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Chapter 196 She Belonged to Lu Jinye!

This time, Lu Jinye's tone was even more self-confident.

"That's true, I did not need a secretary."

He even turned to her and smiled meaningfully.

Mu Zhi was even more confused by his smile!

"Then, why did you call me there?"

Lu Jinye was still smiling as he said, "It was a show of power."

He said those words lightly.

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She could not tell whether he was being serious. She furrowed her brows in frustration and looked at him, but he was completely focused on driving.

He even seemed to be in a very good mood!

A show of power... What does he mean by that?

Mu Zhi could not understand at all.

Her face clearly showed that she could not understand what Lu Jinye was hinting.

A few blocks later, Lu Jinye turned to look at Mu Zhi. Seeing that she was still in thoughts, he laughed.

"Is it because you haven't been in this kind of work environment for too long? Seems like you don't understand me anymore..."

Lu Jinye sighed and continued, "If I have known that I would need to recalibrate someone's intelligence and rapport, I would never have let that person go."

That person was of course Mu Zhi.

Mu Zhi could tell that he was teasing her intelligence in a roundabout way. She was impressed that he could criticize her intelligence sounded so pleasant. This was not something anyone can pull off.

Mu Zhi glared at Lu Jinye and said, "You speak as if it was my fault. I wonder whose former love it was that had returned and started an epic love affair, leaving me no choice but to step aside for the true love."

Mu Zhi did not hold back as she countered him.

Lu Jinye looked at her. His expression seemed to be saying 'fine, as long as you are happy'. After that, he did not seem to want to talk anymore and was focused on driving.

Mu Zhi returned to her thoughts and wondered who Lu Jinye made the display of power to.

Why had he not brought more people... Since there were so many people on Xie Xiu's side.

Lu Jinye drove the car to his company and parked in the underground car park. When he got out of the car, Mu Zhi quickly followed and shot another question, "Lu Jinye, was the show of power to Xie Xiu? What do you mean by show of power?"

Lu Jinye couldn't help smiling as he looked at Mu Zhi.

He handed the documents to her, "As for you, why don't you go to work first and take your time to think about it."

He was leading her towards the lift as he spoke... However, Lu Jinye's phone rang.

The smile on his face disappeared instantly and his eyes turned cold as he answered the call and said, "What is it?"

"The master wants you to stop by. He has something to say."

"Now?"

"Yes, sir."

At the other end was the voice of the Lu Family's senior butler...

Lu Jinye grunted in affirmation and the senior butler hung up.

He turned to Mu Zhi. His tone remained gentle as he said, "You go up first. I have to go to the Lu's Manor for a while."

Mu Zhi nodded lightly... And waited for the lift.

Lu Jinye had barely taken a few steps when his phone rang again.

When he answered the call, his tone was different from the previous call. This time he was somewhat impatient but still amiable.

He held the phone to his ear and said, "What is the matter?"

"Did you go on a holiday with Mu Zhi and Mu Xiaomu again?"

"Are both of you back together?"

"Brother, you shouldn't come back! I think not returning here will be a better show of your stance."

"After all, this matter isn't your fault!"

The call was from Lu Yunxi. Whenever Lu Yunxi spoke to Lu Jinye on the phone, he had a habit of speaking excitedly. As such, Mu Zhi could hear everything Lu Yunxi had said clearly.

On this end of the line, Lu Junnian was reserved. He raised a brow and replied, "I will handle it myself. There's no need for you to get involved."

"Sigh... Brother."

Lu Yunxi clearly had more to say and suggestions to share.

However... Lu Jinye had already hung up on him.

He did not turn around but headed straight to his car, started the engine, and left.

Although Mu Zhi had heard their conversation, based on the few things that Lu Yunxi had said, she could not determine why Lu Jinye was going to the Lu's Manor...

Based on the statement, 'After all, this matter isn't your fault', Mu Zhi imagined that Master Lu must be waiting for Lu Jinye to confront him about something.

