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Chapter 551: Third Master of The Lu Family Came To Look For Lu Jingye

How could he possibly be in the mood to take a seat? Instead, he asked, "Sister-in-law, where's Jingye? I'm looking for him for something."

Mrs. Lu sneered deep down in her heart, but she revealed an unfortunate expression. "You're looking for Jingye? He has already left the capital."

"What?" Lu Family's Third Master's voice unconsciously increased by several octaves and decibels. "Where did he go? I'll chase after him right now."

He immediately made preparations to chase after Lu Jingye.

Mrs. Lu was not in a rush to tell him though. "It's cold outside, come in and have a cup of hot tea first."

"How could I possibly be in the mood to have tea now?" He was extremely anxious right now and at the same time, he discerned something. "Sister-in-law, are you not willing to tell me where Jingye went?" "That's right."

Mrs. Lu's reply was so straightforward that it stunned him.

He paused for a moment before he said, "Sister-in-law, I am really looking for Jingye urgently. This matter concerns the reputation of the Lu Family. If..."

Mrs. Lu interrupted him. "Jingye is no longer a member of the Lu Family. As for the family's reputation, it doesn't seem to have any relation to him in the slightest."

Mrs. Lu continued to speak. "When Father chased Jingye out of the Lu Family, he mentioned it before. He's not to involve himself in the Lu Family matters or else he would not spare him. Third Brother, do you want my son to receive another beating?"

"There are so many people in the Lu Family, so why do you insist on looking for Jingye? He's already very busy right now and he has to organize his own wedding, How could he possibly have time to take care of outsiders' problems?"

The Third Master Lu realized that he could not find a single word to refute her.

Mrs. Lu looked at him and her eyes were filled with tears of heartache. "You should go back. Don't come looking for my son again. He has his own family now and he needs to make a living to support his family. He doesn't have that much time to help and even if you need help, you should be looking for the Lu Family members."

The Third Master Lu was silent for some time before he suddenly scratched his head out of frustration. In the end, he turned to leave.

Mrs. Lu looked at him leaving in haste. She then took out her handkerchief from her pocket and wiped the tears from her eyes before a sneer curved up on her lips.

Hmph, you think that my son is a tool that you Lu Family can use as and when you like?

Ha!

The Third Master Lu did not manage to meet Lu Jingye and so, he made his way to the Lu Group in haste.

Lu Zhiheng was currently scolding the employees in the conference room. "I gave you such a high salary and yet you actually gave me such results? Do you no longer have the desire to stay in the Lu Group? If so, you can get lost right now."

The group of executives felt uncomfortable from getting scolded like that and their expressions looked ugly too.

The Third Master Lu saw the scene and he subconsciously furrowed his eyebrows.

He had visited the company several times in the past when Lu Jingye was in charge. He would always see his second nephew treating his subordinates amicably and they also treated him with respect.

However, why did the company end up in such a mess when his eldest nephew was in charge?

Lu Zhiheng just so happened to see Third Master Lu and he simply shouted at the executives, "I come back and take care of you later."

Having said that, his expression changed and he walked over to Third Master Lu with a smile on his face. "Third Uncle, why have you come to the company? You didn't even inform me in advance."

Third Master Lu suddenly raged. "Why should I tell you in advance? So that you can avoid me too?"

Lu Zhiheng was stunned for a moment before he hastily said, "Third Uncle, what are you talking about? How could I possibly avoid you?"

He then motioned for him to head into his office. "Let's head to my office to take a seat first. I'll get the secretary to serve you tea."

"I'm not here to have tea."

The Third Master Lu looked at Lu Zhiheng and said, "In the past, the President of the Lu Group was in charge of managing the dispatch of military supplies. Since you're the President now, this matter should be taken up by you."

"This... Third Uncle, you also know that I just took over the company and I'm still a little unfamiliar. It's currently the annual summary period and I'm so busy that I don't even have time to sleep. How could I possibly have time to take care of that matter? Besides, didn't Grandfather put you in charge?"

Third Master Lu got angry at his words. If he knew how to manage it, would he come looking for him?

"I'm just a martial artist and so how would I possibly know how to settle this?"

Lu Zhiheng thought internally to himself, "What does that have to do with me? That's a task Grandfather assigned to you and if you're incapable, you can go and look for him."

However, on the surface, he revealed a smile and made a suggestion to him. "Third Uncle, why don't you look for Second Brother? He's good at this and he would be able to resolve the matter with just a few words here and there."

The moment Lu Zhiheng mentioned Lu Jingye, the Third Master Lu got even angrier.

“He has already been chased out of the family by your Grandfather and so how am I supposed to look for him!”

Having said that, he left in a fit of rage.

He planned to return to the guard camp.

He’ll quit and they can do whatever they like!

Today it was still snowing and everywhere they looked, the scenery was all white.

Zi Yi and her group had soon arrived at the Jade Sea Hot Spring Villa, which was located on the hill outside the city.

There were two red lanterns hanging at the entrance of the villa. Inside the gate was a two-floor building used to receive guests.

After walking through the hall and into the backyard, what appeared before them was a vast land filled with maple trees. Within the maple forest, there was an irregular-shaped hot spring. There were also various small pavilions within the forest, making the area look as if they had arrived at an immortal’s place of residence on Earth.

“Oh heavens, isn’t this too beautiful?”

Dou Xiangling’s eyes were wide open, whilst she took in the beautiful scenery.

Zi Yi giggled and said, “You’ll be able to paint here and perhaps there will even be a surge of inspiration.”

Dou Xiangling laughed in response, but she still remembered their purpose of coming here. “We’re here to take your wedding photos. How could I possibly paint?”

“Why not? I’ve already planned it out. We’ll stay here and play for three days first. During these three days, we can paint and soak in the hot springs. Then we’ll take the wedding photos on the fourth day and strive to finish it in a day. After that, we’ll go back.

Dou Xiangling slightly opened her mouth after hearing her plans. Sometime later, she asked, “We are going to stay here for so many days?”

“Yep.” Zi Yi nodded her head. “Since we’re here, we must stay here for a while.”

“Little Lu doesn’t have work to do?”

“He’ll work while we paint.”

Zi Yi had already thought out everything.

Dou Xiangling said, “...Yiyi, did you come here to take wedding photos or play?”

“Hehe, of course I’m here to take my wedding photos.”

She hooked her arm through Dou Xiangling’s and said, “Let’s go and check out the surroundings first. Ah Jing has reserved the entire hot spring villa and we can have a good time here in the following days.”

Dou Zerui who was standing beside them revealed a smile. "Not bad, not bad. In any case, it's rare for us to enjoy ourselves as such and we can use this opportunity to take a good rest."

Dou Xiangling's eyes curved into crescent moons. "Alright then... After all, I've already been tricked by Yiyi into coming here... But I didn't bring any painting materials."

"There's painting materials here! Ah Jing said that he prepared several different sets of painting tools and pigments for us. We can paint in whatever style we like."

Dou Xiangling sighed. "That's really thoughtful of Little Lu.."

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The men went to put down their luggage, while Zi Yi pulled Dou Xiangling to tour around the maple forest.

The red maple trees were reflected in the water. There were also snowflakes falling from the skies and evaporating due to the heat from the hot springs, along with the occasional maple leaves that fell. Dou Xiangling was so mesmerized by the scene before her that she was not willing to even blink. "I'll paint here in the afternoon."

Zi Yi agreed. "It's a sin not to paint such beautiful scenery."

Dou Xiangling was amused by her words. "That's right. There are many places here that we need to take photos of and I feel that even three days is insufficient."

"Then we'll stay here longer."

"No way. Your wedding date is approaching and we have to help out then."

Zi Yi shrugged her shoulders. "Alright then."

They took a walk around and stopped at a large maple tree. Zi Yi caught two maple leaves that fell with one hand and she suddenly had an idea. She asked Dou Xiangling in a casual tone, "What do you think of same-sex love?"

Dou Xiangling was a little surprised at her question, but she still answered her, "As long as it's true love, it is worthy of being treated with respect."

Zi Yi turned her head to Dou Xiangling. "Have you ever met someone like that around you?"

"Yes." Dou Xiangling nodded her head. "There are many artists with such sexual orientation."

Zi Yi pondered for a moment and continued asking, "Then if that man has feelings for both men and women, and he wants to sleep with both, what do you think about it?"

"It's not good." Dou Xiangling furrowed her eyebrows. "This type of person can be considered as having an abnormal mindset." At the thought of such a situation, she was unable to accept it.

Zi Yi finally felt slightly at ease after hearing Dou Xiangling's answer.

However, she did not continue on this topic and decided to wait until Lu Jingye had taken action on his side.

The two of them walked around the forest for quite some time until Dou Zerui came looking for them.

“My dear beautiful ladies, are you planning to treat the scenery as your meal? It’s already lunchtime. Aren’t you hungry?”

Both of them answered at the same time,

“Let’s go and grab a meal. We can soak in the hot springs after lunch.”

