

Hidden 1781

Chapter 1781: Just Woken Up And Already Going Overboard Messing Around

"This idiot! He put so much effort into creating a counterfeit, but in the end, he threw away the entire company!"

As he spoke, Lu Jingli started to get angrier.

As the party involved, Ning Xi was rather calm and collected. She said without a look of surprise, "The weak are prey to the strong. Personal interests come first. Hasn't the entertainment industry always been like this?"

Even if 90% of the entire company's artistes were to be combined, it would not compare to the huge benefits reaped by producing a superstar. It was no wonder that Yi Xudong would have wanted to clone another version of her.

She had listened so far when Ning Xi's heart that had been floating listlessly finally firmly landed onto the ground.

That endless darkness was finally over...

She was finally awake...

"Where's your brother? And Little Treasure? How are they?" Ning Xi's voice trembled slightly as she asked.

Lu Jingli did not want to worry her, so he briefly explained the situation. "When Little Treasure just woke up, he was in shock, but later on he recovered because he knew that you needed him, so he was very sensible and accompanied you to take care of you. Every day, he read to you, sang to you and stayed with you. Every day, he would draw you a portrait even if you looked the same every day. These past few days, my father has fallen ill, that's why he's come over less recently..."

"As for my brother, since you've become like this, how else could he be? His entire spirit is defeated. He's left holding on to a sole belief, waiting for you to wake up..."

When Lu Jingli said this, he suddenly shouted, "Ah, ah, ah! Right! I have to quickly tell my brother that you've woken up! My brother will definitely be hopping happily!"

Just when Ning Xi saw that Lu Jingli was about to make a call, she held his hand down instead. "Hold on."

"What's wrong?"

"Where're your brother and Little Treasure now?" Ning Xi asked.

Lu Jingli looked at the time on the clock, then he answered, "Right now, Little Treasure must be in class. As for my brother... he's at the bar!"

Ning Xi was astonished when she heard this. She thought that she heard him wrong. "The bar? At this hour?"

In fact, Lu Tingxiao did not drink.

Lu Jingli nodded as he smiled bitterly. "You have no idea. Ever since you fell into a coma, my brother's insomnia became more and more severe. Only every night when he becomes pissed drunk in that chaotic and noisy bar does it become slightly better.

"I know that if things continue like this, his body won't be able to take it, but if I don't let him vent it out and temporarily numb his pain, he wouldn't be able to hold on... Thankfully... thankfully, Sis-in-law, you're finally awake!"

"Second Master..."

Lu Jingli blinked and said, "Sis-in-law, call me Jingli! Call me Jingli! We're a family! That sounds like you're regarding me as an outsider!"

Ning Xi did not notice any problem with Lu Jingli's sentence. After all, he had always straight up called her sister-in-law back then, so she changed her mind and said, "Okay, Jingli, Little Treasure is in school. Let's not disturb him first. Bring me to look for your brother first!"

Lu Jingli was slightly shocked. "Ah? You want to immediately go look for my brother? You mean...?"

"I want to surprise him," Ning Xi said with a little cunning light in her eyes.

Lu Jingli's mouth instantly twitched. "Ahem... Are you sure it's a surprise? Why do I feel like my brother will be frightened to death by you?! Sis-in-law, shouldn't we take it easier? You've just woken up and you already want to go overboard messing around. That can't be too good an idea, can it?"

Ning Xi's glittering eyes narrowed. "I've already been lying down for a year. Now that I've finally woken up, can't I mess around for a while?"

Earlier, Ning Xi had given him a surreal feeling, but now when he noticed the girl's familiar tone and mannerisms, Lu Jingli nodded like a rattle-drum. "Sure! Sure, you can! Super can! Whatever you say goes!"

Chapter 1782: You Think I'll Eat Him Alive?

At the bar.

The music was very loud and bright lights were dancing everywhere to the tempo of the music.

Lu Jingli led Ning Xi into the bar through a special entry, carefully shielding her.