Mu Zhi thought about it, but she could not figure it out.

She thought perhaps it was the standoff between Lu Jinye and Master Lu from previously when Lu Jinye wanted to marry Xiao Qingqing.

She shook her head and went up with the documents.

When she had reached the right floor, she went into Lu Jinye's office and took a seat at the secretary desk prepared for her.

She stood up less than 3 seconds later. She kept feeling that Lu Jinye was behaving strangely lately. She also did not know about the company's recent businesses, so she felt that it was necessary to speak to Linda.

As such, Mu Zhi walked towards the secretaries' room.

Presently at the secretaries' room, everyone was taking a break from work and were chatting excitedly!

Furthermore, the door was not closed properly, leaving a thin gap, and aided by the silence of the whole floor, Mu Zhi could hear what was being spoken inside.

A junior secretary asked Linda curiously, "Previously, why did Mr. Lu Jinye ask you to call on other companies to cancel all her job interviews?"

"In the end leaving Mu Zhi with no choice but to return to him?"

Linda smiled knowingly and replied, "Haven't you just answered the question yourself? Why ask me again?"

"Of course that is the reason, to get Miss Mu Zhi back by his side!"

Hearing that, Mu Zhi was frozen for a moment.

So, Lu Jinye was behind all her canceled job interviews and appointments?

At this moment, Linda added, "I think Mr. Lu might really be in love with Miss Mu Zhi."

"Do you all know? The reason our company needed capital investment from Xie Xiu's company is that even in these critical times, Mr. Lu still invests a large amount of funds in medical research and development. The most expensive project is also the one that Mu Zhi had helped to make connections."

"Mr. Lu does this is so that Miss Mu can one day make a respectable return to the medical field and be given the honor she was due."

These are things that the junior secretaries had never heard before.

As such, they were all shocked by what Linda had said.

Mu Zhi had never heard of them too.

At this moment... she was not only surprised. She was very moved.

She instantly understood what Lu Jinye meant when he said he brought her to the meeting as a show of power.

He wanted to take the money respectably, and also made concessions. The purpose of bringing her with him was just to give Xie Xiu a warning and to inform him that she belonged to Lu Jinye!

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Chapter 197 His Own Appearance Could Stir the Crowds

Mu Zhi was stunned for a moment. Suddenly... She realized what she should do!

Previously, she was not aware of these because she had never thought that Lu Jinye would love her. Even if Lu Jinye confessed and showed his love, she had never made the connection that he had fallen for her.

Because... She had always thought that Lu Jinye treated her well due to their agreement which was to play the part of a happily married couple.

Later, when they were divorced, their true nature was finally revealed.

She had fallen a little while Lu Jinye had his true love Xiao Qingqing by his side.

Now... They were together again as parents to Mu Xiaomu, so they got along like a married couple.

However, it was not love.

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Mu Zhi cared about love very much, but she also cared a lot about responsibility.

That was why she did not dare to approach Lu Jinye and also warned herself not to get too close to him.

But now, having heard all the choices he had made, Mu Zhi's first thought was that she was moved by his actions. She decided that she must go to Lu Jinye!

Mu Zhi turned around quickly and headed to the lift. She remembered the call Lu Jinye had gotten, Lu's Manor was mentioned. She knew that Lu Jinye had gone to Lu's Manor.

This meant that the matter Lu Jinye was called to could be concerning her.

Mu Zhi rushed out of the building. Without hesitation, she raised a hand to hail a cab and gave it the directions to Lu's Manor.

Meanwhile at the Lu's Manor.

Master Lu was well enough to get up from his bed. He was dressed in a loose white tunic and was seated in an armchair. His face was stern and imposing.

"Why are you still with that woman?" He said. "You even brought her daughter to the amusement park!"

"Xiaomu is also my daughter."

Lu Jinye explained. His deep-set eyes were looking at Master Lu.

His tone was neutral.

