

## Falling for the Contract Bride Chapter 321-325

### Chapter 321 There Was Something Fishy About Xie Xiu and Rao Xue

Rao Xue. This name made Mu Zhi shudder inside. She would never forget this name. It was the name written in blood. And Xie Xiu had rushed back to see her the next day she received that blackmail letter.

It felt heart-warming that Xie Xiu took extra care about this matter, but at the same time, it made Mu Zhi think that there was something fishy about Rao Xue. Xie Xiu must have hidden something from her about this woman.

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When Xie Xiu heard Lu Jinye's words, his eyes shot daggers.

Nevertheless, he had a smile glued onto his face and had his emotions hidden well.

"Really? I didn't know that Chairman Lu was familiar with my subordinates. But thank you for your reminder. I will take extra caution."

After having said that, Xie Xiu deliberately put his arm over Mu Zhi's shoulder to show dominance. Then he looked into Lu Jinye's eyes and took his leave.

"Have a good rest, Chairman Lu. I shall bring my love back first. Your bills are all on me, and I'll give some money as a sign of gratitude towards your kind deed."

Lu Jinye was never after money.

Xie Xiu knew, but he said it to provoke Lu Jinye.

Lu Jinye did not show his bitterness.

He merely replied Xie Xiu as if in a marvel, "Mr. and Mrs. Xie are such a loving couple. Mr. Xie is so fortunate to have such an amazing wife. You have always been the ladies' man."

"Goodbye."

Lu Jinye stopped speaking.

Xie Xiu wanted to protect his image in front of Mu Zhi, so when Lu Jinye mentioned his name, he could not display any dissatisfaction.

He could only bring Mu Zhi away.

After they got into the car in front of the hospital, Mu Zhi then looked at Xie Xiu and asked curiously, "Do you know Lu Jinye?"

"He is my business rival."

Xie Xiu simply explained.

Mu Zhi hesitated, and continued, "What about Rao Xue? Can you tell me about her? I'm afraid of her."

Why on earth would a woman whom she had no relation with write her a blackmail letter in blood then hire someone to hit her?

Was she a terrorist?

Mu Zhi looked at Xie Xiu in awe.

Xie Xiu could see from Mu Zhi's reaction that she was unhappy and a little terrified.

But Xie Xiu had an idea of how to coax her already.

He looked at Mu Zhi with gentle eyes and told her, "Don't worry, okay? I've sent someone else to check the surveillance cameras already. When I've found out the culprit, I'll fight for your justice."

"These are all just conspiracy theories with no evidence. Plus, there's something suspicious with Lu Jinye as well. It's too much of a coincidence that he appeared all of a sudden and conveniently saved your life."

"We are business rivals, not business partners. It makes me feel that there's something fishy about him doing me a kind favor. This might be his sabotaging tactic."

"Using his life as a business sabotaging tactic?"

Mu Zhi could not help but ask.

Xie Xiu realized that the seed of rebellion had sprouted in Mu Zhi, and he did not wish to nurture it.

So, he tried to change the topic to resolve this matter, "Are you throwing a tantrum because you are jealous of Rao Xue?"

Upon Xie Xiu's reminder, it only came to Mu Zhi that it was not right for her to lose her temper at Xie Xiu like that.

She had never been like that.

Mu Zhi quickly calmed herself down and defended herself, "No, I'm just worried. But perhaps it's just unnecessary concern."

It was a feeling that she had not experienced before.

Mu Zhi didn't know why she felt imperceptibly lost as more and more incidents happened.

Those people seemed to appear in her life all at once.

But she felt that they had actually been there for a long time already.

When Mu Zhi thought about it, an inexplicable sense of panic came to her.

Mu Zhi didn't know why.

"Let's go home. Perhaps all of this is too much for me to absorb. I feel tired."

Mu Zhi tried to put her thoughts to an end.

Xie Xiu gazed at Mu Zhi and nodded quietly.

He sent Mu Zhi back home as usual. Then, he excused himself and got to the company for work. Once he arrived at the company, he directed his subordinates to find records of surveillance cameras that captured the accident scene.

As expected, Xie Xiu saw a suspicious shadow in the records.

That shadow was Rao Xue's.

