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Chapter 26 The Contract Game

Mu Zhi looked through the three photos conscientiously. After examining them, she wanted to reply to Lu Jinye. But she realized that her hand was shaking unconsciously when she was about to type on the screen.

She subconsciously withdrew her hand. She hesitated for a moment and instead of sending the words, 'What's wrong, honey', she sent a mere question mark.

However, there was no reply from Lu Jinye.

The waiting game was tough, making Mu Zhi anxious.

After a long while, she finally received a reply from Lu Jinye, 'I want to go home for dinner tonight.'

'Okay honey. I will wait for you.' Mu Zhi replied to Lu Jinye almost instantly.

Then she quickly turned around and gave Mu Xiaomu a kiss, "Mommy has things to do tonight. I will ask madam to take care of you okay?"

Mu Xiaomu nodded obediently and asked, "Mama, are you going to work?"

"Yes."

Mu Zhi nodded and said, "Mommy needs to work hard so I can buy more delicious food for you."

"Okay. Mommy works hard and I will study hard."

Xiaomu has always been very supportive of Mu Zhi's work. Mu Zhi had the faintest idea of how Xiaomu could be so well educated. It seemed that it was all just self-taught.

After making arrangements for Xiaomu, Mu Zhi hurriedly took a cab back to Lu Jinye's villa. With the vegetables she bought, she made a few homely dishes.

Lu Jinye got home when the food was almost ready.

Mu Zhi helped put away Lu Jinye's coat when he entered the house. After washing his hands, Lu Jinye was served with a bowl of rice along with the vegetables.

Lu Jinye liked greens more than meat. Knowing his preference, Mu Zhi prepared mainly green dishes.

She thought that she could ask Lu Jinye about the photos after he came back, but she waited a long time for him to even speak a word.

Mu Zhi had no choice but to eat while waiting.

All Lu Jinye did was frowning and eating the eggs with shrimps. Faintly, he said, "This dish tastes good."

"As long as my honey likes it."

Mu Zhi said apprehensively.

Lu Jinye took a bite of the kale, without raising his head, he praised, "This kale is delicious as well."

"As long as my honey likes it."

Mu Zhi replied again.

When Lu Jinye continued to eat the other dishes, Mu Zhi could not help it anymore. She gulped, "Honey, do you have anything to tell me?"

"Haven't I been talking to you?"

Lu Jinye asked in reply, the mood in his tone was unclear. Mu Zhi's heart trembled upon hearing that.

"About my personal matter."

Mu Zhi went on and said... He sent me those three photos, doesn't he want to know more?

"I don't ask about personal matters."

Lu Jinye spoke again. He then put down the bowls and chopsticks and wiped his mouth gracefully, indicating he was full.

Seeing how calm he was made Mu Zhi even more anxious. She hesitated and then walked towards Lu Jinye. She poured him a glass of water and started explaining herself.

"Honey, about what happened in the hospital today..."

"Don't agree to meet such an ugly man the next time you go on a blind date."

Before Mu Zhi could finish her sentence, Lu Jinye spoke abruptly.

“Okay.”

“You should take action first the next time you have a conflict with others. I do not allow anyone to pick on my woman.”

This should be about the conflict between me and Xu Changshu.

Mu Zhi responded quickly, “Will do.”

“Keep your distance from Lu Junnian.”

That last command was given imperatively.

Without hesitation, Mu Zhi answered, “Okay. I will.”

After the deliberation, Mu Zhi could not help but give out a sigh of relief.

On the other hand, Lu Jinye turned around and examined Mu Zhi thoroughly. This woman... The closer we are to getting a divorce, the lesser I know about her.

He was curious. He wanted to know more, but he reminded himself to be restraint.

They both knew that their marriage was just a mere contract game.

Lu Jinye had always been a self-disciplined person, and he was also a man who strictly abided by time and rules. So in such circumstance, adjournment was not an option for him.

“Then... Shall we sleep soon honey?”

Mu Zhi glanced at the time, they had been stalemating for quite some time now.

That was all she could say. She had no idea how to continue the conversation with Lu Jinye.

Lu Jinye raised his head and glanced at Mu Zhi. Suddenly, he carried Mu Zhi in his arms and headed towards the bathroom.