When they reached the entrance, Lu Jingli suddenly stopped and had a serious expression on his face. "Wait, wait... Sister-in-law, let's get something to cover your face! It's attracting too much attention!"

He then grabbed a silver mask that was able to cover half her face from the bar top and put it on Ning Xi, feeling much safer.

Ning Xi looked around the noisy environment, then she understood why Lu Tingxiao would go there to get himself drunk.

Only places like this made him feel alive.

Ning Xi felt an excruciating pain twist her insides.

"My brother is upstairs." Lu Jingli pointed somewhere on the second floor.

The first level was a crowded dance floor, while the second floor had several semi-closed rooms, from which people could watch the dance floor. Those on the dance floor, on the other hand, would not be able to see anything in the room. In those private rooms, one could have a bird's eye view of the whole place, but not be disturbed at the same time.

"Sister-in-law, actually... I think you should be gentler... For example, I was almost scared to death just now!" Lu Jingli was still trying to convince her as he brought her upstairs.

"Am I not gentle?"

"No, no! I didn't mean that! I just want to know how you'll be springing the surprise on my brother. At least, I can be mentally prepared!"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes at him. "What do you need to prepare when I'm giving your brother a surprise!? Stop messing around and bring me there. Do you think I'll eat him alive?"

"Uhh, of course not! You're not like that!" Lu Jingli said.

"How do you know? It's just that my body isn't what it used to be before!" Ning Xi sounded regretful.

Lu Jingli was speechless.

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Ning Xi was getting impatient with Lu Jingli's nagging and she went forward towards the room.

The hulking bodyguard in the black suit blocked the door like a mountain when he saw someone coming. "If you've got no business here, you aren't allowed here."

Lu Jingli quickly went up to ask, "Is my brother inside?"

The bodyguard's expression softened when he saw Lu Jingli. "Yes, Second Master, he's inside."

"Oh, okay. Then, open the door and let her in," Lu Jingli ordered.

The bodyguard was looking at the unknown masked woman alertly hesitantly. "Second Master, this..."

"It's okay, move away. I'll take responsibility if anything happens." Lu Jingli waved his hand.

The bodyguard shifted away since he saw it was someone Lu Jingli had brought personally and the Second Master had said so with such certainty.

Lu Jingli was about to enter the room with Ning Xi when she raised her eyebrows and stopped him.

"Why are you following me?"

Lu Jingli was trying to make his final struggle. "Well, my being in there doesn't really affect your surprise, does it?"

Ning Xi grinned. "If you're not afraid of what you're about to see, then come on in. While I might not be able to do a lot with my current body, it'd be enough to make you jealous!"

Lu Jingli quickly changed his tone in the next moment. "Please go in, Sister-in-law. I'll guard the door for you outside!"

Just how could he be responsible!?

Xiao Xi Xi was going to make things wild, and he would not be able to bear any responsibility!

He could not do anything anyway since he was at the bottom of the food chain!

Bro, don't blame me! I was forced to do so!

Chapter 1783: Darling, I'm Back!

Ning Xi pushed the door and went inside.

The room had a simple design. A black coffee table was in the middle with a U-shaped calf leather sofa surrounding it. Opposite it was a semi-closed European-style railing from which one could take in all of the clamor and bustle below.

The room was exceptionally clean and not as messy as she expected.

While the environment outside was noisy, this room felt isolated, providing her with an intense feeling of loneliness.

What attracted her was the man on the sofa.

Ning Xi felt every single sound pass by her ear when she saw the person. The bright lights around her turned dim as well.

In her eyes, in her whole world, there was only one light left; only this person in front of her was left.

The man's eyes were cold as he pursed his lips and closed his eyes. He put his elbow on the sofa arm and rested his head on his arm. If it were not for the numerous amount of empty wine bottles beside him, anyone would think he was just thinking or taking a rest.

This man was so disciplined even when he was getting himself drunk.

Ning Xi held back the urge to cry. Instead, she stood there and smiled. "Mister, do you need some service?"

The girl's dry and hoarse voice joined the noisy music.

"Get lost."

