

## Falling for the Contract Bride Chapter 121

### Chapter 121 Looking for the Man from a One-Night Stand

Mu Zhi carried Mu Xiaomu into the car and drove home. When they have gotten home and shut the door behind them, Mu Zhi finally turned to Mu Xiaomu and looked at her sternly.

“Do you know what you have done wrong?” said Mu Zhi angrily.

Mu Xiaomu looked up at Mu Zhi with large and innocent eyes. She was obviously confused.

Mu Zhi sighed letting her anger slip away before explaining, “Mu Xiaomu, don’t bother Mr. Lu Jinye again. He is just a person who is kind to you, but he is not your father.”

She felt that Mu Xiaomu could understand her explanation.

However after Mu Zhi had spoken, Mu Xiaomu was suddenly on the verge of tears. “Mama, I don’t have a papa. Why can’t he be my papa?”

On the way home, Mu Zhi had planned to discipline Mu Xiaomu.

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When they had reached home, she had intended to carry it out. However now after hearing Mu Xiaomu, she suddenly found herself unable to do it.

It was her fault that Mu Xiaomu had never been loved by a father.

When she made the decision to give birth to Mu Xiaomu, she planned to give her a lot of love. She believed that if she gave her enough motherly love, it could make up for the absence of a father’s love.

However... She now realized that she was wrong.

Mu Zhi pushed back her sorrows and calmed her expression before saying to Mu Xiaomu, “Who said you don’t have a father? You do and your father is the king of the forest. If you insist on calling another person father, wouldn’t you father be sad when he comes back”

“Furthermore, Mr. Lu Jinye has his own child. If you took away the child’s father, wouldn’t the child be sad?”

Mu Zhi observed Mu Xiaomu attentively. She was concerned that her explanations were too complex for her. So she explained patiently from a different angle.

“Let’s say you go to Jieyi’s house to play for a few days while I stay at home. If I look for another little girl to be my daughter, will you be happy?”

“Not happy.”

At this moment, Mu Xiaomu appeared to have understood.

She stood before Mu Zhi and looked up at her. Her eyes were filled with tears threatening to overflow. Mu Zhi knew for certain that Mu Xiaomu had understood and was very sad.

It pained Mu Zhi even more to see her sad.

However... she did not know what she could do.

She could not selfishly seduce Lu Jinye and bind him to her, nor could she make him accept a daughter that was not his.

So, she was helpless.

She hated this helplessness.

Mu Zhi looked at Mu Xiaomu for a while. She still felt some remorse as she lifted Mu Xiaomu up and enveloped her in her embrace. She quietly accompanied Mu Xiaomu as she ate some snacks and watched Peppa Pig. Then she made dinner for Mu Xiaomu and after dinner put her to bed.

Later, Mu Zhi listened to Mu Xiaomu’s gentle breathing beside her while she couldn’t sleep.

She could not figure out what she should do.

Their relationships had become complicated. It was obvious that Mu Xiaomu’s yearning for a father had reached a tipping point, rendering the matter urgent.

Will finding Mu Xiaomu a father resolve everything?

Mu Zhi thought about it through the night. By dawn next morning, she had made her decision!

Looking for a father for Mu Xiaomu was not the most urgent matter. That could wait. Instead, she first needed to contact the trusted nanny they had previously, and then go to the hospital to look for a dependable colleague to help take care of Mu Xiaomu. This was because the most urgent matter was to accompany her mother overseas for medical treatment.

However just as Mu Zhi had gotten ready and was about to leave, she was made to realize that nothing was within her control.

A large crowd of reporters had gathered right outside her door. The moment she opened it, they surrounded her tightly with no way to escape.

Mu Zhi frowned as she took in the scene before her. She was baffled by it all.

She had no idea what was going on. At that moment, a reporter thrust his microphone at her face and asked, "Miss Mu, are you looking for the man from the one night stand? Are you rekindling old flames?"

"Does this mean that you believe there can be love from a one night stand?"

"Before this Lu Jinye has admitted that it was him. Are you posting the video to insult him?"