Xie Xiu stared at the shadow for a long time. Then, he ordered his secretary, "Go and get me the best director and editor. I want these videos to be redone. Replace Rao Xue with another woman. Get a woman with a similar body frame as hers and capture her face in the video clearly. I want it to seem as real as gold."

The secretary did not know why Xie Xiu had to do this.

But she still followed his orders after receiving them.

Just as the secretary walked out of his office, she bumped into a person at the door.

That person had a sinister smile on her face. After the secretary went out, she walked straight into the office and towards Xie Xiu.

And said as-a-matter-of-factly, "Mr. Xie, it has been a while. I wanted to discuss a collaboration between us, but... I don't think there's a need for it anymore."

"It's quite a surprise that your relationship with your wife isn't as good as it seems. You criticized me previously about my way of making things go round, but don't you think that your way of doing things is wrong too?"

Xiao Qingqing's words ignited Xie Xiu's fury, he halved the pen in his grip.

He frowned and roared at Xiao Qingqing, "Get lost!"

Xiao Qingqing chuckled lightly and nodded at Xie Xiu before she walked out.

She adjusted her blouse with her reflection in the elevator.

She originally came over to ally with Xie Xiu.

But she could see now that she had worried too much because... Xie Xiu was also weighed down with Mu Zhi. He would definitely find a way to control her.

She felt relieved.

There shouldn't be any problem in the near future!

Xiao Qingqing was in a good mood when she left.

Lu Jinye had requested a divorce, but he hadn't sent her the divorce agreement yet. It seems that he had been busy dealing with Xie Xiu lately.

Xiao Qingqing smiled unknowingly.

She felt extraordinarily thrilled seeing them fighting against each other.

On the other hand, Lu Jinye was sitting on his hospital bed recalling Xie Xiu's reaction when he mentioned Rao Xue's name. There was definitely something fishy about Xie Xiu and Rao Xue!

### **Chapter 322 How Are Your Parents Like**

It came to Lu Jinye's mind to immediately investigate Rao Xue when he thought of this. However, his technical department had reported Rao Xue as a non-existent person. Lu Jinye realized that the people around Xie Xiu were too well-covered.

He could only find that rascal for help. The only bizarre thing about this rascal was that he would be happy to do anything except those that had to do with Mu Zhi.

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Lu Jinye contacted the rascal on the computer.

Lu Jinye, 'I have a task for you.'

Eric, '?'

Lu Jinye, 'Investigate a woman.'

Shortly after, Lu Jinye sent Rao Xue's photo to Eric.

Eric stared at the photo on the computer and frowned.

Eric, 'Your tastes are quite different. This woman does not seem to be as beautiful as the one you showed me last time.'

Lu Jinye, 'Do it quickly.'

Eric, 'What do I get?'

Lu Jinye, 'Your call.'

Eric took a look at the sky outside. It was getting darker. He had felt very bored at home these few days. His family had always been relatively lenient with him. Compared to studying codes at home, he seemed to enjoy studying this Lu Jinye man.

Therefore, Eric replied to Lu Jinye, 'Hungry.'

Lu Jinye replied instantly, 'Pick a restaurant.'

'Your cooking.'

Eric replied to Lu Jinye.

He contemplated for a while. His demand sounded a bit presumptuous, and he was afraid that Lu Jinye would disagree. If Lu Jinye disagreed, then he would not have the chance to enjoy this meal.

When he thought of this, Eric felt that it would be better if he had lowered his demands.

So, he quickly sent another message to Lu Jinye, 'After your home-cooked meal, I will immediately gather all the information about this woman for you.'

The corner of his lips rose as Lu Jinye looked at the messages on his computer.

Interesting.

This little boy was fascinating. What kind of parents could raise such a strange child?

Hmm... He liked him.

Perhaps with the same amount that he would have for his son.

To cook for someone was indeed a very intimate request. Apart from cooking for Mu Zhi or his family, he was unwilling to cook for outsiders.

However, Eric seemed like a possible exception.

Eric got a little worried while he waited for Lu Jinye's reply.

He was even obliged to throw in more benefits for Lu Jinye as he felt that Lu Jinye would refuse him. Just then, a word popped up in Lu Jinye's dialog box: Deal.

Shortly after, an address was sent to Eric.

Eric was extremely excited when he got the address. He immediately picked up his bag, started packing, and left.

