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Chapter 201 How Selfless Is Mu Zhi for Doing That?

Mu Zhi gaped at Lu Jinye in astonishment, then gulped.

She was caught off guard by Lu Jinye's love confession.

Staring at him solemnly, Mu Zhi could see his eyes gleaming with determination.

In the end, she did not know what to say to him anymore.

She loved Lu Jinye. While Lu Jinye's gesture was moving for her, apart from being courageous, she had no clue what else to think. In fact, she had no idea what else she could do.

Mu Zhi gradually walked up to Lu Jinye, wrapped her arms around him, tiptoed, and gave Lu Jinye an amorous kiss.

"Thank you." She said.

Lu Jinye knitted his brows slightly, gazing down at Mu Zhi with incredibly gentle eyes, "Thank you? Is that all?"

"What else could there be?"

"Aren't you supposed to appreciate me with some actions?"

Lu Jinye curled his lips into a playful smile.

Mu Zhi gave him a coy look, then softly escaped from his embrace and headed into the kitchen. "Fine, what would you like to eat tonight? What about ginger and clam soup to go with some home-cooked dishes?"

Lu Jinye fixed his eyes at Mu Zhi and followed her into the kitchen. "Whatever you want to cook, let me lend you a hand."

"Nah, work is in a mess for you right now, you should put all of your focus on work."

Finishing what she had to say, Mu Zhi skipped into the kitchen and busied herself with the cooking preparation. Meanwhile, Lu Jinye plunged himself into work in the study room.

When dinner was served, the two of them sat across from each other by the dining table. Mu Zhi enjoyed the meal with a dazzling smile.

On the other hand, Lu Jinye had his heart-meltingly tender gaze on Mu Zhi.

After a long while, Lu Jinye was the first to break the silence, “Did you know? I’ve never considered myself to be one who believes in love.”

“What does that mean?”

Mu Zhi asked as she plugged a piece of clam into her mouth, slurped the flesh off its shell, and left what was remaining at the side.

If Lu Jinye did not believe in love at all, Mu Zhi might wonder who Xiao Qingqing was to him.

But if he did believe in love, then Mu Zhi had nothing to ask.

However, Lu Jinye used the word ‘consider’.

Thus, he might be hovering over a grey area.

Lu Jinye did not raise his head to look at her. He helped himself to a bowl of soup and said casually, “That means, I believe that there is true love, but I didn’t believe that I’ll have anything to do with it.”

The idea then dawned on Mu Zhi.

But she became even more curious. Sizing up Lu Jinye solemnly, she asked, “What about Xiao Qingqing? Who was she to you?”

Lu Jinye pondered briefly before answering, “A female partner whom I try to fall in love with.”

His ambiguous explanation confused Mu Zhi even more.

However, that was an inappropriate topic to dive deeply into. If she were to adamantly get to the bottom of things, it might backfire on her.

Mu Zhi was not the type of person who would dwell in the past.

All she wanted to do was to enjoy the love she presently had.

After a short pause, Lu Jinye slowly opened his mouth to explain to Mu Zhi, “My mother used to love Master Lu. She was an emotional woman. Thus, when that woman showed up at my place and informed my mom of the truth, mom couldn’t really accept that Master Lu had an affair. She could not bear to see the love she had shattering into pieces.”

“Although I never received much fatherly love since I was little, I’d always believed that my parents loved each other. Until... Mom committed suicide, I stopped believing that.”

“As for Qingqing in the past, I used to admire many things about her personality. But it might be a form of retaliation against Master Lu from the frustrations that accumulated over the years.”

Lu Jinye seemingly had the intention to continue disclosing his feelings.

However, Mu Zhi hurriedly cut him off. She seized his hand and said to him, “Don’t go on. Let the past stay in the past. Master Lu used to love your mother, and your mother loved you, Lu Jinye. Everything else that came after was Master Lu and the woman’s fault.”

When Mu Zhi was done speaking, the space reduced to a deafening silence.

Mu Zhi did not know what else to say.

However, she did not wish for the miserable air to cling onto Lu Jinye.

Mu Zhi helped herself to a bowl of soup, then started recollecting her past, “I don’t know anything about my father. I remember asking mother where he was. My mom told me that my father had passed away.”

“I believed her as a kid, but when I grew up, I realized that my father might not have been dead. After all, mom had never visited his grave all these years. There was not a trace of a man’s belongings at home too.”

