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Chapter 161 What Else Is More Important Than Getting Married

“Do you still recall that night? That person might be Mu Zhi! Mu Xiaomu is not Jian Xiaoning’s child, she’s Mu Zhi’s! That means Mu Xiaomu might be you and Mu Zhi’s child!”

Lu Jinye’s vigorous saunter ceased. He turned around, and with his eyebrows knitted, he peered at Xu Se.

It was as if he wanted to see through Xu Se.

Lu Jinye’s glare made Xu Se tremor in his legs and hesitate. Lu Jinye scared him. But after a while, he mustered some courage and handed the laboratory results to Lu Jinye.

“See.”

In order to convince Lu Jinye, Xu Se even told Lu Jinye how he got to know about the story right from the beginning carefully.

“You see... I had a tête-à-tête with Jian Xiaoning that day, then I mentioned how saddened I was about your breakup with Mu Zhi. So we chatted a bit and discovered that the both of you actually had something in common five years ago, and the thing is... The both of you could have slept with each other!”

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“Jian Xiaoning told me that Mu Xiaomu isn’t her child. Mu Zhi had to support and care of Mu Xiaomu at that time so she lied to you and chose to marry you. Ever since, one lie begot more lies.”

Lu Jinye did not listen to Xu Se at all. He was glued to the laboratory report.

Then, he looked at Xu Se seriously and asked, “Where is Jian Xiaoning?”

Immediately after, he turned towards Secretary Linda and instructed, “Call Mu Zhi and have her see me at once!”

Before Xu Se had the chance to tell Lu Jinye where Jian Xiaoning was, his phone rang.

It was his butler.

He immediately picked up the call. He heard the butler's anxious tone, "Good grief, young master, the little girl is gone!"

"What? The little girl is gone? Where did Mu Xiaomu go? Didn't I instruct you to accompany her?"

Xu Se immediately reacted according to how he and Jian Xiaoning had planned.

He was pleasantly surprised and secretly praising his old butler's acting skills.

Nevertheless, before he could even continue his words, the old butler said, "The little girl was playing on her own at first. But all of a sudden, she wanted to go to the washroom, so we brought her there. When Madam Zhang went to get her after that, she was gone!"

Heh, this old butler had actually coughed up a decent tale.

"Alright, I understand. Go search for her at once. I will go right after!"

Xu Se immediately displayed an array of pressing urgency. He looked into Lu Jinye's eyes after hanging up.

Apparently, Lu Jinye had heard everything from aside. His face turned moss green, as he ordered his men who were standing behind him, "Inform Xiao Qingqing right now that the wedding is postponed."

"Instruct all bodyguards to head to Xu's Villa for a quiet search for Mu Xiaomu!"

"Yes, sir!"

Linda responded promptly.

But she wavered for a while, and asked Lu Jinye, "How about Miss Mu? Shall we inform her? I've talked to her on the phone just now to ask where she was. She claimed to be in Xiao Qingqing's bridal house."

"Okay, I'll go to her!"

Everything happened in just a spur of a moment that Xu Se had no idea how to react towards Lu Jinye's smooth handling of the matter.

Because... He realized at once that this would turn out to be a complicated storyline. It would not be something that he or Jian Xiaoning would understand.

Lu Jinye stepped on the gas and immediately made headway towards Xiao Qingqing's bridal house.

Xu Se did not know what to do, so he followed suit.

As a matter of fact.

Xiao Qingqing had worn her wedding dress to show off to Mu Zhi. But just as she completed her parade, someone rushed towards her hastily and cried, "Erm... Mr. Lu wants to postpone the wedding."

Xiao Qingqing's face froze as she locked eyes with the person in total repudiation.

"What is this all about?"

She lifted the train of her dress and rushed out. She wanted to ask Lu Jinye about this!

However, before she could step out of the door, she saw Lu Jinye striding over.

Lu Jinye saw Mu Zhi, in black, standing behind Xiao Qingqing.

He did not even have a glimpse at Xiao Qingqing at all. He instantly pulled Mu Zhi away by her hand.

