

## Falling for the Contract Bride Chapter 281-285

### Chapter 281 Hello Mr Lu, I'm Eric

Linda subconsciously squeezed her hand when she heard that. It was a tricky request. There was no way that they could ask Mr. Lu to come and meet this little child.

She could not bring herself to tell Lu Jinye the absurd request. Any person would be happy to see such a cute little boy, but she had no right for such a request.

“Forget it. Go in and pretend that you’re the one who set up the firewall.”

Linda gritted her teeth and ushered the supervisor in.

The supervisor felt uneasy but he did not have other options.

He braced himself, walked towards Eric, and acknowledged, “It’s me.”

Eric raised his head and looked at the adult in front of him. There were no fears in his eyes, and he spoke rather imposingly, “Come to the study room with me. I’d like to have a chat with you.”

“Okay.”

Having said that, Eric walked towards the study room, and the supervisor followed suit.

After entering the study room, Eric started speaking.

The door was closed, and Linda wandered outside the room restlessly. Wanting to know what was happening inside, Linda tried to eavesdrop through the crack of the door.

But she could not hear anything.

In less than ten minutes, the supervisor was chased out, with a frustrated expression. He seemed to have undergone a session of lecture.

“How did it go?”

Linda hurriedly stepped forward to ask. At the same time, Eric walked out of the room with an unhappy face. “If your company wants to fool around, then I have nothing to say.”

He had a serious expression on his tiny face.

When the manager was in the room, he could not even answer the two questions Eric asked.

All Eric wanted was some technical information, one of which he could not solve at his level.

Eric wanted to hit the sack so he drove the people away. “Let’s call Mr. Lu. He’d not be happy if we can’t settle this matter.”

Seeing how distressed Linda was, the manager muttered.

Linda frowned and looked at Eric. She gritted her teeth and thought that it was better to be scolded rather than letting this child invade the company's system again.

She picked up the phone and went out, explained the situation to Lu Jinye on the other end of the phone.

After explaining the situation, Linda kept apologizing to Lu Jinye, "Mr. Lu, I know I shouldn't be interrupting your meeting at this time, but it's a difficult situation. I don't know what else to do. I'm terribly sorry."

At last, Lu Jinye did not seem to show too much unwillingness. He said to Linda, "Pass the phone to him."

Linda did not mention that the invader was a boy and Lu Jinye usually liked to scout talent. It was just a phone call so he had no objection.

Linda happily handed the phone to Eric after getting Lu Jinye's affirmation, and said, "He's the boss of our company, Mr. Lu. He's agreed to talk to you."

Eric took over the phone calmly, but he felt butterflies in his stomach.

So Mr. Lu was indeed Lu Jinye. He did not expect Lu Jinye to be so brilliant!

It was not for nothing that aroused his interest as he wanted to learn more.

Eric took a deep breath and greeted, "Hello Mr. Lu, my name is Eric."

Lu Jinye frowned. He had a serious look on his face. He did not expect the other person to speak in such a tender tone and that made his brows wrinkled deeper.

He said to Eric, "Yes. This is Lu Jinye."

Lu Jinye's voice was deep. After just hearing Lu Jinye's introduction, Eric's heart started pounding uncontrollably.

He unconsciously placed his hand on his chest and said to Lu Jinye, "Regarding the last firewall, I have a few questions for you."

At the other end of the phone, Lu Jinye was silent for a while and then gave a hmm.

Eric asked a series of questions. Every question was logical and sensible.

Basically, once Lu Jinye answered all his questions, not only would Eric be able to break the firewall designed by Lu Jinye, but he could also invade all the other complicated systems.

After listening to his questions, Lu Jinye replied, "First of all, what you did was wrong, so I can't explain much to you. But I can choose a question to answer."

Lu Jinye then answered the third question.

After answering the third question, Eric needed to tackle the first two questions in order to understand the third question.

It was the link between the previous and the next question.

Even after knowing the answer to the third question, the fourth and fifth questions were also tricky.

That was how smart Lu Jinye was.

