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Chapter 251: Who's That On the Phone?

Dongfang Yao subconsciously blocked her face.

A calm and indifferent voice sounded. "Yes. Dongfang Yao, Dongfang family's Sixth Young Miss."

Upon hearing the voice, she lowered her hands and went to snatch Zi Yi's phone while screaming, "Who's that on the phone? You better hang up right now!"

Zi Yi sneered and gave her a push.

After she pushed her inside and closed the door, she said to Lu Jingye, "Ah Jing, the live broadcast will be ending here."

Following that, she hung up the call and coldly stared at Dongfang Yao.

Dongfang Yao stumbled from the push and upon steadying herself, she glared at Zi Yi with eyes that seemed to spout fire. "Do you know who I am? Do you not believe that a single call from me can make you disappear from this world forever?"

Zi Yi remained calm and looked at her. "Then give it a try."

Dongfang Yao had really taken out her phone and dialed a string of numbers.

However, after several attempts, she realized she could not dial out.

Her expression changed and she viciously glared at Zi Yi. "Are you the one?! You used a signal blocker in this room!"

"Make a guess." Zi Yi closed their distance as she spoke.

Zi Yi was around 1.75 meters tall while Dongfang Yao was only 1.68 meters. However, she was wearing 10cm tall high heels and currently appeared to be taller than Zi Yi.

However, when Zi Yi walked towards her, Dongfang Yao inexplicably felt great pressure.

She glared at Zi Yi maliciously and wondered why the man she liked for so long would treat this woman so differently. She then attacked Zi Yi with the intention of restraining her.

When Zi Yi saw Dongfang Yao approaching her, she threw a circular ball in her direction.

Bam!

The circular ball acted like an explosive and exploded on Dongfang Yao.

"Ahhh-"

Dongfang Yao stepped back while screaming. She continued to retreat until her legs tripped on the bed and she fell down.

Zi Yi looked at Dongfang Yao whose clothes had been blown into pieces. She was somewhat dissatisfied. "The might is lacking. Only the clothes were blown away."

Shortly after, Dongfang Yao realized she was perfectly fine and processed what Zi Yi said. Instantly, monstrous anger surged forth in her heart.

She then screamed loudly “How dare a woman like you with no power do this to me. I’m going to kill you!”

Having said that, she exploded in anger and attempted to pounce on Zi Yi again.

Zi Yi detected killing intent from her and a cold smile curled up on her lips. She stepped forward and directly pressed down her shoulders.

Dongfang Yao struggled hard only to realize she could not escape her grip.

“Let go of me! I’m going to kill you!”

Zi Yi lowered her eyes and looked at her. She raised her hands and gave her two tight slaps before Dongfang Yao finally kept quiet.

“You want to kill me? We bore no grudges and yet, you want to kill me?”

In the interstellar era, all of them had to deal with alien species and had no time for such infighting. If they disliked each other, they would say it out loud and have a duel. There would be no instances where a person bore a grudge against another, to the extent of using various underhanded means with the aim of killing.

Zi Yi considered herself to have experience, and this was not the only instance where someone wanted to kill her since she arrived here.

“Again and again, it’s you people from high-society with your sense of superiority. Or could it be that you can’t accept that others are better than you? Since you planned to kill me, why should I keep you alive?”

After Zi Yi said that, she raised her hand and strangled Dongfang Yao.

Dongfang Yao felt an overpowering killing intent and started to be fearful.

Her face turned red from getting strangled and she said, “I’m from the Dongfang family. If you...”

Just then, Zi Yi’s phone rang and she hissed at Dongfang Yao to stay quiet

While she was strangling Dongfang Yao, to the extent she could not utter a single word and was only capable of struggling, Zi Yi took out her phone and answered it.

At the same time, she turned on the loudspeaker.

Lu Jingye’s extremely chilly voice could be heard. “Yiyi, if you plan to kill her, I’ll stand guard for you outside. I will block whoever approaches.”

Zi Yi smiled and asked, “What if the Dongfang family intends to take revenge?”

Lu Jingye said seriously, “I will resolve everything that happens after.”

Zi Yi looked at Dongfang Yao whose eyes widened. "Did you hear that? It seems like you're meeting your maker today."

"No-no... don't kill me!"

"I won't kill you. You're too weak. However, it doesn't sound bad to turn you into a fool."

Having said that, she directly used her mental powers to destroy the nerves in her brain.

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Soon, a piece of explosive news flooded the internet.

Due to jealousy towards a woman's appearance, the Dongfang family's Sixth Young Miss planned to ruin that woman at a certain hotel.

Unexpectedly, the people she hired were spies planted by her enemies. Instead of doing anything to that woman, they had ruined Dongfang Yao instead.

The Dongfang family's Patriarch was infuriated and ordered the arrest of those people.

Bam!

Crash!

The porcelain cup fell to the ground and the sound was followed by the Dongfang family's patriarch's furious shout. "Immediately get those articles removed at once and investigate this! I'd like to see who dared to create such a rumor!"

Dongfang's Third Elder had a murderous expression on his face, and wished that he could capture all those people and give them a whipping. "Someone must be trying to deal with our family and Yaoyao is perfectly fine. Who dared to release such news that ruined Yaoyao's reputation!? I'm going to cut him into pieces!"

Dongfang's Second Elder said, "We are unable to stop the news from spreading and it seems like we can only make use of our relationship to get people from the Network Bureau to remove those articles."

After he said that, he pulled out his phone and made a call.

After he mentioned his request, his expression darkened after having heard what the other party said. "What did you say? How could there be news that the Network Bureau is unable to remove! Tell me, who gave you the authority to do this!"

The other party continued to say something which caused the Dongfang Second Elder to hang up the call in a fit of anger. "The Network Bureau has been attacked by hackers and they are unable to remove Yaoyao's articles."

The expressions of everyone else darkened at the news.

"Who's that woman mentioned on the news? Who was Yaoyao intending to deal with?" Dongfang patriarch asked with a deep voice.

"It seems to be the granddaughter of Old Dou."

“Who?”

“That girl from S City’s Zi Family.”

The Dongfang Patriarch furrowed his brows. “Immediately investigate that woman. Find out who’s behind her and who she hangs out with.”

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At the hotel.

After Zi Yi destroyed Dongfang Yao’s brain nerves, she left the room.

The floor of the hotel was unexpectedly very quiet. At the end of the corridor stood a tall figure and he had blocked the elevator as if guarding against something.

The moment she saw that man, Zi Yi hastened her footsteps and ran over.

“Ah Jing.”

Lu Jingye had his back facing her. When he heard her calling him, he turned around.

Zi Yi walked to his side and glanced inside the elevator, only to discover numerous bodyguards inside.

Lu Jingye held her hand and asked, “Are you leaving?”

Zi Yi nodded.

Lu Jingye held her hand and walked into the elevator, while he said to the bodyguards, “Take care of things here.”

“I understand.”

Soon, they entered the elevator and Lu Jingye pressed the button for the first floor.

Chapter 252: I Never Once Gave Her Any Hope or Illusion

Zi Yi recounted what Dongfang Yao said to her earlier and added, “What’s with that Dongfang Yao? She’s weird.”

Lu Jingye tightened his grip and stroked her hand with his thumb. “The Dongfang family has some disagreements with your family. However, Dongfang Yao’s sister, Dongfang Xi is my classmate. We have met several times while studying and that person...”

Without waiting for Lu Jingye to finish his sentence, she said, “Could it be that she has a crush on you?”

Zi Yi found that thought plausible. “It’s only possible for her to have done this after hearing some rumors about the both of us, if she likes you.”

Lu Jingye pulled her into his embrace. “I’ve never once given her any hope or illusion.”

Zi Yi believed this without a doubt. After all, her man was an old-fashioned person.

At the thought of this, she could not help but lowly chuckle.

Just then, the elevator stopped on the eighth floor.

The door slowly opened and when those outside the elevator saw Zi Yi and Lu Jingye, all of them were momentarily stunned.

Zi Yi did not come out of Lu Jingye's embrace as she asked Dou Xiaoyong who was standing outside, "Second Uncle, are you coming in?"

Lu Jingye greeted him politely. "Professor Dou."

After that, he released his grip on Zi Yi.

Dou Xiaoyong entered the elevator with a complicated expression. He stood closer to the door and did not utter a single word.