Mu Zhi was confused. She tried to wriggle out of Lu Jinye's grapple.

Albeit her efforts, Lu Jinye gripped her even harder, exhibiting no intention to release her.

"Where are you bringing me to?"

Mu Zhi hollered a warning as she was dragged by Lu Jinye, "Lu Jinye, you better let go of me at once!"

Lu Jinye took a glance back at Mu Zhi, and replied coldly, "It is not time for discussion now. This is not a small matter that can be resolved with only for a short exchange. We shall go to Xu Se's villa for further deliberation."

"If it cannot be resolved, why do we still need to go to Xu Se's villa?"

Mu Zhi was chomped at the bit.

Lu Jinye must have worked together with Xiao Qingqing to hide Mu Xiaomu away from her. They must be partners-in-crime!

And now Lu Jinye wanted to take her away by force too?

Xiao Qingqing was a bundle of nerves too at the same time.

Just as Mu Zhi jerked Lu Jinye's hand away from hers, Xiao Qingqing hurried over, and blocked Lu Jinye's way.

"So are you planning to change your bride, bring Mu Zhi away and elope?"

There were no paparazzi watching them, just a few staff.

Hence, Xiao Qingqing did not pretend at all and asked boldly.

Lu Jinye's eyes were cold and calm all the time. He sized Xiao Qingqing up and said gravely, "My apologies. I have something else more important to tend to at this moment."

"Huh."

Xiao Qingqing snorted coldly. Even though she kept a prideful smile on her face, her eyes still brimmed with tears.

"What else could be more important than getting married today?"

This question carried much distress and sorrow.

However, the next sentence Xiao Qingqing spoke of was a threat.

"Jinye, today's wedding is an important day for the both of us, especially you. It is a huge change!"

Lu Jinye's eyes remained dark and bleak.

But he still held onto Mu Zhi's wrist tightly.

He merely dismissed Xiao Qingqing, "I have more important matters to settle."

Mu Zhi had not the foggiest idea of what happened between Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing, but she definitely refused to be taken away just like that.

She stepped back at once, and tried to pull her hand away from Lu Jinye's.

But her attempts went in vain.

Lu Jinye persisted in taking Mu Zhi away no matter how much she contended with him.

Lu Jinye took a brief glance at Mu Zhi. He did not bother to bring her to reason at all. He instantaneously carried her into the car.

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Chapter 162 You Would Marry Me for Mu Xiaomu?

Lu Jinye locked the car right after Mu Zhi was in it. He would not let Mu Zhi have any opportunity to slip away.

“Lu Jinye, what the heck do you mean by doing all this? Let me down!”

Mu Zhi stared at Lu Jinye, looking flabbergasted. However, Lu Jinye only responded with a calm look at Mu Zhi and stated as-a-matter-of-factly, “We shall set off to Xu Se’s villa. Mu Xiaomu is missing.”

Lu Jinye thought Mu Zhi had been only lurking around here and had no idea about Mu Xiaomu’s disappearance.

However, Mu Zhi looked furthermore confused after listening to Lu Jinye.

“What do you mean? Aren’t you supposed to question Xiao Qingqing about Mu Xiaomu’s disappearance? Why are you bringing me to Xu Se’s villa instead?”

Lu Jinye had not a clue of what Mu Zhi said, but he was running out of time for any more explanation.

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He simply wanted to straighten out the relationship between him and Mu Xiaomu after listening to Xu Se’s story about her identity!

Lu Jinye handed the laboratory report over to Mu Zhi and started his drive.

He proceeded to Xu Se’s villa in a flash.

Before he got far, he got a call. It was from Xu Se.

Xu Se went straight to the point, “Where are you?”

Lu Jinye replied concisely, “On the way to your place to investigate Mu Xiaomu’s disappearance.”

Xu Se sounded more relaxed this time, "Everything is fine. You don't have to rush over. Mu Xiaomu has not gone missing at all. I only wanted to help create an opportunity for you to be with Mu Zhi. Adios."