Eric had always thought that he was brilliant. From a young age, whenever he was dealing with adults other than his father, he had always managed to gain the upper hand.

But Lu Jinye managed to outwit him today.

He was obviously a little unhappy. He argued, "Mr. Lu, thank you for answering the third question. However, it doesn't matter what I did was wrong, you are not my parent, so there's no need to educate me. I just want answers to my questions, and then we will be done here."

"If you chose not to answer, I think I'd still take my time to study the system myself."

What he meant by self-study was that he would invade Lu Jinye's company's firewall again.

Lu Jinye smiled faintly. From the little boy's language proficiency, he could tell that he did not grow up in this country, but his accent was on point, so either one of his parents must be from City A.

Lu Jinye replied, "Although I'm not your father, I think your father did not educate you well enough. It may be his negligence."

If Eric were to be Lu Jinye's child, he would never let him do such things. Instead, he would let him invent specific programs openly, take part in challenging competitions and be with other computer geniuses rather than delving into an ineligible genius.

Because of this, he judged that Eric's father was not someone like himself. He was either a computer talent or an underground activist.

After hearing Lu Jinye's words, Eric suddenly felt a little sad.

He had never thought that someone would tell him that. Something he had always believed in was crushed by Lu Jinye.

He was sad.

He didn't even want to talk any more, and he just hung up the phone.

After the call was ended, Linda was going to leave.

But Lu Jinye called again to tell Linda to leave his phone number to Eric, indicating that Eric could call him anytime.

After that, Linda left.

### **Chapter 282 Where Are You?!**

After answering the hotel's phone call, Mu Zhi returned to the psychologist's office distracted. She did not stay longer and ended her session hastily. Then, she rushed out of the hospital and hailed a cab to go back to the hotel.

Back at the hotel, the first thing she did was to ask the receptionist what had happened. However, even the receptionist did not understand what had happened. She told Mu Zhi that a team of policeman had rushed up to her room, but nothing else happened. They had just stayed there for a while and left.

As she did not know anything else, she suggested Mu Zhi to check her room herself.

That made Mu Zhi even more anxious. So, she ran up the stairs quickly to her room. When she pushed open the door, she saw that Eric was seated dazedly on the sofa.

When he saw that Mu Zhi was back, he put up a happy face.

But Mu Zhi could see with a glance that Eric's computer was still running.

"What's wrong?"

Eric shook his head but did not speak.

Mu Zhi went to his side and took a good look at him. Eric was usually quiet, but that was just him being cool. However, his current silence was different. It was the silence of a child in severe doubts.

"Eric, what's wrong? Please tell me."

Eric looked up earnestly with his large innocent eyes and asked, "Mom, do you think that dad was rarely around and did not discipline me?"

Mu Zhi considered it for a moment before looking at Eric and said, "What happened? Why are you asking this question suddenly? Your father loves you, and he knows that you are very clever."

"But..."

Eric stopped himself and did not continue. He went silent again.

Mu Zhi had never seen Eric behaving like this.

Eric was brilliant. Even when he was very young, Mu Zhi never had to explain much to him or teach him many things. He could figure things out by himself and form his own opinions.

However today, Mu Zhi felt that Eric was not his usual self.

She furrowed her brow and asked, "Did the people who came here bully you?"

Eric shook his head.

"What did they say to you?"

"Mom, they didn't say anything."

Seeing that she could not get an answer out of him, she became even more worried. She had only gone out for a while, and she couldn't understand why Eric had become like this when she returned.

She wanted to go downstairs to request for the surveillance footage. She needed to know who had come to their room and what they had done to her child.

However, just as she was about to step out, she noticed a name card on the table.

Mu Zhi frowned as she looked at the name card. It was written, 'Lu Jinye: telephone number...'

Mu Zhi froze for a moment.

Lu Jinye...

The name.

She couldn't understand why seeing the name made her nervous.

A wave of unfamiliar emotions came over her. There were grief, sadness, joy and even a sense of reunion.

She had never felt those emotions before.

But right now, the most dominant emotion was still anger!

She urgently needed to find someone who knew what had happened and ask who it was that had made her son dispirited.

