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Chapter 116 Papa

Lu Jinye raised his head, his calm gaze met Xu Changshu's eyes. He sized her up silently, then opened his mouth apathetically.

"I hope you can stop insulting her in the future, Changshu."

Following his words, Lu Jinye held Mu Zhi's hand and slowly walked towards his car, while Mu Zhi was holding Mu Xiaomu with her other hand.

When Mu Xiaomu got into the car, she looked at Mu Zhi in confusion.

"Mama, why is grandma angry?"

Mu Zhi could not gather a response to Mu Xiaomu. Why would Xu Changshu be mad...

On the other hand, Lu Jinye behaved more patiently. He looked at Mu Xiaomu's glittering jet-black eyes solemnly, explaining, "Because grandma wishes to make your mama do something she doesn't want to do."

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"That means grandma doesn't love mama."

After Lu Jinye was done explaining, he was caught off guard by Mu Xiaomu's remark.

What she said surprised Mu Zhi as well. Mu Zhi turned to Mu Xiaomu in astonishment. Lu Jinye became increasingly patient. His eyes were dazzling in a glow of tenderness, "Yeah, grandma doesn't love mama."

"Papa loves mama. Papa doesn't make mama do what mama doesn't like to do."

Xiaomu promptly added. The interaction made Mu Zhi feel a little awkward. She swiftly gathered Mu Xiaomu into her embrace, wrapped her arms around Xiaomu, not letting her say another word.

Meanwhile, Mu Xiaomu stayed in Mu Zhi's embrace obsequiously, making no attempt to struggle. Her adorable, watery eyes were locked on Lu Jinye for almost the entire journey towards Mu Zhi's apartment.

Eventually, she became tired from staring, gradually closing her heavy eyelids, and fell asleep.

Mu Zhi then said to Lu Jinye, "Just drop us home. I shall take the chance to think of what's going to happen next."

"When you're in the states with your mother, in case of Jian Xiaoning can't take care of Xiaomu, I can babysit her."

Although... He was unconfident of his knowledge of taking care of a child.

He blurted the words without thinking twice.

"Nah, it's fine, don't worry, Xiaoning can handle her."

Mu Zhi was quick to refuse his request.

However, Mu Xiaomu suddenly woke up. She crawled out of Mu Zhi's embrace carefully, looked at Lu Jinye with her expressive, round eyes, "Papa, I need you to look after me!"

Just as she finished speaking, Mu Zhi swiftly put a hand over her mouth to muffle her speech. Mu Zhi then looked to Lu Jinye awkwardly, saying, "It's fine. It's fine."

Amid the exchange of words, they had arrived at Mu Zhi's apartment entrance. Lu Jinye did not pursue further, seeing that Mu Zhi was adamant to decline his gesture. He watched the two of them enter the apartment before going back into his car, setting off to the company.

At the Shanze Building, it was the first time Lu Jinye had been late to a meeting by fifteen minutes. Everyone thought Lu Jinye must have run into some important matters!

Everyone except Linda, who was wearing a smile. She did not say anything. Yeah, super important, everything about Secretary Mu is super important!

At night.

Mu Xiaomu took a long time to settle down and fall into sleep. Mu Zhi ascertained that Mu Xiaomu had fallen asleep before knocking on Jian Xiaoning's door.

Meanwhile, Jian Xiaoning was sitting before her computer, lasered in on the research proposal. When Mu Zhi came in, she took off the glasses, placed them on the desk, and turned to Mu Zhi.

Mu Zhi was reluctant to speak. She stammered, “My mother’s application of transfer to the United States have been approved, she may be sent overseas for treatment.”

“So... Regarding Mu Xiaomu...” Mu Zhi had not managed to finish her sentence before Jian Xiaoning’s phone rang.

“One moment.”

Jian Xiaoning said before promptly answering the call.

It was a quiet night. Jian Xiaoning received a call from the dean.

