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Chapter 401: Lu, What Kind of Shock Did Your Girlfriend Receive?

Lu Jingye told Zi Yi what he had done yesterday night.

“We released news that the Count is extremely disappointed in Ansel and might possibly remove his qualification to inherit the Count’s position. In order to prevent Ian from obtaining the position as the Count’s successor, he had personally led men to kill Ian. They just so happened to be seen by the Count and Ansel nearly killed the Count out of recklessness.”

Since it was a trap, Ansel must have suffered badly last night.

Zi Yi only had to listen to know what this would do.

She then told him about her plans of wanting to build a research base here.

“The outskirts of Country X is sparsely populated and the land is also privately owned. Besides, you’ve helped Ian a great deal this time around and it should be rather safe to build a research base here.”

“That’s true.” Lu Jingye thought for a moment and suggested. “You can draw up a contract and I can help you find suitable people to work in the base. However, you’ll have to find someone to handle the management affairs.”

“I’ll use robots.”

“That also works too.”

When Zi Yi and Lu Jingye freshened themselves up and came downstairs, Dou Xiangling was currently seated in the living room with Ian while they chatted.

Zi Yi was surprised to see Ian sitting there. She turned her head and asked Lu Jingye, “He came with you?”

“No.”

As soon as he said that, Dou Xiangling and Ian turned around to look over at them at the same time.

Ian smiled and said to Zi Yi, “Zi, I’ve brought the contract for the transfer of the winery with me that I had promised you previously. Since you’re here, let’s sign the contract.”

He then pointed to a thick stack of papers placed on the table.

Zi Yi was a little surprised. “You’re quick.”

She then went down to the ground floor with Lu Jingye and walked over to the sofa area.

She grabbed the thick stack of documents and quickly browsed through it, only to be even more surprised by the contents. “You don’t want anything?”

“Of course, I mean what I said.”

Ian truly did not leave anything for himself. Not to mention he had handed over the entire winery to her, he had even given her the horses he raised there.

“But I hope that after Zi takes over the winery, you can allow the workers to continue staying there... Zi, you can rest assured, those workers are all farmers who stay nearby and they are serious and responsible for their work. Even if you’re not there, they would not have other insidious thoughts.”

Ziyi nodded and said, “Okay.”

It was Ian’s turn to be surprised. “You’re not going to consider it?”

Zi Yi gave him a puzzled look.

The corner of his lips curled up and he smiled. “I like people who are like Zi, frank and straightforward.”

As soon as those words came out of his mouth, he felt chills run down his spine. He subconsciously turned around to look at Lu Jingye, who was seated beside Zi Yi, while she was looking at him with a gentle expression. He somehow felt that Lu Jingye’s gaze towards him contained malice.

Lu Jingye took the documents from Zi Yi’s hands and said to her, “Just give me a project proposal if you need anything done, I’ll send someone over to help you take care of it.”

Zi Yi nodded her head and looked towards Ian. “I will use half of the winery’s land to construct a research base. I hope that you’ll be able to help out a little and look after it in the future.”

“Research base? For what kind of research?”

Zi Yi briefly said, “For researching the human gene structure.”

“Ah!”

Ian widened his eyes, as he was stunned by her words. A few seconds later, he asked in surprise, “This technology is presently beyond the reach of all the biologists from all around the world. Why did you think of constructing a research base to conduct this research?”

Ian felt that Zi Yi simply had nothing to do. “Most importantly, investing a massive amount of money into this research lab is only considered a small matter. Where would you find such talents in the field?”

People who were talented in the field were all taken in by various countries.

Ian looked towards Lu Jingye and said, “Lu, what kind of shock did your girlfriend receive?”

Lu Jingye looked at Zi Yi and ignored Ian. “How much funds do you plan to invest?”

“In the early stage, I’ll invest 50 billion to build the lab.” Zi Yi felt that she was very poor after she said that. She then looked over to Ian and said, “I will give you 1% of the shares, if you can guarantee that my research base will not be disturbed by anyone.”

“Why only 1%?” Ian was still in shock from hearing 50 billion coming out of Zi Yi’s mouth. He had the illusion that money was simply random numbers in her point of view.

He did not think that Zi Yi’s research lab could produce any results at all and so, he deliberately said, “I’m worried that 1% of the shares is not even enough for me to hire men and look after the place for you.”

Zi Yi glanced at him and coldly said, “If you don’t want the 1%, you can choose not to take it. I’ll give you hundreds of millions for security fees annually.”

“Pft... How much did you say are the security fees?”

“Hundreds of million.”

Ian felt that Zi Yi had gone crazy and looked towards Lu Jingye with a sympathetic gaze. “Lu, you’re allowing your woman to behave like this, however she likes?”

Lu Jingye did not even bother to look up and he said in a calm voice, “You only need to choose one of the two options Yiyi gave you.”

Ian could not stand how Lu Jingye had pampered Zi Yi and muttered, “The price of this woman fooling around is too expensive. Only a rich boss like you can afford to let her go about willfully... Alright then, I’m not someone who would make use of the opportunity to extort money. I just want that 1% of shares, and that will do.”

He’ll just treat it as returning Lu Jingye a favor.

Zi Yi looked at him and called out. “Shadow.”

Shadow turned off its invisibility. “Master.”

“Immediately draw up two contracts. The contents shall include...”

Ian listened to Zi Yi listing dozens of conditions and interests of both parties in one shot. He was so surprised that he widened his mouth in shock and forgot to respond.

He could not help but think, *“If this woman were to get involved in business, she would definitely be no joke.”*

Dou Xiangling who was seated next to her had been keeping quiet ever since the three of them started discussing business. She was unable to get a word in, but she was proud of her cousin’s capabilities deep down.

Shadow drafted out the contract as soon as Zi Yi finished listing down the terms. She then asked Ian. “You can bring up any requests. Once this contract is signed, you must keep it confidential and it cannot be changed again in the future.”

Ian thought that since she was Lu Jingye’s girlfriend, he’ll just treat it as playing with a child. “I don’t have any requests on my side. We’ll sign according to this contract.”

In the future, Ian finally understood the meaning of regretting until his intestines turned green.

Zi Yi nodded her head and looked towards Lu Jingye. He then called for Housekeeper Ye and said, “Go fetch the printed copy of the contract from my study room.”

Housekeeper Ye immediately went to fetch the contract.

The both of them signed the contract together and Zi Yi said, “I noticed that there’s a spacious farm near your winery. If you can acquire it, I hope that you can also help with it.”

Ian gave her an OK sign. “No problem, leave this type of small matters to me.”

Zi Yi nodded in satisfaction.

Ian glanced over to Dou Xiangling and recalled the embarrassing moment that happened yesterday morning. He wished that he could remove all her memories related to the morning before.

He has previously been known as a gentleman in the high society of Country X. When has he done such a shameful act before outsiders? Not to mention it was before such a beautiful lady.

Dou Xiangling sensed Ian's gaze and looked back at him. She inexplicably thought of the incident in which he had played the violin for an entire night and a faint smile curled up on her lips.

Ian: "..."

Chapter 402: To the Secret Base

Just then, Housekeeper Ye walked in and said, "Second Young Master, Miss Zi, breakfast has been prepared.

Zi Yi asked Ian, "Have you eaten breakfast? Do you want to join us?"

Ian and Lu Jingye had been working outside the entire night and they certainly had not eaten. Ian said in a gentlemanly manner, "Thank you and sorry to disturb you."

He stood up and followed them as they headed to the dining table.

After breakfast, Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling were just about to return to their rooms and pack their belongings, when Ian politely called out to Dou Xiangling.

When Dou Xiangling turned around to look in his direction, he said in a gentlemanly manner, "I have something to discuss with you alone. I wonder if it is convenient for you to spare me a few minutes of your time?"

Before Zi Yi had the chance to speak, Zi Yi looked at him defensively. "Why are you looking for my cousin? What's there to discuss between the two of you?"

Ian silently looked at Dou Xiangling. He did not wish for Zi Yi to know of this matter as he felt that he would be made fun of terribly if she knew. Therefore, he wanted to talk to her privately.

Dou Xiangling had guessed what he wanted to talk about and smiled as she shook her head. "Apologies, Mr. Ian. I have to pack my belongings now. Moreover, I think that there's nothing to talk about between us."

She then headed for the guest room under Ian's gaze.

Zi Yi stood by the stairs and glanced at Ian before she coldly warned him. "You're not to hit on my cousin."

Ian's lips twitched and he retorted. "Which eye did you see with that I was hitting on Miss Dou?"

"Both my eyes."

"..."

Ian was speechless.

Having said that, Zi Yi also turned around and headed upstairs.

