

Chapter 231: I Do Not Want To Be The Scapegoat

“You’d never have the chance to climb off the bed.”

The stirred emotions she felt from hearing that moving love declaration vanished for the most part when she heard the punishment he had in store for her. *Can you not be such a killjoy?*

“So will you entrust your life to me?” he gently cooed into her ear.

Her lips twitched. “Yes, I will.”

Her answer had the man’s face breaking into a wide grin as he smiled giddily like a child.

Not far away from them was Bo Jinyan, who had witnessed their intimate interaction with a grim smile. *They’re buying wedding bands, huh? Are they really intending to get married?*

His gaze dimmed when it involuntarily landed on the woman’s stomach. *Is she really pregnant?*

Moments later, the couple turned around and left the shop after collecting their rings.

The doll’s going to be taken away by someone else if I don’t make a move...

His lips curled into a slight smile while he arched a brow at that thought. However, just as he turned around to leave, a familiar-looking lady brushed past him.

With a squint, he grabbed hold of the lady’s wrist.

“What are you doing?” yelled the woman hotly. However, she soon fell into a daze at the sight of Bo Jinyan’s alluring appearance.

“What do you want, handsome?”

His brows formed a tight line as he stared at this face, which looked exactly like Ye Erruo’s face. He was very certain, though, that this woman was not her!

“What’s your name?” His vicious eyes glowed icily.

Xiao Ruo sized him up. “My name is Xiao Ruo. Do you know me, handsome? Ha ha... Don’t you think I look like Ye Erruo? A lot of people have said that I’m her carbon copy. It’s such a pity that I’m not her, though... Hey, you’re hurting me. You...” The way he stared at her scared her.

“H-Hey, can you release me first?” she carefully asked.

Bo Jinyan flung her hand away hard as he studied the woman with an eerie, incomprehensible gaze that had her cowering away from him.

The recently popular Little Ah Mei didn’t offend anyone, did she? Even though people usually cast surprised looks at her, she had never encountered anything like this. Besides, she rarely stepped out of her house in the first place.

She eventually got so freaked out that she hastily broke into a run and fled from the man lest he did something to her. She was terrified of him, especially since he appeared all gloomy and fierce at that moment.

Her unsettled heart only managed to find peace when she realized that she had shaken off that man. She then pulled a mask out of her bag. However, as soon as she put it on, she felt a sharp pain at the back of her head. It was followed by vision loss before she eventually slumped weakly to the ground.

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Xiao Ruo woke up with a dizzy head in a dimly-lit environment when she finally regained her consciousness.

Her mind instantly sobered up when her face was splashed with a basin of cold water.

Cough, cough...

The woman froze the instant she noticed the man standing before her. "Who are you? I don't know you at all!"

Bo Jinyan, who was wearing a thin shirt, merely lifted his lips into a vague smile and said, "You know Ye Erruo."

She completely lost her cool and panicked when she heard that. "W-Who doesn't know Ye Erruo, the online singer who got really popular just some time ago? However, she has stopped all online broadcasts and gone off-screen to avoid the eyes of the masses. E-Either way, I'm not Ye Erruo."

As the man slowly approached her, she retreated fearfully. "You've got the wrong person. I'm not Ye Erruo. You should look for her if you've got a feud with her."

"Is this the product of cosmetic surgery?"

Xiao Ruo shot back through gritted teeth, "I have no idea what you're talking about. I was born this way. It was Ye Erruo who underwent cosmetic surgery based on my looks. Go look it up online yourself."

This man obviously has a vendetta with Ye Erruo and mistook me for the singer and abducted me instead. Regardless, there's no way I am going to be her scapegoat.

Chapter 232: He Will Give You A Big Sum of Money

"Ye Erruo underwent cosmetic surgery based on your looks?" the man scoffed.

"Yes. You've made a mistake and abducted the wrong person. Now, let me go," said the distressed woman insistently.

Bo Jinyan suddenly crouched down on one knee and gripped her chin firmly. "How long has it been since your surgery? Pretty flawless result you've got there."

He pinched her chin so hard that her eyes teared up in pain.

"Let me go!"

“Very realistic results, in fact.” He then increased the force on her chin as she struggled to smack his hand away in vain.

Just moments later, her jaw was slightly deformed from all his pinching.

Scalding teardrops leaked from her eyes non-stop. It hurts. It freaking hurts.

Without a warning, the man suddenly smacked her face to the side. “Hah! Ai Er!”

“Yes, Young Master.”

“Reverse her cosmetic surgery,” he coldly ordered his subordinate.

“N-No... Don’t...” She retreated backward in fear.

