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Su Xiaofei would never have thought that Lu Qingfeng would be bold enough to kiss her in a place like this. If anyone found them in this awkward posture, she wouldn't know how to explain it to her mother.

The kiss was short but firm, leaving her cheeks flushing deep red and her heart hammering wildly against her chest. Bewildered, she then looked at Lu Qingfeng, who was also looking at her with darkened eyes.

Su Xiaofei opened her mouth to say something, but she found herself unable to utter any coherent words at all.

What was she supposed to say anyway? 'Thank you for the kiss'? 'That was wonderful'?

Her mind was telling her to remind Lu Qingfeng of their deal, but she couldn't seem to say anything at all. She could only stare at him blankly, waiting for Lu Qingfeng to explain himself, but he held his tongue.

Not that Lu Qingfeng wanted to say anything after what he had done, but he surely didn't regret any of it.

The tension between the two was only dispelled when Yun Xiang appeared out of the blue, looking for Su Xiaofei. After greeting

their guests, he tried to find Su Xiaofei inside, only to find out that she had left the hall with Lu Qingfeng.

'Ah, Xiao Fei, I've been looking for you.' Yun Xiang said, before glancing at the young man next to his cousin. 'What's going on ?'

He felt like he just came at the wrong time. Were they having an argument?

'Nothing, Brother Xiang.' Su Xiaofei dodged his question, since she also had no idea how to explain what had just happened between her and Lu Qingfeng.

'What's up? Is there anything I can help you with?' She smiled, but inside, she hoped that he wasn't planning to introduce her to his acquaintances. Su Xiaofei wasn't in the mood to play her role as the esteemed granddaughter of the Yun family.

In her previous life, whenever Yun Xiang got a chance, he would always introduce Ye Mingyu to someone, hence, the latter was able to expand her network through him. It wasn't like Su Xiaofei didn't want to reap the benefits, but she didn't think she had enough energy to meet other people at this time.

'No, it's about the favor you asked me before.' Yun Xiang glanced at Lu Qingfeng, wondering if it was alright to say it in front of the younger man.

Su Xiaofei's eyes lit up and clapped her hands in excitement,

effectively dispelling the tension around her.

'Really ?' She looked at Yun Xiang expectantly. 'Then did you manage to find the whereabouts of Mr. Si's little sister ?'

Yun Xiang sighed, and that was enough for Su Xiaofei to know that he hadn't yet.

'Not yet, but we've got a lead to where she could possibly be.' He admitted.

'Then? What lead is it?' Su Xiaofei hummed as she thought of how this will affect her connection with Si Yixian. She had only managed to meet him through Chen Li's case, but they were still practically strangers to each other.

'The orphanage has long been closed down and their proper documentation is also lost. We managed to find the director of the orphanage and some people who used to work there. It wasn't easy for them to remember his younger sister, but one of them seemed to know what happened to her after Si Yixian left the country.'

'I wouldn't be surprised if she also got adopted.' Su Xiaofei commented.

'According to the report, after Si Yixian was adopted, a year later, another couple had taken in his sister. The records showed that the adoption wasn't successful, as they returned the girl after six months.' Yun Xiang explained, while Su Xiaofei frowned at that.

She could surmise several reasons why the couple returned Si Yixian's sister, Si Yuxuan. Perhaps the couple had another child and the girl couldn't get along with them. Also, since Si Yuxuan was a girl, there was a possibility that the couple returned her because they decided to adopt a son, instead of a daughter.

Even if society had changed so much over the years, there were still families who prioritized a son over a daughter. In her past life, Su Xiaofei had met some unfortunate women, such as Xi Qian, who were expected to marry well and bring in fortune once they grew up.

'Does anyone know the reason why she was returned ?' She asked.

Yun Xiang had a conflicted expression on his face, as if he was hesitating about something.

'Xiao Fei, I'm not sure how Mr. Si would take this news, but the reason his sister was returned to the orphanage is because the couple had noticed signs of mental retardation in her. It wasn't easy to take in and raise a child that isn't yours, but having a disability would make it harder for Si Yuxuan to find a new family.'

Su Xiaofei fell silent on that. She hadn't expected that such a thing would happen to Si Yixian's little sister. Would this complicate her plans? She wondered, but she easily shrugged off her worries.

No — the one who would bear the impact of this news wasn't her, but Si Yixian. The only reason why she bothered to find his little sister was to take advantage of his name and his skills. If she had his little sister in her hands, she would be able to force him to take her side. 'I see... then, we still don't know where she is yet ?'

'En. When the orphanage ran out of funds and support, the other orphans were sent to other orphanages. We're still trying to locate her as we speak, but this might take some time.' Yun Xiang answered her.

Su Xiaofei sighed. Just as she thought that she finally had a way to bind Si Yixian to her, this happened.

'I guess we could only wait and see.' She murmured next to Lu Qingfeng, who remained silent next to her since Yun Xiang's arrival.

'Don't worry, Xiao Fei, we will find her. It might take some time, but we will definitely find her whereabouts, so don't worry too much.' Yun Xiang tried to reassure her, but she only leaned on Lu Qingfeng's shoulder for comfort.

Yun Xiang didn't know why, but he felt like there was something going on between these two, and they weren't merely childhood friends after all. Su Xiaofei looked more relaxed in Lu Qingfeng's company compared to him and the others. It was like there were unspoken words that only these two could comprehend.

'That's all for now. You and Lu Qingfeng shouldn't stay outside for too long. Although the weather these days seems favorable, the cold night could still affect you.' He said before leaving his biaomei with Lu Qingfeng.

'Many thanks Brother Xiang.' Su Xiaofei replied, watching Yun Xiang go.

Only when he was out of sight did she release a breath she didn't know she was holding.

'Yun Xiang is right. We should probably return inside.' Lu Qingfeng told her.

Su Xiaofei was then reminded of what transpired between them.. She gave him a nervous look and gulped.

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'About what happened earlier...' She scratched her nape and glanced at his face. She knew that they needed to talk about this, else, she might lose a lot of sleep thinking about it.

'If it made you uncomfortable, I apologize.' Lu Qingfeng replied, his gaze never leaving her beautiful face. 'But if you're going to ask me why I did it, I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to give you an answer.'

Su Xiaofei blinked and looked at him curiously. 'And why not?'