Xu Se did not give Lu Jinye any time to consider and hung up the call.

Of course he couldn't let Lu Jinye think. Lu Jinye was a smart person. If he had the chance to think, he would have realized that Xu Se had ruined his wedding on purpose. And what if he left Mu Zhi once more to continue his wedding?

He hoped that Mu Zhi was Lu Jinye's true love, and she could wrap Lu Jinye around her little finger.

Xu Se was also worried that Lu Jinye would lose his temper towards him.

After Lu Jinye heard Xu Se's explanation about this prank, he gradually slowed down his speeding car into a halt with a jerk. He stopped his car by the roadside.

Mu Zhi was initially in an anxious state. When Lu Jinye suddenly stopped his car, her whole body was thrown to the front.

Fortunately, Lu Jinye stretched his hand out to help secure her.

He held her shoulder gently.

However, Mu Zhi did not appreciate his attempt at all. She peered at Lu Jinye calmly, then retracted her stare.

"Why did you stop?"

"Xiaomu is fine. She is with Xu Se. Xu Se was only trying to create an opportunity for us to be together."

Lu Jinye stared at Mu Zhi and explained seriously.

Now that Mu Xiaomu was not lost, this did not look like an emergency. He could still go back and proceed with his wedding as according to plan.

There was only half an hour left to his wedding.

Thirty minutes was more than enough for him to turn back.

Nevertheless, Lu Jinye was clueless himself why he felt reluctant to go back. He did not want to confront those business affiliates who would try to convince him to do what he should do, and not what he wanted to do.

Perhaps, whether Mu Xiaomu was his daughter was extremely important to him.

After hearing Lu Jinye's explanation, Mu Zhi was even more confused of what was right or wrong.

Jian Xiaoning and Xu Se had been on friendly terms recently. Xu Se was smarter than Jian Xiaoning, so the information she had obtained from Jian Xiaoning these few days might have been orchestrated by Xu Se.

But Xu Se would not have any guts to lie to Lu Jinye.

Therefore, Mu Zhi totally had an iron alibi to presume that this was just a shenanigan.

It had nothing to do with her and Lu Jinye. It was just a joke both the bystanders planned.

Only then Mu Zhi opened the laboratory report for a look.

The first thing that caught her eye was the result: The probability that Lu Jinye was biologically related to Mu Xiaomu was 99.99%.

Just as Mu Zhi wanted to flip through the details of the data, Lu Jinye peered at her intently.

He pressed her, "Don't you think you owe me an explanation?"

"About what?"

"I know that Mu Xiaomu is your child."

Lu Jinye stated confidently.

It was actually quite obvious since a long time ago from Mu Zhi and Mu Xiaomu's interaction with each other.

Lu Jinye chose to believe Mu Zhi even when the lies she told were not logical at all.

It was not that this did not arouse any of his suspicion. The thing was, he did not give Mu Zhi enough attention. Furthermore, he did not expect that Mu Xiaomu could be his child.

Nevertheless, this fact was now laid before him.

Naturally he completely believed it.

"Sure enough."

Mu Zhi sounded so collected that she felt awkward herself.

In the past, she had been wearing a mask around Lu Jinye because she wanted him to have a good impression of her.

But it didn't matter anymore now after all these occurrences.

Those that she had tried so hard to cover up served no more purpose for her to veil in the present climate.

"When did it happen?"

Lu Jinye continued his interrogation. Mu Zhi did not look at Lu Jinye. She turned her head over and looked elsewhere to think clearly.

"I can't remember the exact location and time. But it is stated in the video which was leaked previously. You should have watched it before as it was quite widespread at a time."

"I want to listen to your side of the story."

Lu Jinye did not take into account Mu Zhi's words and commanded Mu Zhi.

Mu Zhi massaged her temples, bowed her head then only looked at Lu Jinye once more.

"It happened before I married you. It was a one-night stand. I had Mu Xiaomu after that but I did not know who that man was. I thought it was Lu Junnian, but it wasn't. Shortly after, I had quite a bit of a financial difficulty in supporting my child and paying my mother's hospital bills, so I married you."

