Xi wanted to return to West Park and take a look. At the same time, she wanted to put up some New Year couplets to add some warmth. Unexpectedly, we bumped into Xi Xinyi. I was just parking the car. When I returned, I saw that Xi Xinyi had pushed Director Xi to the ground..."

"That means it was Xi Xinyi! Is she so fearless of death?" Mu Yuchen's gloomy and cold voice came. His dark eyes became even more dreary and unfriendly in an instant.

"No! No, it wasn't me! Chairman Mu, I didn't push her! Someone pushed me from behind... Aah..."

Xi Xinyi had chased them from behind. Before she could finish, Mu Yuchen lost control and gripped her thin and fair neck with one hand!

Chapter 716. As Long As She's Safe and Sound (1)

Xi Xinyi's voice stopped abruptly. Her beautiful face looked pained as she struggled for a bit, and then her mind felt stifled from a lack of oxygen. She stared at Mu Yuchen's pair of cold eyes in terror.

"Chairman Mu! Calm down! Chairman Mu!" Ji Zitong quickly went up to hold Mu Yuchen back.

"Chairman Mu, don't be rash! Let go of her. Otherwise..."

Mu Yuchen then slowly let go. He stared at Xi Xinyi and said sternly, "Since you'd like to die so badly, I'll grant you your wish!"

He then pushed Xi Xinyi to the side roughly. Caught off-guard, she fell to the ground in a sorry manner. She panted through huge breaths and her face reddened while Mu Yuchen had already taken out his phone and was about to make a call.

Xi Xinyi was stunned to see that. She quickly went up to him, half-crawling and pulling his pants leg. "No, Chairman Mu! Don't! I really didn't push Xiaye. Hear me out! Hear me out, please! It really wasn't me!"

"Get lost!" Mu Yuchen cruelly pulled his leg back.

“It really wasn’t me! Someone pushed me from the car. I’m a victim too. I am self-aware. I wouldn’t dare offend you, Chairman Mu. Can you not distinguish right from wrong?” Xi Xinyi’s wronged and infuriated voice cried out loudly.

Mu Yuchen then stopped what he was doing. He was about to say something when the sound of hurried footsteps came from the walkway ahead. It was the gynecologist, Dr. Huang, with another doctor and two nurses.

“Chairman Mu!”

Dr. Huang was Xi Xiaye’s usual doctor. Naturally, they recognized Mu Yuchen too.

Mu Yuchen nodded as he slowly calmed the worry and uneasiness in his heart and said solemnly, “Please do the best for my wife, Dr. Huang.”

“I will do my best. Don’t worry, Chairman Mu.” Then, Dr. Huang swiftly entered the operating theatre.

Mu Yuchen lifted a hand to his forehead as he leaned against the cold wall listlessly. He did not move, and the phone in his pocket buzzed many times, yet he did not pick it up.

Xi Xinyi was scared witless. She dared not move around either, so she could only stand up while trembling with the support of the wall. Sitting was not an option either. She just looked at Mu Yuchen terrified, and then stared at the operating theatre.

Earlier, the way he looked like he wished he could murder her had really scared her. She almost forgot that this man had always been merciless. Had she not seen it for herself the last time?

On both counts, it was for Xi Xiaye! This time, he had even lost control!

Xi Xinyi was so resentful that her teeth clenched together. The last time, she was really innocent, and this time, even more so!

Which witch had pushed her and made her take on such blame? If she found out who it was, she would kill them!

Xi Xinyi gritted her teeth and cursed the person who pushed her.

After a long while, the doors to the operating theatre suddenly opened. A nurse walked out from inside. Mu Yuchen quickly went up and asked worriedly, "How is she?"

"The pregnant woman suffered from a huge impact, largely affecting the fetus. I'm afraid it will be a premature delivery. We need to do a blood transfusion now!" the nurse explained simply while another nurse was already delivering blood plasma over.

Soon, the door to the operating theatre closed once again.

Ji Zitong then felt a little cold. She glanced at Mu Yuchen who remained silent without a word, and then out at the sky which had long darkened. The cold wind sped outside as someone began to set fireworks off in the night sky outside.

It was New Year's Eve tonight, yet unexpectedly...