The dean informed Jian Xiaoning that there was a breakout among children in City S. The hospital over there was short of hands while the source of the breakout was closely related to Jian Xiaoning’s specialty. The dean planned to assign Jian Xiaoning to City S for an attachment.

The dean sounded anxious, a testimony of the seriousness of the issue.

Jian Xiaoning did not hesitate before agreeing to the plan, while the dean told her to be at the airport at eight in the morning, joining the rest of the medical team on a chartered flight to City S.

Listening to their exchange, Mu Zhi was starting to get worried.

She was a doctor after all. She understood the importance of saving lives.

When Jian Xiaoning hung up the call and reverted her attention to Mu Zhi, allowing Mu Zhi to finish what she had to say, Mu Zhi waggled her hand, saying, “It’s fine, it’s fine. I’m just saying that Mu Xiaomu has been great lately, plus I’ve just lost my job lately. So, I’m thinking to let you rest for a few days. Let me bring Xiaomu to school.”

Mu Zhi was afraid to put Jian Xiaoning on the spot. She knew Jian Xiaoning’s personality. If she had told Jian Xiaoning that she would be bringing her mother overseas for the treatment, Jian Xiaoning would not hesitate to carry all the responsibilities on her shoulders.

Thus, Mu Zhi chose to tell a lie.

Mu Zhi just chuckled helplessly, “I’m more than happy to bring Xiaomu to school, especially when I can steal a few glances at the rich, fine-looking parents of her classmates. But I need to go on a business trip tomorrow.”

“Then get some rest. Let me pack the stuff for you.”

“Nah, I can handle it.”

Jian Xiaoning quickly stopped Mu Zhi.

However, Mu Zhi insisted to stay with Jian Xiaoning. She sat and watched for a long moment only returning to her bedroom when Jian Xiaoning was done with her packing and ready for bed.

She struggled to fall asleep that night.

Her mind was empty, yet it felt like something was bothering her... Something difficult to rid of.

The second day, Mu Zhi woke up when the morning sunlight poured in through the window, setting the entire bedroom alight.

Jian Xiaoning had left with her luggage. The entire apartment was only left with Mu Zhi and Mu Xiaomu.

Mu Xiaomu cracked her groggy eyes open, rubbing her eyes as she walked out of her room in a trance, “Mama, are you going to work?”

Mu Zhi took a look at the time. She needed to go to the hospital today. So, she prepared some steamed egg custard for Mu Xiaomu and waited until she finished her breakfast before saying, “Good girl, stay at home a while, I will be heading to the hospital to visit my mama. I’ll be back soon.”

Mu Xiaomu used to be clingy towards Mu Zhi, but surprisingly, she was submissive this morning. “Sure, mama, hurry up and go, don’t worry about me.”

Mu Zhi thought Mu Xiaomu had grown up. She was pleased with Mu Xiaomu’s sensibility, so she left delightfully.

However, as soon as she left the apartment, Mu Xiaomu pulled out a note from her pocket, picked up the receiver of the telephone, and dialed a number.

When the call was answered, she shouted in her little girl’s voice, “Papa.”

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Chapter 117 Babysitting

Lu Jinye was having breakfast at home. Sitting across him was Xiao Qingqing.

It was the first time Lu Jinye spared some time to get breakfast with Xiao Qingqing since she told him of her pregnancy. She was over the moon.

Helping Lu Jinye to some soup, she grinned from ear to ear, confessing the Lu Jinye, “Jinye, do you remember? I told you that my wish is to be with you.”

Lu Jinye did not even raise his head, responding to her, “It’s because you were busy with work at the time.”

While Lu Jinye was occupied with work as well. However, Lu Jinye was willing to spend time with Xiao Qingqing at the time, and paradoxically, Xiao Qingqing was buried in countless jobs and events.

Lu Jinye was just a label to her.

So, she would be identified as the daughter-in-law of the distinguished Lu Family.

