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Chapter 56 What Would You Like as a Gift? You...

But very quickly, Lu Jinye put her smile away and returned to his usual poise. He ordered indifferently, "Carry on."

However, the remainder of the meeting was rather pleasant...

After the phone call, Lu Jinye was seemingly in a much better mood. Time seemed to be passing faster this time despite the multiple issues raised by the executives.

Hence, after the meeting, the executives were murmuring in a discussion as they left the meeting room.

"I know the chairman is known for his unforgiving attitude, but it seems to have worsened lately."

"But something strange happened today, he became much easier after the phone call earlier."

"Yeah, I wonder who the capable person was that managed to lightened the chairman's mood..."

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Xiao Qingqing stood in a quiet alley as she listened to the murmurs of the executives passing by.

She could hear every single word coming from them. While walking past Xiao Qingqing, the executives glanced at her out of instincts. Those who recognized her greeted her with a nod.

Xiao Qingqing responded out of courtesy, but as they slowly drew away from her, she could hear them gossiping, "I suppose it was Miss Xiao Qingqing, the chairman might have taken her call? Didn't we hear about chairman splurging on Miss Xiao?"

"Yeah, I guess."

The words sounded like words of mockery to Xiao Qingqing.

However, the smile on her face became increasingly enigmatic.

She even forced herself to listen to each word coming from them, only setting off to Lu Jinye's office when they were no longer within the range of her vision.

Lu Jinye had just opened the first page of the file when Xiao Qingqing entered his office.

She stood before his eyes with a light smile, "Jinye, do you remember what day it is today?"

Lu Jinye snuck a glance at the electronic calendar on his desk in between her words, then said, "What would you like as a gift?"

"You... Your time."

Xiao Qingqing closed towards Lu Jinye, almost throwing her entire slender body onto him as she said in a coquettish tone.

Lu Jinye replied with a frown, "The company is currently undergoing some strategical changes, so I get a lot of documents to go through."

"I know, so I'm only asking for a meal, is that ok?"

Afraid that Lu Jinye would not agree, Xiao Qingqing flicked her hair to showcase her waves, "You've got to eat, right?"

It might be too cold of him to be stingy with merely getting dinner.

Lu Jinye lowered his eyes, pondered briefly, and turned to Xiao Qingqing, "Pick a place."

"Dinner, can we go to the Singkwong Restaurant at Fuxing Road?"

"Sure."

Lu Jinye made his promise and returned to his seat, burying himself into work.

While Xiao Qingqing's eyes were gleaming with contentment. She sat next to him like a meek lady, waiting for him obsequiously.

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On the other hand, Mu Zhi threw herself onto the bed and knocked off as soon as she returned home. It was already two in the afternoon when she woke up.

She washed up and prepared some food for herself when she received a call from Jian Xiaoning.

“There’s been a case of food poisoning at a kindergarten over here, I’m afraid I won’t get home in time for dinner. Umm... I made a promise to Mu Xiaomu that I’d bring her to the Singkwong Restaurant for dinner, do you think you can bring her there?”

“It’s particularly difficult to secure a booking at the place, don’t waste it.”

Jian Xiaoning knew Mu Zhi might refuse her, as she was always afraid that Mu Xiaomu would be recognized. So, she made sure to inform Mu Zhi that it was a difficult place to book and let her ponder on her decisions.

True enough, the words of refusal were hovering around the tip of Mu Zhi’s tongue before getting forced back into her throat.

“Oh right, after dinner at Singkwong, you could bring Mu Xiaomu to the nearest theme park to have fun.”

“I promised all these to Mu Xiaomu, don’t disappoint her.”

“Ok.”

Jian Xiaoning hung up the phone right away. It had barely been two minutes when Mu Zhi received the soft copy of a coupon from Jian Xiaoning. She quickly cleaned herself and wore some makeup.

The Singkwong Restaurant was quite a distance away from where Mu Zhi was staying. Combined with the fact that the restaurant was incredibly famous, there would be very few parking spaces if they showed up late. Thus, Mu Zhi went to the kindergarten to pick up Mu Xiaomu, put her in the Volkswagen Polo before rushing to Singkwong.

