

Chapter 281 - An Amorous Affair

Xiehan was waiting for Lanni at a nearby hotel. Seeing that it was taking long and Lanni was not yet back, worry started seeping into his heart. What could be happening? Could those idiots have changed their minds and decided to hurt Lanni instead? Or could this have been a trap all along?

He paced in the hotel room and clenched his fists as he regretted letting her go on her own. He should have insistently gone with her no matter what.

He was preparing to call for backup and go to Galaxis Academy when the door to the suite opened. There was only one person who could enter the suite without knocking so he turned around sharply. When he saw Lanni enter, he rushed up to her and pulled her into his embrace.

They could hear each other's heart racing from how tightly they were hugging.

Xiehan broke the hug after a while and cupped her face in his hands. "How did it go?" It was only when he asked that he realized that Lanni was alone. He peeked behind her then asked, "Where is Uncle?"

Lanni was even more infuriated now that he asked. "Those people are insane foxes! They actually gave me a mission and I have to complete it before they can release my dad." She sulkily explained the so-called mission.

Xiehan tousled her hair without saying a word. It was within his expectations. If they merely wanted her to complete an assignment, intimidating her would be enough. They didn't need to go through so much

trouble and kidnap Xia Hanchen. They must have done so only to get something that they would use to pin her down.

"I must finish this in the least time possible. After all, they will only let dad go once it's complete. Until then, they agreed to let me have a video chat with him for ten minutes every day and visit him whenever I want. Crap, this sounds so much like a prison." Lanni lamented.

While it sounded like they were being lenient, the video call was only for her to ensure that they did not hurt him. Allowing her to visit him whenever she wanted was merely superficial. It wasn't like she could keep flying between B City and Berlin every day. She would have to spend at least 12 hours in the air just to see him for a few minutes.

Instead of that, it was a more sane option to complete the mission as soon as she could then bring him back home.

"I will help you." Xiehan's voice pulled her out of her train of thought.

"What?" Lanni peeked up from his chest.

Xiehan kissed her on the forehead. "Honey, your battle is my battle too. I will help you complete it in the least time possible and bring Uncle back."

Lanni felt emotional when she heard his heartfelt words. A smile escaped her lips. "Thank you my love. But... aren't you already too busy?"

She already knew just how occupied Xiehan was in Feng Ji International.

Although they had defeated the Feng family a few weeks ago and rendered their effort null, it was not the end of it. She knew that the Feng family had not given up and were constantly finding loopholes to exploit. He already had a hard time keeping them off.

Moreover, he had been occupied helping her expose Li Xiyan and prove Luna's innocence just a few days ago.

How could she make him help her out in this matter as well?

She smiled sweetly. "This is a small matter, I can handle it."

Xiehan knew what he was concerned about. Even so, "the company is important but you are important too. If there is anything I can do to make it easier for you, I will gladly do it."

Before she could say no, he looked into her eyes. "Are you really going to deprive me of the right to help my wife?"

Lanni wrapped her arms around his waist as she chuckled gently, not at all repulsed by the fact that he called her his wife. "If there is anything I need help with, I will definitely let you know."

Xiehan nodded in approval.

"The sooner we get back to Country C, the better. My mum will be extremely worried if I'm away for too long."

Xiehan could agree with that. Besides, they only had two hours before their flight. Hence after having a quick meal, they headed to the airport.

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For the next few days, Luna busied herself trying to find ways to trap Li Xiyang.

When she learnt that those foxes from Galaxis tricked Lanni, she was so angry that she vowed to seek revenge when she had the time. It was only because she was afraid Li Xiyang would flee out of the country that she had to postpone it.

On the fifth day after Li Xiyang's disappearance, she was finally able to gather some intel.

She had been spending most of her time locked up in her room and barely left her desk.

Cheng Yu could not watch this anymore. She knocked on the door and walked in, carrying a tray of food with her. "Luna, you should have something to eat. If you continue working tirelessly like this, it will not be good for your health."

Luna did not tear her gaze away from her laptop screen as she said indifferently, "I already have a lead. I will not stop until I catch that woman... the longer she stays in hiding, the more dangerous it is for us and everyone else."

"Yeah, but if you continue like this, you will not even live long enough to see her pay for her crimes." Cheng Yu placed the tray of food on the desk with a gentle smile. "Take a short break and eat, will you?"

Luna's lips curled up slightly to form a smile of gratitude. "Thank you. I will eat then get back to work."

Cheng Yu sighed in relief. She sat at the side and asked, "How is Lanni? I have not been able to get through to her lately."

Luna clenched her fist furiously as she explained the matter. "Can you believe it? That old geezer actually used such an underhanded method."

"Well, what would you expect from people like them?" Cheng Yu was disgusted just thinking about it. She pondered for a while and was confirmed for a moment. "Luna, how did they know that Lanni had recovered her memory?"

Luna's expression shifted for a second. She tapped on the surface of her desk using her index finger. She was about to blurt something out but changed it in the last moment. "No matter how they found out, it doesn't change the fact that they are a bunch of scumbags."

Cheng Yu scanned the woman before her curiously for a while then stood up, deciding not to push her limits. "I'll go to my room now. I hope there is something I can do to help Lanni out."

Luna stared at the door for a while then sighed. "There must be."

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After trying to find a loophole for these few days, Lanni was still unable to get any. Getting into Xing Real Estate was harder than the old geezer made it sound. At this rate, how was she able to get evidence of anything in the least time possible?

On Saturday, she went out for lunch with Xiehan. However, her mind was stuck on her mission and she was unable to focus on their date.

"What's wrong? Is the assignment too difficult?" Xiehan gently asked.

Lanni was yet to answer when a figure stumbled into their private room. "There you are! I've been looking all over the earth's surface for you!" The man complained.

Lanni frowned slightly when she saw the blabbermouth appear. Why was he everywhere?

"What do you want?" Xiehan asked him expressionlessly.

Lin Jian walked over and shifted his gaze between Xiehan and Lanni then decisively slotted himself next to Xiehan. He then looked at Lanni. "Sister-in-law, I have a small matter to discuss with Xiehan. You won't mind, right?"

Lanni shook her head with a smile. "You guys go ahead. I'll..."

She was about to excuse herself when Xiehan interrupted. "Stay." There was nothing he wanted to keep from her anyway.

Seeing that Xiehan didn't mind, Lin Jian went ahead to talk about it. It was a matter related to Lin Media Group and Feng Ji International. When they were done, Lin Jian casually asked, "what about the matter with sister-in-law? Is it resolved yet?"

He already knew about how Lanni had a task to complete so when she asked, Lanni shook her head. "Getting into Xing Real Estate is not a walk in the park."

Lin Jian scratched his chin as he thought about it. "But no one said you had to be an employee of Xing Real Estate, right? You can simply seduce the boss and pretend to be in an amorous affair with him.. That's even easier than trying to get into the company."

Chapter 282 - Who Are You?

Lanni and Xiehan both glared at Lin Jian.

The man shivered from their fierce glares. "What is it? Why do the both of you look like you want to strangle me? My idea is super brilliant, okay? With Lanni's beauty, she won't even have to do much before CEO Xing is charmed silly by her. It will be several times easier than trying to get into the company." He vehemently defended his suggestion.

Lanni raised an eyebrow as she glanced at him meaningfully. "It is indeed a good idea."

"See? I knew it was awesome! Isn't my excellence off the charts?" Lin Jian was about to do a happy dance.

"Yeah... how about I give you to CEO Xing instead?" Lanni glared at him threateningly.

"No no no! It's a dumb idea." Lin Jian laughed and dismissed the suggestion.

Now that he thought about it, Lanni already had a boyfriend. How could she pretend to be in a relationship with another man? Even if she agreed, Xiehan would never let it happen.

Xiehan ignored his friend and focused on Lanni. "Xing Han owes me a favor from many years ago. I helped him out before, and it was a matter of life and death. I can use this fact to ask him for help."

"How will that work?" Lin Jian was the first to ask.

Xiehan ignored Lin Jian and continued, "I will have him take you in as Xing Real Estate's employee. Once you enter the company, you will only have to be careful and make sure you don't get fired before getting to the bottom of things."

Lanni felt as though a huge load had been lifted off her shoulders. "Thank you my love. As long as I can get into the company, finding evidence will be a walk in the park."