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Xiao Qingqing giggled in embarrassment when Lu Jinye mentioned it. She rose to her feet and leaned on Lu Jinye’s back, saying coyly, “Jinye, stop bringing up the past, I admit that I had neglected you back then, but can’t you see that I’ve been trying my best to make up for the lost time?”

Just as Xiao Qingqing was putting all efforts to create a loving atmosphere for the two, Lu Jinye’s phone suddenly went off. He lowered his head, glanced at the number, and burst to his feet, answering the call.

He headed out the door before picking it up. Xiao Qingqing noticed Lu Jinye’s gesture, so she followed behind him surreptitiously.

Standing behind him, Xiao Qingqing had no idea who the caller was. Towards the end of the call, she saw Lu Jinye relaxed his tone, saying to the caller, “Ok, I’ll go pick you up.”

Then hung up the call.

Xiao Qingqing immediately dashed back to her seat when Lu Jinye was done with the call. She pretended like nothing had happened, returning to her seat only to notice that the bowl of soup had not been touched.

She raised her head and asked casually, "Jinye, who called?"

"I asked your secretary about your schedule today, I was thinking to ask you to go shop for some items for the baby with me."

While asking who the caller was, Xiao Qingqing was exploring multiple ways to make Lu Jinye stay with her today.

Lu Jinye had no intention to carry on with breakfast. He had headed for his coat as he turned back to look at Xiao Qingqing, "Just let Madam Zhang accompany you later. This house is a little too small. There's another villa in the southern suburbs for the baby and you in the future."

"Where are you going?"

Xiao Qingqing stood up, approaching Lu Jinye, and pulled his elbow in a toady way, "But, I feel it's more meaningful for both parents to handle the baby's matters together."

"I have some business to take care of at work."

Lu Jinye muttered at her as soon as she finished her sentence. He used work as an excuse to get away.

When work was mentioned, Xiao Qingqing had no means to refute. She must maintain her considerate front. Thus, she nodded at Lu Jinye sorrowfully, allowing him to leave, and told him to take care of himself.

Xiao Qingqing watched his car set off. She sat in the bedroom, but felt no instance of peace at all!

She looked at the list of maternity essentials store that she had researched, and crossed them off one by one!

The more she thought about it, the more discontented she was!

She was clear what Lu Jinye was like. He was strict with time management, so he had a habit of planning his schedule ahead of him. Even the short breakfast they had together was scheduled since a long time ago!

In the end, he was summoned away by a mere phone call!

Xiao Qingqing was upset!

She put on her jacket immediately and stormed out of the villa.

Where do I go?

After entering the car, Xiao Qingqing's instincts told her that something had occurred to Mu Zhi again!

She promptly went to Shen Mobo, asking him to look for Mu Zhi's whereabouts.

Being alone on the road, she was circling the area aimlessly in exasperation!

In the end, added on top of her rage was Shen Mobo's news!

Because! He found out that Mu Zhi was currently living in an apartment that belonged to Lu Jinye!

At that thought, Xiao Qingqing was as mad as a wet hen!

She immediately made a U-turn, then headed towards Mu Zhi's apartment, following the address Shen Mobo gave her.

True enough, when she came to the entrance of the suburb, she could see Lu Jinye's parked car from afar. Lu Jinye had stepped off his car, standing by the headlights with his back straight, gaze locked on the upper floors, obviously waiting for someone special to receive it!

Xiao Qingqing gritted her teeth, enraged!

Lu Jinye lied through his teeth just to come to look for Mu Zhi!

She glared in his direction maliciously. But all of a sudden, a little girl rocking a white mini-dress gradually came out from the building.

It was Mu Xiaomu!

The moment Lu Jinye saw Mu Xiaomu, he cast his gaze behind her, "Where's your mama, Mu Zhi?"

Mu Xiaomu rang him in the morning saying the Jian Xiaoning had to go on a business trip. And mama had things to take care of. She might need Lu Jinye to babysit him.