I can’t live without this face. I mustn’t lose this appearance.

“Didn’t you say you were born this way?”

“No, you can’t touch my face... I’ve already told you that I’m not Ye Erruo! I’m not her! Find the right person if you want to destroy her face... I-I can bring her here if you cannot get a hold of her,” she stammered out.

His lips formed the ghost of a smile as he regarded the woman. Seeing this face on another person filled him with disgust.

“This is my real face. You’re not allowed to touch it. You cannot—”

She was then held still by the two bodyguards beside her. Not far away from them was a bed, and beside it lay miscellaneous medical equipment.

“Release me!” Her body tilted backward and away from the bed as she struggled to break free from the bodyguards.

Her face lost all its color the moment she caught sight of the two doctors in white robes standing in a corner.

“Let me go!”

Soon, she was pressed down against the cold surgical bed. Even putting up a struggle was hard for her now.

“Touch me and Hubby Jingxuan will never let you off!” she screamed at the top of her voice.

The familiar name put a frown on Bo Jinyan’s face. Jingxuan?

“Lin Jingxuan?” he coldly inquired.

Xiao Ruo sucked in a deep breath before she hastily gushed, “Yes! Yes, that’s right! Lin Jingxuan! He’s my husband! He’ll never spare you if you lay a hand on me! However, if you release me now, he’ll give you a big sum of money instead. I can also help you search for Ye Erruo.”

The doctors on either side of the bed halted and waited for their master’s instructions.

“What did you just call Lin Jingxuan?”

“Husband. He’s my husband.”

“Isn’t Gu Feirou his fiancée?”

The woman denied this vehemently and anxiously at once. “N-No! Hubby Jingxuan loves me the most! Not that woman! She’s such a bore! It’s only because of the circumstances that he was forced to get together with her!”

Her words piqued his interest. With a wave of his hand, the bodyguards and doctors retreated to the side and Xiao Ruo immediately sprang up to sit on the bed.

“H-How much money do you want? My husband can give it to you as long as you release me.” She warily surveyed her surroundings as she spoke.

“Does Gu Feirou know about your existence?”

Her body suddenly stiffened and her face took on an awful shade. “S-She doesn’t deserve to know about my existence.”

The man narrowed his eyes knowingly. “You’re the third party then?”

Based on what he recalled, Lin Jingxuan used to be Ye Erruo’s boyfriend, whom she had loved with her heart and soul. After getting together with Gu Feirou behind Xiao Rou’s back, he is yearning for her again now that he has gotten engaged to Gu Feirou?

However, because of Mo Jiangye’s existence, he can only create a brand-new Ye Erruo instead?

Hah!

His eyes turned increasingly dark with malice at this thought.

Chapter 233: So Adorable!

Perhaps this woman could do him a huge favor!

Bo Jinyan stared at Xiao Ruo’s face as the thought formulated incessantly in his mind.

“No! I am not the third party!” Xiao Ruo said angrily.

“Your hubby, Jingxuan, has been lying unconscious in bed and has yet to wake up. Do you know this?” he asked with a small smile on his lips.

Xiao Ruo was taken aback. “What?”

“Do you want to replace Gu Feirou?”

Xiao Ruo widened her eyes in disbelief. “What are you talking about?”

Lin Jingxuan had been unconscious on the bed till now? What was wrong with him? What had happened?

Also, this man wanted to help her replace that woman?

That woman was the Blue Tower Royalty's princess. Did he have the power and capability to do something like that?

When he saw that she was moved by his words, Bo Jinyan's smile widened. "Do you want to see your hubby?"

Xiao Ruo did not believe this. "You can help me see Jingxuan?"

Was he lying to her?

"Of course."

Xiao Ruo fell into deep thought. If she could really replace Gu Feirou, then wouldn't the young madam's position in the Lin Family become hers? When that time came, she could easily get any kind of brand bag or luxury car. No matter how much she spent every day, she would never be able to finish the money she got. Just thinking about it was wonderful.

But why did this man want to help her? Wasn't he a foe of Ye Erruo?

"Who... Who are you?"

"A shameless third party like you does not have the right to know who our Young Master is," Ai Er said sarcastically. She was not worthy enough to know.

Xiao Ruo felt angry from embarrassment. "You're the one who is a third party."

Suddenly, a servant walked in and softly reported, "Young Master, the auspicious beast is not eating or drinking."

Bo Jinyan furrowed his brows. It was not eating or drinking? What was it trying to do? Was it angry?

Bo Jinyan turned around and left the room.

"Lock her up. You are not allowed to let her out without Young Master's orders," Ai Er commanded.