"Bah! Even if she has Lu's blood in her, without my permission, no one is recognized! Since Mu Zhi had disobeyed me at the most crucial moment and even sided with that bastard Lu Leiming, she is deemed his accomplice. I will never let her in!"

Master Lu shouted angrily and banged his cane against the floor.

Lu Jinye stood firm. He did not back down even a little.

"I will never back down from the woman I have chosen," His expression was uncompromising.

"Are you disobeying me too?"

Master Lu was furious. He stood up in anger.

As he was too agitated, he kept coughing as he said, "Don't you forget. Although my companies are not as valuable as yours but without me, you would have nothing today!"

"I have no intention of disobeying you."

Lu Jinye's eyes remained cold as he explained to Master Lu.

"What is this then?"

“I hope that you can accept Mu Zhi and Mu Xiaomu. By doing so you will have a big and harmonious family!”

“And if I refuse?”

Master Lu frowned and asked in return.

“In that case I will only return when you have agreed.”

There was an unmistakable threat in Lu Jinye’s tone!

In that instance, Master Lu was furious and held his hand over his chest as though in pain.

The butler immediately stepped forward to support Master Lu. Lu Yunxi had also rushed into the room in a panic. He looked at Lu Jinye helplessly and sighed. He did not think that he could persuade Lu Jinye.

However, seeing Master Lu’s condition, he said, “Brother, can you stop agitating father so much? This... You do know that our father is... Argh!”

Lu Jinye lowered his gaze but he had no intention of backing down. When the family doctor had arrived, he felt that there was no point in staying back, so he turned around and left.

Mu Zhi asked the driver to drive speedily. She hoped that she could arrive on time.

Previously she had disobeyed Master Lu, so Master Lu was unhappy. If he made things difficult for Lu Jinye due to that, she was willing to sacrifice her principles and apologize. The remaining matters can be dealt with later.

However, when she had gotten off the cab and had paid the driver, she saw that Lu Jinye had left the manor’s compound and had gotten into the car. He saw Mu Zhi when he was about to close the door.

“Come here. Get in the car.”

Lu Jinye frowned. He looked at Mu Zhi hesitantly and called her to the car.

Mu Zhi had no option but to hurry to Lu Jinye. She pulled open the door and got in.

She observed Lu Jinye carefully.

Lu Jinye had always guarded his expressions. So, it is impossible to ascertain the result of his discussion with Master Lu.

She looked at him starting the car proficiently and drove past the gate.

“How was your discussion with Master Lu? Was Master Lu still angry with me?”

Mu Zhi hesitated. She looked up and observed him carefully.

But Lu Jinye was focused on the road before him, “No.”

“How was your discussion with him?”

“It was just some work matters.”

Lu Jinye answered.

Mu Zhi believed that there is a wide gap between their intelligence so even if Lu Jinye lied to her, she would not be able to tell. Furthermore, even if she probed Lu Jinye, she would not be able to discover anything.

So she could only give up.

She put on the seat belt obediently and went with him.

However... Lu Jinye did not send her back to the company. Instead, he brought her to a cinema. After stopping the car, he bought two tickets, two cups of milk tea, and a bucket of popcorn. Then he called Mu Zhi to come up to meet him.

When Mu Zhi had entered the cinema and saw that Lu Jinye was carrying all these things. Mu Zhi found it even harder to believe what was going on.

She blinked and said, “Why are we here?”

“Isn’t it obvious, to watch a movie.”

Lu Jinye owned a family cinema. Due to his past investments in the movie industry, his company kept receiving invitations to the latest big-screen premieres but he never went.

But today... He wanted to watch a movie?

“What movie are we watching?”

Mu Zhi went to Lu Jinye’s side and looked at him.

She noticed that the two tickets he was holding were tickets to the re-showing of Titanic.

Mu Zhi felt that she did not know much about Lu Jinye.

Such as now... She had no idea what Lu Jinye wanted to do?

“Lu Jinye, are you troubled?”