Ji Zitong sighed. Then, she blinked and looked at the door of the operating theatre that was tightly shut. After a while, she turned and looked out at the fireworks that continued to go off. She quietly closed her eyes.

She was pondering whether to give Maple Residence a call when her phone rang unexpectedly. She took it out to see that it was from Maple Residence.

"Chairman Mu, it's a call from Maple Residence." Ji Zitong looked to Mu Yuchen for instruction, yet he remained silent. He was leaning gently against the cold wall with his eyes shut as he quietly waited.

Ji Zitong then picked up the phone at her own liberty and explained the situation to Zhuang Shurong.

Within an hour, Zhuang Shurong and Mu Tangchuan, as well as Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna, rushed over. They had a bag of clothes for Xi Xiaye to change into and baby clothes that had long been prepared. Li Si came over too.

“Father! It wasn’t me. I really didn’t push her! I’m afraid! No matter what, I wouldn’t have taken it out on the child in Xi Xiaye, I’m a mother as well, Father, Aunt, please believe me. I really didn’t push her! It was the person in the car behind me that shoved me! It wasn’t me. It really wasn’t me!”

Xi Xinyi was probably extremely terrified. The moment she saw Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna, she quickly went up to them to explain in a panic.

“What is happening? This is the hospital. Don’t be all weepy. It’s the New Year. What bad luck!”

The stern and resounding voice of a woman was heard. It came with a manner that could not be denied.

It was Zhuang Shurong’s voice!

Zhuang Shurong shot Xi Xinyi a stern look, much to her shock.

No matter what it was, being reprimanded by someone like Zhuang Shurong shut her right up.

Ji Zitong explained the whole situation simply to everyone. Shen Wenna’s face was as pale as a sheet, and she felt limp. Thankfully, Xi Mushan held her in time.

“If something happens to Xiaye, I won’t let you off easily! Xiaye...” Shen Wenna covered her face as she looked at the operating theatre. She pushed Xi Mushan away. “You go away too. Don’t touch me!”

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When she saw that Mu Yuchen kept quiet without moving, Zhuang Shurong went up to him worriedly. She was about to say a few words but Mu Yuchen’s deep and raspy came first.

“Li Si, go investigate the matter and bring this woman along. If it was really her, send her to jail first before anything.”

“Yes, Master!”

“It wasn’t me! Chairman Mu! It really wasn’t me! Father, Father! Save me, it wasn’t me!” As much as Xi Xinyi shouted, Li Si had already called for someone to pull her down.

“Chen Er, don’t be too worried. God helps the worthy ones. She will be fine. Have a seat first. I didn’t dare to tell the news to your grandparents and Grandpa. I was worried their imaginations would run wild.”

Seeing Mu Yuchen like this, Zhuang Shurong felt her heart ache too.

“It’s fine,” answered Mu Yuchen apathetically, his deep gaze containing a hint of pain as he continued to stare at the operating theatre.

Chapter 717. As Long As She's Safe and Sound (2)

Zhuang Shurong was bothered. She knew her son very well. If anything happened to the person inside, she was worried that...

Taking a deep breath, she turned over and looked at Ji Zitong who lowered her head and said apologetically, “I’m sorry. My lack of attention caused Director Xi’s injury. I’m truly sorry.”

Zhuang Shurong and Shen Wenna traded glances at each other. They both seemed worried and did not reply Ji Zitong.

Instead, Mu Tangchuan spoke up when he saw Ji Zitong only wearing a thin outfit with some blood on her. “Alright, this is not the time for blame, Ah Rong. Give Ms. Ji one of Xiaye’s coats since it’s pretty cold right now. Moreover, this all happened too suddenly, so don’t blame yourself for it. We can only pray for her safety.”

Mu Tangchuan’s warm voice made them feel better.

Zhuang Shurong grabbed a coat from the bag and handed it to Ji Zitong. "Wear this. It's pretty chilly now. It's not your fault and we don't intend on penalizing you either, so don't overthink it."

"Chief Zhuang, I..."

"Alright now. It's the New Year, so you should head back now. There shouldn't be blood on you. Li Si, go and prepare some clean clothes for your Master. It's fine."