Mu Zhi could not answer the questions thrown at her. She quickly reversed back and closed the door.

With that, the reporters were all blocked outside.

Thankfully... Lu Jinye's house was sound proofed. Once the door was closed, no outside noise could be heard.

Mu Zhi sighed in relief. She sat on the sofa and tried to calm down her nerves but right then, the phone in her bag rang.

It was a call from Lu Junnian.

Mu Zhi looked at his name flashing on the screen as she hesitated to answer. While she was hesitating, Lu Junnian called the second time. She answered.

"Hello?"

Mu Zhi asked with a frown.

"Why did you post that video again? Are you still looking for the man from the one night stand?" Lu Junnian sounded skeptical and unhappy.

“What video?”

Mu Zhi finally had the chance to ask.

“The video from your one night stand!”

Lu Junnian said through gritted teeth, his voice full of mistrust. “Am I not enough for you?”

“Where did you see it?”

“On Weibo.”

At this moment, Mu Zhi could no longer be bothered by the doubtfulness in Lu Junnian’s words. All she could think about was questioning him.

Mu Zhi quickly opened her own Weibo account. Turned out... Her Weibo account had been hacked.

She told Lu Junnian about this. In response, he explained that previously when the video was posted, he paid for someone to remove the video.

Since someone posted it out again and even hacked Mu Zhi’s Weibo account, it was certain that there was a motive behind it.

“I will help you to figure out how to resolve this right away.”

Lu Junnian promised upon knowing the truth from Mu Zhi.

Mu Zhi frowned as she considered it for a while. In the end she declined Lu Junnian and said, “Let me do it myself.”

“I will delete the post and deal with it as it goes.”

Lu Junnian again offered to help Mu Zhi but she continued to decline him.

This time Lu Junnian did not insist.

Since the news was speculated repeatedly, this could only mean that someone was behind it.

Furthermore, the intensity of repeated speculation would soon diminish. To Mu Zhi this is a silver lining.

Lu Junnian waited for Mu Zhi to deal with it herself. However he waited from early morning till the evening, and Mu Zhi seemed to have spent a whole day deleting the video from Weibo.

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Chapter 122 Miss Mu, I Love You from First Sight

During lunch break, Lu Jinye made an unexpected trip to the employees' cafeteria.

In the cafeteria, everyone was talking about Mu Zhi trending on the search engine again. They were also saying that she had a scandalous private life.

Lu Jinye turned around and left the cafeteria. He skipped lunch and immediately called the public relations manager to his office.

“Remove all the news that Mu Zhi appeared in and inform all the media outlets to not raise this matter again.”

“Yes sir.”

The public relations manager looked at Lu Jinye uncertainly as he stood before him.

He had a lot of questions on his mind. Does the chairman know why Miss Mu is trending on hot searches?

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She is looking for the man from her one night stand and the chairman ordered it to be removed without finding out why?

However he did not have the courage to ask.

He stood before Lu Jinye distractedly for a while. Lu Jinye arched his brow and asked, “Is there anything else?”

“No.”

The public relations manager hesitated but he did not dare to say anything in the end.

“Why are you still here then?”

Lu Jinye commanded.

The public relations manager was frightened and dared not delay. He left the office immediately.

He was very efficient, and soon the matter was completely settled.

Lu Jinye naturally had no interest in tabloid news about Mu Zhi. As a person whose personal life was subjected to various speculations all year round, and furthermore having to play act with Xiao Qingqing, all these things were pointless.

Since they were talking about a love triangle between himself, Lu Junnian and Mu Zhi previously, they were probably revolving around the same thing again.

These were all leftovers from his games with Xiao Qingqing.

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When Mu Zhi had hung up on Lu Junnian, she planned to delete the video on Weibo by herself. However... After some thoughts she decided not to.

She realized that she didn't mind if the widespread of the video on Weibo led to discovery of the man's identity. If it could uncover the mastermind behind the matter, that would be even better.

However, while she stared at her page on Weibo, the post suddenly disappeared!

Furthermore, when she stood up and rushed to the door to check on the reporters outside, they too had disappeared!