'Because I don't know myself.' The young man admitted. 'I know that I shouldn't have as I have yet to receive a proper answer from you, but I couldn't stop myself.'

This earned an awkward chuckle from Su Xiaofei and she avoided his preening gaze.

'I hope you wouldn't kiss any random woman just because you feel like it.' She commented.

'The only woman I would be willing to kiss is you. No one else,' was Lu Qingfeng's defense.

'Y-you...'

'Is there something wrong with that?' Lu Qingfeng was the one to question her this time. 'I would only want you, there's no need to worry about another girl, except if it is our daughter.' He added in a teasing tone.

Su Xiaofei almost choked at those words. Where did Lu Qingfeng learn to say such shameless words? She had no doubt that her face was already beet red from all of this.

Her dark eyes looked up at him in surprise, her orbs searching for him while she struggled between her mind and her heart. She had known Lu Qingfeng for a long time, and yet now that she became aware of his feelings towards her, why did she feel like she was falling for him, bit by bit?

She thought that after the pain she experienced because of Mo Yuchen, she would never be able to allow someone to sway her heart, and yet, here he was, trying to conquer her in every way possible.

Her mind was screaming that she shouldn't fall in love just yet. That her revenge and keeping her mother safe were her utmost priority right now, and she cannot afford to get side tracked and lose herself because of love yet again. And if she really wanted to be with Lu Qingfeng, she should give their relationship some time to develop.

'Xiaofei, there's no need to overthink things. I'll be right here whenever you are ready.' Lu Qingfeng's voice broke through her thoughts and called her back to reality. He knew the mental struggles he had put her in and was somewhat guilty of it.

However, it cannot

be undone and he regretted nothing. If he didn't make it clear this early, Su Xiaofei would forever consider him as a childhood friend she grew up with, and not a man that could love her with all his entirety.

Su Xiaofei didn't want to admit it out loud, but she was afraid. She was afraid that she would fall for the wrong person again. Because of Mo Yuchen, she wasn't willing to experience the same pain all over again with another man.

Mo Yuchen used her love and he hurt her in more ways than one. She had thought that he stood out from everyone else. She thought he was different and special.

Actually, Mo Yuchen tried very hard to convince her of that before their marriage. He told her everything she wanted to hear and he made sure to get under her skin. Soon, this man had become the center of her universe. Everything she did, she did them to please him, to make him happy. Everything was for him.

He had become the sole purpose of her existence. She gave him her entire self — her body, her heart, her soul, but he never returned any of it. The only thing he gave her was his half love. Mo Yuchen never truly committed to her but he expected her to commit to him, only to him.

He was jealous and she had falsely assumed that this was the only way he knew how to express his love. But little did she know that he was actually just a selfish, controlling egomaniac.

Despite everything, Su Xiaofei kept giving him all of her love. She kept justifying him, no matter how badly he treated her in the past. Even going as far as ignoring Xi Qian's warnings and her mother's pleas.

She was constantly looking for excuses, because she wanted to believe in him. Furthermore, she wanted proof that everything she invested in their relationship was not in vain — that Mo Yuchen loved her.

But, most of all, she wanted to believe that he was the one for her only to be proven wrong in the end. She wanted to think that he was her person, her soulmate, despite all the signs pointing otherwise.

And after years of pain, when he'd gotten what he wanted from her, they had split up. Mo Yuchen walked away from her, like she never existed, and he never looked back even once. He wasn't there for her to help her to pick up the pieces of herself again, he left her alone in her misery and in her suffering, going as far as starting a family with Ye Mingyu.

Su Xiaofei went through a lot in their relationship but she went through even more after he left her. It took her a long time before she realized that this man never loved her for real, that in the end, she was just a toy to him. One that he could easily discard once her purpose had been fulfilled.

Of course, that was quite painful for her, but what was even harder to accept was the fact that this guy was not only never right for her, but he played her heart and ruined her life, leading to her mother's untimely death.

It would have been fine if she was the only one who suffered, but she cannot forgive herself for hurting her mother.

And now that she was reborned, Su Xiaofei thought that she was pretty much okay now. She thought that she'd gotten over him almost completely. She had even accepted the fact that he wasn't for her.

Furthermore, she was positive she could never love anyone with the same intensity she loved him. And yet here Lu Qingfeng was, trying to tell her that she couldn't be more wrong. This young man who remained by her side until her last breath, the one whose love for her never wavered one bit.

Su Xiaofei thought that she already knew what love was but here he was, a man who wanted to show her how it feels to be truly loved. If she could support the person who never supported her back, imagine how much more she could love someone who would also have her back in everything.

If she could give herself completely to someone who never appreciated her, imagine how much more she could give to someone who would see her true worth.

If she could love a man who never truly loved her back this much, imagine how much more she could love someone who loved her back.

But would she dare? Would she dare to love again?

Su Xiaofei didn't even realize when tears started streaming down her face, startling Lu Qingfeng.

'Feifei, why are you crying?'

'Xiao Feng, can I be selfish again ?' She asked him.

'Can I be selfish and accept your love ?'

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Su Xiaofei found it foolish that she was asking him this question. Hadn't she always been selfish and wanted everything to go her way, refusing to back down whenever she was opposed by someone? And yet, here she was, asking for something incredulous from Lu Qingfeng. She had been extremely selfish in the past, and look where it led her. If she were to be selfish again and love recklessly, who could say that she wouldn't hurt Lu Qingfeng in the future?

She had already witnessed how he led a lonely life because of her, and she wasn't willing to allow Lu Qingfeng to suffer the same thing all over again.

'Xiaofei, how could you ask this question? You should know by now that each of us has our own self-interest to protect. You ask if you can be selfish, but does it matter? As long as it makes you happy, I'm willing to do everything to keep that smile on your face.'

Su Xiaofei bit her lip, feeling ashamed for becoming such a mess in front of him. She heard Lu Qingfeng sighed and saw him pull a clean handkerchief from his pocket, before gently drying her tears from her face.

'Hush now. There's no need for this, right? What would people say if they saw you crying like this? They might even think that I'm bullying you.' He murmured in a gentle tone, which he only used on her.

Su Xiaofei chuckled and snatched the handkerchief from his hands, wiping her tears on her own.