Lu Jinye handed the popcorn to her and replied, “Yes.”

Then he turned around and headed towards the check booth.

Mu Zhi was startled for a moment and rushed to catch up with him.

But... It was too late...

In the past, Lu Jinye would never come to such a place.

It was because his appearance was enough to stir up the crowds.

Furthermore, the cinema he had chosen had a movie star coming over to promote his movie so there were a lot of supporters there.

The movie star’s arrival was delayed. But a few people who were not aware of it saw Lu Jinye from afar and exclaimed that he was handsome. They all rushed to him for his signature.

So handsome! He must be a movie star!

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Chapter 198 Tender and Chilly

The crowd swamped at Lu Jinye, standing in his way. The ticket taker was jaw-dropped at this sight!

Who is this movie star?

Why are the fans crazy over him?!

The people surrounding Lu Jinye had no idea who he was. But they were enthusiastically asking for a photo and requested his signature anyway.

It was too late when Mu Zhi realized this. Lu Jinye had been completely fenced in by the crowd, and it was a mission impossible to bring him out of what seemed like hundreds of bodies.

Regardless, Mu Zhi bit the bullet and squeezed through the crowd viciously. She ultimately managed to seize Lu Jinye’s hand, pulling him away, and dashed towards the movie hall.

All she could do was to put all hopes on the ticket taker to block out the mysterious group of fans that came out nowhere!

On the other hand, like an overly calm psychopath, there was no sign of anger on Lu Jinye's face.

He was not in a rush, languidly heading into the hall.

"Hey hey, you guys, you need to get a ticket to get in here!"

Mu Zhi went through great lengths to finally accommodate Lu Jinye in the movie hall, but she could still hear the bellowing coming from the ticket taker.

The movie was coming off the screen soon, so not many had purchased the ticket to the movie in the first place. However, after the ordeal that just occurred, the tickets to the movie were almost sold out.

Many fans bought the tickets just to be able to share the movie hall with Lu Jinye.

The movie was almost starting when Mu Zhi and Lu Jinye found their seats in the hall, and they were the only two inside.

However, little did they expect that it had barely been minutes before the hall was flooded, albeit mostly by fangirls.

The usually-empty first row of the movie was also full at this moment!

Mu Zhi's jaw... Almost dropped to the floor.

She scanned the area in awe and then said in shudders, "What the heck, this is too scary."

Mu Zhi acknowledged that Lu Jinye was a handsome work of art. But she was certain that the women who usually threw themselves at him were only doing it for his money.

But now... She was astounded.

Had she taken his looks for granted?

In the dimly lit movie hall, where the source of the light was only the movie screen itself, Mu Zhi stole a glance at Lu Jinye.

He rocked his usual poise with a dash of smugness, not caring about what was happening around him.

Lu Jinye put up a pretentiously gullible front as he teased Mu Zhi, "What is it? Surprised by the power of my charms?"

Mu Zhi silently plugged her mouth with a handful of popcorn.

The Titanic was a tear-jerking romance movie, where couples were supposed to engross themselves in the story of Jack and Rose. But instead of feeling like Rose DeWitt Bukater, Mu Zhi felt like she was Rose's mother, Ruth.

The ladies who were lucky enough to secure a seat around Lu Jinye would intermittently brush past him by pretending like they were going to the toilet, making Mu Zhi, or Ruth, the obstacle in their self-imaginary love story with Lu Jinye.

Mu Zhi could take it no longer.

At her current age, it had been a while since she was struck by jealousy. Thanks to Lu Jinye, she had relived the jealousy which she had not felt since she was a teenager.

In the past, when Mu Zhi and Lu Junnian were dating, they would frequently stumble upon juniors of their college who confessed their love for him. She would later carefully handle her relationship with Lu Junnian, afraid that he would be stolen away from her.

But Lu Jinye was even worse.

In the end, she decided that she had enough.

