

Hidden 571

Chapter 571: Exploitable Value

Ning Yaohua did not feel any less shocked than his wife. He also felt a tinge of regret and envy. He had been trying so hard to get in contact with the Lu Corporation, yet his useless daughter was friends with Lu Jingli?

Damn it, what a mistake! How could he forget?

Ning Xi was with Glory World Entertainment now, and rumor had it that that Ning Xi had been invited to join the company personally by Lu Jingli and that he really valued her.

He had always thought that Ning Xi was just a small chess pawn and that the arrangement was nothing more than just a business strategy. Who would have guessed that they would be friends?

"Xueluo, has Ning Xi always been this close to the Lu family's Second Master?" Ning Yaohua asked quietly.

Ning Xueluo clenched her fist tightly and stared at the direction Ning Xi left, only reacting after she heard Ning Yaohua's question. "I'm not so sure about this, Father, I guess you've heard about the Second Master's personality as well. He's not as unapproachable as Lu Tingxiao and he's always friendly towards his colleagues. Ning Xi was recruited by him personally and she helped him win over Starlight Entertainment, so it's understandable that they are on friendly terms with each other!"

Ning Yaohua nodded. "I see! If we could get in contact with Lu Jingli, it would be a lot more useful than just a small assistant like Cheng Feng..."

Ning Xueluo's face froze and she felt embarrassed. "It'd be great if we could but, Father, you know that Sister has a great misunderstanding of us now, maybe...I could go and beg her?"

Zhuang Lingyu could not keep quiet any longer. "Why should you?! Lu Jingli has always been friendly with many people. How long will he remember her for? There are so many new artistes joining the company everyday, he will forget all about her soon! He was just here to pick her up on the way today!"

Suddenly, an idea popped up in Ning Yaohua's mind. "Xueluo, do you think that maybe Lu Jingli is interested in Ning Xi?"

Ning Xueluo knew what Ning Yaohua was thinking since she had thought about it too, but she instantly rejected the thought. "Father, it doesn't seem very possible, almost everyone in the industry knows that Lu Jingli would never mess with his own artistes."

Ning Yaohua sighed. He knew that from their earlier exchange too, but he thought it would do no harm to ask about it.

It would be an immensely helpful resource even if they could just have the tiniest of ties to the Lu family, and it was the second-in-command of the Lu Corporation, Lu Jingli, who they were talking about...

Maybe, this useless daughter still had some value in her that they could exploit...

As the three of them returned to the banquet hall, many people went up to them and asked if someone from the Lu family had come. They lied and said it was a relative of theirs and not anyone from the Lu Corporation.

In the car.

Ning Xi put the sleepy little bun on her lap, feeling her heart ache to see the little bun's sleepy face. She tried to pat him to sleep while talking. "I've already said that I'll be late, why didn't you wait for me at home?"

Lu Jingli stared at his brother and complained to Ning Xi, "Well, I'd have really loved to, but the both of them couldn't wait at all. They were fidgeting here the whole time because you were five minutes late past your promised two hours!

"His face was so terrifying when you didn't pick up his call just now! He couldn't wait anymore after you texted him that you'll be late and Little Treasure also started torturing me! So in the end, I had to drive them all the way here and wait for you!

"Finally, we arrived and then suddenly you were blocked, so I had to go down and get you into the car!"

Chapter 572: Full Of Your Doses Of Love

"Ugh..."

Ning Xi looked at the little bun who was now sound asleep, and then looked at the devil who was still working.

The devil was looking through his documents with a calm expression, as if he was just here to accompany the little bun. She could understand that the little bun was impatient but it was difficult to imagine the devil flustered by a trivial matter like this...

Was Lu Jingli exaggerating?

Lu Tingxiao noticed the girl's gaze on him, so he looked up and asked, "Is everything alright?"

Ning Xi quickly replied, "It's nothing, I just went back home for a visit!"

Lu Tingxiao did not believe her casual reply but he did not push further.

"Oh, right, Lu Tingxiao, I have something to ask you!" Ning Xi peeked up.

"Hmm?"