Lu Qingfeng waited for her to calm down. She must have been thinking of what she experienced in her past life. 'Xiaofei, if you think you are the only one who is selfish, you are mistaken. Human beings are essentially selfish creatures. We're apparently ruthless, with strong impulses to compete against each other for resources and to accumulate power and possessions. If we are kind to one another, it's usually because we have ulterior motives. If we are good, it's only because we managed to control and transcend our innate selfishness and

brutality. There's always a reason behind someone's kindness.

'Then why are you so kind to me?' Su Xiaofei questioned him.

From the moment they met when they were younger, he was always by her side, ready to help her when she was in need of it. Lu Qingfeng would always help her, regardless if she was in the wrong or not, without asking for anything in return.

The young man gave her a weak smile and shook his head. After experiencing more than one rebirth, Lu Qingfeng wondered if his obsession towards her was the reason why he couldn't let go.

Su Xiaofei felt her heart skip a beat at the sound of the deep timbre of his voice, her body unconsciously turning to face him to look at him, looking at his eyes that were watching her calmly. She bit her lower lip, unsure of where to take their conversation. His long fingers reached out to tuck a stray lock of hair behind her ear, surprising her.

'My apologies. I didn't mean to make you cry.' Lu Qingfeng told her.

She shook her head, dismissing his words. It was her own fault and stupidity that had brought her to tears, not him.

'That's not it, Xiao Feng...'

'Then what is it ?' He asked in return. 'You know, Xiaofei, ever since you were hospitalized, I feel like you have changed so much. I bet Aunty Qing and Xi Qian also noticed it, but please don't make us worry too much.'

Su Xiaofei nodded, knowing fully well that they had certainly noticed the sudden change not only in her demeanor, but also her attitude towards other people.

'Is this about Mo Yuchen then ?'

'Partly, yes.' She admitted. There was no point in lying to him, when a part of her wanted to allow herself to indulge in his love.

'I'm scared, Xiao Feng. I don't want to lose myself ever again.' She said weakly, feeling a little pathetic that a proud, arrogant woman had been reduced to a crippled, forgotten woman who had lost everything in her past life.

'And I'm also scared of getting really close to someone...' Su Xiaofei rubbed her arms and looked away, a habit that Lu Qingfeng knew she had whenever something upset her.

Su Xiaofei didn't want to be together with him out of guilt, but she had to admit that she was now somewhat attracted towards him. 'Are you afraid to say yes because you are worried about me, or because you are worried that I would also turn my back on you ?'

Su Xiaofei turned to look up at the young man beside her, his eyes sincere.

'The latter...'

She saw his head leaning closer towards her, but this time, Su Xiaofei wasn't surprised by his kiss. His lips pressed firmly onto hers, and she relaxed into the kiss, her own lips tentatively pressing back. Her fingers slowly reached to touch the hand that was cupping her cheek.

Su Xiaofei felt a slight quiver in her heart at the touch of their lips, something that she had never experienced when she was with Mo Yuchen before. Despite Lu Qingfeng being younger and inexperienced, she could feel the sincerity of his words and actions.

When they parted, there was a slight smile on his lips as he wiped the remaining wetness on her cheeks.

'I just don't want to be broken again.' Su Xiaofei whispered quietly, 'that's all...'

'The last thing I want to do is to break your heart, Feifei. Although I'm still young and there's still so much for me to learn and experience, I still want to be the one by your side. I'm only leaving to study and to train in Shenjing. I'm not going to forget you, and I won't allow you to do the same.' Lu Qingfeng had lost her twice already.. He wouldn't allow her to forget him this time.

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Unbeknownst to them, there was a pair of eyes who witnessed the second kiss the two shared in the garden. Mo Yuchen parted from his friends and went outside, intending to clear his mind. However, he wasn't prepared to see such intimacy between his unwanted fiancée and her best friend.

Since when did Su Xiaofei start seeing Lu Qingfeng? Was this the reason why she was insisting on breaking her engagement with him?

Because he was quite far and Su Xiaofei wasn't facing him, Mo Yuchen couldn't hear what they were talking about, and had no idea that Su Xiaofei was crying earlier.

Not wanting to see more, Mo Yuchen took the other side of the pathway. His feet moved through the garden pathway with a light crunch, his eyes flickering over the subtle, but impressive garden that the Yun family kept.

His long fingers reach out and stroke the soft petals of the purple pansies. It's color reminded him of the young woman who had been ignoring him, baring her fangs at him whenever their paths crossed. The Su Xiaofei now was really different from the young woman who used to chase after him for years. Although he didn't like her attitude, she was the best candidate to become his wife, allowing him to stabilize his position in their company. If they were to really go their separate ways, then he needed to think of another way to reach his goal.

Mo Yuchen was so deep in his thoughts that he failed to notice another presence that arrived near him. It was only when he heard a deep chuckle did he turn his head, only to find the young Lu Qingfeng admiring the same purple pansies he was looking at earlier.

'Is there something you need from me?' He asked the younger man coldly. It hadn't been long since he saw Lu Qingfeng kissing Su Xiaofei, but what was this young man doing here?

'Young Master Mo shouldn't poke his nose in someone else's affairs.' The younger man said with a mocking tone.

Mo Yuchen's brows drew

together, forming a frown on his handsome face.

'Is this what you're supposed to say to the man who's betrothed to the woman you are kissing earlier?' He asked in return.

Did Lu Qingfeng kiss Su Xiaofei knowing that he was watching? Mo Yuchen wondered. He had never gotten along with this young man, even when Su Xiaofei was chasing him before. Now, he understood why Lu Qingfeng always looked at him with hostility. He should have realized that this young man was in love with his little, arrogant fiancée.

'I believe the engagement has been dissolved already. If you were really serious about taking her as your bride, how come you've never hosted a party to acknowledge her?' Lu Qingfeng continued to taunt him.

'This has nothing to do with you, Young Master Lu. Whether I marry Su Xiaofei or not, is none of your business. I'll pretend I didn't see anything earlier.'

'Oh? You speak like you are certain that Feifei would still marry you, and wants to be with you. Is Mr. Mo really this weak that he needs to rely on a woman to stabilize his position at Golden Star? You're quite disappointing then.'

Mo Yuchen gritted his teeth, hands clenching on his sides as Lu Qingfeng poked on his sore spot. Ah, no wonder this young man got along really well with that young witch, for he is also a black bellied person like Su Xiaofei.