She told him that she hoped that he could keep the promise he made in the car earlier.

Mu Xiaomu was well-articulated through the phone. She spoke sensibly too.

Lu Jinye thought that it was Mu Zhi who taught her to say that. But he only found out that Mu Zhi was not around when he arrived at the apartment.

Mu Xiaomu grinned at Lu Jinye, revealing two rows of glittering white teeth, explaining casually, "Mama is at the hospital to visit mama's mama."

“So, does your mama know how long you’re planning to stay at my place?”

Mu Xiaomu became troubled by the question. Ignoring the remark, she scrambled to get into Lu Jinye’s car, itching to get on with it.

Amid scurrying towards the car, she said, “Let’s go, we need to hurry up. I heard what mama said to Mama Xiaoning last night when I was going to the bathroom. Mama has no time to take care of me anymore.”

Mu Xiaomu spent the entire night to come up with the justification, using up all of her inadequate brainpower.

Meanwhile, Lu Jinye frowned at her. He planned to not pamper Mu Xiaomu in the first place. But her expressive, round eyes were flooding with innocence. He could not bear her adorable looks. So, he ended up bending forward, lifted Mu Xiaomu off the ground, and brought her into the car.

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Chapter 118 How Do You Conclude That the Child Belongs To Lu Jinye?!

Xiao Qingqing watched Lu Jinye carry Mu Xiaomu into his car from afar, his expression brimming with tolerance. She clenched her fists fiercely, piercing her nails into the skin of her palms.

She watched Lu Jinye from afar!

Although she had lied to Lu Jinye about her pregnancy, Lu Jinye’s ignorance made her even angrier!

Because at this moment, Lu Jinye chose to accompany a random little girl, setting aside her ‘pregnancy’.

Xiao Qingqing’s rage continued to build up. When she saw Lu Jinye driving out of the suburb, she nimbly bounded behind her car to hide. Lu Jinye did not notice her presence at all, setting off indifferently.

She came out of her hiding spot, gazing at Lu Jinye’s car as it was rapidly zooming away. Clenching her jaws furiously, her eyes were bloodshot!

She could feel the blood surging into her brain. But a dash of shiver came over her amid her burning fury, followed closely by dizziness when she felt something was wrong. She hurriedly opened the car door, entered the car, and took off. However, she had barely driven for a few seconds before knocking into the parterre by the roadside.

Sensing that she was about to pass out, she anxiously dialed Shen Mobo’s number.

When the call went through, she did not manage to say a word before blackness flashed across her eyes, and fainted!

Fortunately, there was a passer-by who noticed that the door of her car was opened, and she had lost consciousness, calling the ambulance at once.

The first person who rushed to the scene was Shen Mobo.

It had been almost an hour when he arrived, while Xiao Qingqing had woken up.

When the doctor saw Shen Mobo, he rebuked Shen Mobo impatiently, "What kind of father are you? That's so irresponsible of you."

Shen Mobo had not managed to process the information when Lu Jinye had entered slowly. He looked at Xiao Qingqing, who was lying on the patient's bed, with a stern face, asking, "Doc, what happened to Qingqing?"

The doctor was flabbergasted. He was just lecturing the man when another one came out of nowhere.

Seeing that the doctor was a little confused, Xiao Qingqing hurriedly explained to him, "Doctor, the man in the white dress shirt is my friend, and the one who just came in is... My husband!"

Xiao Qingqing hesitated briefly before introducing Lu Jinye as her husband.

In this instance, Lu Jinye could not be bothered by the minute details. He was waiting for the doctor's response with a scowl.

Meanwhile... The doctor was intimidated by the frightening temperament exuded by this man. He gulped and stuttered, struggling to gather a response. After a long while, along with a sorrowful sigh, he said, "Sigh, youngsters these days are so ignorant of their wellbeing."