The next moment, a wine glass smashed to the floor beside her feet.

While the glass did not injure her, the man's overwhelming rage and the cold aura he emitted was enough to make anyone feel like a death god was pointing a blade at their throat.

The girl did not seem to sense the danger. She went up to the man. "Are you sure, Mister? I'm sure you'll be satisfied with me."

"Do you want to die?"

The man on the sofa opened his eyes and glared at her with his striking cold eyes.

At the same time, Ning Xi's legs seem to have its own consciousness. They went forward, ignoring everything as they continued to march towards the man's direction.

All the surprise ideas in her head had now turned into one single thought: get near him! Hug him! Kiss him!

"Miss you..."

The next moment, the girl took off her mask, her cloud-like weight falling into the man's arms.

At the same time, her lips connected with the man's lips without thinking like soft petals.

When the familiar face came into his sight, when her gentle body fell onto his, when the girl's sweet fragrance filled his nose...

The man tensed up. His hands were frozen mid-air as they lost command. He just sat there without moving and let the girl kiss him...

A few seconds ago, he was exuding such an immense intent to kill, but now he let down all his armor and showed his weakness. Ning Xi's heart ached with pain.

After that, she pushed the man down on the sofa with the feeble strength she mustered. Her hair formed a curtain above the man's face.

The man's deep, dark eyes were staring right at the girl. His hand on her waist suddenly tightened as he trembled slightly.

"Mmm, don't pinch me! You'll feel your heart ache!" The girl lay down on the man's chest, then she gently bit the man on his lips. "Darling, I'm back..."

Chapter 1784: Accompany Me For A Little Longer, Alright?

It had been a long time... since he last saw that smile...

That lively light...

His life...

His whole world...

Was back...

Waves weaved in the man's eyes as he locked his eyes onto the girl and kissed her without hesitation.

The girl clung to the man's neck and kissed him back.

Within just ten seconds, Ning Xi felt exhausted. She turned her face away and rested on the man's shoulder. "S-stop for a while... I can't breathe... It's suffocating..."

The man's expression changed, then he quickly sat up and straddled the girl on his lap. "Where do you feel uncomfortable?"

"Mmm, it's okay. It's just that I feel slightly weaker than before... Damn it! I was planning to fool around even more! This body is way too weak..."

The man's expression darkened. "Who allowed you to come here?"

"It's Lu Jingli! He brought me here!" Ning Xi sold Lu Jingli out without hesitation, but she explained in his stead, "But I forced him to bring me here because I wanted to give you a surprise."

The girl smiled as her eyes became watery with emotion. "Mr. Lu, are you satisfied?"

Ning Xi was suspicious when the man did not reply. "Why aren't you talking?"

"So real..." The man said quietly.

"Huh? What?" Ning Xi was confused.

"It's the first time I had such a lucid dream," the man said.

Ning Xi's heart flinched. She just realized the man's eyes were not clear. He was really drunk.

"Accompany me for a little longer, alright?"

The undefeatable and omnipotent strong man was caressing her neck and talking in an extremely weak tone.

Ning Xi opened her mouth and was about to say something, but then her sentence turned into just one word. "Okay."

The man hugged her tightly, but as if he was suddenly afraid that she might disappear like sand, he let go of her and just hugged her gently. He kissed the corner of her lips and her collarbone...

From Lu Tingxiao's reaction, it was obvious that he was stiff even when he was drunk.

At this moment, the man hugged her and fell asleep like a harmless little child...

At the same time, outside the room.

Lu Jingli was sticking himself onto the door like a lizard.

Unfortunately, it was too loud for him to hear anything.

The bodyguard was speechless by someone's indecent behavior.

He suddenly sent a girl into the Boss's room, then he wanted to listen to what was happening! What was he trying to do?

As time passed by, Lu Jingli was so desperate he almost clawed all his hair off.

Damn it! What was happening inside? Why did it seem like nothing had happened?

He was anxious...

Did Xiao Xi Xi not say she couldn't do much with her current body?

Lu Jingli was worried that he might see some fiery hot image when he went in, so he just waited outside.