He sped towards Lu Jinye's place.

As soon as Eric walked in, he saw that Lu Jinye had had all the ingredients prepared. He was wearing an apron, which inexplicably created a good impression of him towards Eric.

"What are you cooking?"

Eric asked Lu Jinye with a smile on his lips.

Lu Jinye merely looked at Eric, "You may choose the ingredients."

Eric lowered his head and said, "You can cook me something that you've made before for your wife."

After saying this, Eric took out his computer and didn't speak anymore. He found himself a place to sit down and then concentrated fully on his laptop.

He followed Lu Jinye's request and investigated Rao Xue.

He found it strange that every time Lu Jinye gave him something to look into, the information would need an encryption code to access it. It was the same for this time.

All the information led to a mysterious organization with a code-name L.

And they were all encrypted with the same coding.

It took quite a while, so while Eric was cracking the code, Lu Jinye made himself busy in the kitchen.

Eric had never felt the warmth of home. After cracking a piece of the program code, he looked up. He was shocked to see Lu Jinye walking in from outside with a freshly-cooked fish.

He didn't know why but he felt like he was at home being in Lu Jinye's house.

He wanted Lu Jinye to be his father.

Erm...

Eric immediately forced herself to continue cracking another code as soon as that idea came to his mind.

It was crazy.

How could he have such an absurd and impossible wish? How could he suddenly yearn for a stranger to be his father?

He had a father.

To be able to divert his attention, Eric played two rounds of games after deciphering the code.

When he was done gathering himself, Lu Jinye had already put all the dishes on the table.

Eric looked at the fish and some Chinese home-cooked dishes on the table.

He sat down.

Lu Jinye gave Eric chopsticks.

But Eric did not know how to use them at all.

He held the chopsticks as if he was holding a pen.

Lu Jinye looked at Eric with a frown.

Seeing Eric's reaction, he realized that Eric might not be good at using chopsticks.

The corners of Lu Jinye's lips curled slightly upward, and a smile appeared.

Seeing Eric, he asked with a smile, "Can't you use chopsticks?"

Eric glanced at Lu Jinye with the corner of his eyes and defended himself, "No, I'm just not good at using chopsticks, but I'm very clever and I learn fast."

He stared at Lu Jinye carefully.

Lu Jinye seemed to be demonstrating to Eric. He reached out and held a piece of the fish, then put it into the bowl.

He took a bite.

Eric started to hold his chopsticks another way. In the beginning, he was still wobbly, and could not clamp things properly.

But he was perfectly fine after two attempts.

Sure enough, he was extremely smart.

Lu Jinye had a reason to believe that such a smart child was very likely his child!

"You are very smart."

"Thank you."

Eric started eating right away. While eating, he raised his head and asked Lu Jinye, "I often see you alone. Do you have children?"

"I have a daughter five years older than you."

Lu Jinye stared at Eric seriously and answered.

"How are your parents like?"

Lu Jinye asked Eric as well.

Eric suddenly paused before looking at Lu Jinye.

"I don't want to talk about my parents. I like parents who can take some time out to accompany me in turns, rather than those that... simply give."

"So, in your home, do you mean that your parents don't spend much time with you, and you are self-taught?"

Lu Jinye tried this rascal again.

When he was asked this question, Eric's face glowed with pride.

He said, "My dad and I are geniuses in different aspects."

"Okay, I'm full."

He got up after a few words, looking satisfied. Then he walked to the side and reported to Lu Jinye, "I've found all the information about Rao Xue. She previously worked in a mysterious organization."

### **Chapter 323 Arrange a Paternity Test Immediately**

Lu Jinye stood up and walked towards Eric's computer together. Eric hadn't looked into Rao Xue's information seriously before, so he didn't know what Rao Xue was like.

He only started to read up Rao Xue's information with Lu Jinye now. Lu Jinye's brows knitted against each other tightly when he saw Rao Xue's information on the computer.

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The system that Eric had hacked into was not Xie Xiu's system. Lu Jinye didn't give Eric any information about Rao Xue beforehand.

So, Eric had only relied on his skills to find where Rao Xue was.

And the information he found was from a mysterious organization, code-named Z.



Lu Jinye looked at Rao Xue's information. The assassination missions she had once performed were all done at a very young age. She had killed many business tycoons, but these were all recorded in code, so ordinary people could not understand it at all.