She took out her phone and dialed Lu Jinye's number, but he hung up on her.

What the heck!

It would have been fine if he had answered. The fact that he had hung up made her even angrier!

She was already furious, and yet he had the audacity to hang up on her!

Mu Zhi immediately redialed the number.

But he hung up on her again.

Eric walked softly to Mu Zhi and said, "Mom, stop calling the man. He was right to discipline me."

"Discipline?"

Mu Zhi frowned. Hearing the word from Eric made her even more concerned.

She did not know what Lu Jinye had said to him, but she understood that the word 'discipline' implied reproaching.

So, Lu Jinye must have scolded Eric on the phone and caused him to be in such severe doubts.

Just thinking about it made her even angrier!

Eric was not his son, how dare he scold him without cause?

Mu Zhi redialed the number. This time, the call was finally answered.

When the call was answered, Mu Zhi immediately said, "Have you finally dared to answer my call? Do you realize what you have done wrong?"

In her anger, she had scolded him in English.

Her voice was still the same.

However, as the language spoken was different, the pronunciation differences prevented Lu Jinye from immediately recognizing her voice. He had only felt that the voice sounded familiar.

He replied in Chinese, "May I ask what I have done wrong?"

Hearing that he was speaking in Chinese, Mu Zhi also replied to him in Chinese, "Don't you know what you have done wrong?"

"Are you the boy's father? How dare you discipline my son?!"

"Your son?"

Lu Jinye tightened his grip on the phone. His hand was shaking as he recognized the woman's voice. It was the voice that he had been thinking about all the time.

"What's wrong? Are you still there? Have I scared you that you can't speak?"

Mu Zhi asked curiously when there was no reply from him.

Her voice was calmer and was compassionate.

On the other hand, Lu Jinye said, "Where are you now?"

"You have no right to know!"

Mu Zhi thought that he was very strange.

"Tell me! Where are you?!"

Mu Zhi was shocked by the sudden urgency in his voice.

She did not know what to say.

So, she dumbly replied, "Um... At..."

Before she could continue, her phone flashed with an incoming call.

Mu Zhi glanced at it and saw that it was a call from Xie Xiu.

Without hesitation, Mu Zhi immediately hung up on Lu Jinye and picked up Xie Xiu's call.

"Hello?"

"Where are you?"

Xie Xiu asked. There was concern in his calm tone.

"Where else can I be? I am playing with Eric."

Mu Zhi avoided his question.

"Are you in City A? Is City A fun?"

Xie Xiu asked from the other end.

Although his tone was light, Mu Zhi broke out in cold sweat.

She did not know how she could answer him.

### **Chapter 283 I Came to City A to Be With You**

Mu Zhi could only answer awkwardly, "Hahaha, what does that mean? Mr. Xie, you have never allowed me to go to City A. How would I know if City A is fun?"

“Open the door, I am standing outside.” Mu Zhi wanted to continue her pretense, but right after Xie Xiu had spoken, the doorbell rang. Her whole body tensed up at the sound.

She rushed to the door and pulled it open and saw that Xie Xiu was looking at her intently.

Mu Zhi released her breath and smiled, “Hahaha, this is such a coincidence.”

“You’re not here for me?”

His mouth curved up, giving her a forgiving smile. He then looked past and fixed his gaze on the child standing behind her.

“Eric, why didn’t you watch over your mother? How can you let her come here?”

Eric became attentive and stood straight. He went to Xie Xiu’s side and said, “Daddy, I... I missed you, so I asked Mommy to come here to look for you.”

Eric had always been unwaveringly loyal to his mother since he was very young.

Xie Xiu looked at Eric sternly and then at Mu Zhi. They thought that he would scold them, but he didn’t. Instead, he walked into the room and took Mu Zhi’s luggage without another word.

“My driver and bodyguards did not come up with me, so I hope you do not cause any trouble. Now, let’s go downstairs.”

As he had given an order, Mu Zhi could not stay in the room even if she wanted to.

She could only pack up her things and followed him out of the room.