'Young Master Lu, you are still young, but this isn't an excuse to be rude to your elders, right?' He spat out venomously.

'Then I apologize for offending you, Mr. Mo. I was merely expressing my opinion over the betrothal between you and Feifei. Feifei doesn't need you anymore because she already has me, but you still need her, don't you ?' Mo Yuchen was rendered speechless at that. It seemed that Lu Qingfeng could clearly see his intentions as to why his family hadn't agreed to Yun Qingrong's request to dissolve the betrothal between him and Su Xiaofei.

'Why aren't you saying anything ?' Lu Qingfeng arrogantly cocked his head to one side, then gave Mo Yuchen a head to toe look. 'Are you regretting your actions now ?'

A flash of surprise flashed in Mo Yuchen's eyes. If he had treated Su Xiaofei a little better... if only he led her nose to believe that he was in love with her, Mo Yuchen wouldn't have this problem.

Lu Qingfeng watched him quietly and there were no fluctuations in his expressions. His hands, however, unconsciously clenched behind him as he thought about how many times Su Xiaofei shed tears for this selfish man.

Su Xiaofei thought that she was selfish, but she clearly couldn't be compared to the man who was currently standing in front of Lu Qingfeng.

'Young Master Lu must be joking. I have no obligation to answer you.' Mo Yuchen's brows slightly wrinkled, but he didn't allow his anger to appear on his face.

As Su Xiaofei appeared in his mind, he was reminded of those pair of deep cold eyes that he'd seen when she was hospitalized. That kind of cold, dark eyes made him very confused.

In Mo Yuchen's heart, something stirred, and his instinct was telling him that this wasn't supposed to happen, that regardless if he felt anything for her or not, Su Xiaofei should belong to him, and not another man, especially not Lu Qingfeng.

That uneasiness in his heart only grew more intense as he found her in another man's embrace. Most probably, due to him ignoring her for too long, the love Su Xiaofei used to have had turned to animosity and dissatisfaction towards him.

Lu Qingfeng shrugged and turned to leave without saying any parting words to Mo Yuchen.

Since Mo Yuchen lost his chance to adapt to Su Xiaofei's sudden change, Lu Qingfeng intended to conquer every piece of her heart.

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If it wasn't for the fact that she was needed here and it was General Yun's birthday, Su Xiaofei would've already left, ditching everyone in the process. She was disgusted knowing that she was in the same place as Mo Yuchen, and even though Mo Yuan was around, she refused to allow anyone to find out that they were acquainted with each other.

She had returned alone without Lu Qingfeng as it was almost time for the banquet to start. Since there were no more guests to be received, she decided to find her mother. 'Ah, Feifei, you are just in time.' Yun Qingrong beamed a wide smile at her daughter as she took Su Xiaofei's hand. 'I know you don't like meeting the Mo family, I have inconvenienced you.'

'Mama, what are you saying? It's precisely because I know you are here that I'm confident that Mr. Mo wouldn't bully me.' Su Xiaofei replied, and led her mother away from the crowd.

As they took a seat at the empty balcony, Yun Qingrong fell silent. Su Xiaofei didn't know what her mother was thinking about, only when the hold on her hand slightly tightened did Yun Qingrong speak.

'Feifei, what kind of man do you like?' She asked, breaking the silence between them.

From where they were seated, they could still hear the sound of the laughter and voices of their guests, but there was no one within earshot to overhear their conversation.

Her question caught Su Xiaofei off guard, as she never thought that she would have a talk like this with her mother here. It was most likely because Yun Qingrong was worried about her sudden rejection of Mo Yuchen, leading the older woman to bring up the topic.

Yun Qingrong knew her daughter used to fawn over Mo Yuchen and although he was truly an outstanding man in his league, she was also aware of how ambitious he could be. She was worried that if her Feifei married such a man, she wouldn't truly be happy for the rest of her life.

Su Xiaofei recovered

from her shock and rested her head lovingly against her mother's shoulder. A genuine smile blooming on her pretty face.

Her previous self was so foolish for ignoring her mother's advice. She should have known that in this world, the person who loved her the most and unconditionally was her mother. It was just a pity that she wasn't born from Yun Qingrong's womb, but from a despicable woman instead.

'What kind of person does Mama wish for me to marry, then ? I will listen to you.'

Su Xiaofei hadn't even thought about the kind of man she'd be interested in anyway. She also wasn't ready to admit her blossoming attraction towards Lu Qingfeng at the moment. Remembering the kisses they shared earlier made her cheeks flushed from embarrassment.

Yun Qingrong didn't expect that her daughter would avoid her question and answer her with another one instead. She supposed that her Feifei was a little embarrassed to admit that she didn't have a good eye when it comes to men.

The older woman stared at her young daughter for a moment and sighed. Yun Qingrong could only wish that, unlike her, her daughter would be able to find a man who truly loved her.

'Your Mama wishes that you will marry a person who would love and cherish you the most. It would be better if he isn't too ambitious or greedy. Wealth is not a problem, as long as he would be able to take good care of you. In short, your Mama wishes that the husband you would have in the future would sincerely love and respect you. It's not enough that he loves you, he must respect you too.'

Su Xiaofei blinked her eyes, keeping her tears at bay. She didn't want to cry for the second time tonight, and she didn't want to make her mother worried again. Yun Qingrong's wish was still the same as the one she mentioned in her previous life.

'Even if you marry an ordinary man with no social status, as long as he could make you happy, I will welcome him into our family.'

These were the words Yun Qingrong had told her in her previous life. Perhaps at that time, Yun Qingrong had finally realized that her husband had fooled her and was having an affair with Ye Xing.

Unfortunately, Su Xiaofei was so blinded by her infatuation with Mo Yuchen that she didn't listen to her mother's advice.

'Then, I will listen to Mama. In the future, I will only marry a man once I'm certain that he respects me, and I am the only one he has in his heart.' She said softly.

Yun Qingrong was stunned upon hearing her daughter's response. Surprised that her Feifei would easily agree with her. However, a part of her was satisfied that her daughter was willing to accept advice from her now.

'That's reassuring to hear, Feifei.' She smiled at her daughter. 'I've already talked to Elder Mo, and he finally agreed to break the engagement between you and Mo Yuchen. However, he asked for compensation instead.' Su Xiaofei frowned at that. She knew that the Mo family wouldn't agree easily, unless there's a catch.