The three of them made their way to the building that was closest to them, as there was a restaurant there.

Lu Jingye was already at the restaurant and had ordered the dishes. By the time the three of them had arrived, a staff member just so happened to walk past them as he headed to the kitchen with the order and menu in his hand.

The other customers who entered were all seated at other tables.

There was also other staff within the restaurant and all of them were sneaking peeks at Lu Jingye.

Dou Zerui deliberately teased her. “Yiyi, you have to keep a close eye on Little Lu. Look at those women, all of them are acting as if they can’t wait to stick their eyeballs onto him.”

Zi Yi gave him a glare and headed towards Lu Jingye who was currently sitting at the table while on his phone.

Dou Xiangling scolded Dou Zerui. “Brother, how could you joke about that with Yiyi at this point in time. What if she gets angry?”

Dou Zerui laughed in response. “Don’t worry. Yiyi is extremely confident and so do you think she will be angry?”

Dou Xiangling also gave him a glare before she made her way over.

Just as Zi Yi made her way over, Lu Jingye had ended the call.

The tables in the restaurant were all square-shaped while the seats were long benches. All the furniture was made of elmwood.

Supposedly it was just right for each of them to sit at one side of the table.

However, Zi Yi did not do that and instead, she went to sit beside Lu Jingye.

Dou Zerui could not help but scold her. “There’s four of us and it’ll be spacious for each of us to sit in each direction. Why do you insist on squeezing together with Little Lu.”

Zi Yi looked at him with an apathetic gaze. “I like it.”

She even deliberately hugged Lu Jingye’s arm and leaned her head on his shoulders while speaking in a coquettish voice. “Ah Jing, are you willing to sit with me too?”

Dou Zerui felt shivers coursing through his body due to Zi Yi’s voice. “Can you speak normally?”

Zi Yi narrowed her eyes. "No."

Dou Zerui revealed an expression as if he could not take it anymore.

Dou Xiangling masked a smile behind her hands as she looked at their bickering.

Lu Jingye let Zi Yi and Dou Zerui bicker however they wanted and he said, "Ian will be coming to attend our wedding reception. He has already set off and will be arriving tomorrow morning."

Zi Yi surprisingly released his arm and sat up properly. "Isn't Ian supposed to be very busy? Why is he coming over so early?"

"He said that he's going to stop by for a holiday too."

Zi Yi was silent for a moment before she said, "Why do I feel that he's thinking of skiving off work, and that's why he came here so early?"

It had to be known that there were still dozens of days before their wedding. If Ian were to arrive during this period, he would have to stay in the capital for around half a month.

Dou Xiangling recalled the scene of Ian standing outside and playing the violin all night when he was drunk and she could not help but laugh. "Perhaps Mr. Ian wants to be the best man for Little Lu. You can use him to stop the incoming offers of alcohol."

"Is Ian's alcohol drinking capacity that good?" Zi Yi was suspicious.

Dou Xiangling said, "I don't know if he's good at drinking or not, but I feel that his behavior when drunk is not bad."

Even if he got drunk, the only thing he did was play the violin and Dou Xiangling felt that Ian played the violin rather well.

Just then, a few staff members came over and served their dishes.

The dishes in the restaurant were mainly delicacies. There were fresh bamboo shoots, various types of mushrooms, as well as free-range chicken, duck, and goose meat.

Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling liked to eat the mushrooms.

Lu Jingye noticed that and said, "If you like it, we can take some home when we leave."

Zi Yi nodded her head. "Sounds good. We can bring some back for Mom to try too."

After lunch, the two men helped Zi Yi move the painting tools to the maple forest in the back.

Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling set up their easels and started painting.

Lu Jingye got someone to fetch a table and chair. He then placed his laptop on the table and the area immediately became his office.

Dou Zerui had nothing to do so he grabbed a lounge chair and borrowed some books from the villa owner. He simply lay down to read while enjoying the beautiful scenery.

There was heat dissipating from the hot springs and it was not chilly in the slightest.

A day's time passed by very quickly.

After dinner, Zi Yi and Lu Jingye returned to their small courtyard.

The courtyard they were staying in had a wooden house and in the middle was a small hot spring.

Zi Yi saw the hot spring the moment she came in and she said, "Ah Jing, let's soak in the hot springs."

"Okay. The bathrobe is in the bedroom. Change into it and come out."

Lu Jingye led her to the bedroom.

After they changed into their bathrobes, Zi Yi came out barefooted.

Lu Jingye, who was following behind her, held onto two large bath towels. "Test the water temperature before you go into the hot springs. Don't be in a rush to jump in or else it will be uncomfortable."

Zi Yi walked to the edge of the hot springs and one of her feet was already soaking inside. Upon hearing what he said, she turned around and gave him a sweet smile. "Got it."

She then placed her feet in the water gently and started to undo her bathrobe.

Lu Jingye walked over and placed the bath towels on the long wooden chair before he came over to where Zi Yi was.

Zi Yi waited for him to approach and removed her bathrobe.

A lithe and graceful body was revealed in front of his line of sight and it was so brilliant that it dazzled his eyes.

Lu Jingye's throat tightened. "I prepared a bathing suit for you, why didn't you wear it?"

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Zi Yi turned to look at him and said eloquently, "This is an individual hot spring in the courtyard and there are only the two of us here. Why is there the need to wear a swimsuit?"

Lu Jingye knitted his eyebrows. "This is an open-air hot spring."

Even though no one here could see them, as long as it was somewhere outdoors, Lu Jingye would feel that her body was exposed.

Zi Yi wrapped her arms around his neck and stood on tiptoe to give him a kiss on the lips.

"There's no one here to see us."

Having said that, she turned around and jumped into the hot springs.

A splashing sound could be heard and water splattered in all directions.

The moment Zi Yi jumped into the hot springs, her wet long hair clung to her fair cheeks and shoulders.

The water in the pool was giving off wisps of steam and soon, it had caused her face and upper body to turn a flushed red.

Under the illumination of the night's moonlight, her appearance was similar to a soul-devouring enchantress.

At that moment, she even looked at him with that pair of charming and glimmering eyes as she waved. "Ah Jing, hurry up and come down."

The water around her rippled, and it was as if the ripples had spread to his heart.

Lu Jingye removed his bathrobe and entered the hot springs while wearing swimming trunks.

He did not head to where she was but instead, sat on the steps, leaned his back against the walls of the pool, and spread out his arms.

When Zi Yi saw that he had sat down, she swam over to his side. She then hugged his waist, sat next to him, and leaned her head on his shoulders.

Lu Jingye moved her long wisps of hair plastered on her cheeks to the side and said, "We can only soak in the hot springs for half an hour maximum. Otherwise you will start feeling uncomfortable."

Zi Yi narrowed her eyes and started drawing patterns on his chest. Upon hearing what he said, she casually responded with an 'ok'.

Lu Jingye could not take how her fingers were moving around his chest and he grabbed her hand. His voice had also unconsciously become hoarse. "Not long after we left, my Third Uncle came looking for me."

"Pft!" Zi Yi made a guess. "Mom must have chased him away and perhaps he went looking for Lu Zhiheng."

Speaking of this, Zi Yi looked up at him. "Why don't we find some things for Lu Zhiheng to do?"

"There's no need."

Lu Jingye looked at the little enchantress in his arms and could not restrain himself as he lowered his head to kiss her on the lips. "His body has been overworked and as expected, he will collapse very soon."

Zi Yi laughed without the slightest hint of sympathy after hearing of Lu Zhiheng's current condition. She then turned her body around and sat on his legs.

Lu Jingye took a deep breath and breathed in her ear as he threatened. "Naughty girl, you don't want to soak in the hot springs any longer?"

Zi Yi hugged his neck and sent herself into his embrace.

"It's the same if we come back later."

Following that, she tilted her head and their lips pressed against each other.

As for whether Zi Yi had soaked in the hot springs at a later time or not, even she herself was unsure.

On the other side.

It was as Lu Jingye had guessed.

Just before dawn, Lu Zhiheng only managed to get two hours of sleep before he suddenly woke up again.

Yang Yuelan, who was sleeping next to him was startled by his sudden movements and she propped herself up before she asked, "Zhiheng, what are you doing?"

Lu Zhiheng quickly climbed out of bed to get dressed. "I need to go to the office."

Yang Yuelan followed suit and wore her clothes. "Didn't you just come home three hours ago? Don't you want to sleep for a few more hours? Otherwise, how can your body possibly take it?"

"What's sleep? It's going to be the annual summary soon and I have to host an international conference."

Yang Yuelan suddenly felt that her husband was very capable and she said, "I prepared some ginseng soup for you last night. I'll scoop out one bowl for you, drink it before you leave and I'll pack the rest into a thermal flask for you to bring to the office."

Lu Zhiheng casually gave her a response and got out of bed as he headed to the washroom.

Yang Yuelan put on her slippers and walked to the door.

