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Chapter 163: Gift

Xu Youyou instinctively hid the shirt behind her. She stammered, panicking, “N-nothing. It’s, it’s nothing...”

‘It’s over! She’s going to think I’m a pervert!’

Mo Zhiyun held back her laughter and said, “Alright. Don’t hide it anymore. I know that’s my brother’s shirt. Last night, the two of you...”

Xu Youyou hurriedly reached out to cover Mo Zhiyun’s mouth and said, “Nothing happened between us last night. It’s true!”

“You’re husband and wife. It’s normal even if something happened between the two of you. It’d be strange if there was nothing,” Mo Zhiyun, whose mouth was still covered, said in a muffled voice.

“Uh...” Xu Youyou withdrew her hand and averted her gaze. For a moment, she did not know what to say. She knew the more she tried to explain, the more complicated it would be.

Mo Zhiyun was very tactful and did not probe further. She said, “Although I don’t know much, I know you like my brother very much. I can also tell he likes you very much.”

Xu Youyou brushed her hair back and asked, embarrassed, “Is it that obvious?”

“There are two things that can’t be held back. One is sneezing, and the other is the love in one’s eyes.”

During the award ceremony yesterday, the way Mo Shenbai and Xu Youyou looked at each other was filled with deep affection. Anyone who was not blind would be able to see it.

Xu Youyou pursed her lips and did not speak.

Mo Zhiyun hesitated for a moment before she said seriously, “Youyou, although my brother looks cold, he’s actually very warm and soft-hearted. All these years, there haven’t been any girls around him, let alone a girl who’s close to him. I know my brother is averse to women. In fact, he wasn’t born like this. If it wasn’t for...”

Mo Zhiyun stopped speaking abruptly. Then, she looked at Xu Youyou with her almond-shaped eyes before she said again, “Youyou, you must treat my brother well. Because he’s the chairman of the Mo Group and the head of the Mo family, everyone thinks he’s high and mighty. Only he knows what kind of pain and burden he carries. I hope you’ll make his future days sweet, not bitter.”

Xu Youyou could vaguely guess something from Mo Zhiyun’s words, but she did not pry. “I will treat him well.” Her clear voice carried a certain firmness. Then, she said sincerely and determinedly, “I’ll treat him well!”

No matter what Mo Shenbai experienced in the past, she would treat him well and make him happy every day.

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After washing up, Xu Youyou and Mo Zhiyun went downstairs.

Mo Shenbai was already sitting at the dining table, drinking coffee.

The two young women walked over and sat down.

Xu Youyou was relaxed and ate her breakfast as usual.

In contrast, Mo Zhiyun's heart was beating rapidly in her chest as she carefully studied Mo Shenbai's expression. After confirming he was not angry, she finally relaxed.

When Mo Shenbai instructed the butler to get someone to clean a room for Mo Zhiyun, Mo Zhiyun could not hide the joy in her eyes as she asked, "Brother, I can come and stay here in the future?"

Mo Shenbai's rare gentleness and smiles were all given to Xu Youyou. Faced with his sister, he was cold and indifferent. Perhaps, it was instinctual. He said expressionlessly, "Yes. You can come and accompany Youyou when you're free."

Mo Shenbai did not like those from the Mo family to come to Moon Pavilion. However, when he thought about how Xu Youyou did not have many friends and how she might not have many people to talk to, he thought there was no harm in making an exception this once since Xu Youyou seemed to have taken a liking to Mo Zhiyun.

Mo Zhiyun knew she was only invited to the Moon Pavilion because of Xu Youyou. However, she was not jealous or resentful. Instead, she was very happy. She said, "Thank you, Brother. Thank you, Sister-in-law."

Xu Youyou was happy for Mo Zhiyun. Then, she looked at Mo Shenbai with sparkling eyes as though she was saying thank you to him.

After breakfast, Xu Youyou and Mo Zhiyun left for the university. They were holding hands as they got into the car. They did not even notice that Mo Shenbai had intended to send them to the university. They did not look like in-laws at all, more like sisters.

The butler saw this and sighed. "How wonderful. Madam and Young Miss are about the same age, and they get along so well."

Mo Shenbai did not say anything. Only a very faint smile could be seen on his face.

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When Xu Youyou arrived at the university, Kang Mingcheng called her to his office. Apart from congratulating her again, he had something else to discuss with her.

Someone had offered a good price for Xu Youyou's painting. Since the painting was of her grandmother, it was clearly very personal to her. Hence, Kang Mingcheng was not certain if she would sell the painting.

Unexpectedly, Xu Youyou was quite decisive. She said, "I'll sell it. Teacher Kang, I'll have to trouble you to help me with the process."

The painting was meant for people to see. If someone was willing to buy it, it was a confirmation of her ability.

Kang Mingcheng smiled. "Aren't you reluctant or afraid your grandmother might be unhappy?"

"My grandmother said that it's an affirmation of my ability when people like my works. Hence, she won't be unhappy. She'll only be happy for me," Xu Youyou replied.

Kang Mingcheng nodded approvingly. "You're right. Then, after I get the contract, you can have a look and sign it. The payment will also be transferred to you soon."

"Thank you, Teacher."

After that, Kang Mingcheng let her return to the class.

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As soon as Xu Youyou left Kang Mingcheng's office, she could not wait and quickly send Mo Shenbai a message.

Xu Youyou: Is there anything you want as a gift?

Mo Shenbai, who was in a meeting, heard his phone vibrate. When he saw the message, his gaze turned gentle as he replied to her message.

Mo Shenbai: ?

Xu Youyou: Someone wants to buy my painting from the competition. The price they offered is quite good. I want to buy you a gift. What do you want?

Mo Shenbai: Congratulations.

Mo Shenbai: You.

Xu Youyou naturally understood Mo Shenbai's meaning. Her ears were hot as she typed out her reply on her phone.

Xu Youyou: I'm not going to talk to you anymore. I'm going to class (HMMPH.JPG)

Since she had silent her phone, she did not see Mo Shenbai's next reply.

Mo Shenbai: You're the best gift that God has given me.

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After classes ended, Xu Youyou invited Su Lanxu and Mo Zhiyun to accompany her to buy a few gifts. She did not forget about the duo and told them to choose whatever they wanted.

There was nothing Su Lanxu wanted so she simply chose a phone case.

Mo Zhiyun, on the other hand, was very serious when choosing her gift. In the end, she chose an exquisite and beautiful bracelet with a moderate price. After all, this was her first gift from her sister-in-law.

Xu Youyou did not have a meal with them. Instead, she visited her grandmother at the hospital with the gift she had bought.

Old Madam Xu was just about to eat when she saw Xu Youyou. Her eyes lit up with joy immediately as she asked, "Why did you suddenly visit?"

Xu Youyou walked over cheerfully and sat down before she said, "I missed you."

"Have you eaten? If not, I'll get someone to buy something," Old Madam Xu asked affectionately.

"No need, no need. I bought food before I came," Xu Youyou said as she placed the takeout she ordered on the table, "Tonight, you can have these extra dishes. We won't tell Mom and Dad about it."

Before coming to the ward, Xu Youyou had checked with the doctor that it was okay for her grandmother to eat the dishes she bought.

Old Madam Xu pinched Xu Youyou's cheek lightly and said, "Mischievous! Let me see what you bought."

"It's all your favorite dishes..."

During dinner, Xu Youyou told her grandmother about the competition and gave her grandmother the gift that she bought.

"Silly child, why are you wasting your money? I don't lack anything."