Mu Zhi giggled, allowing Lu Jinye to hold her and as they headed to the bathroom. The mist in the bathroom made the atmosphere hazy and dreamy. Lu Jinye’s lips lightly touched Mu Zhi’s while she placed her arms around his neck.

She could feel Lu Jinye’s masculine aura wafting down her body. She could feel his fingers near her erogenous body part.

Mu Zhi closed her eyes gradually. She could not help but moan.

Hearing Mu Zhi's moan intensified Lu Jinye's desires. His hands lingered across her smooth skin. Ultimately, he took over her.

Wanting to please him, Mu Zhi became more initiating.

Her body was as soft as cotton, and when wrapped around Lu Jinye's body, it became even softer and more delicate.

At that very moment, Lu Jinye's cell phone rang.

Lu Jinye freed up a hand to pick up the phone, but was stopped by Mu Zhi.

Because of the previous experience, she did not want Lu Jinye to answer any call anymore. The last time he did, their conversation was recorded and posted to the web by Lu Yunxi.

This time round, they were actually doing it!

It would be problematic if it were to be Lu Yunxi's call.

Just when Lu Jinye's lip was about to leave Mu Zhi's, she pulled his hand back to her waist and said, "Honey... Don't pick it up."

Lu Jinye thought that Mu Zhi wanted more, so he succumbed.

Mu Zhi was too tempting. She seemed to know exactly what he wanted.

The phone rang for a couple more times.

In the end, the light went out.

A name remained on the screen: Xiao Qingqing.

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Chapter 27 A Man's Tender Moment

He negotiated her forested chasm entire night. From the bathroom to the bedroom, and from the bathtub to the bed.

At the end of the battle, Lu Jinye walked to the bathroom, turned on the shower and washed up.

When he came out of the bathroom, he caught a glimpse of the phone that had just been left idle.

He picked up the phone and saw the name on it.

Looking at the time, he realized that the last call was made three hours ago.

He glanced at the time subconsciously. It was already one in the morning.

He picked up the phone once again and called Xiao Qingqing.

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Xiao Qingqing had a habit of not willing to go to sleep if she could not reach Lu Jinye.

It was a habit that she developed since the day they got together.

Xiao Qingqing was different from Mu Zhi. Xiao Qingqing was a meticulous woman who needed to be enveloped in affection.

Mu Zhi, on the other hand, was an iron lady.

It seemed that the call was picked up within fractions of a second it rang.

“Jinye.” Xiao Qingqing’s crying voice could be heard from the other end of the call.

“What’s wrong? Are you crying?”

“No...”

Xiao Qingqing quickly denied it but her denial attempt was seemingly unconvincing.

“I miss you. Have you finished your work? I want to see you.”

From the other end of the phone came Xiao Qingqing’s reserved voice while Lu Jinye glanced at Mu Zhi for a moment.

Mu Zhi smiled at him, as if she did not care at all.

“Will you come and find me?”

Xiao Qingqing pleaded once again. All of a sudden, a woman’s voice could be heard, “My lady, stop standing by the window. Mr. Lu will not come at this late hour.”

It sounded like a slip of the tongue from the maid.

But that remark had erased all thoughts of refusing from Lu Jinye's mind.

He pondered and then replied faintly, "Okay, I will go over now."

"Mua! Love you, Ye!"

A happy squeal could be heard from the other end of the phone before it was hung up.

After that, Mu Zhi got up from the bed. She deliberately waited for Lu Jinye to finish the call before entering the bathroom, lest he thought she was eavesdropping.

Lu Jinye was in the midst of wearing a coat when she was entering the bathroom.

"Going to see Miss Xiao?"

Mu Zhi asked casually.

"Are you jealous? Or are you reluctant to part with me?"

Lu Jinye asked jokingly. A smile flickered over his lips.

"I'm just worried that your body can't handle it."

Mu Zhi replied provocatively while sliding her hand across Lu Jinye's body.

What else can they do? Meeting each other in the middle of the night...

Mu Zhi would not believe that Xiao Qingqing asked Lu Jinye over merely to tell her some bedtime stories.

Seeing that Mu Zhi was not jealous, Lu Jinye felt a little dismay. He glanced at the time and went back to the room to change.

While Mu Zhi went into the bathroom.

As soon as Mu Zhi entered the bathroom, she felt a sudden cramp in her lower abdomen.