After an hour, Lu Jingli finally could not contain himself anymore. He pushed the door and rushed in.

He then saw what was in the room. The man was sitting on the sofa with a girl in his arms. The both of them were sleeping soundly as they hugged each other.

The man woke up as he noticed someone had invaded his space. Knitting his eyebrows together, he opened his eyes grumpily.

Before he looked over with his usual cold eyes, the man's body froze and he looked down slowly...

He then saw the girl in his arms...

Chapter 1785: You've Scared Him

"Mister, do you need some service?"

"I miss you..."

"Are you sure, Mister? I'm sure you'll be satisfied with me."

"Darling, I'm back..."

"Okay."

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Every scene of his dream started to rush forth like the tide.

He had thought that God's biggest mercy unto him was to finally let him see her in his dreams.

If this was a dream, he would be willing to never wake up forever.

Yet, he never would have thought that after he had woken up, all of this would actually be not a dream... It was real...

When he saw his own brother's stunned expression, Lu Jingli cleared his throat and looked away. "Bro, don't ask me, ask her!"

At this moment, the girl in his embrace rubbed against him like a cat with her shaggy head, then she yawned as she opened her eyes in a daze. She kissed the corner of the man's lips. "Mmm... Darling! You've woken up! Did you sleep well?"

When he saw that Ning Xi had woken up, Lu Jingli immediately could not help but start to mock, "Sis-in-law, you've frightened me! You didn't come out for so long! I thought you did something to him! Did you actually get to speak to my brother properly?"

Ning Xi sat on Lu Tingxiao's and rocked her legs. She held onto his neck and rubbed against him lovingly as she rolled her eyes at Lu Jingli. "Do you think I'm stupid? Of course, I did!"

Lu Jingli was dumbfounded. "If you did, why's my brother still looking utterly confused?! I already told you not to frighten him, yet you had to give him a surprise! Great! Now, you've scared him!"

"He was drunk, so he thought he was dreaming. I saw that he was extremely tired, so I just let him have a decent nap first! How did I frighten him? Darling, did I scare you? I was gentle! Darling wanted me to

accompany him, so I did. Darling wanted me to smile, so I smiled for him. Darling wanted me to sing, so I sang..." Ning Xi looked like an obedient little bunny.

Lu Jingli expressed that he did not believe a single word. "I don't believe you!"

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Moments later, the two noisy people sat down on the sofa, seeming well-behaved.

Strictly speaking, it was Lu Jingli who was sitting on the sofa being well-behaved.

Ning Xi grumbled about how the sofa was uncomfortable, and immediately she was carefully carried back to sit on a certain someone's lap. Furthermore, a layer of blanket appeared to create padding for her.

Lu Tingxiao's expression was incredibly serious. "What's going on?"

Ning Xi went along, "Fool, Darling is asking you to explain!"

Lu Jingli shrugged helplessly. "Pfft, why is it me?! This thing was clearly started by you! It was you who wanted to mess around!"

Ning Xi simply said, "Darling, my throat hurts."

Lu Tingxiao replied, "Jingli, speak."

Lu Jingli was tortured by this display of affection that he almost wanted to slam his head on the ground. It was his misfortune that he could only accept his fate and explain the entire process about Ning Xi waking up without leaving out a single detail to Lu Tingxiao.

Lu Tingxiao instantly frowned. "She was messing around and you played along?"

"I know I'm wrong!" Lu Jingli lowered his head and admitted his fault. He had indeed been wrong in this incident. He should not have let this person mess around. Previously, he had already regretted it.

"Immediately have all the doctors wait at Deer Town. Also, contact Annie," Lu Tingxiao instantly ordered rapidly as if they had to be on guard against all threats.

"Okay!"

Ning Xi mumbled softly on the side, feeling wronged, "I didn't mess around. Obviously, the first thing I want to do after waking up is to see you!"

Lu Jingli was speechless.

She had slept for a year, yet this skill of brown nosing had not deteriorated at all...