'What kind of compensation, Mama ?' She had a bad feeling about this. She could only hope that the Mo family wasn't asking her mother too much for compensation.

'No worries, Feifei. It's only for me to sell the small share I own at Golden Star. You might not know this, but I bought some shares of their company three years ago to help them. Now, they are eager to have those shares back.' Yun Qingrong explained.

Of course, Su Xiaofei knew about this. This meager amount of shares is worth nothing to Yun Qingrong, but invaluable for the Mo family.. If Yun Qingrong didn't buy this small portion of shares of Golden Star, Mo Yuchen's father, Mo Yahui, would lose his position at Golden Star.

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'Did you agree, Mama ?' Su Xiaofei asked her mother.

'Why, of course.' Yun Qingrong let out a satisfied laugh. 'My Feifei's worth can't be compared to those shares. They can have it, as long as they would leave you alone.'

Su Xiaofei couldn't help but feel moved by her mother's words. Yun Qingrong was willing to give up everything for her sake, unlike Bai Qingyue who abandoned her the moment she was born to seek a better life without her. 'Feifei, you don't have to worry about them now. However, in the future, try to avoid any conflict with them. You are still young and there's no need for you to rush to settle down.'

Yun Qingrong gently touched her daughter's head. The baby she used to take care of years ago has now grown up into a fine young woman. Now that her Feifei was more sensible and starting to act mature, how can she not be happy and surprised? When she looked at her daughter, there was pride and happiness in her eyes.

'Ah, my baby has grown so much. She'll turn into a great beauty soon, so just let that Young Master Mo go and don't regret it later.' She laughed before deciding to return to the banquet with Su Xiaofei.

If these words were heard by others, there was no doubt that many would raise a brow due to Yun Qingrong's comment. While it's true that Su Xiaofei's physical appearance was a little better than her peers, her attitude was something that she needed to work on.

'Mama really knows how to improve my mood.' Su Xiaofei giggled and hooked her arm with her mother's.

She knew that Yun Qingrong was saying these in an attempt to make her feel better. Also, parents would naturally see their child as the best and somewhat biased towards them, so Su Xiaofei didn't take her mother's words seriously, but she rejoiced knowing how far Yun Qingrong was willing to go to protect her. Su Xiaofei smiled lightly. She was now in a better mood because of her mother and Lu

Qingfeng's reassurance.

'Feifei, previously you mentioned that you want to learn the ropes in the company? Your Uncle Fang and I thought that it was a good idea. I've already arranged your visitation on weekends. You will be following me around at the company and observing how things are handled.'

Hearing that, Su Xiaofei's eyes lit up. She believed that her mother would have some hesitation to agree with her request, but she did not expect that her mother would arrange it immediately. Now this was something that she'd been looking forward to learning. If she were to destroy Mo Yuchen in the future and protect Bluemedia, she needed to improve herself.

'Thank you, Mama. I'll do my best to learn from you and Uncle Fang.'

After General Yun's speech, the whole Yun family gathered, including Su Xiaofei, to take a family photo. Yun Qingrong pulled her daughter to stand next to her. Such a warm scene only implied that Su Xiaofei was now truly part of an affluent family and can no longer be easily bullied by anyone.

Once the photoshoot was done, Su Xiaofei immediately fled from the scene and found Lu Qingfeng being cornered by a familiar young woman. From what Su Xiaofei could remember, Qin Ying was Lu Qingfeng's lovesick classmate and the epitome of typical rich young misses of an affluent family.

In her previous life, Qin Ying incessantly sought Lu Qingfeng every chance she could get, like Su Xiaofei did to Mo Yuchen. Looking at Qin Ying now, Su Xiaofei could only sigh inwardly, thinking how pathetic she was before. At least Lu Qingfeng wasn't rude towards Qin Ying and had politely turned her down.

When Lu Qingfeng spotted her looking in their direction, he immediately excused himself from Qin Ying and went to Su Xiaofei.

'Miss Qin is quite persistent, I see. It hasn't been an hour, and now you're seeing another woman ?' Su Xiaofei was obviously teasing him, and Lu Qingfeng huffed in response.

'She's the one who came to me. I did not seek her.' He said in defense.

There was a hint of distaste appearing in his eyes. Was she feeling insecure about seeing him with another woman? Was this still an aftermath of Mo Yuchen's betrayal on her?

'Do you mind it? If you don't like seeing me talking to her, I won't talk to Qin Ying anymore.'

He didn't continue, but the meaning of his words were obvious.

The corner of Su Xiaofei's lips arched into a small smile.

'If you want to go to her, there's nothing I can do to stop you, right?' She retorted. Knowing Lu Qingfeng's personality, he wasn't the kind of person that can easily be swayed by others.

Lu Qingfeng gave her a deep look and nodded in approval.

'Is there a point to asking this? You are right, but I already made it clear that I already have someone in my life.'

He stared at her and thought that after experiencing two rebirths, it was impossible for him to replace Su Xiaofei in his life easily, no matter how beautiful or charming a woman was.

Su Xiaofei lowered her gaze, trying to suppress the blush on her face. Heck, she was already a woman in her late twenties, but why did she feel like a teenager who just experienced love for the first time?

'There's no need for you to stop talking to her. If I get jealous every time you speak with another woman, then wouldn't I have drowned in vinegar already? I trust you, Xiao Feng and whether you prove me wrong is up to you.'

Actually, she didn't feel jealous at all, which was quite weird, considering how furious and jealous she was when other women sought Mo Yuchen in her past life. However, now, she didn't feel any annoyance at all.

Was this one of the differences between him and Lu Qingfeng? She wondered. Chapter 197 - What Part Of Him Is Good? (1)

The banquet continued far into the night before it ended. Su Xiaofei and her mother were going to stay overnight at the Yun Estate again, so the young woman was the one to send Lu Qingfeng off along with his grandfather.

'Grandpa, thank you for coming tonight.' Su Xiaofei told Chairman Lu. The old man only laughed and patted her hand gently.

'Aiya, how can I decline Xiao Fei's invitation? I also know how important this banquet is for your mother.' Chairman Lu? said in response, his calm and collected attitude contrasted the temper he had in the past as a demanding and ruthless devil of the business society years ago.