She quickly sat on the toilet bowl, but the cramp continued unabated.

She immediately searched for her phone so she could check the period tracker. She was often too busy at work and had too many things to worry about. Thus, she had to use an application to track her period.

However, the phone was nowhere to be found.

She stood up and found out that her period had come. She hurriedly went out of the bathroom to get her sanitary pads. However, as soon as she stepped out of the bathroom, the pain was too unbearable. A sweat slipped off her forehead.

She could not move in an instant. She panted heavily as she leaned on the door.

“What happened?”

Lu Jinye was all dressed up, getting ready to leave the house.

He turned his head and saw Mu Zhi’s pale face. He knew that something was wrong.

Mu Zhi was in so much pain that her eyes were teary, but she shook her head, trying to feign a smile.

“I’m okay honey. Can you help me get a sanitary pad? I... I’m fine.”

Sceptically, Lu Jinye went back to the room and found a sanitary pad for Mu Zhi.

When he touched Mu Zhi’s hand, he found that her fingertips were stone-cold. Her face was extremely pale and her body seemed to be trembling.

Yet she was flaunting. With great difficulty, she headed back to the bathroom.

However, the journey seemed strangely challenging.

Lu Jinye took a look at Mu Zhi. He frowned and walked towards her, carried her and placed her on the toilet seat.

Mu Zhi wanted to refuse but she was powerless.

Her stomach cramps were insufferable.

There was no way for her to take off her pants and wear the sanitary pad.

“What can I do for you next? Take off your pants?”

When there was no response from Mu Zhi, he frowned and acted on his own.

“Stop!”

Mu Zhi quickly stopped Lu Jinye from taking her pants off.

Her face blushed instantly due to embarrassment.

"I can do it, honey."

Mu Zhi said arduously.

Lu Jinye brushed her off immediately, thinking that she was just shy.

"I've taken off your pants before. Don't be shy."

His remark made Mu Zhi blushed even more.

How is it the same?

Mu Zhi was flabbergasted. There was never a moment like this with Lu Jinye. It was always intimidating and loving.

She had always tried to put up a self-reliant woman front before Lu Jinye. But it seemed that this time... That image of hers had vanished.

Not wanting to waste his time, Mu Zhi stood up difficultly to take off her pants on her own.

She then said to him, "You must go quickly. Keep Miss Xiao waiting."

Lu Jinye looked at Mu Zhi worriedly. She was in so much pain a moment ago.

But she seemed okay a minute later.

Hence, he felt something was up.

"I'm fine... Really. Honey, you better go. Don't make her wait."

Lu Jinye was skeptical about leaving Mu Zhi.

Seeing that Mu Zhi had stood up straight. He asked again to make sure she was okay before he left.

With great strength, Mu Zhi took off her pants and put on the sanitary pad. Having resisted the excruciating pain, she walked out of the bathroom door.

She wanted to get herself a glass of warm water.

However, as soon as she picked up the glass, it fell to the ground and broke as she followed suit.

Just as Lu Jinye was about to get into the car, he glanced into the room like how he normally would. He caught a glimpse of what happened.

Without hesitation, he rushed back in.

As soon as he entered the door, the phone rang again.

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Chapter 28 The Magnificent Consultation

Lu Jinye did not answer the call knowing that it was from Xiao Qingqing.

Instead, he went back to Mu Zhi and carried her to the bedroom.

Mu Zhi opened her eyes to see that it was Lu Jinye, "Honey, why are you back again?"

"Can you even stand if I don't come back?"

Mu Zhi wanted to speak again, but she didn't know what else to say.

She had always have dysmenorrhea, but she had never experienced such tremendous pain before...

"Thanks honey."

Her lips were as pale as a sheet.

She wanted to force a smile to reassure Lu Jinye that she was okay, but she was drained of strength.

"What did you want to do just now? Let me help you."

"Just pour me a glass of warm water please."

Mu Zhi sounded extremely weak. She had no choice but to let Lu Jinye take over.

Lu Jinye hurriedly poured a glass of warm water and sent it to the bedroom for Mu Zhi.

In just a short span of time, Mu Zhi was already asleep when Lu Jinye got back to the room.

All colors had lost her face. Her brows were tightly scrunched up and she sweating excessively across the forehead.

"Mu Zhi?"