"Alright, I'll go and prepare them. Ms. Ji, please follow me and tell me what happened in detail." Li Si then left with Ji Zitong.

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After some time had passed, the door to the operating theatre opened once again. A nurse ran out anxiously as another one sent packs of blood in.

"Nurse, how's my daughter? How is she?" Shen Wenna rushed forward.

"The pregnant patient is experiencing a hard time delivering right now. She's very weak. Be prepared to make a choice whether to keep the adult or the child safe as the situation doesn't look great." The nurse glanced at them nervously.

"Anything is fine as long as my wife is safe. Keep the adult safe. Do you hear me? I want Xiaye!" Mu Yuchen went out of control and grabbed the nurse's collar, shocking her into fright.

"Ah Chen, stay calm!" Mu Tangchuan stopped Mu Yuchen to the relief of the nurse.

Mu Yuchen clenched his fists as he remembered Xi Xiaye's distressed expression when she begged him earlier. He had no idea if she could take it if the child was gone, hence he added, "Both the adult and the child need to be safe, or else, I'll take down the whole hospital!"

The nurse glanced at him before heading back into the operating theatre.

Pa!

Mu Yuchen's phone fell onto the floor, making a harsh, clatter.

The time passed by slowly. The sound of fireworks going off in the empty night sky reached them inside the hospital. City Z was all brightly lit, but the cold wind continued to rush into the corridor through the small window gap, making the atmosphere colder by the second.

Mu Yuchen's temperature continued to drop as well.

Xi Xiaye, you have to be alright. I just want you to be alright.

Mu Yuchen suddenly felt a sense of regret. Had he not been fixated on having a child, she would not be suffering right now. The child did not matter to him anymore.

The fireworks were getting louder and the night sky seemed like it was day time at the moment. Occasionally, they could also hear cheering from the outside.

When the bodyguards sent the clean clothes over, Mu Yuchen just took off his coat and cleaned his hand because he did not want her to see him in blood as well.

The New Year had arrived. Greetings went all around and his phone was ringing non-stop.

Finally, right after midnight and as the fireworks were still going on, the door to the operating theatre opened once again as they heard the loud wail of a newborn baby. It was like a light of hope that chased away the darkness.

"It's born!" Zhuang Shurong quickly went forward.

Shen Wenna and Xi Mushan seemed worked up as well.

“How’s my wife?”

“How’s my daughter?”

“How’s Xiaye?”

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They all asked simultaneously.

The nurse came out with a child in her hands. Dr. Huang smiled and said, “Chairman Mu, take a look at your child. Mrs. Mu gave birth to a son for you. They are both safe. Don’t worry! This baby looks quite cute! However, he’s born a little premature, so he’ll stay in the incubator for a while. Mrs. Mu is pretty weak at the moment and will need rest. She’ll be relocated to a patient ward after the nurses are done cleaning up. Congratulations!”

Their strained expressions softened after they heard Dr. Huang. It was over now.

Mu Yuchen leaned against the wall to support his almost collapsing body. He took several deep breaths in order to calm down. “Thank you, as long as she’s alright.”

His gaze then averted toward the baby in the nurse’s hands.

So wrinkly!

So ugly!

So annoying!

Even more so, it was a boy!

What happened to his daughter?

Mu Yuchen frowned and just took a glance at the infant. He was pretty much expressionless as he gazed into the operating theatre.

Zhuang Shurong and Shen Wenna totally saw Mu Yuchen's reaction, and they both smiled. "Alright Chen Er, she's all fine now. This is your son. If you're not going to hold him, then his grandmother will be holding him first!"

Zhuang Shurong beamed and quickly took her grandson over from the nurse.

Most of the newborn babies look the same. They would all squint their eyes like an old person. Naturally, Master Mu had no idea about this and he just thought it was odd. He expected that with both Xi Xiaye and his genes their baby should be beautiful and pretty.

However, he had no time to care about the annoying little thing now. He quickly surged forward when the other nurses wheeled Xi Xiaye out of the operating theatre on a bed.

"Xiaye!"

"Chairman Mu, Mrs. Mu is unconscious now. She's very weak and needs rest. Just take care of her and the doctor will see her again later."