They went into the lift to go down. Then, she followed Xie Xiu into his car.

Eric did not get into the car with them. He had his own driver.

Meanwhile, Mu Zhi was in a car driven by Xie Xiu himself.

Holding the steering wheel with one hand, Xie Xiu put his other hand on top of hers, saying, “Do you feel anything after coming to City A?”

Mu Zhi shook her head.

She definitely could not tell Xie Xiu about her ongoing therapy. She wanted to surprise him one day.

“Now that Eric is not here, can you tell me why you came to City A?”

Xie Xiu asked with a smile.

Mu Zhi glanced outside the window before turning to Xie Xiu. “Obviously, to find out whether you have a mistress here! You never let me come to City A. Are you hiding a mistress here?”



Mu Zhi said jestingly.

Xie Xiu smiled and held her hand more firmly, "Would it bother you?"

"So, do you have a mistress?"

Mu Zhi looked at Xie Xiu and asked earnestly.

Her eyes were pure and innocent. Xie Xiu could not bring himself to lie as he looked at her, so he turned his gaze back to the road and said, "I have only you in my heart. When you appeared in my life, there is no room for anyone else."

That was indeed the truth.

There was only her in his heart.

But Mu Zhi did not know that the heart and the body were separate matters. There were certain aspects of Xie Xiu that she could never understand.

Moreover, she had never been able to read his real thoughts.

His confession had delighted her, so she did not question him anymore.

Xie Xiu brought Mu Zhi to a restaurant to savor the local cuisine. As she ate the delicious food, they felt strangely familiar.

So she asked Xie Xiu. He explained that it was because she was a foodie and the food was too delicious.

As she could not remember ever having those food before, she didn't dwell much into it.

Still, she didn't know why, but she felt good about City A.

After dinner, Xie Xiu brought Mu Zhi back to his home.

Late at night, after Eric was asleep, Mu Zhi was still sitting on the bed and focused on reading a book. At that moment, Xie Xiu opened the door gently and entered.

He looked at Mu Zhi tenderly and asked, "When will you go back to the US?"

At his question, Mu Zhi set the book aside and moved to sit beside Xie Xiu. She looked up at him and said, "Can I don't go back?"

"Why?" Xie Xiu asked. He was genuinely curious.

Mu Zhi's gaze was completely sincere, and she said, "Because you are here."

Her words moved his heart for a moment.

He turned an intent gaze on her and observed her carefully. He held her hand gently and seated himself by her side.

He smiled and said, "But this city is not suitable for your recuperation."

For the past few years, Xie Xiu hired doctors to help Mu Zhi search for her memories, but only in the US.

This created an illusion that he was helping her to recover.

At his words, Mu Zhi's eyes became dejected.

She looked at Xie Xiu carefully and bit her lower lips before saying, "We have been searching for my memories for five years. In these five years, I have pretty much walked on every street in the US but couldn't find even a trace of memory. I couldn't remember any of the good memories from our past."

"I don't want to keep searching for them anymore. I am thinking that since I can't recall the memories of our love, let us start our love afresh from now on."

"You are always in City A, so I want to be here to be with you."

Those words could move anyone's heart. Even Xie Xiu was moved for a moment. He enveloped her into his embrace and said to her earnestly, "You can stay here with me for a week. You have to go back after that. Is that okay?"

"Not ok."

Mu Zhi rejected it immediately but playfully.

Xie Xiu made another offer, "Two weeks then."

Two weeks would allow her to be with Xie Xiu on his birthday.

However, Mu Zhi still felt that it was not enough.

"Can't it be a little longer?" Mu Zhi asked with a frown.

Xie Xiu looked at Mu Zhi sternly and said, "No."

"Alright then..."

I will start with two weeks, then come up with something when the time comes!

Mu Zhi thought.

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When Lu Jinye received the phone call from Mu Zhi, he was very far from her.

After Mu Zhi hung up, he called her, but his calls were not answered. So, he immediately called Linda and rushed to the hotel where Mu Zhi was.

However, at the hotel, he was informed that the guest had checked out of the room.