"Okay!"

Clack! When the bedroom door was locked from the outside, Xiao Ruo was trapped in a dark room.

Meanwhile, at the Zhuang Ge Residence...

Ye Erruo had just finished showering. Yao Tiao would be coming over to their house that day and the servants had prepared some food earlier.

Mo Jiangye walked in with a set of pink fluffy clothes.

"Wear these and let me have a look."

"What is this?" Ye Erruo took the clothes from him and unfolded them. When she realized it was an ordinary set of loungewear, she felt at ease.

"Do you like pink that much?" And... Were those bunny ears?

He bit his lips, wanting to help her change into those clothes. "Yes."

In the past, he had never paid attention to what women around him were wearing. He would pay even less attention to the different styles and colors of clothes online. Now, he realized that his attention would often be attracted to the clothes the women around him were wearing. Passersby, women on the Internet, ladies, and madams at banquets.

Whenever he saw a beautiful set of clothes or a nice hairstyle, he would unconsciously mentally picture it on Ye Erruo, imagining what she would look like with those clothes on or if she had a specific hairstyle.

Earlier, he had seen this adorable set of loungewear and thought that it would look even cuter on her.

"I will change into them myself." Ye Erruo pressed against his hand.

Mo Jiangye pushed her hand away, adamant on personally helping her change into the loungewear.

Ye Erruo glared at Mo Jiangye. He smiled and grabbed the clothes, pulling them over her.

He reached out and pushed her hair back. Her skin was fair to begin with. Therefore, the pink clothes made her skin look even more delicate.

Mo Jiangye's eyes looked soft in an instant. He pinched the bunny's ears on her clothes as he smiled gently. "Very adorable."

She was truly adorable.

Chapter 234: Help To Temporarily Care For A Dog

Mo Jiangye's eyes became soft in an instant. He pinched the bunny ears on her clothes as he smiled gently. "Very adorable."

The woman did not reply.

Grabbing her collar, he planted a heavy kiss on her lips. The way she was now had him feeling the impulse to just pull her into his embrace and never let go.

Ye Erruo plucked at the rabbit ears as her lips twitched. "Has Yao Tiao arrived?"

Mo Jiangye seemed not to hear her. He clutched her bunny ears and rubbed them against his cheeks, almost melting her with his gentle gaze.

Pulling her bunny ears back, Ye Erruo pushed him aside. "I asked you if Yao Tiao has arrived?" she asked as she headed out.

Mo Jiangye followed closely behind her, pulling at her rabbit ears from time to time.

"Mo Jiangye, how childish can you be?" Ye Erruo was speechless.

"You have to wear this every day at home from now on," he requested.

Ye Erruo turned around and glared at him, her face darkening when she looked at his gaze, which was as gentle as water.

When they headed down the stairs, he reached out and caressed the part of her head that was missing a clump of hair with a serious expression.

“Oh, right. Has Lin Jingxuan woken up?”

Mo Jiangye sneered, “He’d better not wake up for the rest of his life.”

It seemed like he had yet to regain consciousness!

Downstairs, Yao Tiao coincidentally walked in with a maid.

“Hey, Xiao Ruo.”

“Why did it take you so long to come here?”

“Young Master Mo...” Yao Tiao greeted him.

“I am going to have afternoon tea with Yao Tiao. If you have to work, go ahead.”

Mo Jiangye followed her closely as he said softly, “I don’t have any work.”

Ye Erruo was speechless.

What she had meant was that he could leave. She wanted to be alone with Yao Tiao for a moment.

“I would like to say something to Yao Tiao alone.”

“How many sentences?” he asked.

Ye Erruo suppressed her emotions, which were ready to explode. “Mo Jiangye.”

He smirked, no longer wanting to tease her. He pecked her once more on the lips before turning around to leave.

Yao Tiao had a mischievous smile on her lips as she looked at Ye Erruo with an ambiguous gaze. “Young Master Mo sure is clingy with you.”

She helplessly asked, “Didn’t you say you were about to get here earlier? Why did you only arrive now?”

“I was already out, but didn’t Ji Sichen go to a match-making session previously? He finally returned to the bar after match-making for a few days. He failed. Ha ha ha...”

“You are happy that his match-making effort was a failure?”

“Who said I am happy? I just feel bad for him, that’s all.”

“Then what does this have to do with you coming late?”

“Just as I stepped out of the door, he came back. I went back to counsel him a little, in case he was being consumed by bad thoughts. I told him, what kind of lady would ever be attracted to him? Hmph!”