He turned to look at Xiao Qingqing, asking, "Have you been skipping nights of sleep, under tremendous stress, feeling moody, and losing appetite lately?"

Xiao Qingqing was perplexed. She had no idea of the root cause of her fainting, so she nodded honestly.

She was afraid that... The doctor would expose her fake pregnancy.

Thus, after nodding her head, she swiftly seized the doctor's arms and pretended to be a loving couple with Lu Jinye, saying, "Doctor, you can just explain my situation to me. My husband is a busy man, let him go to work."

Upon finishing her words, she glanced at Shen Mobo, gesturing to ask for some help.

But the doctor snorted coolly. Disregarding Xiao Qingqing's remarks, he expressed his contempt towards Lu Jinye right away.

"Busy? If you don't have the time to take care of your own child, then don't spread your seed in the first place!"

"Now that the baby is conceived and the mother fails to sleep at night, struggles to eat during the day, are you planning to starve the baby to death?!"

"Although the baby is just a fetus at this stage, the mother's emotions will affect the healthy development of the fetus!"

"Since you've decided to keep the child, be a man and do what a father should do."

The doctor finished his words, stared at Lu Jinye peevishly, and brushed past him slowly to leave the ward.

Xiao Qingqing didn't expect the doctor to blurt out all the words. And when he was done with his lecture, she was dumbstruck!

Because! The doctor was saying that Lu Jinye did not have the time to take care of his baby and that her emotions would affect the growth of her baby!

That suggested that... There was a baby in her womb!

The sorrow and worries on her mind were instantly overshadowed by delight.

She was pregnant!

After listening to what the doctor had to say, Lu Jinye slowly walked towards Xiao Qingqing, rebuking her out of concern, "Haven't you been resting well lately?"

Xiao Qingqing raised her alluring eyes and nodded resentfully.

"I can't sleep without you."

"Then, why won't you have something to eat?"

"I... I don't have the appetite."

Xiao Qingqing bit her lips and explained.

Lu Jinye lowered his head, pondered for a moment, then said to Xiao Qingqing, "It's my fault. From now onwards, I'll finish work earlier and make sure I get home earlier to have dinner with you."

"Okay."

Xiao Qingqing was over the moon. She gladly agreed to it.

Lu Jinye raised his head to check the time, and glanced at Shen Mobo before explaining to Xiao Qingqing, "I need to get back to work, there's an important meeting I need to attend."

The meeting had been scheduled earlier. Xiao Qingqing was aware of that, so she did not stop him. She nodded at Lu Jinye like a considerate wife, saying, "Sure, hurry up before you get late."

She watched him leave.

Meanwhile, Shen Mobo had his eyes locked on Xiao Qingqing. He could sense the care and reluctance in her eyes, and the sensation was killing him.

Upon ascertaining that Lu Jinye had taken off, Shen Mobo headed to the door, shut it, and locked it with a click. He turned around and stared at Xiao Qingqing solemnly, "Whose baby is that in your womb?"

Shen Mobo's voice pulled Xiao Qingqing back to her senses. What joy she had from the news of her pregnancy instantly vanished.

Whose baby is that?!

Lu Jinye did not even lay a finger on her!

Who else's could it be?!

She hid away all the expression in her eyes, lowered her head, fidgeting with her hair as she said, "Who else could it be? Of course the baby is Jinye's."

Shen Mobo eyed every movement she made. He strode towards Xiao Qingqing uncontrollably, seized her hand, and bent over to lock eyes with her.

He asked again, "How do you conclude that the baby belongs to Lu Jinye and not me?"

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When Xiao Qingqing heard those words, her body straightened. She looked at Shen Mobo in a daze.

Seeing that there was no reply from Xiao Qingqing, Shen Mobo asked her once again, "How are you so sure that this child belongs to Lu Jinye, not mine?"

Shen Mobo knew undoubtedly... There was a time where Xiao Qingqing was desperate in hoping that he would help her to find a way to get Lu Jinye.