"Hey! Are you guys listening to me? Why would anyone let a new employee come into contact with illicit goods any time soon? It will take ages for him to trust her and let her know what he does in secret." Lin Jian prattled.

Xiehan frowned at him. "Did you leave your brain at home?"

Lanni scoffed as she looked at Lin Jian. "It is even harder to trust a "girlfriend". It may take several lifetimes for him to let me get into contact with his secret deals. However, for such a company, employees must sign a contract of confidentiality. There is no need for trust."

"So you are planning to breach your contract as an employee? Wouldn't that evoke the anger of Xing Han and his lackeys? They might seek you and besides, other companies will be afraid of you and you will never get a job anywhere in B City." Lin Jian speculated.

"So what? The job is a cover and naturally, I'm going to use an Alias. I will be an idiot to use my true identity while poking a beehive." Lanni rolled her eyes at him.

Lin Jian nodded his head in approval. "See? That was what I was trying to say. Being an employee is definitely a hundred times better."

Lanni's lips twitched. Could this man be any more shameless?

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Xiehan asked Xing Han out for a meal as soon as possible and brought up the matter with him.

As expected, the man was unsatisfied with Xiehan's recommendation since she had no experience in the business field. Nonetheless, he had already promised to do anything that Xiehan had asked of him so he could only grit his teeth and allow her into the company. He even let her occupy the position of his personal assistant, which just happened to be vacant.

Hence, Lanni signed the contract and was officially an employee of Xing Real Estate. She was asked to start working on Monday, which was just in line with what she wanted.

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Monday, in the morning.

Lanni finished dressing up and doing her makeup then donned the wavy, ashen blonde wig they had bought the day before.

It was only when she finished getting ready that she realized just how good she was at disguising herself. When she wore the rectangular spectacles and took a look in the mirror, she almost couldn't recognize the woman staring back at her!

She was wearing a high waist, purple pencil skirt and a chiffon blouse, with a pair of matching high heels. Even she almost thought that she was really a secretary.

She made her way downstairs to have breakfast before heading to the office.

Li Yuming was already at the table, waiting for Lanni. When she heard footsteps, she knew that the latter had arrived. "You are awake. Come, tell me the progress of... who are you?"

Li Yuming was startled when she turned and saw the unfamiliar girl in her house.

Lanni smiled gently. Great. She could fully believe that the disguise was flawless. Even her own mother did not recognize her!

She sat down in her usual spot next to Li Yuming before explaining, "We decided that I will go to the company under an alias. Xiehan has already secured a job for me so all I need to do is scout for information."

Li Yuming's eyes darkened when she heard her explanation. She scanned her daughter who now looked like a total stranger and was flawlessly acting like a secretary even before getting to her office. "All this just to save a murderer?"

Lanni's eyes glinted slightly. "Mom, it's not that I don't trust you but... it's just too unbelievable. How about this, when dad is released, I will investigate the matter. I have a feeling it's a giant misunderstanding."

"Let's just eat." Li Yuming knew that if they continued dwelling on this topic, it would not do them any good. Unless she had irrefutable proof, trying to convince Lanni that Xia Hanchen was a dangerous man would only produce the opposite of the desired result.

The two of them were about to finish their breakfast when Xiehan arrived.

"Hello aunty." He greeted Li Yuming cheerfully.

"Xiehan, have you had your breakfast yet? Come on, join us!" Li Yuming's mood improved tremendously following Xiehan's arrival.

Xiehan thought about it and smiled. "I have already had breakfast but since it is food prepared by a goddess, I will have a bite." As he said that, he was eyeing Lanni's hand which was holding a fork with a piece of cheesecake. In the next second, he grabbed her hand and led the cheesecake to his mouth under Lanni's dumfounded gaze.

Li Yuming, on the other hand, felt flattered. "What a sweet tongue." She chuckled. No wonder he had charmed her daughter out of her mind.

"You're such a nice young man. I still find it a pity that you are not my son." Li Yuming half-joked.

Xiehan slotted himself next to Lanni. He knew that Li Yuming meant what she was saying. She had loved him like she would love her own son, after all. He peeked at her from beside Lanni. "Aunty, what are you saying? If I were your son, I would never be able to date Lanni. It's a good thing that we are not related."

Li Yuming laughed. "You are right. On second thought, it's even better for you to become my son-in-law."

"Yeah." Xiehan nodded then peeked at Lanni mischevously while continuing his conversation with Li Yuming. "Besides, sons are no good. How about I give you a grandson instead? He will be cute and loveable."

"Xiehan!" Lanni smacked his hand. Not even the thick layer of foundation could conceal her flushed cheeks. What kind of topic was this?

After being smacked by the beauty, Xiehan stopped messing around and handed a file to Lanni. "Your alias is ready now."

Lanni opened the file with slightly trembling hands. It was not every day that she got to pretend to be someone else.

The alias Xiehan had created was extremely detailed. It even included a new address, which was essential in case someone followed her.

There were a few certificates and fake identification documents, which were a result of Luna and Xiehan's combined hard work.

Her identity would be Jiang Xiaomu, the younger sister of Jiang Xingyu. She had studied overseas for many years so no one knew about her. This was the most convenient identity since it would save them the trouble of having to find a fake family.

Lanni finished reading through the files of her alias and peeked at a strand of her ashen wig. "Although my surname is Jiang, why do I think I look more like your sister than Jiang Xingyu's?"

Xiehan glanced at her wig and frowned slightly. It was almost the same color as his own hair. "It's just a hair color. So what if your hair is not similar to your parents'? You could have just dyed it to what you like. I don't have the same hair color as my parents either."

Lanni glanced at his hair then thought back to his family. Indeed, it was so different that she had once assumed that his hair was dyed.

There was nothing to worry about and if anyone suspected a thing, she could just claim to have dyed it.

"Let's go or you will be late.." Xiehan urged when Lanni finished eating.

Chapter 283 - A Stunning Beauty

Xiehan accompanied Lanni to Xing Real Estate. Just when he was about to bid her and leave, the man arrived and walked towards them.

"Master Ji, what an honor." CEO Xing greeted Xiehan cheerfully. He then examined the girl by his side.
"This is..."

"My little godsister, Jiang Xiaomu." Xiehan responded naturally, getting in the act immediately.

"Ah, so it's my little assistant. Miss Jiang, nice to meet you." He extended a hand in greeting.

Lanni was in a trance for half a second before she quickly remembered her new identity and shook the man's hand.

Contrary to the man's prejudice when Xiehan asked this favor of him, he was excited and pleased when he met Jiang Xiaomu in person. What a beauty!

He quickly called a female employee over then said to Lanni, "Ling Yu will show you around the company and help you settle in your office."

Lanni walked to the female employee. "Nice to meet you, please take care of me."

"You don't need to be too polite." Ling Yu chuckled with a smile. Since there was nothing else, the two ladies left.

It was just the men left.

Xiehan was still staring at Lanni's silhouette as she left, missing her even though they had been together just a moment ago. Thanks to Xing Han's appearance, he had not been able to give her a goodbye kiss.

"What a beautiful girl... I've never seen anyone so pretty in my life." Xing Han was also staring in Lanni's direction, and he kept looking even when they had disappeared into the building.

He only snapped back when he realized that the man was about to leave. "Master Ji, your little god sister is really pretty!"

"Mmh." Xiehan nodded languidly. Of course, his little beauty was pretty.

"Say, does she have a boyfriend?" The man asked, making Xiehan cough in a fit. Unaware of the effect of his words, he continued, "Although she is as beautiful as a celestial being, she has you for a godbrother and Jiang Xingyu for a brother so no man would dare to get close to her. But since we are friends, how about you help me get close to her?"

Xiehan glanced coldly at the eager man. "Stay away from her."

Xing Han could swear that Xiehan looked at him as though he wanted to murder him, though he could not understand why. "Why don't you want to set us up? It's not like she's your girlfriend... you're engaged anyway."

In Xing Han's view, Xiehan's fiancée was called Li Lanni so there was definitely nothing between him and Jiang Xiaomu.

"Stay away from her." Xiehan hissed, the murderous intent in his eyes evident.

Xing Han could only chuckle concedingly. "Fine. I will not get close to her." Although that was what he said, his intention was still obvious.