Zi Yi glanced at his back, then turned to look up at Lu Jingye, and stretched out her hands to tug his hands placed at his sides.

Just then, Dou Xiaoyong suddenly coughed.

Zi Yi turned her attention to him, only to discover he was not looking in their direction at all.

However, the corner of her lips curled up as she discovered Dou Xiaoyong looking at them through the reflection of the door.

Lu Jingye had also glanced at Dou Xiaoyong who stood there motionless. He then looked down and saw the young lady's deliberate small actions. In the end, he directly grabbed her hand.

Dou Xiaoyong's expression darkened.

Just as he was about to preach, the elevator suddenly stopped.

Zi Yi asked, "What's going on?"

Lu Jingye tightened his grip and said, "The elevator is probably out of order."

Dou Xiaoyong quickly pressed the emergency button, then the other floors, only to end up saying, "Protect your head. It's likely that this elevator will fall."

After that, he took out his phone and swiftly tapped on it.

Zi Yi released Lu Jingye's hand, walked to the buttons, and took a look. "Why's there a need to protect our heads? These types of malfunctions are easy to resolve as it is just hardware issues that require fixing."

Dou Xiaoyong looked at Zi Yi and asked with a dark expression, "How are we supposed to fix it when we're stuck inside?"

"It's fixable even if we're inside."

She then took out a circular ball and a mechanical spider crawled out and landed on the buttons. She swiftly tapped on her phone and informed the mechanical robot of the place that needed to be repaired.

Dou Xiaoyong was about to speak, but after he heard what Zi Yi said to the mechanical robot, he was shocked.

The spider drilled a hole in the control panel and went in. Following that were sounds of crackling.

In less than a minute, the elevator returned to normal.

Zi Yi put away the mechanical robot, went back to Lu Jingye's side, and grabbed his hand.

Lu Jingye unconsciously smiled and held her hand properly

Dou Xiaoyong turned around and looked at her with a shocked gaze. "You..."

Ding!

The elevator arrived on the first floor.

The moment the doors opened, they saw the manager and several staff members looking at the trio in shock.

And so, Dou Xiaoyong could only take back what he wanted to say and looked at the crowd outside with a stern face.

The expression of the manager changed at the sight of them. "Professor Dou! Second Young Master Lu! You..."

Dou Xiaoyong spoke with a stern face. "How is it that a big hotel like this doesn't undergo frequent maintenance of its elevator? If it were someone else inside here today, perhaps an accident might have happened!"

What he said was the truth. Without Zi Yi's mechanical spider, they would not have come out so easily.

"You're right. I'll immediately get the maintenance personnel to check this elevator right away." The manager honestly wanted to explain that it was an accident. However, he would certainly get criticized if he were to brush it off as an accident in front of a Professor of the mechanical field. Thus, the manager wisely chose to shut up.

Dou Xiaoyong no longer had the mood to say anything else and only asked, "What happened to the network signal in your hotel?"

Cold sweat emerged on the manager's forehead as he quickly explained. "Apologies, our technicians are currently looking for the reason. Right now, the whole building is affected and it's likely that a hacker has broken in."

Zi Yi finally recalled that she had forgotten to remove the network disrupter.

She silently took out her phone and quickly tapped on it.

Just then, she sensed a gaze from the side and she subconsciously looked over, only to meet with Lu Jingye's clear gaze.

She smiled at him and calmly put away her phone.

At that moment, the manager's phone rang.

After answering the call, the manager hastily informed Dou Xiaoyong. "Professor Dou, the network has recovered."

Dou Xiaoyong nodded and looked at Zi Yi. "Let's have a chat."

Zi Yi thought for a moment and nodded.

Lu Jingye said, "We can head to the cafe."

There was a cafe on the first floor of this hotel.

Dou Xiaoyong nodded, and took the lead to walk over.

Zi Yi glanced at Lu Jingye, and he thought for a moment before he said, "I shall not be going with you."

He was not worried that Dou Xiaoyong would make this difficult for her. What he had to do right now was to take care of any problems that could arise due to today's incident.

Zi Yi thought that he was busy and nodded. "I'll call you tonight."

"Okay."

After Lu Jingye left, Zi Yi and Dou Xiaoyong headed towards the cafe together.

Before that, Dou Xiaoyong had deliberately glanced at Lu Jingye's leaving back view. However, he did not make a single comment.

After entering the cafe, Dou Xiaoyong said, "Order whatever you like."

Zi Yi did not try to be polite and directly ordered the coffee she liked and waited for Dou Xiaoyong to raise his questions.

Looking at the girl sitting opposite him, Dou Xiaoyong felt that there was a feeling of unfamiliarity. The girl before him was completely different to the unlikable girl from his memories.

After the coffee was served, he asked, "Who gave you the mechanical spider you took out earlier?"

Zi Yi stirred the cup and said, "I made it myself for fun."

Dou Xiaoyong's expression stiffened. "Answer seriously."

"I am being serious here."

She then took out the ball from her pocket and swiftly dismantled it and explained its production process.

Dou Xiaoyong's expression became less serious as time passed. In the end, he revealed excitement.

After Zi Yi had finished dismantling, she pushed the parts to him and said, "You can take a look."

Dou Xiaoyong took all the parts and carefully studied each and every one of them. The moment he started, he was astounded by his discovery. The stern expression disappeared from his face, and there was only excitement remaining. "Where did you obtain the materials for these parts? To think it's the

most advanced XX material. Also, how did you know that these parts can be combined to create such a sophisticated detector?"

Chapter 253: Someone Planned to Capture Dou Xiangling to Threaten Zi Yi

Zi Yi didn't expect to be drinking coffee with her Second Uncle for three to four hours. In the end, not only did his opinion of her change, he even asked her to look for him at school the next day.

After Zi Yi came out from the hotel, it was already three in the afternoon.

She then recalled she had planned to visit Dou Xiangling at the art gallery.

She took out her phone and gave her a call. "Cousin, where are you?"

Dou Xiangling was surprised at her question. "Yiyi, what's up?"

Dou Xiangling then replied to her question even though she asked her that. "I'm at M.Uni. My mentor wants me to help him with a semester worth of classes and I'm currently going through the paperwork."

"I saw you at the central square in the morning and wanted to look for you. But something suddenly cropped up."

Dou Xiangling smiled at that. "Then are you going home anytime soon? If so, I'll come over to hang out after I'm done with the paperwork."

Zi Yi thought for a moment. It would just be in time for dinner if she went home now. "Okay."

When Zi Yi reached home, Dou Xiangling had also just arrived.

They entered the courtyard and the skies were still bright at that time. Dou Xiangling asked, "Yiyi, can I look around your courtyard?"

The skies had already turned dark the previous time she visited.

Zi Yi nodded. "Sure."

Dou Xiangling first greeted the housekeeper who came over to welcome them. "Hello."

"Hello, Miss Dou."

Following that, she went to check out the yard.

While Zi Yi headed inside, the housekeeper said, "Miss Zi, there were numerous express deliveries that arrived today. I've had them all placed in the basement."

Zi Yi nodded in response and planned to head downstairs for a look.

The housekeeper did not follow her, and instead, went to serve Dou Xiangling.

As a qualified housekeeper, when the host's guests arrive, he has to serve them well.

Zi Yi went downstairs and got the robot to check the deliveries. Following that, she set up programs for several robots to get them to install the equipment for the experiments, before she then went up.

At that moment, Dou Xiangling was currently in a conversation with the housekeeper, while standing at the pavilion in the backyard.

Zi Yi went over and found out that she was the topic of their conversation.

Dou Xiangling seemed to have sensed her coming and turned around to look.

The housekeeper had also turned around and said to Zi Yi with a smile, "Miss Zi, dinner will be ready soon. You and Miss Dou should go in and take a seat."

Zi Yi nodded and the housekeeper went in the direction of the kitchen.

Dou Xiangling walked over and said with a smile, "Yiyi, I was asking what you liked to do when you're at home. The housekeeper said that you usually spend your time modifying cars. I didn't expect you to like racing cars so much."

"It's alright, I guess."

In fact, she would not consider herself as someone who likes it. To her, without the Interstellar spaceship, those vehicles were just means of transportation. She disliked racing cars that were too slow and so, had modified them since she had nothing to do.

The two of them then headed towards the living room.

As they walked, Dou Xiangling told her about the matter where she was going to teach art at M.Uni for the next semester.