Ye Erruo raised her brows. She had clearly been moody during the days Senior Ji had been away from the bar because of his match-making session. Her temper had been explosive. Now that Ji Sichen was

back, she was smiling happily. There was definitely something wrong with her... Something really wrong with her...

The servants had prepared tea and snacks in the garden's small pavilion earlier.

After they'd barely conversed for a while, Ye Erruo's phone suddenly rang.

"Hello?"

"Ruoruo."

Ye Erruo did not recognize the other party for a moment. "And you are?"

"Xiao Ruo, you've forgotten me after not seeing me for only a few days?"

"Bo Jinyan?"

"Must be hard to make you remember me."

Ye Erruo was astonished. She had not thought that he would ever contact her again.

"What's wrong? Did you get into some kind of trouble?"

Apart from that, she could not think of anything else that could have happened to him to make him look for her.

"There is indeed an issue I hope you could help me out with."

Ye Erruo bit her lips. "What is it?"

"It's not a big deal, but I would like you to help take care of a dog temporarily."

Chapter 235: Eat! I Will Take You To See Her Tomorrow!

Ye Erruo furrowed her brows. "What?"

"I had a friend who passed away recently and their dog went missing. We just found it, but I suddenly need to head to P City for a while. I don't feel at ease if the servants are taking care of Aby."

He paused for a moment before adding, "It is just a dog. Not much effort is necessary to care for it, so the maids can take care of it. However, this dog was very important to my late friend. Naturally, it is very important to me as well."

Ye Erruo hummed in acknowledgment, patiently listening until he finished his words.

"Aby has a rather strange personality. It does not allow other people to touch it and is unwilling to even let me touch it on a regular basis. The dog likes women, though. It loves to get close to beautiful women."

It only liked women? Was this dog a pervert?

"I do not know many people here. I thought about it and only found you suitable for this responsibility. I would only feel at ease if you did it."

Ye Erruo bit her lips. This was indeed not a big deal, but it was a big deal to her. If Mo Jiangye had not been allergic to dogs, she could probably have helped him. Unfortunately, Mo Jiangye really disliked Bo Jinyan.

After Bo Jinyan was done speaking, he waited for her response. Upon seeing that she had not replied after waiting for a while, he let out a sigh. "Forget it. If it's not convenient for you, it's alright."

"I am sorry, Bo Jinyan. I can help you with other things, but I really can't help you take care of a dog," Ye Erruo said apologetically.

He had saved her previously. Now, he was having trouble and had managed to find her. Even though Mo Jiangye would not allow her to have any contact with him, she would logically still have helped him if this had been something she could do and she didn't have to meet him and could just help him in secret! However, this was really something she could not help him with.

"Alright. I will not insist since it is inconvenient for you."

"My husband has a serious dog allergy. I am really sorry," she explained.

Bo Jinyan smiled gently. "Oh, right. I forgot. You are also pregnant. Pregnant women can't touch animals."

"What the heck? Ye Erruo, are you really pregnant?" Yao Tiao, who was shocked, exclaimed unconsciously.

The volume of Ye Erruo's phone call was not too loud or soft, but Yao Tiao could still hear bits and pieces of the conversation.

Ye Erruo hurriedly covered her mouth and glared at her.

"Mm? Is someone next to you?"

"My friend."

Bo Jinyan's sexy voice came once again from the phone. "Your friend naturally must be very pretty as well. Why not ask your friend to help me take care of it temporarily? I can give her a ton of money as a form of appreciation. I really can't find another friend to help with this."

Ye Erruo gritted her teeth. "You want to discuss this with her?"

"Okay!"

She passed the phone to Yao Tiao. "I am not sure if you are interested in taking care of a dog."

"What?"

"Hello! Are you a friend of Ye Erruo's?" Bo Jinyan greeted her politely.

Yao Tiao was instantly attracted to the voice on the other end of the line. "Yes, yes! I am Ye Erruo's friend."

Bo Jinyan smiled as he began to roughly tell Yao Tiao about his situation. The two of them talked for about five minutes before Yao Tiao hung up the call with a smile.

“You agreed to his request?”

“Of course. Ten million yuan as remuneration for taking care of a dog for one month. Why would I not agree?” the money-grubber said.

After hanging up the call, Bo Jinyan pinched his brows and looked disappointedly at the lifeless Red Bean in front of him.

He used his leg to kick the kennel Red Bean was hiding in. “Eat! I will take you to see her tomorrow!”

Red Bean hid its face in its long fur and shifted its body, leaving him to only see its butt as it continued to pretend to be dead.