“Perhaps, mom hated dad.”

“But, before meeting you and after leaving Lu Junnian, I had no hope for love.”

At this point, Mu Zhi could not bear to say another word, despite bringing it up with an easy-going note in the first place.

Lu Jinye raised his head only to see that Mu Zhi’s eyes were bloodshot. He sniggered uncontrollably, stood up, and pecked on Mu Zhi’s cheeks gently.

“I’ve never seen a fool like you. Why would you relive your painful past as a way to console others of his painful past?”

How selfless was Mu Zhi for doing that?

Lu Jinye brought Mu Zhi into his arms and squeezed her involuntarily.

Meanwhile, while Mu Zhi was simply indulging herself in his cuddle, she could feel her body temperature creeping up. At the same time, she was even more mortified to feel the increasing heat coming from Lu Jinye's body.

She tried to shove Lu Jinye away.

But the more she struggle, the tighter Lu Jinye squeezed her.

"Stop moving." His voice was deep and hoarse.

Lu Jinye's command told Mu Zhi that he had a reaction.

She promptly complied and not moved a finger.

But Lu Jinye carried her off the floor and stormed into the bedroom.

The rain came with its serenade on the roof and steady drumming on the outside of the windows, and inside the house, the singing of their moans echoed in the ceiling in harmony.

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In the hospital, Xiao Qingqing stepped off the bed and gazed at the rainy night.

She then slowly moved out of the ward and gave Shen Mobo a call, requesting him to handle her discharge.

She was perfectly fine. And looking at how Lu Jinye and Mu Zhi's lovey-dovey stories took the city by storm, Xiao Qingqing was seething!

Why would she continue to fake her condition?

Lu Jinye had fully bought into her lies that she was pregnant with his child! Did he not care about her at all?

Fine...

If you don't care about this child, then let's see if you care about your other one!

It is all Mu Xiaomu's fault for being the obstacle of their relationship!

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Chapter 202 Lu Jinye's Sweet-Talk

It was a sunny day in the following morning.

Mu Zhi woke up to a heavily sore body, spanning every inch of her muscle to her bones. Meanwhile, Lu Jinye was as spirited as always.

After getting dressed, Lu Jinye turned around and headed Mu Zhi a tie.

He tilted his chin upwards, quietly waiting for Mu Zhi.

The smirk on his face was irresistible.

Lu Jinye somehow rocked a tough, yet pretty face. Without wearing a smile, he seemed a little distant but curving his lips slightly upward gave him a captivating appearance.

Mu Zhi looked at him helplessly, wondering to herself since when did he start insisting her to do her tie. Am I supposed to be a full-time wife now?

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She slowly approached him, received the tie from his hand, and put the tie on him as she asked, “Are you looking to make me your full-time wife?”

“If you want to, it doesn’t bother me otherwise. I just want you to be yourself.”

Yet another affectionate string of words.

Mu Zhi was started to sweat on her forehead.

Lu Jinye had been sweet-talking more than he ever had.

Although it did not seem deliberate coming from him, an ordinary remark sounded like heart-melting words to Mu Zhi.

Mu Zhi locked her eyes with Lu Jinye. After doing the tie, she said, “I’m preparing to pick up Xiaomu from Xiaoning’s place later, I’ll drop Xiaomu off at school before going to work.”

“Let me go with you.”

Lu Jinye paused his movements, lifted his wrist to check the time, and said.

“Don’t, we’re still a target of paparazzi at the moment, I think we should avoid being seen together.”

“We have been together quite often lately, and literally turning two of us into one in the bedroom.”

Lu Jinye said with a composed front.

Mu Zhi’s jaw almost dropped to the ground at the sound of it. Looking at the faint, sardonic grin on his face, Mu Zhi was exasperated. She did not know what to say to refute him.

H-h-he... What is he trying to say?

Literally! Turning into one?!

In the end, she came back to her senses and glared at Lu Jinye peevishly. She seized her coat and burst out the door, refusing to waste another second on Lu Jinye.

If she had gone along with Lu Jinye, she was worried that Lu Jinye would start whipping out his purple helmeted warrior of love once again, stopping her from leaving home.

Lu Jinye seemed to have ceaseless desires for her.

Although she too enjoyed getting the pink castle attacked, she figured that it was more appropriate that the two of them assert some self-control.