The skies had turned dark after they finished the dinner. The Dou family's residence was not very far from here. If one didn't take the route towards M.Uni, they could drive from the highway near Zi Yi's villa. It would only take half an hour by car.

Zi Yi was worried about letting her leave alone. Even though those killers dared not pay a visit to her villa during this period of time, she could not guarantee they were not lurking in the vicinity in wait for an opportunity to capture someone she cared for, just to threaten her. "I'll take you home."

Dou Xiangling knew Zi Yi would never be willing to step into her house and so, she rejected her offer. "There's no need. After you send me back, I'll be worried about you and end up sending you back again."

After she said that, Dou Xiangling laughed at herself.

Zi Yi did not plan to argue with her. She decided to secretly follow her in the dark. On the surface, she nodded in agreement.

She calculated the timing and five minutes after Dou Xiangling left, Zi Yi turned on her car and drove away.

Unexpectedly, just as she was about to catch up to Dou Xiangling's car, she saw a suspicious car tagging behind.

Zi Yi changed to auto navigation mode, took out a circular ball and threw it out. When the ball transformed into a drone, she connected her phone to all the surveillance cameras in the vicinity.

As expected, there were other cars in front.

“Heh!”

She sneered and pressed a button. Immediately after, a pair of wings extended from the car and she flew up into the skies.

The driver behind Dou Xiangling’s car was still closely monitoring the car in front when he heard a roaring sound from above.

The next second, a sports car suddenly descended from the skies and he had no time to step on the breaks.

“Shi-!”

While the driver gasped in fright, the car ahead had crashed.

When the car crashed with the racing car, it was expected for both cars to recoil. However, only their car seemed to have been shaken and directly bounced into the air, and heavily crashed onto the ground.

Bam!

The car caught on fire and the people inside had clearly lost consciousness as none of them crawled out.

Zi Yi coldly glanced at the rearview mirror and continued to drive her racing car in the skies towards Dou Xiangling’s car.

She swiftly threw a small gadget upon catching up to it.

Very soon, Dou Xiangling realized that there was something wrong with her car.

She hastily parked the car to one side and was about to alight to check the situation.

The moment she glanced up, she found a car descending from the skies.

Under Dou Xiangling’s shocked gaze, Zi Yi parked her car, stretched out her head, and greeted her with a smile. “Cousin, what a coincidence.”

“Pft!” Dou Xiangling was amused by her words. She walked over to her and said, “Why are you here?”

“I was worried about you and came over to check up on you. I didn’t expect to see your car breaking down halfway.”

Dou Xiangling was a little embarrassed. “I didn’t know my car would break down halfway either.”

Zi Yi pointed at her passenger seat. “Why don’t you stay at my house tonight? I’ll get the housekeeper to send for someone to repair your car.”

Dou Xiangling pondered for a second and nodded. “Then I’ll have to trouble you.”

After which, she headed to the passenger seat.

After Dou Xiangling got in, Zi Yi kindly reminded her. “Sit tight. You might feel a little uncomfortable later.”

Dou Xiangling nodded.

When the car ascended, Dou Xiangling eyes widened in shock once again.

However, the shock only lasted for one second before the car flew out.

A few minutes later, the car was parked in the courtyard. Dou Xiangling opened the door, ran out, quickly found a trashcan to throw up.

The housekeeper came over and Zi Yi said, "Please send someone to repair my cousin's car. It's ten kilometers away from here."

The housekeeper calmly checked over Zi Yi, then at Dou Xiangling who was still puking at one side. He seemed to have thought of something and said, "I understand, Miss Zi."

Having said that, he immediately sent out a few people.

"Please help me take care of my cousin. I have something important to do."

Following that, Zi Yi headed to the computer room upstairs.

Since those people dared to have bad intentions towards her cousin, then they can't blame her for retaliating.

Chapter 254: Internet Addict, Zi Yi

Two minutes later, the best security system in the capital received a report on information related to international fugitives, along with their detailed location and tracking information.

Those who were inside the control room were in an uproar.

"Who's so capable of reporting international fugitives this way?"

"The address and information provided is too detailed. Moreover, there is tracking information of them too."

"This person must be an expert hacker."

"Quick, report this to the higher-ups. If this turns out to be true, we cannot miss any opportunities to arrest them."

In any case, since it was reported that international fugitives were located, the higher-ups had no choice but to pay attention to it.

Very soon, the higher-ups dispatched several teams to the location provided.

After half an hour or so, they had managed to locate them. Just as they were on the verge of an all-out struggle, a group of mysterious people had defeated and apprehended them.

When Zi Yi pressed the last key, she stood up and headed outside.

As expected, she saw Dou Xiangling sitting on the sofa in the living room.

Dou Xiangling looked upwards and said with a smile, "Yiyi, you're finished with your work?"

Zi Yi quickly made her way over and apologized. "I'm sorry."

"What's there to apologize for?" Dou Xiangling stood up and said with a smile, "I heard from the housekeeper that you have been recently purchasing equipment. Were you in a hurry to confirm something earlier?"

Zi Yi never expected the housekeeper to have explained to Dou Xiangling as such.

She pondered for a second and her beautiful pair of eyes looked at Dou Xiangling.

Dou Xiangling suddenly had the urge to stroke her head when looking back at her.

Zi Yi spoke up. "You should go and take a rest first."

She glanced outside the door and did not see the housekeeper around.

Dou Xiangling seemed to have guessed who she was looking for and said, "The housekeeper has informed me of the room I would be staying in earlier."

She pointed at a room on the first floor. "It's the first room there. The housekeeper has also prepared all the toiletries."

In fact, she was deliberately waiting for Zi Yi in the living room.

Zi Yi was surprised at the housekeeper's efficiency and nodded in relief. "Then go and take a rest first. I'm going to continue scrolling through the internet for a while."

Dou Xiangling somehow recalled the housekeeper telling her that Zi Yi was particularly fond of surfing the net.

Somehow, the words 'Internet addict' surfaced in her mind.

"Yiyi, it's fine to surf the net, but don't look at the computer for too long. It's harmful for your eyes."

Zi Yi perfunctorily nodded. "Got it."

Dou Xiangling: "..."

As expected of an internet addict.

She smiled and poked Zi Yi's forehead. "Sigh..."

"Hehe."

After they said goodnight to each other, Zi Yi returned to the computer room.

Series of codes flooded the screen and it turned into a global search network.

At the same time, hidden viruses were generated one after another. Within several hours, all the computers were implanted with hidden viruses.

At dawn, Zi Yi tapped on the last key and a sharp gleam flashed through her eyes. "Killing organization? Hmph, I'll let you have a taste of what it's like to be constantly tracked."

Following that, she yawned and stood up to return to her bedroom.

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In another corner of the world.

Within a dark room without lights, a man radiating a powerful aura was standing by the windows with his back facing another person in the room.

The man gently stroked a red spider lily growing by the window and asked with a soft voice. "Has the woman been captured yet?"

The man standing behind him however, felt a chill rising from the soles of his feet and he hastily replied, "Leader, the men we sent were all captured by the Lu Family's secret guards."

"Lu Family." The man's finger's paused and he gave off a murderous aura. "Have you found Silver Fox?"

"N-no..."

Whoosh~

"Ugh..."

The man quickly covered his chest and staggered. He watched in horror at that red spider lily embedded itself in his chest before looking up at the man in front of him. "Leader, I..."

"Useless thing!" The man's voice was very cold. "Not only were you unable to locate Silver Fox, you couldn't even capture a woman. What use is there in keeping you around?"

The man's body shook uncontrollably.

"Please spare my life."

"Get lost..."

"Y-yes."

The man swiftly left the room.

The leader softly whispered while standing at the window, "Lu Jingye, Lu Yunxiao. I've underestimated you two. If you have killed Silver Fox, I will make you pay for it with your lives."

Having said that, a red spider lily was crushed into powder as it drifted out of the open window.

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The next day.

It was already bright outside when Zi Yi got out of bed.

She walked to the windows and pulled open the curtains, only to see Lu Jingye and the housekeeper standing downstairs.

Zi Yi leaned against the window and happily called out. "Ah Jing."

Lu Jingye and the housekeeper looked up at the same time.

“When did you return?”

The housekeeper tactfully left first.

Lu Jingye looked at her and said, “Just moments ago. Go and get a change of clothes.”