However, just as she reached the door and had yet to open it, she suddenly heard a sudden loud knocking sound from the washroom.

Yang Yuelan felt her heart skip a beat and she hastily turned to run towards the washroom.

'When she saw Lu Zhiheng lying on the ground with blood on his head, her pupils contracted in fear and she immediately released a scream.

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Everyone within the Lu Family's main residence quickly rushed over after hearing Yang Yuelan's scream.

For a moment, the main residence fell into chaos.

There were those that cried and wailed loudly, and there were those who called for the doctor.

This news had soon spread to Patriarch Lu.

By the time he arrived, their family doctor had already given Lu Zhiheng a diagnosis.

"Doctor Zhang, how is Zhiheng?" The First Madam clenched her hand tightly and her expression looked so pale as if she would faint the very next second.

Doctor Zhang's expression looked very heavy. "I suggest that you had better send him to the hospital. He has overworked his body for a prolonged period of time and his irregular diet has led to arrhythmia and a myocardial infarction. Besides this, it should have also resulted in other conditions and it's best to send him to the hospital for a detailed examination."

'As soon as Doctor Zhang gave his diagnosis, the First Madam's body shook and she nearly fainted. It was Yang Yuelan's loud cries that pulled her back to her senses.

'The First Madam had also burst into tears and she started crying along with her.

“Oh my heavens~”

When the Eldest Master and Patriarch Lu heard their cries, both their expressions were ugly.

Patriarch Lu felt annoyed when he heard the First Madam and Yang Yuelan crying and he shouted, “Shut up.”

The First Madam and Yang Yuelan immediately shut their mouths out of fear.

Patriarch Lu said with a solemn expression, “Quickly send Zhiheng to the hospital.”

Just then, the Third Madam asked, “Father, now that Zhiheng is hospitalized, what about the company? Who will take care of it?”

Patriarch Lu’s expression instantly darkened and he was about to turn to look at his eldest son.

How could a son not know his father’s train of thoughts? He got his wife and Yang Yuelan to lift up Lu Zhiheng onto his back before he then ran outside. 1

Patriarch Lu’s words were stuck in his throat and his expression darkened even further.

He loudly called out. “Housekeeper.”

The housekeeper immediately came to him. “Yes, Patriarch Lu.”

“Get ready, I’ll head over to the company shortly.”

“Tunderstand.”

The housekeeper immediately left to make preparations.

The Lu Group suddenly received news that Patriarch Lu was about to pay a visit and all of them subconsciously got nervous.

Patriarch Lu would visit the company once every year and it would usually be the last day of the annual summary report. He would only have to sit there and listen to their presentations.

Even so, everyone still had lingering fear towards the domineering aura he radiated.

Now that he was making a trip to the company all of a sudden, everyone subconsciously thought that there must be upcoming trouble.

Sure enough, as soon as Patriarch Lu arrived at the company, he had called for all the executives to gather into the meeting room.

Patriarch Lu who radiated a domineering aura sat on the main seat. Even if he had not spoken a single word, those eagle-like, sharp eyes of his had caused everyone to stop breathing and dare not even breathe out.

Patriarch Lu said with a deep voice, “Who shall explain and summarize the recent situation in the company?”

Everyone was holding their breaths and no one dared to be the first to step forward.

Patriarch Lu’s expression turned stern. “Didn’t you hear what I just said?!”

Everyone's bodies shivered and in the end, their gaze turned to the Chief Financial Officer.

Patriarch Lu turned his attention towards his direction.

A layer of cold sweat emerged on his forehead in an instant. He then spoke with a trembling voice. "Ever since the Eldest Young Master has taken over the company, the finances of the company have been in a deficit."

Chapter 554: One Side In Worry, One Side In Happiness

The news of Lu Zhiheng collapsing all of a sudden, and Patriarch Lu personally visiting the company to preside over the overall situation, soon spread throughout the high-society circle.

It was said that Patriarch Lu had lost his temper in the company.

There were people who lamented, those who felt pity, and also those who waited to see a joke happen.

Everyone thought that there were already numerous matters happening in the Lu Family, but unexpectedly, Patriarch Lu was summoned by the different military authorities.

'When Patriarch Lu came out of the building, there was no need to mention how ugly his expression was.

'The moment he returned to the main residence, he immediately came looking for his third son and with a livid expression, he asked, "I asked you to dispatch the military supplies, but what have you done these past two days?"

The Third Master felt wronged. "Father, I am not knowledgeable in this aspect and if you force me to dispatch the supplies, I would definitely make a mistake."

Between making a mistake and not dispatching the military supplies, the Third Master felt that it was safer to choose the latter.

Patriarch Lu's expression darkened even further. At his current age, he still had to get reprimanded by someone younger than him and he felt unhappy deep down.

He immediately ordered. "You shall go to the Southern Ocean and exchange places with your Second Brother."¹

The Third Master froze for two seconds before he quickly stood at attention. "I understand!"

As long as he was not asked to do tasks like dispatching military supplies, which he was completely incapable of, he would certainly not push away the job of fighting in a war.

After the Third Master answered Patriarch Lu, he immediately turned around and headed for the door.

Patriarch Lu looked at the departing back view, but his expression was still rather ugly. He then said to the housekeeper, "Go and call for the eldest."

'The Eldest Master rushed back from the hospital in haste.

"Father."

Patriarch Lu looked at him and said, "You shall take charge of the Lu Group for the time being."

'The Eldest Master got a fright and he hastily said, "Father, I can't take over the company."

Patriarch Lu's expression sank. "There's nothing you can't manage. What's more, you are only taking care of it for the time being. When Zhiheng is discharged from the hospital, you can hand over the company to him."

Upon hearing that his father still wanted to hand over the company to his son, his heart trembled and even his expression turned ugly.

"Father, Zhiheng is incapable of managing such a large company like the Lu Group."

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Patriarch Lu furrowed his eyebrows and glanced at him with his pair of eagle-like, sharp eyes. He then said in an overbearing tone, "Since I said he can manage it, he will be able to manage it. I'm tired, you can leave now."

He turned around and walked towards his bedroom.

'The Eldest Master looked at Patriarch Lu's back view with his mouth open. In the end, he left in an unhappy mood.

'When the First Madam knew of Patriarch Lu's arrangements, she directly burst into tears. "Is father planning to force our family to death? Zhiheng is already in such a state and he's still making you take over the Lu Group. Not to mention, Zhiheng still has to continue and take over the company after he's discharged? 1

Does he even treat Zhiheng as his grandson? My son is still lying in the hospital right now and he didn't even utter a single word of concern for him. To think he even made such arrangements. Wu... wuuu..."

'The Eldest Master was extremely annoyed and he looked at her with a livid expression. "Wasn't this what you people wanted?"

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Having said that, he turned around and left the hospital.

'The First Madam instantly regretted what she had done.

She didn't know that her son was incapable of managing the Lu Group and in the end, he had even overworked himself and harmed his health.

Hot Springs Villa.

Zi Yi woke up late on the second day.

'The moment she opened her eyes, she saw Lu Jingye seated on the single-seater sofa next to her and the curtains in the room were drawn. There was a laptop on his lap and he was currently staring at the screen.

Lu Jingye sensed her line of vision and he looked up at her.

Upon noticing that she was awake, he moved his laptop to one side and opened the curtains before bringing her clothes over.

While putting on her clothes, she asked, "What time is it now?"

"8:30 a.m."

"Tslept for such a long time?"

"Not really."

Indeed, Zi Yi did not sleep for a long time. The consequence of her provocation last night was that they had exercised until rather late before they slept.

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She felt a little sore and Zi Yi puffed her cheeks as she stared at him with an expression of discontentment.

Lu Jingye propped himself with his hands on the edge of the bed and leaned over to kiss her rosy lips.

There were traces of a smile in his voice. "Are you hungry?"

'The moment Lu Jingye asked that question, Zi Yi's stomach started growling in a timely manner.

Zi Yi looked at him with a pitiful look.

Lu Jingye could not bear to see such an expression. "Breakfast is on the table in the living room. Go and wash up first while I'll bring it over for you."

"Alright."

When Zi Yi finished getting dressed and headed to the washroom to wash up, Lu Jingye headed for the living room.

By the time she came out, Lu Jingye just happened to have finished his call and he put away his phone.

He turned around and walked over to the dining table. Breakfast was mushroom porridge and several side dishes.

While Zi Yi was having breakfast, Lu Jingye told her. "My first brother was hospitalized."

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Zi Yi's chopsticks stopped moving for a second and she immediately gloated. "He deserved Lu Jingye did not respond and he changed the topic after that. "Ian should be arriving around 10 a.m."

"He has arrived in the capital already?"

"He has just alighted from the plane."

Zi Yi nodded her head and then buried her head while she continued drinking her porridge.

After Zi Yi finished her breakfast. Lu Jingye put away the utensils in a basket before he brought them outside. Soon, he returned with a small basket of fruits.