He investigated the check-in details and discovered that it was a woman named Yan Shu who had checked-in.

Yan Shu did not look like Mu Zhi at all.

Even plastic surgery could not explain the different appearance. It was not to say that the woman was unattractive. It was that her bone structure was different from Mu Zhi's.

However, he still contacted Yan Shu at the first chance.

### **Chapter 284 Difficulty in That Aspect**

Yan Shu was on the night shift. She was looking at tabloid news online with a few nurses to pass the time. Suddenly, she received an unexpected call.

"Hello, I am Lu Jinye." The caller's voice was stern and deep. The voice is very pleasant to hear. The owner of the voice must be a handsome man!

Yan Shu thought as she answered the call dazedly. But suddenly, she was startled and sat up straight. "Can you repeat? Who did you say you were?!"

"Lu Jinye. Where are you? I need to ask you a few questions."

Yan Shu felt that she must have been dreaming.

However, she would not let go of a chance to meet Lu Jinye, even if it was a dream. She immediately replied, "I am at the hospital!"

Then she sent him her address quickly.

In less than twenty minutes, Yan Shu saw Lu Jinye at the hospital entrance.

Lu Jinye did not want to enter the hospital, so he invited Yan Shu to his car to talk.

That was the first time Yan Shu had entered a sports car. Even after she was seated, she found it hard to believe that it was real. She was even more surprised when Lu Jinye explained the reason for his visit.

It turned out her tourist was someone who had connections to Lu Jinye.

Being influenced by his wealth and good looks, she told him all she knew.

She had only met Mu Zhi once briefly and did not know much about her, so she did not have much to say. However, she gave him a clear description of her appearance.

At last, when Yan Shu had emerged from Lu Jinye's car and returned to the hospital, the whole thing still felt unreal to her. But now, she felt completely different from before. Unlike when she had entered Lu Jinye's car, she was now completely awake.

Meanwhile, Lu Jinye remained in thoughts for a long time in his car. Then, he called Linda and instructed her to contact the psychologist Mu Zhi was seeing. After that, he drove the car back home.

When he had reached his home and opened the door, Xiao Qingqing was dressed in a nightgown and waiting for him on the sofa. She stood up and went to Lu Jinye to help him take off his jacket. "You are back."

Lu Jinye had only glanced at her and said, "You should rest early. I still have some matters."

"I have a significant movie premiere tomorrow. It will be at nine in the morning. Can you send me there?"

Her words were affectionate.

However, Lu Jinye had only nodded in silence and went upstairs.

As he opened the door to his study, Xiao Qingqing suddenly shouted at him from downstairs, "Almost every man in this world is captivated with me. Why is it that you won't even look at me all these years? Lu Jinye, am I really that unattractive? Do we really have to be trapped in a lifeless marriage?"

Xiao Qingqing's voice was filled with frustration.

Lu Jinye turned around and regarded her silently. His voice was calm as he said, "You knew why we got married. You have always known it."

After that, he did not linger or elaborate and went straight into his study.

Xiao Qingqing was left alone, sitting dejectedly on the sofa, surrounded by an unending sense of failure.

After a long while, she took out her phone and started browsing for news about her and Lu Jinye on the web.

If one were to follow Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing's news for the past few years, one would see an enviable fairytale. In the few years that she was married to Lu Jinye, her value had continued to rise, and she became the most profitable star in the entertainment world.

Lu Jinye's businesses had also reached a new height due to the excellent image he had crafted with her.

In other words, their marriage was a business deal.

However, even in this business deal, Xiao Qingqing still harbored dreams for Lu Jinye, while Lu Jinye had fully viewed it as a part of work and had treated it professionally.

They played the part of an enviable couple before others, but behind closed doors, Lu Jinye wouldn't even spare her a glance.

A lot of times, Xiao Qingqing lived on favorable news about them on the web.

She convinced herself that she was happy.

Xiao Qingqing opened an article and looked at Lu Jinye's handsome gaze captured by the camera. She looked longingly at how lovely they had seemed.