Around forty minutes into the movie, Mu Zhi dragged Lu Jinye off his seat and pulled him out of the movie hall.

It did not seem to bother Lu Jinye. It appeared that he had enjoyed it.

After getting into the car with Mu Zhi, he acted like a naïve man, "What is it? Why aren't we finishing the movie? Are you worried that my charms are too potent?"

Mu Zhi massaged her temples to soothe her light headache, then peered at him, "Why did you suddenly ask to see the movie? Did you just want to flex your charms?"

Lu Jinye pouted his lips.

"I just want to go on a date with you, but... I didn't expect to screw it up."

He said in a genuine attitude.

Mu Zhi almost believed in Lu Jinye.

She was a little touched by his gesture.

Upon pondering briefly, she said, "Then let's move our date back home. We shall see a movie when we get home, and then have dinner after."

She couldn't bear to risk dining out with Lu Jinye anymore.

Who knew what else would happen on an ordinary date with Lu Jinye?

Gazing outside the car window, Lu Jinye had no quarrel with her suggestion.

Thus, he nodded in agreement and brought Mu Zhi home.

Mu Zhi searched for a movie, then played it in the TV room.

The sound system at Lu Jinye's TV room was superior to that of the movie hall. The experience was comparable to that of IMAX.

Unfortunately, there was a fly in the ointment. Mu Zhi was confident that she had chosen a romance movie. However, Lu Jinye had the uncut version at home, and there were plenty of suggestive scenes.

Mu Zhi was responsible for the movie selection.

During the steamy sections of the movie, Mu Zhi instantly flushed red.

Her face turned even redder when Lu Jinye glanced at her with a playful smirk.

She cleared her throat and defended herself, "I haven't seen the movie before. I didn't know that these scenes are a part of it."

In response, Lu Jinye uttered something that almost made her choke on her saliva. "It doesn't matter even if you have. You don't need to explain yourself. After all, you've witnessed my charms, it's normal that you want to surmount me."

What on... Earth?!

Surmount!

Mu Zhi could feel her ears burning.

When she turned to look at Lu Jinye, she found him staring back at her affectionately.

"Umm... Do you feel warm? Let me bring us two glasses of iced watermelon juice."

Mu Zhi could feel the awkwardness in the air. She hastily stood up and prepared to bolt.

However, Lu Jinye seized her hand and then breathed into her ear, "You never used to lay these subtle groundworks before having your desires fulfilled."

It was purely a misunderstanding.

No groundwork was laid to anything whatsoever.

Mu Zhi felt the need to explain, but Lu Jinye had leaned in too close. She could feel the strength draining out of her body.

The warmth of his breath fanned the surface of her skin.

Mu Zhi was almost touching Lu Jinye's lips when she cranked around.

His lips were tender and chilly.

Just what she needed to quench the heat of her body in this instance.

Before she could make a move on him, Lu Jinye had already started pouncing on her.

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Chapter 199 An Honorable Love!

Mu Zhi glanced at the time. When she was preparing to leave the bed, Lu Jinye reached out to hold her hand.

"Where are you going?"

Mu Zhi rolled her eyes at Lu Jinye, "This dating thing isn't really working out. I need to pick up Mu Xiaomu from school."

Shuffling towards Mu Zhi, Lu Jinye did not stop her from leaving. He brought Mu Zhi into his embrace and breathed into her ear, "I think this dating thing works out perfectly. We should do it every day."

"..."

Mu Zhi was left with no words.

Once a day?!



She had the intention to refuse him earlier...

But unfortunately, Lu Jinye knew her too well. Her body was not able to resist what was coming at her.

Mu Zhi then glared at him in the end and hopped off the bed, disregarding Lu Jinye completely. She headed into the bathroom, took a shower before starting to dress up. "Xiaomu is finishing class soon, I need to fetch her."

Lu Jinye followed suit. He looked stunning as always after getting dressed. "I'm coming with you."

His phone went off as soon as he finished those words.