Mu Yuchen saw that Xi Xiaye was sound asleep. Her face still seemed pale and weak like a cloud. He unconsciously grabbed her cold hand under the blanket.

Chapter 718. First-Time Parents (1)

He could feel her sweaty palms. Her hair was a little damp and messy as well. Her struggles were all too obvious to see.

He was heartbroken to see her in such a state. "It must have been tough for you. Have a good sleep and everything will be better once you wake up."

He left a kiss on her forehead before looking at the nurse and giving her a curt nod. The nurse then started wheeling the bed again while Shen Wenna and the others followed behind.

Inside the room, Zhuang Shurong quickly took out the things inside the bag – the hat, clothes...

"Wenna, help Xiaye wear the hat. It's better to be cautious. I'll make a call back home and let our parents know everything is fine. I'm sure they're getting restless now. It's almost daybreak!" Zhuang Shurong handed the hat to Shen Wenn as she said.

"Ah Chen, here's Xiaye and your son. Hold him..." Shen Wenna nodded and she handed the little baby to Mu Yuchen.

Mu Yuchen was startled as he looked at the little thing before him. He looked at the baby's narrowed eyes as his own eyes seemed confused. He shrugged at Shen Wenna helplessly as he had no idea what to do.

Shen Wenna smiled as her gentle voice reached him. "Don't worry. Just be careful. It's a new life after all. It'll be fine if you're cautious. Xiaye put in a lot of effort to give birth to him. He's your baby."

Mu Yuchen took a deep breath and looked Xi Xiaye who was still unconscious. He clenched his fists before extending his arm towards the baby. Shen Wenna smiled and gently placed the baby in his arms.

The baby blinked as he moved his limbs slightly.

At this moment, the usually cool and calm Master Mu was now getting nervous. A sheen of sweat covered his back.

He was so tiny! Mu Yuchen was afraid to touch him and he froze up when the baby started moving. He stared at the baby in his hands as his voice sounded uneasy. "Can you stop moving around?"

Obviously, the newborn baby had no idea what he was talking about. He clenched his fists and struggled. Mu Yuchen was shocked as he quickly asked for help, "Nurse!"

"Chairman Mu!" A nurse quickly came over.

"You... hold him..." Mu Yuchen said quietly.

Zhuang Shurong and the others could not hold their laughter in. She handed the phone to Mu Tangchuan, giving him the signal to call home as she went over and took the child from Mu Yuchen. "It'll be fine if you're more careful. Your father was just like you when he held you for the first time, like father like son indeed."

She turned around to look at Mu Tangchuan with a smirk. He coughed slightly before moving closer to take a look at the baby in Zhuang Shurong's hands. "Well, I just felt nervous holding a baby this small, alright? He does look like Ah Chen when he was little, so tiny..."

A faint light flashed in Mu Yuchen's eyes as he saw the little baby resting easy in Zhuang Shurong's arms. Moments later, he touched the baby's clenched fists, holding them lightly and smiling. "Hello, baby. Nice to meet you. I'm your father. The woman sleeping over there is your mother..."

"Chairman Mu, the baby is going to sleep. He needs to stay in the incubator for a period of time," reminded the nurse by the side though she felt bad for interrupting, so she spoke very quietly.

Zhuang Shurong then handed the baby to the nurse and went out with the nurse. "Tangchuan, quickly call back home. Also, get the hospitalization procedures done. Wenna, Mushan, you two should head back first. It must be tough staying up the whole night. I almost forgot to wish you guys Happy New Year!"

They were suddenly reminded today was the first day of the New Year. Their baby came to them on this auspicious day. It was a marvelous sign!

Everyone started laughing and greeting each other.

“I’ll stay here with Xiaye. I can only be at peace of mind here,” Shen Wenna said.

Zhuang Shurong smiled and glanced at Mu Yuchen who was standing beside the bed. “Leave this to Ah Chen. It’s time for him to do some work after Xiaye had given her all, but, Chen Er, you should go back and clean yourself up.”

“Ah Chen, go back and take a shower. Leave it to me for now. I’ll go and make something for Xiaye to eat after you come back later. Your grandparents are still waiting for the news at home.”