Ian glared at her back view. After they disappeared from his line of sight, he turned around and looked at Lu Jingye. He then asked, "Lu, which aspect of Miss Zi do you fancy? Could it be because she's beautiful?"

Ian suddenly remained silent for a moment when he asked that. To tell you the truth, he was attracted by that beautiful pair of eyes of hers when he first encountered Zi Yi at the bridge. Otherwise, he would have minded his own business and not helped her.

He did not expect that she would be the girlfriend of his good friend.

Lu Jingye gave him a deep look, only to speak a few seconds later. "You'll know when you have someone you like."

Having said that, he had unexpectedly gone upstairs too.

Ian was stunned for a second before he asked, "What are you doing?"

"Going to pack the luggage."

"Isn't Zi Yi packing it? Why are you packing it too?"

Lu Jingye merely looked back at him and gave him a sympathetic gaze.

Ian: "..."

To hell with that sympathetic gaze

What was there for him to be pitied over!

The three of them soon packed their belongings. The housekeeper had already prepared the car for them.

Ian insisted on sending them off and after getting in the car, he and Lu Jingye started to discuss follow-up matters.

Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling discussed what they wanted to do after they returned.

Dou Xiangling smiled and said, "Yiyi has won first place in the International Painting and Calligraphy Competition this time around. The School of Fine Arts would certainly invite you to be a special lecturer. Do you want to come over to play?"

Zi Yi shook her head and said, "I still have tons of things to do, I don't have time."

Dou Xiangling knew that the reason why Zi Yi painted in the first place was because of her. Since she had said that, Dou Xiangling did not continue asking.

Ian and Lu Jingye's conversation was 100% about work-related business. Dou Xiangling thought about what Zi Yi had said to Ian in the morning and could not help but whisper in her ears, "Yiyi, do you really trust Ian?"

She even gave him a look after she said that.

Ian sensed her incoming gaze and hastily looked up. He then looked at her with a wary gaze, as he felt that she was badmouthing him.

Dou Xiangling retracted her gaze in a natural manner and pretended that she had not said anything.

Ian narrowed his eyes.

But he soon returned to discuss business with Lu Jingye.

Zi Yi said, "What's there to be worried about? He will be happy to look after the place for me when the time comes."

The experiment she intended to do was to achieve a breakthrough for the current research standards on Earth. When they successfully achieve a breakthrough, the profits would be unimaginable. Zi Yi felt that giving him 1% of the shares was too much.

Dou Xiangling did not continue asking after Zi Yi said that.

Lu Jingye's private plane stopped at Country X's International Airport. The both of them first sent Dou Xiangling to the boarding gate, before they continued to drive to the other side of the airport.

When the car came to a stop, Ian followed them and alighted, before he said to Zi Yi, "Zi, I will take good care of that winery for you."

"Thank you."

Ian then looked at Lu Jingye with a complicated gaze. "You're rich and can be wilful. I just hope that you won't regret it when the time comes." Until now, he had never thought that Zi Yi could successfully build up that type of research lab. He felt that they were simply burning money.

Moreover, it was a sum of money that he could not afford to do so with.

Zi Yi looked at him discontentedly and did not say anything but instead pulled Lu Jingye's hand as they headed towards the plane.

While they walked, she said, "If not for the fact that it requires time for the research lab to be built, I honestly want to make him regret his words!"

"It doesn't matter. He will regret it sooner or later."

Ian: "... My kindness is being treated like sh*t!

Lu Jingye's private jet was not very large in size, but there was everything inside.

After they got on the plane, they directly headed for Country D.

It only took three hours or so from Country X to Country D. Lu Jingye was in a hurry to go back and he straight away left to sign the contract as soon as he arrived. The two of them had a meal there before they got on the plane once again.

During the flight, they would discuss Lu Yunxiao's treatment plan and Zi Yi said, "When the time comes, I need a trustworthy doctor to treat your brother together with me. Have you made preparations on your side?"

"Yes. I've already invited Elder Hu, a well-known doctor in the brain field within the capital. He was a subordinate of my grandfather when he was younger.

Zi Yi was momentarily stunned and asked, "Aren't you afraid that he would reveal your younger brother's condition to your grandfather?"

"After I invited him over, I cut off all his contact with the outside world. I did not tell him who he was going to treat when I invited him back then."

"Wouldn't you incur Dr. Hu's dissatisfaction?"

"No. After he saw Lu Yunxiao's condition, he said that he would not leave until he cured him."

Zi Yi was relieved. "Then that's great."

She required someone she would have 100% trust in for the treatment. Otherwise, she would not know if something would happen or not during the treatment process.

By the time Zi Yi and Lu Jingye returned to the capital, it was morning.

Lu Jingye directly had the plane to head towards the location where Lu Yunxiao was at.

Unexpectedly, it was within a mountain not far from the Y Base.

They could only see a primeval forest from the view on the plane, and there were no signs of the hidden research base.

Lu Jingye told her, "When we first built the research base, we had invited a master to set up an array. At that time, we had also used the most advanced barrier equipment of the Lu Group. Therefore, ordinary people are unable to get inside."

When Zi Yi heard that there was an array set up, she said, "I've always thought that the array formation of ancient times is extremely powerful. Later on, some people discovered through research that various array formations are based on the Earth's magnetic field. However, the greatest drawback is that it is easily broken... I will help you check out the barrier shortly and upgrade it."

"Okay."

The plane circled over the base two and a half times before it descended. When it approached the forest, they could finally see the scene inside.

In fact, they had also utilized light refraction and so, the base could not be seen from above.

Chapter 403: Lu Yunxiao

The secret base was very spacious. Immediately after the plane parked at a clearing, several individuals with aggressive auras and anxious expressions walked over in a hurry.

“Second Young Master, the Third Young Master has begun to reject all foreign objects starting from the middle of the night. Please go and take a look.”

Lu Jingye’s expression changed at the news.

Zi Yi grabbed his hand and noticed that he was slightly trembling. She hastily said, “Ah Jing, don’t worry. It’s not too late.”

Only then did the few of them notice Zi Yi standing next to Lu Jingye and a trace of surprise flashed past their eyes.

Their Second Young Master had unexpectedly brought a woman here.

Lu Jingye held her hand and pulled her as they strode forward.

While walking, he said to the several men, “Tell me more about Yunxiao’s condition in detail.”

One of the men spoke up. “Everything happened as per usual and we have been infusing nutrients into his body. At 1:45 a.m, his body suddenly revealed signs of rejection and purple spots surfaced in many areas.”

“Did you check the composition of the nutrient solution?” The first thing Lu Jingye thought of was that someone had added chemicals into the nutrient solution and his aura instantly changed, as it became sharp and cold.

“No, the composition is the same as before.”

The news caused Lu Jingye to grip Zi Yi’s hand tighter.

Zi Yi thought about it for a moment and explained. “The brain cells are basically the main system controlling the whole body and with the lack of the most important system, many instructions are unable to be conveyed to other parts of the body, even with the help of the current medical equipment. As time passes, it’s normal for such signs to appear.[1]”

The few people who were tagging behind them looked at her in surprise.

Lu Jingye asked, “What’s the worst consequences if this happens?”

“With good medical skills, you’ll be able to allow him to continue on for another 24 hours. If the medical skills are lacking, then since last night, there are chances that he might die at any point in time.”

Her words caused the expression of several people to stiffen.

Lu Jingye gripped her hand even tighter. He was clearly trying to control his emotions and yet, he still asked in a rather calm manner, “Yiyi, do you have any means?”

“Yes, don’t worry. I’ve said that your younger brother will see this dangerous time through.” Zi Yi reassured him.

“Okay.”

Their footsteps hastened even more and they soon entered a white building.

The building was like a boxed-shaped bungalow.

There were wards and laboratories inside and Lu Yunxiao was lying there.

When Zi Yi walked in, she asked him, "Is the building coated with materials that makes it invisible? Are there numerous security systems installed here?"

Her words had surprised the people around her once again.

"Yes. It can protect against a 15 magnitude earthquake and 20 magnitude explosion. In case of special situations, the building will automatically close down and there's a support system inside that can avoid any monitoring devices."

Zi Yi nodded her head. From these facts, she could see how important Lu Yunxiao was to Lu Jingye.

The few of them continued heading forward after they entered the building. They headed deeper and deeper, and it was obvious that they had arrived at an underground basement.

After reaching the basement, they continued walking for some time before they arrived at a door.

The people who were following them had stopped in their tracks. Lu Jingye entered a string of instructions in the door and it opened. The two of them went inside.

As soon as they went inside, they were faced with a big hall. However, it was unlike those seen normally, as it was designed as an operating room.

The hall was filled with the most advanced medical equipment around the world. On the left-hand side facing the entrance was a very special transparent cover. Within the transparent cover lay a man who resembled Lu Jingye and there were tubes all over his body.