Zi Yi walked over and picked up an apple. She took a bite and said, "Let's have a video call with Elder Hu and check up on your younger brother's condition."

“Alright.”

Zi Yi finished the apple and pressed the wristwatch.

A virtual screen immediately appeared before their eyes.

Coincidentally, Elder Hu arrived at where Lu Yunxiao was to give him a routine check.

After he connected the video call, there was a smile on his face.

“Elder Hu.”

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye called out at the same time.

Elder Hu smiled and nodded. “I was just about to do a check on the Third Young Master. Since Little Zi is here, let’s do it together.”

“Alright.”

Elder Hu was responsible for doing the check while Zi Yi directly connected to the control panel on the other side to check the data.

The two of them spent half an hour to complete the check and they both revealed a smile afterwards.

Elder Hu said with a smile, “The Third Young Master’s physical condition is good and coupled with his strong survival instincts, the regeneration rate of his brain cells is twice as fast compared to the other patient that we had experimented on in advance.”

Zi Yi also revealed a smile. “From the looks of it, Yunxiao will regain his consciousness very soon.”

“Haha... as long as the Third Young Master becomes conscious, he will wake up very soon.”

“That’s right.” Zi Yi nodded her head. She turned around and looked at Lu Jingye who had unconcealable joy on his face. She said, “If Yunxiao regains his consciousness, we will be able to have a conversation with him through his brain waves.”

“Really? Lu Jingye and Elder Hu looked at her in shock.

“Yes. However, it can only be a simple conversation. If we wish to ask him what happened before, we can only wait until all his brain cells are regenerated.”

Lu Jingye held her hand agitatedly. “It’s alright as long as we can talk to him.”

After such a long period of treatment, the only thing Lu Jingye hoped, for now, was that his younger brother could wake up.

As long as he was still alive, everything else was insignificant.

Zi Yi nodded her head and continued chatting with Elder Hu for a while more before she turned off the virtual screen.

Following that, they went outside. Zi Yi suddenly thought of something and she asked, “How is it on Zhang Hanyu’s side?”

Lu Jingye told her. "I've got my men to prepare some evidence and it should have already been sent to him.."

Chapter 555 Zi Yi's Self-Made Thermal Generator

Zhang Hanyu did not manage to get in touch with Dou Xiangling for an entire day and he suddenly felt a little uneasy. He decided to make a trip to the School of Science and Technology to look for Professor Dou Zhiyuan.

However, when he arrived downstairs at the dormitory lobby, he saw a courier.

There were mailboxes right outside the dormitory staircase and Zhang Hanyu subconsciously took a look. He noticed that the courier was opening the mailbox for 505 and so, he walked over. "I am the resident of 505, you can pass me the package."

As soon as the courier heard what he said, he turned around and passed the package to Zhang Hanyu before he took his leave.

Zhang Hanyu looked at the courier envelope in his hand. He originally wanted to check who the sender was, but only to discover that there was only the recipient's address written on the envelope. There was no sender's address.

He shook the envelope and it should be a paper or something of the sort in it. He did not have much doubt about the contents and opened the envelope where he was standing. There were a few photographs in the envelope.

Before he even saw the photographs, his heartbeat somehow sped up and an ominous feeling surged forth.

It just so happened that there were the sounds of footsteps behind him and shortly after, someone came over to greet him.

"Teacher Zhang, why are you standing there?"

Zhang Hanyu subconsciously shoved the photos, which he had yet to see, back into the envelope and clamped it into a book. He turned around and faced the person. "Oh, it's nothing. I just recalled that I forgot to bring something and I was about to go back to get it."

He headed towards the dormitory apartment after that.

When Zhang Hanyu returned home, he quickly took out the photos. The moment he saw what the photographs were, his expression changed greatly.

The photographs were of him and stuff that was not known to anyone.

He quickly flipped through the photographs and sure enough, there was a piece of paper in between them.

On the piece of paper, the following words were written: Leave Teacher Dou, or else I will expose you.

Zhang Hanyu's hand that was holding onto the piece of paper shook uncontrollably. He quickly searched for all the portraits of the men he drew previously and found a lighter to burn all the photos in his hand.

After he finished burning the canvases, he stood there with his eyes hanging down. There were no sorts of emotions on his face. There were neither emotions of anxiousness nor anger. He remained standing for a very long time before he took out his phone and called the school.

"Director Chang, I am going abroad to gather inspiration... Yes, I am going to participate in the painting contest in Country H next month. I don't think I will have time to teach the students anymore... alright then."

After hanging up the phone, he was not in a rush to pack his luggage. Instead, he got rid of all the ashes and wrote a note for Dou Xiangling and placed it on the table. He then gave a call to a female teacher who was rather close with Dou Xiangling before he packed his belongings and left.

When Zi Yi and Lu Jingye found Dou Xiangling and Dou Zerui, the both of them were currently chatting with the photography team for their wedding photos.

One of the photographers said, "Second Young Master and Miss Zi's appearances far surpasses those of anyone I've seen. I feel that there would be excellent results even if they casually stood there for me to take a photo of them."

Dou Zerui and Dou Xiangling had a smile on their faces upon hearing what the photographer said.

"That's right. My cousin has inherited all her parent's good genes and she is very beautiful."

The photographer smiled and nodded in agreement. At the same time, he said, "Mr. Dou and Miss Zi are also very handsome and beautiful."

Just then, Dou Xiangling noticed Zi Yi and Lu Jingye, who were walking side by side and heading in their direction. She called out to them "Little Lu, Yiyi, you're here."

Zi Yi walked to Dou Xiangling and asked, "What are you chatting about so happily?"

"We were saying that you're beautiful."

"You're very beautiful too."

Dou Xiangling's eyes curved into crescent moons when she heard the praise.

Dou Zerui purposely pretended to be jealous and said, "You only praised Xiangling. Aren't I handsome too?"

Zi Yi gave him a sideways glance and did not give him any face as she said, "You're not as handsome as Ah Jing."

Dou Zerui said, "...I should not have asked that question."

"Hahaha..."

A wave of laughter sounded.

After everyone had their laugh, Dou Xiangling asked, "Yiyi, are you going to continue painting today?"

Zi Yi revealed an expression of rejection. "I don't want to paint anymore. I painted a few paintings yesterday and I'm so tired."

Her words immediately attracted Dou Zerui's supercilious look. "I've never seen anyone who paints as fast as you. Xiangling paints one painting in one and a half days but yet, you have painted three paintings in an afternoon. It's no wonder that you got tired so quickly."

ot to mention that the paintings she painted were all top-notch.

To be honest, Zi Yi was not tired at all. She just did not feel like painting anymore.

Dou Xiangling had painted together with Zi Yi a few times and how could she not know that she was just being lazy? She merely said with a smile, "Then I'll paint on my own. There are too many beautiful sceneries here and I want to paint another painting of the distant mountains."

"You'll have to head outside the hot springs villa for that. It would be cold if you leave here." Dou Zerui disagreed.

Dou Xiangling said, "I'm not afraid of the cold." As long as she was painting, she would not feel the surrounding temperature.

Dou Zerui was about to continue dissuading her.

Zi Yi thought about it and said, "I have a way to keep you away from the cold."

Everyone looked at her and she turned to Lu Jingye. "Ah Jing, where did you put my toolbox?"

"In the yard where we are staying."

Zi Yi turned to Dou Xiangling and said, "I'll prepare a thermal generator for you and you won't feel cold wherever you go."

She then left to grab her toolbox.

Lu Jingye, Dou Xiangling, and Dou Zerui followed behind her.

"Do you need me to help with anything?" Dou Zerui was rather curious about her thermal generator and so, he casually asked.

"Just prepare a parasol for me. The villa should have one."

Zi Yi returned to the courtyard where they lived and took out a few parts from her toolbox to fiddle around with. Soon, she had created a generator that was around the size of two hands.

"It's done."

The three of them looked at the machine next to her feet. Dou Zerui asked with a skeptical attitude, "Yiyi, can this thing that you made really gather heat?"

"Of course. Move this to where Xiangling is going to paint and ask the boss of the villa for a parasol in passing."

Even though Dou Zerui still had his doubts, he still rolled up his sleeves and carried the machine, and made his way outside.

Zi Yi said to Dou Xiangling, "You can go and grab your painting tools. As for the place, you can find any location that you prefer."

Dou Xiangling nodded. "I'll paint at the roadside outside the entrance of the hot springs villa." Having said that, she headed towards the courtyard she was staying at.

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye waited for her outside.

Soon, Dou Xiangling came out with her painting tools. Lu Jingye took it from her, while she and Zi Yi walked in the front.

Dou Xiangling suddenly asked, "Yiyi, can you contact the people outside with your phone?"

Zi Yi knew why Dou Xiangling had asked her that and she said, "If you can't it's most likely that it's because it is snowing heavily these two days and the signal in the mountains isn't the best."

Dou Xiangling nodded her head. "That's right. I couldn't get a signal on my phone, and it's the same for my brother's phone."