They had left so orderly and quietly that it was as if commanded by God.

Mu Zhi was certain that Lu Junnian was behind this.

She returned indoors and contemplated calling Lu Junnian to thank him.

However, just after she dialed and before Lu Junnian answered, Mu Zhi heard the doorbell rang.

She threw the phone onto the sofa and dashed to the door.

When the door was opened, there was a man in a suit standing there. His appearance was respectable and handsome, his eyes sharp and deep set beneath gold rimmed

glasses. He stood straight with the demeanor of a businessman and also a trace of an artist's charisma.

Mu Zhi looked at the man for a long time and noticed that he was carrying a box of Lego toys. He greeted her with a slight nod.

His thin lips curved into a smile. He appeared friendly when he smiled.

"Hello, are you Miss Mu? I am Zhang Baiyan. This is my name card."

He bowed slightly and handed her a name card.

Mu Zhi took the name card automatically and felt even more puzzled. She looked at the name card and saw that it wrote, 'Zhang Baiyan, CEO of MD Media Group.'

"So... May I know what is the matter?"

Mu Zhi didn't know anyone like him in her circle so she assumed that he was here to see Lu Jinye. "Lu Jinye is not here."

She added quickly before he could reply.

The man had an elegant demeanor. He smiled at Mu Zhi and said, "Don't worry Miss Mu, I am here to see you."

"Me?"

His answer made her even more puzzled.

The man gave her a respectful nod and said, "Four year ago I made a trip to City A when MD Media Group was expanding its business. That evening I was set up by business opponents and unintentionally drank too much. They might have even drugged my drinks. So I ended up staying at the hotel and had a wonderful night with a lady."

"I was weak back then so for the sake of my family's honor, I had no choice but to leave the next day. But I can never forget your face, Miss Mu. I have been looking for you through the media but was unsuccessful."

"However yesterday, I came across your video and realized that you were looking for me too."

At this point, Mu Zhi understood why he was here.

Mu Zhi was rooted stiffly to a spot. She could not react to what was said.

“May I come in to talk to you?”

The man asked tentatively.

He seemed polite and gentlemanly so Mu Zhi let him in.

The man politely placed the toys to the side. He waited for Mu Zhi to be seated before turning his eyes on her.

There was tenderness in his eyes.

“I know it is ridiculous for a man to believe in love at first sight. But since that night, you kept appearing in my dreams. I think I have really fallen in love with you.”

“Cough.”

Mu Zhi wanted to take a sip of water to calm herself but the man’s words were so startling that she nearly choked.

“Mr. Zhang, how did you know that it was me?”

Mu Zhi felt that something was strange.

The man was quite handsome and pleasant to look at. He also seemed very different from Lu Jinye and Lu Junnian. He was reserved but warm.

He even seemed to be compatible with her.

But that did not stop her from questioning him.

“When you entered my room you were intoxicated and the room was dark so perhaps you did not see my face. But I had seen your face when I woke up afterwards.”

“After all these years, your face remains unchanged. That is why I can recognize you.”

“Furthermore, the hotel in the video was also the one I had stayed in.”

Mu Zhi listened. She could not tell whether he was lying.

When she was about to ask further questions, suddenly, Mu Xiaomu ran out from her bedroom towards her lap and said, “Mama... I am hungry.”

Mu Zhi couldn’t help feeling uncomfortable at the sudden turn of events.

She observed Zhang Baiyan’s reaction carefully.



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### Chapter 123 My Girlfriend

Zhang Baiyan did not look surprised at all. He just quietly watched as Mu Xiaomu walked towards them from afar and went straight into Mu Zhi's arms, and then asked her.

"She calls you mom. Could she be... Our child?"

Zhang Baiyan hesitated before he spoke. And when he managed to get the words out, they were filled with doubt.

Mu Zhi looked and removed Mu Xiaomu from her embrace. She slowly walked to the TV cabinet, took out the snacks hidden there and handed them to Xiaomu. While she did have something important to tell him, it came second to making sure Mu Xiaomu was fed.