This person was Lu Yunxiao.

Lu Yunxiao laid there quietly. Even with the most advanced medical equipment in the world, his body was extremely thin. Coupled with the sudden purple patches that surfaced on his body, his appearance looked creepy.

Lu Jingye let go of Zi Yi's hand and he walked over in large strides.

His hands pressed onto the transparent cover and he lowered his head without saying anything. However, he was shrouded in extreme sadness.

Zi Yi walked over and grabbed his hand. "Go and get Elder Hu to come here, I'll discuss the process with him."

Lu Jingye nodded and hastily pressed a button somewhere.

In less than two minutes, they saw a man whose hair had turned half white, with severe dark circles under his eyes. Yet, he appeared to be spirited.

The moment he came in, he saw Lu Jingye and Zi Yi standing over there.

His gaze landed on Zi Yi and he furrowed his brows and said, "Why didn't you wear sterilized clothes when you came in? What if you brought in bacteria with you?"

Speaking of this, he said to Lu Jingye sternly, "You know that your younger brother is in a special condition right now, why did you bring a girl over?"

Zi Yi was too beautiful and those who did not know her would usually think in a negative direction.

Similarly to right now. Elder Hu felt that it was because this woman was too beautiful and Lu Jingye had been entrapped by her. Thus, he had brought her here.

Zi Yi pursed her lips in dissatisfaction when she heard that. She pointed at Lu Yunxiao lying inside the transparent cover and said, "The purple patches on his body are constantly increasing, you clearly don't have a single method to control it. Rather than suspecting me, shouldn't you be thinking of a solution!"

Elder Hu glared at her. "You're an outsider, what do you possibly know?"

"Outsider?" Zi Yi smiled. However, her smile did not reach her eyes. She then said a series of professional terms related to brain dead symptoms and in the end, she mentioned some problems and the reason behind why the current era was unable to resolve them.

The more Elder Hu listened, the wider his eyes got. In the end, he seemed to be holding his breath and he pointed at Zi Yi, with his face and neck flushed red. "Y-y-you... how do you know so much about this field?"

"I only mentioned the tip of the iceberg and Elder Hu is so excited already?" Zi Yi glanced at him.

Elder Hu's face was as red as a rooster. However, at the thought that Zi Yi was knowledgeable about the medical field, he simply changed tunes. "Dear friend, the both of us are trying to save Lu Yunxiao as quickly as we possibly can. Why don't we sit down and have a good talk?"

Zi Yi could not be bothered to waste time on this and said, "Sure, but I have a condition. When the time comes, I will be the attending doctor and you're to assist me."

Elder Hu was stunned at first. He was the Mt. Tai^[2] of the medical field and no one has ever dared to speak to him like this. Even though he was unhappy deep down, he did not immediately explode. He merely said with a serious expression, "Then it'll depend on whether you have the skills to convince me."

Zi Yi started to tell him about the treatment plan she had designed for Lu Yunxiao.

When she mentioned using several specialized medical equipments, Elder Hu who had a shocked expression throughout the entire time, could not resist any longer and interrupted her. "Is it true that the medical equipment you mentioned has been developed in this world?"

"That's right."

Zi Yi turned around and glanced at Lu Jingye.

Lu Jingye said, "The equipment has already been delivered. It's placed in another room."

Elder Hu slapped his thigh and said excitedly, "Then what are we waiting for? Based on Lu Yunxiao's current condition, we can't waste a single minute!"

[1] The author made this up, please do not take it seriously.

[2] A very large and high mountain. Basically the top of his field.

Chapter 404: We Are Not Sisters!

Classes for the first semester in M.Uni officially start on October 8th.

The school forum of M.Uni had exploded when Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling participated in the International Painting and Calligraphy Competition.

Through this competition, Zi Yi had gained a large group of fans from M.Uni. In particular, students of the School of Fine Arts worshipped her like a goddess.

There were all kinds of fancy compliments related to her, in which they felt that she had helped M.Uni gain a larger reputation.

Not only was there constant discussion about her on the school forum, but voices discussing Zi Yi could also be heard everywhere on the campus.

“She can clearly rely on her appearance and yet, she insists on relying on her capabilities. Moreover, there was no news that she was going to participate and she even won the first place position!”

“Zi Yi is so outstanding. I feel that during the selections of the campus belle, she would definitely win against Murong You, and become the new campus belle.”

“I think it’ll be more than that. I feel that it’s time for the top four talented women in M.Uni to change. In any case, I will definitely vote for her when the time comes.”

“Me too.”

Two female students chatted as they walked further and further away.

On the other path, Murong You, who had just so happened to hear their conversation, stood there with her head lowered, and no one knew what she was thinking of.

Zhang Yuelan who was standing by her side revealed a sneer. “She merely won a painting competition and she’s now all that great? I think that they must be new freshmen. Little You, take out all the awards you won for them to take a look at! I’d like to see who the masses will vote for during the campus belle selection.”

Murong You’s head was lowered and she revealed an expression as if it did not matter to her. “It’s only the title, she can just take it if she wants.”

She continued walking after saying that.

Her good friend immediately chased up to her and disagreed. “Little You, for you to have won the campus belle selection consecutively for two years, proves that you’re more capable than other girls. Moreover, the awards you won are also on an international level. Why should you give the position of the campus belle to her?”

Murong You remained silent for several seconds and said, "Everyone has sharp eyes. When the time comes, they will naturally judge who has more qualifications. If she can win, it means that I'm lacking and I have nothing much to say."

"She's better than you?"

Zhang Yuelan seemed to have heard a huge joke and said sarcastically, "She merely won first place in a Painting and Calligraphy Competition. To put it bluntly, it is an unpopular subject in M.Uni. If she's capable, she should try winning first place in other gold medal courses in M.Uni..."

Little You, you've won first place in the International foreign language competition. Moreover, you have also worked as an interpreter for foreign guests. Are you still afraid of a newcomer like her?"

Muring You did not fear Zi Yi at all. In fact, she did not place any importance on Zi Yi's capabilities in the slightest.

She was only worried about one aspect. "She's really beautiful."

She was worried that Nangong Yu would fancy her due to her appearance.

Zhang Yuelan was unaware of Murong You's train of thoughts. She disagreed with what she said, "If she wore slightly revealing clothes, perhaps people would think of her as a loose woman. How could she be compared to you, Little You? Back then when you enrolled into M.Uni, everyone in M.Uni knew about your existence and you were also regarded as the national daughter."

Murong You's moods improved for the better when she thought about the nickname the netizens had created for her. She nodded and continued walking forward.

Zhang Yuelan chased after her and said, "I heard from people in the Chinese Department that she did not attend Archaeology class today at all. Say, she's absent from class on the first day of school, would the teacher deduct her points?"

"I feel that it doesn't matter if she attends lessons or not with the majors she has chosen."

"Hehe. You're right, Little You. Perhaps Zi Yi is regretting choosing such a major and thus, decided to skip class. To be honest, there's no need for us to pay her any attention."

"Mmh."

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On the other hand, Zi Xuan did not have an enjoyable national day holiday at all.

Even with the facts laid out before her, she was still unwilling to accept that Zi Yi was capable enough to enter M.Uni, with the results of first place in the independent enrollment exams.

Coupled with the fact that Zi Xu had gone abroad for work the moment the national day holiday started. Li Peirong had also disappeared somewhere and did not answer her calls. She became even more anxious.

In particular, during the first day of lessons when she entered her class, she heard many students discussing Zi Yi participating in the International Painting and Calligraphy Competition during the national day holidays. Moreover, she came in first place.

Zi Xuan only felt that she had heard the greatest joke of the year and directly refuted in a loud voice. "How is that possible? She doesn't know how to draw at all. How could she have come in first place in the competition!"

Her words caused the group of people, who were still excitedly discussing Zi Yi, to suddenly turn silent and look at her at the same time.

After a moment of silence, one of the female students with thick-rimmed glasses looked at her with an odd expression. "Zi Yi's competition was broadcasted live and our school's forum also broadcasted it. You're such a strange person to not believe it."

Another male student said, "I heard that you're sisters. You should be Zi Xuan? Since you're sisters, you didn't even know that your sister had won first place? Could it be..."

The male student did not finish his sentence, but it made everyone think of how perhaps they were at odds with each other.

The gazes directed at Zi Xuan had changed.

With such an outstanding older sister, she definitely must have been jealous.

Zi Xuan stared at their sympathetic gazes and felt as if thunder had struck her from the top of her head; her whole body stiffened.

How could this be real? That person was clearly an idiot and she would always skip lessons when she studied in the past. Her reputation in school was bad, so why were there so many people praising her in M.Uni!