She went through the news, starting from their grand wedding to her most recent events. Lu Jinye was always by her side. Their relationship was the subject of envy of everyone on the web.

However, the more she looked at them, the more dejected she felt.

So, she keyed in Mu Zhi's name.

There was still no news about her.

Apart from the tabloid news from years ago, there was nothing else about Mu Zhi.

Perhaps she had really died.

Her body was never found, but she had really died.

Thinking about it made Xiao Qingqing a little happier. Thank goodness she had died!

It was only after her death that she could finally marry Lu Jinye. Mu Zhi should have died sooner!

As she was about to continue browsing, her phone rang suddenly. Xiao Qingqing frowned but picked up the call anyway.

A man said with a mildly threatening tone, "Hehehe, is this Miss Xiao? I am Zeng Wei, the editor-in-chief of First Entertainment."

"What is the matter?"

Xiao Qingqing said. Her voice was even more impatient than usual.

The man said, "You and Mr. Lu Jinye are such an admirable couple, and both of you have protected your public images so well. May I know if you're just as loving in private as you display to the world? Do you know if Mr. Lu Jinye has been loyal to you?"

"If you have something to say, get straight to the point. If not, hang up. I am going to sleep."

Xiao Qingqing had never had any patience for this kind of people.

Furthermore, her husband was Lu Jinye. There was no need for her to please him!

At this moment, Zeng Wei, the chief editor said, "I have a news of your husband's rendezvous with a pretty woman in his sports car for a few hours. I am willing to sell it to you for three million. Are you buying? If not, I will release it in five minutes!"

He was no longer concealing his threat!

Xiao Qingqing stood up in shock and retorted, "My husband was in the car with another woman? No way, stop your nonsense?"

All these years, Lu Jinye had never been interested in any other woman.

She hung up immediately after that.

How dare he try to blackmail her with fabricated news?!

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Lu Jinye received a call from Linda as soon as he was seated in his study.

She said, "About the woman you asked us to investigate this afternoon, she used Yan Shu's name for a therapy appointment. The question she had asked the psychologist was, 'She had difficulty interacting with her husband in the steamy aspect!'"

### **Chapter 285 I Just Want You to Stay by My Side**

It was embarrassing to speak of that question, but Linda still forced herself to tell Lu Jinye. Lu Jinye raised a brow and asked, "Is there anything else?"

"Nothing else." Linda sighed, "The psychologist was very professional. She would not reveal anything. This was all we could get out of her after persistent questioning."

"Noted." He hung up after that. He got up and paced around the study twice.

At last, he sat down at his desk again. He tapped his elegant fingers on the desk lightly while organizing the information from the investigation in his head.

According to Yan Shu's description, the woman's appearance definitely resemble Mu Zhi's. However, her behavior was unlike her.

If Mu Zhi was alive, why did she not come to him?

Furthermore, this Mu Zhi had a husband, but they are incompatible in that aspect?

In short, there were too many unanswered questions.

Thinking of them made Lu Jinye feel uncertain.

He had always been a decisive person but faced with these questions concerning Mu Zhi, he had suddenly become indecisive!

No, this will not do.

Lu Jinye took out his phone and called Yan Shu. He told her to message him the time which she would be meeting Mu Zhi. He needed to be there to see her.

After arranging all that, Lu Jinye still could not calm down and continued to pace around his study.

He found it hard to believe that a person like him could be this flustered.

He could not allow himself to be so flustered by just a voice and a physical description.

His time was valuable, and here he was wasting his time searching for someone that was most likely not her!

It still felt impossible when he thought of them!

However, even if the probability was only one in a thousand, one in a ten thousand, or even one in a billion, he was willing to try for Mu Zhi's sake.

After he had ended the call to Yan Shu, a video call popped up on his screen. Lu Jinye accepted it immediately. A cute little girl appeared on his screen and she was practicing her lines for a play.

The senior butler quickly explained to Lu Jinye, "This is young lady's first time taking part in an international level performance. She is a little nervous, but I think that her performance is outstanding so I called you to have a look."

"Mr. Zhang!"