Chapter 236: These Have Been Prepared For You Alone

“When Young Master Mo said you were pregnant, you told us you were not. This time...” Yao Tiao stared long and hard at her friend’s belly.

“I’m really not pregnant.”

“No? Then why did that man say you’re pregnant? Oh! By the way, who was that on the line?”

Ye Erruo stirred her coffee before sipping on it. “He saved me before. You’ve met him.”

“Really?” The other woman was baffled. “Gosh! Is it the man we ate roast duck with?”

She shot her a side-glance. “Yes!”

How could she fail to recognize his voice despite conversing with him for several minutes?

“So it was him?” Yao Tiao picked up a dessert and munched on it. “Will your husband skin me alive if he finds out that I’m helping his love rival take care of his dog?”

“What’s this ‘love rival’ nonsense? Plus, how is this any of his business?”

“Of course it is his business!” she replied agitatedly.

She had been very curious about that man after seeing her friend’s husband show such animosity toward him.

“What’s your relationship with that man?”

“Didn’t I tell you that he saved my life?”

She polished off the dessert on her hand in no time before replying, “Ah, I understand now. On the pretext of being your savior, he’s trying to get close to you. He’s interested in you! No wonder Young Master Mo is so wary and hostile around him.”

Ye Erruo swatted the other woman’s head. “What kind of nonsense are you spouting?”

He sees everyone as his potential love rival. Men, in particular.

“I wanted to ask you to come along with me tomorrow and meet him near R Shopping Mall to collect the dog but I think I have to scrap that plan now.”

“...”

“Are you intending to bring the dog back to the bar?”

“Duh. I can’t possibly bring it back to my rental apartment.”

Her brows furrowed as she thought, I’d better not visit the bar so frequently during this period.

“Hey, that’s right! Didn’t you mention that Young Master Mo is scared of dogs? Ha ha ha ha...”

“Why are you laughing?”

“It’s hard to imagine him being scared of a dog when he doesn’t even fear bullets.”

“He isn’t scared of dogs—he’s just allergic to dog fur. That’s pretty normal.”

The other woman shook her head. “Being allergic means that he can’t touch dogs. Doesn’t that also mean that he’s scared of dogs?”

The corners of her lips twitched. “You and your nonsense.”

“Alright, we’ve discussed this topic enough. After fetching that dog tomorrow, I’ll starve it for two days. He he.”

“...”

“Come on, let’s go shopping for cosmetics and clothes together. By the way, where did you buy this attire? I didn’t know that you were into this kind of style.”

At the mention of her clothes, she let out a heavy sigh. It’s a long story!

“Wait for me for a bit while I go change clothes.”

Mo Jiangye happened to leave their bedroom just as she was on the way back there.

“I’m heading out.”

“Where are you going?”

“Shopping,” she nonchalantly replied as she entered the room to search for an outfit to wear.

His eyes lit up at once. “Are you going grocery shopping at the supermarket? Are you intending to make dumplings?”

She gave him an appraising look. “You’re overthinking.”

The man crossed his arms as he leaned against the wall and watched his wife change clothes. It had been a long time since they had last gone grocery shopping together.

Thus, he turned around, picked out a set of clothes from the closet, and began changing as well.

Ten minutes later, the couple walked down from the second floor hand in hand. Yao Tiao looked at them in puzzlement.

The man then opened his mouth sulkily. "You girls go shopping while I take care of the payment."

She was overjoyed to hear that. Oh, yay! How awesome that Boss is paying for our shopping!

"Come on. Off we go then."

However, ten minutes later, Yao Tiao was found sitting in the passenger seat of the car, looking glum.

Sitting in front of her was her friend, who was munching on french fries. From time to time, she was feeding the man beside her. There was also a pile of food, including biscuits and milk, next to her.

"Here you go." Ye Erruo turned around and handed several packets of snacks to her.

"These have been prepared for you alone." Mo Jiangye's voice rang out sulkily.

Chapter 237: Yes! My Wife!

"These have been prepared for you alone." Mo Jiangye's voice rang out sulkily.

Yao Tiao's face darkened as she witnessed this loving affection between the couple again.

"I can't stand all this mushiness between you two." With clenched teeth, she shoved the snacks back into her friend's arms.

"There are some snacks on the side," added Mo Jiangye.

Her gaze shifted and landed on the small box right beside her.

She reached over for the box and saw that it was filled with snacks upon opening it. "He he... Thanks, Young Master Mo. You're the best."

The man maintained a poker face as he continued driving the car. Inwardly, however, he was thinking, *How can the snacks my woman is eating be the same as yours? There's a huge difference between the custom handmade snacks I got for her and the ones I ordered the servants to buy off the shelves for you.*

"I'll go shop for clothes first before going to the supermarket with you," Ye Erruo told her husband.

