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Chapter 216 It Was Not the Normal Spicy, It Was Goddamn Spicy!

Mu Zhi glanced at Lu Jinye surprisedly. However, Lu Jinye did not seem to be agitated at all. It was as if this matter did not bother him as much as it did to Mu Zhi.

Lu Jinye acknowledged Linda, who was at the other end of the phone, "I see."

"Mr. Chairman, the directors are waiting for you to start the meeting."

Linda continued with a hint of reluctance. She was hemming and hawing whether she should speak up or not.

After a while, Lu Jinye replied, "I'll be there in a while."

When he had cut off the phone call, Mu Zhi reached out her hand and put it on top of Lu Jinye's, "I've asked Xie Xiu for help just now to force the truth out of Linda. I worsened the situation."

Mu Zhi breathed in deeply and tried to let herself calm down. But she still felt on edge after she had unloaded herself.

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Lu Jinye simply consoled her, "It's not your fault. I gave Xie Xiu a simplified version of the agreement two days before. The agreement literally states a zero profit towards Xie Xiu's company as a guideline for negotiation, so it is totally normal for him to refuse it."

"Why did you do this?"

Mu Zhi could not read Lu Jinye's mind. But she saw the certainty in his eyes.

He glanced at the time. "I need to go to the company. Looks like we can't stargaze together anymore. It will be a hectic day at the company today."

"It's alright."

Mu Zhi replied composedly. She got off from the car to let Lu Jinye leave.

However, on second thought, she got back onto the passenger's seat and declared, "I'm accompanying you to the company."

Lu Jinye raised his head and stared deeply into Mu Zhi's eyes.

"Why?"

"I wish to stay by your side even though I can't help you with what you're experiencing right now."

Mu Zhi bit her lip and answered seriously.

Lu Jinye approached Mu Zhi. He kissed her soft lips, but briefly and gently. At this moment... time was running out. There was no extra time for cuddles.

Lu Jinye and Mu Zhi hurried over to the office straight off.

The meeting commenced right away after they arrived.

Mu Zhi led Linda downstairs to get some Starbucks coffee for everyone as the meeting was expected to be lanky and aggressive.

It took Mu Zhi, Linda, and a few other secretaries to carry a total of 18 cups of coffee. When they walked out of the shop, one of the secretaries exclaimed, "I have this weird feeling but I cannot explain why. I feel that Secretary Mu and Chairman Lu are getting more and more in sync."

"We felt more at peace too after Secretary Mu came."

Another secretary chipped in cheerfully.

"In the past, whenever Mr. Chairman summoned a meeting, everyone would be terror-stricken. Nobody would run the risk of speaking up. However, Mr. Chairman seemed to be more accommodating after Secretary Mu's return."

Mu Zhi did not put to heart their gossip about her.

She only smiled, as if she was listening to stories of someone else.

The feeling of serenity she felt now compared to that during the olden days when she listened to their guess about Mrs. Lu was different.

It was because that she knew she would not be able to hold the title of Mrs. Lu forever. She would need to surrender it sooner or later.

It was none of her business.

But now... When they mentioned Lu Jinye, especially during this critical period when the gossip about him was all over the place, Mu Zhi felt even more certain of her feelings.

She unconsciously tightened her grip onto the coffee cup in her hand, and slowly strode towards Lu Jinye's company.

All of a sudden, the secretaries beside her stopped advancing and went silent. Their gazes rested afar. Mu Zhi was curious, so she looked in the same direction as they were.

A black Bugatti's window was out down. The man in the car wore a pair of sunglasses. He exuded an extraordinary aura.

At the same time, a well-dressed and professional-looking beautiful lady walked towards Mu Zhi. Before she even spoke, Mu Zhi had already handed over the coffee she was holding to the secretaries beside her, "Leave us, I'll return in a while."

Of course, these secretaries knew Xie Xiu.