Zi Yi nodded, and went to wash up. When she came down, Lu Jingye was already sitting on the sofa waiting for her.

She walked to his side, stretched out her hands to hug his arm and rested her head on his shoulders.

“Ah Jing, why have you come?”

Lu Jingye looked at the young lady acting cute and revealed gentleness in his eyes. “To see you.”

Zi Yi was elated, and she deliberately said, “If you missed me, just say it directly. I don’t like having to ask why you came to see me.”

The corner of his lips curved up and he held her hands in response.

Zi Yi’s eyes turned into crescent moons.

A moment later, she suddenly remembered Dou Xiangling and looked around the house.

When she did not find who she was looking for, she asked, “Ah Jing, did you see my cousin?”

“The housekeeper mentioned she had left for M.Uni at 7:30 a.m.”

Zi Yi felt slightly embarrassed. “I had yet to wake up when she left.”

Lu Jingye asked, “When did you go to sleep last night?”

Zi Yi glanced at his face for several seconds and smiled as she said in all seriousness, “11 p.m.”

Lu Jingye stared at her and his eyes seemed to be saying, ‘Do you think I’ll believe you?’

Zi Yi hugged his neck at the sight of his expression and deliberately moved closer. “Give me a kiss and I’ll tell you what time I slept.”

She did not forget to softly blink her eyes after that.

Lu Jingye lowered his eyes to look at the beautiful red lips that were in close proximity. He raised his hand and cradled it against the back of her head and moved forward.

The kiss gently landed on her lips.

Zi Yi closed her eyes and gently parted her lips.

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After a while, Lu Jingye released her and asked with a husky voice, “Tell me, when did you sleep last night?”

“4:30 a.m.”

The moment she answered, the grip on her waist tightened and Lu Jingye's voice instantly changed into one that sounded serious. "What did you promise me back then?"

However, Zi Yi did not fear his serious attitude. She simply laid on his chest and causally rubbed her fingers on his collar as she giggled. "Promising you is one thing, and being able to abide by it is another. Well, maybe you should supervise me if you can?"

Chapter 255: Mr. Busybody, I Find Myself Liking You More and More

Lu Jingye looked at the young lady who was confident he would do nothing towards her. A trace of helplessness flashed past his eyes as he said, "Don't sleep so late in the future."

Zi Yi knew that he must have come here for something and so, she asked, "Why did you actually come over? Shouldn't you be very busy these days?"

"Those people have been caught." Lu Jingye specifically came to tell her about this.

Zi Yi was not surprised that he knew what happened last night.

"I've dispatched some bodyguards in the vicinity. If your cousins take that path in the future, my bodyguards will be around to ensure their safety."

Zi Yi looked up and kissed him on the lips as she said happily, "Mr. Busybody, I find myself liking you more and more."

The corner of his lips curved up and he raised his hands to support her back. "Then don't stay up too late."

Zi Yi: "..."

Lu Jingye left after breakfast.

Just as Zi Yi started swiping across her tablet on the sofa, she received a call from Dou Xiaoyong.

"Are you in school yet?"

Zi Yi had focused all her attention on the killer organization and coupled with Lu Jingye's earlier visit, she had forgotten about the agreement.

She frankly said, "Nope."

Dou Xiaoyong was silent for several seconds before he said, "I heard you live near M.Uni. I'll wait for you at the Mechanical Department in the Science and Technology Building. Can you reach it in half an hour?"

Zi Yi was somewhat tempted when she heard him mentioning the Science and Technology Building. "I can."

Soon, Zi Yi appeared at the entrance of the building and Dou Xiaoyong was standing there waiting for her.

His tense expression subconsciously softened at the sight of Zi Yi walking over. "Since you have knowledge in machinery, I'll take you around to check out some higher-end technologies here. Take a good look later and learn well."

Upon seeing how serious Dou Xiaoyong was in wanting to teach her, she did not reveal that the higher-end technologies in this world were considered ancient tech in her era. She nodded and followed him inside the building.

It was already half-past ten and there were many students following behind their teachers in the building.

When everyone saw Zi Yi following Professor Dou, plenty of boys found themselves unable to move.

After they left, the crowd started to gossip.

“Who’s that girl around Professor Dou? How come I’ve not seen her before in the past? Oh gosh, she’s so beautiful.”

“Quick, take a picture to upload it on the campus forum and ask if anyone has seen her. There must be many who know of such a pretty girl.”

“Perhaps she’s our junior that Professor Dou managed to poach from somewhere else.”

“I doubt it? Such a pretty girl is learning machinery?”

“Could she be Professor Dou’s relative and she came here to tour around?”

“Speaking of which, if I have such a beautiful relative, I would want to let the whole world know about it.”

...

The Science and Technology Building was divided into three floors plus an underground level.

The first floor was where undergraduate students conducted their experiments. The second floor was for professors to bring graduate students or Ph.D. students to conduct research. The third floor was the research institute and generally, students were not allowed entry.

As for the underground level, it was only open to senior researchers.

Dou Xiaoyong had explained the finished products displayed on the first floor before he brought her up to one of the laboratories on the second floor.

There were several people inside there and they seemed to be Ph.D. students.

The moment they saw Dou Xiaoyong, they immediately stopped what they were doing and greeted him. “Good morning, Professor Dou.”

Following that, a few male students’ eyes uncontrollably peeked at Zi Yi. How could they still be in the mood to continue with their work?

Dou Xiaoyong’s expression tensed up. “Have you all finished your experiments? Or can you independently design a robot? All of you better continue with your work.”

The few male students quickly returned to their senses and continued with their work.

Dou Xiaoyong said to Zi Yi, "There are plenty of materials here. Create something for me to take a look at."

Zi Yi took a quick glance at the laboratory. Even though there appeared to be plenty of materials, they were not considered high-end. She did not feel like doing it. "These materials aren't good. It's a waste of time."

The group of Ph.D students who were eavesdropping: "..."

This beautiful girl Professor Dou had brought here was very arrogant!

Dou Xiaoyong educated her with a stern expression. "The materials here are considered high-end. It's not a problem to create a simple robot. As a student, you shouldn't place your sights too high. Otherwise, you will lose face if you are unable to produce results."

Zi Yi pursed her lips and looked at him while her eyes seemed to say, 'I won't embarrass myself.'

Dou Xiaoyong: "..."

Can anyone tell him if this brat before him was really his niece, who would make all sorts of excuses whenever she was asked to study?

Looking at the current Zi Yi, Dou Xiaoyong felt that he could not get angry at her.

"Make something that is related to a robot. If you pass my test, I'll bring you to the third floor."

The few Ph.D. students: "...!"

Did their ears fail them?

The Professor Dou who was nicknamed the devil professor of the Mechanical Engineering Department in M.Uni, was actually coaxing a young girl to conduct experiments?

Zi Yi thought for a moment and nodded. She walked towards the pile of materials and asked, "What kind of robot do you want me to make?"

Everyone at present: "..."

That question of hers was very strange!

Dou Xiaoyong said, "Make it to the best of your abilities. Create whatever you're capable of creating."

"Okay."

Zi Yi quickly took the parts which she required to create the robot.

She then walked to an assembly station and connected the circuit.

Dou Xiaoyong stood beside her and spectated without uttering a single word.

The group of Ph.D. students were unable to remain calm and they had all gathered at her table.

"Does this junior know how to make robots? Why did Professor Dou suddenly become so nice?"

“Such a pretty junior must definitely be Professor Dou’s relative. However... so it turns out that Professor Dou is also part of the appearance gang!”

Upon hearing their whispers, he shot them a stern gaze. “You better take a good look at what’s called talent. Don’t always look at people based on their appearance.”

The several students could only mutter in their hearts, *‘Does this student have anything more amazing than her appearance?’*

However, since Professor Dou had spoken up, they dared not continue talking and looked at Zi Yi assembling the parts seriously.

After they shifted their attention to Zi Yi, what remained were only their shocked emotions.

Half an hour later, Zi Yi asked Dou Xiaoyong, “Is there a control panel retrofit machine? There are many bugs in the control panel and the program is unable to be debugged.”

Dou Xiaoyong remained silent for several seconds and said, “Take the control panel and come with me.”

Zi Yi took the control panel and followed Dou Xiaoyong outside.

The few students subconsciously wanted to follow them.

When they arrived at the door, Dou Xiaoyong sternly said, “Who allowed you to follow?”