Xiehan glared condensingly at him before he left. If it wasn't that urgent, he would never have let Lanni work under a boss who started having weird thoughts about her at first glance. But then again, his girlfriend was beautiful even with her disguise. How could any man not like her?

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Lanni followed Ling Yu around as she showed her around the company.

Earlier when they were still with Xiehan and the CEO, she had acted friendly and smiled at Lanni generously; but now that they were alone, she shed off the pretense and regarded Lanni with eyes full of hostility. "Why are you lagging behind? If you are this slow, how will you ensure that the boss gets to his appointments on time? You will seriously drag him down!"

Lanni raised an eyebrow in surprise. She was being slow? Why did this woman sound like they were enemies from their previous lives?

Despite her displeasure, Lanni tailed on silently.

The woman led her to the end of the hallway and pointed at the door with a golden "CEO" label at the top. "This is the office of the CEO. You should stay away from it unless it is a work-related matter."

Lanni's brows furrowed. If it wasn't a work-related matter, why the hell would she go to the CEO's office?

She finally had an inkling of what was going on. Could it be that this woman had a thing for the CEO but couldn't get close to him, and was afraid that Lanni would win his favor?

She shook her head silently. No way! She had a boyfriend, alright?

Since she couldn't say this, she could only keep an indifferent smile. Getting into catfights with fellow employees was not part of her task. "Could you show me to my office?"

The woman scoffed and led Lanni to the next office, which was separated from the CEO's office by a glass wall. "This is your office."

Lanni smiled as she walked in. "Thank you, I can do the rest myself."

Ling Yu harrumphed and sauntered away. What an arrogant brat.

She had once been the CEO's assistant, and had carried a torch for Xing Han since her first day of work. On the day she finally had the courage to approach him, she ended up getting demoted and replaced by another woman. She had found all sorts of reasons to make that woman lose her job and when she finally succeeded, she had hoped that she would be promoted back to her original position. Who would have thought that she would be replaced by a little brat out of nowhere instead?

"Humph... little brat, your days in Xing Real Estate are numbered." She harrumphed her way back to her own office.

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Aside from the unnecessary hostility, Ling Yu had not done much to help Lanni so the latter had to get used to everything on her own.

Lanni didn't mind. She checked through the files and notes left behind by the previous secretary and tried to fit in.

Since it was the first day, she had a lot of work to do and was trying to get used to it. She answered the CEO's calls and forwarded the important ones to him, scheduled his meetings and forwarded the important emails to him.

She was still getting the hang of things when the telephone on her desk rang, and it was a call from the CEO's office.

"Get me a cup of coffee. Double espresso, no sugar." Came the brief instructions, and the call was hung up right after.

Lanni put the telephone back in place and headed for the pantry. A few girls were there to get coffee or snacks and when they waved at her, she briefly smiled then minded her business.

As soon as she was a few steps away from her, she could hear their chatter.

"Ling Yu was right. She is so beautiful!" One of the girls was stunned.

"Yes. I wonder where she came from... tsk, with such a beauty in the world, it is no wonder Ling Yu was dumped." The other girl chortled.

"Don't make it sound like boss had anything to do with Ling Yu—that woman must have lied. She is so fake!" The first girl snickered.

To that, the second girl glanced in Lanni's direction. "How is she any different? She is dressed so seductively so she is obviously not here for work. Isn't her intention obvious?"

Lanni listened to the chatter and merely smirked. Weren't these two too idle? Besides, couldn't they at least bother to whisper when gossiping?

The coffee cup filled and Lanni was about to turn to leave when another girl blocked her path. "Hello, you must be Jiang Xiaomu."

"Is there something I can do for you?" Lanni raised an eyebrow in suspicion.

The girl cheerfully stretched out a hand. "I'm Li Na. I'm new here too, I hope we can be friends."

Lanni thought about it for a moment and nodded. "Okay."

If she needed to know about the company as fast as possible, she may have to be friends with people who can unintentionally help her out.

The girl was relieved, after thinking that Lanni would say no. Hence she was even happier. "This company has a great reputation on the outside but the employees are like a pack of enemies cooped together. They are always trying to outdo each other and make the other person look worse." She sighed. "I heard what they said about you..."

"It's fine." Lanni did not mind. Well, part of it was true. She was indeed in the company merely to get close to the boss. It was only that her reason for wanting to get close was different from what they imagined.

"I'll head back now." She said to the girl and went to the CEO's office.

After delivering the coffee, she went back to work but only ten minutes passed before she was summoned to the CEO's office.

She hurried over immediately. "CEO, you called for me."

"Mmh." The man tore his gaze away from her and looked at his cup. "I forgot to start drinking it so it got cold. Get me another cup."

"Yes." Lanni took the cup of coffee away but was surprised when she touched it. It was still hot...

Nonetheless, she brought another cup.

Five minutes later, she was summoned once more.

"I don't want a double espresso anymore.. Get me a cappuccino instead."

Chapter 284 - Unreliable Teammate

Lanni found the man's character peculiar but she did as she was told and got a cappuccino. When he summoned her to his office once again, Lanni was pensive. Were CEO's this difficult to work for?

This time, the man probably didn't even need anything. He simply glanced at her and claimed to have forgotten what he needed, and that he would call her back once he recalled it.

Lanni pursed her lips when she returned to her office. 'Please do not call me back, thank you very much.'

It was already hard enough to get used to her work as well as try to figure out the perfect timing to start her investigation.

Just a few minutes later, Xing Han's hand hovered over the telephone on his desk. He was just about to make the call when he caught a glimpse of Lanni from across the glass wall.

A smile surfaced on his lips. Because he never paid attention to his former assistants unless it was related to work, he had almost forgotten that the wall separating their offices was made of glass. He stared at Lanni's side profile. She looked exceptionally beautiful even while working.

He chuckled to himself. He could stay in his office doing nothing all day and be rewarded with such a beautiful view! The best part was that he would have to disturb the beauty anymore.

He was just thinking about it when the girl stood up and headed for his office. He straightened up like a rod, subconsciously checking to ensure that he looked good enough. He couldn't help scolding himself. He had dated a few times already. Why was he acting like a teenager experiencing the first awakening of love?

Lanni knocked on the door and entered after being let in. "CEO, your meeting with Mr. Feng starts in ten minutes."

"Got it." He smiled charmingly. "But, Xiaomu, you don't have to be so polite and call me CEO every time. You can just call me Xing Han or whatever else you like. You can even call me honey."

Lanni frowned slightly, finally understanding what was going on. Was this man hitting on her? She maintained a nonchalant expression. "I'm afraid that's not appropriate, CEO."

"Tch." His lips twitched, especially when he noticed the deliberate emphasis she had put on the last word to remind him of his place. What an arrogant girl... but why didn't he dislike it?

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When Lanni got back to her office, she gathered the documents required for the meeting. As Xing Han's assistant, she would naturally have to accompany him to such an important meeting.

Lanni glanced at her purse for a while and she pondered whether it was the right time. Considering her reason for coming to Xing Real Estate, Luna had given her a bug that could record long videos. They would be important if she wanted to obtain evidence of the illegal dealings.

But on second thought, it was not the best idea to show her fangs on the first day of work. She could not guarantee that Xing Han was not suspicious of her. What if he set a trap for her? She pondered for a moment before deciding to learn her surroundings first.

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In the conference room, Lanni sat next to Xing Han as they waited for the other party to arrive. She turned on her laptop so she would take down important notes.

When the man next to her saw this, he grinned and leaned in closer to her. "Xiaomu, you don't have to bother about these useless things. Let me handle them—your beautiful hands should be used for other tasks instead."

Lanni uncomfortably created more distance between them. "CEO Xing, respect yourself." She was on the verge of exploding. If this man kept acting flirtatious, she might blow the cover from fury.

Luckily, the door opened at that moment and the man had to sit upright, putting up an indifferent front. Ling Yu led a middle aged man and a young woman into the conference room and retreated.

Lanni stood up to greet the guests but when she saw the young woman, she froze in her tracks. Feng Ci... and the man next to her was Old Master Feng...

She had only known that Xing Han was meeting with a Mr. Feng from the schedule made by the previous assistant. She didn't think it would be these Fengs! And they actually had an alliance with Xing Han?!

She quickly pushed her thoughts off her mind and greeted the two of them as though she was meeting them for the first time.

Feng Ci scrutinized her for a while. "Have we met before?"