After all, they thought this man had influence over the company's survival chances, without knowledge about the company's administration or financial state at a more discreet level.

Mu Zhi nodded her head gently towards the secretary, "You don't need to escort me there, I'll go myself."

As she finished, Mu Zhi walked towards Xie Xiu. Xie Xiu got off the car and smiled as he invited Mu Zhi, "Please get in, Miss Mu."

Mu Zhi politely looked at Xie Xiu and replied, "Mr. Xie, I know a place with delectable grilled fish. We could try it out, and it's on me."

Xie Xiu gently lifted the corner of his lips, "Miss Mu, is that your excuse for not wanting to be with me a little while longer?"

"I only thought the fish was delicious."

Mu Zhi explained.

Although her intention was written all over her face, Xie Xiu acted in concert with her. He nodded his head lightly, "Alright, please lead the way, Miss Mu."

Mu Zhi turned around and headed towards the restaurant. Xie Xiu walked along with her.

They were not too far away from where they were headed, but Mu Zhi was silent all the way. She waited for Xie Xiu to speak first, but he kept mum.

Both of them slowly walked to the restaurant, and when they arrived at the restaurant, the waiter pulled the chairs for them.

Xie Xiu picked up the chopsticks on the table, then put them down again.

Mu Zhi did everything as if she was perfecting a mission. She lifted the menu and started to order the dishes. She ordered the spiciest grilled fish and some side dishes. Only then, she asked Xie Xiu if he wanted anything.

Xie Xiu looked at her warmly.

“I’m good. These are enough.”

He did not add to the order, nor show any dissatisfaction towards Mu Zhi’s selection of dishes. He calmly handed the menu back to the waiter.

“How could this be enough? Don’t you have any special requests?”

“As you please, Miss Mu, you are the one picking up the tab.”

Xie Xiu’s stare did not leave Mu Zhi, nor did he exhibit any displeasure.

However, Mu Zhi seemed annoyed whenever she looked at Xie Xiu.

Because she could not predict what Xie Xiu had on his mind.

A short while later, the fish was served. It was placed in the middle of the table.

Mu Zhi separated her chopsticks, picked up a small piece of the fish, and put it on her plate. She urged Xie Xiu, “Mr. Xiu, do have plenty! This fish may be spicy, but it is absolutely tasty!”

She faked her enthusiasm and asserted excitedly.

It was not the normal spicy, because it was goddamn spicy!

But Xie Xiu did not touch his chopsticks at all.

He only stared at Mu Zhi attentively.

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Mu Zhi raised her head all of a sudden. When she met Xie Xiu's eyes, she paused briefly. She stopped for a second from taking the fish, and told Xie Xiu, "It is mouth-watering. Do try some. I can't use my chopsticks to get for you, help yourself."

Xie Xiu did not respond nor move his chopsticks. He only held up his glass and drank half a glass of his lemon water.

At this time, Xie Xiu's secretary walked slowly into the room.

She was not afraid to hide her irritation by the thick pungent smell of grilled fish as soon as she entered the room. She covered her nose for a moment.

Grilled fish, hotpot, and Yunnan Bridge Noodles were more or less similar to each other. It smelled good and exceptionally appetizing when you are the one eating it.

But if you were only a spectator, it would smell pungent and irritable.

Whenever one had grilled fish or hotpot, one must clean himself from head to toe properly after that.

The smell was too thick and long lasting!

The secretary looked fixedly at Xie Xiu and walked towards him. She leaned over and whispered into Xie Xiu's ear with a straight face. Mu Zhi sat opposite, so she could not hear what the secretary had said.

She did not want to know what they were talking about either.

She only noticed Xie Xiu nodding his head as a sign of acknowledgment. Then, he beckoned his secretary to leave.

However, at this moment, the secretary frowned disapprovingly.

She picked up an extra pair of chopsticks to stop Mu Zhi from taking another piece of fish. Mu Zhi could not take the fish as she was not as strong as the secretary. Her chopsticks were stuck in between the secretary's.