Looking at him, Su Xiaofei thought that perhaps Lu Qingfeng had somewhat taken his personality after his grandfather, who raised him from the moment his parents died.

Compared to the older men whom Su Xiaofei met in the past, Chairman Lu had the most gentle personality and was a very charismatic person. He was a chubby old man who always had a smile on his face and when he laughed. Su Xiaofei was reminded of Santa Claus whenever he laughed.

Chairman Lu also treated her like she was his own granddaughter. He had once mentioned that because of the family feud that led to his sons' deaths, he regretted not having a granddaughter he could spoil. In her past life, before she married Mo Yuchen and the Lu family had already moved to Shenjing, she received a phone call from Chairman Lu, informing herthat Lu Qingfeng was in a deep coma. Su Xiaofei had visited them weekly, forcing to schedule her visitation despite her busy schedule at work.

However, when she married Mo Yuchen and moved back to Qiying City to start a family with him, Su Xiaofei lost all her connections to the Lu family. Perhaps it was because Chairman Lu was upset with her decision to marry Mo Yuchen and was aware of the feelings his grandson had for her.

'Still, let me thank you, grandpa. Next time, I'll make sure to be

the one to visit you.' Su Xiaofei beamed a wide smile to the old man. She was really glad that she was given a chance to live again and appreciate the love and concern that the people around her were giving her. The same ones she had taken advantage of and dismissed in the past.

'Alright. I'll be expecting you then.' The old man said before entering the backseat of his car, leaving Lu Qingfeng behind with Su Xiaofei.

It's already past midnight and the night has become colder. Now, dressed with her home clothes with a thick coat keeping her from the coldness of the night, Su Xiaofei's breath fogged in front of her as she wrapped her arms around her midsection.

'You should return now, Xiaofei. You had a long day.' Lu Qingfeng said, noticing the slight shiver on her. 'Hmm... I'll send you off first. You are the last one to leave.' Su Xiaofei said in a teasing tone.

Although she still felt a little awkward and shy about the kiss they shared earlier, the feeling of warmth in her heart overshadowed it. Su Xiaofei didn't know why she was acting silly in front of Lu Qingfeng now.

Seeing that she wasn't willing to leave yet, Lu Qingfeng sighed inwardly.

'Fine. I'm leaving.' He said, and at once, Nine opened the door of the backseat of the car for him. 'Don't stay too long out here and get inside. I don't want to be responsible if you fall sick again.'

After what happened earlier, Lu Qingfeng didn't want to part from her yet. Even now, he could still feel the softness of her lips on his. It had been a mistake on his part for kissing her, because now, he was addicted to her taste and wanted more from her.

Su Xiaofei nodded and watched him leave with Nine. Once the car he rode left the Yun Estate, she hurriedly ran inside as she clutched the coat tighter around her. The moment she closed the doors behind her, she found Yun Xiang at the bottom of the staircase, still in his tux.

'Brother Xiang.' She said in a greeting, although she wanted nothing but to jump into the comfort of the bed and forget her worries.

Yun Xiang had this same conflicted look on his face, as if Su Xiaofei was an enigma he had yet to understand.

'Xiao Fei, are you and Lu Qingfeng dating?' Yun Xiang asked, which immediately made Su Xiaofei frown.

Whether or not she and Lu Qinfeng were dating was her own matter and not any of Yun Xiang's business. If anything, the only people who can ask her this question were her mother and Xi Qian as she had promised them.

'Brother Xiang, do I really need to answer this ?' She furrowed her brow, her eyes flashing with dissatisfaction towards Yun Xiang. She briefly wondered if he also acted like this in front of Ye Mingyu in private in her past life.

Su Xiaofei didn't like Yun Xiang's approach in trying to get closer to her, and while it's true that she was taking advantage of his 'kindness', the things he had done towards her in her past life were still not forgotten.

'Xiao Feng is a good man.' She continued when Yun Xiang didn't say anything. 'Way too good compared to you and Mo Yuchen.'

'What part of him is good ? Is he treating you well ?' He inquired.

Su Xiaofei looked at his confused eyes, and it dawned on her why he was asking her these questions.

'Hey now. Don't be stupid and catch feelings for me, dear cousin.' Su Xiaofei left these words unspoken, but it was clear that she was dissatisfied with Yun Xiang's probing questions.

'He treats me way better than anyone else.' She said with confidence.

In this world, there was no other man who could topple Lu Qingfeng's love for her.

Chapter 198 - What Part Of Him Is Good? (2)

If she hadn't witnessed herself how Lu Qingfeng lived his life after her death, Su Xiaofei would never know just how deep and sincere his love was for her. The things she had hoped to receive from her estranged husband, Lu Qingfeng, was willing to give it all to her without any questions asked.

Come to think of it, if he hadn't fallen into a coma and returned as promised in her past life, Su Xiaofei wondered if Lu Qingfeng would chase after her like he was doing right now. She might have avoided all those misfortunes if she hadn't been so foolish to cling on to Mo Yuchen.

If she wasn't muddle headed in her previous life, she should have noticed right away that her childhood friend loved her. Any sane woman would choose Lu Qingfeng over Mo Yuchen. Alas, because she was stupid, the one responsible for all of her sufferings was herself after all. She had brought them all upon herself.

'Is that so?' Yun Xiang's question sounded more like a statement to Su Xiaofei's ears. 'Of course.' Su Xiaofei said, before turning to leave. 'If there's nothing else, I will retire for the night now, Brother Xiang. You should also do the same.'

She left without waiting for his answer. Yun Xiang had no right to question her like this nor to ask whom she was with.

Su Xiaofei made a mental note to be careful with her words when she was talking to him, although she couldn't understand how she managed to pique his interest.

If she were to choose between Lu Qingfeng and Yun Xiang, of course she would pick her childhood friend. She trusted Lu Qingfeng, and she knew that he would never do anything that could hurt her.

Being with Lu Qingfeng made her feel at peace as she didn't need to keep up her guard and pretend that she was a good person, unlike when she was with her mother and Xi Qian. Even without saying anything, Su Xiaofei knew that Lu Qingfeng understood her the most.

In

front of Lu Qingfeng, she didn't feel any insecurity at all. She could be herself without worrying about his opinion about her.