Lu Jinye tentatively called out her name, but she did not respond.

“Mu Zhi?”

There was still no response.

“Mu Zhi?!”

Lu Jinye anxiously walked towards Mu Zhi and placed his hand on her forehead. It was scorching hot!

Without hesitation, he carried Mu Zhi up and brought her to the car hastily.

His phone had been ringing unremittingly since. Ten minutes had passed, Xiao Qingqing was still calling.

Lu Jinye could not care less and sent Mu Zhi to the First Hospital instead. Upon reaching, he searched for the dean like a maniac.

The dean of the First Hospital heard the news and rushed over to the scene. He summoned all the experts who worked night shift and together, they stood around Mu Zhi as if they were going to operate on a major case.

“I’ll leave her to all of you!”

Knowing Mu Zhi was in safe hands, Lu Jinye understood that she would... Survive. He then walked to the corridor to answer the call.

The moment he answered the call, Xiao Qingqing sounded relieved.

“Jinye, are you okay? Where are you? Why didn’t you answer my calls?”

“I’m at the First Hospital. Mu Zhi was admitted here. I won’t be able to see you tonight.”

Lu Jinye sounded unconcerned, as if he was just narrating a fact.

“Good gracious. What happened to Miss Mu?”

Xiao Qingqing asked, pretending to be worried.

However, there was no reply from Lu Jinye. All she could hear was the dean’s voice calling out for Lu Jinye. Then the call was hung up.

Xiao Qingqing was so furious that she hurled the phone to the ground!

The housekeeper came into the room with a black translucent pajama in her hand. “My lady, I have ironed this pajama. Is Mr. Lu coming? Do you want to change into it now?”

“Forget about that! I’m going out. Bring me my clothes!”

Xiao Qingqing went on a rampage before the housekeeper could even find her clothes. She rummaged through the closet just to find a casual shirt. She did not even bother to put on a coat and wanted to drive her way to the hospital straight.

The housekeeper hurriedly chased after her with a coat.

But Xiao Qingqing waved her hand and said, “There is no need for that. I want to look like I’m in a flurry!”

After that, Xiao Qingqing pressed on the accelerator and made her way towards the First Hospital.

Meanwhile, in the First Hospital, Lu Jinye looked at Mu Zhi in astonishment.

It was purely dysmenorrhea.

He never thought that he would be so hasty. It was probably the first time the First Hospital ever had such a magnificent consultation, all for Mu Zhi’s dysmenorrhea.

He knew without a doubt that dysmenorrhea was what most women had to go through. But... It never occurred to him that he could just find a doctor to prescribe some medicine.

As he stared at Mu Zhi, Mu Zhi slowly cracked her eyes open.

At first, she was baffled to see Lu Jinye. After seeing where she was, she got even more confused.

What just happened?

Why am I in the hospital?

“Honey? Did you send me here?”

Lu Jinye glanced at Mu Zhi calmly. He was back to his former self.

“Yes.”

“Thank you, honey. I am fine now.”

Mu Zhi gave Lu Jinye a big smile, then she glanced at the clock on the wall. It is almost dawn...

“I... I must have interfered your meeting with Miss Xiao.”

Mu Zhi was a little embarrassed and quickly apologized.

“It is okay.”

As soon as Mu Zhi finished her sentence, a soft voice was heard. While speaking, Xiao Qingqing had already walked into the ward.

She seemed to be coming in a hurry. Hair in a ruffled state, she was not wearing a coat and she only wore a pair of slippers.

“What are you doing here?”

Lu Jinye gave Xiao Qingqing a concerned look.

“I... Am worried about Miss Mu.”

Xiao Qingqing responded with a courteous smile.

She then hurriedly grabbed Mu Zhi’s hand, “I overheard that you were hospitalized because of dysmenorrhea.”

Dysmenorrhea was a minor illness. There was actually no need for hospitalization.

Most women would think the same too.

“I too have dysmenorrhea. It hurts so much every time.”

Afraid that the overtones in her words were not obvious enough, Xiao Qingqing continued and said.

Mu Zhi calmly took her hands back and smiled at Xiao Qingqing, “You shouldn’t worry about me at all, Miss Xiao. I’m fine.”

“Jinye was supposed to come to my house, but when I heard that you were hospitalized, I came over immediately. It was rude of me. I... I was in such hurry.”