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The baby’s arrival was the best New Year present they could ask for. The Maple Residence was in high spirits when the news reached them.

Shen Yue, Wang Hui, and Mu Yinan were still there. They were worried sick after waiting throughout the night and were only relieved after knowing that Xi Xiaye was fine and that she had given birth to a son.

Xi Xiaye only remembered that she passed out of exhaustion. At the very last moment, she heard the sound of a baby crying, but after that, she lost all sensation.

In her sleep, she could feel someone gently wiping her face and hands with a warm towel. A familiar scent drifted around her, and she knew it was a certain someone’s unique scent.

Xi Xiaye slept for a very long time while Mu Yuchen stayed by her side the whole time.

The next morning, as the doctor was checking on Xi Xiaye’s condition.

“Don’t worry, Chairman Mu. Mrs. Mu is just too exhausted, but she should be awake soon. Anyhow, she still suffered injuries, so she might be feeling weak when she wakes up. It’ll take some time to recover. If her body doesn’t keep up, it might be difficult to get pregnant again,” the doctor advised.

Mu Yuchen's expression darkened as his eyes seemed worried. "Then, what should I do to help her recover more quickly?"

"Don't worry, Chairman Mu. Just let her rest more and take care of her diet. Mrs. Mu is very strong. At first, we thought... Well, at least she's fine now. The Little Master is healthy. He'll be fine after staying in the incubator for a while."

Mu Yuchen nodded and waved, signaling the doctor to leave the room.

Chapter 719. First Time Parents (2)

Mu Yuchen sat back down on the chair after the door was closed. He continued looking at his woman as he grabbed her cold hand as he closed his eyes and tried to rest a little.

The room was very quiet. There was no sound at all. The warm sunlight slowly crept in through the windows and warmed up the room.

After some time, Xi Xiaye's hand moved slightly, so he opened his eyes instantly and looked at her. Her eyelids were moving and he quickly called out to her gently, "Xiaye..."

Xi Xiaye struggled as she opened her eyes. The first thing she saw was Mu Yuchen's handsome but exhausted face. She blinked several times before finally focusing on him. Then, she touched his face before touching her own belly. Fear suddenly filled her eyes as she sat up frantically. "Where's my child?"

"Xiaye, be careful." Mu Yuchen held her quickly as he looked slightly helpless.

"Where's my child?" Xi Xiaye took a deep breath and asked again. She looked at him as her eyes went teary.

Mu Yuchen chuckled as he ran his fingers through her messy hair. "Don't worry. The baby is healthy. You gave birth to a son. Thank you for your hard work, my dear! The doctor said you still need to rest for now. I'll get someone to bring you food right away."

He helped her sit up, and Xi Xiaye's eyes cleared up when she heard him. She shook her head as she grabbed his hands and begged, "I'm not hungry. I want to see my child."

Mu Yuchen frowned as he looked at her. He pinched her cheek and put on a stern front. "I'll let you see him after you eat something. Be good!"

He then called Li Si to bring the food in.

Li Si had just arrived at the hospital. Zhuang Shurong made some pulled chicken porridge and soup to bring over.

Li Si entered the room within two minutes after the phone call, smiling widely when he saw Xi Xiaye was already awake. "Missus, you're awake now! Congratulations, and Happy New Year!"

Xi Xiaye nodded. She then realized New Year's Eve was yesterday, so she looked outside the window and asked, "How long have I been asleep?"

"A whole day. Have some porridge to recover your stamina. I'll ask Li Si to get a nurse to bring the baby over."

Mu Yuchen poured the porridge into a bowl as he signaled Li Si with his eye. Understanding quickly, Li Si nodded and quickly left the room for the two of them.

Xi Xiaye wanted to grab the bowl, but he calmly moved it away to test the temperature and then attempted to feed her.

"I'll do it myself..."

He gave her a determined stare, so she could not do anything but to obey.

She ate two bowls of porridge under his supervision before he finally let her off. Then, he cleaned her face and hands before putting a coat over her. "The doctor said you're really weak right now. Be more careful."

Xi Xiaye nodded as she looked at him in the eyes. "Where's my child? I want to see him."