In the end, their feet could only stop in their tracks.

Dou Xiaoyong brought Zi Yi up to the third floor. Just as they entered one of the laboratories, they saw a middle-aged man around Dou Xiaoyong’s age walking over.

He looked at Zi Yi who Dou Xiaoyong had brought with him, furrowed his brows, and blocked him. “Professor Dou, students are not allowed on the third floor.”

Chapter 256: The Best Way to Shut Them Up is to Show Them Your Skills

Dou Xiaoyong was unhappy with his attitude, but he still said, “I’m only using the retrofit machine to modify the control panel.”

“Go ahead, but this student can always wait downstairs.”

Zi Yi looked up and just happened to make eye contact with the middle-aged man.

She detected displeasure in his eyes.

Zi Yi said, “Professor Dou, if there are school regulations, I’ll wait for you by the stairs. You can help me with the modification.”

Professor Dou furrowed his brows. His motive today was to see how skilled Zi Yi was and he would certainly not do it on her behalf.

“Even though there are rules forbidding students on the third floor, there’s no rule that researchers’ assistants are now allowed here. You’re now my assistant and so what if you’re here?”

After that, he turned to the middle-aged man and sternly said, "Professor Chen, Little Zi is my assistant. You have no right to forbid her from coming up."

Instantly, Professor Chen's expression became ugly. He turned to Zi Yi and sternly said, "A student who is only good at taking papers and attracting attention and an Uncle who protects her... Professor Dou, mechanics is not child's play nor is it an entertainment place for you to coax your niece. You'd better think through this clearly."

Professor Chen left after having said his piece.

After looking at Professor Chen's departing back, Zi Yi turned to face Dou Xiaoyong.

He had also just happened to make eye contact with her. "No one will like another person for no reason. The best way to make them shut up is to show them your skills."

Zi Yi nodded and agreed with his point of view.

Thus, the two of them continued to make their way inside the lab.

Zi Yi modified the control panel swiftly and they returned to the second-floor lab.

The several Ph.D. students were all looking forward to her work. The moment they saw them coming back, they hastily went up to surround her.

This time, no one spoke. All of them were staring at Zi Yi as she assembled the parts one after another and finally, she had inserted the control panel.

Zi Yi quickly pressed around the panel while she said, "The materials aren't that great and I can only make do with them. What I made is a cleaning robot. You can check out its capabilities shortly."

After she said that, she stopped what she was doing and gave out an order. "Sort out everything inside the room."

"Instruction received. The program has been generated."

The robot immediately started to move.

The Ph.D. students were all stunned and rooted to their spots.

"Is this robot truly capable of sorting out all the parts here?"

"There are at least a few thousand spare parts here and all of them are of different models. How does it sort them out?"

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After some time later.

The robot stopped moving and Zi Yi announced, "It's done."

She then said to Dou Xiaoyong, "You can check now."

Before Dou Xiaoyong managed to take a step forward, the Ph.D. students were already running around to check the sorting.

Following that...

“Oh my, B3 spare parts are all placed together.”

“A2 parts are also grouped together.”

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Dou Xiaoyong looked at Zi Yi and his expression contained a hint of complicated emotions. He patted her shoulders and said, “You’re good.”

Zi Yi revealed a confident smile. “I am capable of much more. The parts here aren’t that great.”

Dou Xiaoyong had also laughed. “I’ll bring you to my laboratory in a couple of days. There are the most high-end materials there.”

“Okay.”

“Also...” Dou Xiaoyong suddenly became serious. “Call me Second Uncle in the future. Don’t always brush it off.”

Zi Yi: “...”

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Elder Dou, who was resting at home, suddenly called Dou Jingning to his side.

Dou Jingning looked at his father sitting on the couch and called out, “Father.”

Elder Dou asked, “I heard she came to the capital?”

Dou Jingning’s heart jumped. He had no idea how his father came to know of this and carefully replied, “Yes. She’s been here for half a month.”

“You’ve all met her?”

“I’ve met with her once. Zerui and Xiangling are rather close to her and they often mention her these days.”

When Dou Jingning said that, he carefully stared at his father’s expression, for fear that he would get angry.

Old man Dou’s expression was considered calm as he said, “If she has sincerely changed for the better, we have to educate her well. No matter how unbearable our family members are, they are not someone who can be casually scolded by other people.”

When Dou Jingning heard what he said, he felt an inexplicable surge of bitterness and anger. “Father, did someone say something to you?”

Old man Dou’ closed his eyes and did not answer his question.

Dou Jingning knew that someone must have said something.

However, from how his father doesn't seem to be in a bad mood, he thought for a moment and said, "I heard Second Brother talk about her and she seems to be very gifted in machinery. He appreciates her very much. Why don't I call him back to tell you more about her?"

Elder Dou waved his hand. "There's no need. Monitor Zi Xu instead. Since Zi Yi's left that house and is staying alone in the capital, don't let Zi Xu continue using her in the future."

Dou Jingning nodded and said, "I understand, father."

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M.Uni.

It was already noon when Zi Yi came out from the building.

Dou Xiaoyong said to her, "I heard you have chosen Archaeology studies. Why did you choose that?"

Zi Yi thought for a moment and said, "I'm rather interested in the history of ancient earth."

Dou Xiaoyong: "..."

Why does he feel that her answer sounded strange?

"Since you like it, I have no objections. However, you are very gifted in machinery. When you choose this course in the future, you can directly come under me."

In fact, freshmen did not have the right to go directly under professors.

However, if it was personally appointed by the professor, it was another matter.

Zi Yi did not care who she was under. She glanced at Dou Xiaoyong who had a serious expression and nodded. "Okay."

Dou Xiaoyong still had other matters to see to and so, Zi Yi headed outside the school on her own.

She had not managed to get far when she saw Professor Chen, who she met on the third floor, walking in their direction.

Just as they were about to brush past each other, Professor Chen suddenly stopped and said, "The students in M.Uni are all down-to-earth and study hard. No one can succeed by chance. No matter how many people you have supporting you, you will only end up as trash if you do not have real skills."

Zi Yi originally did not want to pay him any attention. However, after hearing what he had to say, she stopped walking and asked, "How do you know if I don't have the capability?"

Professor Chen's expression turned cold, clearly disliking how Zi Yi asked him back. "How old are you? I've been teaching mechanical studies for numerous years, how else would I know the prerequisites to excel in this course?"

"What are the conditions? Time?"

"Are you telling me it isn't?"

Zi Yi looked at Professor Chen and there was indifference in her eyes. "Oh, then apologies about that. Even if I don't spend much time on this, I can still become better than you."

"Y-you!"

She glanced at Professor Chen who was angered to the extent of being incapable of uttering a single word and left.

The furious Professor Chen glared at her. "I've never seen such an arrogant student like you! Fine, I'll wait. I'd like to see after you enter M.Uni and face so many outstanding students, if can you still be so arrogant here without your family's backing."

Chapter 257: Who Do You Want to Fall In Love With?

The following days, Zi Yi had been cooped up at the racing club.

She had been renovating all the facilities while supervising Zhou Shijin's training.

He could be considered as someone with resolve.

The training plan she created for him was considered strict enough and unexpectedly, he still insisted on driving her modified racing car once a day.

She glanced at Zhou Shijin who had a pale complexion as he got off. "You're still too weak."

Zhou Shijin calmed down his heartbeat and responded. "I will continue to work hard."

Zi Yi nodded and turned with the intention to leave.

Zhou Shijin suddenly said, "I wish to take half a day off the day after tomorrow."

She turned around to look at him.

He lowered his eyes and said, "I have to attend a birthday party the day after tomorrow."

Zi Yi immediately guessed whose birthday party it was and nodded. "Okay."

Having said that, she left.

On the other side, the Dongfang Family.

Inside the study room.

With a furious expression, the Third Elder said to the Patriarch, "Brother, Yaoyao's situation has worsened. If this continues on, she will be ruined for her whole life."

The Patriarch's expression was also ugly. He glared at him and said, "If it weren't for her idiotic actions, would such an incident have happened?"

After investigation, he discovered that Dongfang Yao had ended up in her current plight all because she wanted to ruin the woman who was close to Lu Jingye.

Not only was she close with Lu Jingye, she was also Elder Dou's granddaughter.

He had personally inquired of the several bodyguards following her around for the specifics. As for what happened to Dongfang Yao, none of his men managed to find anything.