Now that she was pregnant.

And he had had suggestive relations with her!

Upon hearing Shen Mobo's interrogation, Xiao Qingqing's face sank immediately. "We only had sex once. According to the calculation, this child is not yours."

To make it believable, Xiao Qingqing had to speak so firmly with Shen Mobo.

Shen Mobo's penetrating gaze prowled over on Xiao Qingqing. Not a moment did his gaze leave her. He wanted to see through the lies she told with his soul-piercing eyes.

Disturbed by his gaze, Xiao Qingqing stared back at Shen Mobo and said angrily, "Don't look at me with such a dubious look! There is nothing you can do even if this child is yours. I will not marry you even if it's yours."

After hearing what Xiao Qingqing had said to him, Shen Mobo could feel the fire raging in his eyes.

He glared at Xiao Qingqing and said, "Do you have no feelings for me at all?"

"No."

Xiao Qingqing turned her head away after replying to him!

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When Mu Zhi walked towards her mother's ward, she saw a doctor standing outside the ward and looking at her mother through the glass.

Mu Zhi looked at the man suspiciously. She had seen this man before. It was when she was hospitalized for no apparent reason, she woke up to this man. He seemed to be Lu Junnian's friend.

"You are...?"

Mu Zhi looked at the man and she could feel that he was a tad bit nervous.

The moment he turned around, Mu Zhi saw the name written on his badge, 'Bai Shao'.

"I happened to be passing by, so I decided to check on Madam's condition."

Bai Shao replied faintly. He gazed at Mu Zhi thoroughly. The last time they met, Mu Zhi did not have the chance to properly look at the man. Now that she had the chance, the man's face seemed a bit... Familiar.

She quickly responded with a smile.

Bai Shao nodded at Mu Zhi and said, "I have things to do, so I won't disturb you any longer."

He left after saying that.

Initially, Mu Zhi thought that Bai Shao was her mother's doctor in charge. She only discovered that he was not when she was met with the doctor who had been taking care of her mother. Bai Shao was a physician.

The doubt only flashed through Mu Zhi's mind. She could not be bothered as she had to quickly complete the necessary procedures needed for the transference of the hospital.

After settling everything, she left.

However, when she walked towards the door of a ward, she heard the argument between Xiao Qingqing and Shen Mobo.

She could tell that it was Xiao Qingqing's voice, but she could not make out exactly what she said.

Just while she was stopping, Shen Mobo stormed out of the ward angrily. He saw Mu Zhi and glanced at her. Mu Zhi could tell that Shen Mobo was seething with anger.

Mu Zhi did not think that she was in the wrong, so she left the hospital.

And she took a taxi home straight.

Earlier, she was worried that Mu Xiaomu would be bored being home alone. Then, she worried that Mu Xiaomu would be in great danger if she opened the house door for strangers. So she especially gave Mu Xiaomu a lecture about safety education before she left the house.

When she got home and rang the doorbell, Mu Xiaomu did not open the door at all!

At first, Mu Zhi stood by the door and praised Mu Xiaomu for her safety consciousness.

However, when she kept calling out for Mu Xiaomu to open the door, she suddenly realized that something was not right!

Why didn't Mu Xiaomu respond at all?!

Frightened by the thought, she quickly took out her keys and opened the door. But she was stunned when she opened the door!

There was no sign of Mu Xiaomu in the house!

Mu Zhi quickly searched through the house, but Mu Xiaomu was nowhere to be found.

She could only find a note in Mu Xiaomu's bedroom. It was a note written by Mu Xiaomu, 'Mama, I am going to look for papa. Please call papa. Signed by Xiaomu.'

Mu Xiaomu probably could not spell the word 'father' so she wrote 'papa' instead.

Staring at those words, Mu Zhi was as anxious as a cat on hot bricks.

Only the gods know how much she wanted to let Mu Xiaomu be with Lu Jinye and call him father.