Mu Zhi stepped through the door, put on her shades and hat, and fixed her coat to perfect her disguise. But all of a sudden, Lu Jinye brushed past her, opened the door, and said to her, “Let’s go, I’ll give you a ride.”

Mu Zhi looked at him with a stern face, “Everyone has been reproaching us over the internet. Just let me sneak out to pick up Xiaomu, I think that’s much harder to get spotted.”

But Lu Jinye clutched both of her hands solemnly, “I thought about announcing our relationship to the public. I hope to tell everyone that you are my loved one. If that troubles you, I’d be even more upset.”

“Fine, I will handle the situation and leave you to bring Xiaomu for now.”

Following that, Lu Jinye did not push Mu Zhi further. He put the car key in Mu Zhi’s palm, turned around, and took another car to work.

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As soon as he arrived at the office, Lu Jinye requested Linda to draft a statement specifically to announce his relationship with Mu Zhi to the public.

However, Linda's command of language was a little too formal to his liking. Lu Jinye kept a scowl as he read the statement. He was not impressed.

After several amendments from Linda, he was still not content with the outcome. Thus, he ended up logging into his social media account and posted a few words, 'Life is meaningless without being able to chase after what one desires. I thank everyone with a conscience for your understanding.'

He logged out immediately after tapping on the 'post' button.

Then, he gathered all of the managers from several departments to make an important announcement.

Firstly, on Mu Zhi's name, he donated funds to five hospitals to give free body check-ups to the single mothers out there.

Following that, on Mu Xiaomu's name, he donated funds to a junior school providing access to education for more kids.

Lastly, he made a pleading to the public to give him and Mu Zhi a little space to love.

Moreover, Lu Jinye used Xiao Qingqing's name to form a film production company that focused on building up her image. He also engaged with several superstars and large brands for collaboration.

All of these were Xiao Qingqing's dream partners and partnerships which she could never secure judging on her current capabilities.

The former few announcements were built upon the basis of love, while the last one was an effort to fulfill Xiao Qingqing's dreams. Lu Jinye called each of the brand representatives personally and spoke in an unprecedentedly soft way.

He finally secured the collaboration after a series of enticing.

After making the preparations, Lu Jinye returned to the office to wait for the execution of the tasks.

He sat leaning against the back of his chair, preparing to get a few minutes of rest before his phone rang.

The call came from Mu Zhi.

"Strange. I thought I would run into paparazzi throughout the day, but things went rather smooth today. Besides, Xiaomu did not get harassed at school at all."

Mu Zhi sounded exceptionally glad through the phone, speaking in a relaxed tone.

Listening to the words, Lu Jinye could not resist letting out a dazzling smile. He said teasingly, "Maybe your disguise worked."

Mu Zhi pondered for a moment, "Yeah, that should be it."

She hung up the call after that and headed to the company.

As soon as she stepped into the building, she could feel a mysterious air coming over her. It was not news to everyone that she was Lu Jinye's ex-wife and they were currently seeing each other.

The bothersome scandals had been pestering her for the past few days. During those days, she could sense the entire office peeping at her in speculation.

However, all she received was envious gazes!

Mu Zhi was intrigued... Why the envious gazes?

Wondering to herself, she headed towards the chairman's office. At the door, she met Linda, who exclaimed, "I think the chairman has really fallen in love this time. Look at everything he did for you!"

Linda was up to her ears in work. She left a brief remark to Mu Zhi before scurrying past her.

Her words put Mu Zhi in a daze.

Mu Zhi hastily chased up to Linda to ask what Lu Jinye did.

After listening to Linda's elaboration, Mu Zhi stood rooted to the ground, too astonished to think of how she should react!

What is Lu Jinye doing?

She was just telling Lu Jinye to keep their relationship down-low in the morning. And after sensing that his bold confession troubled her, Lu Jinye chose to use her name to do charity, just to build up a good image for her?!

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Chapter 203 I Am Happy Just to Have You

Mu Zhi stayed where she stood and didn't move. She was shocked still.

She did not expect Lu Jinye to spend this much time on this... Everyone knew that charity work took a lot of time and would be a long arduous process. If Lu Jinye was seriously invested in this, it would take up a lot of his time.

Mu Zhi had never thought that Lu Jinye would be the kind of person to spend time doing this.

She stood stunned for a few more moments before nodding towards Linda, indicating that she understood and let Linda go to complete her tasks.