She deliberately emphasized that she came in a hurry so that Lu Jinye could see the state that she was in. She wanted him to feel guilty.

But Mu Zhi’s gaze was fixed on Xiao Qingqing.

She does seem like she came here in a hurry. But she also put on a natural make up.

It takes a lot of time to put on a make-up look like that. It is absolutely impossible to get it done without spending over two hours on it.

So it is safe to say that she came here just to scrutinize her relationship with Lu Jinye.

“Thank you Miss Xiao.”

Mu Zhi gave Xiao Qingqing a smile, “Albeit hurry, you still look very beautiful.”

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Chapter 29 Let's Go for a Round After Running in To My Husband

Mu Zhi thought that her smile was natural. But Xiao Qingqing's eyes flashed with panic.

She stared at Mu Zhi for a few seconds before registering what she had said. “Thank you.”

She turned to look at Lu Jinye, “Jinye, your undereye circles are so dark. We have two more hours before we arrive. Do you want to go sleep a bit?”

“I can stay with Miss Mu. Cramps are normal for women. I'll take care of her.”

Mu Zhi did not know if she was doing it on purpose, but she wasn't happy with Xiao Qingqing belittling her pain.

Her facial expression showed little about how she felt but she replied saying, “I'm fine now. I just need some medicine to stop the cramps and I'll be okay to go to work.”

Lu Jinye's watchful gaze searched her.

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Lu Jinye finally relented after Mu Zhi nodded at him. “Then I'll have some breakfast before heading to the office.”

“Sure.”

Mu Zhi nodded. Xiao Qingqing who saw Lu Jinye walk out, hurried to follow him.

Mu Zhi wanted to reach out to stop her but on second thought, she decided not to.

No matter what anyone said... They were truly in love. She was just a wife in name. She decided that she would not intrude into their matters any longer.

However, everything Xiao Qingqing did made Mu Zhi feel that she was filled with uneasiness.

Didn't she say that what they had was true love? Then why didn't she have any faith in their relationship?

Xiao Qingqing finally caught up to him just as they exited the hospital building. The weather was overcast, and it was drizzling slightly. It was cold and gloomy.

Xiao Qingqing sneezed. Lu Jinye took off his coat and wrapped it around her.

She finally smiled even though she still felt uncomfortable inside. She asked him indifferently, "Has Miss Mu always suffered from bad cramps?"

What she really wanted to know was if he had always doted on her like this?!

Lu Jinye turned to look at Xiao Qingqing. Her eyes wavered, revealing how worried she actually was.

He gently replied her, "I wasn't aware that she had bad cramps."

Xiao Qingqing was relieved, albeit still slightly unhappy.

The relationship she had with Lu Jinye used to be the envy of many. She had always thought that no one could possibly replace her.

But... Mu Zhi... Felt like a threat to her.

In fact, she had found out about Mu Zhi's and Lu Jinye arrangement only after they had gotten married.

But she did not care about that.

In fact, she did not mind even if Lu Jinye went about having relations with other women.

In her opinion, it was normal for men to keep a few women at his side to satisfy his needs.

Even though she knew the contents of their contract and she had heard from people that there was no love between Lu Jinye and Mu Zhi, she couldn't help but worry.

Xiao Qingqing held Lu Jinye's hand as they walked to the car.

When they got onto the car, Xiao Qingqing coquettishly enticed him, “Jinye, will you be keeping me company tonight?”

She asked.

Lu Jinye naturally let go of Xiao Qingqing’s hand to drive.

“I have a meeting and will be late.”

“I’ll wait for you at the company.”

Xiao Qingqing blinked as she tried to convince him.

Lu Jinye glanced at her. Seeing how hard she was trying to convince him, his heart softened.

In the end, he nodded.

“Love you, Jinye.”

Xiao Qingqing came close and kissed him.

After Lu Jinye sent her home, he headed back to the office.

These couple of days, Lu Jinye had not been to the office. When he got there... He felt like something was amiss.

On the other hand, as soon as Xiao Qingqing and Lu Jinye had left, Mu Zhi got started on getting discharged. She went home and got ready to head to work.

When she reached the company, she noticed that the security guards were all looking at her curiously. Mu Zhi realized at that moment that she might not be able to continue working here.