Speaking of this, she asked with slight embarrassment, "Yiyi, since your phone only has a bad signal, can you lend it to me so I can make a call?"

"Who are you planning to call? Teacher Zhang?"

Dou Xiangling nodded slightly while biting her lips. "I sent him a message when I left and I haven't been able to get in touch with him after arriving here. He would definitely be worried."

"Did you tell him that you came here?"

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Dou Xiangling responded with a 'yes'.

Zi Yi was suddenly silent.

Dou Xiangling found her reaction strange and asked, "What's wrong?"

"It's nothing."

Zi Yi took out her phone and passed it to her. "You can try to see if my phone can make a call."

Dou Xiangling took her phone and soon she got through to Zhang Hanyu's phone.

However, the ringtone continued to ring until the end and there was no answer from the other end.

Dou Xiangling passed the phone back to Zi Yi. "Hanyu didn't answer. I think he doesn't have his phone with him."

Zi Yi did not take back her phone and said, "Since you can get a connection with my phone, you can hold onto it first. Perhaps Teacher Zhang might call you back later."

Dou Xiangling nodded her head and put the mobile phone into her pocket.

The three of them then headed outside the villa's entrance.

By the time they reached Dou Zerui, he had already fixed the parasol in a relatively wide-open space with the help of two staff members.

However, the wind in the mountains was rather strong today and despite fixing the parasol on the ground, it was still swaying back and forth. The fixtures obviously were unable to stabilize it. The two staff members could only use their hands to hold onto the fixtures, and they dared not release their hands at all.

The moment Dou Zerui saw the three of them walking over, he asked Zi Yi, "The winds on the mountains are so strong and the parasol can't be fixed at all. What should we do?"

Zi Yi pointed at the thermal generator next to him. "Place the thermal generator in the direction where the wind is coming from."

Dou Zerui hastily did what she said.

Zi Yi made her way over, pressed a few buttons on the generator and it started to operate.

Zi Yi then said to the other two staff members, "You can leave now."

"Eh..." Dou Zerui wanted to say something but gave up in the end.

Lu Jingye walked over and asked, "What help do you need?"

Lu Jingye walked over and asked. "What help do you need?"

Lu Jingye put down the painting tools on one side and went over to grab the parasol that even the two staff members found it hard to support together. He then effortlessly fixed it on the ground.

Zi Yi called out to Shadow II. "Go and gather some snow."

Shadow II soon gathered a large pile of snow. Zi Yi then got him to build a three-sided snow wall that was 1.5 meters tall and 1.2 meters wide.

Lu Jingye placed the parasol in the middle and it formed a roof.

Zi Yi then got Dou Zerui to place the thermal generator at the side without the snow wall. Soon, a warm gust of air filled the inside of the compacted snow room.

Dou Xiangling asked in surprise, "Yiyi, how did you manage to achieve that?"

"This has a similar principle to the generation of wind power."

Zi Yi gave them a brief explanation.

Dou Xiangling placed the painting tools in the interior of the snow wall. Not only was she able to see the scenery outside, but she also did not feel the slightest chill.

She then started to mix the pigments.

Seeing that there was nothing for them to do, Lu Jingye asked Zi Yi, "Do you want to go skiing?"

Zi Yi's eyes brightened and she hastily nodded her head. "Yes."

Lu Jingye's lips curved up. "The boss said that there is a ski resort at the back of the mountain that was specially developed for tourists. Let's go, we can ski for an hour or two and Ian would most likely have reached here by then."

Zi Yi nodded her head and turned to Dou Zerui. "Do you want to follow us?"

"Nope." Dou Zerui did not want to be a third wheel. "I'll stay here and accompany Xiangling."

Dou Xiangling looked up and made eye contact with him. "Brother, I don't need your company."

Dou Zerui said, "You're a girl who is alone outside. What if you encounter some dangers later?"

"What dangers could I possibly encounter? It's just right outside the entrance of the villa and the boss has also mentioned that there are no large-sized wild animals here. Besides, even if there's really something dangerous, the boss and the staff members would arrive very quickly if I were to scream or something."

Dou Xiangling did not think of how Dou Zerui would become a third wheel if he followed Zi Yi and Lu Jingye skiing. She only wanted for him to let loose and enjoy his time here.

Dou Zerui was just about to refute, when Zi Yi could not take it anymore. She simply pulled his clothes and dragged him away. "I'll send an invisible robot to guard her. You shall go skiing with us."

"..." Dou Zerui struggled for a few seconds before he finally said, "Alright then."

The three of them headed to the back of the mountains, while Dou Xiangling remained there alone to paint.

Supposedly she should be able to devote herself to the beautiful scenery, but she was somehow absent-minded today.

After painting for a while, she would check the phone next to her. She found it very strange. In the past, as long as she sent a message, Zhang Hanyu would usually reply instantly. Even if he did not manage to answer

her call in time, he would always return her call in a minute or two.

However, half an hour or so had passed and there was no news from him.

She even thought that Zi Yi's phone had lost signal again.

She picked up the phone to take a look.

The signal bar was full.

She thought for a moment and gave Zhang Hanyu a call.

The phone rang for some time and just when Dou Xiangling thought that no one was going to pick up, it suddenly got connected.

A foreign man's voice sounded from the other end.

Dou Xiangling was a little surprised. She thought that Zhang Hanyu was together with another foreign teacher and politely said, "Hello, please can you help me pass the phone to Zhang Hanyu."

Unexpectedly, a burst of laughter sounded from the other end and shortly after, she heard the foreign man speak. "Baby, there's a woman looking for you."

The moment Dou Xiangling heard the word 'baby', an awkward feeling surged forth in her heart. She did not expect to vaguely hear Zhang Hanyu's flustered voice from the other end. "Quickly hang up. Tell her that I am busy and I'll call her back soon."

Zhang Hanyu's voice clearly came from another place and Dou Xiangling only managed to hear what he said by straining her ears.

The foreign man's voice sounded soon after. "Zhang said he'll call you back later."

He then suddenly lowered his voice and said with a smile, "You should be that new girlfriend Zhang had gotten? I'm pretty curious, because he is a bottom, how does he have s*x with you?"

Dou Xiangling's mind suddenly went blank.

The man continued to speak. "If you don't believe he is a bottom, why don't we give you a live broadcast?"

Having said that, sounds of him putting the phone down could be heard, but he did not disconnect the call.

Dou Xiangling tightly gripped the phone and she felt that her mind was even more chaotic.

In particular, Zhang Hanyu's dissatisfied shouting could be heard. "Are you f**king finished?"

The foreign man gasped. "Not yet. Don't you love it too?"

What followed were sounds that were intolerable to the ear.

Dou Xiangling suddenly disconnected the call and there was disbelief and shock on her face.

Zhang Hanyu he...

To think...

How can this be possible?!

Screech—

All of a sudden, the sounds of brakes could be heard and Dou Xiangling recovered her senses and stuck out her head to look at the car that almost hit the ice wall.

Shortly afterwards, she saw Ian alighting from the car.

Ian was someone who paid attention to his image wherever he went. An example would be right now. He had clearly taken a ten hour plane ride, followed by a two hour car ride, and yet, he still looked presentable and gave off a noble gentleman's demeanor.

At the sight of Dou Xiangling, he walked over and asked, "Dou, why are you here?"

Dou Xiangling replied with a wooden expression, "I'm painting."

Ian revealed an apologetic look. "Fortunately I managed to hit the brakes in time and stop the car, otherwise it would have crashed into you."

Having said that, he even asked in a gentlemanly manner, "Dou, did you get frightened?"

Chapter 557 The Fall Was a Little Severe

To be honest, Dou Xiangling wanted to have some alone time to calm down her emotions. Instead of replying to him, she said, "Yiyi and the rest have gone skiing in the back mountain. You can find the boss of the villa to lead you over to them."

Ian was not in a rush. He glanced at the igloo-like space and asked out of concern, "Dou, isn't it too cold for you to be painting here?"

He then noticed that she did not wear a coat. (It was warm inside the igloo structure, so Dou Xiangling had removed her coat.) He thought for a moment and out of his gentlemanly habits, he took off his coat and passed it to her.

Dou Xiangling blanked out momentarily as she looked at the coat he had passed to her.

Ian said, "Why didn't you wear a coat? You will definitely catch a cold like this and I can't possibly see a lady catch a cold without helping."

Dou Xiangling subconsciously took a step back, which revealed the coat she had taken off laying inside.

Ian saw her coat and asked out of surprise, "Why did you take off your coat?"

"It's not cold inside."

Dou Xiangling saw his blond hair flying wildly in all directions and hastily said, "Please put on your coat quickly. It's cold outside."

Ian was indeed feeling a little cold. Since Dou Xiangling had a coat, he wore his coat again. "Why don't I have someone rent an RV out for you so that you can sit inside and paint?"

Dou Xiangling paused and then said, "There is no need for that, I'm fine like this."