Eric had also deciphered all of these.

Eric kept staring at Rao Xue's information. Then he frowned and glanced at Lu Jinye.

"Do you have any grudges against this woman?"

Eric looked concerned when he asked Lu Jinye this question.

Lu Jinye's eyes sank deep as he shook his head, and said, "Not really."

"If you don't have anything to do with her, it's better if you hadn't provoked her."

"I had encountered this organization accidentally when I was playing in the United States in the past. A good friend of mine had accidentally hacked into their organization, and he forgot to remove his traces. Later, he disappeared out of thin air."

When Eric said this, he said it without great emotions. But there was still a trace of regret when Lu Jinye listened carefully.

Lu Jinye frowned and looked at Eric.

He reached out and covered Eric's shoulders to comfort him.

Eric merely smiled at Lu Jinye and said, "Don't fret, I'm professional enough not to make this kind of trivial mistake."

After Eric said this with a smile, Lu Jinye retracted his hand and continued to look at the information on the screen.

When browsing through the information in detail, Lu Jinye suddenly discovered a suspicious clue.

Lu Jinye couldn't help frowning. He pointed to a string of codes and asked, "Is there any hidden content here?"

Eric looked at it. He was puzzled as well.

So, Lu Jinye told Eric to zoom into that piece of code!

When it was finally zoomed in to a thousand times the original size, Eric discovered that there was initially a mission hidden here, but it was destroyed artificially later.

"Restore it."

Lu Jinye looked at Eric. After receiving the order, Eric immediately opened the page and started the recovery action.

It took about twenty minutes to recover.

“It was to kill an ordinary old woman with medical malpractice.”

Eric took a look at the deleted information above and informed Lu Jinye.

Lu Jinye didn't look at the computer at the time. He got up and poured two glasses of freshly squeezed orange juice for both Eric and him.

After handing Eric the glass, he asked absent-mindedly, “If it's merely the murder of an old woman, why hide it?”

“Perhaps this kind of task is relatively low-level in the killer's hands? It could be too embarrassing to be written out.”

Eric replied casually. He took a sip of the orange juice and was about to turn off the computer.

But at this time, Lu Jinye walked over and stared at the computer, at the so-called task.

When Lu Jinye fixed his gaze on the task displayed above, his brows couldn't help but knit together.

This wasn't just an ordinary old woman! It turned out to be... Mu Zhi's mother.

When Lu Jinye saw this, his hands tightly clenched into fists.

So, Mu Zhi's mother did not die of a medical accident!

Lu Jinye stared at the information on this page for a long time.

Making Eric clueless of what to do next.

After waiting for Lu Jinye for a long time, he asked Lu Jinye carefully, “Can I... take my computer away? I've been out for too long. My mother might worry about me.”

“Sure.”

Just as Lu Jinye said this, Eric's cell phone rang.

Eric glanced at Lu Jinye suspiciously, then deliberately avoided Lu Jinye before answering the call.

Mu Zhi indeed made the call. Mu Zhi anxiously asked Eric on the other end of the phone, “Eric, where did you go?”

Eric looked at Lu Jinye, and replied, “I just went out to meet a friend. I will go home now.”

After saying this, he quickly went back to pack his things.

As he was holding his phone with just his shoulder, he lost balance of it, and it accidentally fell onto the ground.

Lu Jinye bent over to help Eric pick up his phone. It was too late for Eric to pick it up himself.

When Lu Jinye took the phone and handed it to Eric, Mu Zhi's voice suddenly came from the other end of the phone, "Which friends are you with outside at night? Aren't you aware that I might be worried about you?"

This voice...

Lu Jinye paused as he held the phone, and Eric hurriedly grabbed his phone back.

But Lu Jinye had hung up.

He held the phone and studied Eric carefully.

This was her voice.

Mu Zhi's voice.

Was this little rascal in front of him Mu Zhi's son?

"Please hand me the phone. Thank you."

Eric reached out to Lu Jinye for his mobile phone.

But Lu Jinye ignored Eric. He kept gawking at Eric like a falcon, as if trying to see him through.

"Is your father's name Xie Xiu? And your mother's Ann?"

Eric looked at Lu Jinye warily.