"Okay!"

Soon, the man parked the car in the carpark of a luxurious shopping mall.

"Welcome."

Yao Tiao's desire to shop exploded the moment she stepped into a boutique. She dragged Ye Erruo straight to the section with the latest designs.

"Xiao Ruo, help me pick out a fabulous outfit that can charm the pants off men."

Her enthusiasm made Ye Erruo laugh. "You can consider choosing a dress."

She had never seen her friend in a dress. She was always in shirts and pants—separate pieces that needed to be matched.

“A dress?” The other lady furrowed her brows in puzzlement. “Hm... Men seem to like women in dresses, huh?”

That made her grin even wider. “Yeah. Ji Sichen, in particular. I remember him mentioning that he finds women in dresses the sexiest.”

“Alright. A dress it is!” Yao Tiao headed straight for the dress section and began browsing through the selection.

Minutes later, she walked out of the fitting room feeling awkward. “Xiao Ruo, how’s this piece?”

“Not bad.” Ye Erruo, who was sitting on Mo Jiangye’s lap, turned toward him. “What do you think?”

He gave an expressionless reply. “Ugly.”

That curt remark was akin to an icy arrow piercing Yao Tiao’s heart!

“I’ll change into another piece then.”

A while later, she came out wearing a new dress. “What about this?”

“It’s better than the first one.”

The man, who was fiddling with his wife’s hand, raised his head coldly. “Ugly.”

Dejected, she headed back to the fitting room to try on another dress. “X-Xiao Ruo, I like this dress.”

Ye Erruo’s eyes lit up. “Not bad at all! This piece suits you very much. You look really pretty in this number.”

Delighted, she carefully glanced at the solemn man. His wife looked over at him and said, “This is—”

“Ugly.”

“My dear Young Master Mo, is there anything you find nice?” she asked through gritted teeth.

“Yes! My wife!” he coldly retorted.

“Ugh!” She then stormed back to the changing room and changed into a tube dress.

This time, however, after checking herself out in the mirror, she immediately wanted to head back into the fitting room. “Nope, not this one. This one is too revealing.”

“It looks pretty good on you.”

This time, Mo Jiangye expressed his opinion before they could even ask him. “Ugly.”

She rolled her eyes at him in return. “Yeah, yeah. Your wife is the prettiest of them all.”

“I’ll go change into this.” Ye Erruo reached for the long dress she had chosen and set aside.

“Okay.” He released the woman from his embrace.

Minutes later, the curtains of the fitting rooms swooshed, revealing the two friends who stepped out of their respective booths.

"I don't need your opinion, Young Master Mo," Yao Tiao hastily said.

"Beautiful."

She stretched her ears. "Come again?"

"Stunning!"

She was overjoyed to hear that. *Gosh. What a surprise! Young Master Mo actually said this piece is nice on me. Eh? Something's not right...*

She then turned her head and followed his line of vision, only to see that her friend, who was also done changing, was standing outside the booth next to hers.

Chapter 238: Return the Card to Ruoruo Tomorrow

Yao Tiao's face could not be any darker at that moment! She was very certain that Mo Jiangye's compliment had not been directed at her.

"Young Master Mo, do I look good in this dress?"

The man did not even pay her any attention. Instead, he rose to his feet and approached his woman.

"Keep this and change into something else." He stood by the fitting room and tightened the ribbon at her waist.

"I'm about to change out of this dress already. Why are you tightening the ribbon?"

"Go change." He turned her around and pushed her back into the fitting room.

Ye Erruo came out in another outfit a while later.

"It looks good. We'll take it. Now change into something else."

A resigned Ye Erruo popped into the fitting room again to try on yet another design.

This time, before she could even pull up the dress's back zipper, the man came straight inside and stopped her before she could try on more outfits.

"Mo Jiangye, what are you doing?" she shrieked.

"They're all nice on you, so we'll take them all. No need to try on any more of them." He reached over for the set of clothes she had tried on and helped her put them on. He could not stand waiting any longer if she tried on more clothes.

"You!" The woman was practically rendered speechless.

"Stand still." He propped her head upright before helping her put on her clothes properly.

By the time the two of them came out of the fitting room, Yao Tiao was already outside, leaning against the wall with the dress she had chosen in her hand.

“You’re out already? That’s fast.”

Holding the pieces his wife had selected in his arms, he said, “Continue choosing.”

“...”

The way her husband would purchase any clothes she cast a second glance at scared her. It made her not dare to let her eyes roam about in the massive shopping mall.