Ning Xi frowned. "So, I bought a jade bead bracelet for my grandfather's birthday at your shop Jade Treasury for 120 thousand dollars and a 20% discount, but why was it that when I gave it to my grandfather today, someone said it's worth over two million dollars and that it had been consecrated by a monk?"

Lu Tingxiao only gave her a bisyllable reply after her long-winded question, "Was it?"

Ning Xi squinted her eyes and pouted. He was obviously acting like he did not know anything!

"Did you make your employees do that?" Ning Xi asked directly.

Lu Tingxiao answered expressionlessly, "I was overseas then."

Ning Xi blinked her eye. "Oh...right, you were in Philadelphia then!"

If he was overseas, how did he know what happened and how could he have sent people to help her?

"That's weird, then what happened? That old man seemed like an expert, he didn't look like he could have been mistaken! Hey, Lu Tingxiao, as a boss, aren't you concerned that your worker sold me something at a wrong price?" Ning Xi mumbled.

Lu Tingxiao nodded, "Mmm, I'll reward him later."

Ning Xi was speechless.

Lu Jingli blurted, "I'm full already all of a sudden..." Full of your doses of love.

Ning Xi gave up arguing with Lu Tingxiao. She had something that troubled her more and gave her a splitting headache. "Speaking of which, this bracelet got me on an awkward blind date!"

"What? What?!" Lu Jingli was shocked. If he had a tail behind him, it would have been wagging vigorously now, his gossip mode turned on. "Xiao Xi, what blind date?"

"Blind date..." Lu Tingxiao's calm expression was slowly turning into a brooding storm.

Ning Xi held her chin in her hand and sighed, "It was that old man who recognized the origins of my bracelet. Because he has a bracelet given by his grandson which was consecrated too, he said that we're very similar...then, he chatted to my grandfather and suddenly wanted to introduce me to his grandson. My grandfather probably thought it was a good idea after he saw the grandson's picture, so he agreed and even set up a time...he even reminded me about this before I left!"

Lu Jingli was clearly entertained. "Wow! Then, Xiao Xi Xi, are you going?"

What was happening? Sister-in-law had just gone out for a few hours and a new romantic rival appeared!

How competitive!

Chapter 573: Please Continue To Ignore Me

Lu Jingli was shocked and he looked at Ning Xi through the rearview mirror nervously. "Xiao Xi Xi, you're even more unrestrained than I am...you wouldn't really abandon your principles and go to the blind date, would you?"

Ning Xi's mouth twitched. "What unrestrained?! No matter how un...look, it was my grandfather's arrangement, alright? I realize that his health condition is getting worse and all his hair has turned white..."

Lu Jingli thought that they were done for, his brother was in deep trouble!

"Xiao Xi Xi, there are a lot of ways to express your filiality. Don't rush, you won't really attend the blind date, would you?" Lu Jingli kept asking.

He then glanced at his brother and thought there would be some form of reaction but his brother just sat there quietly and did not do anything.

Lu Jingli was even more terrified of such a reaction...

Lu Tingxiao was too quiet, which was not a good sign. It was more like the dead silence after a vigorous struggle.

He wanted to appear with her in public, to protect her personally and to kiss her in front of everyone. Even when she had dressed as a guy, he wanted to tell everyone that she was his and that no one was allowed to come near...

But now that he did not even have the right to be with her, he could not do anything.

He was in a special position and currently, Ning Xi was at a critical point in her career. If she was found involved with him, all her efforts would be deemed useless as everyone would think that she was successful because she relied on her intimate relationship with him.

He loved to see her fight passionately for her dream and he did not want to ruin it.

As Ning Xi was thinking of a plan to settle this problem, her eyes met with Lu Tingxiao's.

What kind of eyes were those?

They looked cold and distant, as if nothing could penetrate into his world, but she could see right into his deepest nooks, his emotions burning her passionately with the temperature of magma lava...

The car was deafening with silence.

Lu Jingli looked at his brother, then looked at Ning Xi and his handsome face darkened, "Hey, both of you...can you guys be considerate to others while you two stare into each other's eyes lovingly?"

A while later.

Lu Jingli, "Okay, my bad, I don't exist at all...please continue to ignore me..."