Ian reached out his hand to test the temperature inside. It was indeed warm and he revealed an amazed expression. "How did you manage to do it?"

"Yiyi made a thermal generator for me."

Dou Xiangling stretched out her hand and pointed to somewhere next to Ian.

Ian turned around with the intention of taking a look. However, his leather shoes seemed to have stepped on a block of ice as he slipped and fell.

BAM!

BANG!

"Ow!"

Dou Xiangling looked on helplessly at Ian who had fallen on his back, and at the same time, he had accidentally kicked the thermal generator and it had flown down the hillside.

After freezing up momentarily, she thought to herself how painful it must have been.

Ian's fall was obviously rather painful and it was his two bodyguards who ran over to help him get on his feet.

It was Ian's second time being humiliated as such in front of Dou Xiangling. While his head was hurting, he felt extremely embarrassed.

Dou Xiangling sensed his embarrassment and said, "Why don't you head inside the villa's hall to take a seat?"

Ian subconsciously touched the back of his head. Sure enough, there was a huge lump. He tried his best to keep a straight face, so as to not let Dou Xiangling notice that he was about to faint from the pain. He then said

to one of his bodyguards, "Go and pick up that thermal generator."

When his bodyguard went to retrieve the thermal generator, Ian noticed that Dou Xiangling had yet to wear her coat and he suggested. "Dou, I think it's better for you to wear your coat. Otherwise you might catch a cold."

Dou Xiangling did not feel cold and said, "It's fine."

She then started to pack up her painting tools.

Ian wanted to head over to help.

Dou Xiangling glanced at him. "The space inside here is small, so don't come in."

Ian's footsteps paused.

Just then, the bodyguard managed to retrieve the thermal generator and sure enough, it was broken.

Dou Xiangling looked at the thermal generator and felt inexplicably agitated. She put away her painting tools in silence and walked out from the shelter with her coat in her hand.

Ian felt even more guilty at the sight of her expression. He hastily rushed over to help her carry the painting tools in her hand and said apologetically, "Dou, let me help you with the painting tools. I'm

really sorry, I didn't do it on purpose... How much is this thermal generator? Can I compensate you?"

Dou Xiangling knew that she should not unleash her anger on someone else and said, "Yiyi made this so you can ask her how much she needs."

She did not say anything else after that and headed towards the entrance of the villa with her coat in hand.

an carried Dou Xiangling's painting tools and looked at her, who had disappeared in a flash. He managed to come to a conclusion. "It seems like I really made her angry."

Just then, one of his bodyguards said, "Young Master, let me carry the painting tools instead."

an glanced at the bodyguard and narrowed his eyes out of displeasure. He then pursed his lips and went chasing towards the entrance of the villa.

The bodyguard felt his heart shake. He was somewhat confused about the situation.

What did he say wrongly?

When Ian entered the villa, the boss had quickly come out to greet him.

Previously Lu Jingye had informed him that there would be a guest coming. Miss Dou had also informed him of it just moments ago and now that he had seen the appearance of the guest, he could not help but sigh.

The guests of the Second Young Master Lu are all important individuals from powerful backgrounds.

With a single glance, he could discern that Ian was a foreign noble.

"Mr. Ian, welcome to [Jade Sea Hot Spring Villa]. I am the boss here and my surname is Wan. Please come in."

Ian immediately revealed a noble-like expression and nodded.

Boss Wan added. "Mr. Ian, I wonder if you would like to take a seat here first or will you be heading to your place of residence right away?"

"To the residence." He had taken a fall earlier and Ian wanted to have a change of clothes. Not to mention, he was carrying Dou Xiangling's painting tools in his hands right now. "I hope my courtyard will be somewhere near where Miss Dou and the rest are staying. I'll have to trouble you with that."

Boss Wan was a little flustered. "It's no trouble, it's no trouble. Mr. Ian, please follow me."

The boss led Ian and his bodyguards towards the back area.

As soon as they left, the group of young staff members gathered together and chatted excitedly.

"Oh gosh, that man looks so handsome and gentlemanly. The noble air around him is so prominent."

"Sure enough, birds of the same feather flock together. Mr. Lu who had booked the entire villa also gives off a noble aura."

"I'm so excited. I wonder if there will be other friends of Mr. Lu coming over. If a few more of them come, it will also be good for us to have an eye feast."

When Zi Yi and the rest knew of Ian's arrival, they ended their skiing and returned to the hot springs villa.

While walking Dou Zerui said in an unconvinced tone, "Yiyi, didn't you say you couldn't ski? Why is your skiing better than mine?"

When they went to the skiing place earlier, this girl still said that she did not know how to ski. Dou Zerui originally thought that it was time to show off his majesty as an older brother. He even said that he would teach her back then.

However, after they skied for one round, she started skiing even better than he did.

Zi Yi firmly denied that she could ski. "I can't ski at all."

Having said that, she looked at Lu Jingye who was walking next to her and the corner of her lips curled up. "It's Ah Jing who taught me well."

Dou Zerui paused and then said, "Haha! I only saw that you purposely acted cute with him and I didn't see how he had taught you."

Lu Jingye tilted his head and glanced at Dou Zerui's expression. His lips curled up and when he held Zi Yi's hand, he noticed that her hands were a little chilly and so, he quickly held both her hands. "If you like skiing, we'll come again in the afternoon."

Zi Yi nodded her head. "Sounds good. Let's call my cousin and Ian to come along too."

"Okay."

When the three of them arrived at the vicinity of the place they were living at, they saw Ian standing outside Dou Xiangling's courtyard and calling out to her. "Miss Dou, are you there?" There was no response from inside.

The three of them sped up their pace.

"Ian, what are you doing?"

Ian heard someone calling out to him and turned around to look at them. He pointed at the painting tools next to his feet and said, "I'm here to deliver Miss Dou's painting tools to her."

Chapter 558 It's Not Worthwhile To Feel Upset Over Someone Like Him

Zi Yi and Dou Zerui frowned at the same time.

Zi Yi asked, "Why are my cousin's painting tools with you?"

Dou Zerui asked at the same time, "What did you do to my younger sister?"

Ian looked at the two of them questioning him as if they were interrogators. He then briefly described what had happened. Of course, he had artistically amended how he had taken a fall back then. "My foot slipped and I accidentally kicked Miss Dou's thermal generator and it broke. I think she should be very angry because of this"

Dou Zerui heard his explanation and thought to himself that his sister was not someone who would get angry at such things. Just as he was about to speak, Zi Yi hastily asked, "What did my cousin have in her hand when she came in?"

Ian thought about it and said. "She only took her coat... she didn't even wear it."

Zi Yi furrowed her brows and guessed that she must have given Zhang Hanyu a call. At the same time, she must have overheard a conversation on the phone. She thought for a moment and spoke to the air. "Shadow II, where is my cousin?"

Shadow II's voice sounded from the air. "Master, your cousin is at the seven rainbow pool."

The most famous hot spring in the villa was the seven rainbow pool. The water there was split into seven different colors due to the stones underneath.

As the entire hot springs villa had been reserved by Lu Jingye, there was no one around despite the fact that there would usually be a large crowd there.

Dou Xiangling fell in love with that place at the very first glance and it was normal for her to be there.

Zi Yi thought for a moment and said to them, "I'll go look for my cousin, don't follow me."

She turned around and headed towards the seven rainbow pool.

"Yiyi.." Dou Zerui was worried and wanted to tag along but Lu Jingye stopped him. "Your sister should have encountered something bothering her. Yiyi knows how to comfort her."

Ian agreed. "Perhaps it's probably something that can only be discussed between the ladies."

Dou Zerui thought that what they said made sense and he did not follow Zi Yi.

By the time Zi Yi located where Dou Xiangling was, she was currently standing under a maple tree with her lips pursed as she looked ahead. Looking at her carefully, Zi Yi could notice that her gaze was not focused on anything at that moment and her eyes were empty.

Dou Xiangling was a protected young lady from a reputable family and she gave off a gentle and elegant aura. Merely just by standing there, she would arouse one's protective instinct.

"Cousin."

Zi Yi called out to her and Dou Xiangling stiffened for a moment before she turned around.

Zi Yi came to where she was standing and asked knowingly, "Did something happen?"

Dou Xiangling suddenly lowered her eyes. She did not know how to explain what had happened.

Zi Yi guessed that she must find it hard to talk about it and so she asked, "After we left, did Zhang Hanyu return your call?"

"He didn't."

After Dou Xiangling denied it, she suddenly thought of what Zi Yi said to her the very first day they arrived here. Something flashed through her mind and she asked, "Yiyi, did you already know something?"

Zi Yi looked back at her and did not answer immediately.

Dou Xiangling continued to ask, "That day you asked if I could accept the relationship between two men. Did you already know something back then?"

Zi Yi looked at her and instead of answering, she asked, "How well do you understand Zhang Hanyu?"