"Xiaomu, take your snacks and go back to your room."

Mu Zhi glanced at Zhang Baiyan before she gave the order.

Mu Xiaomu was as obedient as always, she gave Zhang Baiyan a quick glance before quickly returning to her bedroom with snacks in hand.

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Finally, Mu Zhi could take a breath and readied herself for the conversation that was about to take place.

"Mr. Zhang, I won't be able to confirm if you are the man just by your surname alone."

"Then how do you think we should do this?"

Zhang Baiyan raised his eyebrows at her, his expression somehow doubtful yet confident.

"Then let's exchange some more information to get to know each other a bit more."

Mu Zhi's heart was pounding as she said this. Understandably so as she was no lawyer, nor was she a negotiator. She did not know the first place to start this conversation. And with Zhang Baiyan here in front of her, she did not know what to say.

One of the main reasons was because it was obvious that Zhang Baiyan was trying to pressure her. He was calmer than her and from a well-to-do family. This made her unpredictable.

The other reason was a more pragmatic one. She could not remember a single thing that happened that night. She would not be able to tell who that man was even if he stood before her.

"Sure."

He quickly agreed. His eyes fixed upon Mu Zhi. They were sincere yet filled with gentleness.

However, it only served to suffocate her.

Just when Mu Zhi was at a loss as to what to do, the doorbell rang.

Who could it be at the time of the night?

Mu Zhi stood and opened the door cautiously only to find Lu Junnian standing in her doorway. He looked at Mu Zhi sternly. Without even saying hello or welcomed in, he pushed passed Mu Zhi and entered the room.

His wary gaze settled on Zhang Baiyan.

"Why are you here this late?"

Mu Zhi was suspicious of his sudden appearance.

But Lu Junnian coldly reproached her, "If I hadn't come, you would have been taken in by him."

He reprimanded her but... He was full of tenderness.

Mu Zhi watched Lu Junnian warily as he quickly made his way to the couch, sat down next to Zhang Baiyan, and introduced himself unsmilingly.

"I am Lu Junnian."

Lu Junnian rarely acted this way. This was the first time Mu Zhi realized that Lu Junnian could be this cold.

It turns out that Lu Jinye was not the only who could emit such an impregnable aura. Lu Junnian could as well!

Zhang Baiyan subconsciously adjusted the frames of his glasses before he smiled and asked Lu Junnian, "Mr. Lu, what can I do for you?"

"Unfortunately for you, I was on the phone with my girlfriend when you arrived. She forgot to hang up, so I heard everything."

"If you want to exchange information, I can do that for my girlfriend."

Mu Zhi's ears turned hot when she heard Lu Junnian casually refer to her as his girlfriend.

However, she knew Lu Junnian well. Obviously, Lu Junnian was far more reliable than a one-night stand in this situation.

"Your girlfriend?"

Zhang Baiyan was surprised to hear Lu Junnian call Mu Zhi his girlfriend.

"Yes. She was and is still my girlfriend. If you're here just to make amends for an accidental encounter that happened years ago, there's no need. Please leave."

Mu Zhi thought that Lu Junnian was here to test him on her behalf.

But instead, Lu Junnian was chasing him away?

Mu Zhi looked at Lu Junnian in surprise.

Zhang Baiyan could no longer take this sitting down. He stood and looked at Lu Junnian in all seriousness, saying, "I have no need to leave if she's your girlfriend and not your wife. Also, it wasn't an accidental encounter but an exchanging of spirit and flesh!"

An exchanging of spirit and flesh! The words he used and the strange way he emphasized it was provocative to anyone listening.

Mu Zhi felt uncomfortable as she listened to the way he described that night.

Lu Junnian turned and set his murderous glare upon Mu Zhi.

But when he spoke to her, it was with his usual warmth.

He handed Mu Zhi his car keys and said, "I heard over the phone that Xiaomu was hungry and you gave her snacks. It's not good for children to have too many junk food. I bought some buns and some pumpkin congee from a nearby congee place on my way

here. They sold it as a kid's set meal which is why the custard buns are shaped in little animals. I was in a hurry and left them in the car. Could you go and fetch them for me?"