Tagging alongside them was a dumbfounded Yao Tiao, who was floored by the fact that the man was practically bringing the entire mall home.

“I won’t be able to wear all these clothes. It would be a waste to buy them all,” said Ye Erruo, who was speechless.

His lips curled as he leaned over and whispered into her ear, “Give them to Yao Tiao then. She can return whatever she can’t wear.”

“That’s too troublesome. I’ll pick a few pieces to take home. Don’t you bring the remaining ones back.”

“Okay.” He obediently respected her wishes. “Can we go to the supermarket now?”

Her lips curled up. “Just a while more. Yao Tiao wants to buy cosmetics. Once we’re done with that, we’ll go to the supermarket.”

“Okay, but she’s not allowed to come with us.”

Grocery shopping is an activity meant only for the two of us. I won’t let anyone else join us.

“It’ll be late by the time we finish shopping for cosmetics. Of course she won’t be joining us.”

“Good.”

I won’t take her with us even if she wants to tag along.

Yao Tiao, who was overjoyed with her purchases, felt like she had been dealt critical damage when she looked up to see the couple in front of her sticking so close to each other and having a hushed conversation!

That’s too much. That’s too much!

I swear, I won’t go shopping with them ever again. I’m dripping with jealousy! Wuuwuu...

“We’ll be able to buy fresh groceries if we go earlier,” the man commented out of the blue.

“Pardon?”

“Let’s go to the supermarket now.” He dragged her away at once.

“No—Yao Tiao. What about Yao Tiao?”

“Hey! Where are you going?”

He coldly replied, “She’ll find her way back on her own.”

“Hey, where are you going?” Yao Tiao quickened her pace in an attempt to catch up with them.

The man tossed a card at her. “Settle the payment with this and hail a cab for you. You can return the card to Ruoruo tomorrow.”

While carrying her purchases in one hand, she stared at the card in her other hand. Once again, she felt that she had to be insane to go out with this lovey-dovey couple. She would never do so again.

This couple is too much! This is too much...

The stench of love they’re giving out makes it terribly hard for me, a single girl, to stay in the same space as them!

It was only when she lowered her head and realized that her purchases that day were free that she felt a little better.

Chapter 239: Tricked

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It was only when she lowered her head and realized that her purchases that day were free that she felt a little better.

Fine. They can go have fun on their own while I, a single lady, shall go on a shopping spree with this almighty card!

After getting rid of Yao Tiao, Mo Jiangye finally had some alone time with Ye Erruo. He was in quite a joyous mood when they headed to the supermarket.

The two of them strolled through the vegetable section while they pushed the shopping cart and he hugged her from behind. It was already past nine o’clock in the evening by the time they finished roaming about the entire supermarket. Only then did he bring her home.

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“Come out.” Bo Jinyan coldly looked down at the dog in its kennel.

“You can forget about seeing her if you don’t eat your meal.” He mumbled to himself through gritted teeth in front of the little thing.

It’ll be meeting that lady named Yao Tiao in a while. If it doesn’t eat something now, it’ll refuse food later when it fails to see Ye Erruo. On top of that, he won’t be meeting her anytime soon.

He understood this little thing well—very well, in fact.

Red Bean remained mum as the man pushed the bowl of dog food in front of it. “I’m going out now.”

He then pretended to stand up and walk away. This got the attention of Red Bean immediately. It raised its head in alertness and ran after him at once.

This little thing could practically understand the human language.

“Eat first.” Bo Jinyan pushed the bowl of dog food toward the dog.

Poor Red Bean could not help feeling even more aggrieved as it began eating its food mouthful by mouthful.

The man let out a sigh. While he was standing aside, watching and waiting for the dog to finish its meal, the helpless dog could only gobble it all up and gulp down several big mouthfuls of water before it was finally allowed to go out with him.

Throughout the entire journey in the car, Red Bean had its eyes fixed on the front. Its paws, in particular, rested on the glove box without moving.

Bo Jinyan was speechless.

Alas, when the man brought the dog to meet Yao Tiao, it did not find the person it was looking for after scanning its surroundings.

“Sorry for the trouble, Ms. Yao.” Bo Jinyan smilingly shoved the dog into the woman’s arms.

Arf, arf, arf... Red Bean struggled in her embrace as it turned its head in all directions in search of the person he wanted to see.

“No trouble at all. Rest assured, I’ll take good care of it.” Yao Tiao plastered a forced smile on her face as she secretly wrapped her arms tightly around the dog.

“Alright. Thanks for your help.” After dumping the dog to the woman and leaving her with plenty of instructions, he immediately turned around and left.