"So... I'm sorry I hid the fact from you that I'm someone with a child."

Mu Zhi sounded glum.

Lu Jinye studied Mu Zhi with a straight face, his eyes still dark and bleak.

"Roughly when, and the time you went into labor with Mu Xiaomu."

Lu Jinye was investigating.

It looked like that to Mu Zhi...

She suddenly felt that if Lu Jinye asked these questions, then it was not worth talking about anymore.

She was sure that Lu Jinye did not love her.

If Mu Xiaomu was his daughter, was he willing to be with her for the sake of Xiaomu?

In the past, when both of them were married, he forked out money whereas she shelled out her time.

She can play the role of a wife perfectly.

But she couldn't now... She knew that she had fallen in love with Lu Jinye... So what she wanted was not just money and the title of Mrs. Lu!

"So, if the timings are correct, you'd marry me for Mu Xiaomu?"

Mu Zhi answered casually as she flipped through the laboratory report.

Then, she discovered something odd in it!

A piece that proved that this laboratory report was fake!

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Chapter 163 Mu Xiaomu Had Really Gone Missing!

Mu Zhi thought she was mistaken in the beginning. She went through the report carefully again.

Although she did not work in a laboratory, this report had a wrong model, and there was even a missing procedure!

The mistake was not too obvious. One would not have known if not a professional.

Mu Zhi double checked the report and was confident that it was a fake. She was suddenly clueless about how she should face Lu Jinye.

Lu Jinye seemed to be still contemplating, and had not answered Mu Zhi yet about whether he would marry her for Mu Xiaomu. Mu Zhi held up the report and studied Lu Jinye closely.

She did not spill it at once.

Because she wanted to know if Lu Jinye would marry her for Mu Xiaomu.

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But Lu Jinye's reluctance to answer for such a long time made Mu Zhi feel that he was turning her down.

Just as Lu Jinye wanted to speak, Mu Zhi snorted, "You don't have to answer anymore. There is no need to... This report is fake. You are not biologically related to Mu Xiaomu."

Lu Jinye was shaken when he heard that. He looked at Mu Zhi in disbelief.

Mu Zhi pointed out the mistake in the report to Lu Jinye.

Thinking about what Xu Se told him today, it suddenly came to his senses. Was this designed by Xu Se so that he would not get married to Xiao Qingqing?

Nonsense!

Absolute monkey business!

Lu Jinye started his car, and looked at Mu Zhi as he explained, "If this is not genuine, I have to go back immediately."

"Okay, I'll get off."

Mu Zhi did not even try to persuade him. Without a single word, she opened the car door and got off.

Without waiting for Lu Jinye to explain further.

Mu Zhi understood the situation. It was as clear as crystal, albeit causing disappointment in her.

Lu Jinye had cancelled his wedding with Xiao Qingqing for Mu Xiaomu. Now that he found out that this was just a set up, he had obviously gone back to Xiao Qingqing.

When Lu Jinye saw Mu Zhi attempting to go down of the car, he stretched his hand out to stop her.

Just then, his phone rang.

It was Xiao Qingqing.

Mu Zhi heard Lu Jinye answering his phone as she was going down the car.

And was certain that was Xiao Qingqing.

She did not stay a second longer in the car, and got off without delay.

When Lu Jinye heard Xiao Qingqing, she was weeping wistfully on the other end of the phone. She asked Lu Jinye gently, "Jinye, are you still coming back?"

Lu Jinye was at loss for words on the spur of the moment.

Actually... When he found out that Mu Xiaomu was not his child a while ago, he thought of returning to his wedding. But, as he received Xiao Qingqing's call, his mind suddenly went blank.

"Reporters are here and there right now. If you do not wish for this wedding to go on, could you come and face them with me? Don't just leave me alone like this."

Xiao Qingqing said softly, "For the sake of... Old times when we loved each other."

Lu Jinye stayed silent for a while. He did not answer to Xiao Qingqing's request, but started his car and headed in the back direction.