Mu Zhi was surprised by how considerate Lu Junnian was.

Mu Xiaomu had been frightened by the strange man in her home and kept to her room. However, she did not eat the snacks that Mu Zhi had given her, instead she lay down quietly behind the door and carefully listened to the conversation outside.

But she could no longer lay still when she heard of the animal shaped buns. She rushed out and said impatiently, "Mama, I want some."

Mu Zhi glanced once more at Lu Junnian. Even though his murderous aura did not let up, he made sure that Xiaomu had something to eat.

She hesitated, but she followed Mu Xiaomu to fetch the food, nonetheless.

How could Lu Junnian have forgotten the food? He had always been attentive.

It was only an excuse to get Mu Zhi to leave.

The moment Mu Zhi closed the door, Lu Junnian's expression reverted to its earlier coldness. He looked at Zhang Baiyan.

"Mr. Zhang, Your introduction tells me that you're from an affluent family. Why then are you stealing someone else's woman?"

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### **Chapter 124 He Took Mu Zhi Into His Arms**

Lu Junnian was obviously trying to get the upper hand in this.

Zhang Baiyan was taken aback.

But sneered, "I'm not trying to steal her. I fell in love at first sight with Mu Zhi."

"Mu Zhi isn't here. You don't have to keep up with the act."

Lu Junnian coldly gave him a sweeping glance. The corner of his lip curled in disdain.

"Why are you so sure that it's an act?"

"How I am sure is that the issue here. Why are you here?"

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Lu Junnian was done with beating around the bush. He decided to get right to the point.

“Because of love.”

Zhang Baiyan, on the other hand, looked like an infatuated fool. His answer was nonchalant, completely disregarding Lu Junnian.

This sent Lu Junnian into a rage.

He stood up abruptly and in a flash, his hand was around Zhang Baiyan’s neck. Lu Junnian squeezed, cutting off Zhang Baiyan’s air supply.

He released him after a while.

“You still have time to leave!” Lu Junnian threatened.

Zhang Baiyan was heaving after Lu Junnian had finally let go of him.

Panic flashed across his eyes.

However, as quickly as it came, it went. He then stood up straight and looked at Lu Junnian seriously.

“You are beyond reason!”

“You’re feeling guilty.”

Lu Junnian glared at him, his disdain even more apparent.

“It’s late. You should hurry home, Mr. Zhang. We won’t be sending you off.”

It was an order and left no room for argument. Zhang Baiyan stood up angrily. He pointed at Lu Junnian shakingly and said, “You! You’re completely unreasonable!”

However, despite saying that, in the end he still left and closed the door behind him.

Lu Junnian watched as Zhang Baiyan left. He felt a sense of release when Zhang Baiyan was finally out of sight. He sat down and noticed the Legos nearby. The corner of his mouth tilted upwards.

He didn't know why but he felt a sense of satisfaction every time he helped Mu Zhi with something.

What a strange feeling.

When he was rushing here, he had heard Mu Xiaomu call Mu Zhi mom. He could then conclude that Mu Zhi had a child.

He was stunned... The first time he had returned for Mu Zhi, she was like a book with its pages ripped out and he had to search for the missing pages to find out what happened in the end. But it was like every page he found contained a plot twist.

Mu Zhi marrying Lu Jinye was a plot twist.

Mu Zhi having a one-night stand was a plot twist!

And now... Mu Zhi was actually a mother.

On his way here, Lu Junnian had struggled with finding out that Mu Zhi had a child. He was surprised with himself as he thought that he was strong enough to accept all of her.

But... He still found it hard to accept that she had a child.

Which was why he brought them food. It was not an act of consideration but a necessary one to deal with this man.

A necessary move to provide support for Mu Zhi.

But when Mu Zhi opened the door for him and he could see the barely concealed distraught in her eyes, his only thought was to protect her!

When he saw Mu Zhi holding Mu Xiaomu's hand, his love for Mu Zhi extended to Xiaomu and somehow he found that he could accept her!