She then quickly headed towards Lu Jinye's office.

As soon as she entered the door, she saw Lu Jinye arching his back and stretching his muscles. He kneaded at the knots in his shoulders. He was noticeably exhausted.

Mu Zhi did not knock. She left the door open and walked in.

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Lu Jinye had his back facing her and Mu Zhi deliberately kept her footsteps light as she walked towards him. When she reached him, she gently placed her hands lightly on his shoulders. Lu Jinye turned his head to look at her in alarm.

He relaxed when he saw who it was.

"Why are you here?"

"If I didn't come, how would I find out that despite how invincible Mr. Lu might seem, he still gets tired?"

Lu Jinye couldn't help but smile when he heard Mu Zhi's voice.

He turned and pulled her into his embrace. Lu Jinye softly said, "The only time I'm not tired is when you entice me. In fact, all other times, I feel pretty tired."

This was a confession, albeit a suggestive one.

Mu Zhi snorted. She smiled as she shrugged him off then turned to look at him. "I came to discuss something serious with you."

"What did you want to discuss?"

Lu Jinye frowned.

Mu Zhi gave him a gentle look and smiled, "Just... I don't think you need to do all this for me. Those comments don't affect me."

Mu Zhi's heart was filled with gratitude as she said this.

With one hand, Lu Jinye pulled her back into his embrace and explained with a laugh, "I'm not doing this for you. I just want you to be happy."

"I'm happy just to have you."

Just this morning, she had never felt such freedom when she sent Mu Xiaomu to school. It brought her such joy.

When she found out that this was all made possible by Lu Jinye, she was touched.

"If it made you happy, then I'll expect a good performance tonight."

With this, the touching seriousness in the moment disappeared and Lu Jinye gave Mu Zhi a kiss on the lips.

When Lu Jinye's grip on her loosened in that one peck, Mu Zhi pulled away from him and ran the opposite direction.

Lu Jinye smiled warmly as he watched her blush and panic.

Outside...

Xiao Qingqing stood outside Lu Jinye's office. Her hands clenched in fists.

Lu Jinye! Mu Zhi! They were in love!

She had initially come to tell Lu Jinye that she didn't need any more of his compensation. But now, seeing this, she could not help but feel betrayed.

This bitch!

Watching Mu Zhi smile so happily next to Lu Jinye irritated her.

That expression on Lu Jinye's face as he looked at Mu Zhi was an eyesore to Xiao Qingqing.

The love he had in his eyes could not be hidden. When had he ever looked at her like that?!

Xiao Qingqing felt worse as she watched! She stood there unmoving in the doorway without pushing the door open. She could not stop watching. It was like self-abuse.

Mu Zhi laughed and clutched at her stomach as she sat on the couch, "Okay now, we have to stop joking around. I still have to go back to work."

She looked up as she spoke and saw Xiao Qingqing standing in the doorway. Mu Zhi froze.

She sat quietly and stared at Xiao Qingqing.

Lu Jinye noticed Mu Zhi's sudden quietness and looked at where she was staring at only to see Xiao Qingqing.

In a split second, the warm tenderness he had disappeared.

His voice was low as he spoke, "Go ahead first."

Mu Zhi trusted Lu Jinye. She also understood that right now, all three of them were in an awkward position. If she stayed, it would only complicate things.

She quickly nodded and all trace of their earlier warm familiarity was gone. She slowly walked towards the door.

She was especially careful as she passed Xiao Qingqing.

When she left, Mu Zhi gave both Xiao Qingqing and Lu Jinye some privacy and carefully shut the door.

A heavy air seemed to descent upon the room the moment Mu Zhi shut the door.

Xiao Qingqing could tell that Lu Jinye had reverted to his usual cold demeanor.

So... Lu Jinye did not treat everyone this coldly and aloofly... He was only like that towards people he was not as close to.

But Xiao Qingqing didn't mind. She smiled as she slowly made her way to him. She lifted her face to look at him coquettishly.

"Those big brand endorsements you've carefully prepared for me are really too thoughtful! I couldn't have gotten those contracts on my credit alone."

Xiao Qingqing smiled widely.

Lu Jinye's expression was its usual coldness, "I know that it's your dream."

“Then I’ll need to thank you.”