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At Regal Riviera Hotel.

After sending Ning Xi and the little bun back to the apartment, Lu Jingli did not leave immediately. Instead he looked at Ning Xi with a pitiful face. "Sister-in-law, I'm really hungry now and it'd be great if I can have a taste of your steamboat dishes..."

Ning Xi held the little bun in her arms and squinted her eyes coldly. "What did you just call me?"

"Bro Xi!" Lu Jingli changed instantly.

Ning Xi looked satisfied, then asked, "Didn't you guys have dinner?"

"We went straight to your place after work. I just had some snacks in the car! My brother did not eat anything at all!" Lu Jingli kept complaining. He had yet to find out how Ning Xi was going to handle the blind date and he would not be able to sleep if he did not know what was going to happen!

Ning Xi looked helplessly at him. Thank goodness she had brought Little Treasure for a meal before she sent him over. Otherwise, he would have been starving together with them as well. She knew that men were all useless at taking care of kids...

Because the staring contest earlier was probably too intense, Ning Xi avoided Lu Tingxiao's gaze and threw her hands up in surrender. "Fine, come up to my place, I am a little hungry as well!"

Chapter 574: Romantic Rivals Everywhere

When they passed by the receptionist, Ning Xi looked bitter as she mumbled, "How annoying..."

"What happened?" Lu Jingli asked.

Ning Xi said, her heart aching, "There was a super cute girl as the receptionist here previously. I even gave her a box of lipstick on her first day here, we were on really good terms! She always shares some gossip with me every now and then, but then she was suddenly moved away and the current receptionist is an uncle! Ugh, I'm so angry, give me back my cute girl!"

"Ugh..." Lu Jingli's first reaction was to turn over to look at the calm and innocent-looking brother.

Who else would do something like that?

His brother's romantic rivals were everywhere!

It was busy enough for him to just take care of them everyday...

After they went up and got out of the lift, Ning Xi walked towards her home and then abruptly stopped at the junction, suddenly stepping backwards.

"Xiao Xi Xi, what happened? Anything wrong?" Lu Jingli was confused.

Lu Tingxiao already saw someone standing in front of her door and he frowned.

Ning Xi sighed, "Su Yan."

"What? Su Yan? Your first love? What about him?"

"He's right in front of my door!"

Lu Jingli opened his eyes wide, "What?! What is he trying to do, waiting for you outside your door at midnight? Xiao Xi Xi, I'll beat him up for you!"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes at Lu Jingli, then went to Lu Tingxiao. "Help me hold Little Treasure for now, I'll go and settle whatever it is with him. I'll be quick."

Lu Tingxiao nodded. "Mmm."

Lu Jingli looked at his brother's gentle expression, impressed by his brother's calm act in front of his wife. A thunderstorm was probably brewing in his mind...

Su Yan had a cigarette between his fingers as he leaned on Ning Xi's door, looking deep in thought.

He only noticed Ning Xi when she was right in front of him, acknowledging her as he looked up, "Xiao Xi, you're back!"

Ning Xi nodded slightly. "Has the banquet ended?"

"Mmm, I sent Xueluo back here, so I decided to come here and pay you a visit as well. I thought you'd be home a long time ago. Did something happen?" Su Yan was concerned, he did not know she was picked up by Lu Jingli.

"Nope, there was a jam. What's up?" Ning Xi replied half-heartedly.

Lu Jingli had been talking to her all the way home, driving at the speed of a snail...

"It was too busy back there just now and I didn't have time to talk to you properly." Su Yan looked at her as if he wanted to say something else.

"It's quite late already, why don't you just tell me here?"

Su Yan hesitated. "There's something I wanted to remind you, Xiao Xi. I'm afraid that it would be a little awkward if you decide to go back to the Ning family now..."

"Oh? What's awkward?" Ning Xi raised her eyebrows and questioned.

Under the dim light, her bright eyes shone beautifully. Su Yan's breathing slowed down and her beauty stole his breath away. He nearly forgot what he wanted to say and only broke out of his reverie after a while...