Dou Xiangling thought for a moment and said, "We met a few years back in Country S when we were gathering inspiration. Because we were headed to the same place, we befriended each other and then accompanied

one another on the trip. He took good care of me during that period of time and we separated after we were done. We would only occasionally contact each other to discuss painting."

"You didn't feel any feelings for him and it is because you did not have feelings for him that you only spoke about painting, right?"

"Yes, even though many of our creative ideas coincided, I did not have any romantic feelings for him."

"Has it ever come to your mind that it was strange that despite not falling for him for so many years, he suddenly came to M.Uni and became your colleague? Could it be that he had approached you for some unknown reason?"

Moments ago, Dou Xiangling was in fact, thinking of this matter.

Even if she had accepted Zhang Hanyu, it was mainly because she was moved by what he had done for her instead of any romantic feelings.

However, after hearing that kind of a phone call earlier, she did not know what to do.

"Cousin. There's a type of person who would deliberately find a person of the opposite s*x and be in a relationship with them to conceal their sexual orientation. This type of person will never change for the better and

they will act one way to someone's face and another behind someone's back."

Dou Xiangling's body trembled at her words.

"Hanyu he..."

She could not believe that the man who had spent so much time and effort in order to be with her actually had ulterior motives.

Asurge of unspeakable sadness gushed forth in her heart.

Zi Yi pulled her into her arms and gave her a hug.

Dou Xiangling leaned her head on Zi Yi's shoulders and her tears flowed down uncontrollably.

"I was ready to have a good relationship with him and get married when the time was right."

Zi Yi could not bear to see her crying and said, "It doesn't necessarily have to be him. Someone like him isn't worthy of your feelings. You should forget about him."

Dou Xiangling closed her eyes and did not speak.

Zi Yi then continued and said, "You deserve someone better."

She always felt that Zhang Hanyu was unworthy of her cousin and her instincts had always been accurate.

Dou Xiangling still remained silent.

Zi Yi let go of her and wiped the tears on her face. She then held her hand and made eye contact with Dou Xiangling while using a slight amount of mental energy.

"Cousin, think about it, we will be opening an art gallery soon. Think about your dreams and in fact, you don't really have romantic feelings for Zhang Hanyu. It's only because he had previously done so much for you and you were moved by his actions."

Dou Xiangling felt a shock and her mind suddenly became clear.

What Zi Yi said was right. Her feelings for him were not so much romantic feelings, which was probably why she could not accept Zhang Hanyu's overly intimate physical contact.

At the thought of this, Dou Xiangling was no longer that upset.

Zi Yi breathed a sigh of relief. She held her hand and they headed to the courtyard where she stayed.

"It's not worth getting upset over a man like that. Forget about him."

Dou Xiangling looked at Zi Yi who was holding her hand. She was clearly older and yet, she felt that she was the one being protected right now.

She suddenly recalled how Zi Yi gave her the phone and she had more or less managed to guess something. "Yiyi, did you deliberately block our phones?"

Zi Yi stiffened for a second.

Dou Xiangling looked at her and said, "Did you already know of his true colors but did not know how to inform me of this? That's why you had purposely chosen a time where he was with a man to pass me your phone so that I can discover his true colors?"

Zi Yi breathed a sigh of relief and hastily nodded. "He relied on the fact that you're at the hot springs villa for a few days and coupled with how he could not endure it anymore... If you had called in earlier, he would not have exposed his true colors."

Dou Xiangling responded with a nod and no longer said anything else.

When they were about to reach Dou Xiangling's courtyard, they saw the door of the courtyard where Zi Yi and Lu Jingye stayed was wide open. Dou Zerui just so happened to stretch out his head to take a look.

When he saw them walking over, he quickly waved at them. "Xiangling, Yiyi, we're here. Come over quickly."

The two of them walked over.

Lu Jingye and Lan were currently in a conversation and at the sight of Zi Yi and Dou Xiangling, they stopped their conversation and came over.

When Lan saw Dou Xiangling, he felt that she was angry because he had broken the thermal generator and he quickly apologized again. "Miss Dou, I'm terribly sorry. I didn't know that the thermal generator was so important to you."

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Dou Xiangling saw that Lan apologized to her again and she was momentarily stunned.

However, Zi Yi laughed and said, "Since you know that you broke my cousin's thermal generator, compensate her."

"Yiyi..."

Zi Yi gave her a wink, hinting to her not to say anything.

Dou Xiangling looked at Lan with sympathy and really did not speak up anymore.

an knew that Zi Yi definitely did not have any good intentions, but he was prepared to cede land and pay the compensation. "Tell me, how do you want me to compensate?"

Zi Yi thought about it and said, "It just so happens that our art gallery will be undergoing renovations soon, but we do not have enough money."

Dou Xiangling's eyes widened slightly and she suddenly felt that her cousin was a little naughty.

an also widened his eyes and revealed a shocked expression. "How would you not have enough money to renovate an art gallery!"

This person was easily capable of building a research base worth billions and now she's telling him that she doesn't have the money to renovate an art gallery?!

He immediately came to a conclusion. "You're robbing in troubled waters!"

Zi Yi's lips curled up. "How is that possible? Do you know how much that thermal generator is worth?"

"How much?"

Everyone turned to look at Zi Yi.

She began to count with her fingers. "The engine used is currently the most advanced engine of Company X and it's worth 150 thousand... and lastly, the cost of my invention is worth 5 million." Zi Yi did not even forget to add in the quote of a single screw.

After Zi Yi was done, Dou Xiangling and Dou Zerui were so surprised that they forgot to react. However, Ian had an expression on his face as if he had suffered a great loss.

Only Lu Jingye stood there and looked at his girlfriend talking nonsense in a serious manner and the corner of his lips curled up.

"Therefore, that thermal generator is worth 500k and your invention is worth 5 million and I should pay you 5.5 million?"

"That's right."

an felt that he had been blackmailed. But even so, he could only play along. "Alright then, I ought to pay the compensation, so I'll pay for the renovation of your art gallery."

Speaking of this, he turned to Lu Jingye and there was a complicated expression on his face. "Lu, you should take a hold of your woman."

Lu Jingye made eye contact with him. "You prevented her cousin from finishing her painting and I think that this should also be taken into consideration."

an was speechless.

Dou Xiangling and Dou Zerui fought back a smile. They finally understood the situation. These two were clearly scamming Ian.

Zi Yi looked at Ian and said with a smile, "You shouldn't think that you've been scammed either. You arrived so early and you'll be eating and staying with us. You should be smiling that we aren't charging you for the accommodation."

an, who was planning to stay in a hotel, had changed his mind and decided to stay at Lu Jingye's place. At the same time, he decided to play and eat all he could!

Lu Jingye could not possibly allow Ian to continue wallowing in his depressed emotions and he said to Zi Yi, "You and your cousins can take a rest first. Ian and I have something to discuss."

He then motioned for Ian to go outside with him.

After they left, Dou Zerui asked, "Yiyi, didn't you ask for too much compensation?"

At the thought of 5.5 million, he felt that it was too much.

"It isn't." Zi Yi smiled at Dou Xiangling. "Are you feeling better?"

Dou Xiangling was stunned. She did not expect Zi Yi to ask that question and she suddenly realized that Zi Yi had deliberately blackmailed Ian, so that she would be in a better mood.

She felt very touched by her actions.

Dou Zerui heard Zi Yi's question and asked, "Xiangling, what's wrong? Who caused you to be in a bad mood?"

Dou Xiangling did not wish for him to be upset on her behalf and so she said, "Ian interrupted my painting and I was indeed a little sad. Yiyi helped me to vent my anger."

"Is that really it?" Dou Zerui felt that Dou Xiangling was hiding something from him.

"It's true." Dou Xiangling nodded her hand and said, "I'll go and organize my painting tools."

She then thought of Zi Yi's thermal generator and asked, "Yiyi, is that thermal generator really that valuable?"

"I faked the cost. All the parts can be easily bought on the market and it's worth a few hundred dollars at most."

Dou Xiangling and Dou Zerui: "..."

Both of them suddenly sympathized with Ian.

an was not one of those types of stingy people. During lunch, he had forgotten about how he had gotten blackmailed by Zi Yi.

He said to everyone present, "I brought some wine from your winery. I got Lu to send people to the airport to collect the main bulk of them, while I brought a few bottles here. Why don't we have a party tonight?"

Before Zi Yi had the chance to speak, Dou Xiangling suddenly asked, "Mr. Ian, aren't you afraid of getting drunk?"

an's expression stiffened. He was worried that Dou Xiangling would reveal what happened that night and he hastily said, "I didn't bring much. Everyone will be having some and so we won't get drunk from that amount."

Zi Yi's eyes brightened when she heard that there was alcohol. "Sure, let's have a barbeque tonight. This weather is just right for a barbeque and it just so happens that the villa has plenty of delicacies."

"Barbeque with red wine?" As someone who grew up in a noble family, Ian could not imagine what it was like to match the two together.

Zi Yi looked at him with a sympathetic gaze. "You're so pitiful. Let me guess, you've never had a barbeque before."