"Miss, we could order another fish if you'd like to sit together and have some."

Mu Zhi raised her lips and sneered.

"You are doing this on purpose, aren't you? Coming to this sort of place and even using chopsticks to eat this sort of food!"

"What do you mean this sort of food? It's grilled fish."

The grilled fish was completely covered with red chili. It looked so spicy that just by the smell, one knew that it was fiery hot that it could arouse the epithelium of the tongue.

Mu Zhi thought the secretary meant that she shouldn't have brought Xie Xiu for such a spicy dish, so she replied simply with an innocent look on her face.

However, this lady reprimanded her angrily, "Mr. Xie does not know how to use chopsticks. Are you letting him watch you eat on purpose?"

She turned and looked at Xie Xiu after having her words.

"Mr. Xie, I can help you debone the fish."

Xie Xiu maintained the kind smile on his face and said, "It's alright."

Then, he waved at his secretary and ordered, "Go back to the company and convey my orders as we've discussed earlier."

The secretary hesitated. Her gaze pierced through Mu Zhi like daggers when she glanced at Mu Zhi.

However, it was Xie Xiu's orders. She could not disobey him.

She threw one last furious stare at Mu Zhi before she left.

Nevertheless... After the secretary had left, Mu Zhi had no appetite for the fish anymore.

Xie Xiu had lent her a helping hand in the past, and even though Xie Xiu had decided to trouble Lu Jinye at the eleventh hour, Mu Zhi should not have acted so harshly.

She had a reason for her act of choosing grilled fish as their meal, as well as an extremely spicy one. She loved spicy and food that was full of flavor.

However, after the secretary pointed out that Xie Xiu could not use chopsticks, Mu Zhi could not eat the grilled fish anymore.

She meekly apologized, "Mr. Xie, why don't we change places? It'll still be on me."

"It's alright. Don't worry about me."

Xie Xiu smiled lightly.

"Then I shall not eat either. Let's go somewhere with some fresh air."

A heavy scent of spices and chili oil enveloped every table in the restaurant. The smell was not offensive, but it would cling onto one stubbornly.

It did not go with Xie Xiu's temperament.

Xie Xiu did not refuse either this time. He stood up with gallant and replied, "Ladies first."

Mu Zhi got up awkwardly and headed out.

Their bodies smelled fishy even though they did not eat much. Hence, there was not really a place for them for a cup of coffee or tea.

No quiet place for small talk was suitable for them now.

They could only look for an open area to air themselves off the smell of grilled fish.

When Mu Zhi realized her own mistake, she felt even more embarrassed, "My apologies, Mr. Xie. If you don't mind, we can take a walk at the park."

Xie Xiu did not decline her offer. He agreed with a nod.

So, the both of them went to the park. After the reminder Xie Xiu's secretary gave her, she felt her acts childish.

When they arrived at the entrance of the park, Mu Zhi saw a vending machine selling coke. She bought two for each of them.

Mu Zhi talked as they were walking, as she did not want to share the same bench with Xie Xiu at the park. "I'm sorry Mr. Xie, for ignoring the fact that you didn't know how to use chopsticks earlier on."

Xie Xiu lowered his head and looked at Mu Zhi. There wasn't even a tinge of unhappiness in his dark eyes when he stared at Mu Zhi.

"Has your anger subsided then?"

Mu Zhi felt more embarrassed when she heard his question.

So... He knew what she intended to do all along. But he did not expose her?

"I am confused."

Mu Zhi did not answer his question. She replied to him with another question.

"Why are you confused?"

Xie Xiu asked.

“Since you knew that I was doing all these on purpose, why didn’t you stop me?”

Mu Zhi looked at Xie Xiu earnestly.

This man before her eyes was unpredictable. She could not deny the fact that she was clueless about what he was thinking.