Mu Yuchen patted her head before looking towards the door. As he was about to get up, there was a knock from outside soon followed by the arrival of a beautiful nurse together with their son. Li Si and two other bodyguards stood outside the door.

"Your mother is awake now, little baby. Let her hold you." The nurse smiled and handed the child to Xi Xiaye while Mu Yuchen helped to support the baby's body as well.

"Baby, can you recognize me?" Xi Xiaye asked gently. Her hands were shaking slightly as she looked at her baby. He looked rather healthy, and he stared into Xi Xiaye's eyes when she looked at him. It was as if he could really recognize her voice.

He was clenching his tiny fists. How cute!

Xi Xiaye lowered her head and left a kiss on his cheek. She could not control her tears anymore as she looked at Mu Yuchen and started sobbing, "I thought... I thought..."

Mu Yuchen let out a sigh of relief. He wiped away her tears and said, "It's alright now. Both the baby and you are fine which is good. It's the best gift God has given us. What are you crying about?"

Xi Xiaye nodded as she held the baby close. "He's really cute. I think he can recognize me, right?"

"Mmm, I think he can recognize your voice. All the singing was worth it." Mu Yuchen expression softened. He went closer to them and touched the baby's little face. The baby reacted by raising both his arms high to Xi Xiaye's delight. "How adorable! I think he'll look like you when he grows up. Little baby, you have to eat well so that you can be more handsome than your father!"

“Handsome is not a trait that can be grown. What are you talking about?” Master Mu noticed his woman’s attention was all taken away by this little thing.

Xi Xiaye rolled her eyes at him. “Which parent wouldn’t want their children to be smart and good-looking? Do you not like our child because it’s not a daughter?”

Mu Yuchen frowned and quickly held the baby’s hand. “Of course not. I’ll like it as long as it’s our child.”

Suddenly, the baby started crying. Mu Yuchen retracted his hands in shock while Xi Xiaye was at a loss about what to do. The nurse outside rushed in as well.

“Come, give him to me. I think he’s hungry.” The nurse chuckled when she saw the pair of lost parents.

Hungry?

Xi Xiaye frowned. She touched her own breasts and was about to unbutton her clothes when she glanced at the man beside her and said, “Please go out.”

Chapter 720. First-Time Parents (3)

It was not like he had never seen him. He had already held him many times!

Mu Yuchen’s handsome brows furrowed into a knot, but he still got up to quietly leave the room. If you looked closely, you could even notice the way his handsome face blushed faintly.

“Master!” When he saw Mu Yuchen walk out, Li Si immediately went up to him.

Mu Yuchen’s calm handsome face fell silent. He nodded, and then walked to the balcony.

Even though the warm sun shone down, the wind at the balcony was still a little chilly. Mu Yuchen leaned against the parapet and looked out. His expression was indifferent as he watched the crowd that milled about below. His deep voice was mixed in the slightly cool breeze, sounding very bleak. “How’s the situation?”

Li Si lowered his head slightly and said apologetically, “Master, we couldn’t find the car that Xi Xinyi mentioned. She provided too little information, and we can’t confirm the truth of this. That place isn’t under the jurisdiction of the highway area, so there aren’t any CCTVs. In short, we can’t be sure if Xi Xinyi was lying. I’ve tried to understand the situation from Xi Xinyi. She doesn’t look like she’s lying either. Perhaps we might know more after we ask Missus about this.

“Master, we could make a guess. If it was really as Xi Xinyi said, if someone really pushed her, this person might have something against Xi Xinyi, but how was that person coincidentally at West Park then? It’s definitely not from Missus’s end, because she decided to go to take a look at West Park at the last minute. Meanwhile, on Xi Xinyi’s end, I’ve talked to Mayor Xi. It was really as Xi Xinyi said. She couldn’t find Mayor Xi at the apartment, so she went to look for him at West Park. Therefore, this shouldn’t have been something planned. I don’t suspect Xi Xinyi of lying.”

When Li Si said this, Mu Yuchen’s brows furrowed even more. He pondered for a moment. “Investigate her routes on that day. See if she was in contact with anyone else. Remember to get someone to watch her for now.”

“Yes, Master!” Li Si nodded and answered, “Right, Master, about Miss Ji...”