Tan: "..."

She was right.

Dou Zerui and Dou Xiangling could not hold back their laughter at the sight of Ian's expression.

After they finished dinner, they were about to return to their respective courtyards to rest.

However, Ian still had something to discuss with Zi Yi and Lu Jingye and so, he followed them to their courtyard.

Zi Yi and Lu Jingye stayed in one of the courtyards while the other three stayed in another.

The three of them sat down in the living room and Ian updated Zi Yi on the process of transforming her winery into a research base.

“The foundation and frame have been built, so you can directly start construction after the building materials arrive.”

Zi Yi nodded her head. “The speed of the work is pretty good.”

“Of course,” Ian said with a smile, “The workers are all from the Royal Construction Team and the chief engineer is a gold medal professor of Architecture at X University; his name is Thomas. Moreover, Professor

Thomas is particularly interested in the blueprints you had provided. He said that it was a challenge for him, and ever since the project started, he has been staying there.”

Lu Jingye asked, “What is the background of this person?”

“His family is a vassal of ours.”

Lu Jingye nodded his head.

Ian continued to speak. “The construction works are expected to be completed after the New Year in your country. When the time comes, will your robots be immediately shipped there?”

“Yes. I have already contacted the relevant companies. After the research base is built, I will personally make a visit.”

There were many robots that she had to personally install and modify.

Ian suddenly thought of a question. “Zi, where are your staff members? You are building such a large research base and so where will you be getting your staff members from?”

“Why will I need staff members?”

“...If not, don't tell me you're going to personally do the experiments?”

“How's that possible? My research lab will be fully automated by AI and there's no need for human staff members.”

“Is that really feasible?”

“Why not?”

Zi Yi felt that Ian was making a fuss out of nothing. “If it's fully automated with AI, there's no need to worry about important information leaking out. Most importantly, there's no one in the world that can complete the experiments I plan to do.”

Ian was once again speechless.

He felt that Zi Yi was talking big again..

Chapter 560 I Like This Brain. If It Changes, I Won't Like It Anymore.

“Lu, do you really intend to leave her alone to her own vices? I can’t believe you let her fool around as such.

If my news is accurate, I heard that you have already stepped down as the President of the Lu Group? The news of Lu Jingye leaving the Lu Family empty-handed was released by Lu Zhiheng.

This was because Lu Zhiheng felt that after he had suffered for so many years and finally managed to achieve his goals, he wished for everyone in the world to know that Lu Jingye had been chased out of the Lu Family
by Patriarch Lu.

“I have even paid special attention to that eldest cousin of yours. To be blunt, I feel that the Lu Group will meet its downfall under his leadership in less than half a year.”

Ian and Lu Jingye were both classmates and good friends. Therefore, he had no scruples about being frank.

“I really don’t understand why your Grandfather chased you out of the Lu Group. Is it just because you had fallen in love with Little Zi and wanted to be with her? If that’s the case, I feel that your Grandfather’s vision isn’t really great.”

Zi Yi suddenly smiled and said, “Are you complimenting me?”

“No, what I mean is that only Lu is able to take care of a woman like you who spends money like water and likes to fool around.”

Zi Yi was delighted by his remark and she asked on purpose, “Ah Jing has now left the Lu Family penniless. Do you think he can still afford for me to spend money like water?”
Lu Jingye glanced in her direction.

Ian was amused by her remark. “With Lu’s ability to earn money, it’s the same with or without the Lu Group. Zi, you might not know of it, but when Lu was in university, he had single handedly done something that disrupted the worldwide stock market. He is also the best trader. To make him penniless, I think the only way to achieve that is to change his brain.”

Zi Yi turned around to look at Lu Jingye. When she saw that his gaze had been on her all this time, she twisted her waist, swiftly held his head, and gave him a kiss on the lips as she said with a smile, “I like this brain. If it changes, I won’t like it anymore.”

an stared at them. “...”

Lu Jingye’s gaze turned dim and he asked, “Don’t you feel uncomfortable with your waist twisted like that?”

“It’s a little uncomfortable.” Zi Yi released his head and sat properly while she looked at Ian.

an suddenly felt that he was at a loss on what to say.

He was clearly discussing something serious and yet, this couple was blatantly carrying out a public display of affection right in front of him. This is too much!

an thought about it and did not wish to continue talking to them. He stood up and said, "You can slowly display your affection for each other, solely to each other. I'll be going back to rest."

Having said that, he headed outside.

After a long flight and coupled with a fall, Ian felt that it was better for him to return to his courtyard to rest for the day than stay here and see their public display of affection.

When they heard the sounds of the door closing, Zi Yi laughed. She stood up, walked closer to Lu Jingye, sat on his lap, and held his neck. "Ah Jing, don't you think that Ian is very interesting?"

Lu Jingye held her waist and said, "Ian is used to pretending to be a gentleman in front of other people. Don't keep making his image collapse so easily."

"Pft... your summary is very accurate."

She then asked, "Where did Zhang Hanyu go?"

"To the airport. My men followed him, saw him get on an airplane to Country H, and only then did they stop following him."

There would naturally be other people to take care of him after he went abroad. Lu Jingye felt that there was no need to pay attention to him anymore.

However, what they didn't expect was that after Zhang Hanyu got on the plane, the person seated next to him suddenly asked, "Mr. Zhang, do you need my help?"

Zhang Hanyu looked at him warily and treated the person who asked the question as someone who had a mental illness.

The other party did not get angry at his obvious expression. He suddenly asked, "Do you know who found out about your secret?"

Zhang Hanyu was surprised and he blurted out. "Who?"

"Second Young Master Lu."

Zhang Hanyu's pupils shrank.

The other party said, "Dou Xiangling is Zi Yi's cousin and as long as Zi Yi doesn't like you, the Second Young Master Lu will send someone to investigate you thoroughly. If Zi Yi had not interfered, you would have been able to get married to Miss Dou in the near future."

Zhang Hanyu clenched his fist, lowered his gaze and his expression could not be discerned at that moment.

The other party continued to speak. "As long as you got married to Miss Dou, you would have had a bright future and those hobbies of yours would be covered up. You could even have done as you

pleased in the future.

However, you are now a target that the Second Young Master Lu wants to get rid of.”

Zhang Hanyu quivered and he turned to look at the man.

He carefully sized him up.

He was someone who was a little chubby and he was dressed as a business elite, but when Zhang Hanyu made eye contact with him, his heart trembled. He knew that this person definitely was not a simple character.

The chubby man suddenly gave him a wide grin.

When Zhang Hanyu was having goosebumps from his smile, he said, “You might not know of it, but the Second Young Master Lu has already arranged his men to wait for you at the place you will be alighting at. Since

he is capable of finding out all those hobbies of yours, do you think he would let you have the chance to get in contact with Miss Dou again?”

Zhang Hanyu’s body trembled uncontrollably. He tried his best to stop his teeth from chattering and asked in a low voice, “Who are you?”

“I’m someone who came to help you.”

Zhang Hanyu’s brain seemed to have exploded. He clearly knew that the man was a dangerous character and not trustworthy, but he could not help but continue asking, “How are you able to help me?”

“I’ll get someone to pretend to be you and head to Country H. You’ll use another identity and return to the capital.”

“You... what do you want me to do?”

The man nodded in satisfaction. “You are a smart person.” His tone of voice then suddenly changed. “However, you have to answer my question about whether you will be listening to my arrangement first.”

Zhang Hanyu was still hesitating.

The man noticed his hesitation. “Miss Dou is a very traditional woman. She has good feelings towards you and as long as you find a way to explain to her when you return, then try to act miserable, she will certainly

forgive you. As long as she forgives you, you can tell her about what her cousin did... and even if she does not forgive you...”

Speaking of this, the chubby man suddenly paused.

Zhang Hanyu asked impatiently, “What if she doesn’t forgive me?”

“Mr. Zhang, have you ever heard of a parasite?” the chubby man saw his anxious appearance and asked with a smile instead of answering.

“Parasite?” Zhang Hanyu had visited all sorts of countries all around the world after he graduated from university. He had only heard some rumors about parasites and he always believed them to be fake.

“Are there really parasites in this world?”

“Of course, there are not only poisonous parasites but there are also love parasites. If you and Miss Dou are both inflicted by a love parasite, she won’t be able to fall in love with someone else other than you throughout her entire life.”

Zhang Hanyu’s heartbeat quickened inexplicably.

Rumor has it that the couple who is inflicted with a love parasite would have their lives interlinked with each other forever.

As long as both he and Dou Xiangling were inflicted with a love parasite, Xiangling can only fall in love with him throughout her whole life.

If he lives, she will live too. If he died, she too would die.

When the time comes, be it Zi Yi or the Second Young Master Lu, no one would dare to separate him from Xiangling nor do anything to him. He would be the son-in-law of the Dou Family.

At the thought of this, Zhang Hanyu suddenly smiled in a complacent mood..