As Yun Xiang watched her leave, he couldn't help but feel both disappointed and depressed. He just wanted to know why Su Xiaofei was able to lower her guard and rely on Lu Qingfeng, but she couldn't with him. The next morning, the Yun family started their breakfast a little later than usual. The rest of the family were having their meal in silence, as if all of them had no energy to speak to each other at all.

Because Su Xiaofei wasn't used to sleeping on someone else's bed, she barely had any sleep for three nights now. Thankfully, she and her mother would return home today, and she would be able to laze around and sleep on her comfy bed without worrying about anything.

As expected, the news about last night's banquet had filled the news, with the latest scoop about the breakup between Su Xiaofei and Mo Yuchen. As Su Xiaofei stared at the news on the screen of the phone, Yun Qingrong laughed at her reaction.

'Since the Mo family had already agreed, I made sure to ask my friends in the media to announce your breakup with Mo Yuchen. This way, they wouldn't be able to twist the truth. It was them who asked me to sell back my shares anyway.'

Su Xiaofei applauded her mother in her heart. She hadn't thought that her mother had this side to her. Most people knew Yun Qingrong as a soft-spoken and gentle woman who treated everyone with due respect and warmness. It wasn't her way to do something underhanded, as it was Su Xiaofei's way.

'Thanks, Mama. You are the best!' Su Xiaofei grinned at her mother, before giving her a hug.

This scene was witnessed by the rest of the Yun family. Such a loving moment between the mother and daughter made General

Yun pleased that at least Su Xiaofei's concern towards her adoptive mother was genuine.

'Xiao Fei, is it true that you want to join your mother's company ?' The old man asked. He heard the news from Yun Qingrong herself, and he wasn't sure what he should feel about it.

Bluemedia and its net worth weren't something that could easily be handed over to a person like Su Xiaofei. Not only was she not Yun Qingrong's real daughter, but she also had a shrewd way of dealing with people.

As General Yun thought about it, he was also aware that no one in the Yun family would contest for Su Xiaofei's position as Yun Qingrong's successor. For his daughter, she might be viewing the entertainment company as merely a business she was running, but General Yun and the rest of the family knew how dirty the entertainment industry could be.

'En. If I don't follow in my Mama's footsteps, then her years of hard work at Bluemedia would end in vain.' Su Xiaofei affirmed.

Yan Mei, Yun Zhaonan's wife, gently laughed.

'In the future, when our Xiao Fei succeeds Sister Qing, she will be more beautiful than her talents. I feel like she would overshadow them with her beauty alone.' She commented, which earned certain approvals from the rest of the family.

'Then Xiao Fei should become an actress. With her face alone, don't you think many would want to hire her as their brand ambassador ?' Yun Qiang laughed. He was Yun Xiang's younger brother.

Su Xiaofei shook her head and continued her meal. She had already spent her previous life as an actress. Although she was popular, it wasn't for a positive reason as she kept being hunted by rumors, one after another.

'Aunty Mei and Brother Qiang really know how to joke. I'm only interested in succeeding my Mama.'

She had no interest of becoming an actress anymore, however, there was no denying that she cannot avoid the limelight in the future.

Chapter 199 - Xi Qian's Troubles (1)

Su Xiaofei had almost forgotten about Ye Mingyu as the latter hadn't shown up for days. However, that morning, she and Xi Qian met Ye Mingyu in the hallway outside their class. She looked more distressed than usual, not that Su Xiaofei was worried about her, but something must have happened for Ye Mingyu to act like this.

'Feifei, what's the status for Aunty Qing's divorce case?' Xi Qian asked as Ye Mingyu ignored them and went inside her own classroom.

'Not sure. It has only been a week since Mama sued him. Whether he likes it or not, he would have no other choice but to sign those papers.' Su Xiaofei replied nonchalantly.

Su Haoran's world was starting to get smaller. Su Xiaofei would like to see how her beloved Da Jie would be able to turn the tables in their favor. She refused to believe that the Ye Mingyu she knew in her past life would easily accept defeat like this.

Once they returned to their classroom and took a seat, Su Xiaofei then noticed that her best friend looked uneasy as there was a slight frown on her face, which indicated that something was bothering her.

'Qian, did something happen? You know you can tell me anything, right?' She asked with a low voice, making sure that no one would overhear their conversation.

'Actually, Feifei. My parents recently found out that my house is being purchased by the developer. They came to my house this weekend and were insisting on representing me for the sale, not knowing that I've already sold it with Lu Qingfeng's help.' Xi Qian admitted.

'Then are you worried that they will hit you again if they found out that you already sold it?' Su Xiaofei narrowed her eyes.

Thankfully, with Lu Qingfeng's help, Xi Qian had already sold her house. In Su Xiaofei's past life, her best friend refused to sell her home, which led to several issues coming from her own parents who wanted to get their hands on the money and from the developing company that was pressuring her into submission.

No matter how hard she tried to convince Xi Qian to sell the property, her best friend refused to listen to her. Thinking about it, Su Xiaofei wondered what made Xi Qian easily agree this time when she had vehemently refused to listen to anyone in the past.

In her previous life, because her parents refused to help her pay her tuition fee and give her financial support, Xi Qian wasn't able to enroll in med school to become a doctor. Instead, she worked numerous part-time jobs and attended a local public university and became a nurse.

Su Xiaofei wondered if this was alright. One reason why Xi Qian was able to meet Li Xiran in the past was because she became a private nurse for his father. If things turned out different this time, wouldn't this mean that the chance for Xi Qian to meet the love of her life would also reduce significantly?

Obviously, Su Xiaofei also wanted her best friend to lead a happier life this time, but if changing the course of events would cause a butterfly effect, then she could only hope that Xi Qian would meet Li Xiran regardless of the changes in this lifetime.

Xi Qian nodded her head in shame. Not only did she have a pair of irresponsible parents, they were also abusive whenever she was with them.

Su Xiaofei sighed. If she wasn't preoccupied with the Yun family banquet, she would have gone to Xi Qian's place and confronted her shameless parents. 'Qian, why don't you just move to my apartment? My place has tight security and the guards wouldn't allow them in. Since I'm still the house owner, I can blacklist them from the guest list. This way, they wouldn't be able to harass you.' She suggested.

Xi Qian remained silent for a moment. What Su Xiaofei had just said made sense to her, and it wasn't like her parents knew where she was working. Eventually they would find out that she had already sold her house and would surely ask her for their share. Knowing her parents, they would surely make a scene and would paint her as an unfilial daughter.