Lu Jinye was buried in endless work lately. Mu Zhi was aware of it. She glanced at the phone and said to him, "You should get to work first. If you could bring it home, I can bring Xiaomu home and the three of us can have a meal together."

Mu Zhi grabbed her coat and prepared to leave right after.

But before she could step out of the door, her phone suddenly went off.

Mu Zhi took a look at the caller's name, answered it, and said, "How is it, Xiaoning?"

Jian Xiaoning sounded a little anxious, "Are you preparing to pick up Xiaomu from school now?"

"Yeah," Mu Zhi held the phone in her hand while staggering to change into a pair of ballet flats.

"No, don't go."

Jian Xiaoning hurriedly cut her off. "Let me pick her up."

Mu Zhi was a little bemused by Jian Xiaoning's abrupt suggestion.

"What happened?"

"I'll bring her to my place today and drop her off at school tomorrow morning. I think it will take a while for the scandals revolving around you guys to die off. So, just leave Xiaomu to me, alright? Ciao."

Jian Xiaoning blabbered a series of words before immediately hanging up the call.

Meanwhile, Mu Zhi remained in a daze... What is Jian Xiaoning referring to?

What rumors?

Mu Zhi blinked her eyes multiple times and hurriedly searched for her and Lu Jinye's names on the phone.

True enough! An exposé!

For the lack of a better word, the newest scandals could only be described as head-scratching.

Because... The floating rumors were piping hot. It was about her date to the movies with Lu Jinye and Lu Jinye was mistaken as a superstar.

As a result, the actual movie star, who was there to market his movies, lost half of his fans for his event.

Some of the paparazzi caught some photos of the Lu Jinye and Mu Zhi.

And the headline wrote, 'Humble tycoon, Lu Jinye, caught holding hands with Mu Zhi to the movies. His charms caught more eyes than a movie star!'

The headline was followed by countless photos of Lu Jinye being swamped by fans.

How do I end up in the hot search by doing nothing?

Mu Zhi could feel a twinge of headache coming over her.

Lu Jinye was facing a vast challenge at work. She did not intend to add more onto his load.

Mu Zhi turned around and catch a glimpse of Lu Jinye's face. She wanted to bring it up to him but Lu Jinye was focused on work.

He was in the middle of a remote conference, attentively directing the next course of action of the company. The collaboration with Xie Xiu was almost set in place.

The agenda of the meeting was to maximize the value of Xie Xiu's funds and consequently recover the losses of the Lu Group in the shortest possible period!

Mu Zhi overheard parts of the call. Seeing that the sky was gradually getting darker, she headed into the kitchen.

Now that she did not have to pick up Mu Xiaomu and thinking that Lu Jinye's meeting might take a while, Mu Zhi decided to prepare some food for him.

Lu Jinye had been staying up late. Thus, Mu Zhi especially prepared a serve of goji berries and cinnamon porridge for him to go with some light, home-made dishes to counter-pose the greasy food he had been having.

Despite understanding that it was routine for Lu Jinye to stay up late and knowing that his body would undoubtedly handle a few sleepless nights, Mu Zhi could not help caring for him.

The remote conference lasted over three hours. It was around eight at night by the time it finished.

Mu Zhi reheated all the dishes and served them on the dining table in a presentable fashion. When Lu Jinye shut his laptop and returned to the dining table, he looked at Mu Zhi with a curious frown, "Why didn't you pick up Xiaomu?"

"I can't."

Mu Zhi was lamenting a little as she responded.

"You're on the news again from this afternoon."

In between her words, Mu Zhi searched the recent news and headed it to Lu Jinye.

"You've been portrayed as a scumbag nowadays. Now that Xiao Qingqing has broken up with you while bearing your child, do you think we should... Keep it low?"

Mu Zhi mumbled towards the end of her sentence.

Lu Jinye threw a casual glance at the content of the news before returning the phone to Mu Zhi. He said, "Are you upset because we got caught dating, or are you upset because I'm portrayed as a scumbag by the media?"