The effects of Lu Yunxi exposing the recording were happening before her eyes. Now everyone in the company knew of her relationship with Lu Jinye.

But no one knew that she was in fact, Mrs. Lu! And everyday she would have to suffer the looks of people who think that she was the slut who seduced Lu Jinye!

She contemplated and decided not to enter the building.

Mu Zhi went straight back home and rested for the day. She had a delicious lunch and when night finally came, she looked at the time to realize that Lu Jinye had not come home. She changed into some joggers and headed back to the office.

She carefully snuck her way into the office. Thankfully no one was working overtime.

She made her way to Lu Jinye's office floor and noticed that his office lights were on. She did not go in to let him know she was here, but instead she went to the secretary office next to it. She sorted out the materials that needed organizing and then set aside some documents that Lu Jinye needed to look through.

Incidentally, she also wrote her letter of resignation.

The episode between her and Lu Jinye had caused a storm. She had no choice but to resign. Thankfully it happened just a few days before she had to report to the hospital.

Mu Zhi readied all the documents, stood up with them and turned to enter Lu Jinye's office.

She assumed that at such a late hour, Lu Jinye would be by himself in the office. She walked in without knocking.

Only to find Xiao Qingqing wearing a clingy, long dress leaning into Lu Jinye to kiss him.

“...”

She had such bad timing.

Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing were just about to cuddle... Aggressively.

“Erm... Excuse me. I'll see myself out.”

Mu Zhi lowered her head with embarrassment. She turned to walk back out.

But Lu Jinye stopped her, “There's no need. Leave the documents here.”

Mu Zhi felt awkward beyond belief. Xiao Qingqing was looking at her with such displeasure.

“These all need your signature.”

Mu Zhi explained.

Lu Jinye verified the documents and signed.

Mu Zhi watched him sign the documents before placing the resignation letter she had prepared at the top. She hesitated before saying, “This needs your signature as well... It's my letter of resignation.”

Lu Jinye frowned at the letter.

“That is... With the current situation, I don't think I need to stay...”

Mu Zhi was ready to explain herself further. But before she had even said anything, Lu Jinye raised his pen and signed it.

Obviously, Mu Zhi had been overthinking it.

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Chapter 30 I Am a Small Animal Too

Mu Zhi waited for Lu Jinye to finish signing before reaching for the resignation letter.

She sent him a bright smile, turned and headed back out. Lu Jinye watched her leave with a frown on his face... Was she not going to say anything after catching him with another woman?

Party pooper.

By the time Xiao Qingqing walked towards Lu Jinye again, he had already started to pack up the files on the table and was organizing them. He stood up calmly.

Xiao Qingqing looked at Lu Jinye without saying anything.

When Lu Jinye had finished cleaning up and was ready to leave, Xiao Qingqing finally opened her mouth to invite him over to hers.

Before she had managed to get the words out, Lu Jinye beat her to it. “Tonight, I'll be going back to my villa. I have to follow up with some stuff.”

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He needed to have a good long chat with Mu Zhi regarding where she was planning to go after resigning.

“Kay...”

Xiao Qingqing was far from happy with this new development, but she could only bite her lip and agree.

She stood up and hugged Lu Jinye from behind.

“Jinye, did you know that I have been waiting for you to divorce?”

She hugged him. Prior to this, she had been fully confident that Lu Jinye was hers and only hers.

But now....

She wasn't so sure.

She needed to hear his assurance.

“Okay.”

Lu Jinye answered indifferently.

Xiao Qingqing reminded him, “Don't make me wait too long.”

Lu Jinye took a while before turning to look at Xiao Qingqing. Her face was wet with tears... He did not respond but reached for a tissue and wiped her face with it.

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After Mu Zhi left Lu Jinye's office, she held the letter tightly in her hands and practically ran out of the building.

Seeing as to how Xiao Qingqing and Lu Jinye were so intimate not too long ago, then... Lu Jinye would probably be sleeping at hers tonight.

Which was why Mu Zhi hurried back home to visit Mu Xiaomu.

She caught a cab and rushed over to Jian Xiaoning's house. When Mu Xiaomu saw Mu Zhi, she was delighted. She ran over and hugged Mu Zhi tightly and gave her a big smooch.

After that, she gently asked, “Mommy, I was just practicing a dance for Children's Day. Can I show you?”