Chapter 575: Unusual Aura

He looked awkwardly at her as he realized his mistake and he coughed lightly. "Ning International's framework and foundation was laid down the past five years and if an extra heir was suddenly thrown into the equation, the outcome would be devastating..."

Ning Xi gave the man in front of her a teasing look, casually taking a harmless swipe at him, "What if...I really wanted Ning International?"

Su Yan's face darkened when he heard her question, chastising her in a serious tone, "Stop messing around, Xiao Xi. This is too much! If you insist on doing such a thing, you'll get hurt in the end! They won't let you off easily if you affect the amount of benefits they get!"

Ning Xi sneered, "Ah...their benefits...whose benefits?"

He always acted as if he cared but changed his stand the minute his benefits were involved.

Su Yan saw Ning Xi's incensed eyes and he quickly explained himself, "You've misunderstood me, Xiao Xi. I'm not doing this for myself, I'm not after the Ning family's wealth either. It's just that...I don't know what to do if you're in conflict with Xueluo!"

Ning Xi stretched her back and glanced at him sideways. "What's the matter? Do you have any other choice aside from Ning Xueluo when it comes to choosing between us?"

Su Yan balled his fist tightly when he saw the girl smirk and the mocking disdain in her eyes...

He calmed himself down after a while, sighed and tried to avoid the girl's eyes.

There would not have been any other choice if time were reversed. Even if he had another chance to choose what happened five years ago once again, he would still have chosen Ning Xueluo without any hesitation. Regardless of Ning Xueluo's mistake, he loved her to the point of selfishness and he chose to protect her to the ends of the Earth.

But now...

He himself was not sure what was wrong with him. Ever since Ning Xi had come back, his sight always lingered on her and his urges to be near her were getting stronger lately...

He had always known what he wanted. Ning Xueluo was the woman of his dreams, his perfect ideal partner.

However, for some reason, what he thought he had known all along was falling apart...

He should not have come looking for Ning Xi this late at night to avoid any misunderstanding, but he still came.

All because he wanted to see her, even if she wanted to be sarcastic with him!

Su Yan calmed his turmoiled heart and started talking in a gentle tone, "Xiao Xi, I'm telling you this for your own good. I hope that you can think about it. Give me a call if you ever need help with anything."

As he was still trying to convey his message discretely, he realized that he did not know what more to say at that point. "I'll not bother you now, it's late already. Goodnight."

From around the corner, Lu Jingli's eyes recorded everything that was happening and he spoke quietly, "Hmm, my sixth sense is picking up an unusual aura! It seems like...the way Su Yan is looking at Ning Xi is a little suspicious."

Suddenly, Lu Tingxiao released the pressure he had been suppressing all night long with a loud whoosh of air.

Lu Jingli was terrified as he wiped his sweat and mumbled to himself, "What situation am I in now? Bro, did you meddle with something weird lately? You're really unlucky with so many romantic rivals around...and for some reason, I've been feeling that something big is going to happen soon! I'm scared..."

Chapter 576: Do You Like My Brother?

Ning Xi brought Little Treasure to sleep in the room after she entered her house, then she opened the fridge and looked for cooking ingredients for the soup base she was going to cook.

Thanks to Little Treasure, she had stocked up on a lot of food. All sorts of ingredients were available in her fridge. In fact, it was enough to prepare a steamboat feast anytime.

Lu Tingxiao naturally took over the vegetables from her and helped to wash them. Ning Xi looked at him and helped to roll his sleeves up for him.

Lu Jingli felt like he was the largest third wheel in the world at that moment, so he stayed in the living room and watched television alone.

The ingredients were soon prepared, the steamboat soup base emitting an aromatic smell which was extremely tempting.

Lu Jingli could not wait anymore, so he rushed to the table and saw that the pot was separated into two sections - one contained clear soup base and the other was a piquant spicy soup. Lu Jingli was confused. "Xiao Xi Xi, why did you make two soup bases?"

"Your brother doesn't eat spicy food," she replied while setting up the table.

"Oh!" Lu Jingli bit on the chopsticks, then asked again, "Xiao Xi Xi! Do you like my brother?"