He simply left Xiao Qingqing a message, "I will settle this properly."

Xiao Qingqing obediently answered on the other end, "Alright, I shall wait for you."

She thought she would be able to have him back that way.

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Mu Zhi looked as Lu Jinye's car left speedily.

It felt agonizing to be left behind like that. Although she had predicted this outcome, she could not help but feel stupidly unrequited.

She hastily flagged down a cab and expressed Xu Se's house address. She was on her way over.

Alas! She noticed something amiss as she arrived at Xu Se's villa. The front door was left wide open, and the security looked like a cat on hot bricks. An old man, probably the butler, was standing at the door with his neck extended, as if looking out for someone to arrive.

There were a few moments that he looked as if he wanted to make a phone call out of desperation.

When he saw Mu Zhi's car, he hurried over. But just as he saw Mu Zhi alone getting off the car, he turned back disappointedly.

When Mu Zhi saw the butler, she walked towards him and asked gently, "Mister, I am Mu Xiaomu's mother. Is Mu Xiaomu here?"

"Finally you're here! Have you got any idea when Young Master Xu will be coming back? We're so sorry that we hadn't been able to find Mu Xiaomu yet."

The butler's face was overflowing with guilt.

Mu Zhi was dumbstruck when she heard this.

What did he mean that they hadn't been able to find Mu Xiaomu?

Mu Zhi looked at the butler in shock, "Mister, what do you mean?"

"You see, Young Master Xu left Mu Xiaomu here for us to take care of. But when Young Master Xu and Miss Jian left, the child stopped playing. She was so smart that she convinced us to leave her alone when she went to the washroom. Then she disappeared!"

Mu Zhi blinked her eyes in disbelief.

"My child is not smart!"

She emphasized, then realized that this was not the time to argue over this trivial matter. The most important thing now was to find Mu Xiaomu.

"Where did the child go missing?"

"Have you checked the surveillance cameras?"

Mu Zhi was getting more and more anxious as she continued asking.

The butler looked even guiltier, "Yes, the first thing we did was to check the surveillance cameras, but the child seemed to have dodged them on purpose. We have not a single idea how she went missing. We've turned the whole villa upside down and we still couldn't find her!"

Mu Zhi went into total shock from these words.

She could feel a chill going down her spine, towards her whole body.

She didn't know what to do at that moment.

The only thing she had in mind was to ask for help!

Mu Xiaomu was definitely not smart enough to hide away from all the surveillance cameras.

She must have been kidnapped by someone!

Who could help her?

This was not the first time Mu Xiaomu got kidnapped. But for this to happen the second time?

Goodness gracious! Mu Zhi felt her head spinning!

She held up her phone and called Lu Jinye at once without even thinking.

Lu Jinye had not picked the phone yet as the phone rang for the third time. Just then, Mu Zhi came back to her senses.

The last time this happened, Lu Jinye did not save her and Mu Xiaomu because of Xiao Qingqing. How would he give up his wedding with Xiao Qingqing now to save them?

How important was their wedding?

She immediately hung up the call and called Xu Se instead.

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Lu Jinye had just gotten out of his car when he heard his phone ringing. Before he could pick up the call, it was cut off!

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Chapter 164 A Juicy Scandal!

Lu Jinye lowered his eyes and stared at Mu Zhi's name on his phone screen. He hesitated for a while.

He had already gotten to the door of the wedding venue. But nobody had seen him yet as all the reporters were waiting inside.

He kept his phone into his pocket, and got onto his car once more without thinking twice.

If Mu Zhi went to Xu Se's, then he should go there too!

And just as he got into his car, Xu Se's call came. He spoke with guilt and anxiety, "Mu Xiaomu has really gone missing. I am rushing back home now. I didn't know that Mu Xiaomu had really disappeared when I tried to lie to you."

Xu Se could not hide his overwhelming anxiety.

Lu Jinye looked at his phone calmly, and told Xu Se, "I know that the DNA paternity testing report is fake."

Xu Se kept silent.