Xiao Qingqing laughed mockingly at Lu Jinye and said, “My dream was to become a first-tier movie star, but I wasn’t able to. But then it changed to marrying you, my beloved. And now... I guess the heavens are playing a joke on me.” Xiao Qingqing laughed.

Lu Jinye did not answer.

He acted as if he did not hear what she had just said.

Xiao Qingqing was not bothered by this. She gently walked next to him. She put an arm around him and pressed her head into his chest. “Jinye, I don’t want riches and luxury anymore. Can you come back to me?”

“Qingqing, I have been quite clear with you.”

Lu Jinye did not come out and say that there was no way they could get back together. It would be too hurtful.

Xiao Qingqing laughed dejectedly, “Why is it that even though I got pregnant, you still refuse to give both me and the baby a home? Whereas Mu Zhi gets your love and you’re giving her child a home?”

She looked at Lu Jinye, a hysterical edge to her words.

Lu Jinye frowned at this.

He quietly looked at her. It took him a long time before he managed the words, “Sorry, Qingqing.”

“What use is your apology?! I just don’t understand how I have lost to Mu Zhi!”

Xiao Qingqing could not control herself from yelling at Lu Jinye!

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Chapter 204 Who Would You Choose, Your Own Flesh and Blood, or Mu Zhi?

Lu Jinye frowned. He stared at the hysterical Xiao Qingqing for a long while before replying, “Sorry.”

After a pause he added, “I will grant you anything you want.”

“And if I want for you and Mu Zhi to separate and get back together with me. Can you grant this?”

Xiao Qingqing said softly as her tears softly dripped down her face.

But Lu Jinye shrugged her hand away and said, "Sorry."

Xiao Qingqing lifted her head and wiped away her tears saying, "Fine! It doesn't matter!"

After finishing, she smiled and said, "Give all your endorsements to your other artists. I don't need them. All I've ever wanted was your love. If I don't have that, I don't need anything else."

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Xiao Qingqing turned to leave and headed towards the door.

When she reached the door, she stopped.

She didn't turn and said loud enough for Lu Jinye to hear, "Lu Jinye, if come one day when you need to choose between your own flesh and blood and Mu Zhi, who would you choose?"

Lu Jinye looked at Xiao Qingqing, "What are you planning?"

Xiao Qingqing laughed lightly and turned to look at Lu Jinye, "I'm not planning anything. It was just a joke. Relax, I will give birth to this child. After all, this is the last gift you have given me."

After saying this, Xiao Qingqing definitively walked out.

She had never performed so well in her life. But by the time she walked out of Lu Jinye's office, she could no longer tell if her tears were real or if they were from her performance.

She did not wipe them but instead, just let them flow.

Xiao Qingqing had no intention of making Lu Jinye choose between Mu Zhi and her flesh and blood. The choice he had to make would be between Mu Zhi and Mu Zhi's own flesh and blood.

Xiao Qingqing realized that she did not have the strength to drive. With her current condition, she could not drive. Instead, she called for a cab. When she got on, she made a phone call.

“Have you arranged everything for me?”

“I’ve contacted them, and the directorial team needs a girl for a scene in the mountains but…”

“But what?”

“Are you sure that it’s okay? She’ll have to be alone in the mountains with no adults with her. Some things may go wrong. Something like this happened before. Some guy from a village stole the child away to be his child bride.”

“It’ll be even better if that happens!”

Xiao Qingqing was happy. “Hurry and get it done! Find someone to go to the kindergarten and get the child. Make sure nothing goes wrong otherwise you’ll deal with me!”

She hung up as soon as she finished speaking.

She looked up only to see the driver staring at her suspiciously. She coughed awkwardly and took off her sunglasses. “I’m an actress. I was practicing my lines just then. I hope I didn’t scare you.”

The cab driver glanced at her through the rear view mirror. She indeed looked like a star. With the rumors floating around with him and Lu Jinye, the driver easily recognized her.

When she realized that the driver recognized her, Xiao Qingqing put the sunglasses back on.

Xiao Qingqing paid the driver when she reached home and got out of the car. She was about to enter the house when she noticed Shen Mobo waiting for her.

“Where did you go?”

“I went to Lu Jinye’s.”

Xiao Qingqing was blunt and did not hide it from Shen Mobo. She entered the pin code and entered the house. Shen Mobo followed her in.

“What did you do at Lu Jinye’s?”