But she was sure as hell that this man was no emphatic slayer in the business field.

Why was he so patient towards her?

Xie Xiu only smiled gently and explained, “I don’t know either why I couldn’t bring myself to stop you.”

This reply left Mu Zhi loss of words.

She could only stare at her own feet.

Coincidentally, a couple who were cycling while having fun with each other at the park headed towards them.

The boy who was leading the way did not notice Mu Zhi. It was already too late when he saw Mu Zhi. He lost control of his bike and flew towards Mu Zhi.

Before Mu Zhi could react, Xie Xiu pulled her into his arms and deterred the boy and his bike from colliding with Mu Zhi.

As the boy fell onto the ground, his girlfriend hurried over to help him up.

When Mu Zhi got back to her senses, a group of people had gathered around them!

Xie Xiu’s bodyguards had them circled. One of them, who was probably the leader, picked up his phone anxiously and was about to call the doctor.

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Chapter 218 How Did You Get To Know Xie Xiu?

Mu Zhi had seen how tightly guarded Xie Xiu was before. But she was convinced that there was nobody around them when they were taking a walk earlier on. How on earth did all of them suddenly appear at once?

Mu Zhi was... dumbfounded.



But it was not the right time to rack her brains about how they all appeared at once.

She walked towards Xie Xiu cautiously to check if he was fine.

The bodyguard stood in front of Xie Xiu, holding Mu Zhi off from getting near Xie Xiu.

Xie Xiu ordered coldly, "It's ok."

"I am fine."



After saying this, he glanced at the couple afar. They were mumbling towards each other. Slowly and carefully, they approached Xie Xiu.

Tongue-tied, they tried to apologize, "Sor... Sorry."

It was undeniably a first-time, hair-raising experience for the youngsters. Even Mu Zhi who followed Lu Jinye all year round was taken aback by the bodyguards' array, what more to say, these young people.

Xie Xiu did not answer the young couple.

He only had his attention on Mu Zhi.

"Are you alright?"

Out of courtesy, he did not touch Mu Zhi and check, but only observed her intently and asked.

Mu Zhi shook her head profusely and replied, "I'm fine. What about you? How is your arm?"

She had already noticed that Xie Xiu's arm was abnormally drooping low.

"There's nothing to worry. You may leave."

Xie Xiu did not answer Mu Zhi. He looked at the couple and dismissed them.

Hearing Xie Xiu's command, the bodyguards made a way for the couple to leave. The couple hurriedly left while thanking Xie Xiu.

"Sir, should we call the doctor?"

“Who gave you the permission to follow me?”

Xie Xiu frowned and hauled over the coals.

Hearing his reproach, the bodyguards bowed their heads low and slowly backed off.

“I think my arm is fractured. If I’m not mistaken, there is a hospital not far from here. Do take me there.”

“Stop following me!”

Xie Xiu commanded his bodyguards, then followed Mu Zhi.

Initially, Mu Zhi only wanted to treat Xie Xiu for a simple meal to end things quickly. However, they did not manage to have a proper meal and she embarrassed herself. To ease herself, she tried to have a talk with Xie Xiu at the park.

Now... the situation had become worse.

Who would have guessed that there would be an accident at the park?

Mu Zhi sighed. She could not refuse Xie Xiu’s request and had to accompany him to the hospital.

She had to lead the way.

Mu Zhi led Xie Xiu to the hospital. Xie Xiu, being a distinguished big shot, was welcomed by Xu Changshu herself. They were at the clinic when Mu Zhi met Xu Changshu. Xu Changshu greeted Mr. Xie politely.

“How do you do, Mr. Xie.”

Xie Xiu merely nodded his head at Xu Changshu.

Xu Changshu saw Mu Zhi, but she deliberately ignored her.

Mu Zhi could only tell herself to ignore Xu Changshu too.

So, she waited quietly aside on a chair.