When she had arrived, she was greeted by a massive, long queue.

The trademark of Singkwong was the stargazing spot at the top floor of its building. A famous interior designer was hired to give the building a unique design. Scattering throughout the restaurant, from ceiling to the floor, were glitters of stars. As soon as they stepped into the compound, it felt like they were surrounded by a sea of stars.

Hence it was well-received by couples.

Moreover, there was a theme park located right next door, attracting numerous families to them. This made what was originally a crowded place become even more alluring.

Amid their queue, Mu Xiaomu was exhilarated. She unremittingly threw Mu Zhi's arm in the air, drawing circles as she said, "Mama, do you think there's a big bad wolf at the theme park later?"

"No, there isn't."

Mu Zhi held Mu Xiaomu in her hand and advanced a few steps, "After dinner at Singkwong, what is the first stop you want to go to at the theme park?"

"I want to get on the Ferris wheel!"

Mu Xiaomu cheered jovially.

"No, you're too young for that, Ferris wheels are for bigger kids, would you like to go on the merry-go-round? It's similar to the Ferris wheel, you get to spin in circles."

Mu Zhi explained.

In this instance, she noticed a little boy standing behind her, pursing his lips as he smiled.

He was an elegant boy. Rocking a svelte figure, the boy stood nearly a foot taller than Mu Xiaomu. He could not take his expressive eyes off Mu Xiaomu.

"Mu Xiaomu, your mom is quite humorous, the merry-go-round spins horizontally while the Ferris wheel rotates vertically. How could she think they're the same? Did you take after your mother's intelligence?"

Mu Zhi turned her eyes to the little boy as he spoke.

While Mu Xiaomu was blushed to the roots of her hair. She pouted her lips and retorted, "Liang Jieyi, stop your nonsense, how dare you call me stupid? My mama... I am, mama... My mama is smarter than me! Wait no, I'm smarter than my mama!"

Mu Xiaomu was tongue-twisted as she was anxious. She ended up becoming an even funnier figure to Liang Jieyi.

Upon sizing up Liang Jieyi, Mu Zhi realized that the one accompanying him was Liang Yunzhan!

"Brother?"

Mu Zhi stared at Liang Yunzhan in bewilderment.

While Liang Yunzhan nodded at her with a smile.

“This kid is...?”

In reality, he had heard Mu Xiaomu refer to Mu Zhi as a mother. However... He understood that Lu Jinye did not have children, not to his knowledge anyway, hence the question.

Liang Yunzhan was slightly elder. He was sensible enough to respect her privacy.

It was also common to him that women would use their children to advance in progress or wealth status.

“This is my elder brother’s kid!”

Mu Zhi quickly explained.

“Ah, it’s our turn, we need to hurry up and get in.”

Mu Zhi told Liang Yunzhan as she turned around and headed into the restaurant.

Following closely after their entrance to the restaurant, Xiao Qingqing and Lu Jinye stepped out of the car.

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Chapter 57 Coincidence

Lu Jinye could not help but frown when he saw the long queue.

“Are you sure we can get a table?”

It was one of the most popular restaurants on the internet. Besides, Lu Jinye did not expect the crowd. He stared at Xiao Qingqing, saying, “We can come back next time, I’ll get my secretary to make a booking in advance.”

After finishing his words, he turned around intending to head back to the car.

But Xiao Qingqing seized his hand. Blinking at Lu Jinye, she pleaded, “You could hardly get a seat at the restaurant with a booking anyway, you need to get a coupon a day prior and then show up to queue for a seat.”

Hearing that further deepened Lu Jinye’s scowl, “So, what cuisine is this? I’ll get a chef to prepare a meal for you at home.”

Xiao Qingqing let out a beaming smile. She pulled Lu Jinye towards the restaurant slowly with her soft and silky hand. She came before a woman, saying, “Luo Li, thanks for queuing for us, we can take it from here.”

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The woman who was addressed as Luo Li smiled and whispered a few words into Xiao Qingqing's ear before leaving.

Xiao Qingqing flushed all over upon hearing Luo Li's remark.

While Lu Jinye gazed at Xiao Qingqing and slowly moved into the queue. There were three groups ahead of Luo Li so they did not have to wait long before entering.