Ning Xi choked as she was drinking some water, almost biting her own tongue. She then nervously looked at Lu Tingxiao. "What are you talking about!"

"Well, you've been treating my brother exceptionally well!" Lu Jingli mumbled.

"Would there be any subordinate who doesn't want to please their boss? Don't think too much about it, alright? If you're accusing me again, I'm going to give you a good beating!" Ning Xi handed Lu Tingxiao a pair of chopsticks after she clarified herself, "Boss, don't listen to him! I'm always loyal to you and will never have weird thoughts about you."

Lu Tingxiao took the chopsticks from her and looked at her, "I don't mind."

Lu Jingli and Ning Xi were speechless.

After some munching, Lu Jingli patted his stomach in satisfaction, having gained his strength to start gossiping again. "Xiao Xi Xi, can I ask you a question?"

"What?"

"How do you feel...about Su Yan?"

Lu Tingxiao's hand twitched a little as he was serving Ning Xi some vegetables.

"How do I feel?"

"Well, I'm asking if you still can't get over him! Why must you make me say it so clearly?!"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes. "Do you think it's possible?"

Lu Jingli bit his chopsticks again. "Why not? First love...is usually the most unforgettable one isn't it?"

He then glanced at his brother. Ning Xi was his brother's first love!

Why did everyone think she still could not get over Su Yan? First, it was Ning Tianxin and now Lu Jingli!

Ning Xi munched on a roasted potato and said in dissatisfaction, "The world is so huge that it contains so many hot guys out there. I'm not the shy little girl I was back then. There's no point staying on a tree when a jungle is waiting for me, alright? I already have someone I like in mind!"

Both Lu Jingli and Lu Tingxiao straightened their backs at full attention.

Lu Jingli would never let this chance pass, so he quickly followed up. "I've heard about it before, then who is it? What does he look like? Is he more handsome than I am? What kind of man could steal Bro Xi's heart away? Quickly tell me!"

Ning Xi was annoyed by Lu Jingli's excitement, "Let me think..."

"Quickly!"

Lu Tingxiao sat there in silence, not wanting to continue listening, but he could not leave, even though he knew that the answer was going to hurt him.

Chapter 577: The Wife Is Going For A Blind Date

Ning Xi touched her chin and stole a look at Lu Tingxiao as she thought very carefully before she answered, "He...he is powerful and domineering, a man of multiple talents, an intellectual and a warrior, gentle and romantic, smart and brave, mature and stable, amazing and rare to meet, every woman's dream, and overall, a gift to mankind!!!"

Lu Jingli and Lu Tingxiao were speechless.

When Lu Jingli finally recovered, his mouth twitched as he asked, "Are you sure you're talking about a human? Do you have exaggerate so much?"

Lu Tingxiao could not really put into words how he felt at that moment. Ning Xi's description was a little over the top, but it was through her description that one would know how perfect that person was in her heart.

"Hmm, if you knew who he was, you definitely wouldn't think I'm exaggerating!" Ning Xi mumbled.

Lu Jingli asked, "Who is he then?"

Ning Xi squinted her eyes and stuffed a butter bun into Lu Jingli's mouth. "Want to trap me with my words? Please!"

Lu Jingli swallowed the bun in one quick chomp and mumbled, "Since you already have someone you like, are you still going on that blind date then?"

If he couldn't find out more about the man of her dreams, this urgent mission at hand had to be clarified!

Ning Xi sighed, "I'd still have to go or I have a lot of explaining to do, don't I? Wouldn't I embarrass my grandfather if I just bailed out on the date?"

Lu Tingxiao's expression softened when he heard her reasoning. Actually, her answer was within his expectations but he had a possessive bone in him that overrode all rationality. Even though he knew her valid reason, it was hard to calm his heart. Who could accept their own wife going on a blind date?!

The next day.

In the morning, Ning Xi brought Little Treasure to hang out at the studio with her as she worked. Because she had a date with Elder Xi's grandson, she made a trip to the Lu Corporation in the evening to send Little Treasure over.

Even though this was not her first time to the company, every time she went there, there would still be many eyes watching her. All of them would have loved to take her mask off to see who she was.