Xiao Qingqing walked in and took out her luggage. She started to pack her things into it whilst Shen Mobo followed her from behind, questioning her.

“You know where I went to do so why do you need to ask?”

Xiao Qingqing shot back.

She continued packing as she spoke.

Shen Mobo took a deep breath before looking at her, "Can we give up, please? Just stay with me. You, me and our child, living happily together."

Shen Mobo earnestly tried to persuade her.

But Xiao Qingqing looked at him through her sunglasses and shook her head, "If I had wanted you, I would have chosen you years ago. I believe that if I try hard enough, I'll get what I want."

Xiao Qingqing said calmly.

It was as if she was talking about the weather. But the calmer she seemed, the scarier she was.

Shen Mobo was angry with her. With how cruel she was towards him.

He walked towards her quickly. He wanted her to look him in the eye as he spoke to her.

Only now did he notice that she was wearing her sunglasses as she packed. She was still wearing them as she spoke to him.

Shen Mobo asked her curiously, "Qingqing, why are you wearing sunglasses?"

With this, Xiao Qingqing lowered her head again.

She then turned her back towards Shen Mobo and said, "Is there anything else you want? If not, I have a plane to catch. I need to distract myself."

Shen Mobo suddenly stepped forwards and stopped Xiao Qingqing.

Xiao Qingqing wanted to dodge but Shen Mobo ripped the sunglasses off her face.

In that moment, Shen Mobo came face to face with Xiao Qingqing's tear-stained, bloodshot eyes.

Any reprimand he had towards her disappeared. What was left was worry towards her.

"Why are you crying? Was I too harsh?"

But Xiao Qingqing did not explain herself. Instead, she grabbed her suitcases and walked towards the door.

Shen Mobo rushed after her.

Xiao Qingqing got in the car and Shen Mobo followed behind her. She was heading to the airport but Shen Mobo did not know which flight she was getting on. Shen Mobo ordered his assistant to buy one ticket of each flight.

Xiao Qingqing did not stop him.

After all, she had to have a witness to prove her innocence regarding Mu Xiaomu's disappearance.

Shen Mobo was a suitable candidate for the role.

Finally, Xiao Qingqing got on a flight to Japan and Shen Mobo went with her.

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Normally, the route to fetching Mu Xiaomu from school was quite easy going and unhindered. But today, the roads were all blocked.

When the kindergarten was finally within sight, she saw a multi-car pileup right outside of it. The entire road was blocked.

She hesitated while she waited. But seeing as there was no movement whatsoever, she decided to get out of the car now and walk to the school.

But when she arrived at the entrance, she found out that Mu Xiaomu was gone!

And when she asked the people around, no one knew where she had went!

In that moment, Mu Zhi's heart clenched tightly!

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Chapter 205 Let Mu Zhi Die

Mu Zhi had been vigilant all the time because of the previous incident when Mu Xiaomu had disappeared.

How could a child go missing in broad daylight?

Mu Zhi hurried to find the school's supervisor. After checking the surveillance camera, they did not have the faintest idea where those people took Mu Xiaomu to.

They could only see that a person rushed out of a van as soon as Mu Xiaomu walked out of the school and abducted her.

They could not see the license plate of that van as it was blocked.

At that moment, Mu Zhi suddenly felt the immense pressure on her chest. Her heart started pounding.

Where could she find Mu Xiaomu?

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The first thing that came to her mind was to call Lu Jinye. But before she could even make the call, a call came in. "Hello, mistress. Do you want your child back? If you want to get her back, break up with Lu Jinye!"

That person said it unceremoniously and it was obvious that he had used a voice changer.

Holding on to the phone, Mu Zhi's hands were trembling. "Who are you? Let Mu Xiaomu go!"

"Our beloved Xiao Qingqing is also pregnant. You only think about finding a father for your child. Do you know that Xiao Qingqing is in agony because of your selfishness?"

Hearing these words, Mu Zhi suddenly had the thought that this matter might have something to do with Xiao Qingqing. Could the kidnapper be one of her fans?

"Please don't hurt my child."

Mu Zhi bit her lip. She did not know what else she could do at that moment. She was helpless. She could only plead with the person to not hurt Mu Xiaomu.

The person chuckled, "I can't promise that. You have 3 minutes to decide. You can choose to either break up with Lu Jinye or you can choose to let your child die."

Then the call was hung up.