“I don’t blame her. Give her a generous reward, and help me thank her for taking care of your Missus. I accept her resignation,” Mu Yuchen said calmly. He did not forget the way Ji Zitong had also risked her life.

“Got it, Master!”

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When he returned to the ward, the little baby had already been brought back to the incubator by the nurse. Because he was a premature baby, he was still weaker than those who had been born at normal gestation. In fact, he was just eating and sleeping. Even if Xi Xiaye wanted to carry him for a while more, she could not.

She watched reluctantly as the nurse brought her child away. After a while, Mu Yuchen appeared again.

Xi Xiaye fixed her blanket and watched him slowly close in. She blinked her serene eyes and asked, "Have we... thought of the baby's name?"

"What kind of name do you want him to have?" he asked instead as he pulled a chair to sit down by her side.

She hesitated for a moment and then shook her head before saying puzzledly, "I don't know. You give him a name."

"Mu Zicheng. I hope that he can be a proud and independent person who isn't afraid of hardships and is a determined person." Mu Yuchen's low voice sounded very sentimental.

Xi Xiaye's twinkling eyes lit up. She softly repeated, "Mu Zicheng? Mu Ziru... Xiao Ru, Xiao Cheng?" She softly muttered it a few times and then nodded gladly. She was quite satisfied. "Mmm, it's pretty good. Mu Zicheng sounds grand. We'll call him Mu Zicheng then. His nickname can be Xiao Cheng or Ah Cheng."

"As long as you're happy. Later on, we'll register the child. Recuperate well for now. Don't be so rash the next time. Everyone was really worried about you."

Mu Yuchen recalled the way he carried her covered in blood. Until now, he still had lingering fears, but thankfully, she was safe and alright. Otherwise...

"Grandpa and the rest..." Xi Xiaye then looked at him and muttered.

"They've all come to visit you. Since you weren't awake yet, they left. They'll be over in the afternoon. Alright, you're still very weak. Rest well. I'll be right here with you." He gently patted her head before he got up to help her lie down.

"I'll sleep for a little while more then. Wake me up when Grandpa and the rest come over. Earlier, the nurse said that we can even bring the baby over for a while in the evening. Please remember to wake me up."

Xi Xiaye lay her limp body down. She had just set herself down when she felt uncomfortable all over, then she said, "I want to shower... I smell..."

"No, you can't," he said very simply, and then fixed her blanket for her. "Don't touch water for now. I'll help you wipe yourself at night. Right now, you should get another bout of good sleep, okay?"

"I don't want you to be helping me..." she said softly, and then slowly closed her eyes as she leaned on her side a little to face him.

He thought that she was shy, so he laughed out as he cupped half his face and watched her intensely. His plain lips curled up as he chuckled. "We already have a child together. What else is there to be embarrassed about?"

Xi Xiaye's face felt hot as she lowered her gaze and quickly reached a hand over to gently hold his large hand. Her eyes were filled with gratitude and earnest. "Mu Yuchen, thank you... Thank you for everything you've given me. I find myself very lucky right now with you, our child, Grandpa, my parents, Grandfather and Grandmother who love and care for me, and Father and Mother-in-law. This is the biggest blessing of life. From now on, I will definitely be guarding these well."

He smiled calmly, and then chivalrously and elegantly lowered his head to plant a soft kiss on the back of her hand. He met her eyes with full focus, then sighed. "Don't say that. You have given me a lot too. There is only one Xi Xiaye in this whole wide world. I find myself a little luckier than others too."

"Do you feel quite blessed right now?" she asked carefully, her eyes filled with a hint of anticipation.

The curve on his lips widened while his tone was quite calm and filled with sincerity. "These two words... I'm sure from the moment you signed our marriage papers, I already had it."

She suddenly felt weak and did not continue asking. She only tugged on his hand and opened up his palm as she quietly wrote down these words: Hand-in-hand till death do us apart.

He smiled gladly and scrawled on her palm too: Likewise .

After that, Xi Xiaye gradually fell asleep while he continued to guard by her side.

Initially, he wanted to ask her about what had happened, but she could not help but feel worn out, so he decided to only ask when she had woken up.