She bit her lower lip and sighed. Su Xiaofei knew her so well.

'Thanks, Feifei. I'll make sure to settle my debts in the future.' She promised her best friend.

'Qian, what are you saying? There's no need to worry about this. Just tell me when you are free, and I'll help you move into my apartment.' Su Xiaofei dismissed Xi Qian's worries. She knew that if she was the one in need, Xi Qian would also do her best to help her.

'How about this coming weekend? You aren't busy, are you?' Xi Qian asked. She knew about the banquet Su Xiaofei and Lu Qingfeng attended last Saturday and while her best friend extended an invitation for her to attend, Xi Qian once again declined it.

Xi Qian was fully aware that her world was vastly different from her best friend and Lu Qingfeng and if it wasn't for her scholarship, she had no doubt that she wouldn't be able to attend QCA with them.

'Can't we do it by Friday afternoon or Sunday instead? I'm going to Bluemedia with Mama on Saturday. You don't need to bring much, Qian, since most of the things you might need are already available in my apartment.' Su Xiaofei responded, she then made a mental note to check her wardrobe later for the appropriate attire she should wear during her visit to Bluemedia.

'I have free time on Friday. I'll start packing my things then, so we won't have to move so many boxes..' Xi Qian agreed with her as she started to list down the things she would need to buy to pack up her things before her parents caught whiff of her plans on moving out.

Chapter 200 - Xi Qian's Troubles (2)

Friday came and for the past few days, Su Xiaofei wondered if Lu Qingfeng was ignoring her. They hadn't had a decent talk ever since the banquet at the Yun Estate and while he was still accompanying her and Xi Qian during lunch, he didn't stay for too long.

Even Xi Qian noticed the sudden change in his demeanor and asked Su Xiaofei if the two had a fight during the banquet. Su Xiaofei only lowered her head and refused to comment. She wasn't aware of the slight blush that appeared on her face as she rested her chin on one hand and looked away. 'He must have been busy practicing for the semi-finals.' She tried to reason out, which Xi Qian didn't buy at all but refused to comment about the blush on her best friend's face.

Still, when Lu Qingfeng heard that Xi Qian was moving out from her home to stay at Su Xiaofei's apartment, he offered help by contacting movers that could help Xi Qian with her plan. However, he wouldn't be able to be there to help them as he had afternoon practice with his team.

Having packed her belongings for the past few days, Xi Qian unlocked the door of her house and let the movers get inside and take the boxes she packed one by one. She really didn't have that much stuff and even then half of it was packed away after her grandmother's death and was collecting dust in the vacant room at the back.

Xi Qian was thankful that Su Xiaofei had come with her and accompanied her to the new place she would be staying temporarily, until she could move out on her own place, today.

She almost forgot to close her mouth as she climbed down from Su Xiaofei's car only to be rendered speechless. It wasn't the first time she had come to Su Xiaofei's apartment, but she wasn't aware that the management had renovated the front of the apartment complex.

She wouldn't have to worry about chipping paint on her walls, leaking

plumbing, and about having unwanted guests coming to see her uninvited.

'Wow...' Xi Qian giggled, glad to be living in such a nice place, even if it's only temporary. 'How did you find such a good place, Feifei ?'

'Xiao Feng helped me find one. I gave him my requirements and he easily arranged the purchase of my unit. Come on, let's get going.' Su Xiaofei led her to the lobby's security desk and informed the management that Xi Qian was her 'tenant' and she would move in today, before explicitly mentioning that Xi Qian's parents were blacklisted from going up and entering her place. Despite wearing her high school uniform, Su Xiaofei spoke eloquently, as expected from someone of her status.

Xi Qian noticed that the man at the security desk seemed familiar with her best friend as he also gave her some suggestions on how they could prevent Xi Qian's parents from assaulting her inside the apartment complex.

The person in charge noted Su Xiaofei's request and made a spare key for Xi Qian. He also reminded her of the usual rules of the apartment complex before calling someone to bring carts that could help the movers bring Xi Qian's boxes to Su Xiaofei's unit.

At the twenty-second floor, Xi Qian followed Su Xiaofei as they walked in the hallway. Turning right, her best friend stopped in front of the unit labelled 2209 on its door plate at the end of the hall.

'We're here.' Su Xiaofei unlocked the door of her apartment, stepped inside and drew the blinds to lighten up the place. Xi Qian stepped inside and marvelled at the place. It was a two-bedroom apartment unit with a huge kitchen and tons of counter space. The place was spacious enough for a small family, and Xi Qian wondered why Lu Qingfeng chose such a place for her best friend. Su Xiaofei didn't even know how to cook, but it was obvious that the kitchen had complete appliances one would need to prepare meals.

'You can use my bedroom, Qian.' She heard Su Xiaofei say and saw her open one of the bedrooms. 'Aunty Liu already cleaned the place and moved my belongings.'

'Then what about the other bedroom ? I could have used it instead of moving your things away.' Xi Qian said.

Su Xiaofei chuckled and shook her head. Xi Qian must also be thinking right now how to return this favor she had done for her.

'That's where Xiao Feng sleeps. I don't have the key with me anyway. Don't worry about it. Since you are here, I doubt that he would come here to sleep.'

Indeed. Xi Qian thought, then scoffed inwardly. She finally understood why Lu Qingfeng picked this place. The little tyrant was attempting to make this his love nest with Su Xiaofei and she doubted that her best friend even realized it.

As expected, when Xi Qian opened the dresser, it was empty. The bathroom had a standing shower stall in it, and it was still larger than her previous bathroom, but what she liked the most was the balcony. She always wanted to experience standing outside a balcony late at night, watching the few stars that managed to peek through the thick clouds.

Xi Qian felt that she was starting a new life and hoped that she wouldn't encounter any huge problems soon. She was aware that her parents wouldn't let her off the hook easily, but who cares?

Just as Su Xiaofei said, if they insisted on harassing her, she could file a restraining order against her parents and threaten to report to their respective companies for abandoning her when she was a minor.

These were Su Xiaofei's ideas.. Initially, she thought that it was too much, but when she had met her parents the previous weekend and received verbal abuse again, Xi Qian then understood why her best friend told her to draw the line when it came to her parents.