They barely missed Liang Yunzhan and Liang Jieyi when they arrived at their spot.

Lu Jinye did not like the idea of queuing with the crowd. His and Xiao Qingqing's appearances stood out profoundly in the sea of people. Passers-by would not resist stealing a few extra glances at them as they walked past. It was even more unsettling for him.

However... Today was Xiao Qingqing's birthday. She went through the effort to get someone to queue on their behalf, so he must not disappoint her.

In the end, he forwent the plan of leaving the place.

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Mu Zhi and Mu Xiaomu found the closest table to the child's play area. It was a stellar spot for stargazing. The scenery of the theme park was located to their left while the play area was to their right. There would not be a better spot than this.

She flashed the coupon for a set of signature kids' meal and ordered a serve of dinner for herself. Just as she was preparing to eat, a little boy's voice arose.

"Dad, they're there, do you think we can sit near them?"

Liang Yunzhan was clear of his son's personality. He was cold and reserved. Thus, quarreling with Mu Xiaomu was beyond his nature.

His son's intention was unquestionable to get closer to Mu Xiaomu while doing so without getting realized.

"I'm friends with Mu Xiaomu's mother, why don't we share a table with them?"

Liang Yunzhan glanced at Mu Zhi and decided to be a wingman for his son.

Liang Jieyi pretended to protest, "Must we sit together?"

In the end, Liang Yunzhan left no breathing room for Liang Jieyi and headed towards Mu Zhi's direction. He greeted Mu Zhi casually, "Do you think we can sit across you guys? My son wants to sit a little closer to your daughter."

Hearing those words, Liang Jieyi's little cheeks flushed like an apple.

"No way, I don't want to be anywhere near Mu Xiaomu at all, I'm worried that she will be a bad influence on my bright mind."

"Humph, as if I want to be near you, humph!"

Mu Xiaomu intended to retort Liang Jieyi, but she was seemingly lacking in the words she knew, hence her snorts.

Witnessing this, Mu Zhi and Liang Yunzhan exchanged glances and sniggered as they took their seats.

Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing noticed Liang Yunzhan and Liang Jieyi the moment they entered the restaurant. Mu Zhi was facing away from the entrance so Lu Jinye did not notice her.

He turned to Xiao Qingqing, saying, "Brother is over there, let's go and greet him."

Xiao Qingqing obliged with composure, "Sure."

She would gladly mix with Lu Jinye's friends. She felt that it was the only way to solidify her stature as his woman.

Following behind Lu Jinye, she approached Liang Yunzhan and greeted him with a light smile, "What a coincidence, brother."

In the end, she swept around and noticed that... Sitting across him was none other than Mu Zhi.

Mu Zhi felt a chill down her spine the instance she heard Xiao Qingqing's voice. She let out an awkward smile, "What a coincidence."

Fortunately, Mu Xiaomu was sulking after quarreling with Liang Jieyi. She went to the children's play area to play on the slides.

So she barely missed Lu Jinye.

However! There was an element of unfortunate... She hardly took two bites of her kids' meal and Mu Xiaomu was bound to return to finish it off.

So it was just a matter of time before she got noticed!

"Do you want to share a table? I can move to the next table."

The table could only fit four adults. Besides, the seating arrangement was fixed due to its rigid policy.

Mu Zhi had a point.

Lu Jinye glanced at Mu Zhi and said, "Nah, we'll go sit somewhere else."

Xiao Qingqing nodded at Mu Zhi with a courteous smile and bid Liang Yunzhan goodbye before getting ushered to another table with an equally as magnificent view.

Although they had left, Mu Zhi could not help but feel worried.

As she drew her eyes away from Lu Jinye, she noticed Liang Yunzhan was staring at her.

"What's the matter, brother?"

Mu Zhi looked at Liang Yunzhan doubtfully.

Liang Yunzhan wore a faint smile, "I find you rather interesting, Miss Mu, don't you feel a tinge of anger, seeing Jinye with Miss Qingqing?"

They were aware that Mu Zhi was Lu Jinye's contracted wife. Inevitably, they also heard of Mu Zhi's glamorous feats.