Once upstairs and out of the elevator, a young girl suddenly mustered the courage to rush in front of her to say, "Miss Su, I love your movies very much. Could you help me please give me your autograph?"

Ning Xi raised her brows. Miss Su?

Who? Could it be...

It dawned on Ning Xi quickly. Was she misunderstood to be Su Yimo?

As she watched the girl's expression of anxious anticipation, she did not have the heart to reject her.

Actually she knew that this girl did not really want her autograph. She had intentionally come to test her identity. If she signed her autograph, then she would have silently admitted that she was Su Yimo. If she didn't, then she obviously wasn't.

Just as she stood there thinking about what to do, Lu Tingxiao walked towards her.

When the girl saw Lu Tingxiao coming over, she scuttled away faster than a rabbit. Ning Xi did not see clearly how she disappeared, but her shadow was gone within seconds.

She didn't blame the girl for running away because the Boss was not in a good mood today. This morning, he had already made the managers of several departments cry and she was just a puny secretary, so to avoid being another victim of his, it was natural that she would hide as far away from him as she could!

Lu Tingxiao saw Ning Xi carrying Little Treasure and his features tightened. "He's already so old, does he still need to be carried?"

Little Treasure buried his head deeper into the scoop of Ning Xi's shoulder as he looked guiltily. Auntie Xiao Xi, Daddy is scolding me!

Chapter 578: Pretend Further and You'll Lose Your Wife!

Ning Xi immediately patted Little Treasure's head and defended him, "He's not too old, he's only five! What Little Treasure needs now is not to grow up. What he needs is to return bit by bit to being four years old, three years old, two years old...he needs to relearn how to be a little kid!"

Lu Tingxiao sighed, then softened his tone. "I'm just worried your arms will be tired."

Then, he said in a low voice, "Are you going over now?"

Ning Xi looked at the time on her phone and replied, "Mhmm, it's almost time for the date."

Something flickered in Lu Tingxiao's eyes quite a few times before it finally returned to a steady gaze. "Go, and take care."

"I will." Ning Xi put down the little bun and gave him a big kiss as always.

Outside the CEO's office.

A manager held a stack of documents in his arms while his legs wobbled as he popped his quick-acting pill for his heart condition into the palm of his hand to prepare himself before he went in.

Behind him, Lu Jingli put an arm on the guy's shoulder and sighed as he shook his head. "Don't bother taking it out, no pill can save you. Based on my brother's mood today, if you go inside right now, you'll just die!"

The manager turned to see who it was that made such a nerve-wrecking comment. "Second Master...save me..."

"You deserve it. When my brother was still in a good mood for the past few days, you dared to be lazy, now you're in bad luck!" Lu Jingli insulted heartlessly without thinking about how he himself was the master of laziness. Only this time, he was lucky not to get caught between a rock and a hard place.

"Second Master, I still have some old folks and a few young ones to take care at home. My wife is also about to have a second child!" The manager almost got down onto his knees to plead.

"Pfft! Are you trying to trigger the bachelor in me?" Lu Jingli exploded.

"I wouldn't dare! I definitely don't mean that..." The manager looked miserable. Why did it seem like even Second Master had angry explosives for breakfast as well?

Lu Jingli scoffed a few times in exasperation and looked at his unlucky employee before saying kindly, "Don't go inside for your death row today. My brother won't have the mind to care about your issue, so quickly go settle your proposal properly before going in again!"

"Okay, okay, okay, I'll go do that immediately! Thank you, Second Master for the tip!" the manager profusely said and gratefully hurried away.

Lu Jingli pushed the door into the office.

He saw that the office had an additional tatami arranged by the window, obviously for the convenience of Little Treasure to watch for Aunty Xiao Xi's return.

Lu Jingli's mouth twitched in amusement. He could see her every day, so why was he still acting like he was waiting for her return after wins?

Then, he looked at his brother who sat solemnly in front of his desk with a pen in his right hand and some documents on his left. He seemed like he was focused on work but one look at his face and you would know that his mind was elsewhere!

Lu Jingli coughed lightly. "Bro, are you sure you want to continue pretending to be so virtuous? Pretend further and you'll lose your wife! I'm just saying, you should have simply come up with a little plan to sabotage the dude from the Xi family so that he would not make it!"