"Why do you want to know?"

"So, this was why you refused to give me any information about the woman I asked you to investigate previously. Because she is your mother."

The little rascal wanted to protect his mother, so he did not tell Lu Jinye about the information he had gathered.

Eric clutched onto the straps of his backpack tightly and snapped at Lu Jinye hostilely, "Why are you investigating that woman?"

He still refused to admit that she was his mother.

At that moment, Lu Jinye stopped explaining to Eric. He immediately called Linda, "Arrange for Doctor Feng to do a paternity test now. I will go to his private hospital in a minute."

Eric was puzzled.

Lu Jinye did not return Eric his phone. Instead, he ordered Eric, "Follow me."

"Give me my phone first. I have to call my mother back."

"No. You can do that when the results are out in a while."

Lu Jinye said this with confidence and determination.

He now knew why he thought his rascal looked familiar. He was 30% like himself and 70% like Mu Zhi!

It was just that he had never expected it, so he didn't notice it at all until now.

Lu Jinye still felt a little excited when he thought of this!

### **Chapter 324 The Person You Are Looking for Is My Mommy**

Eric instantly became nervous. He watched Lu Jinye warily, "Mr. Lu, didn't you intend to run a paternity test now? Then I shall take my leave now as it is none of my business."

At this moment, Eric's phone rang again. Eric glanced nervously at his phone and beckoned Lu Jinye as he was holding onto it. "You answer it. It's my mother."

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Eric had no choice but to ask Lu Jinye to do so. Moreover, Lu Jinye looked intimidating to him right now. Lu Jinye stared at Eric, "What would you say if you answered?"

Eric gawked at Lu Jinye innocently and blinked his brilliant eyes. He asked, "What do you hope I'd say?" Eric was smart.

A smile appeared on Lu Jinye's lips. He beamed at Eric, "Don't you think that we look alike?"

He did not answer Eric's question.

Instead, he asked him another question.

Eric was startled when he heard the question. He gawked at Lu Jinye for a long time.

They did look somewhat similar.

Eric pressed his thin lips against each other and kept mum.

Lu Jinye checked the time on his wristwatch and ordered, "Follow me."

At the same time, the phone stopped ringing.

And Eric frowned while he followed Lu Jinye into his car.

Lu Jinye felt his affection for this rascal increased.

Eric was smart and witty enough to be his son. Lu Jinye was confident with his guess.

Eric fully cooperated throughout the whole process of the examination that Lu Jinye brought him to at a private hospital.

During the examination, Mu Zhi called. This time Lu Jinye did not hold Eric back from answering it.

Eric held the phone in his trembling hands and answered the call.

Even though he was shaking, his tone sounded normal as he spoke.

He quietly held the phone and explained to Mu Zhi, "Mom, I'm already on my way home and will arrive in a while. Don't worry. I don't know what happened just now, but the signal wasn't good."

Mu Zhi had always believed what Eric told her because he had never done anything out of his league before.

Mu Zhi did not doubt Eric's words this time as well and agreed with him straight off.

She only told Eric to be careful on the way and hung up.

After hanging up, Eric followed Lu Jinye into the data collection room and started the test.

It did not take a long time, but it was a long period of torture for Eric. He squeezed his hands together and trembled.

Anxiety... It was a long wait full of anxiety.

Eric didn't know why he felt so nervous.

In the past five years, he had always felt a natural and intimate bond with Mu Zhi. He loved his mother very much.

But he didn't know why he had felt isolated with Xie Xiu.

Xie Xiu had kept a distance from him as well.

It actually felt like they were two tigers. Although one was an adult and the other a cub, they fought for King and did not give way to each other.

Eric used to think that he was an introverted person. However, he was now actually looking forward to having a closer relationship with someone!

What if the person in front of him really was his father?

This felt like a dream.

Both of them were equally ingenious. Lu Jinye was smart enough to win his heart over.

He admired Lu Jinye's wit.

If such a person could be his father, he would be overwhelmed with excitement.

Time passed.

There was not much emotional change on Lu Jinye's face. It was as if he had everything under control.

After a short while, a doctor walked out and handed Lu Jinye the paternity report.

He told Lu Jinye, "Mr. Lu, it's confirmed that this is your son."