Xu Changshu had to bring Xie Xiu for a thorough body checkup before she could relocate his bone, so she shifted him to another clinic.

Mu Zhi did not follow. She sat on the sofa at the first clinic they visited and waited.

She silently sighed and realized that she should have given Lu Jinye a phone call so he wouldn't worry where she'd been. Who knew that she'd create such a mess?

Mu Zhi only found out that she had misplaced her phone when she felt for it.

She could not find it.

Mu Zhi took off her coat and searched through every pocket it had. But she still couldn't find it!

It must have been misplaced.

She was even more disheartened.

Nevertheless, there was something even worse waiting for her after this.

When she was done searching for her phone, she raised her head and saw a man striding into the clinic.

The person was no other than... Lu Leiming.

Mu Zhi had met Lu Leiming before. But they merely had meals together and did not have any deep conversations during those times.

As Lu Leiming held an important position in the Lu's family, Mu Zhi was uncertain how she should relate with Lu Leiming when she saw him.

Therefore, she lowered her head and made her way out when she saw Lu Leiming walking in.

Just as they walked past each other, Lu Leiming suddenly spoke to Mu Zhi.

"Miss Mu Zhi, I'd like to know, why did you choose Lu Jinye over my son?"

His question sounded ridiculous.

Lu Leiming sounded exactly like Master Lu. He wasn't angry but he sounded firm and arrogant.

"I don't understand what you're trying to say."

Mu Zhi replied politely.

Regardless of the situation, Lu Leiming was still Lu Jinye's elder brother, and he still carried the Lu's family bloodline.

She was not in the position to interrupt or interfere with their family's disagreement.

"It is pretty obvious that Lu Junnian likes you, Miss Mu Zhi. Although he is now engaged to Zhu Sha, it is only because she's bearing his child... He still loves you."

Mu Zhi did not know that Zhu Sha was pregnant.

When she was hearing Lu Leiming spill the beans, she felt a little uncomfortable.

Moreover, it was a long time since she heard about Lu Junnian.

So, was it because he went all in to taking care of Zhu Sha?

Lu Leiming was about to continue when a hasty pair of footsteps neared. Lu Leiming stopped that instant.

Lu Junnian appeared at the door. He glared at both Lu Leiming and Mu Zhi, who were alone in the clinic.

He looked surprised to see Mu Zhi there.

"Why are you here? And how did you get to know Xie Xiu?"

Apparently, Lu Junnian and Lu Leiming had heard from Xu Changshu, and she had them running to the clinic right away.

This could be Lu Leiming's chance to approach Xie Xiu and perhaps a collaboration opportunity.

Rumors already had it that Xie Xiu had withdrawn from investing in Lu Jinye's.

Lu Leiming had arrived first.

Although Lu Junnian was reluctant to show up, he had no choice but to do so.

But... He did not expect to see Mu Zhi here as well.

Mu Zhi looked more slender than before, making her delicate face look more attractive than ever.

However, Lu Junnian was more concerned about Mu Zhi's safety.

What kind of a man was Xie Xiu?

He was well-known overseas as the Dark Satan!

He was someone who survived near-death and succeeded in building his business empire. Regardless of how normal he acted or looked, there was a threatening ambience surrounding him!

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### Chapter 219 An Unexpected Kiss

Mu Zhi blinked her eyes and stared at Lu Junnian. She was not sure if it was because it had been a while since she saw Lu Junnian or that he had become a father-to-be, he looked more mature.

Mu Zhi quietly collected herself and said, "I met him at a hospital in the United States. We don't really keep in touch, you don't have to worry."

However, Lu Junnian still frowned, dissatisfied.

He was evidently worried about her. He gazed at Mu Zhi and said, "Let's talk."

Mu Zhi was certain that it wouldn't take long for Xie Xiu to have his bone relocated, so she was reluctant to go out and have a talk with Lu Junnian.

Or perhaps, she just didn't want to be alone with Lu Junnian.