Lu Tingxiao's body trembled as he pulled the girl into his arms. "Xiao Xi, I can't lose you a second time."

Chapter 1786: Can't Move Around Vigorously

In a building in Deer Town.

After all of the doctors received their orders, they got all ready in order and were on alert.

When Ning Xi suddenly noticed that the room was slowly filling with people in white garments and complex instruments, she instantly felt the entire situation getting on her nerves.

Lu Tingxiao immediately sensed her restlessness. "Be good. Your body must go through a complete check-up. It'll be quick."

Ning Xi nodded obediently.

After a thorough check up.

"How's it?" Lu Tingxiao's thin lips tensed into a line. Beside him, Lu Jingli looked nervous too.

The chief doctor fixed the spectacles on the bridge of his nose and looked emotionally, yet happily at Lu Tingxiao. "All of Madam Lu's indicators of health are normal. If I may even say it, for her to be able to maintain such a condition is a miracle. All of this can be credited towards Madam Lu's impeccable body foundations, appropriate nursing, and most importantly, that ointment concocted by that young, highly skilled doctor. Indeed, it has magical effects!"

This expert, who was older than all of them, expressed a genuine exclamation in his tone.

At the start, Lu Tingxiao had insisted on trusting that young lady to let the patient use those medications of unknown origins. The doctor had objected many times and had even felt that his authority was being challenged.

At this moment, he really could not help but lament that there were no boundaries in medicine. There were still too many mysteries and experts among people that he did not know about in this world.

"Now, she feels that her body is stiff, weak in strength, her breath is impeded, and her throat is uncomfortable. Are all these normal?" Lu Tingxiao asked one by one seriously. He did not dare lower his guard at all.

When the doctor heard the symptoms, he consoled him with a relaxed tone, "Mr. Lu, I've checked thoroughly. There aren't any huge issues. After all, she's been lying down for so long! All of these are perfectly normal. Later on, I'll arrange for a complete rehabilitation plan for Madam. I believe that with her foundation, she'll be able to recover very quickly.

"Only, be sure to take it step by step! You can't be impatient in order to avoid hurting her fundamentals. This body of hers needs to properly recuperate!"

Lu Tingxiao took note of everything. "Thank you."

"Bro Xi..." At this moment, there came a girl's voice that was trembling slightly and in disbelief from the door.

"Annie!"

When she heard the girl's familiar voice, Ning Xi immediately hopped down the bed and shuffled towards the door.

"Bro Xi, slow down! You can't move around vigorously right now!" Annie panicked as she went up to greet and hold her. In the next second, her eyes filled with tears. "Bro Xi, you've really woken up... When Second Master called me, I thought I was dreaming!"

Ning Xi lightly patted the girl's back as she choked on her sobs. "Don't cry! Am I not up right now? Annie, thanks for your trouble during this period. The doctor said that the ointment you concocted for me was very useful!"

Annie quickly shook her head. "Bro Xi, it's no trouble at all. Actually, I didn't do anything. When you were severely ill and in a coma, I couldn't help with anything. The only thing I could do was to try my best to slow down the degeneration of your bodily functions. The gathering of the herbal ingredients and your nursing was all taken care of by Mr. Lu's end."

"Annie, could I trouble you to take Ning Xi's pulse?" Beside them, Lu Tingxiao requested.

At this moment, Annie remembered the most important thing. She quickly helped Ning Xi to take a seat. "Bro Xi, come over and sit down. Let me take a look!"

"Okay!" Ning Xi sat down by the table and held out her hand.

Annie put her fingers on Ning Xi's pulse, her face full of concentration.

Everyone held their breaths as they watched Annie, waiting for her diagnosis.

Chapter 1787: Always Be By Your Side

A good while later.

Annie repeatedly verified her pulse quite a few times before she retrieved her hand. She smiled as she repeated the same diagnosis results as the expert did, "Apart from slight lethargy and weakness in Bro Xi's pulse, all else is normal. Now, some of her bodily functions might still not be able to adapt, but this is just a question of time. Just recuperate properly and she can completely recover to the way she was before!"