Zi Xuan subconsciously felt that the current Zi Yi was not that older sister that was of the same father as her.

As she listened to their not-so-friendly words, she loudly shouted at them, "We're not sisters in the first place!"

She then bit her lips and hugged her books as she quickly found a seat to sit down in. She buried her head and flipped through the pages of her books, while pretending not to hear the voices of discussion around her, and started to concentrate on reading.

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Zi Yi, who had been in the center of the discussions, was still in the Lu Family's secret base at that point in time.

After Zi Yi explained to Elder Hu about her treatment plan, his gaze towards her had changed.

To him, not to mention being her assistant, he was willing to be an apprentice who stood by the side and learned from her.

After several hours of trying to resuscitate Lu Yunxiao, they finally caused all the purple spots on Lu Yunxiao's body to completely disappear.

Shortly after, Zi Yi buried herself in the research lab and only opened the door and walked out the next day at 8 a.m.

As soon as she walked out, she was startled by the young man and old man standing outside.

The dark eye circles around Elder Hu's eyes were so severe that it was similar to panda eyes. Even though Lu Jingye appeared to be in a better condition, someone like him who always paid great attention to his own image had unexpectedly grown out a beard.

Zi Yi glanced at him several times and felt that he was handsome no matter how he looked.

The moment they saw Zi Yi making her way out, Elder Hu asked before Lu Jingye could speak, "Little friend, how's the progress of your experiment?"

"It's still acceptable." Zi Yi touched her tummy. In actual fact, she came out due to her tummy grumbling.

Lu Jingye said, "Go and have breakfast first, then rest after you're done. Otherwise, your body won't be able to take it."

Zi Yi nodded and the three of them walked outside together. On the way, Zi Yi said to Elder Hu, "I still have to make some adjustments to the machine used to treat Lu Yunxiao. We can only operate the day after tomorrow at the earliest."

"Sure, that's great. Anything works as long as we can have the surgery."

The piece of stone pressing on Elder Hu's heart finally decreased and he felt extremely sleepy. As soon as they made their way outside, he yawned and said, "Then I'll go and take a nap first. When you're old, it's hard to even stay up for a night."

Having said that, he headed somewhere else.

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye headed towards another direction.

As soon as Zi Yi took a few steps, she suddenly recalled something and slapped her head.. "Lessons started today and I actually forgot to request for leave of absence in advance."

Chapter 405: My Girlfriend and I Are Dating on the Premise of Marriage

Zi Yi started looking for her phone, only to realize that she had left in a hurry from the plane last night and did not take anything with her.

Lu Jingye saw her anxious look and held her hand. "I've already requested leave for you."

"Uhm..."

Zi Yi looked at him with a doubtful gaze. "Who did you request it from?"

“The Head of your Department.”

“...”

“What’s wrong?”

Zi Yi was thinking of the HOD’s (Head of Department) reaction when Lu Jingye called in to request leave on her behalf. While thinking, the corner of her lips curled up and she said, “It’s nothing, everything’s good as long as you’ve asked for leave.”

The two of them continued walking.

Zi Yi explained to him about her progress in great detail. “The medicinal ingredients you found are all of good quality. The extraction technology in this world is too elementary and I still have to make some modifications to the extraction machine that I previously got you to have custom made.”

Speaking up to here, she saw Lu Jingye suddenly stop walking and look at her with a serious expression. She followed suit and blinked those watery eyes of hers due to the lack of sleep and asked in confusion, “What’s wrong?”

Lu Jingye looked at the young lady before him and raised his hand to stroke her head before he pulled her into his embrace and whispered in her ears, “Yiyi, promise me. No matter who you are in front of, don’t ever say words like your world or this world.”

Zi Yi’s cheeks rubbed against his chest and she responded with an ok.

Only then did Lu Jingye release her and continue walking.

Lu Jingye asked, “What else do you need?”

Zi Yi pondered over his question for a moment and asked, “Are you able to find a space meteorite?”

Lu Jingye nodded his head affirmatively. “Yes.”

“Okay, there’s a type of meteorite with a special element which I need to extract.”

After they had breakfast together, Lu Jingye got Zi Yi to take a rest, whereas he went to wash up.

When he walked out of the bathroom, Zi Yi was already lying on the bed. When she saw that he was wearing a suit, she asked in surprise, “Ah Jing, you aren’t resting?”

“I have to make a trip to the capital.”

Lu Jingye walked up to her and leaned down to give her a light peck on her forehead. “I have to go back and discuss with my father about this... there’s also my mother. She definitely would like to meet you now that you’re supposed to have returned. I have to appease her.”

Zi Yi raised her hand around his neck and prevented him from standing up straight. “Just tell auntie that I wish to stay here and play for a few more days.”

Zi Yi’s lips moved up. Following that, she delivered her lips to his.

Lu Jingye raised his hand to hold onto her head. The both of them kissed for some time before he released her and left the base.

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As soon as Lu Jingye returned to the capital, he directly made his way to where Lu Jianlin worked. They had a two and a half hour long discussion in the office before they walked out together.

On the way, everyone who saw Lu Jianlin would greet him and nod at Lu Jingye at the same time.

After the two of them got in the car, Lu Jianlin said, "Go and visit your mother first. She has been worried about your younger brother these days and mentioned him several times."

Lu Jingye responded with an ok.

Lu Jianlin tugged his tie from his neck and traces of irritability could be detected from his stern expression. "Can she really save Yunxiao?"

Lu Jingye took out his phone and showed him images of Lu Yunxiao's condition when the purple spots had appeared due to the signs of rejection of foreign objects and when Zi Yi had rescued him.

Lu Jianlin took the phone and looked at the appearance of his youngest son. Traces of sadness flashed through his eyes and he was silent for several seconds before he said, "When Yunxiao's condition improves, I will talk to your mother about this."

She would only be more worried if he told her now. In the event he could not be cured...

Lu Jianlin was unwilling to continue his train of thought and continued to speak. "For your grandfather's side, we can only wait until Lu Yunxiao regains consciousness before we tell him."

When Lu Yunxiao suddenly lost consciousness and was determined to be brain dead, the time between was too short. The father and son had no clue as to what had happened and were afraid that the person who harmed Lu Yunxiao was lurking around the old man. For the sake of the Lu Family, the father and son could only hide this from everyone.

However, what Lu Jingye did not expect was that Rick, who got hold of the news that he had returned on the day itself, went looking for him in his company in the afternoon.

"Lu, it sure isn't easy to meet you."

Lu Jingye looked at Rick seated opposite him who had a smile on his face. He thought of the fact that as soon as he and Yiyi left the capital, this person brought Aisha to the capital. Moreover, they were staying at his grandfather's place. He guessed what his objective was and the way he spoke had unconsciously sounded alienated and polite.

"I remember you are UP Group's CEO, when is UP Group so idle that it could allow you to make your way over to the capital so frequently."

Rick did not get angry at his words that sounded sarcastic. Instead, he spread out his hands and shrugged his shoulders. "Oh well, what can I do? The princess in my family wishes to visit the capital and

even if I am the CEO of UP Group, I still have to put down everything and accompany her. Aisha is a pure and simple girl who cries easily. I have to make sure that no one bullies her.”

Lu Jingye nodded his head and was about to change the topic due to disinterest.

However, Rick came here today for his sister and he would not allow Lu Jingye to change the topic.

“Aisha fell in love with you at first sight when she saw you at the age of fifteen. You’ve not had a girlfriend for so many years and Aisha has also grown up. Do you want to consider her?”

Lu Jingye’s expression was slightly strained and he said, “I already have a girlfriend.”

“I know.” Rick had an expression as if he had known of this ages ago. “So what? A girlfriend is just a girlfriend. I asked you to consider Aisha on the premise of marriage with her.”

Lu Jingye’s gaze turned cold and he frankly said, “My girlfriend and I are dating on the premise of marriage.”

Rick was unhappy to hear that. He looked at Lu Jingye’s face that could cause all the women in this world to fall for him and traces of sarcasm could be heard in his voice.

“Do you think that you and Miss Zi can get married? Why did I hear that the marriage within the Lu Family must be approved by Elder Lu first?”

Lu Jingye’s expression slightly changed and he gently tapped on the desk twice as he slowly asked, “Is Mr. Rick trying to threaten me now?”

Rick saw Lu Jingye’s unchanged expression and knew that he was angry. He then revealed a smile and shrugged his shoulders. “If you wish to think of it this way, I can’t help it? But there’s another important thing I wish to talk to you about today. I believe you will definitely reconsider it after I tell you about it.”

Speaking of this, he put both hands on the desk while he leaned forward. “I heard that your younger brother died from brain death and yet, you’re still keeping it a secret. Why is that so?”