However, hearsay would always be hearsay. It wasn't until he met Mu Zhi when he was truly astounded.

Seeing that Mu Zhi remained silent, Liang Yunzhan smiled awkwardly and added, "I think Jinye is too charming for a woman to not fall in love with."

Mu Zhi raised her eyes to meet Liang Yunzhan's. In fact, out of all the friends Lu Jinye had, she was most comfortable with Liang Yunzhan.

The man was honest and sincere.

Moreover, there was no need to hide the truth of her relationship with Lu Jinye.

Hence, she replied straightforwardly, “Brother, don’t you know that Lu Jinye and I have gotten a divorce?”

Which meant that she was in no place to sulk over any woman Lu Jinye might have.

Her words also subtly dodged his question about her feelings for Lu Jinye.

Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing were seated adjacent to Mu Zhi and Liang Yunzhan, while Lu Jinye was facing away from them. So, he was not aware of the interactions occurring at Mu Zhi’s table.

On the other hand, Xiao Qingqing intentionally sat across him. So that she could observe every movement between Mu Zhi and Liang Yunzhan.

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Chapter 58 Astonished

Just as Xiao Qingqing lifted the glass of juice for a sip, an adorable little girl came out of the play area and scurried towards Mu Zhi with her little legs in an obedient manner.

She stood before Mu Zhi. There was quite a distance between them, so Xiao Qingqing could not make out what Mu Zhi was talking to the little girl. She espied Mu Zhi instinctively scanned the area before standing up, bringing the little girl to the washroom.

Xiao Qingqing hesitated. Her gaze remained in the general direction of Mu Zhi, who was disappearing afar, while the glass of juice remained in the air. In the end, she accidentally tilted the glass, spilling the juice everywhere, on the table, and herself.

The attendant promptly came over to clean the area.

Xiao Qingqing told Lu Jinye bashfully, “Jinye, I need to go to the washroom.”

Lu Jinye nodded in response, while Xiao Qingqing gradually stood to her feet and set off to the washroom.

In the washroom, Mu Zhi allowed Mu Xiaomu to use the toilet cubicle alone as she waited by the sink.

Then, walking towards her was Xiao Qingqing.

Mu Zhi hesitated briefly, wondering if she should hide. However, it was obvious that Xiao Qingqing had seen her, evident by the dazzling smile on her face.

A pretentious smile at that.

“Miss Mu, what a coincidence.”

Mu Zhi nodded as she had her eyes in Mu Xiaomu’s direction.

“What brought you here for dinner? Goodness, not only does the food suck, but we also need to queue up for ages.”

Xiao Qingqing’s tone suggested that she was expressing a grievance.

Mu Zhi turned her attention to Xiao Qingqing.

Didn’t you choose to come here too... What’s with that picky attitude?

Undoubtedly, she did not allow these words to slip her tongue.

Xiao Qingqing came to the sink, twisted the tap, and started cleaning her dress, saying, “Miss Mu, did you join the massive queue for your table?”

“Such patience. If Jinye didn’t know that I wanted to come here and insisted to queue for me, I’m afraid that... I wouldn’t be here at all.”

Mu Zhi twisted the tap as well, running her fingers underneath the water as she glanced at Xiao Qingqing.

It was clear that Lu Jinye did not have the patience to queue. Thus, she was surprised to find Lu Jinye at the restaurant.

Lu Jinye loved Xiao Qingqing but not her. That was never an issue to her.

However, Xiao Qingqing’s constant bragging and boasting were starting to piss her off.

Mu Zhi refused to respond to her remark. She took out her phone to send a voice message to Jian Xiaoning in a deliberately loud voice.

“Don’t give me coupons to a rubbish restaurant like this anymore, sigh, it’s all Jinye’s fault for spoiling me with delicious food during our marriage, my palate is growing overly sophisticated now. I can’t bear ordinary food.”

Jian Xiaoning must have been busy as a bee at the hospital right now. She would not have the time to check her phone. So, Mu Zhi could say whatever she wanted to.

Following which, Mu Zhi completely disregarded Xiao Qingqing and went into the cubicle for Mu Xiaomu.