After a while, only Xu Se uttered, "Although the paternity testing report is fake, Mu Xiaomu really likes you. Plus Mu Zhi is worthy of you. You choose."

Then he hung up.

He was torn in between Mu Zhi and his family's business.

Lu Jinye had never cared about his image before in public.

But it was a sensitive period right now. After the chaos Xiao Qingqing created, he was slightly worried about his personal image.

It was now a critical period for him to save Lu Group precarious state with his image!

However, Mu Xiaomu was missing right now.

Lu Jinye sat in his car. He stared blankly to the front, but did not start his car.

Exactly at this moment, he saw a little girl in a pink pom pom dress in front of his car. She was looking around, as if searching for something or somebody.

She stretched her neck and tilted her head sideways as she saw the wordings and his wedding photo with Xiao Qingqing on the door.

She paced forward towards the door.

It was Mu Xiaomu!

How did Mu Xiaomu get here by herself?

Lu Jinye looked around and did not see any adults in the vicinity.

Did Mu Xiaomu run over herself?

Mu Xiaomu widened her innocent eyes and confirmed that it was papa Lu Jinye's wedding. She puffed hard to cheer herself, and then stepped forward.

Just as she took the first step, she felt her foot miss the ground.

Mu Xiaomu paused for a while, then tried to move her other foot.

Wait. Why did she miss the ground again?

"Little rascal! What are you doing?"

Just then, Mu Xiaomu heard a male's stern voice from above. She raised her head and saw that a security guard had lifted her up.

"Sir, I'm looking for my papa."

Mu Xiaomu replied earnestly with her huge innocent eyes.

"Your papa isn't here! Get lost and go find your mom!"

The security guard lifted Mu Zhi in an attempt to throw her out as he spoke.

But Mu Xiaomu pointed at the wedding photo and said, "Papa, that is my papa..."

The security guard took a glimpse at the direction Mu Xiaomu pointed. He felt more obliged to throw Mu Xiaomu out upon realization that Mu Xiaomu was pointing at Lu Jinye.

"Stop messing around and leave right now. This isn't your papa. I wish I had a papa like this too, but I don't! Have your mom grow Miss Xiao's looks first."

Saying that, the security guard held Mu Xiaomu up and was about to throw her out.

Mu Xiaomu started sweating bullets.

She tried to wriggle away and kicked her legs relentlessly. At the same time, she played adorable as she yelled, "Sir, please let me in, I want to look for my papa!"

"I want to look for my papa!"

Lu Jinye had been watching this scene dispassionately. He couldn't stand seeing Mu Xiaomu so helpless in front of him. He opened his car door.

And walked over quietly.

The security had put Mu Xiaomu outside. When he put her down, he even chided her, “Don’t muck around this sort of places in the future. Your papa will not be here! Scram! Go look for your own biological father!”

“Let go of her!”

Just as the security finished his lecture, a chilly voice sounded.

The security lifted his head and saw Lu Jinye before his eyes.

He was startled.

Mu Xiaomu’s face lit up with joy the moment she saw Lu Jinye. She ran over towards him and clung onto his leg while speaking in her cute baby tone, “Papa, papa! Don’t marry other women. I want mama to marry papa.”

The security stood aside gingerly, waiting for further instructions.

This sounded like a typical rich man’s life. It seemed that... This little girl was his illegitimate child?

Pppft. What a juicy scandal.

Lu Jinye looked at Mu Xiaomu’s anxious reaction. He bent over and carried Mu Xiaomu up.

He merely grunted “yeah” at Mu Xiaomu.

Then, he went back to his car.

Mu Xiaomu gawked at Lu Jinye all the way during the ride while explaining herself, “Papa, I heard Mr. Xu saying that you were getting married soon, so... Please don’t marry other women, I don’t want them to be my mama.”

Lu Jinye did not know how to respond to these words.

He had seen the laboratory report and knew that it was fake.

Actually, if he hadn’t seen the report, he would not have thought of Mu Xiaomu as his child.

