

Chapter 5

She pulled up her collar to cover the strangled marks on her neck before she reached out to knock on the door.

Knock! Knock!

A moment later, a male stranger's voice came from inside.

"Come in."

Lin Shanchu pushed the door open and immediately saw Huo Xunzhou sitting by the window.

He was sitting in a wheelchair with a book in his hand. He was so focused on reading that he didn't seem to notice that someone had come in.

The man next to Huo Xunzhou pushed him and said excitedly, "Yingzhou, a young girl is looking for you."

Huo Xunzhou ignored him.

Lin Shanchu's eyes fell on that person.

With one look, she realized that it was someone she knew.

"Mr. Nan."

"You know me?" The man was surprised.

Huo Xunzhou turned around and looked at her. His alluring eyes were so indifferent that no emotion could be seen.

"You're Nan Mu, the ace manager in the entertainment industry. It's difficult to not have heard of you." Nan Mu was also Huo Xunzhou's manager. After Huo Xunzhou retired from the industry, he no longer managed any artists. Instead, he started his own management company.

"I didn't expect that there would still be legends about me in the industry despite me not managing any artists." Nan Mu placed his hand on Huo Xunzhou's shoulder while looking quite proud of himself.

Huo Xunzhou only shot Nan Mu a glance. The latter immediately retracted his hand as if he had burned it.

Then, Huo Xunzhou looked at Lin Shanchu and asked, "Are you looking for me?"

"Yeah," Lin Shanchu replied.

She glanced at Nan Mu.

Nan Mu didn't understand what she meant and even smiled at her in a friendly manner.

Lin Shanchu was speechless.

Huo Xunzhou put down the book in his hand and looked at Nan Mu as if he was a fool. "She wants you to leave."

Nan Mu was speechless.

After Nan Mu left, only the two of them were left in the room.

Huo Xunzhou looked at Lin Shanchu calmly before gesturing for her to speak quickly.

Lin Shanchu was just about to open her mouth when a sharp pain emitted from her body.

She pursed her lips tightly as her face turned pale. “Can I get closer to you?”

Huo Xunzhou remained silent.

Lin Shanchu felt that if he did not refuse, it meant that he agreed.

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She walked forward, and the pain in her body lessened slightly with every step she took toward Huo Xunzhou.

It was until the tip of her shoe was only a few millimeters away from touching Huo Xunzhou’s shoe.

“Lin Shanchu.” Huo Xunzhou frowned.

He had never seen a woman who was so insatiable.

He used his original voice in all the movies and TV series, so his magnetic voice was very recognizable.

Lin Shanchu felt that her name sounded particularly nice when he said it.

“I’m sorry.” Lin Shanchu took a small step back.

She looked at his legs with a serious and solemn expression. “Destroy Lu Shiyuan. I’ll help you keep your secret.”

In the original novel, she did not have a bird’s eye view of the plot. Hence, she had no contact with Huo Xunzhou. Naturally, she did not know what he was up to. However, she vaguely knew that Huo Xunzhou was related to the elite Huo family of Capital City.

His act of being disabled must have something to do with the Huo family.

Huo Xunzhou squinted his eyes at her and said playfully, “Are you threatening me?”

“No. I want to work with you.” Lin Shanchu shook her head.

[Aren’t you going to date Huo Xunzhou?] the system asked.

She ignored the system’s words.

Huo Xunzhou’s gaze fell on the case that she had been holding since she entered the room.

“What right do you have to cooperate with me?”

Lin Shanchu laughed. “Based on the fact that I have 15% of the Lu Corporation’s shares.”

The real boss of Nan Mu’s management company was actually Huo Xunzhou.

The Lu family had been focusing their business on the entertainment industry for the past few years, making them the dominant family in the entertainment industry. If Huo Xunzhou wanted to get a piece of the cake, there was no way he could get past the Lu family.

In the original novel, it was precisely because Lu Shiyuan first occupied the market that Huo Xunzhou could only cooperate with him, being a latecomer and all.

If there was a way to kick Lu Shiyuan out of the game, Huo Xunzhou would not let go of this opportunity.

Who didn't want to become a winner?

Huo Xunzhou's expression turned serious. He started looking at her in a different light.

"If I remember correctly, you're Lu Shiyuan's fiancée."

"Mr. Huo, since you know so much about my relationship with Lu Shiyuan, I'm sure you know that he's very close to Tang Qidai the top actress."

Lu Shiyuan's favoritism towards Tang Qidai had never been concealed.

He would always bring Tang Qidai along to events and banquets.

Whereas she, his fiancée, had long become the laughing stock of the entire city.

Huo Xunzhou casually tapped his fingers on the armrest. "It's not the first time Lu Shiyuan has been so intimate with other women."

Huo Xunzhou had also heard about Lin Shanchu's undying love for Lu Shiyuan.

At that time, he only felt that such a stupid woman was a rarity.

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He didn't expect to have any interaction with her.

However, she had already endured it for so many years. Why did she not continue enduring all of a sudden?

Perhaps Lin Shanchu and Lu Shiyuan had set up this trap for him to walk into.

Lin Shanchu could also tell that Huo Xunzhou did not believe her.

"I'll seek you out after canceling my engagement with Lu Shiyuan."

Huo Xunzhou's disbelief was within her expectations.

After all, her hopeless romantic persona was too deeply rooted in people's hearts.

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Lin Shanchu came out with the case. Nan Mu was leaning against the wall and playing games on his phone.

"Done so soon?" Nan Mu looked slightly disappointed.

Lin Shanchu didn't know what he was disappointed about. She only nodded slightly at him.

After watching Lin Shanchu leave, Nan Mu pushed the door open and entered the ward.

"This Lin Shanchu woman looks like the quiet type. She doesn't seem like a fussy diva as depicted by the rumors on the internet."

"Is that so?" Huo Xunzhou sneered.

Quiet?

A quiet type like her would want to ruin her fiancé?

Seeing that Huo Xunzhou had finally acknowledged him, Nan Mu immediately became excited. "How do you know her? Why is she looking for you?"

"You should leave if there's nothing else to talk about." Huo Xunzhou picked up his book.

"You're actually avoiding the question. Is there something going on between you and Lin Shanchu?" Nan Mu's eyes were wide open as he stared at Huo Xunzhou in shock.

"Lin Shanchu is Lu Shiyuan's fiancée! Is this your new strategy? Are you trying to make Lu Shiyuan a cuckold, break his psychological defense, and then snatch his business?"

Huo Xunzhou looked at Nan Mu with a poker face. "Stupidity isn't a terminal illness. You should get yourself checked out at the neurology department."

Nan Mu was speechless. He felt like he was being scolded, but it wasn't really a scolding per se.

He touched his nose and changed the topic. "I can't go with you to the cocktail party tonight. Should I find you a female companion instead?"

"Yeah," Huo Xunzhou replied.

Nan Mu asked, "Do you have any requests? What kind of women are you looking for?"

"Female. Alive," Huo Xunzhou replied.

Speechless, Nan Mu just pretended that he had never asked that question before.

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Lin Shanchu paid the hospital fees and returned to the hotel.

As soon as she entered, the system said, [Lu Shiyuan noticed the paparazzi waiting at the entrance of the police station. He bought out the video of you two coming out of the police station together.]

Lin Shanchu took a deep breath and said, "I knew it."

A person like Lu Shiyuan wouldn't be easily caught by others.

Even though Lin Shanchu had expected this outcome, she still felt suffocated on the inside.