Lu Jinye questioned Mu Zhi with a stern face.

Mu Zhi raised her head. She drew a deep breath as she locked her eyes at Lu Jinye. Then, she heaved a sigh, pretending to be busy with setting the table.

"I'm afraid that this news will affect you." She said.

Mu Zhi suddenly took two steps towards Lu Jinye and grabbed his hand.

She added, "Do you think you should release a statement saying that you're purely consoling me by going to the movies with me earlier? You can say that I'm a needy woman and I threatened you with our child."

"Then, stay closer with Xiao Qingqing in the coming days. Lu Jinye, I don't mind how the public perceives me, it doesn't really bother me. But you're different. You bear the Lu Group's reputation on your shoulders. This affects tens of thousands of jobs."

Mu Zhi was becoming increasingly agitated.

Lu Jinye gazed at Mu Zhi with violent emotions dancing in his eyes.

"Mu Zhi, I, Lu Jinye, wish to treat you with an honorable love. I won't let you sacrifice for me."

Mu Zhi was astonished. She lifted her eyes and was drown in Lu Jinye's gush of love.

Everything about him told her that he was willing to endure all hardships for her.

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Chapter 200 Flood Their Screens With Our Love

Lu Jinye was rather emotional when he said those words!

Because... He did not expect that Mu Zhi would say such a thing for him!

Although Mu Zhi used to stay by his side, both of them had never displayed their emotions to each other. But even if that was the case, Lu Jinye understood Mu Zhi.

The woman was upstanding, unyielding, and forgiving. Out of everything, she valued justice and protection.

Judging by their identities, he was undoubtedly the source of all the complicated relationships.

The Mu Zhi in the past would not hesitate before rejecting him. However, Mu Zhi had just told him to throw her under the bus to protect himself.

Lu Jinye wouldn't think about it, but he was moved nonetheless.

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He stretched out for arms to gather Mu Zhi into his embrace and placed a kiss on her forehead. "When does Lu Jinye ever need a woman to stand up for him?" He said solemnly, "Don't you worry about these."

Despite the lack of comforting words in his remark, Mu Zhi could feel an indescribable sense of assurance.

She looked up at Lu Jinye, and nodded with a smile, "Alright, let's eat, the dishes are getting cold."

Lu Jinye looked back at her before sitting down by the dining table and had dinner with Mu Zhi.

It was a quiet and peaceful dinner. Mu Zhi and Lu Jinye both had a strong character. They would not allow the floating rumors to affect their mood.

To her... The fly in the ointment was that Xiao Qingqing had conceived Lu Jinye's child. With that said, Mu Zhi did not believe that a child should be what bound two people together in marriage.

She figured that she would generously allow Lu Jinye to provide for that child to support a healthy upbringing.

Mu Zhi felt slightly more at peace with herself after secretly making up her mind.

It was only around nine at night after their dinner. The city was hustling and bustling in the lively nightlife.

Lu Jinye walked up to the window and gazed at the captivating night scenery, then said to Mu Zhi, "Let's go, let me bring you for a fun."

Mu Zhi stared at Lu Jinye in shock, "Haven't I just told you that we just got caught being together? Rumors are currently spreading widely. If we leave home together, there will be numerous paparazzi waiting for us."

But Lu Jinye merely raised his eyes and peered at Mu Zhi with his strikingly deep-set eyes, "So, are you scared?"

Mu Zhi looked back at Lu Jinye unwaveringly upon hearing his remark, "If you don't mind, why would I be scared?"

Mu Zhi had never been scared when she was around Lu Jinye.

He had his eyes locked at the woman before him. Under the dimly lit environment, her glittering eyes became even more distinct and admirable.

Then, he approached the clothes tree and grabbed a coat for Mu Zhi, then grabbed another one for himself. The both of them fixed their appearances, changed out their home slippers, and headed out the door together.