Mu Xiaomu did not seem as smart as other kids of her age. She could not possibly be his child.

Despite the fact that Mu Zhi wasn’t that intelligent, she was still brighter than any other random person.

If she were to inherit Mu Zhi's IQ, she would be one with an IQ higher than average.

If Mu Xiaomu really were his and Mu Zhi's child, and Mu Xiaomu had inherited his IQ, then she would have been a genius, whereas if she had succeeded Mu Zhi, she would be slicker than average. Their child would not be as typical and naive.

"Good girl."

Lu Jinye only could comfort Mu Xiaomu with these two words when facing her.

He was not good at coaxing children, nor did he know how.

He could only praise her for being a good girl.

He picked up his phone and made a call to Xu Se, "You don't need to look for the child anymore. She turned up at the entrance of my wedding by herself."

"Then send her over immediately. Mu Zhi is anxious to tears."

Xu Se was panting hard, as if he had searched high and low for quite some time already.

Lu Jinye agreed to Xu Se immediately without pertaining to thought.

It only got through his head after he left the wedding venue. It didn't matter at all if Mu Xiaomu was his child or not. He did not want to get married.

Mu Zhi was so anxious that she was at the verge of calling the police. She only managed to catch her breath after Xu Se told her that Mu Xiaomu was with Lu Jinye.

Not long after, she saw Lu Jinye driving his car into the yard with Mu Xiaomu in it!

At last, she sighed in relief.

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Chapter 165 I Shall Wait for You at Tangchao Hotel Tonight

Just as Mu Zhi strode towards Lu Jinye's car and saw him behind the wheel, she lifted her wrist and checked the time.

Lu Jinye should be having his wedding right now...

Why did he turn up here?

Mu Zhi gaped at Lu Jinye incredulously as the rear door opened. Mu Xiaomu jumped down from the car and buried her head into Mu Zhi's lap, "Mama, I miss you."

Mu Zhi was too shocked. She grabbed Mu Zhi's head and held it tightly too for a moment.

Whereas Lu Jinye just sat in his car, showing no intention to get down from it.

A distance away... Xu Se wanted to egg on at first, but just as he had taken a step forward, he was stopped by Jian Xiaoning.

Jian Xiaoning had grabbed his hand and yanked him into the room.

Leaving Mu Xiaomu, Mu Zhi and Lu Jinye in the yard.

However, Lu Jinye continued to stay in his car while Mu Zhi and Mu Xiaomu were outside the car.

After Mu Zhi comforted Mu Xiaomu for a bit, she gathered sight of Lu Jinye. Lu Jinye put down the car window as she strode towards him.

Mu Zhi told Lu Jinye, "Thank you for sending Mu Xiaomu back. There's actually no need for you to do it yourself though. It must have interrupted your wedding."

Lu Jinye threw a provocative look at Mu Zhi, raised the corner of his lips slightly, and teased, "How do you plan to compensate me then?"

Mu Zhi was taken aback for a moment.

Why did Lu Jinye suddenly flirt with her?

She thought she had misheard him.

Until Lu Jinye repeated his question, "How do you plan to compensate me then?"

Thereupon did Mu Zhi come round and told Lu Jinye, "Hurry to the wedding venue, you might still be in time..."

Before she could finish her words, Lu Jinye cut her short, and commanded her, "Get in!"

Mu Zhi was startled.

Lu Jinye continued, "Get into the car right now. I have something important to tell you."

But what important thing could they have?

Mu Zhi batted her eyelids gently and told Lu Jinye, "Just say what you want here."

Lu Jinye knitted his eyebrows, "I don't like to discuss my personal matters at others' places."

His answer made Mu Zhi even more confused.

However, Mu Xiaomu was very compliant towards Lu Jinye. She got into the car without any hesitation as soon as Lu Jinye requested her to.

Making Mu Zhi feel awkward.

Should she get in?

Or should she not?

After contemplating for so long, she could only get in the car!

After Mu Zhi got into the car, Lu Jinye turned the engine on and took off.