Lu Tingxiao shot him a disgusted look. "Do you think that Ning Xi wouldn't have thought that I would be the one behind such a thing?" In fact, that would not solve the root problem.

"How about...how about I help you find a woman to pretend to be that dude's ex-girlfriend or something to cause a ruckus? That way, Xiao Xi Xi could justifiably run away?" Lu Jingli continued to plague him with ideas.

"No way." The probability of being exposed on the spot was very high. No one was as careful as Lu Tingxiao; he would not use a plan with any loopholes.

"If this won't do and that won't either, what options do we have? Bro, it's not that I don't like listening to advice. Even though Xiao Xi Xi said she was just going to explain herself to him, what if that guy coincidentally turns out to be the type that Xiao Xi Xi likes? Anything is possible!" Lu Jingli said earnestly.

Chapter 579: Oh Man, This Romantic Rival Is Tough!

Lu Tingxiao put down the pen and grazed the desk lightly with his fingers. His eyes fell onto his son who was sitting on the tatami...

Lu Jingli followed Lu Tingxiao's gaze and looked over. "Uhh, Bro, what do you have in mind?"

Lu Tingxiao got up and walked over to his son, then he said, "Little Treasure, come, let's get you something to eat."

Lu Jingli then said, "Uhh, Bro...you aren't thinking about..."

Pfft! I came up with so many ideas for him earlier and yet, he was not satisfied. Now, his his ultimate idea was to bring his nuclear weapon, Little Treasure, to the frontline?

Very good, this was an idea worthy of the devil!

The only problem was that a particular nuclear weapon was not being cooperative...

When Little Treasure heard his father, he refused to get up from the mat and started to write on his writing board: [Full.]

Aunty Xiao Xi had already fed him well before she left. In fact, she had cooked for him herself.

Lu Tingxiao pinched the spot between his brows, then changed his phrasing of his baiting sentence. "I'll bring you to see Aunty Xiao Xi."

Within three seconds, Little Treasure released his little hands from his chin to peer out of the window. He rolled off the tatami, put on his little shoes and flew to his father and opened up his short hands to be carried.

Lu Tingxiao and Lu Jingli were thunderstruck.

This nuclear weapon had such a blatant weakness that left him vulnerable to control!

Watching as the father and son prepared to leave, Lu Jingli followed them. "I want to eat too!"

Indeed, eat it was!

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Half an hour later, at a stylish Japanese restaurant.

The Japanese restaurant retained the traditional short-legged tables to dine, whereby customers had to take off their shoes before entering, and then sit with their legs crossed. The dim lighting gave customers a sense of relaxed vibe.

Before Ning Xi's date arrived, she had already ordered a sake with low alcohol content to drink as she waited.

She seemed not to notice that diagonally behind her, both the big and the small devils had already arrived together with Lu Jingli.

The moment they entered, Little Treasure could recognize Auntie Xiao Xi from her back and instantly wanted to run to her.

Lu Tingxiao held his son back, stopping him firmly. "No."

Little Treasure's face tensed up, his face was written with unspoken questions, silently expressing, "Why not? You said you brought me here to see Auntie Xiao Xi!"

Lu Tingxiao looked down at his son and said, "I did bring you to see Auntie Xiao Xi, but only to watch her."

Little Treasure felt cheated!

When he was brought to a seat behind Auntie Xiao Xi, Little Treasure was in a sullen mood. However, because Auntie Xiao Xi was just opposite him and he could see her when he looked up, her mood instantly became marginally better.

After he sat down, Lu Jingli looked at Ning Xi who was seated alone and said, "Hmm, didn't Xiao Xi Xi say they had decided on seven o'clock? It's already ten past seven! Being late on the first date, deduct his marks! Even though I've never seen Xi Shiqing, I'm guessing he won't be tough competition! There might not even be an opportunity for our Little Treasure to make a move!"

Ning Xi was about to finish her drink, having waited for about another 10 minutes, yet her date still had not arrived.