Mu Zhi was holding her phone with her trembling hand. What choice did she have?

Lu Jinye! She had to find Lu Jinye as quickly as possible.

She picked up her phone and called Lu Jinye at the drop of a hat.

However, Lu Jinye's phone... Was engaged every time she called.

Because Lu Jinye was also on another call.

The person on the other end of the call was straightforward and the call was encrypted with electronic audio. "Let me tell you. I'm a fan of Qingqing. We think you're irresponsible and all of us can no longer bear it. Your daughter is in our hands. You can choose to exchange your daughter with Mu Zhi or... You can choose to give up your daughter's life."

The person threatened.

Lu Jinye frowned, "Do you know what you are doing now? If you have any other conditions, just spill them out."

"I have no other conditions!"

That person gritted his teeth, "We only want to give Xiao Qingqing and her child what they deserve!"

Lu Jinye could not help but rub his brows, and calmly said, "So you were saying that you'd agree to let Mu Xiaomu go if I turn Mu Zhi in?"

The person gave a hum and agreed.

Lu Jinye was on the phone so he could not make another call to find someone to investigate the matter.

So, he said to the person, "Give me some time to talk to Mu Zhi. Let me persuade her to turn herself in for my daughter. I hope you don't hurt my daughter."

Lu Jinye pretended to speak pettily.

The person was silent for a moment.

Then he warned Lu Jinye deliberately, "I'll give you one hour. I'll contact you again after that."

After speaking, he hung up the phone.

When Mu Zhi was calling Lu Jinye, his phone was always busy, so she had to call repeatedly. At that moment, the kidnapper called again.

Mu Zhi answered the call in an instant. The moment she answered the call, the kidnapper told her, "Lu Jinye has already chosen the child over you."

Hearing those words, Mu Zhi felt that the person might have deliberately said that to deceive her. But she was still surprised at Lu Jinye's decision.

The phone was hung up immediately.

Immediately, Mu Zhi received a call from Lu Jinye.

"Come to the office quickly."

Mu Zhi did not know the reason why Lu Jinye called her to the office. Even when the kidnapper said that Lu Jinye had already made his decision, she chose to stand by Lu Jinye and believe in him.

She did not even question Lu Jinye and hurried to Lu Jinye's company,

As soon as she walked in, she was met with the sight of many technicians working relentlessly outside of Lu Jinye's office. They seemed to be preparing for something.

Then, the moment when the receiving equipment was ready and before Mu Zhi could speak to Lu Jinye, Lu Jinye's phone rang again.

Lu Jinye answered the call immediately, frowned, and said, "Hello?"

"Mr. Lu, how is the negotiation? If you let your woman jump from the building, I'll let your daughter live."

Lu Jinye intentionally put the kidnapper's call on speaker and the entire office was filled with his dumb threats.

On the other hand, the technicians were working on the receivers, trying to determine the source of the signal.

In an instant, it suddenly struck Mu Zhi what Lu Jinye was trying to do!

She had seen this scene in the movie. It was not easy to detect a person's location. There must be sufficient time to find out the exact location.

The most important thing to do at that moment was to find a way to keep the person on call as long as possible.

Mu Zhi stepped forward and yelled at Lu Jinye, "What do you mean? You want me to turn myself in to exchange for Mu Xiaomu? Are you crazy? Do you not love me anymore?"

While shouting, she winked at Lu Jinye to indicate that the show had started.

Seeing Mu Zhi's nonsensical performance, Lu Jinye wanted to laugh out loud.

Initially, Lu Jinye had his plan to deal with the kidnapper. He was ready to negotiate and the kidnapper was no match for Lu Jinye at all.

When Mu Zhi started shouting, she instantly turned the hostile situation into a comedy show.

However, there was no turning back. Lu Jinye frowned and replied Mu Zhi, "You're Xiaomu's mother. Her life is at stake. Shouldn't you put her before yourself?"

"Xiaomu is still young. She has a bright future ahead of her."

Mu Zhi was taken aback by Lu Jinye's serious tone. Mu Zhi was stunned that he could get into character so quickly. He should have been an actor.

There was no doubt that he was a scumbag for being able to say such a thing.

But she pretended to be infatuated and said, "I do worry about my child. But... I... Why do you want me to sacrifice myself? Do you know that the kidnapper wants me dead?"

Mu Zhi tried to turn on the waterworks, but unfortunately, she failed.