Meanwhile, Xiao Qingqing was clenching her fists furiously. She tried her best to hide her discontentment from her face...

Turning around to whip her hair across the air, she left the washroom and sat down across Lu Jinye.

Mu Zhi led Mu Xiaomu out of the toilet and left the restaurant on a random excuse. It was too dangerous to expose Mu Xiaomu in the public.

The wisest move was to flee.

She brought Mu Xiaomu to a nearby shop for some food before bringing her to the theme park.

When they had returned home, Jian Xiaoning was nowhere to be found. It seemed like... A busy night at work.

Mu Zhi was drained of energy. After coaxing Mu Xiaomu to sleep, she fell into a deep sleep.

The second day, Mu Zhi had to go work at the hospital. Upon finishing her wash-up, she noticed Jian Xiaoning had been enjoying her breakfast. A boring entertainment news report was flashing on the TV screen.

She came over and sat across Jian Xiaoning, grabbed a piece of croissant, preparing to stuff it into her mouth. But she was stoked to see two familiar faces on TV.

Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing.

'Famous movie star Xiao Qingqing with her return to the country, caught in a date with Lu Jinye. Has the love in the past reignited? When will Mrs. Lu step in to quench the blazing flame of their love?'

The caption... Mu Zhi was bewildered by the reporter's imagination.

She withdrew her gaze, continuing to enjoy the food on the table, not getting affected by the contents of the news by a single bit.

However, Jian Xiaoning, who was sitting across her, spoke up.

"Is this Xiao Qingqing lady coming out for another stint of 15 minutes of fame?"

"Mu Zhi, please handle Lu Jinye."

Mu Zhi drank a mouthful of milk and almost sprayed it across the table.

How was she supposed to handle Lu Jinye?

But Jian Xiaoning added, "I get a feeling that Lu Jinye doesn't love Xiao Qingqing, otherwise, Xiao Qingqing wouldn't be desperate for attention, spreading rumors like this."

Her words made Mu Zhi's heart skipped a beat.

She could not help but recall how Xiao Qingqing was bragging about Lu Jinye queuing up for her at the Singkwong Restaurant. In the first place, she too, thought it was a gesture of love by Lu Jinye...

But it dawned on her that Jian Xiaoning had a valid argument. If she possessed his love, she might not be eager to boast about it.

That was... Intriguing.

Mu Zhi took a glance at the time. She was getting late. Stuffing a piece of bread into her mouth, she could not bother gossiping with Jian Xiaoning.

"Forget it, my marriage with Lu Jinye is purely business. It's over. I need to go to work."

She hopped into her Volkswagen Polo and rushed to the hospital.

Upon arrival at the hospital, she figured she should visit Master Lu, only to be informed by her colleagues that Lu Jinye had transferred him to another hospital over the night.

Mu Zhi was puzzled for a moment. She asked her colleagues about the reasoning behind the transfer.

The colleague scanned the area before whispering, "Haven't you heard? Our dean has recently poached a doctor at sky-price high, the doctor's first surgical procedure was rescuing Master Lu, then, after a successful procedure, he requested for Lu Jinye's wife in return!"

"With that request, no man would not allow Master Lu to continue staying at this hospital!"

"Poaching a doctor at a high price?"

Mu Zhi stared at the colleague, stupefied.

What the colleague told her was indeed surprising, but she was even more worried about the new doctor.

By the looks of it, the doctor was Lu Junnian!

“Dr. Lu Junnian, but he hasn’t come to work these few days, besides, I heard that he’s rather arrogant, the condition he offered to sign with the hospital was to hire a specific female doctor.”

“!”

In this instance, Mu Zhi was astonished.

To hire a specific female doctor...

Could she be the appointed female doctor...?

She thought the gods had finally favored her, allowing a hospital to finally realize her talents!

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Chapter 59 Secretary Mu? Mrs Lu!

Mu Zhi’s astonishment could not be described in words at this moment!

How could she overlook this issue? When none of the hospitals would hire her over all these years, it meant that Xu Changshu’s influence in the medical world was difficult to surmount.

While she was enjoying the free lunch that fell on her lap, she never doubted how strange it was!