Lu Jingli was suddenly a little crestfallen. "Could it be that he won't turn up at all? And to think that we were nervous for so long!"

The moment he said that, fair and slim fingers delicately held the curtain partition in front to open it. Then, a man in a nude-coloured tuxedo walked in.

The man had short, jet black hair with a long torso. His looks were not especially attractive, but his charisma was warm and refined, very easily making people comfortable with him and exuding trustworthiness. The most outstanding thing was a certain quiet appeal to him, something that could calm someone down and be in a state of peace within the ascetic realm...

"Woah, this man has quality..." The instant he saw the man, Lu Jingli felt a niggling premonition in his heart...

Chapter 580: Completely The Type She Liked

"May the Buddha bless for this person not to be - "

Lu Jingli was about to say that he hoped this person was not Xi Shiqing but Lu Tingxiao beat him to it. "Xi Shiqing."

Lu Jingli was dumbfounded, "Woah! No way! Is he really Xi Shiqing? That's him?"

As he was still in shock, he saw the man take his shoes off and courteously tell the waiter that he had a reservation. Then, he followed the waiter towards...Ning Xi's direction...

"Hello, Miss Ning?"

Ning Xi had just finished the first pot of sake and was drinking the second pot of this restaurant's specially brewed cherry blossom liquor. When she heard someone speak to her in a soothing voice, she subconsciously looked up.

Ning Xi's demeanour immediately loosened upon seeing the man in front of her then she stood up to say, "Yes, I'm Ning Xi. Are you Mr. Xi?"

The man nodded. "Nice to meet you. I'm Xi Shiqing, I'm very sorry for making you wait for so long."

"No worries, have a seat. I haven't waited for terribly long," Ning Xi assured him and sat down again.

Xi Shiqing took his blazer off and passed it to the waiter before sitting down as well.

Xi Shiqing sat upright, crossing his legs politely while Ning Xi, on the other hand, sat as she wished and rather boldly, with one leg bent and an arm on top of that knee. She was seated in a masculine way, unlike the regular girl who would sit down politely and behave by the rules of society.

Yet, even so, her mannerisms did not exude any rudeness at all. She wore a wide-flared pants with her favourite embroidered leather jacket. The way she sat seemed to give out a vibe of liberty and none of the rigid restrictiveness Japanese restaurants were usually known for.

Ning Xi had heard her grandfather say that the Xi family was an expert in jades and books, so the Xi family would most likely prefer gentle, friendly and knowledgeable women. Thus, to avoid unnecessary trouble, she decided to go against her better judgment and wore such an unladylike outfit.

However, her plan did not seem to be fruitful as the moment Xi Shiqing saw her, not only did he react in disgust, in fact, respect and appreciation flashed his eyes.

From behind, Lu Jingli already anxiously started to bark, "Oh man, we're doomed! Those two wouldn't have met eye to eye, would they? Did you notice the look Xiao Xi Xi had when she stood up to meet Xi Shiqing? She was obviously stunned, she must have been charmed by him!"

"In fact, the way Xi Shiqing looks at Xiao Xi Xi is full of admiration too! Damn it, shouldn't he prefer the type of girl who is the precious jewel of the family? Our Xi Xi dressed like a wild child today!"

Lu Tingxiao seemingly sipped his tea calmly, although that would be if you didn't notice his tensed up smile and the way his knuckles turned white from gripping the cup too tightly...

Lu Jingli was still trying hard to analyze. "This Xi Shiqing is pretty tricky. Even though he is not as handsome as I am, but that charisma of his...is quite special! Even from my perspective as a man, I find it very attractive! He makes people want to involuntarily know and befriend him! And the scariest thing is...with a personality like Xiao Xi Xi's unrestrained character, there is a high probability that she would like someone like Xi Shiqing who is the total opposite of her!"

Suddenly, the cup in Lu Tingxiao's hand fell and shattered on the ground...

Lu Jingli gulped, his mouth turning dry. "No, no, no...Bro, I'm just simply guessing! There's definitely no way they will end up together! Didn't Xiao Xi Xi say she already have someone she likes? She wouldn't like Xi Shiqing!"

His brother's face turned a darker shade upon hearing his words...