It was only at this moment that the final tensed chord in Lu Tingxiao's head finally completely relaxed.

His girl...

Had really returned to his side...

In the next second, Lu Tingxiao reached out both hands and pulled the girl hard into his embrace.

Lu Jingli signaled everyone else and immediately they slowly went out of the room.

Suddenly, only the two of them embracing each other were left in the room.

Ning Xi returned the hug to the emaciated man. She felt her heart ache. "Darling, are you still sleepy? Do you want to sleep for a while more?"

The man quietly fixed his gaze on her. "I'm not sleepy."

From the instant he woke up clear-headed, the man's gaze had never left the girl in his arms. He could not bear to miss her every word, expression, and even the up and down movements of her body every time she breathed.

"Next time, don't drink so much anymore."

"Okay."

"Eat your meals properly too. That fool brother of yours said that you already had gastritis quite a few times." Ning Xi frowned.

"Okay."

"Also, no smoking."

"Okay."

"Also..."

Ning Xi initially had a lot of things to nag him about, yet in the end, she kept it all in. She just ended with a sentence that she murmured with a faint smile, "Forget it. I'll always be by your side from now on anyway."

"Okay." The man suddenly tightened his arms around the girl. His head was buried deep into the hollow of her neck.

Ning Xi felt the man's burning hot and moist tears on her neck, and her heart felt as if it had been tightly gripped by a huge palm. "I'm sorry for worrying you."

She could not imagine that in this entire past year which must have felt like forever, he had held on to an absurd wait. How had he gotten through every day? How had he endured every late night?

Lu Tingxiao was worried about Ning Xi's health, and very soon he carefully helped her to sit on the bed. "Has Jingli told you about what has happened in the past year or so?"

Ning Xi nodded. "I roughly understood, but I didn't ask in detail. I only know that I seemed to have become pretty popular in the entertainment industry at the time."

Lu Tingxiao responded, "No one could fight with your splendor."

Ning Xi was startled when she heard this. The fire in her heart was instantly ignited by Lu Tingxiao's short sentence. "Darling, you're such a sweet talker!"

"Did 'Mother' win the award?" Ning Xi asked.

"Mmm, the Golden Deer and the Golden Phoenix Awards for Best Female Lead, plus the second year's Golden Film Award for Best Female Actress for the second time, the Lorraine Movie Festival award for Best Chinese Film, Best Female Lead..." Lu Tingxiao listed out all of Ning Xi's awards and honoraries.

As Ning Xi listened to all of this, she felt surreal as if she was listening to someone else's story. She sighed, "At long last, I've lived up to Director Jiang's trust and expectations."

"'Nine Realms' also received the Best Actress and the Best Series awards, breaking 37 records, and making you the most popular female artiste in the nation," Lu Tingxiao continued.

A single show had garnered her a terrifying amount of popularity, while another had led to her seizing all the huge awards. Both shows had instantly pushed her into the peak position within the entertainment industry.

However, now...

Lu Tingxiao did not miss that brief melancholy that flashed in the girl's eyes. "You can still come back out of retirement."

Ning Xi looked in a daze at this man who would support her from behind no matter what.

The cool breeze passed through mountains and lakes as it lightly fluttered by. The girl's face blossomed into a faint smile that was at ease. "Never mind. It's fine if I retire. Since I was 18, I've never stopped my footsteps. Now, I've already gotten all that I should, so there's nothing I regret. And now, I have something even more important than just dreams."

Chapter 1788: You And Little Treasure

The reflection in the girl's eyes was full of his shadows. "And now, I have something even more important than just my dreams."

The man's heart felt like it was hit by a large impact. "Are you sure?"

The girl smiled sweetly. "My job is done. I just want to be with you and Little Treasure now."

If it were in the past, she would have regretted it if she were to retire from the peak of her career, but after returning from death's door, she understood what were the most important things in her life.

The man kissed the girl's forehead tenderly. "Little Treasure and I will always support you no matter what decision you make."