Just as Mu Zhi was thunderstruck, Lu Junnian’s sturdy figure suddenly brushed past her.

She noticed the doctor standing next to her was sizing up Lu Junnian with malicious eyes.

Gradually and quietly, she lowered her head, afraid that it would occur to the doctor that she was the female doctor Lu Junnian requested.

The only thing she was thankful for was the recruitment of other doctors who had just returned from overseas when she started work. Nobody knew who the appointed person was.

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“Umm, I gotta go.”

Mu Zhi said to the gossiping doctor as she noticed Lu Junnian was walking away, and quickly bolted.

The doctor had surgery to attend to, so he headed to the operating theater for preparation.

Mu Zhi waited for the doctor to disappear from her sight before furiously barging into Lu Junnian’s office.

Without even a door knock, she shouted, “Lu Junnian.”

In the end... The door squeaked open, revealing the matron’s presence. She was seemingly in the middle of a handover discussion with Lu Junnian.

“Apologies.”

Mu Zhi awkwardly took a step backwards.

Lu Junnian casually glanced at Mu Zhi before asking the matron to leave in a stern manner.

The matron showed much courtesy. She even closed the door behind her as she left.

When the room was only left with the both of them, Mu Zhi asked Lu Junnian solemnly, “What do you want exactly?”

“To woo you.”

Lu Junnian went straight to the point, throwing Mu Zhi off guard.

With calmness and composure, Lu Junnian fixed his gaze at Mu Zhi. He returned to his seat, a corner of the white coat dangling down the chair, giving him a captivating yet enigmatic aura.

“I had pondered on what happened in the past. I also looked into what mom had done to you. I will make up to you for how she had hurt you. Whatever she took away from you, let me repay you.”

Lu Junnian’s eyes screamed seriousness and sincerity.

“I will start by putting you back into the job, allowing you to pick up your dreams.”

Mu Zhi came with the intention to interrogate Lu Junnian.

But his attitude, words, and gaze put her out of words.

“As for your divorce with Lu Junnian, I’ll try my best to expedite it, if grandpa doesn’t agree, I’ll confront Lu Jinye, I will match the amount of money he spends holding you by his side. Let me buy you.”

His last words extinguished what emotions Mu Zhi had built up, replacing them with scornful scoffs.

“So, you still think I can be bought by money?”

She questioned.

Lu Junnian cracked his thin lips open and explained casually, “Of course not, all I’m doing is to free you, so that I can court you from scratch.”

Mu Zhi had never hated Lu Junnian all these years. All she had might just be some negative emotions, perhaps stemming from grievance.

A grievance caused by him disappearing without leaving a word.

On the other hand, the person she hated was Xu Changshu. In hindsight, both Lu Junnian and her fell victim to Xu Changshu.

Lu Junnian’s words left Mu Zhi completely speechless.

She stared at Lu Junnian, shuddering as she bit her lips. After a long moment, she said, “You don’t need to do this.”

Lu Junnian frowned. He eyed at Mu Zhi solemnly. In an adamant tone, he said, “You can refuse to accept it, but you cannot take my right to do that away.”

His words moved Mu Zhi. She could no longer gather a response. All she managed to say was, “I just remember having an appointment with a patient, see you.”

Finishing her words, Mu Zhi bolted as though fleeing a murder scene. She scrambled away nervously, almost tripping on her foot in the process.

Behind her, Lu Junnian gazed at Mu Zhi, gradually relaxing his scrunched brows.

He was certain that he could eventually win her heart over.

When she returned to her office, Mu Zhi had barely sat down before receiving a call.

She answered the call and habitually said, "Hello, Junxin Hospital."

An uncomfortably high-pitch voice came from the other end of the phone, tone laced with a dash of scorn, "Long time no see, Secretary Mu. Did Jinye pay you off and terminate you too?"

"Xia Shaner?"

Mu Zhi was starting to doubt her ears as she asked in disbelief.

"Hahaha, didn't think Secretary Mu would remember me. It is my pleasure."

"What can I do for you?"

Mu Zhi scowled, drumming her fingers on the surface of the desk, obviously frustrated.

"I believe you work at Junxin now, Secretary Mu, can I come for a visit? Let's sit down and catch up. Is that alright, Mrs. Lu?"