Red Bean, who looked confused, stiffened at once as it watched his master board the car and drive away...

Arf, arf, arf... It raised its head to look at that woman before immediately struggling to break free from her hold to get to the ground. Then, it realized that something was amiss.

“Behave and stay still.” She held the dog firmly in her arms to stop it from wriggling about.

We’re only in the cab now.

Arf, arf, arf, arf...

Realizing that it had been tricked, the dog went completely hysterical in the back seat of the cab. Yao Tiao, who had seemingly predicted this outcome, pulled a long scarf that she had prepared out of her bag and wrapped the dog with it. Minutes later, Red Bean was lying still on the seat, all tied up.

She patted its head soothingly. “Alright. Behave and I’ll release you when we get to the bar.”

Awoo... How angry Red Bean was! It turned its head to the side and ignored the woman beside him.

Then, it lay obediently on the seat, no longer making a fuss. The driver silently glanced at the rearview mirror before he stepped harder on the accelerator to bring his customers quickly to their destination.

Chapter 240: Both Soft and Hard Approaches Are Useless

Awoo... The poor dog howled all the way until they reached their destination.

Several times, Yao Tiao tried both soft and hard approaches, patiently coaxing the canine by feeding it food and threatening the little thing. Nevertheless, it still refused to stop whining.

Even the cab driver was rendered speechless by its whines. If it had not been for the fact that she could not possibly stuff its mouth with something, she would surely have done so to get it to shut up.

“Thank you, sir.” The woman paid her cab fare, alighted from the cab, and swiftly entered the bar with the dog.

Upon entering, she noticed that Ji Sichen was nowhere in sight. He was not manning the counter either.

She placed the little mutt on the sofa before walking away to pour herself a cup of water. She did not untie the scarf at once for fear that it would misbehave. How was she going to catch it if it started running about and chewing on things?

Even all tied-up on the sofa, Red Bean did not stop struggling. The sudden detection of a familiar scent in the air made him stop wriggling, though. It arched its back toward a corner of the sofa until he managed to sniff the familiar smell coming from the jacket lying there. Only then did it obediently lie still.

When Yao Tiao came back with her water, a surprised smile spread across her face as she spotted the dog, which remained motionless.

Is it finally behaving now?

“Are you behaving now?” She extended a hand to rub its furry head before freeing it from the scarf binding it and placing a dog biscuit before its mouth.

Red Bean shifted its head to one side and ignored her.

“Don’t you wanna eat?”

She found the sight of the little mutt throwing a tantrum amusing as she turned her head and stuffed the biscuit into her own mouth. Only after munching on for some time did she sense that something was off.

Damn it. How could I forget that this is dog food that I’m holding?! I must be mad!

To think I finally tasted dog food[1] for real today.

Her phone on the coffee table suddenly vibrated.

“Hello, Xiao Ruo?”

“Have you picked up the dog?”

Yao Tiao put her phone on speaker mode and placed it on the coffee table before getting herself another cup of water.

“Yep. It’s with me.”

Red Bean's ears twitched and perked instantly when it heard Ye Erruo's voice. Its bright eyes stared straight at the phone on the table.

Awoo... Awoo... It began howling pitifully with its head raised using all its might, as though it was crying for help.

"Yao Tiao, why do I find this dog's howling so familiar?" Ye Erruo's question could be heard from the other end of the line.

"Familiar? Don't all dogs sound the same?"

"I guess so."

"What's up?" She placed the empty cup back on the coffee table after finishing the water in it.

As though it was making a complaint, Red Bean began whining even louder.

"Behave," she told it sternly.

Ye Erruo's lips twitched. "Can't you be a little gentler, Yao Tiao?"

"The little one must be feeling uncomfortable in a new environment. It has been yapping non-stop ever since we boarded the cab. It keeps trying to escape and refuses to eat the food I give it. Since it refuses to behave, I'll starve it for a couple of days. By then, he'll be starving for food."

The reason the mutt isn't eating the food must be because it isn't hungry yet. However, if it still doesn't eat after so much coaxing, then I'll reach the end of my wits.

I can't possibly pry open its mouth and force-feed it food, can I?

"He's paying you ten million yuan for petsitting his dog. You'd better keep it safe and sound."

"..."

Awooo...

"Stop howling," said Yao Tiao somewhat exasperatedly.

"Will it die in your hands? Remember that it's someone else's precious pet you're taking care of..."

"It can't be so easily killed, can it? I'll let it acclimatize itself to the environment and then try to coax it into eating something."

If this little thing continued yelping, they would both go crazy.