Ning Xi's body required more rest right now, and returning to her former state was impossible to accomplish in such a short amount of time.

He was worried that Ning Xi might not be able to accept the fact that everyone had forgotten her after she woke up.

He did not expect the girl to surprise him once again.

"Oh, Little Treasure is coming back soon, isn't he? Let's go pick him up!" Ning Xi looked at the time and exclaimed.

"Okay, let's go and pick Little Treasure up."

"Wait, let me change my clothes first! Is there anything I can change into here?" She searched frantically and just put on a jacket.

"Yes, wait."

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After a moment, Ning Xi changed into a light pink dress, her long hair left loose behind her back.

"Is it okay?"

"Looks great."

"What about my hair?"

"Excellent."

After they got into the car, Ning Xi kept on checking herself in the mirror. "Lu Tingxiao, do you think Little Treasure will hate me? I've made him wait for so long..."

Ning Xi was really anxious for the entire journey.

"Don't worry, he won't," Lu Tingxiao comforted.

"In the past year... has Little Treasure been alright?" Ning Xi asked hesitantly.

"He's been good, but he misses you a lot."

Ning Xi was feeling uneasy. A lot of time had passed after all.

Maybe Little Treasure forgot about me...

Maybe he will distance himself...

Did he get taller?

Maybe Little Treasure likes some other Aunty now...

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In the midst of her overthinking, they reached the school entrance.

It was not Little Treasure's kindergarten that they stopped at. It was a primary school. Little Treasure was currently in first grade.

There was about ten minutes left before school was over. Lu Tingxiao parked by the roadside quietly.

Time passed by very slowly...

Ring!

Finally, the school bell rang over and over again as it echoed across the sky.

Voices of the children started to come out of the quiet school as they ran out of the classrooms happily...

Ning Xi looked among the students and parents...

After another ten minutes, there were fewer and fewer people around the entrance, but there was still no sign of Little Treasure.

Ning Xi was a little worried. "Why is Little Treasure not out yet?"

After a while, until there was almost no one else at the entrance, Ning Xi saw a familiar silhouette.

The little guy had his bag on his back as usual with no expression at all. He was holding a square box in his hands.

Ning Xi's tears started falling the moment she saw the little guy. "Little Treasure has gotten taller..."

"Mmm, 6 cm taller."

Chapter 1789: Never Forgotten

Lu Tingxiao opened the door. "I'll go and pick him up. Don't come down. There're a lot of people and cars around here."

"Okay." Ning Xi's gaze did not leave Little Treasure at all as she nodded half-heartedly.

Lu Tingxiao went down and walked towards his son.

Little Treasure, who was waiting by the entrance, started walking towards his father when he saw him.

Lu Tingxiao patted his son's head tenderly. "Why are you so late today?"

Little Treasure gazed down at the box in his hands. "There was a cooking class. I made a cake for Mommy."

Lu Tingxiao looked at the cake, then he took it and walked towards the car as he held his son's hand.

The both of them passed by a stall selling some bamboo strip toys. There were butterflies, ants, and some other characters made out of bamboo strips.

The stall owner made an offer when he saw the cute little boy staring at his wares. "Hello there! Do you like them? Have your daddy buy you one!"

Little Treasure turned around and left without hesitation.

None of them looked as good as those Mommy made!

Little Treasure stopped when they reached the car. "I'm going to Grandfather's house today. Please bring the cake to Mommy for me."

Lu Tingxiao did not reply.

Little Treasure frowned and looked at his father.

"I..." Little Treasure thought his father had not heard him and was about to repeat himself.

Then, Lu Tingxiao interrupted him. "Hand it over yourself."

He opened the door.

Little Treasure's expression changed instantly as he stared at the backseat of the car.

The little guy seemed to have seen something impossible. He stood there stunned with his mouth wide open, no words coming out of it.

Ning Xi could not care much about her anxious emotions anymore. She went out of the car and embraced the little guy warmly. "Baby..."

Little Treasure was engulfed by a warm hug and his eyes flew open wide. Tears started to roll down his cheeks...

