

## AFTER MARRIAGE 177

### Chapter 177: Apology

After resting for a few days, Xu Youyou returned to the university. She was not surprised when she saw Lin Yin.

The current Lin Yin lacked the fake kindness and gentleness from before. There was a hint of maturity and fortitude on his face which were gained after suffering from setbacks in life. He said plainly, "Let's talk?"

Xu Youyou did not want to waste time and casually pointed at the campus park.

The duo walked side by side on the road.

Chinese parasol trees lined the sides of the road. The branches with leaves grew out and hung above the road, forming a green canopy. Sunlight shone through the leaves on those who walked on the road.

Lin Yin looked at her Xu Youyou. He wanted to say that she was different than before, but he could not say it out loud.

Xu Youyou finally stopped in her tracks when there was no student around and it was convenient to talk. She said bluntly, "If you came to plead on Lin Zhihuan's behalf, you can forget about it. I won't drop the lawsuit this time."

Perhaps, if the matter only involved Xu Youyou, she would have considered dropping the lawsuit. However, her grandmother was dragged into the matter and was affected as a result. To her, this was tantamount to Lin Zhihuan dancing on a minefield and asking for death.

Lin Yin placed his hands on his back before he turned to look at her and asked, "Who said I came to plead on her behalf?"

Xu Youyou: "?"

'Then why are you here if you're not here to plead for mercy?'

Upon seeing the confusion on Xu Youyou's face, Lin Yin took the initiative to explain, "I came to apologize to you."

"..."

Xu Youyou looked up at the sun before she said with a puzzled expression, "Strange, the sun didn't rise from the west today, right?"

The corners of Lin Yin's lips twitched slightly. He took a deep breath before he said with a solemn expression on his face, "Youyou, I want to sincerely apologize to you."

Xu Youyou bit her lip before she asked, "And after that, you want me to let Lin Zhihuan go?"

Lin Yin's heart felt heavy as he continued to say, "I'm apologizing for abandoning you on our wedding day. Also... I neglected you in the past, ignored your feelings, and made you sad. I apologize for all those things as well. I'm truly sorry."

A hint of surprise flashed in Xu Youyou's eyes. She truly did not expect Lin Yin to apologize. It was an unprecedented sincere apology.

Xu Youyou always thought that she was a reasonable person. Hence, she said, "The matter regarding the marriage is over. You don't have to apologize anymore. As for those things that happened in the past, there's no need to apologize for them at all. I was the one who made a mistake..."

"Mistake?"

'What mistake did she make?'

Xu Youyou did not explain. She only said, "It's nothing. Is that all you wanted to say? Are you done? Can I go back to class now?"

"Youyou!" Lin Yin stopped her. He was concerned about her, but he did not know how to verbalize his feelings.

Xu Youyou waited for a long time, but Lin Yin still did not say anything. Hence, she said, "I really have to return to the class now."

Lin Yin inhaled deeply before he asked, "You... You really don't like me at all now?"

Xu Youyou nodded without hesitation. "Not at all."

'After all, the person I liked in the past... isn't you...'

Lin Yin could not conceal the disappointment on his face at all. He forced himself to say, "Youyou, even if you don't like me anymore and will never accept me again, I still want to tell you that Mo Shenbai isn't suitable for you. If you stay with him, you'll get hurt sooner or later."

Xu Youyou's mind was filled with question marks. After a beat, she said, "Lin Yin, who I'm with has nothing to do with you."

"I know you won't listen to me now, but I have to tell you something..." Lin Yin said with a frown. There was an expression of distrust on his face as he continued to say, "Mo Shenbai's life experience is very complicated. He's not simple at all. If he wants someone to disappear, not even any ashes will be left. Moreover, the Mo family's like a lion's den. The struggle to obtain and maintain the position of the head of the family alone is a bloody one. Let alone you, even Mo Shenbai himself can't guarantee his own life."

Initially, Xu Youyou wanted to refute Lin Yin's words. However, when she heard the latter part of his words, she was reminded of the dream she had in the past. At that time, she had dreamed about Mo Shenbai getting in a car accident. She wondered now if it was the work of someone from the Mo family.

Lin Yin mistook Xu Youyou's silence for acquiescence so he quickly struck while the iron was hot. "You should leave now before you get in too deep. Even if you don't care about yourself, you should at least consider Grandma Xu. Do you think she'll be able to bear it if something happens to you?"

Xu Youyou looked at Lin Yin and said, "It's too late..." She said softly in a helpless tone, "It's too late. I've fallen in love with him. If he dies, I want to die with him. After all, a world without him will be like hell to me..."

A wry smile appeared on Xu Youyou's face when she finished speaking.

Lin Yin was stunned. His heart felt as though it had been violently torn apart.

Xu Youyou lowered her gaze. She reminded him again that she could not live without Mo Shenbai as she continued to say, "Thank you for your kindness. However, I really can't leave him." After a beat, she added, "Don't look for me again in the future. I don't want him to misunderstand."

After saying that, Xu Youyou turned around and ran back to the class.

Lin Yin watched Xu Youyou disappear from his sight. His hands that were on his back were tightly clenched into fists. Each of her words had pierced his heart, turning his heart into a bloody mangled mess. He smiled self-deprecatingly as he muttered to himself, "Even if you die, you still want to be with him... You've never loved me to this extent. Otherwise, we wouldn't have ended in this state."

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Xu Youyou only stopped running when she was in front of the building. Her small face was flushed red, and beads of sweat dotted her forehead. She panted heavily as she turned back to look in Lin Yin's direction. She could not help but mutter, "Crazy! What does my relationship with him have to do with you? What right do you have to tell me what to do?"

Xu Youyou had to admit the technique Mo Shenbai used to deal with Lin Zhihuan was very effective. She had imitated Mo Shenbai and showed Lin Yin that she was willing to throw her life away for Mo Shenbai, and as a result, Lin Yin was completely frozen and could not even speak.

After catching her breath, Xu Youyou was about to climb up the stairs when she heard someone calling to her in a light voice.

"Youyou!"

Xu Youyou turned around and saw Mo Zhiyun running toward her. She asked, "Zhiyun, you have classes today as well?"

Mo Zhiyun nodded. "Who was that man earlier? Did a senior confess to you?"

'I definitely can't let another person steal my brother's wife!'

Xu Youyou shook her head immediately. "Of course not. He's not even from our university."

"Then, who is he?"

"Uh..." Xu Youyou scratched her ear, not knowing how to explain.

At this moment, Su Lanxu, who was carrying her books, walked over and said, "That's her ex."

Mo Zhiyun's eyes widened immediately. "Ex? Why is he here? What did he say? Does he want to get back together with you?"

"..."

Just as Xu Youyou was about to explain, Mo Zhiyun said anxiously, "I saw him earlier! He's not as tall as my brother, and he's nowhere close to being as handsome as my brother! Apart from that, although I

don't know him, I can say with certainty that his wealth definitely can't compare to my brother as well! Youyou, you just climbed out of a fire pit, don't be confused and jump into the fire pit again. Moreover, you're already married to my brother. If you cheat and get a divorce, you won't even get a single cent!"

Xu Youyou: "..."

'Do I look so muddle-headed to you?'

Su Lanxu could no longer hold back and burst into a fit of laughter.

Xu Youyou turned to glare at Su Lanxu. "You're still laughing?"

Su Lanxu tried to suppress her laughter, but she could not stop laughing at all. She laughed so hard that tears were streaming down her face.

At this time, Mo Zhiyun looked at Su Lanxu with a serious expression and said in an equally serious tone, "Lanlan, don't laugh. This is a very serious matter."

'This matter concerns my brother's love life after all!'