Lu Junnian sat on the couch, tapping his fingers on the coffee table as he waited for Mu Zhi to return.

He heard the sound of the code being inserted. Soon followed by the sounds of Mu Zhi and Xiaomu entering the house.

Mu Zhi entered to see Lu Junnian turning to look at her. It was almost a subconscious move, but she handed the food to Mu Xiaomu and said softly, "Xiaomu, go eat this in your room. Mommy has something to discuss with this man."

"Okay."

Mu Xiaomu had her mouth full of a custard bun. She was still chewing when she spoke, and her voice was muffled. She then quietly brought her food and made her way to the bedroom.

Mu Zhi followed Mu Xiaomu into the room and tidied up a bit before leaving Mu Xiaomu in her room.

“You must have a lot of questions.”

Mu Zhi let out a heavy sigh.

Even though she may not know if Zhang Baiyan was truly Xiaomu’s father, but too much had happened today, and she was filled to the brim.

However, for some reason, she felt a sense of peace, which was rare for her.

She sat opposite Lu Junnian and poured herself a mug of black coffee. She even poured Lu Junnian one before she calmly faced him.

Lu Junnian watched her unhurried movements. He smiled, though slightly curious.

“How come you’re so calm and happy?”

“A few years ago, I slept with a man only to find myself with child. I thought that the man I had slept with was you and that I was pregnant with your child. I was ecstatic to have this child.”

Mu Zhi was smiling gently as she recalled what happened.

She was so happy then.

“I had thought that your mother would accept me because of this child. And we could finally marry.”

“But you were gone. You left. And your mother told me that this child could not possibly be yours as you had stayed in the laboratory all day. My world collapsed.”

“I didn’t know if I should keep the child or get rid of it.”

At this part of the story, Mu Zhi’s face twisted in pain and helplessness.

She had never told this to anyone before.

Even though Jian Xiaoning was the only witness to these, Mu Zhi had never told her how she felt during that time.

Because she did not want her emotions to affect anyone else.

She had even thought about burying all that pain and embarrassment, and taking them to the grave with her.

But... She never thought that there would be a day when she would spill all this to someone. And that person would be Lu Junnian.

“This child was such bad timing. You know about my mother and her expensive medical bills. I was also blacklisted from the community. I didn’t have the confidence to be able to keep this child alive even if I were to keep her.”

At this point, she couldn’t keep her tears from falling.

Lu Junnian slowly approached her and stretched out his hand to gently wipe away her tears.

His chest felt tight as he watched her cry.

He reached out and brought her into his arms.

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Chapter 125 From Today Onwards, I Am Her Father

Mu Zhi did not understand how she could open up like that and tell Lu Junnian about Mu Xiaomu. While with Lu Jinye, she had to cover her lies with more lies.

But when Lu Junnian slowly let go of her and cupped her face saying, “From today onwards, I’ll be her father,” Mu Zhi finally understood.

She came to her senses and shot up out of his arms. Mu Zhi looked at Lu Junnian in earnest.

“Don’t be stupid. I’ll raise my own child.”

After she said that, she lifted her hand to her face and wiped away her tears. All of the sadness and hurt she had felt before, disappeared.

She looked up the clock on the wall and smiled naturally.

“It’s getting dark. Thank you for coming over but you should go now.” She spoke formally and kept her distance.

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Lu Junnian saw her revert back to her formal self and got annoyed.

“Mu Zhi! Why do you retreat every time I give us an opportunity to grow closer?”

“Because we are no longer in a relationship that needs us to be close.”

Mu Zhi could not count the number of times she had rejected him.

A sense of guilt filled her when she rejected him.

Because... He had done enough, more than enough for her!

Lu Junnian looked at Mu Zhi in despair. He left in anger without saying another word.

Mu Zhi watched as he left. She slumped on the couch and stared at the empty room.

How had things come to this? How could she reject Lu Junnian with such confidence when she couldn't even tell her story straight?

The entire situation was as if her world was collapsing. But in the process, somehow it was also being rebuilt.