Lanni froze. Had she been uncovered?

She was about to say that they had never met but smiled instead, "yes. However, it's been so many years, I didn't think Miss Feng would remember me."

Feng Ci seemed to be deep in thought and couldn't exactly remember where she met this woman. Why was she giving off a vibe which was somewhat familiar?

Lanni generously explained, "We met at my brother's birthday many years ago, before I left the country."

Feng Ci scrutinized her for a while, trying to recall who her brother was but she couldn't no matter how she thought about it.

Lanni maintained her smile and acted as naturally as possible. She would rather have Feng Ci think she had forgotten something than risk letting Xing Han suspect her identity.

The meeting started, and Feng Ci naturally forgot all about Lanni and focused on the main agenda.

On the other hand, Lanni listened carefully in case there was something important for her to take note of. Naturally, the Feng family would not randomly seek Xing Han for a trivial matter. There had to be some shady deal going on.

The meeting proceeded normally and there was nothing out of the ordinary.

"So, about the goods..."

Lanni was about to give up getting information when she heard Old Master Feng's words and her ears perked up.

However, the latter stopped speaking and glanced in her direction awkwardly.

In the next moment, Xing Han cleared his throat. "Xiaomu, help me inform everyone in the project planning department that I would like to have a meeting with them this afternoon. While at it, bring some snacks for Old Master Feng and Miss Feng.

Lanni sharply understood what was going on. They must be about to discuss something discreet and Xing Han was finding random excuses to send her away so they would have time to discuss it.

She had thought that he wouldn't mind since she had already signed the employment contract.

Masking her disappointment, she went ahead and tactfully gave them space.

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That evening.

When Lanni arrived at her new apartment, she found three unexpected figures sitting comfortably in the living room.

She was frightened for a second before she patted her chest from the horror. "What are the three of you doing here? You almost took my life from the fright you gave me!"

Luna smiled as she munched on a packet of chips that Jiang Xingyu had brought her. "I came here to look for you and found that Xiehan and Xingyu were coincidentally here as well. Xiehan has the key so we got in."

Lanni flopped onto the couch and kicked her high heels off her feet. What a tiresome day.

"How was your first day at work?" Luna asked.

"How was your first day being my sister?" Jiang Xingyu asked at the same time.

Xiehan ignored them and sat beside Lanni. "It must have been hard on you, working under a scumbag all day. Did he do anything he shouldn't?"

Xiehan sounded like if Xing Han did anything he shouldn't, he would get someone to chop his hands into pieces.

Lanni laughed at his protective stance. "I happen to know of a way to make him drop his advances in the blink of an eye. He will not spout any more nonsense. But you would never believe who I saw earlier."

"Li Xiyan?" Luna quickly asked.

"Of course not." Lanni rolled her eyes at her. Would she be this calm if she saw Li Xiyan? "Old Master Feng and his beloved daughter. They have a secret deal with Xing Han."

The three were stunned to the core. No wonder the Fengs had gone MIA. It turned out they were merely being kept busy.

"What kind of deal?" Xiehan asked, and Luna and Jiang Xingyu also curiously listened.

"I don't know. Xing Han sent me out." Lanni tiredly removed the spectacles and pulled her wig off, letting free the natural hair she had missed.

"What a bummer. I was hoping the bug would become of use soon." Luna was disappointed.

Lanni was disappointed too. She had thought too much of herself and had expected to be able to get evidence within the first day. It would probably take more time than she anticipated.

She suddenly thought of something and her eyes sparkled. "Hey, I have an idea!"

"What?" The three asked in unison.

"Xing Han suddenly has such an unreliable teammate by his side.. Wouldn't it be a waste if I don't utilize her?" Lanni raised an eyebrow suggestively.

Chapter 285 - A Passionate Kiss

"What do you have in mind?" Xiehan felt an ominous feeling rise in his heart when he heard her words.

Lanni regarded him and chuckled meaningfully. "Feng Ci still has feelings for you, doesn't she?"

"I don't know, but what about it?" Xiehan did not understand why she was suddenly interested in whether another woman had feelings for him.

"I bet she still does. She doesn't seem like one to give up so easily..." Lanni smiled as she concluded.

"What about it?" Jiang Xingyu was curious too.

"The main point is, why are you making it sound like something to be happy about?" Luna's eyes narrowed in ridicule. Just how many women were after her future brother-in-law? First, there was a Ruby and now there was a Feng Ci? And why was Lanni acting so happy instead of bothered?

"The point is, we can use it in our favor." Lanni answered.

"How?" the trio were curious, and Xiehan could vaguely guess what she was up to.

He scrutinized her expression. "What kind of mischief are you planning?"

"Take a guess!" Lanni laughed excitedly, making the three have a weird feeling about whatever she was plotting. Seeing their synced expressions of worry, she languidly leaned back in her backrest. "How about the three of you give me time to check whether the plan can work? If it can, I will let you know all the details before I execute it."

"Okay..." The three could only nod and wait to see what she was up to.

Rejuvenated from her despair a moment ago, Lanni rubbed her tummy. "I'm so hungry."

She stood up and picked the high heels she had kicked off. "I'll go make something to eat. Are you guys hungry too?"

"I'm starving." Luna complained, shoving the last piece of potato chips into her mouth.

Jiang Xingyu peeked at her.

"Why are you looking at me? Do you have something to say?" Luna gave him a condensing look.

"No." Jiang Xingyu shook his head and chuckled. She was famished even after making him buy her snacks and ravaging all of them...

"I'll make something to eat. Just go and take a bath." Xiehan stood up, promptly folding his sleeves in preparation to go to the kitchen.

"Baby, why are you so cute?" Lanni hugged him with the shoes still in one hand and the wig and glasses in another.

Xiehan rubbed her back slightly and grinned. "Mmh. Do you want to thank me?"

A flush crept onto Lanni's ears when she understood his hidden meaning. She coughed the awkwardness away and whispered in a voice she thought only the two of them could hear, "How about you stay here tonight? I will thank you then."

Xiehan wrapped an arm around her waist to pull her closer to him. "Alright, it's your first day staying in a new apartment so we can use this chance to warm up the atmosphere."

"Hey, you two! Can you at least make sure you are alone before you suddenly turn the conversation R-18?" Jiang Xingyu could no longer pretend not to hear them. "Luna and I are getting blinded and deafened by you!"

"Please do not include me, thanks!" Luna grabbed a pair of earphones and connected them to her phone then randomly started listening to music.

Jiang Xingyu was speechless.

"Ahem...I'll go and start cooking then." Xiehan winked at Lanni, ignoring his friend.

"But I didn't buy anything." Lanni slapped her forehead as she suddenly remembered. She had only meant to check out the apartment and had not thought of buying any food.

"I bought a few ingredients on my way here," Xiehan said when he understood what she was worried about. Although he said that he had bought a few, the fridge was currently filled with all sorts of grocery and fresh fruit. Hence he went to the kitchen and thought about what to cook, then picked the suitable ingredients and started preparing them.

Lanni went to her new bedroom at the same time. She tossed the wig and glasses onto the bed and the shoes on the floor then flopped onto the bed with a sigh.

Looking around in the room, a hint of surprise flashed through her eyes. She had only known that Xiehan found her a high-end apartment but she had not expected it to be this detailed!

Even the bedroom was designed simply and with the same colors and designs as those in her bedroom at home. Not a single detail was missing!

She smiled slightly. Xiehan must have done it this way so she would be comfortable and get used to it quickly if she wanted to stay here permanently. Actually, she had not thought about it before.

But now that she was here, she found it a waste of space to merely use it to deceive people. Considering that Xiehan had put in so much effort and she liked it, she could move in and stay here, then pay Li Yuming a visit every few days.

Coming to a conclusion, she stood up and headed for the bathroom.

She was done bathing and changing in half an hour. Xiehan was not yet done cooking so she used the chance to check through the phone notifications that she had been unable to check while at work in fear of being exposed.

She found an email from B City University and checked the contents before replying. Aside from several spam messages, there were also a few missed calls from Cheng Yu and Li Yuming; she called them back and briefly let them know that she was alright. She was just about to connect her phone to the charger when she caught sight of a series of digits in the missed calls window.

She stared at the digits for a moment... it was a German cell phone number.