"We can talk here."



Since Lu Leiming was present, Lu Junnian probably wouldn't go too private.

Lu Junnian glanced at Lu Leiming, then at Mu Zhi again, "I wish to have a talk with you privately."

Mu Zhi gawked at Lu Junnian and bit her lip thoughtfully. "It's alright, you can talk to me here."

Lu Leiming glanced at Lu Junnian at this moment. Knowingly, he stood up, walked out, and closed the door behind him.

Leaving Mu Zhi and Lu Junnian in the room.

Mu Zhi could not help but snort. It seemed that Lu Junnian was important to Lu Leiming. He was quite in favor of Lu Junnian.

“What are you laughing about?”

Lu Junnian raised his eyes. As he glanced at Mu Zhi, he caught her smile.

Mu Zhi hurriedly stopped smiling. Then, in a casual tone, she teased, “Your father treats you well.”

Lu Junnian did not respond to Mu Zhi’s teasing. He turned back and approached Mu Zhi, “Stay away from Xie Xiu.”

Mu Zhi glanced at Lu Junnian, “Your father must have come to discuss a collaboration with Xie Xiu. Why are you approaching him then if you think that he’s a dangerous person and want me to stay away from him?”

She did not know either why she’d react like this when she saw Lu Junnian.

Lu Junnian kept silent.

He stared fixedly into Mu Zhi’s eyes.

Mu Zhi did not want to stand near to Lu Junnian there, so she found a place to sit. As she settled down, she realized that Lu Junnian had not given her an explanation yet.

He sat quietly opposite Mu Zhi as well.

The atmosphere felt a bit awkward.

Mu Zhi felt out of the place.

Lu Junnian stared at Mu Zhi with his deep dark eyes.

There were many things he would want to tell her, but they were all stuck at his throat.

Mu Zhi was suddenly cognizant of the fact that she did not understand Lu Junnian at all.

She felt that Lu Junnian wasn’t happy either.

If they acted single-mindedly, then it’ll be meaningless for the both of them.

Mu Zhi stood up, stretched herself, and headed out.

She turned back and thanked Lu Junnian when she opened the door, “Thank you for your reminder. I will be careful to not provoke Xie Xiu.”

This, perhaps, might be the last deal she'd be able to make with Lu Junnian.

But Lu Junnian grabbed Mu Zhi's arm the moment she was about to close the door. He pulled her back and into his arms.

And kissed her gently before she could react.

Mu Zhi did not expect all of this. She was stunned!

Lu Junnian...

"Mmmm Mmmm..."

Mu Zhi tried to push Lu Junnian away, so he would let go of her.

Lu Junnian had never used such great force to hug her.

However, Mu Zhi could not struggle out of Lu Junnian's arms.

She could only hear him continuously moaning her name.

Mu Zhi did not know what happened to Lu Junnian, but... he looked like he had experienced quite a handful, and he could not tell her all that had happened.

After Mu Zhi failed to escape no matter how hard she tried, she gave up at last.

However, right at this moment, they could hear the doorknob being twisted from the outside. Shortly after, Xu Changshu was seen leading Xie Xiu into the clinic.

Although Lu Junnian reacted at lightning speed and immediately let go of Mu Zhi when he heard noises from the outside... they could not hide their nervousness.

Xu Changshu and Xie Xiu naturally noticed Mu Zhi and Lu Junnian's reaction. But Xu Changshu pretended not to have seen them flustered, and continued her conversation with Xie Xiu, "You need rest, Mr. Xie. And don't miss your scheduled follow-up visits for a new dressing."

After she finished her words, Xu Changshu glanced at Lu Junnian.

"Where's your father?"

Before Lu Junnian could answer Xu Changshu, Lu Leiming had already returned in a haste.

Xu Changshu immediately looked friendlier when Lu Leiming appeared at the doorway.