“Who has such capabilities to have destroyed all the surveillance on that floor?”

It was not only that particular floor. Instead, they could not locate Zi Yi’s movements throughout the entire building.

“Why were we unable to locate her movements? She had clearly entered the building!” The Third Elder had lost control of his emotions.

The Patriarch’s expression wasn’t any better. “Do you know who else was inside the building that day? Dou Xiaoyong also just happened to be meeting with a few foreign mechanical engineers.”

The moment the Third Elder heard that he furrowed his brows. “Could it be Dou Xiaoyong?”

“He doesn’t have the capability.” The Patriarch impatiently tapped on the desk. His expression turned for the worst. “If my guess is right, the culprit is Lu Jingye.”

“Him?!” The Third Elder widened his eyes in surprise. “Why did he do this?”

After he said that, his expression suddenly became ashen. “Could it be that he has truly fallen for that woman?”

The Dongfang Patriarch’s expression had also become unsightly.

He glanced at the Third Elder coldly. “What a good daughter you’ve educated. Why did she have to provoke him?”

The Third Elder paced back and forth restlessly. “How could I have known Yaoyao would do such a thing! In any case, I can’t take this lying down. Since they dared to bully my Yaoyao, I will definitely make her pay a hundredfold!”

“You better calm down,” the Patriarch shouted. “Lu Jingye has Lu Jianlin behind him. What do you possibly think you can do to him?”

“I can’t do anything to him? Well, I can do something to that woman then!”

The Patriarch nearly lost control and tried to hit the Third Elder with a pen holder. “Are you an idiot? That woman is off limits for the time being.”

“Why?” The Third Elder was so angry to the extent that he was about to lose all reason.

A sharp glint streaked past his eyes. “Get someone to spread the news of Lu Jingye liking that woman to Elder Lu. He would never let the grandson he’s most proud of fancy someone like her.”

“People from Alpha contacted me yesterday and extended a cooperation suggestion. Immediately send someone to investigate the grudge between the current CEO of Alpha family and Lu Jingye.”

“I understand.”

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Elder Lu's birthday party was happening the day after tomorrow and all the young masters and young ladies of the high-society seemed to have disappeared from Sanyue Street.

Without the visit from those rich individuals, several high-end bars were not as crowded as before.

Of course, the decrease in business had nothing to do with Zi Yi.

She was cooped up in the bar today.

The renovations were half completed and she was currently waiting for the arrival of some customized high-end equipment she ordered.

Little Loli stood beside Zi Yi and acted cutely. "Master, I've watched plenty of dramas these days and the relationship between Princes and Cinderellas is too romantic. Can you set an emotional system for the robot I fancy?"

Zi Yi's expression darkened. "Who do you want to fall in love with?"

Little Loli had unexpectedly covered her face in embarrassment. "I want to fall in love with A."

Zi Yi: "..."

Robot A just so happened to walk past them. He dragged Little Loli away after hearing what she said. "As a robot, you should have the self-awareness of a robot. Why are you even talking about dating? Quick, go and practice dancing."

Zi Yi: "..."

Zi Yi held her chin and fell into deep thought. "*Why did I install a human emotional system on Little Loli on a whim?*"

Not before long, a robot standing by the door came over and informed Zi Yi. "Master, someone is knocking at the door."

Zi Yi took out her phone and connected it to the camera outside. The person knocking was a man holding onto a bunch of roses.

Zi Yi thought for a moment and called for Little Loli. "Go and see who that person is. Don't expose yourself as a robot."

Little Loli was currently wearing a maid's uniform she purchased online and it covered up all the mechanical parts. Most importantly, she was wearing gloves.

She held out her hands for Zi Yi to see. "Master, you can rest assured that no one can see through my real identity."

After saying that, she headed for the door.

Soon, Little Loli's affectionate voice could be heard. "Hello~ Why are you holding such a huge bouquet of flowers? Is it for me?"

The man did not expect a little Loli to open the door and he answered with a stutter, “N-no. I’m a staff member from XX flower shop. A customer has placed an order for a bouquet of flowers to be delivered to the boss of this bar.”

“Oh? Who’s the sender?”

“This... I’m not sure either.”

Little Loli was very disappointed. “Since it’s not for me, you can throw it away. My boss will not randomly accept flowers from other people.”

“But...”

Bam!

Little Loli directly shut the door.

Zi Yi subconsciously smiled at the scene.

When Little Loli came back, she said to Zi Yi, “Master, it was a staff member from a flower shop outside. A random person sent you flowers and I rejected it on your behalf.”

Zi Yi nodded and did not take this matter to heart. However, she did not expect the staff from the flower shop to deliver a large bouquet of flowers at intervals of thirty minutes.

Even if it was during the day, such a huge incident had evidently attracted the attention of the bosses and employees from the nearby bars.

Chapter 258: Someone Sent Zi Yi Flowers

The sender of the flowers had caused such a huge commotion and Zi Yi had no option but to pay attention to it, even if she did not wish to.

She quickly checked the identity of the person who sent the flowers.

A sneer surfaced on her lips at the results. “Rick... he actually came to the capital?”[1]

It was obvious he came to participate in Elder Lu’s birthday under the guise of Lu Jingye’s classmate and took advantage of Lu Jingye being busy to come and find her.

However, she was rather curious as to who told him about her relationship with Lu Jingye.

In fact, there were only a few who knew about her relationship with Lu Jingye. However, the rumors about her and Lu Jingye dining together had been widely spread around high-society’s circles. Someone must have specially mentioned it to him and thus, Rick had personally made a visit.

“Is this a test? It just so happens that I want to meet you too.”

Half-past three in the afternoon, a limousine was parked outside Zi Yi’s bar.

A bodyguard soon alighted from the car and came forward to knock on the door.

Zi Yi redirected all the 360-degree surveillance cameras onto the car parked outside the bar. The windows of the back seat were only slightly lowered and she could only see his brown hair.

As usual, Zi Yi had Little Loli open the door and she returned very quickly.

“Master, that person outside said that his boss wishes to meet you and buy you coffee. This is his name card.”

Zi Yi accepted the card and took a glance. As expected, it was Rick.

At the thought of the feud between him and Lu Jingye, Zi Yi made up her mind to meet with him.

She stood up, held her backpack, and headed for the door.

Just as she opened the door, the bodyguard who spoke to Little Loli was still standing there.

The moment he saw Zi Yi, he immediately took a step back and said, “Miss Zi, please.”

Zi Yi stood there and looked at Rick who was about to alight from his car. She did not walk over to his direction but instead, headed for her own car as she said, “Lead the way.”

A glint flashed past Rick’s eyes as he saw Zi Yi’s back view and returned to his car.

The place they went to was a very stylish coffee shop.

Upon entering, there was unexpectedly not a single customer, with the exception of the manager and the staff.

The manager, together with a group of staff members, respectfully greeted them. “Welcome.”

Rick, who was waiting for Zi Yi to ask why there were no customers around, glanced at her, only to realize that she was sending a message on her phone. He then sent a signal to the manager through his eyes.

The manager tactfully said, “Miss, this shop has been fully booked by Mr. Rick. We also have a professional violinist here. I wonder what music you would like to listen to?”

“Booked?” Zi Yi finally looked up from her phone and at Rick who revealed a charming smile at her. With an indifferent expression, she said, “Are you for real?”

“Based on Miss Zi’s charms, I don’t think it’s too much for me to book the whole coffee shop to treat you to a cup of coffee.”

Zi Yi felt that the ten billion she took away from him was too little.

“It seems like you’re still rich[2].”

Rix did not pick up on the hidden meaning behind her words. His smile intensified and said, “I am UP Group’s CEO. Miss Zi, you should have heard of XX and XXX?”

What Rick mentioned were two international luxury brands.

Zi Yi answered honestly, “I’ve never heard of them.”

Rick merely regarded it as her making a joke and motioned for her to go in. “I wonder if Miss Zi prefers sitting in a private room or the main hall?”

“The main hall will do. Since you’re so generous, we definitely have to sit somewhere with the widest view.”

“Haha, Miss Zi really has a way with her words.”

After he said that, he was just about to lean towards her.

However, Zi Yi shifted two steps away the second before he managed to get close.

Rick said with a smile, “Miss Zi not only has a charming appearance, but also a nice personality. I have discovered that I’ve fallen in love with you at first sight.”