Her lips clenched as she thought of her dad. This was the same number they had been using to communicate for the past few days, so he must have missed her and had them give her a call. Unfortunately, she had been at work so she absolutely could not receive the call. She had even gotten a new cell phone to use for work purposes. She wondered whether the mean big boss would still let her speak to her dad now that she had missed the call.

"There's only one way to find out." She smiled.

She then decided to plug the phone charger and called.

She waited with bated breath. The call rang for a while and no one answered it. Disappointment engulfed Lanni's heart. The call was just about to be automatically disconnected when someone answered it. In the next second, Xia Hanchen came into view.

"Dad..." Lanni half-whispered, almost on the verge of tears.

"My little cupcake." Xia Hanchen croaked. "How are you? Is everything going hard on you?"

Lanni swallowed the lump in her throat. "Don't worry, it's not too difficult, I will complete it in the shortest time possible." she promised, even though she knew it was not as easy as merely saying the words.

"Of course I trust my little cupcake." Xia Hanchen was not just saying it, he believed that no matter what predicament there was, Lanni would surely find a solution to it.

Lanni scanned the man on the screen. He didn't show any signs of being bullied. But when she saw a glimmer from the corner of the screen, she frowned. "I have already started the mission. Are the chains still necessary?!"

Xia Hanchen sharply detected the disdain in Lanni's tone and chose to change the topic. "Is Luna there? It's been long since we last spoke."

"Yeah, I will call her right away." Lanni peeked at the time and found that they had already used up four minutes.

She sprinted into the living room to save as much time as possible but just as she was about to call out her sister's name...an unusual scene met her eyes.

Jiang Xingyu had his arms wrapped around Luna's slender body. Her hands were holding his neck and they were kissing passionately, locked in each other's embrace.

Lanni was startled. With flushed cheeks, she turned and went back to the bedroom. She would have Luna talk with their dad the next day.

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In the living room, about half an hour ago.

Once Lanni and Xiehan left, Luna no longer had a reason to keep pretending to be listening to music. She awkwardly gripped her phone when she suddenly realized that it was just her and Jiang Xingyu left in the living room, and how close they were.

He was so close that she could faintly feel the scent of his cologne. She had simply not noticed it earlier since they were not on their own but now, she could feel a slight hint of nervousness creep under her skin.

In the next moment, she took a deep breath to calm herself then yanked the earphones off.. It was just Jiang Xingyu. What was there to be nervous about?

Chapter 286 - Brother

"What are you listening to?" Jiang Xingyu chuckled, intrigued by her nervous look.

"Without you." Luna threw in a song she was not even listening to.

"Really?" Jiang Xingyu laughed. "That is my favorite song."

"Is it?" Luna giggled, not expecting that the song she had blurted out just happened to be one that he liked the most. She even suspected it to be one of those outdated methods that men used to make it seem like they had something in common with the woman they like.

"It is." Jiang Xingyu looked reminiscent. "The artist is one of my best artists too, I like many of his songs."

Luna did not respond so he continued, "He sang this particular album for the woman he loves, who left without saying a single word."

Luna was pensive when he heard his words. "Are you speaking nonsense to find a conversation topic?"

She thought he was making things up, especially when she heard the part about the woman leaving without saying a word. Even if he wanted to make up stories, couldn't he at least make one which didn't sound so similar to their own? Unless he was intentionally trying to remind her of what happened between them...

Jiang Xingyu knew what she was thinking about and said, "If you think I'm making things up, why don't you check?"

"Gladly." Luna immediately unlocked her phone, wondering why she had not thought of it before. When she did a search about the artist's wife, she was surprised that it was just as Jiang Xingyu had said: she had left him and disappeared without a trace, so the man had sang several emotional songs in a row to try and lure her back. What was even more shocking was that the song Luna had claimed to be listening to had been released just a few days after Luna left.

"Uh..."

This song suddenly made things awkward between them.

Knowing how she must feel, Jiang Xingyu coughed and tried to change the topic. "How have you been?"

She was happy that they didn't have to talk about it anymore, She smiled as she answered, "I'm alright... for the most part."

Jiang Xingyu nodded, not knowing what else to say. They were clearly able to converse normally with Lanni and Xiehan around. Now that it was just the two of them, why did he suddenly feel as blank as a clueless teenager in front of his crush?

Well, he really was clueless in front of his crush, only that he was not a teenager—though he was acting like one.

"Right!" He subconsciously exclaimed when he found something to talk about, and wanted to slap his mouth. What was wrong with him? He cleared his throat awkwardly. "How is the matter regarding Li Xiyang going?"

Luna gave him an odd look. They had been working together: Jiang Xingyu, Lin Jian, Xiehan, Cheng Yu and her. Shouldn't he know the progress? Even so, she nonchalantly answered, "There is a major lead. We can find her soon."

The man nodded. "If there is anything you need my help with, please let me know. I will do my best to be of use."

She could finally confirm that Jiang Xingyu was being weird. "You have been helping me already. Everyone has, and I would not have gotten this lead if we didn't all work together."

He ran a hand through his hair. "Yeah... but, if you need any help on a personal level, don't hesitate to tell me about it."

Luna pursed her lips slightly. "Then I won't be too polite."

Jiang Xingyu was overjoyed. She agreed to ask him for help! If he rounded it off, it should be equivalent to her being willing to be with him, right?

"Haha..." Luna let out a chuckle out of the blue.

"What are you laughing at?" She looked at her quizzically. Her phone was no longer in her hand so she could not have laughed at something funny she saw online.

She scanned him meaningfully. "I just find it funny... if you and Lanni appear in public together, wouldn't she have to address you as her brother?"

"It's already agonizing that I have to treat her like the little sister I dote on in front of other people. Can you not remind me?" Ever since he found out that he had mistaken his best friend's girlfriend for his own girlfriend, he had never been able to truly get rid of the awkwardness, especially thinking about how passionately he had pursued her.

"Xiehan could have made her anyone's sister. Why did he have to make her my sister? Shouldn't he have chosen Lin Jian instead?"

"No man would want his girlfriend to have a brother like him even if it is merely an act." Luna laughed, rejoicing in his misfortune. "Besides, unlike his parents, Uncle and Aunt Jiang know about my family's situation. They also like Lanni and me a lot, so they were willing to pretend to be Lanni's parents."

Madam Jiang's exact words had been, "Forget about pretending to be Lanni's mum. Even if you asked me to adopt her and make her my real daughter, I would gladly drag her to the civil affairs bureau."

Thinking about it made Luna's heart warm up. Was there any woman more loving than Madam Jiang? She should be given the title of the nation's mother.

She remembered something else and broke into another bout of laughter, making Jiang Xingyu look at her oddly. She laughed even harder. "Since Lanni is your sister and she is my sister too, doesn't that make us..."

"Take that back." Jiang Xingyu looked disgusted.

"Hahahaha no way! Isn't it awesome? Having a brother like you is my greatest accomplishment in life. Why would I take it back?"

"What did you call me?" Jiang Xingyu glances at her dangerously.

"Brother! What about it?" She was having a blast messing with him.

The man grabbed her chin to make her look into his eyes, then enunciated word for word, "Listen here. I am not your brother!"

Luna tore her gaze away, giggling at his enraged expression. "Oh? But you are. Brother! Is your little sister adorable? Brother, I really like the prawns from Scarlet restaurant. Will you get me some?"

Jiang Xingyu decided to ignore her.

Luna grabbed his arm like a spoilt girl, ruffling his hair at the same time. She was seriously getting too much into the role of an annoying little sister. "Brother, why aren't you speaking to me? Are you mad at me?"

Jiang Xingyu was suddenly glad that he didn't have a sister. Were they this annoying? What annoyed him even more was that the woman he loved was calling him her brother so freely without a tinge of awkwardness. If she had an ounce of feelings for him, she should at least be unwilling to think of him as her brother even if it was an act, right?

He turned sharply, looking down at her furiously. "You are asking for it."

Seeing him on the verge of exploding, Luna smiled and wanted to tease him even more. "B..."

She was barely able to get the first syllable out when her lips were suddenly sealed with his.

Her eyes shot open as he slid a hand behind his neck and kissed her roughly and demandingly, as though trying to mark his territory.

When he felt her body stiffen, the man was pulled back to his senses. He pulled his hand off her head and couldn't bear to look into her eyes.