Being referred to as Mrs. Lu immediately made Mu Zhi's heart skip a beat.

The signs of provocation had become obvious.

While the hostility in her tone was intensifying.

Thus, she must not allow Xia Shaner to make a scene at the hospital. She was new at the job. After getting a divorce from Lu Jinye, she was hesitant to let the world know that she was Mrs. Lu.

Mu Zhi told Xia Shaner, "What's the matter? Let's go and talk somewhere else, the hospital isn't appropriate."

"Fine, I'll wait for you at the Caco Café not far away from your hospital."

"I can't leave work right now, I'll be there at noon, sharp. If you don't feel like waiting, you're welcome to the hospital, rest assured that I'll be calling the police beforehand on the grounds of public-order crime."

Mu Zhi did not like the idea of getting manipulated. She made her conditions clear, standing firm on her feet.

"Sure!"

Xia Shaner was seething. She had no choice but to agree.

After hanging up, Mu Zhi pondered for a long moment. Not many knew of her identity as Mrs. Lu.

Besides, the recording Lu Yunxi publicized earlier should be unknown to most.

How did Xia Shaner know that she was Mrs. Lu?

There was barely any interaction between the two. It was impossible to recognize her voice from the recording. Moreover, she was accused by Xiao Qingqing of seducing Lu Jinye... So, based on the leaked recording, nobody should be aware that she was indeed Mrs. Lu.

What was going on?

At noon, Mu Zhi arrived at the café not a second late.

From afar, Xia Shaner was walking towards her.

She wore a tight-fitting dress, contrasting her petite figure. But the stiffness on her face told Mu Zhi that she had recently received Botox injections.

“What is it?”

Mu Zhi went straight to the point.

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Chapter 60 Was That Your Daughter?

“Don’t fret, Secretary Mu, hang on, or should I say ‘Mrs. Lu’? It’s been a while.”

Xia Shaner fixed her hair alluringly as she spoke.

Mu Zhi glanced at her, “Whatever you want to say, please do it quickly, there’s nothing much to catch up on between the two of us.”

When she worked as Lu Jinye’s secretary, out of all the rumored girlfriends Lu Jinye had, Xia Shaner was the fastest she managed to get rid of.

Moreover, the woman was purely flirting with him. There was no interaction between them except Mu Zhi informing her to stay away from Lu Jinye.

“Were you feeling smug when you told me to stay away from Lu Jinye in the first place? To kick me out as his actual wife?”

“I was just doing my job, as Lu Jinye’s secretary, I was responsible to handle his relationships.”

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“Hoho, are you as honorable as you make yourself out to be?”

Xia Shaner chuckled.

Mu Zhi was confused by her chuckle.

“What do you want from me?”

“I hope you will apologize to me in public!”

“Huh?”

Mu Zhi instinctively thought she had heard wrong. “Miss Xia, why should I apologize to you?”

She could not comprehend.

Xia Shaner responded boldly, “Because not only did you make Lu Jinye break up with me, but you also made me lose my job.”

“I’m not that influential.”

Mu Zhi figured there must be a misunderstanding lying somewhere. Or perhaps Xia Shaner was trying to extort her.

But Xia Shaner scoffed, showing her disbelief, “Are you going to keep denying?”

“Fine, give me 100 million and I won’t reveal the truth of your identity as Mrs. Lu. Otherwise, I will do it right now.”

In this instance, Mu Zhi was infuriated. She felt she was just wasting her time with the woman.

“Then please publicize it, Miss Xia, there’s nothing else to talk about here.”

Mu Zhi did not even order a coffee. Seizing her beg, she stormed out of the café immediately.

Staring at Mu Zhi’s back, Xia Shaner could only clench her fists fiercely.

Upon her return to the hospital, Mu Zhi thought about searching the net for information about Xia Shaner's termination. However, she was too busy in the afternoon and did not manage to get to it.

It was time to get off work when she was done with her tasks. She walked to the hospital car park, got in her car, and prepared to leave. However, she had barely hit the road when she felt her brakes were not functioning properly.