But she could not do that.

She was even worried that the longer Mu Xiaomu stayed with Lu Jinye, the more the information about her would be leaked.

So Mu Zhi called Lu Jinye at the drop of a hat.

When Lu Jinye answered the call, some background noise could be heard. A woman's voice was heard asking, "Sir, do you want all these skirts?"

Lu Jinye did not respond to Mu Zhi. He replied to the attendant instead, "Yes. All of them."

"Okay. Let us pack them right away. Do you want these toys too?"

The attendant asked again.

Mu Zhi could hear their conversation. She did not even have the chance to talk to Lu Jinye. All she could hear was Lu Jinye saying, "Yes. And send those sets of [shoppingmode Lego](#) to the address that I gave you."

"Okay."

Mu Zhi had finally understood the situation. Lu Jinye was probably shopping with Xiao Qingqing.

The skirts mentioned should be Xiao Qingqing's maternity clothing. The latter should be for their kid.

Before ending the call, Mu Zhi heard a voice of a little child saying, "Papa, look at those clothes over there. They look alike! Papa, mama and Xiaomu should wear the same clothes."

"This is our latest family clothing, designed by the prominent designer, Fendi."

"Do not buy!"

Mu Zhi had had enough of waiting.

At last, she figured that Lu Jinye was actually shopping with Mu Xiaomu!

So the skirts that Lu Jinye bought were for Mu Xiaomu and the [shoppingmode Lego](#) was also for Mu Xiaomu.

After all, Xiao Qingqing just got pregnant recently and it would take more than half a year to give birth.

And no one could play [shoppingmode Lego](#) at birth!

When Lu Jinye heard Mu Zhi's voice, he then turned his attention to the call.

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Chapter 120 Tease Her

"Where are you? I'll find you right away!"

Mu Zhi held her phone tightly. She did not realize that her voice was trembling when she said those words.

On the other end of the call, Lu Jinye glanced at the store and said, "Fuxing Road. The children's indoor theme park in Shimao Shopping Mall."

Lu Jinye hung up the call after speaking.

Mu Zhi did not even finish her words. She hurriedly hopped in a cab and headed towards the address given by Lu Jinye.

While on the way, she felt uneasy. She was worried that she would be late so she texted Lu Jinye to tell him to not buy anything for Mu Xiaomu anymore.

But Lu Jinye ignored her text. After paying for all the things that Mu Xiaomu picked, he then brought her to the VIP guest room to wait for Mu Zhi.

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While waiting, Mu Xiaomu's gaze stayed on Lu Jinye. The other kids would look at the toys around them when they were in a room full of toys, but Mu Xiaomu was different.

Her eyes were anchored on Lu Jinye.

This made Lu Jinye a little curious. He turned around and fixed his gaze on Mu Xiaomu too.

Honestly speaking, Mu Xiaomu's facial features looked very similar to Mu Zhi. Mu Zhi's skin was as fair as snow and so was Mu Xiaomu's.

Mu Zhi had big round eyes, the dazzling eyes that could speak a thousand words. It was just that Mu Zhi would sometimes change the shape of her eyes with make-up. Her eyes were just as innocent as Mu Xiaomu's.

However, Mu Xiaomu's brows seemed a bit like.... Looking at Mu Xiaomu, Lu Jinye could not help but frown.

Because... Mu Xiaomu's brows bore a resemblance to Lu Jinye himself.

Lu Jinye never really observed a child's look, neither would he understand. He never liked children, so he would not know anything about human genetics.

He looked at Mu Xiaomu, with his brows still frowning, "Have you noticed that you look a lot like me?"

"Of course. You are my papa. So it is no surprise for me to look like you."

Mu Xiaomu responded confidently as if that was how it should be.

Lu Jinye was flummoxed by her response. He could not tell Mu Xiaomu that he was not her father.