Zi Yi looked at him coldly. “You fell in love with me at first sight?”

“Could it be that Miss Zi is doubtful? You have to believe that no one is capable of resisting your charms.”

“Is that so? Since you’ve said that, will you give me anything I ask for?”

“That’s right.”

Rick looked at the girl before him and sneered in his heart.

A woman like this is someone that guy fancied?

When did Lu Jingye become one that only looked at outer appearances?

Zi Yi stared at Rick’s eyes and the corner of her lips curled up. “In that case, transfer all the assets under your name to me. I love money.”

Rick’s smile vanished at her words. “Miss Zi is definitely fond of joking.”

“Joking? I’m not joking.”

After she said that, she walked over to the coffee table and sat down as she looked at him. “Mr. Rick, if you are incapable of such, don’t talk about falling in love with me at first sight or liking me. I don’t like to hear that coming from you. If you mention it one more time, that’s it for our conversation today.”

Rick narrowed his eyes and looked at her.

The woman before him had a stunning appearance and her ambitions were also very high.

However, thinking of how he had recorded their conversation, his lips uncontrollably curled up.

Right now, he could not wait to see Lu Jingye’s reaction after hearing what this woman said.

He decided to continue making her talk.

“Could it be that for Miss Zi’s future boyfriend, you would also request for them to transfer all their assets to you?”

“It’ll depend on whether I like them or not.”

“...”

This answer was different from what he had expected.

Rick slightly narrowed his eyes. "Could it be that Miss Zi is so snobbish in her interpersonal relationships?"

Zi Yi had also narrowed her eyes. She did not intend to play along with him. "As an outsider, you had inexplicably come looking for me at my bar. Clearly, you're familiar with someone from the high-society circle and heard rumors about me. Let me guess... your visit here today must be related to Ah Jing?"

"Ah Jing? Is that what you call him!?"

Rick's expression sank in an instant. "As expected, you have an unclear relationship with Lu Jingye! He's my brother-in-law and you'd better leave him alone at once!"

"Pfft, brother-in-law? Lu Jingye is single, when did he become your brother-in-law?"

Zi Yi felt that the person in front of her was very irritating.

"If I say he is, then he is." Rick overbearingly said, "I want you to leave the capital at once."

"Who do you think you are?"

Rick was angered by Zi Yi's indifferent rhetorical question. He had read through all her information before he came and he did not pose her to be of any threat.

Originally he intended to cherish the opposite gender based on her appearance, but he had now changed his mind.

At the raise of his hand, two bodyguards immediately made their way over.

Rick looked at her and said. "I'm not negotiating with you, but informing you instead. If you're not going to leave on your own accord, don't blame me for being rude."

"Oh? How do you intend to be rude?"

"I heard your parents and younger sister have come to the capital recently. Would you like me to invite them over to have a cup of coffee together?"

Zi Yi looked at Rick's stern eyes and chuckled. At the same time, she stood up and said, "Do as you please."

Having said that, she took her leave.

"Hold it."

Obviously, Zi Yi would not follow his orders.

Rick was enraged and he ordered in a heavy voice, "Capture her."

While the two bodyguards went for her arms, she dodged and threw out two circular balls from her pocket.

The balls spun rapidly in the air and shortly after, numerous sharp objects sprang out and flew towards the bodyguards.

“Owww~~”

[1] Rick is the man who had his money stolen by Zi Yi, after requesting her to hack into Lu Jingye’s laptop.

[2] In Chinese, the way she asked could be interpreted in two ways. One is the English understanding of the sentence and the other is just stating that he’s rich.

Chapter 259: You’re Dead!

As for how powerful those rotating weapons are? It could be seen from how those bodyguards covered their chests and wailed after having had their clothes ripped off and their skin sliced apart.

Zi Yi’s actions had not only shocked the boss and employees of the coffee shop, but even Rick was surprised.

It seems like he had belittled her.

Zi Yi glanced at Rick and she did not put her two circular balls away.

Instead, she sneered at him.

Rick inexplicably felt a chill rising from within. “Quick, stop those things!”

With a shout, all his bodyguards immediately took action.

The two balls were rotating at extremely fast speeds and were also covered with sharp blades. For a moment, those bodyguards were helpless as to what to do with them.

Those balls seemed to have eyes on them as they made their way directly to Rick.

Rick instantly turned pale. He instinctively took out his gun and shot at the balls.

BAM! BAM! BAM!

“Ahh-”

The gunshot sounds frightened the employees in the shop as they screamed and fled.

At the same time, it had attracted the attention of the passers-by outside the coffee shop.

Zi Yi coldly looked at Rick, who had a stern expression on his face, and sneered as he said to her, “You’re dead meat.”

Having heard that, she took out her cell phone and said with a frightened voice, “Is this the police? Did you hear what the guy said? This CEO of the UP Group took out his gun to kill me.”

The policemen’s serious voice immediately sounded. “Little friend, don’t be afraid. Our men have already arrived at XX Cafe.”

The moment he said that a loud siren could be heard from outside. “You there, we’ve already surrounded you and it’s best for you not to harm the innocent. Otherwise, we will be taking forceful measures!”

Zi Yi looked at Rick with those beautiful eyes of hers and curled the corners of her lips as she said, "Mr. Rick. Do you wish to become a fugitive or will you turn yourself in?"

Upon hearing what she said, Rick's expression instantly turned livid.

He looked at the gun in his hand and a sharp glint flashed past his eyes. He put away the gun, walked towards Zi Yi, and looked at her with a furious gaze. "We're not done."

Having said that, he went out with his group of bodyguards.

Zi Yi saw Rick leaving with the policemen and knew that there would definitely be people protecting him.

However, she did not proceed with dealing with him. She had to find out what happened between his younger sister and Lu Jingye. Otherwise, she would feel irritated deep down.

Not long after Rick was brought in, he was bailed out by the Dongfang family.

The Second Elder of the Dongfang family said to Rick, who had a gloomy expression, "Mr. Rick. You were too hasty."

Rick raised his hand and straightened his wrinkled sleeve. "That's right. I was indeed hasty. That woman is very smart, but..."

He suddenly revealed a cruel smile. "I can let Lu Jingye see the true colors of the woman he fancies."

After that, he took out his phone and gave Lu Jingye a call.

"Hey old friend, I've just arrived at the capital... I'm here to attend Elder Lu's birthday party. Don't tell me you're not welcoming of my arrival? Haha.... I have something you will be very interested in. You wanna take a look? Alright, let's meet at the old place."

The old place Rick mentioned was a famous financial club in the capital. It was a place for elites to make exchanges and those who were allowed inside were the elite of the elites.

Even so, it had caused quite a stir when Lu Jingye stepped into the clubhouse.

"Why did Second Young Master Lu come?"

"Could there be any upcoming fluctuations in the economy of the capital?"

"I doubt so. Tomorrow is Elder Lu's birthday and Second Young Master Lu shouldn't have time to talk about economic matters?"

"Didn't UP Group's CEO, Rick, come earlier? I heard that they were classmates."

"When two business giants meet, I wonder how many trade secrets they will be discussing."

The crowd started to stir. If they could eavesdrop on just the slightest bit of information, perhaps it could give them great profits.

However, when they headed for the balcony room, there was a group of bodyguards standing guard. No one was able to get close.

When Lu Jingye went inside, Rick was already sitting there waiting for him.

He was currently steeping tea and based on his elegant movements, he had obviously spent time learning the art of tea.

The moment he heard the door opening, Rick looked at Lu Jingye with a smile. "Hey, Lu. Long time no see."

Lu Jingye nodded and sat down on the opposite chair.

Rick had poured the steeped tea in the cup and pushed it to him. "It's been a long time since I've made tea. I wonder if it still tastes the same as before. Have a taste."

Lu Jingye took a sip and put down the teacup as he said with a nod, "It's still the same."

Rick smiled and also took a sip before he sighed. "It's already been several years since we graduated. You're still a talented and upright young man while I'm already reaching middle age."

Lu Jingye had skipped levels and completed his Ph.D. in Finance at the age of 17, while Rick completed it at the age of 27. There was a 10 year age difference between them.

Speaking of this, Rick lamented. "We have been developing our businesses all these years and your capabilities still amaze me."

Lu Jingye did not respond.