Lu Jinye did not bother driving.

There was no paparazzo around his villa. The residential area would not allow strangers to into their compound.

Mu Zhi held Lu Jinye's hand. She could feel the warmth that was radiated from his palm. She squeezed his hand, allowing his thick palm to envelop her delicate hand completely.

The two of them were strolling on the streets. Hanging above their heads was the elegant moonlight, while their surrounding was boasted with glamorous street lights. Walking next to Lu Jinye, Mu Zhi could not help but doubt the realness of the bliss she was immersed in.

At the same time, she felt extraordinarily peaceful.

"Lu Jinye, it's the first time we take a stroll together."

The fact suddenly dawned on Mu Zhi and she told Lu Jinye.

He did not turn to look at her. Instead, he gradually tilted his head upwards to glance at the moon, "Is that so? What were we doing during those years when we were married?"

Lu Jinye seemed to have forgotten what they were like in the past.

Regardless, he could only feel that time passed by quickly when he was with her.

Mu Zhi pondered momentarily, then said, "We were busy interacting physically, not emotionally."

Lu Jinye sniggered at the sound of her remarks. He lowered his head to look at her, "Then it must have been because you didn't display your emotional side, and in contrast, all I could see was your salivating physical features."

True enough... At the time, Mu Zhi was busy playing the role of an obsequious wife who looked more like a bimbo than a doctor. Most of their memories were made up of what they did on the bed.

They hardly spoke about their feelings.

Lu Jinye was convinced that he would never fall in love again.

And so did Mu Zhi.

However... Little did they know that they would develop into what they were today.

Mu Zhi leaped forward to stand in Lu Jinye's way out of the blue. She stared at Lu Jinye intently. "Lu Jinye, after everything settles down, would you marry me once more?"

Was that considered a proposal or a coercion?

Lu Jinye frowned at Mu Zhi as he paused his footsteps.

He contemplated for a moment.

But said nothing.

Mu Zhi waited for a while before blurting out, "Forget about it. Did you not have plans to marry me again?"

Lu Jinye proclaimed solemnly, "If I am to marry you again, I will give you the wedding of the century."

"Why must you always be in the limelight?"

Mu Zhi pursed her lips.

"Because the previous wedding I gave you was eye-soring."

Following that, Mu Zhi intended to pursue further, but Lu Jinye had already dialed a number on his phone. Thus, Mu Zhi swallowed what words she had on the tip of her tongue.

They continued strolling on the streets.

After returning home, Mu Zhi went on to have a great night's sleep. When she woke up the next morning... She found out that she made the headlines once again.

Mu Zhi was speechless. They were merely holding hands, but it yielded a massive backlash over the internet.

Mu Zhi could only stay patient.

But the contrast between the vast amounts of criticisms she received on the internet and her seemingly ordinary life intrigued her. She figured it might have been due to the proficiency of Lu Jinye's security detail, and that she had been traveling around safely in his car. Thus far, she had never been ambushed by a reporter, questioning her about stealing someone else's husband.

Most of the backlashes she received were on the internet.

Mu Zhi was quite worried in the beginning.

She was remorseful.

And conflicted.

But after getting caught on camera every time she appeared in the public alongside Lu Jinye, Mu Zhi eventually started to accept her fate.

There were even reporters who requested to interview her. But all Mu Zhi could say was, "I believe everyone has the right to choose the love of their lives."

Then, she would comment no further.

But Lu Jinye was different. He appeared to be increasingly delighted to see himself making the headlines every day.

He would sometimes tell Mu Zhi to read the news to him.

Finally, there was one day when Mu Zhi could no longer hold her curiosity. She asked Lu Jinye, "Aren't you worried at all?"

Lu Jinye laughed softly and told her, "I'm certain that the love between us is true, but true love isn't common in the world. So, for the people who can't bear to see us together, I hope to flood their screens with our love!"

"If a man couldn't openly admit his affection for the love of his life, what kind of man is he?"