A moment ago, he was so furious that he wanted to remind her just who he was. In order to prove that they would never be fraternally related, he had lost his mind and kissed her without her permission.

"I... I'm sorry." He swallowed.

Luna looked back at him blankly, not uttering a word.

'She must be so angry that she doesn't know what to say. Damn it Jiang Xingyu!' He cursed himself in his mind. They had merely gotten a tiny bit closer in the past few days. By doing what he just did, didn't he nullify all his efforts? He grabbed her arm desperately. "Luna, I..."

Before he could utter one more word, he suddenly felt a soft body bumping into him slightly and his lips were covered in the next second. He froze for a moment and was yet to register what was going on when the girl pulled away.

She looked at him admonishingly. "If you are going to kiss me, do it like you mean it. Why did you stop midway?"

Her words startled the hell out of him. What was Luna saying?! She did know the implication of her words, right?

Before he could ask, she wrapped her hands around his neck as she pressed herself onto him and sealed his lips with hers. He felt heat crawl under his skin as her slender little fingers caressed the back of his neck.

Losing control of his restraint, he wrapped his arms around her body and deepened the kiss.

Chapter 287 - Sister-in-law As Cupid

The duo was still immersed in their kiss when they had a soft patter of footsteps and started, and Luna instantly pulled away from him.

"Luna..." Jiang Xingyu called out in a complaining tone. He had not had enough.

"Lanni just saw..." Luna couldn't bring herself to speak out the whole statement. Her image in her sister's mind must be ruined. "Besides, this is Lanni's place and..."

Although she couldn't complete the second statement either, Jiang Xingyu understood what she was trying to say. She found it indigent to make out in someone else's house, especially since they were not alone.

He looked at her, his eyes still full of passion as he asked, "Does this mean we can kiss more when we're alone?"

Luna shot him a glare. That was not what she meant, okay?

Though, thinking back to the taste of his lips, she wouldn't mind...

Xiehan finished cooking and lay the dining table. He then went to the living room. "The food is ready."

"Okay!" Both Luna and Jiang Xingyu rushed to the dining room like they were running away from each other.

Xiehan regarded them pensively. What had happened between these two this time?

He was just about to dismiss it as none of his business when a small hand slung over his shoulder. Lanni stood on her toes and tried to make it seem like she was taller than him, comically stretching her hand so she could plant her elbow on his shoulder. "If you finished cooking any later, the scene would have turned X-rated." she chuckled.

Xiehan looked in the direction of the dining room and laughed. "Xingyu finally wormed his way into her heart?"

"I think he did!" Lanni was more excited about her sister finding love than she was about her own love life.

Xiehan laughed and pulled the apron off him, took it back to the kitchen then went to the dining room with Lanni.

The meal took half an hour and when they were all done, Xiehan went to do the dishes. Casting a meaningful glance at Luna, Lanni quickly followed Xiehan to the kitchen.

The man was just done loading the dishwasher, so she wrapped her arms around his waist from behind.

Xiehan had not heard her walk in, so he was briefly surprised and chuckled as he placed his hand over hers. "What are you doing here?"

Lanni snaked her hand over his abs, feeling them through the fabric of his shirt. He must have worked hard to obtain such impressive muscles... she was entranced for a moment before she answered jubilantly, "I'm giving those two knuckleheads a chance to set off sparks."

"You naughty little thing." Xiehan laughed. "What about us? Won't you give us a chance to set of sparks too?"

Lanni pressed against his back, breathing warm air into his neck. "What if, giving the blockheads a chance to set off sparks is just an excuse, and the real reason I'm here is to grab the chance to hug you like this?"

He turned and pulled her into a hug, planting a gentle kiss on her forehead. "Then you can hug me as much as you want."

Lanni slid a hand to the back of his neck as she looked up into his eyes.

He cupped her face with one hand as he leaned his back against the kitchen counter. "You get more beautiful the more I look at you, my love."

Lanni tiptoed while pulling down his neck and kissed his lips softly.

He grabbed her waist and was about to deepen the kiss when she pulled away with a titter. He frowned and looked at her. "What's that about?"

She winked and pulled farther away from him, giving him a meaningful look. "See you tonight."

Xiehan was unsatisfied when she took off immediately after turning him on but when he heard her words, he looked forward to it.

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Being left in the same room with Jiang Xingyu once again, Luna clutched her phone tightly.

She couldn't help remembering that she had suddenly kissed him out of her own volition earlier. Thinking about it, she couldn't bear to face him. How was she supposed to explain that? Should she pretend it didn't happen?

Or should she act like it meant nothing? She was not sure whether it meant nothing to her, but one thing was for sure. Jiang Xingyu definitely took it to heart.

After mulling over it, she decided that the best response was to have no response at all. The best thing was probably to flee before he brought it up.

"I need to go now..." she started.

"I should get going." Jiang Xingyu spoke at the same time.

"Then... we should both leave." Luna chuckled at the coincidence.

Jiang Xingyu nodded slightly. He had wanted to leave when he saw how awkward she was beside him, so she would be more comfortable.

But now that they both wanted to leave, he couldn't help smiling and wanting to be selfish for a moment. "Since we are both leaving, how about we leave together? I can drop you off."

Luna had come on a cab earlier, so she did not mind hitching a ride. "Okay."

Jiang Xingyu was in disbelief for a moment. She really agreed?

He snapped back in a moment and grabbed his car keys. "I will let Xiehan and Lanni know."

As soon as he spoke, he stopped to think. Xiehan and Lanni were alone in the kitchen. What if he interrupted something he shouldn't..?

"You guys are leaving?" Lanni arrived and asked before he could stand to go look for them.

"Uh.. yeah." Luna smiled. "I have a few things to do."

Lanni nodded, not intending to insist that they stay longer. "Xingyu, could I bother you to drop my sister off?" She took in the role of cupid and created an opportunity for them to spend more time together.

"Sure. I will make sure she arrives in her apartment in one piece before I leave." The man quickly accepted the important task, in fear that Luna would change her mind and take a cab instead.

And so, Lanni saw them off to his car before she giggled her way back to the house. Things were probably going to get heated between those two tonight. Would she have an adorable little nephew or niece soon?

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Goldenwing apartments.

As soon as Jiang Xingyu pulled up, Luna literally jumped off the car like she was running for her life. "Thanks for the ride! If there is nothing else, then..."

She stopped her statement when she realized that Jiang Xingyu had gotten off the car as well and was standing beside her. "Where are you going?"

"I promised Lanni that I would make sure you arrive in your apartment in one piece." He shamelessly threw in the excuse that Lanni had given him.

"But I have arrived." She furrowed her eyebrows.

"Yeah, but you are still in the parking lot. My mission will only be complete once I make sure you are in your house." He had on an expression of a serious employee who followed instructions to the last detail.

Luna was helpless, so she could only let him tag along as she went to the elevator.

"Since this residence was already discovered by Li Xiyan, don't you think it is dangerous to keep living here? Don't you think you and Cheng Yu should have moved to a more secure place?" He expressed his concern as the elevator went up.

"Don't worry about us; the security of this place is actually passable... it's just that Li Xiyan had some force behind her and Xiao Yu was on her own. Otherwise, no one would be able to get her if I was there with her." She explained. "Besides, I often have it hard getting used to a new environment. I would rather stay where I am."

The man considered her words and nodded in approval. His mother had already told him this. Paired with the fact that he had dispatched people to secretly take care of them, there was really nothing to worry about—he had only asked to strike a conversation.

The elevator soon arrived, and the man kept tagging along as Luna made her way to her unit.

She didn't pay attention to him and walked ahead. Realizing that the door was locked and Cheng Yu was probably not in, she took her key and opened the door.

"I'm here. You have completed your assignment so you can go back now." She attempted to shoo him away.

"Aren't you going to invite me in for a cup of tea?" The man sounded aggrieved, as though he had been treated unfairly.

"One is really marked by the company one keeps." Luna mumbled. What a shameless man!

In the end, she could not shake him off so she said, "Come in. I will make you a cup of tea."

Jiang Xingyu excitedly hopped in and took a seat.

Luna had not minded him before but now that she recalled that Cheng Yu was away, and it was just the two of them in her apartment, why was her heart racing faster than usual?

Chapter 288 - Go Back To Business

Luna ignored the turmoil of emotions and went to the kitchen to start making a cup of tea. Thinking of a way to buy time until Cheng Yu returned, she decided to bake pancakes as well.