A murderous killing aura instantly exploded from Lu Jingye and he asked, “Who told you my brother is brain dead?”

Rick was shocked by Lu Jingye’s killing aura, but at the thought of his younger sister, he also gave off a strong aura and opposed him.

“If your younger brother isn’t brain dead, why didn’t he show up during Elder Lu’s birthday the previous time? You can deny it, or would you like for Elder Lu to personally question you when the time comes?”

Chapter 406: I Am Unable to Be With Someone I Don’t Like

Both their gazes were locked on each other.

Sometime later, Rick suddenly leaned back and asked puzzlingly, “Lu, where is my sister lacking? In the past, you could say that she was too young and was unsuitable, but she has already grown up now. Because of your refusal back then, she nearly died, and now that she has finally walked out of those dark times, you should at least give her a chance on the account of how infatuated she is with you.”

Lu Jingye looked at Rick who spoke as if everything were a matter of fact and he replied with a deep voice, "I don't think that I'm a man who is like scum and so on that account I am unable to be with someone I don't like."

"You—" Rick suddenly felt a strong rush of anger and he shouted, "How would you know you don't like her if you've never even tried?!"

"I am human and I have feelings. I would know whether I like someone or not."

Lu Jingye looked at Rick who pestered him endlessly and rudely ordered him to leave. "Mr. Rick, I still have work to do. If you're here to discuss non-work related issues, please go out. You can give up time and money for a woman you care about, but now, I have to work hard to make money for the woman I love."

Rick's expression instantly turned livid at his words. He clenched his fists and tried his best not to send a punch flying over. He gnashed his teeth and sneered. "Lu Jingye, you better not regret it."

He stood up with large movements and angrily walked out of the office.

Lu Jingye looked at his office door which was tightly slammed shut and he could no longer suppress his killing aura.

Rick actually knows that Lu Yunxiao is brain dead. Who was the one who revealed the information?

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Rick returned to the Lu Family's main house.

As soon as he went in, he saw Elder Lu.

He was currently playing chess with Aisha.

Aisha's skills in chess were pretty good and Elder Lu was currently praising her. "It's rare for young people to have such great skills like you. Not to mention being willing to accompany me for such a long period of time to play chess."

Aisha smiled and said, "I am fond of many traditional cultures of China and I have specially studied them before. After learning chess, I discovered that it can be used to cultivate myself and stimulate my brain."

"You're right." Elder Lu sighed. "Most young people are not knowledgeable about China's culture. I didn't expect it to be studied so thoroughly by a foreign young lady. I wonder if it is fortunate or a sad thing."

"Of course, it's a fortunate thing." Rick interrupted their conversation and the both of them looked over in his direction.

Rick headed over with a smile on his face. "Aisha is fond of Ah Lu and always strives to be someone Ah Lu likes. Therefore, she has worked hard to learn the various traditional cultures of China. She will also become one akin to your people in the future and so, it's a fortunate thing."

"Brother, don't talk nonsense."

Aisha shyly covered her face. With that embarrassed look of hers, even a blind man could see that she fancies Lu Jingye.

Elder Lu was very satisfied with Aisha and said, "Aisha is indeed thoughtful."

Aisha put down her hand and bit her lips as she revealed a shy smile. "I did this willingly."

Rick noticed the satisfaction in Elder Lu's gaze and suddenly said, "Grandfather Lu, I have something to discuss with you in private."

"Oh? What's the matter?" Elder Lu's hand that was holding onto a piece of chess stopped.

Aisha knew that her brother would definitely discuss her and Lu Jingye and so, she stood up and said, "Then you two can chat first. I've recently learnt to prepare a type of nutritional soup. I'll go and prepare it for Grandfather Lu."

Having said that, she headed outside the door and left.

When Aisha had walked away, Rick specifically mentioned how Aisha had been studying how to prepare nutritional soup these days. Every single word of his would associate her actions to Elder Lu, saying that she had specially learned it for him.

Elder Lu was even more satisfied. If he could have such a clever, sensible, and considerate granddaughter in the future, it was also a good thing for his grandson.

Rick suddenly changed the way he spoke and started hesitating. "Grandfather Lu, I've recently overheard something and I wonder if I should tell you about this."

"Speak your mind." Elder Lu lifted the cup next to him and was about to take a sip.

Rick looked at his expression and said, "I don't know if it was done deliberately or not, but they say that Lu Yunxiao is brain dead, he..."

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The teacup crashed onto the ground and broke into pieces, and made Rick suddenly shut up.

He looked at Elder Lu who emitted a sharp aura and felt that his whole surroundings seemed to have been frozen. He found himself unable to breathe properly.

Elder Lu's imposing aura was surely terrifying.

Sometime later, he struggled to speak. "Grandfather Lu, don't be angry..."

"Where did you hear that from?" Elder Lu turned around fully and looked at him. That sharp gaze of his caused a layer of sweat to surface on his back.

"I inadvertently heard it."

Rick clenched his fists and plucked up his courage to say, "In fact, I don't believe it either. However, it is already very surprising that Lu Yunxiao did not make it back during Grandfather Lu's birthday. Moreover, when Aisha went to Uncle Lu's house that day, she heard Auntie Lu saying that she had not seen Lu Yunxiao for quite some time. So..."

Rick could not continue his sentence. Elder Lu's gaze was too sharp and his expression was too fierce. He felt that if he continued on, Elder Lu would shoot him to death.

Elder Lu said to him, "You can go out, I'd prefer if this matter ends here. My third grandson is perfectly fine now. If I were to hear something like this again, don't blame me for being rude."

"Yes, yes, I won't bring this up again in the future."

Rick stood up and walked out in large strides.

After he left Elder Lu's courtyard, he took out his phone and made a call. The corner of his lips curled up and he said, "You can call Mrs. Lu now."

Elder Lu did not immediately call Lu Jianlin or Lu Yunxiao to ask after Rick left. Instead, he sat down quietly alone.

An entire afternoon passed like that.

On the other side, the Lu Residence.

At 4 p.m in the afternoon, Mrs. Lu suddenly received a call from an unknown number. She originally had no intentions to answer it, but the caller had called several times and she ended up connecting the call.

"I believe Mrs. Lu doesn't know that Lu Yunxiao is brain dead yet?"

Mrs. Lu angrily shouted the moment she heard that, "Who are you? Are you crazy! My youngest son is perfectly fine!"

She angrily hung up the phone.

However, she thought of how she had had palpitations recently and her heart cramped uncontrollably. What the person said over the phone were like magic chants and constantly resounded in her mind.

Mrs. Lu's body trembled and she thought of wanting to call her husband and son to inquire further. However, her heart cramped so tightly that she blacked out.

"Madam, Madam, don't scare me!" The housekeeper's expression changed due to fright.

Mrs. Lu's lips trembled for a while before she finally spoke. "Housekeeper, give Jianlin and Jingye a call and ask them to return at once."

She then completely passed out afterwards.

Lu Jingye and Lu Jianlin immediately rushed over.

Chapter 407: Patriarch Lu Wants to Meet Lu Yunxiao

Mrs. Lu merely fainted for a short period of time due to heart palpitations and she had already regained consciousness by the time they returned. She laid on the bed and clutched Lu Jianlin's hand with trembling lips and eyes. "Jianlin, someone called me moments ago and said that Yunxiao is brain dead. Is that true?"

She did not believe it, but she wanted her husband and son to personally confirm that it wasn't true. Only then would she feel at ease.

Unexpectedly, the father and son remained silent.

Mrs. Lu grabbed Lu Jianlin's arm with all her strength and burst into tears.

Lu Jianlin hastily pulled her into his embrace at the sight of her reaction. "Lingluo, listen to me."

"What else do you have to say?" Mrs. Lu only felt that she was struck by a bolt from the blue. She tightly grabbed onto Lu Jianlin's arm and hit his chest with her fists in extreme sadness. "So you've all been lying to me... return my Yunxiao back to me!"

When Lu Jingye saw that his mother was in grief, he said, "Mother, Yiyi and the authoritative figure in brain surgery, Elder Hu are treating Yunxiao together right now. He will wake up very soon."

Mrs. Lu did not believe him. "Can someone who is brain dead be rescued? Don't deceive me anymore."

She wiped her tears and said, "I want to see Yunxiao. Be it dead or alive, I'm his mother and I have to see him."

No matter how sad she was, her son was the one who chose to walk down this road. Ever since he chose to be the leader of Lu Family's secret forces, Mrs. Lu had already prepared herself in the event that someone were to happen to her son. However, she did not expect that it would happen so soon.

The feeling of a knife piercing one's heart was incomparable to the pain she felt.