“Sure.”

Mu Zhi was so happy. She quickly sat on the couch and moved the coffee table away to make room for Mu Xiaomu. Mu Xiaomu was wearing a simple white dress. Not the costume they were supposed to wear for the little swans. But her expressions were so on point that when they reached the climax for the song, Mu Zhi could have sworn that Mu Xiaomu was indeed a beautiful white swan.

Mu Zhi was so moved by her performance that she applauded when Mu Xiaomu finished. Mu Xiaomu ran up to Mu Zhi and hugged her tight.

She was both shy and seeking compliment when she asked, “Mommy, I’m the lead dancer for this. Do you think I can do well?”

“Of course! My Xiaomu is a genius at dancing!”

“Then mommy... Did I convince you that I was a swan?”

“I’m convinced! Totally convinced!”

Mu Zhi happily praised her as she cupped Mu Xiaomu’s little face.

Mu Xiaomu’s eyes opened wide in happiness. She spun around before returning to Mu Zhi’s waiting embrace.

“Mommy, then can you bring me to daddy’s forest to look for him? I convinced you that I am a swan. Surely daddy will take care of me! I am a small animal too!”

Mu Zhi was stunned.

What kind of logic was this...?

She blinked slowly and looked at Mu Xiaomu. Her tiny face all serious. “Little swans don’t live in the forest.”

Mu Zhi could not think of anything else to turn her down.

But with this one sentence, Mu Xiaomu’s upper lip curled and she started to bawl.

“Madam, mommy says that swans are not little animals! I can’t go see daddy! Daddy doesn’t look after swans in the forest!”

The babysitter immediately ran up and tried to soothe Mu Xiaomu. Mu Zhi was at a loss. Her gaze bounced between the babysitter and Mu Xiaomu.

“It’s okay... Don’t cry now... How about this, mommy will take loads of pictures on the day and send to daddy.”

“Daddy will see how pretty you are and if he has anything to tell you, he’ll let mommy know and mommy will come tell you.”

“Really?”

Mu Xiaomu wiped away her tears and stopped crying. Her big innocent eyes stared up at Mu Zhi.

Mu Zhi nodded hastily, "Yes. Yes! It's true!"

"Pinky promise... You can't lie to me."

"Of course!"

Mu Zhi hurriedly hooked her pinky with Mu Xiaomu's and quickly carried her off to bed.

Mu Xiaomu must have tired herself out by crying so much that she immediately drifted off.

When Mu Zhi was certain that Mu Xiaomu was asleep, she snuck out and quietly closed the door.

When she came out, she realized that the babysitter had not left and was waiting for her.

"What's wrong? Was there something else? Tonight, I'll look after Xiaomu."

The babysitter was at a loss for words, but she looked at Mu Zhi and after hesitating, she said, "Miss Mu, I've been caring for Mu Xiaomu for a while now. I see her as my grandchild."

Mu Zhi nodded in agreement.

"I... I know I should pry but... I have to say something. Xiaomu needs to have a father figure. She longs for a father."

"This dance... Xiaomu tried many a times but failed. You see, she is not particularly talented athletically. The teacher had actually rejected her from participating in the dance. But every day after she came home from kindergarten, she would spend hours practicing. She fell and hurt herself so many times before they finally accepted her as lead dancer. Xiaomu said that this dance was for daddy who was the king of the forest. She wanted to perform this for daddy in the forest."

"I've said what I needed to. I'll take my leave."

The babysitter finished what she had to say, picked up her bag and left. She did not need a respond from Mu Zhi.

But... As soon as the door closed, Mu Zhi bit her lip and started to cry.

Mu Xiaomu had done so much... And she had broken her heart so easily.

But where was she to find a father for Mu Xiaomu?

She was so disappointed with herself. She felt that she owed Mu Xiaomu something...

Mu Zhi always felt indebted to Mu Xiaomu. Even though she had sacrificed so much for her upbringing but because she had to play Lu Jinye's wife, she had to keep Mu Xiaomu's existence a secret. She had no doubt neglected Mu Xiaomu.

Mu Zhi did not sleep that night. The next day, after making breakfast for Mu Xiaomu and sending her to school. She made a difficult decision.

She decided... To bring forward her divorce with Lu Jinye!