Mu Xiaomu's voice called out after the senior butler had finished explaining to Lu Jinye. When she saw that Zhang Bo was speaking to Lu Jinye, she ran in his direction, took the phone from Mr. Zhang, and said, "Daddy, I am about to perform. I am very nervous. What should I do? I am scared!"

Mu Xiaomu was the youngest member of the cast.

She was very talented at acting.

"Why are you scared?"

Lu Jinye asked Mu Xiaomu gently. There was a rare smile on his face.

Mu Xiaomu bit her lip before saying, "All the other actors are very experienced while this is my first performance on such a grand stage. Furthermore, I am the youngest among the cast."

“Being the youngest is a strong proof of your talent.”

Lu Jinye smiled at her gently.

Mu Xiaomu was initially very nervous, but after speaking to Lu Jinye, she was suddenly relaxed. She looked behind her and saw that everyone was rehearsing for the final time. So Mu Xiaomu quickly informed Lu Jinye, “Daddy, I need to rush off to prepare.”

Then she ended the call.

After the call had ended, Lu Jinye continued to look for traces of Mu Zhi.

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Late night at Xie Residence.

Xie Xiu was lying on his side on the bed, watching Mu Zhi beside him calmly.

Mu Zhi had yet to sleep. She was using her phone to surf the internet to create an itinerary for touring City A.

Both of them were clothed in their pajamas. They did not bare themselves to each other.

Mu Zhi couldn't even overcome the fear of undressing before Xie Xiu.

They had tried many times in the past, but she still could not understand why she couldn't. Even if both of them were talking amiably and Xie Xiu had shown that he loved her. Still, whenever Xie Xiu approached her to undress her, she instinctively pushed him away as though jolted by electricity.

Then she would behave as if she had lost her mind.

If he did not touch her, everything would be normal.

Xie Xiu glanced at the time and said, “It is late. There is no need to make an itinerary. I will ask my secretary to bring you around the city tomorrow.”

“But... I want to go by myself.”

Mu Zhi turned to Xie Xiu and said, “You have arranged so many things for me. It is not good for my independence.”

“Furthermore, if you planned everything for me, from the scenery I see to the people I meet, then I would become boring to you.”

Xie Xiu attempted to move closer to Mu Zhi and said, “That is not true. You will never be boring to me.”



His arm automatically circled Mu Zhi with the intent to envelop her into his embrace.

However, at this gesture, Mu Zhi who was initially relaxed, had suddenly jumped up as though shocked and had nearly fallen off the bed.

“Do not touch me!”

She shouted at Xie Xiu.

“Mu Zhi, alright... I won't touch you. Please calm down.”

Xie Xiu immediately said to Mu Zhi.

He kept his hands at where she could see to let her know that he would not touch her.

Instantly, Mu Zhi seemed to have calmed down a little.

She gradually turned her gaze on Xie Xiu and looked at him earnestly for a long while. Then she released the breath she had been holding and said, “I am sorry.”

She had now returned to her normal self and remembered how she had lost control a moment ago.

She did not want to lose control, but she really could not help herself.

“I... I have tried my all.”

As she said, she felt that she had failed miserably.

“It is alright.”

Xie Xiu stood up from the bed and went to stand before Mu Zhi. He said to her, “You know that all I want is for you to stay by my side. I won't force you to do anything else.”

“But I hope to be a true wife for you.”

“It is fine.”

Xie Xiu said again.

At this moment, Eric knocked lightly on the door. “Mommy, are you asleep? I need to ask you about something.”

Mu Zhi was alerted by Eric's voice. She quickly said to Xie Xiu, “I should go to him.”

Xie Xiu did not stop her but went out of the room with Mu Zhi. He went in the direction of his study while Mu Zhi turned towards Eric's room. When she had entered his room, Eric closed the door before saying, “Mommy, was your phone switched off? I received a call from our tour guide telling us to gather at the hotel entrance for the tour at nine o'clock tomorrow.”

“Sure, you can reply to her.”

As Mu Zhi spoke, she searched through her phone quickly and discovered an unknown number had called her many times.

She hesitated on whether to call back at this hour.