When Lu Jinye heard these words, he merely nodded gently at the doctor. He did not show any change in emotions.

Then he turned to look at Eric.

He asked Eric calmly, "Where do you want to go next?"

Eric's face was cold as well. He replied casually, "Where do you want to take me to?"

When Lu Jinye heard these words, a faint smile came onto his face.

He took a look at the time and said, "Go home first and pack your things. Then we shall do whatever you want after that."

"Great."

Eric agreed. He turned around and walked out of the hospital.

Lu Jinye followed behind.

However... Linda, who arranged the test for them, was glued to the ground with shock. She stared at Lu Jinye and Eric as they left the hospital.

How could they be so calm?

Why didn't Lu Jinye and that rascal react at all?

Didn't people cry when they had just found their biological family? This kind of reaction was not what anyone normal would have!

Calm! Unlike a normal person!

Linda was dumbstruck!

This was really Mr. Lu's child! They had the same reaction and temper!

Crazy shit!

After Linda had finished her thoughts, she hurried out quickly to catch up with them.

This time, Lu Jinye drove himself with Eric beside him.

In other words, there were only two people in the car this time.

It was just Eric and Lu Jinye.

One was an adult, and the other was a kid. They both sat in their seats calmly, looking in front seriously.

Lu Jinye did not start the car. Eric did not pester him either.

Lu Jinye waited patiently for Eric to speak first.

After a while, Eric asked Lu Jinye abruptly, "How do you feel about being my father? Are you willing to be my father?"

He did not look at Lu Jinye.

Lu Jinye did not look at him as well.

He only quietly replied Eric.

"Of course I'm willing. You are my son."

"So the woman you were looking for is my mommy. And how are you going to win my mommy's heart?"

Eric was smart enough not to ask why and waited for Lu Jinye to spill everything out.

Lu Jinye looked at Eric solemnly and said, "You know that your mommy had lost her memory, so what do you think I should do to win her back?"

Eric lowered his eyes.

He thought hard.

After a long silence, Eric raised his head once more and glanced at Lu Jinye while he said, "Let's go to your place first for my stuff. Then I shall ring my mommy up, and we will act by chance."

"Great."

The two hit it off and immediately headed towards Lu Jinye's house.

### **Chapter 325 Do You Know Rao Xue?**

When Mu Zhi received Eric's call and got to know where he was, she was completely stunned. She rushed to Lu Jinye's house at once after hanging up!

Mu Zhi pushed the door open and saw Eric inside. Eric was sitting with a solemn look on his face. He seemed to be waiting for her. Eric wondered if he should reveal the truth to Mu Zhi. He was a cautious person.

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Therefore, he needed to observe and see if Mu Zhi could take it or not.

Eric stood up when he saw Mu Zhi. Mu Zhi grabbed Eric's hand and bombarded him with a series of questions out of anxiety, "What's the matter? Are you okay? Why are you here?"

Mu Zhi scanned the surroundings carefully, watching out for Lu Jinye.

Eric shook his head and simply replied, "I'm alright."

"Why did you call me here? Where is Lu Jinye?"

Mu Zhi asked again anxiously.

Eric raised his head and looked at Mu Zhi seriously with his big eyes wide open, "Mommy, have you ever thought that maybe..."

"Xie Xiu wasn't my father?"

Eric tried to ask Mu Zhi casually.

But when Mu Zhi heard this, she was stunned. Why would Eric say such a thing? But Mu Zhi did not want to stay any longer at Lu Jinye's house as she was certain that he was the culprit who fed that thought into Eric's mind.

Mu Zhi looked around for Lu Jinye's presence. She did not bother to explain too much to Eric. She only wanted to take him out of here as soon and as far as possible, away from Lu Jinye.

"Let's go."

Mu Zhi grabbed Eric's hand.



However, Eric did not budge. He merely observed Mu Zhi's reaction.

Eric trusted Lu Jinye's decision. He believed that he was Lu Jinye's son as well.

"Come on, let's make a move."

Mu Zhi persuaded, "We'll talk about this at home."

Only then did Eric budge. He followed Mu Zhi out of the house, but his eyes never left Mu Zhi.

Mu Zhi brought him out and got into the car. Then she ordered the driver to leave.

The driver started the car and quickly drove away from Lu Jinye's home.