Alas, she was still in the middle of preparing the batter when her phone chimed with a notification.

She peeked over and saw a new text message.

[Xiao Yu: Luna, I went to visit my brother at home and will stay over tonight. See you tomorrow!]

Luna cursed. Cheng Yu just had to spend the night away at such a time. She grudgingly sent an "Ok, take care" then huffed as she looked at the batter.

Finding it meaningless, she decided to keep it in the fridge and just make a cup of tea.

A few minutes later, she emerged from the kitchen with a cup of tea and placed it in front of him. "Have your tea and leave."

"Why are you sending me away so fast? Do you hate me so much?" Jiang Xingyu complained, sounding aggrieved.

Luna flopped on the couch opposite him. "It's inappropriate for a man to spend too much time in a single woman's house."

Jiang Xingyu raised an eyebrow. So that was why... "But what is so inappropriate about it? It would be so if we were unrelated strangers, but I'm in love with you so what is so bad about it?"

"I'm not in love with you." Luna gritted her teeth.

"Mmh." Jiang Xingyu took a sip of his tea. "But you like me at the very least."

Luna wanted to refute but she couldn't find the right words and could only bite her lip. If she claimed not to like him in the slightest, how could she explain the kiss she willingly planted on his lips earlier?

"Enough nonsense. Just take your tea, okay?"

Jiang Xingyu smiled and took another tiny sip. Selfish to spend more time with her, he took the tea one tiny sip at a time, savoring the taste like it was tea made by the gods.

Soon, one hour had elapsed. Luna couldn't take it anymore. "Why are you taking your sweet time?"

Jiang Xingyu took another tiny sip. "You invited me for a cup of tea, but you don't want to let me take it? Where is your sincerity?"

Luna almost coughed up blood from fury. This man was doing it on purpose! Deciding not to bicker with him anymore, she took her laptop and started playing a game while ignoring him.

By the time Jiang Xingyu was done, it was already 11pm and the tea was cold and no longer as tasty.

Luna had managed to create a new virus and was giving him a weird look.

At that time, his phone rang.

He picked it up with a brilliant smile. "Hello, mother?"

"You punk. You said you would come home for dinner but didn't come in the end. Were you messing with me?" The woman sounded enraged.

Jiang Xingyu scratched his head, remembering that he did promise to go home for dinner. "I forgot about it... I had dinner at Lanni's place with Luna so it slipped my mind."

"You had dinner with Luna? That's great, that's great! How is my little darling?" Madam Jiang excitedly forgot that she was lecturing her son and went on to ask about her darling future daughter-in-law.

Jiang Xingyu snuck a glance at the girl opposite him before promptly saying, "She is right here with me. Do you want to say hello?"

"Eh? You are with Luna right now... at this hour?" Madam Jiang was astonished. "Are you two alone?"

Jiang Xingyu's ears heated up slightly, catching his mother's meaningful tone. "Yes, I am at her apartment..."

Before he could finish his statement, his mother coughed awkwardly. "Why didn't you say so? You made me disturb your sacred moment! Hurry and get back to business." She then hung up, leaving Jiang Xingyu speechless.

When the call ended, he caught a glimpse of the time and was surprised. it was so late... no wonder Luna was glaring daggers at him.

Deciding to let her be on her own now, he stood up. "Thanks for the tea, I think I should get going now."

Luna looked relieved. "You finally realized..." she had been sitting on pins and needles for these three agonizing hours!

Jiang Xingyu was helpless. "Can you at least be a little less obvious when kicking me out? Where is your hospitality?"

luna ignored his complaint and stood to see him off before he could change his mind and forcefully stay the night.

"I'll only see you to the door. You know your way to the parking." She dismissed as soon as they reached the door.

"I'll see myself off." Jiang Xingyu recalled something and stopped in his tracks.

Because she was not expecting him to suddenly stop, she bumped right into his back.

"Can't you warn me before you stop?" Luna rubbed her nose that had only sustained a slight numbing pain from the sudden impact.

"Can't you watch your step?" Jiang Xingyu shamelessly threw the blame at her.

He even turned to look at her like she was an alien. "Is your nose made of concrete? My spine was almost broken."

"What?!" Luna cringed.

The man started stretching his back, acting like he was in agonizing pain. "My back hurts so much... I can't even move an inch!" He wailed exaggeratedly.

Luna rolled her eyes. "Drop the horrible act. Would you be standing there and wailing so much if you were really in pain?"

Hearing that, he dashed to the nearest sofa and flopped down. "You don't believe me? It hurts so badly... come and take a look."

Seeing how pitiful he looked, Luna took a deep breath and went to take a look. Even though she knew that he was merely putting on an act, she could not bear to think of the 0.01% possibility that he could really be in pain.

He knelt beside the couch and spun him so he was lying on his stomach. "Where does it hurt?"

Jiang Xingyu was overjoyed after successfully having his way. He stretched his hand to touch a random spot where her nose should have bumped into. "Here. Ah... it hurts..."

Luna was speechless. Why don't you become an actor?

She violently tugged on his shirt so it was untucked from his pants and pulled it up to his neck.

Jiang Xingyu was caught off guard and his heart raced. What was Luna doing?

The girl inspected his back even though she knew there was nothing to look for. Instead, she was entranced by his body. His shoulders were broad and muscular, leading down to a perfectly sculpted back. Such an impressive backview... she subconsciously wondered what his chest and abs looked like.

She was about to call him out for intentionally lying to get his attention but her throat was too parched to get any word out. Instead, her fingers gently trailed along his back as she admired it.

Jiang Xingyu continued lying on the couch obediently. Even though he didn't know what she meant by touching his back in such a way, he enjoyed what she was doing so he did not intend to stop her.

The more she touched it, the more she wanted to touch. The allure won over her and before she realized what she was doing, she stretched her hand across his back tried to snake it to his chest. However, it was impossible with her position so she sat on the couch next to his legs and hugged him from the back.

The man grunted as she caressed his upper body without an ounce of restraint.

Luna cursed herself for how unrestrained she was acting but even then, her hands did not stop moving. She touched his nipple between her thumb and forefinger, driving the man almost to the limit of his self control. He grabbed her hand and sat up then faced her as though using his eyes to question her intentions.

Luna didn't know what answer to give to that, her own breathing disoriented.

Seeing her flushed cheeks, all the remaining restraint in Jiang Xingyu broke free and he grabbed her pressing a kiss onto her lips.

Luna did not push him away, on the contrary hugging his back as she let him deepen the kiss.

He held the back of her head as he gently pushed his tongue past her lips and into her mouth. She involuntarily let out a small moan as his hand left her head and circled her lower back.

Still holding the kiss, he lowered her onto the couch and pressed his body onto hers, grinding as he kissed her deeply.

The living room was filled with the sound of their kisses and panting.

The man traced down her body and found the hem of her blouse. Just before he pulled it up, she grabbed his hand and pressed down on it.

He broke the loss and looked at her in askance to which she replied, "we can't do that yet."

Jiang Xingyu let out a small smile and let go of her blouse. "Then let's just kiss.." What followed was a round of more intense kisses.

Luna grabbed a fistful of his hair, completely losing herself in the passion of their kiss. The man caressed her back all the way down to her thigh with one hand while the other held the back of her head.

It was only when he uncontrollably reached to touch her breasts that the man stopped.

"Any more and I will not be able to control myself," He said in a hoarse voice, his heart still racing and his breath ragged as the aftermath of their passionate kiss.

Luna sat up and straightened her clothes. If they continued, she would not be able to control herself either.

Jiang Xingyu straightened his shirt and tucked it back in then gently looked at her. "Just now..."

Luna knew what he was about to say and quickly interrupted, "I'm sleepy. I should go to bed now or I will have dark circles when I wake up."

Jiang Xingyu paused his statement and could only hum in approval. He knew that she was avoiding the topic but seeing that she was not willing to talk about it, he did not force her and let her change the topic.

"It's already so late." Luna almost bit her tongue off as soon as the words were out. She meant to rush him to leave since it was already so late, but her words sounded misleading. One would think she was asking him to stay over since it was too late to leave.

Seeing the joyful grin on his face, she knew that he must have misunderstood.

She smiled and tried to explain, "What I mean is, it's already so late so you should probably..."