Lu Jianlin did not feel good to see his wife so heartbroken, but when he thought of how she suddenly got to know of this fact, he felt apprehensive. "Lingluo, who told you about this?"

Song Lingluo looked up at him and saw a stern expression on his face that she had never seen before. She seemed to have guessed something and hastily said, "I received a phone call."

Lu Jingye hastily took her phone from her and said, "Mother, even Grandfather doesn't know that something happened to Yunxiao."

Song Lingluo panicked and clutched Lu Jianlin's clothes. "You mean that someone got to know of this despite the fact that you had kept complete confidentiality of the news?"

Lu Jingye nodded his head. "That's right. Moreover, Rick came looking for me in the afternoon and he also mentioned this."

Lu Jianlin said, "Once this information spreads out, the Lu Family will be attacked by various forces from all sides."

"Then what should we do?" Mrs. Lu was grieving for her youngest son and at the same time, she was worried that the Lu Family would fall into dire straits.

She suddenly thought of something and hastily asked, "What about that Yunxiao I saw in the past? Who is he?"

She turned to look at Lu Jingye and immediately guessed the truth. "Were you pretending to be him?"

“Yes.”

After Lu Jingye admitted, Lu Jianlin said to her, “During this period of time, Jingye would continue to disguise as Yunxiao and return to the capital. I originally planned to inform father about this, but based on the current situation, it’s better that we tell him after Yunxiao’s condition improves... There are some people around my father’s side that I don’t trust.”

The father and son had a discussion this afternoon and felt that the person who harmed Lu Yunxiao must be someone around Patriarch Lu’s side. At this critical juncture, they did not dare to take the slightest risk.

“Can Little Zi and Elder Hu really save Yunxiao? Also, could there be a mole in the secret base?”

“Don’t worry, father and I have already made preparations. I will inform Yiyi about this matter.”

“Will Little Zi be in danger?” Both her son and daughter-in-law are of equal importance to her, and Mrs. Lu could not bear to lose either. “Also... what are you going to do if your Grandfather wants to meet the both of you, if you are disguising as Yunxiao?”

“In fact, Yiyi and I have already thought of this problem. She will create a robot that is a replica of me. When the time comes, I’ll input all my habits into the robot and no one will be able to detect the difference.”

Mrs. Lu widened her eyes in surprise. “Yiyi can do this?”

“Yes.”

Lu Jianlin wiped the tears on her face and said, “All you have to do now is to pretend that you don’t know anything. It’s possible that my father would ask us to come over soon. No matter what others say, have faith that Yunxiao will recover.”

Even though Mrs. Lu was still heartbroken, at the thought of her son, she would certainly conceal this fact well.

“I wish to see Yunxiao.”

Lu Jingye took out his phone and pressed a few buttons for a while before he found a photo for her to see.

“Ah— wuuu...” Mrs. Lu covered her mouth and burst into tears uncontrollably when she saw Lu Yunxiao with tubes all over his body and how skinny he had become.

Lu Jianlin patted her back and said, “See, Yunxiao’s body is still doing fine despite so much time having passed. It means that the doctor truly has a way to treat him. You have to have faith in them.”

Mrs. Lu looked at Yunxiao for quite some time, before she nodded her head.

Following this, the three of them discussed what to do next.

The prediction of the father and son was very accurate. Not before long, the housekeeper of the main house called and asked them over for dinner. He even mentioned that Patriarch Lu insisted that everyone had to return.

Mrs. Lu even specially wore make-up in order to prevent other people from noticing that she had cried.

By the time they made their way over, the other family members were already waiting for them. Rick and Aisha were also there.

The moment Aisha saw Lu Jingye, she excitedly stood up and shouted, "Brother Lu, long time no see."

Lu Jingye merely nodded at her out of politeness and said in a distant tone, "Long time no see."

Lu Jianlin and his wife took a seat next to Patriarch Lu.

"Father."

"Grandfather."

"You're here." Patriarch Lu's expression had no change. After he said that, he suddenly asked, "Yunxiao has yet to return?"

Lu Jianlin answered, "Not yet."

Patriarch Lu's hand on the armrest moved slightly and he asked, "He didn't come back during my birthday banquet and now it's already been a month, why isn't he back yet? Could it be that the task I gave him was too difficult and he is unable to accomplish it?"

"It's not like that." Lu Jianlin's expression was similar to Patriarch Lu's, stern and containing a hint of dominance. "Yunxiao was slightly injured when he went on a task the previous time. I got him to rest for half a month first. Father, as you know, Yunxiao isn't fond of talking and he likes to travel to quiet places. He had told me that he wanted to explore the Amazon primeval forest."

Patriarch Lu's hand suddenly slammed against the armrest and he said. "Immediately get him to return. I'll only give him a week's time. Contact him during this period of time and get him to return from wherever he is... It's been quite a long time and it's time to come back and visit me."

"I understand."

The father and son finished speaking and remained silent at the same time.

The other family members of the Lu Family looked at each other. In fact, they did not know why Patriarch Lu insisted on asking Lu Jianlin's family over. In particular, based on their conversation, it sounded like a confrontation and they did not dare to utter a single word.

Now that both of them were silent, the rest were instead, relieved.

Chapter 408: Lu Jingye, How Dare You Bully My Sister

The First Madam looked at Patriarch Lu's expression and smiled as she said, "Father, since you've called Second Brother and his family over, we still have to eat no matter what. Why don't we have dinner first."

Patriarch Lu still had that imposing aura and the First Madam dared to speak up any further when he did not respond.

Just then, Aisha who was seated near him had called out. "Grandpa Lu."

Patriarch Lu finally shifted his gaze and looked over.

Aisha cleverly said, "Grandpa Lu, one can't function properly on an empty stomach. It's fine if us youngsters don't eat, but you have to take care of yourself. We still have to play chess when the time comes."

Patriarch Lu's expression finally eased slightly. He stood up from his seat and headed towards the dining room.

Everyone else followed behind him.

After dinner, Patriarch Lu ushered Lu Jianlin into his study room.

The other people sat in the living room and chatted.

The First Madam asked Mrs. Lu, "Why don't your family stay here tonight?"

In fact, the First Madam did not wish for them to stay here in the slightest. She was worried that it would give Aisha an opportunity and so, she deliberately said, "You and your family haven't returned to stay for quite some time and it was raining a few days back. The servants often clean and ventilate the rooms, so it shouldn't be too uncomfortable for you to stay in them."

Aisha immediately looked at Lu Jingye with an expectant gaze.

A streak of light flashed through Rick's eyes, who was seated next to Aisha. He was thinking of how to create an opportunity for his younger sister and Aisha to be alone together.

Just then, Lu Jingye's phone rang.

Lu Jingye glanced at the caller ID and headed outside with his phone.

The moment Lu Jingye walked out, Rick hastily gave Aisha a wink, asking her to follow Lu Jingye outside.

Aisha bit her lips and hesitated for two seconds, before she stood up and said to everyone, "I'll be going back to rest first."

Rick said, "Your body isn't in the best condition and you should indeed rest early."

How could the First Madam not know what the brother and sister were thinking? She then said out of kindness, "Aisha, I'll get my daughter-in-law to send you back."

The First Madam's daughter-in-law immediately stood up.

Aisha panicked and looked towards Rick.

Rick had also stood up. "Thanks for your kind intentions, I'll send Aisha back."

He then walked to Aisha's side and held her arm.

The two of them headed outside.

Traces of anger flashed through the First Madam's eyes as she looked at their departing backs.

Hmph, I'd like to see what you two can do under my nose.

Lu Jingye was standing by the wall in the courtyard with his body leaned to the side as he answered the call. The street lamp shone on half of his face, making his already handsome outline to be surrounded by a faint halo. Coupled with his noble and gentle temperament, Aisha who was peeping at him could not help but blush as her heartbeat quickened.

Lu Jingye immediately sensed someone looking in his direction. He told the person on the other end that he would return their call shortly and put away his phone as he walked towards Aisha.

Aisha was just like a little girl who got caught peeping and she lowered her head in embarrassment. "B-brother Lu, I..."

"Aisha." Lu Jingye stood there and the aura he gave off somehow became serious. "I've mentioned before that I can't fancy you a few years back and it's still the same now."

Aisha suddenly looked up and tears seeped out of her eyes. Her lips trembled and she asked, "Why? You haven't even tried to experience what it feels like to be with me."

"There's no need. If you truly meet someone you love, you'll know it at once. If you don't like the other person, you won't fall in love with them be it 10 or 20 years."

Tears trickled down her cheeks and she tightly grabbed her clothes as she said in tears, "Is it that Brother Lu feels that I'm lacking somewhere? As long as you tell me what I'm lacking in, I'll change it right away."