Mu Zhi had not a clue where Lu Jinye planned to bring her to. She tried asking him on the way, but he did not answer her.

Until the view out of the window looked familiar, it struck a note to Mu Zhi that Lu Jinye was bringing them to the villa they stayed in the past.

He stopped the car, and got down.

Then he told Mu Zhi, "I did not change the password. Bring Mu Xiaomu in and wait for me. I have to straighten out matters regarding my wedding. I will come back when I am done."

"What do you mean?"

Mu Zhi was simply mind-blown about what Lu Jinye wanted to express or what he had in his mind for further action.

However, Lu Jinye had such a strong presence that Mu Zhi could not refuse but agree with him.

Furthermore, she was positive that it will not do her any good if she disobeyed him.

She could only comply with his orders. She brought Mu Xiaomu down from the car into the villa. The door opened when she keyed in the old password.

When she looked back, Lu Jinye was long gone.

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At the wedding venue.

Xiao Qingqing sat in the bridal room with the door closed. She knew that the wedding would not go on, but she still put on her wedding gown.

The reporters outside were starting to get impatient, bombarding questions about Lu Jinye's absence.

Didn't Xiao Qingqing and Lu Jinye claimed to be truly, madly, deeply in love with each other previously?

If Lu Jinye had the heart to leave his bride in the cold out of the blue, did this indicate that he had come to a sudden realization that he might be in love with someone else?

Moreover, the paparazzi had brought Mu Zhi up too.

She refused to face these questions, so she hid in the bridal room.

The relentless reporters could just fiddle around with their sneaking suspicions.

Shen Mobo seemed to act like Xiao Qingqing's manager instead. He addressed the media members with a few words, clarifying that this was all but a misunderstanding.

Xiao Qingqing knew these were just excuses.

She still could not believe that Lu Jinye would leave her so abruptly!

She tried to call him to come back once, but he was stopped by Mu Xiaomu right at the doorstep!

"Great!"

Xiao Qingqing gripped her glass so hard that it shattered into pieces. This physical pain of her cut wounds was incomparable to the heartbreak she was experiencing now.

If Lu Jinye was to be so cold-blooded, she could be like that too!

Didn't Mu Zhi enjoy stealing other's beloved? She shall let her have a taste of her own medicine so she'll know how it feels like to lose someone precious to her!

Xiao Qingqing picked up her phone and called Shen Mobo.

Even though they were merely separated by a door, Xiao Qingqing still chose to call him.

"Is there any way to contact the hospital Mu Zhi's mother is in right now? Find a way to make her dead!"

Shen Mobo was stunned by Xiao Qingqing's demand.

He immediately tried to calm her down, "Don't act rashly, Qingqing!"

"I'm only asking you if you have any means to do so! Don't try to talk me out of it!"

Xiao Qingqing was out of control. She was shouting as she spoke.

Shen Mobo was mum for a few minutes. Before he had any chance to think, Xiao Qingqing cut him off, "Alright, I understand!"

Then, she hung up.

Shen Mobo did not manage to explain himself. When he tried to return her call, the line was already engaged.

Xiao Qingqing had never thought she would make this phone call... She wouldn't if she had the choice.

The call was answered in just two rings.

The voice at the other end of the phone was cold and deep, "What's the matter?"

"Is the promise you made me in the past still standing?"

"What promise?"

The man asked her back sinisterly, like a triumphant Satan that had the whole hell in his hands.

"You were willing to do anything for me."

"For what in exchange?"

"One night in bed with me."

Xiao Qingqing was startlingly calm when she said this.

As if it was not a big deal at all.

"What do you need me to do?"

The man's voice was low and composed, making him even more intimidating.

“Help me find out which hospital Mu Zhi’s mother is in, and conjure a medical malpractice for her so she won’t wake up ever again.”

“Deal!”

After he agreed to Xiao Qingqing’s terms, he gave her an address, “I shall wait for you at Tangchao Hotel tonight.”

Lu Jinye coincidentally pushed the door open when the call ended. He stood at the doorway, looking at Xiao Qingqing as she hung up the call.