Before she could complete her statement, he grabbed her hand and looked at her pitifully. "It's already late and I am too sleepy as well... I can't drive."

"Then call a chauffeur." She dismissed.

"But that is too troublesome. Please let me stay here, I promise I will be good."

"Are you kidding me?" Luna rebuked. Let him stay under the same roof with her, when it was just the two of them in the house? No way!

Seeing that she was going to reject him, he rubbed his eyes and yawned. "What if I fall asleep while driving and cause an accident? Just let me stay, alright? I will obediently sleep on the couch."

Luna was wondering whether to let him sleep on her bed and sleep in Cheng Yu's room herself when she heard his words. Since he suggested sleeping on the couch himself, she would not be bullying him if she let him. In fact, it had saved her the trouble so she agreed.

She looked at him sternly. "Go to sleep. I will get you a blanket."

Jiang Xingyu had wanted to sleep on the couch in her room but it was already good enough that she was letting him stay so he did not complain.

Luna searched for a blanket in her room and was shocked when she found none. How could she not have any extra blanket?! This was insane, right?

She went to check in Cheng Yu's room and didn't find any either.

She finally remembered that she had wanted to replace them and cleared them out but she had not had the time to buy new ones. Just great...

Since it had come to this and she had already told the man that he could stay over, she could only bite her lip and drag him to her room.

"Luna?" The man who had been dragged by his collar was surprised.

Luna tried not to look at him. "You will spend the night here."

He was overjoyed. "Here, on the couch?" he glanced at the couch which was just a few steps away from her bed.

The girl massaged her temples. "Nope... on the bed."

Jiang Xingyu was in disbelief.

Before he could express his surprise, she grabbed a set of men's clothes and tossed them at him before pointing to the bathroom. "Go and take a shower."

The man chuckled and went to the bathroom. If he told anyone that he was going to wear his girlfriend's clothes, would they believe him?

Luckily, they were men's clothes or he would have preferred to sleep wearing nothing.

He was done in a few minutes and exited the bathroom, wearing a shirt which was tight on him. Luckily, Luna had always worn men's clothes that were slightly bigger than her size to conceal her breasts, or else he would not have been able to wear them.

She stared at him for a moment and swallowed to suppress her urge to pounce on him. What was wrong with her today? Her weird out-of-control urge was scary!

She grabbed a towel and a nightdress then took a shower herself. When she was done, she dried her hair then climbed to the bed and shot the man sitting on the couch a look. "Make yourself comfortable, but don't touch me unless you hate your hands and want them sliced off."

The man laughed at her threat. "You don't want me to touch you?"

Luna shot him a dirty look. "What? Did you think I called you to my bed so we could have sex?"

"Ahem..." Could she be a little less blunt? He had not harboured such hopes so he was not disappointed. He climbed onto the bed, keeping some distance from her after covering himself. "If you don't want me to touch you then don't touch me either."

Luna wanted to admonish him but she could not find any word to retaliate. He had every right to say that. After all, the intense kiss earlier was a result of her touching and groping him so much that he could no longer restrain himself.

She turned to her side to face away from him. "Go to sleep. Goodnight."

"Can I give you a goodnight kiss? I promise I will only kiss without touching you."

He laughed at her flushed little face and dragged his body to her side. Using his hands as support, he hovered over her and pressed a light kiss onto her temple. He proceeded to smack gentle kisses on her face, as though he was treating her like a valuable treasure.

"Goodnight, my love."

Chapter 290 - I Like Doing This, Only To You

About three hours ago, in Lanni's new apartment.

The doorbell rang. Xiehan, who was reading a document on his laptop, was startled alert. "Only three people know your new residence. Xingyu and Luna have already left so... who could that be?"

He was about to stand and answer it when Lanni sauntered past him nonchalantly. "It could be one of my colleagues."

Xiehan thought about it and found it impossible but stood up, picking his laptop from the coffee table. "If it's someone from Xing Real Estate then they should not see me."

After all, according to everyone in that company, Lanni—as Jiang Xiaomu—was his godsister and he was an engaged man, so it would raise eyebrows if he appeared at her house at night.

He fled to her room as she went to open the door. Just when he started wondering who the newcomer could be, his gaze caught the ashen-blond wig on a mannequin. His blood ran cold. She had forgotten her disguise!

The door of the bedroom opened just as he contemplated whether to send her a text message.

"You..."

"Work clothes." Lanni waved the package she had just received.

"You ordered a delivery? You do know that you scared me, right?" Xiehan admonished, sighing in relief.

"You look so cute when you are worried." Lanni laughed at his expense then hastily stuffed the package into the closet as though it was a bomb.

For the next two hours, she sat on her bed and read through several files from Xing Real Estate. She had gotten her hands on them using a lot of effort, and they would help her get a better understanding of the company she was working for.

By the time she was done, it was a little late at night. She peeked at her phone and found that she had not received any text message from Luna. The latter had promised to text her, which made her eyebrows raise out of curiosity.

"She didn't have time to text me... I wonder if Jiang Xingyu got lucky tonight. Do you think he will?" She meaningfully asked the man on the couch, who had just finished going through documents from Feng Ji International.

Xiehan looked up at her with a frown. "Why do you care so much about Xingyu? Why don't you ask your own man whether he got lucky?"

Lanni laughed at his expression. She set her laptop onto the bedside table and rolled off the bed. "You are not getting jealous because I paid a little attention to them, right?"

The man did not say a word, but from his expression, she guessed that he was indeed jealous. Pfft... how cute.

She walked to the closet and retrieved the parcel she had received earlier. Making sure that he was not watching, she opened the package and pulled something out, then promptly wrapped it in a cotton towel.

Xiehan raised an eyebrow at her theatrics.

"I'm going to take a shower." She announced and fled into the bathroom in the next second.

He glanced at the bathroom door with a laugh. Why was she acting strange?

He reclined on the couch to wait for her.

About half an hour later, the door to the bathroom opened and the girl stepped out.

She had a long sheer black robe draped around her body.

Before he could take a second look, she fumbled with the little tie at the front and pulled the robe open, then let it slide off her shoulders onto the floor behind her.

Her seductive body came into view. Her breasts were covered in a fiery red lace bra that was a perfect match with the lace thong and high-thigh stockings she was wearing. The red material clung to her body like it was part of her skin, accentuating the fairness of her skin and the soft curves of her body.

He had not expected her to suddenly exit the bathroom wearing lingerie, so he gulped at the sight as he finally understood why she was acting sneaky earlier.

"You look gorgeous." He croaked, his body swiftly reacting to the view.

"Stand up," she said, her voice seductive and commanding.

He reflexively stood, his eyes not leaving her body for a second.

Lanni was satisfied by his reaction, and by the visibly obvious bulge below his waist. "Take your shirt off."

Xiehan's lips twitched, intrigued by her tone. He unbuttoned his shirt with a chuckle and took it off, gladly obeying her order.

Once the shirt was done away with, Lanni surveyed his upper body. Her man's body was getting more impressive by the day, with the abs hardening even more.

"Pants down." This time, her voice trembled and her face couldn't be any redder.

The man obediently unbuckled his belt and held the trousers by the sides of his waist. "Just the pants?"

Lanni's breathing was slightly disoriented. "Just the pants."

He took it off and stood with his hands at the sides of his boxer briefs, waiting for her next order.

On the contrary, she closed in on him and grabbed his hands, pulling them away from his waist. Then she slowly slid onto her knees.

"You like doing this, don't you?" His belly vibrated slightly from his laugh.

"I like doing it..." she peeked up at him while licking her lips gently. "...only to you."

She pulled down his boxer briefs, letting out his hard, throbbing shaft. She caressed its base gently before promptly taking him in her mouth. The man closed his eyes and let out a groan of pleasure, his hand involuntarily holding her head and curling a fistful of her hair around his fingers.

Her head bobbed as she slid his manhood in and out of her mouth, her warm tongue twirling around it gently.

She caressed his thighs simultaneously and rested her hands on his waist, sucking him faster and deeper than she ever had.

Groans and pants left his mouth, mixing with her own gentle moans. He soon felt his climax building up and held the back of her head. "Honey, I'm close."

The girl stopped to catch her breath and looked at his rod which was now so hard that it almost hurt. "Not yet."

She stood up while sliding her hands along his abdomen all the way to his chest, then pushed him towards the bed.