“Mr. Xie, this is my husband, Lu Leiming. He is the chairman of Leiting. He’s always...”

Before she could go on, Xie Xiu cut her off.

He completely ignored Xu Changshu and spoke to Mu Zhi, “My arm is hurt because of you. You must bear the responsibility to bring me out for some air.”

“I wouldn’t dare.”

Mu Zhi replied naturally.

She did not dare to bring Xie Xiu out anymore. After all... Both of them were already unlucky enough for the day.

“If I were to bring you out for some air, I’m afraid you wouldn’t have only a hurt arm.”

She stopped speaking after that.

They had quite an audience in the clinic, and all of them had their personal agendas.

Mu Zhi felt that she was out of place.

She hesitated a while and then continued, “Mr. Xie, I think Madam Xu mentioned that Mr. Lu Leiming has something important matters to discuss with you. I shall take my leave.”

Mu Zhi decided to escape.

Although she knew that Lu Leiming might not be here to talk to Xie Xiu about work.

She was not a lobbyist for Lu Jinye, so she refused to join their conversation.

Little did she expect Xie Xiu to glance at Lu Leiming, and promptly refused him.

“Madam Xu, I appreciate your recommendation, but I’ve just arrived City A and I wish to relax for a few days. If it’s regarding work, perhaps we can talk about it next time, or you could make an appointment with my secretary.”

“Let’s go.”

Xie Xiu did not have any intention to stay after having spoken his mind. He walked right out of the clinic in big strides.

Mu Zhi looked at him with hands tied... She was baffled.



She had always thought herself as a very smart person. Being Lu Jinye's secretary, she had met many mob leaders before. But she did not understand what Lu Jinye, Lu Leiming, and Xie Xiu were cooking right now.

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Chapter 220 Thank You, My Husband

When Mu Zhi followed Xie Xiu out of the hospital, she was still glassy-eyed.

She stood in front of Xie Xiu's car, showing no intention to get into it. Hence, Xie Xiu reminded Mu Zhi, "Miss Mu, I'm afraid I'll need you to send me back to the company. It is clear that I'm unfit to drive right now."

This made Mu Zhi come back to her senses.

Mu Zhi checked her surroundings and got into Xie Xiu's car.

She certainly had the obligation to send him back.

Mu Zhi drove carefully all the way.

Until she sent Xie Xiu back to his company, Mu Zhi slowly left under the fierce glares of his sexy secretaries.

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Xie Xiu had told her his past before. Judging from his bodyguards, Xie Xiu undeniably did look dangerous.

However... The Xie Xiu that Mu Zhi knew and associated with was unguarded.

Mu Zhi flagged down a cab and went back to the company.

She entered the department. She wanted to get a sip of water as well as a breath of air. It was a hectic day for her.

Nevertheless, her seat was the nearest to Lu Jinye's.

She did not see Lu Jinye when she got up to get herself a glass of water.

Just as she wanted to relax and have a drink, she saw Lu Jinye return.

Moreover... he was sizing Mu Zhi up.

“What time is it now?”

Lu Jinye asked nonchalantly.

“Three in the afternoon.”

Mu Zhi gulped down a mouthful and replied.

Lu Jinye did not express any emotions at all, so Mu Zhi was uncertain what Lu Jinye meant by that question.

She could not guess his mood either.

Hence, she replied a little cautiously.

She did not expect Lu Jinye to clam up. He sat at his desk and started doing his work.

The more he reacted that way, the more Mu Zhi felt nervous.

She hurriedly took out her phone and searched hers and Xie Xiu's name online to check if there was any news about them online.

There wasn't.

Only then, she sighed gently in relief.

Luckily... Lu Jinye must have no idea about what happened. She could finally work in peace.

She thought that the rest of the day would be unruffled.

Until nighttime, Lu Jinye left for the conference room for a meeting.