The little guy called out to her with his trembling voice, "Mommy..."

"I'm sorry that I made you wait for so long."

"Mommy..."

"I'm here!"

"Mommy..." The little guy hung onto his mother's neck and cried uncontrollably.

All the waiting, all his memories, they all came to him like a flash flood.

Ning Xi was heartbroken when Little Treasure cried so hard. "I'm sorry... I'm really sorry, baby..."

Lu Tingxiao looked at the crying mother and son pair with gentle eyes. He reminded Little Treasure gently, "Didn't you have something for your mother?"

Little Treasure then stopped crying. He sobbed as he took the box from his father and handed it to his mother.

"Is this for me?" Ning Xi asked.

Little Treasure nodded.

Ning Xi opened the box carefully. Inside it was a cake and jam had been used to draw on top of the cake.

With the use of brisk, simple lines, there was an illustrated woman lying in the bed with a small child beside her...

Her Little Treasure had never forgotten about her...

Ning Xi felt regretful when she thought about how the little guy had been sitting by her side alone as he waited for her to wake up. Why did she not wake up earlier, much earlier?

"Thank you... I like it a lot... Thank you..."

Chapter 1790: Am I Not Calm Enough?

Inside a high-class apartment in Imperial.

It was an absolute mess in the living room.

Sparks were coming out of the cracked TV on the wall. There was a loud crash from the impact of a game controller being thrown onto a photo frame.

Lei Ming was covering his head as he hid in a corner. He was crying helplessly, "My Little Master! Stop smashing things... Stop... Please calm down..."

"Am I not goddamned calm enough now?!" Jiang Muyue roared furiously, then he kicked the coffee table in front of the sofa.

The items on the coffee table were thrown everywhere. Even the laptop was not able to escape his wrath.

On the flickering screen was an entertainment news. A picture took up most of the screen.

It was a dark bar. A couple was in an ambiguous position and were about to kiss.

The people in the picture were the famed Jiang Muye and Han Zixuan.

The picture quickly showed up in most headlines of the major news sites and appeared in the hot topic section of Weibo.

At the same time, the Netizens dug up past news and ambiguous relationships between them. Fueled by the combination of the media and the people, everyone thought that they were already an item.

"Yes, yes, yes! You're just being angry at your home. You're very calm!"

Lei Ming forced himself to say some words of comfort. "Muye, you've been in the scene for a very long time. Just how many female artistes have been trying to leech off your popularity already? It's just a small matter! You don't have to be this angry and risk injuring yourself!"

"Is there anyone as shameless as her? She's been doing this again and again! You think I really don't know what she's been doing behind my back?" Jiang Muye was like an enraged lion whose anger would not subside at all.

"Yes, yes... At first, she was just an artiste from Glory World. It's unavoidable that you'd need to guide her a little. We just allowed them to do whatever they were trying to do.

"This time, they are really overdoing it by leaking the photos to the media without even letting us know!"

Lei Ming's tone sounded upset, but what had happened had passed. He needed to find a solution that would not cost him his life.

Jiang Muye's expression darkened. "Post a clarification notice right now! If you don't, then I'll post it on Weibo myself!"

"No, no, no! My Little Master, please don't touch your Weibo!"

In Jiang Muye's current condition, he would probably cause a big mess if he posted anything on Weibo right now.

Lei Ming almost knelt before him as he continued to convince Jiang Muye. "Muye, think about it. Why would Han Zixuan's team want to leak this photo right now? They probably just want to boost the popularity of the upcoming 'The World'!

"To be honest, this tactic is beneficial to Han Zixuan, us, and the crew. It's a triple win situation!"

"Huh, so you mean you want me to stay down?" Jiang Muye smiled questionably.

He did not want to take on the role for "The World" at first, but it was a meaningful project for Ning Xi, so he could not stand by and let the others destroy it.

Lei Ming gulped. As a manager, of course, he wished for him to lie low. He would prefer to not have conflicts at all, but he could not say it out loud.

Han Zixuan's side had decided to do so because they expected them not to do anything about it.