Lu Jingye furrowed his eyebrows. "If you like someone, you'll think that everything is good even if they are problematic."

"Are you talking about Zi Yi?"

"Yes."

Aisha bit her lips and said, "I've heard of her, but she doesn't deserve you. She..."

Lu Jingye interrupted her before she could finish her sentence. "Aisha, I am with Yiyi and there's nothing like who deserves who in our relationship. I love her, and I don't wish to hear anyone badmouthing her."

Aisha cried even harder as if Lu Jingye had bullied her.

Just then, footsteps sound approached from the side, followed by Rick's angry roar. "Lu Jingye, how dare you bully my sister!"

He swung his fists towards him.

Lu Jingye leaned to one side and dodged his punch.

Rick continued to unleash punches.

This time around, Lu Jingye directly grabbed his fists and tugged him to one side as he pressed him against the wall. With a deep voice, he said, "Rick, are you intending to openly break relations with me?"

Rick yelled at Lu Jingye while he struggled. "So be it. Since you bullied my sister, I will never let you have it easy!"

“Ha!” Lu Jingye looked at his livid expression and sneered, “I never bully girls. As to why Aisha is crying, I believe you can see it clearly from where you were in the yard.”

Rick’s expression slightly changed and Lu Jingye released him. He headed towards the door without looking back.

Behind him were sounds of Aisha crying even harder and Rick comforting her

When Lu Jingye entered the living room, everyone was looking at him. The Third Madam asked out of curiosity, “Jingye, what happened earlier? Why did I hear Rick yelling?”

She even joked around. “Could it be that you bullied his sister, Aisha?”

Lu Jingye replied with a gentle expression. “I haven’t. I only told her that I have a girlfriend.”

The Third Madam wanted to say something else when Mrs. Lu interrupted. “Girls nowadays would always cry after getting rejected. I prefer girls with strong personalities.”

Rick had just managed to coax Aisha into walking back to the courtyard, when Aisha heard what Mrs. Lu said. She then turned around to run away.

Rick’s expression became twisted.

He did not believe that Lu Yunxiao would be able to return in a week’s time. Lu Jingye would definitely do something in the following days. As long as he obtains evidence, Patriarch Lu would definitely get Lu Jingye to marry his sister in order to seal his mouth.

“I still have a trump card up my sleeves. Lu Jingye, you can’t escape.”

Rick thought of this and turned to leave.

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Lu Jianlin and his family only returned at around 10 p.m.

Lu Jingye did not immediately return to his room and sleep. Instead, he said, “I’ll go and visit Yiyi, I’ll be back tomorrow morning.”

He drove away soon after.

Mrs. Lu looked at the car driving away and anxiously said, “Jianlin, would it be dangerous for Jingye to go out now?”

Her youngest son was still in the secret base and if something happened to her eldest son, she would collapse.

“Don’t worry, he has a sense of propriety.”

Lu Jingye could not possibly directly head to the base. Moreover, it was a four to five-hour car drive from his current location to the secret base and by the time he arrived, it would be tomorrow morning.

Therefore, he directly made his way to Zi Yi’s bar.

Zi Yi had given him the highest authority back then and right now, he was basically the second owner of the bar.

The instant he walked in, Little Loli walked up to him and welcomed him.

Little Loli was extremely excited to see Lu Jingye. "Oppa Lu, why are you here?"

Her master wasn't around and she's now able to call him Oppa Lu again~

Lu Jingye glanced at the crowded bar. Some people had already recognized him by this time and all of them were rather excited to come over and greet him.

Lu Jingye said to Little Loli, "Bring me to a quiet place."

"Alright, Oppa Lu, follow me."

Little Loli took the lead and walked past the crowd with Lu Jingye behind her. There were many people who greeted him along the way and he responded in a gentle manner and nodded at them.

As soon as he left the hall, everyone started talking.

"Why is Second Brother here?"

"Could it be that he came looking for Zi Yi?"

"I heard that students from M.Uni are saying that Zi Yi is still abroad and has yet to return. Does Second Brother know of this?"

"Perhaps he simply wants to come here to drink."

Chapter 409: In the Future, You'll Have Classes During the Day and I'll Come to Look for You at Night

Little Loli brought Lu Jingye into the control room and Lu Jingye said, "I need to leave the capital but I can't let anyone know about it."

Little Loli excitedly said, "We just happen to have bought a machine to create synthetic skins. It'll be fine if we make a skin that's a replica of yours."

"Okay." Lu Jingye asked again, "Are there any racing cars here that Zi Yi has modified?"

"There are." Stars radiated from Little Loli's eyes. "Oppa Lu, where are you going? Are you going to look for Master? Shall I follow you?"

Lu Jingye could not drive those types of racing cars that ran at a thousand km/h. Therefore, he needed a robot to tag along and so, he agreed.

Little Loli immediately went out in a great mood and got down to doing work.

Soon, she brought a male robot who had a similar physique as Lu Jingye.

The male robot was holding onto a password box.

Little Loli said to him. "No. 17, immediately create a skin that is a replica of Oppa Lu. Before he returns, you shall continue pretending to be him."

“I understand.”

The male robot opened the password-protected box and placed his face in it for some time. By the time he raised his head, he had an identical appearance to Lu Jingye. If one does not carefully scrutinize his face, no one would be able to tell them apart.

Little Loli said to Lu Jingye, “Oppa Lu, you can input your habits into the robot. It’ll be more realistic this way.”

As soon as Little Loli said that, the male robot took off his outerwear and rolled up the skin on his back to reveal a control panel.

Lu Jingye stood behind him and keyed in several habits of his. After which, one human and one robot left the capital in secret.

Little Loli drove the racing car like an airplane.

Zi Yi had installed a device that can shield all detection on the racing car and Lu Jingye was not worried about being discovered by others.

By the time they reached the secret base, it only took them an hour or so.

It was nearly 1 a.m.

Lu Jingye knew that Zi Yi was most likely not resting and so, he directly headed to the lab to find her.

Sure enough, the young lady was doing an experiment with a serious and focused expression.

Little Loli looked through the glass wall and saw Zi Yi who was doing an experiment. She suddenly said, “My Master is sure pretty when she concentrates. It’s no wonder that so many people like to discuss her.”

Lu Jingye, who was standing next to her, tilted his head and asked, “What did they discuss?”

Little Loli kept her gaze on Zi Yi as she said, “They discussed that Master’s figure is very good.”

Speaking of this, she started to look forward to an idea she had. “After Master is free, I also want to get a hot body.”

Lu Jingye decided to return and get the housekeeper to prepare new clothes for Zi Yi. It’s more comfortable to wear loose clothes.

Little Loli added, “They also said that if they could capture Master’s face and use it as their desktop wallpaper, they are willing to live 10 years less.”

Lu Jingye’s gaze turned cold and he walked towards the entrance of the lab.

Little Loli did not finish what she wanted to say and hastily followed along.

“Oppa Lu...”

“Shhh...”

Lu Jingye placed one hand on the handle and gestured with his other hand for her to lower her voice. Little Loli immediately kept her mouth shut.

When Zi Yi noticed someone was around, she turned her head to see Lu Jingye standing behind her. She asked in delight, "Ah Jing, when did you arrive?"

"I just came." Lu Jingye asked, "Did I interrupt you?"

"Nope."

"Master, I'm here too. To think you didn't see me..."

Zi Yi looked at Little Loli next to Lu Jingye and thought for a while before she said, "Little Loli, your arrival is timely. I just so happen to need an assistant."

"Hehe... Master, order me as you wish. I promise to do my best.

Zi Yi nodded and told her what she had to do. After she finished explaining, she shifted her gaze back to Lu Jingye's face. When she saw his fatigued face, she furrowed her brows. "Ah Jing, did you stay up the entire day without resting?"

"Yes."

Zi Yi put the test tube in her hand to one side and said to Little Loli, "Help me watch the contents in the incubator and inform me at once if there are any changes."

It was unlikely for anything to happen tonight, but she was worried that an accident would happen and so, she got Little Loli to keep guard.

After that, she took off her lab coat and pulled Lu Jingye along as they walked out of the laboratory.

"I will open up your brother's circulatory system in the following two days and inject some XX substance into his body, so that he won't continue to lose weight. Also, there would have been some changes to his bones as he has been lying down for a prolonged period of time. This also has to be stopped..."

While Lu Jingye heard what Zi Yi explained to him, his hand holding onto hers had unconsciously tightened.

"What's wrong?" Zi Yi stopped walking and looked at him.

Lu Jingye told her about how Rick and his mother now knew about Lu Yunxiao's condition.

Zi Yi coldly snorted in response. "There must be a mole here. Perhaps there's one even inside the Lu Family."

"Therefore, my father and I intend to put on a play when the time comes."