However, Rick did not pay attention to it and continued talking in a reminiscing voice. "Back then, Aisha was so infatuated with you and chased after you every single day. Whereas you were so ruthless and refused her time after time. I remember I had asked you for a duel for Aisha's sake several times back then."

"Mm." Lu Jingye took a sip of the tea and calmly said, "You've never won against me."

"..." Rick felt uncomfortable, but he still pretended to be indifferent. "I'm not a genius like you. You could spend time studying and follow your younger brother to some mountain area to undergo training, whereas I could not. However..."

While he spoke, he kept a close eye on Lu Jingye. "Since I took over the company, I have arranged weekly training. On the other hand, I heard that you have been busy flying around. I feel that if we have a fight right now, it is uncertain who would be the winner."

Lu Jingye slightly raised his eyes and said, "You're a guest. I won't fight with you."

Rick interpreted it as Lu Jingye saying that he would never defeat him. Even though he was displeased by that, he did not insist on it. He changed the topic to the days when they were studying.

After chatting for some time, Rick finally redirected the topic to his motive for coming here today. "Lu, do you have someone you like now?"

Rick kept close attention on Lu Jingye after he asked that question, for fear that he would miss the slightest expression on his face.

As always, Lu Jingye had an amicable appearance, but a trace of gentleness flashed through his eyes. Moreover, he had no plans of hiding it and so, he nodded and said, "Yes."

"Is that so?" Rick revealed a curious expression. "What kind of person is the woman you like?"

Just as Lu Jingye was about to speak, Rick interrupted. "The moment I arrived in the capital, I heard someone saying you had dinner with a woman. But her reputation isn't the best... Don't tell me that the woman you like is that girl everyone is talking about?"

The moment Lu Jingye heard what he said, his expression slightly changed.

Chapter 260: Lu Jingye: I Suddenly Feel Like Having an Exchange of Pointers With You

Rick smiled, but there was a massive storm in the depths of his eyes.

He took out his phone and brought out the video recording that contained the first half of the conversation he had with Zi Yi. With an expression as if concerned about a friend, he said, "As you know, I've always wanted for you to become my brother-in-law. Therefore, I was concerned about your relationship. If you truly have someone you like, I won't say anything about it. Therefore, I went to meet with the woman in the rumors."

After he said that, he deliberately asked, "You won't be angry, right?"

Lu Jingye did not answer him, but he took Rick's phone and checked out the recording.

When Zi Yi mentioned wanting to have Rick's entire assets, Rick sneered. "Take a look, this woman is very greedy. If she is someone you like, you have to be careful."

Lu Jingye lowered his eyes and thought, "*So this is what she likes.*"

He then subconsciously calculated the assets he had under his name and wondered if she would be happy if he transferred them to her.

He did not reveal his thoughts on the surface as he intended to continue watching the recording. However, the recording stopped.

Lu Jingye immediately understood Rick's intentions and his eyes slightly darkened.

Rick added, "Lu, not only is that woman greedy, but she's also very violent."

"You made her retaliate?" Lu Jingye suddenly stared at him.

"Uhhh..."

Rick was momentarily stunned and subconsciously retorted. "No, she was the one who injured two of my bodyguards."

Lu Jingye suddenly stood up and looked at him with an elegant and easygoing expression. "I suddenly feel like having an exchange of pointers with you."

"Right now?"

"Yes."

Lu Jingye took off his jacket and placed it on the chair beside him and said with a serious expression, "It's spacious here. We'll fight here."

Rick stared at Lu Jingye's gentle face and very much wanted to see through his thoughts. However, he could not infer anything.

It appeared as if Lu Jingye had merely suddenly changed his mind and wanted to exchange pointers with him.

But he knew that based on his understanding of Lu Jingye, that would not be the sole reason. As for the real reason behind his actions, Rick did not wish to admit it.

However, a wave of great anger surged from within.

How was his younger sister lacking in any aspect? She was beautiful and noble. Could it be that she can't even compare with a woman that has such a bad reputation?

Rick tried his best not to let his anger show and similarly, he took off his jacket.

The two of them headed to the wider space and directly started to fight.

When the two groups of bodyguards outside heard loud impact sounds, Rick's bodyguards wanted to enter at once.

However, they were stopped by Lu Jingye's bodyguards.

"Second Young Master has said that no matter what movements happen inside, it is a friendly exchange between him and Mr. Rick. No one is allowed to enter and disturb them."

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Back in school, Rick had never expected he would be unable to defeat Lu Jingye.

And after so many years, where he had even specially invited several martial arts masters to train him, he still failed to win.

Even though Lu Jingye appeared gentle and harmless on the surface, he was ruthless when he released his punches.

Lu Jingye looked at Rick who could not get up from the ground and insincerely said, "Apologies."

Rick convulsed in pain, how could he have the spare effort to listen to his apology?

Lu Jingye did not help him up either as he went to pick up his jacket and said, "It's my grandfather's birthday tomorrow. I still have many things to attend to. You should go back to your hotel and have a good rest."

Having said that, he turned to leave.

As for Rick lying on the ground, he gnashed his teeth in anger and shouted, "Lu Jingye, have you ever even regarded me as your friend!"

Lu Jingye's gaze turned chilly when he heard his shout and directly made his way downstairs.

After he left the clubhouse and got in the car, he took out his phone and gave Zi Yi a call.

Zi Yi had already returned to the bar and was somewhat surprised to receive a call from Lu Jingye. She answered the call and the corner of her lips uncontrollably curled up. "Ah Jing, how come you've got the spare time to contact me?"

Lu Jingye said, "I just happen to be outside. Where are you?"

"I'm at the bar."

"I'm near the bar."

As expected, there was unconcealed joy in Zi Yi's voice. "Ah Jing, are you coming over?"

Lu Jingye could not help the smile creeping up his face. He looked up and saw the cake shop near him. "Yes, I'm coming over."

Zi Yi's eyes turned into crescent moons. "Okay!"

Lu Jingye came out in a low profile manner today and the car he took was one that he rarely rode in.

He had not worn his suit jacket after taking it off for the fight with Rick and currently, there was already an inflow of customers on the streets surrounding the bar.

When his car stopped outside Zi Yi's bar, the people nearby only took a glance in his direction and paid him no attention.

Zi Yi was already waiting for him by the door. Upon seeing Lu Jingye alighting with cake and milk tea in his hands, she immediately ran over and pulled him inside.

Lu Jingye gently smiled as he watched the young lady take the milk tea from his hands and slowly drink. "I just happened to see a cake shop on my way. I don't know if their cakes are delicious or not."

Zi Yi took out a small cake from the bag in his hands and took a small bite. She nodded and said, "It's delicious."

Following that, she fed the rest to him. "Have a taste."

Lu Jingye opened his mouth and ate the remaining half of the cake.

"How is it?"

"Delicious."

She was delighted at his response. While drinking the milk tea, she took his hands and headed inside. "The other renovation materials will be arriving tomorrow. It'll take at most a week before the bar's renovation will be completed."

"When do you intend to open for business?"

"Probably around mid August. I have to go abroad after that." She had to make a visit to the energy company she had taken over.

Lu Jingye suddenly tightened his grip on her hands and asked, "A vacation?"

Zi Yi looked at him, giggled, and asked instead of answering, “Don’t tell me you can’t bear to be apart from me?”

She then clung to his shoulders and kissed the corner of his lips. “I will miss you.”

Lu Jingye was amused by her. He circled his arms around her waist and asked, “When are you leaving and when will you come back?”

Zi Yi gave him the specific dates and he nodded in response.

He would be busy for a period of time after his grandfather’s birthday. It was also good that she was going out to play. At the very least, he did not have to worry about someone else bullying her while he was not in the capital.

Lu Jingye did not stay for long as he had originally only taken time out to leave the company to see Rick.

After they conversed for a while more, he left.

Zi Yi held the milk tea in her hands and watched the robots renovate. Little Loli stood beside her and revealed a dreamy expression as she held her face. “Oppa[1] Lu is so gentle and considerate. Master, that cup of milk tea in your hand must be very delicious?”

Zi Yi turned around and coldly asked, “Who allowed you to call him like that?”

Little Loli answered matter of factly, “The green tea b*tches in television dramas would always call handsome men oppas.

Zi Yi: “...”

So the Little Loli was intending to go on the route of a green tea b*tch?

[1] This is the Korean word for ‘older brother’ which is used by females, it can also be affectionately used to call a boyfriend/lover by the woman/girlfriend.