As Mu Zhi needed some previous data for the meeting, she looked for Linda at the secretariat. Linda handed her all the documents she needed once she opened the door. Then she asked curiously, “Did the chairman say anything to you when you came back?”

Mu Zhi thought carefully for a while and answered, “He only asked me what time it was.”

“Did he not ask anything else?”

Mu Zhi was puzzled. She contemplated for a while and shook her head in denial, "Nothing else."

Linda's face lit up with joy when she heard that!

Mu Zhi was baffled by her joy.

Then, she saw Linda walk towards the other secretaries and announce, "Come on everyone, tonight's barbeque will be on you all. Take out your money. I shall collect them, and we shall have delicious grilled meat tonight."

"I knew it. I would win. Although Mr. Chairman is mean to other women, he is true and sincere towards Secretary Mu. He is a super loving husband!"

"Yes."

The secretaries who lost the bet looked crestfallen.

Mu Zhi heard everything Linda said as she hadn't left yet.

Something must have happened.

She walked towards Linda, frowning as she stared at her. When Linda calmed down, Mu Zhi asked, "Why do you claim Lu Jinye to be a super loving husband? What did he do again?"

Linda turned and when she saw Mu Zhi, she was taken aback for a second.

Nevertheless, she was quite close to Mu Zhi in the past. She knew that she could not hide anything from Mu Zhi nor outsmart her.

She told Mu Zhi the truth wryly, "After you passed the coffee for us to bring them up, you went off with Mr. Xie Xiu, didn't you? The both of you were photographed."

"The moment when Mr. Xie held you in his arms."

"Why didn't I see it online?"

Mu Zhi looked at Linda in shock. She was dubious about Linda's words.

"Because Mr. Chairman sent someone to stop it upfront."

"..."

Mu Zhi could not believe it.

She did not know how to respond either.

She glanced at the others beside her. Their expressions acknowledged Linda's words.

Mu Zhi blinked her eyes and took Linda's words.

Linda and the other secretaries were already getting ready for their barbecue.

Mu Zhi spontaneously took the documents she needed and headed back to Lu Jinye's office.

The documents Lu Jinye needed did not require much time for Mu Zhi to organize, but Mu Zhi stayed back after she was done.

She was thinking about what she could do for Lu Jinye.

She circled the office, then went down.

When Lu Jinye completed his meeting, it was already 10 at night. All the other directors left the building like greased lightning, while he went back to his office. He found his office dimmed.

Normally, Mu Zhi could complete her work thirty minutes before time to get off. This meant that... Mu Zhi had left after she had executed all her tasks?

Just as he sat at his desk and was about to continue with his paperwork, a few men carrying several bags came knocking on the door. One turned back and asked the person behind them, "Where shall we put these stuff?"

"There's a table there. Place it on the table."

Mu Zhi ordered as she walked in the office.

Lu Jinye frowned as he watched Mu Zhi. Mu Zhi ignored him and directed the people to leave after they had placed the stuff neatly.

After they had left, Mu Zhi opened every plastic bag and took out its contents.

Although the plates did not seem exquisite, the dishes looked splendid.

After Mu Zhi whipped the ten or more dishes into shape on the table, she took out a small bouquet from her bag and put them on the table too.

Then, she invited Lu Jinye, "Let's eat, Mr. Chairman."

Lu Jinye frowned, "What are you doing?"

“I cooked all these. I borrowed the kitchen of a restaurant nearby and put them in containers before I brought them over here.”

“Took me quite a bit.”

“So... what brings you to display all these kindnesses?”

Lu Jinye peered at Mu Zhi judgmentally.

The city lights shone through the huge glass window into the room, gleaming onto Mu Zhi's attractive appearance.

It made her look extraordinarily breathtaking.

Especially when Mu Zhi approached Lu Jinye slowly, stretching her arms out to hug and kiss him. Lu Jinye immediately seized her into his arms.

And Mu Zhi uttered softly, “Thank you, my husband.”