The two of them soon walked back to their place of residence. After washing up and lying on the bed, Zi Yi gave him a brief massage on his head before Lu Jingye soon fell asleep.

Zi Yi felt bad when she saw the fatigued Lu Jingye. She lay down next to him and fell asleep.

The next day, Zi Yi was awakened by the noise next to her. When she opened her eyes, she saw Lu Jingye about to get up.

Zi Yi's leg had straddled over his and Lu Jingye was just about to move her leg aside gently.

The moment she opened her eyes, he stopped what he was doing.

Zi Yi smiled at him and straddled him even tighter. She even hugged his waist and buried her head on his chest.

Lu Jingye smiled in response and he whispered in her ears, "Yiyi, I have to return to the capital."

Zi Yi rubbed her head against his chest and said reluctantly, "You only slept for a few hours, why are you leaving so early?"

Lu Jingye lowered his head and gave her a kiss on the forehead. "I have to go back and lay the trap."

"Okay."

Even though Zi Yi responded, she did not release her grip on him.

Lu Jingye simply hugged her and said, "Grandfather asked for Lu Yunxiao to return within a week and I will be appearing using his identity when the time comes. Help me make a robot that looks like me."

At the thought of the robot he saw last night, Lu Jingye felt that there was no need for her to remake one.

However, Zi Yi did not think so. "I will be staying in the base throughout the week and your younger brother's body is unable to be operated on immediately. His body has to recover first and it'll take at least half a month. The active cell stimulation solution would also have been cultivated after that. Following that, I'll return and operate on him together with Elder Hu.

I'll call a robot over and modify it to replicate your appearance. Don't worry, I promise that I'll make one that others are unable to detect a single flaw in."

Speaking of this, Zi Yi thought about the fact that the robot would be pretending to be him whereas he would pretend to be Lu Yunxiao and she muttered, "Who will I show affection to when the time comes?"

Lu Jingye's originally tense nerves relaxed due to her words. The corner of his lips curled up and he said, "In the future, you'll have classes during the day and I'll come to look for you at night."

Chapter 410: I Will Not Give Other Hackers a Chance to Find Loopholes

Before Lu Jingye left, he called several managers of the base and said to them, "From now on, you have to cooperate with Yiyi if she has any requests."

The managers were all middle-aged men and even though they were shocked that the Second Young Master would give a woman such high authority, they still responded with discretion.

"We understand."

As soon as Lu Jingye left, Zi Yi headed to the laboratory, and the several managers discussed it in private.

The bald-headed Wang Biao said, "Say, who do you think this Zi Yi is? Why did Second Young Master Lu give her such great authority?"

Ji Dekun who had a beard said, "Perhaps she really has the means to wake up the Third Young Master. Even Elder Hu had no way to resolve the purple spots that appeared on his body, but didn't it disappear when she came?"

Zhang Hongliang who had a thumb-sized scar on the left corner of his eye said, "Since the Second Young Master told us to cooperate, let's see how capable she is. If she doesn't have the skill, we can't let her fool around in case something happens."

"That's right," Tian Dongquan who was wearing a Chinese-style lined garment said in agreement. "Since the Second Young Master chose the five of us to manage the base (one of the managers had gone out), we have to ensure that no mistakes happen here. However, we do have to cooperate with her if she needs anything.

After they discussed, they went on to do their respective work.

Unexpectedly, in the afternoon, Zi Yi brought a tablet and went looking for Zhang Hongliang who manages the security system in the base. She said, "I intend to upgrade the security system here."

Zhang Hongliang felt that he had heard the greatest joke of the year and said, "Miss Zi, don't tell me you think that upgrading the security system only requires knowledge in the computer field?"

"Of course not." Zi Yi looked at him. "When did I ever say that it only requires knowledge in the computer field?"

Zhang Hongliang felt uncomfortable deep down, but he still managed to speak in a polite manner.

"You're here to take care of the Third Young Master's condition, you can leave the security system to me and my men. We will do it."

Zi Yi furrowed her brows. She knew that he would not believe her because she had come here so abruptly. She thought for a moment and said, "Why don't we do this, as long as I break the security system here, you shall let me upgrade the system."

Zhang Hongliang looked at Zi Yi like he was looking at a child throwing a tantrum. "No... Miss Zi, you should be very busy right now. Why do you insist on spending time on the security system?"

Speaking of this, he seemed to have thought of something bad and his expression turned cold. "You better not have any funny ideas, else don't blame me for being rude."

Zi Yi looked at him without a change in expression and asked, "I'm Yunxiao's sister-in-law, what bad thoughts could I possibly have?"

"Erm..." Zhang Hongliang was stunned at her words, before he looked at her as if she was an infatuated young lady and thought deep down, "*Second Young Master is surely the root of many troubles. Even the girl he brought here is a fan of his looks!*"

Zi Yi saw his gaze and tightened her expression in dissatisfaction. "Are you going to agree or not? If you don't agree, I shall directly start attacking the defense system here. When that happens, get your men to calm down, and don't be too surprised."

After that, she held onto her tablet and quickly started swiping on it.

“Heh! A little girl like you is sure to be boastful!” Zhang Hongliang had an expression as if saying, ‘Continue bragging all you can’. “You can’t even access the internet here and you’re thinking of attacking our defense system? Do you know who made the defense system for our base?”

Zi Yi shifted her gaze to look at him.

Zhang Hongliang asked, “Do you know there’s a hacker group in the capital with the code name Vulture?”

Zi Yi nodded her head. “I’ve seen them before.”

It just so happens that she stole a business from that hacker group and they were currently on the hunt for her on the internet.

However, it had been more than half a month since then and they could not find even the slightest traces of her. If not for Zhang Hongliang who had brought them up, she would have soon forgotten about that group of people.

“You’ve seen them?” Zhang Hongliang looked at Zi Yi suspiciously. “Where did you see them? Do you think they are people you can see as and when you like?”

Zi Yi looked at Zhang Hongliang and felt that he was causing trouble without a reason.

Zhang Hongliang had even understood her gaze and was annoyed.

“80% of the members in the hacker group are technicians of the Lu Group’s network team. With their capabilities coupled with the financial resources of Lu Group, even the most powerful hackers in the world are unable to breach this security system. The system here is even higher than that of the National Security Agency. Do you think a young...”

“Boss!”

An impatient shout interrupted Zhang Hongliang’s unfinished words. He glared at the person running over and grumpily asked, “Why are you so disorderly?”

“Ha... Boss... ha, no good!”

“I’m perfectly well and kicking.”

“I don’t mean that. I mean that something happened to our defense system.”

“What?!” Zhang Hongliang suddenly raised his voice.

The person anxiously wiped the cold sweat trickling down from his forehead and said, “Boss, the defense system has been breached.”

Zhang Hongliang furrowed his brows at his words and subconsciously turned to look at Zi Yi.

She then shifted her tablet screen to him and the corner of her lips curled up. “Success.”

Zhang Hongliang: “...!”

That person: "...!"

The surroundings fell into a strange silence. It was so quiet that the sounds of the two men continuously swallowing from shock could be heard.

Zhang Hongliang only felt that his brain and temples were throbbing. How could this be possible? When did their security system become so vulnerable that any random attack would cause it to be breached? How was he to explain it to the Second Young Master Lu?

Zi Yi ignored their expressions that seemed to have been struck by lightning and asked, "Can I upgrade the security system now?"

Zhang Hongliang wanted to say no, but the words that came out of his mouth became: "You breached the security system here, and so would it leave loopholes for the other hackers to infiltrate? Nothing about this place can be leaked out."

Speaking up to here, his expression instantly became stern.

Just then, Tian Dongquan came over. When he saw Zhang Hongliang's angry expression, he asked in curiosity, "Old Zhang, what's with that expression of yours?"

Zhang Hongliang explained to him. "Miss Zi has breached our security system."

Moreover, she had easily breached it!

He did not have the face to say that last sentence out loud.

Tian Dongquan looked at Zi Yi in amazement, "You're so skilled in security?"

He then furrowed his brows and said, "You had breached the security system, and so would it leave loopholes for other hackers? We can't let anything inside here get leaked out."

"That's what I said too." Zhang Hongliang was cranky.

Zi Yi looked at them and calmly said, "I won't let hackers have a chance to find any loopholes." Who has the capability to find loopholes in the defense system she set up?

The both of them did not believe her at all.

Tian Dongquan hastily said to Zhang Hongliang, "Old Zhang, since Miss Zi has the capability, you should bring her in at once to upgrade the system, or else it'll be too late."

"Hmph!" Right now, Zhang Hongliang had no choice but to bring her to the control center. He said to Zi Yi with a fierce expression, "You, follow me."

Following that, he led Zi Yi away.