Frightened, Mu Zhi quickly tried to stop the car, but the brakes stopped responding completely.

It was at this moment when a cleaner was pushing a cart full of trash bags and crossing the road. At the corner, another car was waiting at the junction. If she could not stop in time, she would have run into the cleaner.

Without a better choice... Mu Zhi swiftly turned her wheels and ran into a bush of flowers by the roadside.

She instantly felt her head spinning, which was a sign of a mild concussion.

When she was trying hard to analyze the situation, her vision before her obscured.

Moments ago, Lu Junnian noticed Mu Zhi's car when he got off work and observed an abnormality with Mu Zhi's car.

Closely after, he witnessed Mu Zhi crashing into the curb up the bushes.

Lu Junnian became gravely worried. He did not hesitate for a second before dashing towards Mu Zhi, "Mu Zhi..."

He shouted her name aloud.

Only to find her eyelids moving but did not open her eyes.

Lu Junnian promptly did a basic routine check on Mu Zhi. After ascertaining that there was no bone fracture, he carried her into his car and revved off, heading back to the hospital hastily.

He brought her straight to the emergency room.

Lu Junnian conducted a thorough check-up on Mu Zhi and was relieved to find out that she only suffered from graze wounds. She had only passed out due to fatigue.

He peered down on Mu Zhi briefly and turned around to leave.

Giving the police a call, he requested them to investigate if Mu Zhi's car has tampered.

After settling with the procedures, he returned to Mu Zhi's ward, but she was not awake. He ultimately stayed for the night to keep her accompanied.

In the middle of the night, Jian Xiaoning called. Lu Junnian saw her name and quickly answered it.

Before he could say a word, an adorable little girl's voice sounded, "Mama, when are you coming home? I miss you."

The little girl's voice had just ceased when Jian Xiaoning continued, "Aren't you supposed to get off work by now? Why aren't you home?"

"Are you going on a date?"

Jian Xiaoning teased over the phone.

Lu Junnian listened to her words calmly and attentively, "It's me, Mu Zhi got in an accident, she's currently unconscious."

"Huh? Lu Junnian?" Jian Xiaoning's jaw almost dropped to the floor, "What happened? I... I'll make arrangements for my daughter and head over to visit Mu Zhi, she's at your hospital, right?"

Jian Xiaoning was secretly admiring herself for being calm enough to tell a lie for Mu Zhi. It was almost spontaneous to her.

"Nah, that... Was your daughter?"

Lu Junnian frowned and asked suspiciously.

"Yeah, my daughter."

"I haven't heard of your pregnancy."

The little girl's voice flashed across Lu Junnian's mind once again.

But Jian Xiaoning responded, "Hahaha, I have a girlfriend too, we went to the sperm bank to get ourselves a seed. Don't you know that I'm into girls, like you?"

"Oh."

Lu Junnian did not feel comfortable discussing that topic. He quickly told her that he'd inform her when Mu Zhi was awake, then hung up the call.

Jian Xiaoning heaved a massive sigh of relief after hanging up. Sigh... She even put her reputation on the line for Mu Zhi.

Next up, Mu Zhi had to handle the rest herself.

When she regained consciousness, a nurse came to her for registration.

The nurse was delighted to see her awake, “Dr. Mu, you’re finally awake, Dr. Lu has been worried sick.”

“Lu Junnian?”

Mu Zhi frowned. She subconsciously reached out to caress her head as she felt a slight headache.

The nurse recollected like a starry-eyed bimbo, “Dr. Lu Junnian brought you to the hospital last night, he even stayed by your side through the night. Those who know better will understand that he’s doing a favor for his colleague, but those who don’t might be misled to think that he has a thing for you.”

“Enough, stop your nonsense.”

Mu Zhi promptly interrupted the nurse, “Hurry up and pass me my records, I need to look at my situation.”

The nurse then cooperatively went to fetch her records.

While Mu Zhi recalled the accident that happened yesterday and felt something was odd!

Why did the brakes stop working?

Before she could conclude, the nurse went in and handed her a copy of her records, holding a hand over her mouth in a poor attempt to hide her smile.

It was a strange sight.

“What happened?”

Mu Zhi asked, frowning uncontrollably.