Therefore, Lu Jinye did not continue with the topic. Still, his gaze remained fixed on Mu Xiaomu.

She had captured all his attention.

In the past, Lu Jinye had always been so busy that moments like these would be deemed wasteful.

However, he did not think that sitting there with Mu Xiaomu was a waste of time. He enjoyed it.

Furtively, he wished that Mu Xiaomu was his daughter.

In the nick of time, Mu Zhi arrived at the store. When she saw the two of them, she instantly hugged Mu Xiaomu. Then she looked at Lu Jinye.

“How did Xiaomu contact you?”

Mu Zhi looked anxious.

Nevertheless, Lu Jinye did not address her question. Instead, he sized up Mu Zhi and then turned to look at Mu Xiaomu.

Mu Zhi was befuddled by his stares.

“What’s wrong?”

Yet again, Lu Jinye did not answer. He reached out his hands and took Mu Xiaomu out of Mu Zhi’s arms and hugged her. Then he looked at Mu Zhi and asked, “Look at the both of us thoroughly.”

“For what reason?”

Mu Zhi was puzzled. A pair of inquisitive eyes stared at Lu Jinye and Mu Xiaomu.

“Look above our eyebrows.”

“Do we look alike?”

Lu Jinye hesitated for a moment. He looked at Mu Zhi and finally asked.

Mu Zhi glanced as told by Lu Jinye, and then asked amusedly, “So, what do you mean by this?”

She could never figure Lu Jinye’s thoughts. Ditching the guesswork, she asked.

Lu Jinye replied seriously, “I think Xiaomu looks a lot like you, and in some way, she looks like me.”

Lu Jinye was not fooling around when he said that.

However, Mu Zhi was not in the mood to address his doubts.

She did not want to get involved with Lu Jinye. Because she knew that... Lu Jinye belonged to Xiao Qingqing and she was pregnant with his child.

She did not even take him seriously. She thought that Lu Jinye was just teasing her.

After all, she was teased by Lu Jinye multiple times when they were married.

“That’s not entirely right.”

Mu Zhi smiled, “It’s normal for Mu Xiaomu to look like me because we are related. But she doesn’t look like you at all.”

Mu Zhi took Mu Xiaomu back to her arms again and then looked at Lu Jinye. “My apologies if Xiaomu has caused you any troubles. Xiaoning had to leave the city for work so Xiaomu is under my care during this period of time. I have to watch out for her.”

“Since I’ve found Xiaomu, we should head back now.”

“Mama, papa bought me toys.”

Realizing the tension between the two, Mu Xiaomu grabbed the corner of Lu Jinye’s clothes, hoping that would ease the situation.

However, Mu Zhi could not care less anymore.

She took Mu Xiaomu in her arms and headed towards the exit.

Lu Jinye grabbed her hand instantly and handed her all the toys and clothes he bought. But Mu Zhi refused to take them.

She took a glance at the price tags and told Lu Jinye, “These clothes are too expensive. I can’t afford them.”

After saying that, she bid her goodbye and left.

However, the moment she turned and walked, she saw Xiao Qingqing entering the store from a distance.

After being discharged from the hospital, Xiao Qingqing wanted to buy a few baby outfits to create a family atmosphere at home. But when she saw the so-called family of three from a distance, she was raging mad!

What exactly does Mu Zhi want?

Lu Jinye did not even have time to shop with Xiao Qingqing during day time, but he made time for someone else's kid!

The more she thought of it, the angrier she grew. At the same time, Mu Zhi saw Xiao Qingqing.

Lu Jinye was not looking in her direction so he did not know about her presence in the store.

Without waiting for Mu Zhi to greet her, Xiao Qingqing stormed out of the store in a huff.

When she got into the car, she could not subside the fire inside her!

Fine! Lu Jinye likes Mu Xiaomu isn't he?!

Then let him meet Mu Xiaomu's biological father! She wanted to see if he would still like the daughter of the other man!