Mu Zhi went for a shower and could finally relax.

Outside, standing in the shadows of the stairwell was a silhouette. It watched as Lu Junnian left before leaving the shadows and turned to look at the door behind him. He turned back towards the direction of the elevators, where Lu Junnian was heading, and clenched his fist.

He couldn't leave.

He couldn't leave without Mu Zhi's love and Mu Xiaomu.

He looked back at the door before finally deciding to return home and figure out his next move.

Zhang Baiyan took the elevator down and went to a nearby convenient store to purchase himself a few bottles of beer before getting into the car that had been waiting for him.

“How did it go?”

The driver asked as soon as he got into the car.

“It went nowhere. We’re coming back tomorrow.”

Zhang Baiyan replied in annoyance. He pulled open the tab of the beer can as he spoke and downed it in one breath.

And gave the order, “Drive.”

The driver looked at him through the rearview mirror and opened his mouth to say something before thinking better of it. Instead, he drove Zhang Baiyan to his destination and returned to his car to make a phone call.

When Zhang Baiyan reached home, he still had three bottles left. The rest he had finished on the way home. He finally understood.

As he was the ‘father’, why shouldn’t he exercise some of his rights?!

The thought of it excited him.

He laid down on the bed and finished the remaining bottles of beer. And soon fell asleep without even showering.

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Xiao Qingqing went to the hospital for another checkup. After confirming that she was indeed pregnant, she was surprised but also happy.

She was surprised that she was actually pregnant but the child that she bore was not Lu Jinye’s.

And happy because even though it was temporary, she finally had something to tie Lu Jinye to her.

She went shopping for some clothes. While she was not yet showing, she could still dress to accentuate her figure.

However, the clothes that she purchased were made of tulle and fluffy. In any case, they all looked bridal, suitable for either bridesmaids or a wedding dress.

She couldn’t exactly come right off and buy a wedding gown. That would be too obvious. As if she was forcing him to marry her.

Xiao Qingqing wore the dress as she waited for Lu Jinye to come home for dinner. He was later than usual. The first thing he saw when he entered the house was Xiao

Qingqing. Her makeup exquisitely done, dressed in a ball gown, emitting an ethereal ambience.

“Jinye, do I look beautiful?”

But without sparing her a second glance, Lu Jinye turned and walked to the bathroom.

Xiao Qingqing followed behind him and asked.

“Yeah.”

Lu Jinye looked at Xiao Qingqing and replied her with one word.

“Then what do you think this beautiful dress looks like...?”

She hinted at Lu Jinye.

Lu Jinye casted a sweeping glance over her. He stared at her clothes and frowned.

Looks like?

He had never paid any attention to clothes before. Therefore, he really couldn't answer what exactly did it looked like.

At this moment, the housekeeper was leaving the kitchen with plates of food for the dining room. She overheard what Xiao Qingqing was saying on her way back to the kitchen and laughed. She looked at Lu Jinye and explained, “Miss Xiao, Mr. Lu will never for the life of him be able to tell what it looks like.”

She explained and turned back to Lu Jinye, “Miss Xiao wants to get married.”

Lu Jinye finally understood. He looked at Xiao Qingqing and frowned.

While Xiao Qingqing tried her best to look coy.

“Should I have not tried to push you?”

“You shouldn't have needed to push me. You should have been proposed to and gotten married the normal way.”

The words played through his mind but got stuck in his throat on the way out. He couldn't say it.

He stared into Xiao Qingqing's pleading eyes for a while. And made a phone call to Linda saying, “Have the designer, Miranda come over to the house tomorrow.”

Hearing this, Xiao Qingqing was ecstatic.

She quickly ran towards Lu Jinye, stood on tiptoe and planted a kiss on him.

Lu Jinye did not respond but took her by the hand and led her to the dining room.

After dinner, Lu Jinye was reading reports in the living room. In a way, he was keeping Xiao Qingqing accompanied. When Xiao Qingqing left the bathroom, she brought with her a gentle floral scent as she slowly approached Lu Jinye.