Mu Zhi was on pins and needles in the car throughout the whole way back. She wanted to warn Eric to stay away from Lu Jinye. It was best if he could even dodge whenever he heard his name.

But Mu Zhi did not find any chance to bring this up.

She didn't know how to answer either if Eric had asked her why.

However, Eric did not mention it at all in the car. He was worried that the driver would report their conversation to Xie Xiu.

After twenty minutes or so of silence, Mu Zhi turned to look at Eric, and finally asked, "Why were you there? Why were you at Lu Jinye's house?"

Eric glanced at Mu Zhi and answered her calmly, "Mom, I don't think Mr. Lu is a bad person."

"You have to listen to your mother whether he is or not..."

Mu Zhi frowned. She was about to tell Eric about Lu Jinye. But before she could continue, a car suddenly stopped in front of their vehicle.

Because it was too sudden, there was no time to duck. The driver slammed onto the steering wheel to get around, and they rammed into a flower bed at the side. Fortunately, the driver slammed onto the brake in the nick of time. Mu Zhi and Eric suffered no injuries because they were wearing seat belts.

"Are you all right?"

The driver quickly turned around to make sure.

"We are fine."

Mu Zhi was petrified. She checked on Eric immediately. To her relief, nothing serious happened to him.

The driver unfastened his seat belt and wanted to get out of the car to check. However, when he opened the door, he saw a pair of women's feet standing at the door.

Whereas Mu Zhi saw a masked woman holding a black holed gun in her hand. She pointed it at the driver.

Just as Mu Zhi was about to scream, the gun went off, and the driver was killed before he knew it. The driver's body fell limply onto the steering wheel. His body pressed against the horn and had it pressed continuously.

Mu Zhi was terrified having witnessed this scene. She subconsciously held Eric tight in her arms and continued to comfort him, "Don't be afraid, everything will be fine."

Just then, the masked woman walked to the back seat and opened the car door. She signaled Mu Zhi to get out of the car with her gun.

"Who are you?" Mu Zhi asked.

"Get off."

The masked woman repeated herself.

Mu Zhi instinctively moved further into the car with Eric in her arms. It made her feel safer.

"My patience is very limited."

"Bang!"

The masked woman fired another shot at the driver's body. Blood dripped profusely from the back of his body.

"Okay, we'll come out. Don't hurt us. If you want money, I can give you a lot of it."

Mu Zhi got out of the car and went on, "You should know my husband since you came here prepared. He will pay you a lot of money in exchange for us."

"Get in that car."

The masked woman pointed to the car that had stopped in front of them.

"We will be fine."

Mu Zhi whispered into Eric's ear and then took him into the car.

Eric clutched Mu Zhi's hand tightly, and comforted his mother too, "I am not afraid whenever I'm with mommy."

Then, both Mu Zhi's and Eric's heads were covered. Mu Zhi could feel the car start and passed through a few corners. They could also hear the whistling of a train. Mu Zhi knew that her location was getting more and more remote.

After a long time, the car finally stopped. The masked woman took Mu Zhi and Eric out of the car and instructed them to walk forward.

Then Mu Zhi and Eric sat on chairs and were tied up.

The masked women took off the cloth over their heads. Only then Mu Zhi could see clearly that it was an old warehouse. It was covered with dust and looked like it had been abandoned for a long time.

"Who are you?"

Mu Zhi pressed the woman once more.

The masked woman ignored her. But then Eric blurted, "You must be only a subordinate because no mastermind would be so stupid as to do the kidnapping himself. Tell your boss that he can do whatever he wants except hurting mommy. If not, he'll be miserable for the rest of his life."

The masked woman smiled menacingly without taking Eric's words into account. But what this little devil said was true. The "task" was fully completed. It was time to report to the boss.

The masked woman took out her phone to call her boss, "Boss, it is done."

"Okay."

The call ended.

Mu Zhi listened in a daze.

There weren't any clues for her.

She abruptly asked the woman, "Are you sent by Rao Xue? Do you know Rao Xue? Or are you Rao Xue?"

The woman chuckled lightly when she heard Mu Zhi's questions.

"You've asked too many questions. And you shouldn't have asked some of them."

Having said this, she ignored Mu Zhi and marched out.

The warehouse plunged into darkness the moment the door was closed.