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Chapter 71 Reminiscing the Good Ole Days

The dimly lit room filled the space with warmth. The violent thunderstorm currently wailing out the window made the room even more inviting.

Lu Jinye slumped on the bed, reading a book. When Mu Zhi opened the door, he raised his eyes to glance at Mu Zhi.

For some reason, his glance made Mu Zhi's heart thump loudly.

Mu Zhi never thought that she would get another chance to share a bed with Lu Jinye after the divorce.

In the past, she was clear of her role. All she needed to do was to play Lu Jinye's wife.

But today... Standing here, she realized that she might have fallen in love with Lu Jinye.

To fall for Lu Jinye... Isn't a big deal in any case.

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On the contrary, it'd be weird to not be moved by a brilliant man like him.

Mu Zhi consoled herself with that thought. She pretended like nothing had happened as she approached the other side of the bed and sat on it.

She did not climb onto the bed directly.

Meanwhile, Lu Jinye had his eyes on Mu Zhi since she stepped into the bedroom.

He could feel his manhood calling upon him deep inside. No woman could do that to him.

He was starting to feel that Mu Zhi was different.

"Do I clean the guest room next door so I can sleep in there?"

Mu Zhi hesitated briefly and suggested.

“Since, we’re divorced.”

“So, have you become a coward, afraid of sleeping with me?”

“Ahem.”

Lu Jinye’s question almost made Mu Zhi choke on her saliva. She promptly explained, “Of course not, I’m just afraid of being misunderstood by your new girlfriend, Mr. Lu. I’m just trying to be a decent ex-wife.”

He arched his brows. Mu Zhi’s response intrigued him.

He did not express his desires directly. On the contrary, he put up a chivalrous front.

“I haven’t stayed here since you left, so the room might not be as complete as you imagine.”

That meant there might not be a blanket or even bed sheets in the other room.

“Fine.”

Mu Zhi did not sulk. She also did not want Lu Jinye to think of her as a coward. Besides, the shirt she was currently wearing was a little too short for her comfort. She desperately wanted to hide under the cover of a blanket.

Thus, Mu Zhi lied on the bed decisively and put the blanket over her.

They were not too close to each other. There seemed to be an invisible wall splitting the two. But they were close enough to feel the warmth exuded by one another.

They had experienced the touch of each other and the sensation was instilled deep in their subconscious minds.

So, Mu Zhi could sense her body calling her to get some form of contact with Lu Jinye.

She quickly brushed her desire off her mind.

Desperately fighting to control it.

Both of them said nothing.

They were even puzzled at some point. Without exchanging words, where did the desire come from?

Just as Mu Zhi was trying hard to think of a topic, Lu Jinye’s phone went off.

Mu Zhi could see the name displayed on his screen, Xiao Qingqing.

She turned a blind eye to it, while Lu Jinye rose and accepted the call, showing no sign of evading Mu Zhi. He said, "Qingqing, what is it?"

"Jinye, where are you? I'm scared, can you talk to me?"

Xiao Qingqing made all efforts to strike a balance between being gentle and doleful.

Mu Zhi could faintly hear what she said from where she was laying.

Lu Jinye gradually circled the bed and pulled the curtain open, just enough to catch a glimpse of the heavy pour currently occurring outside. The rain did not look like it was going to stop soon.

He hesitated and said, "Go ahead, I'm listening."

Xiao Qingqing was terrified of rain. Lu Jinye was aware of it.

Throughout their long-lasting relationship, Lu Jinye had learned everything that would give Xiao Qingqing a nightmare.

The reason she hated the rain was because there was this rainy day when she was cornered, forced to strip for her debut.

It was also a rainy day when her birth parents almost sold her away.

Before meeting him, Xiao Qingqing's journey as a celebrity was not going her way at all. She was required to take nude photos, often lasting up to hours. She had no prominence and frequently got overlooked.

There was this time when Xiao Qingqing was asked to be locked in a cage during a steamy shooting, getting fondled by men like a helpless kitten.

It was all done to provoke a lustful reaction in the audience. The director even put Xiao Qingqing's cage next to a kennel of German Shepherds. The storyline wrote that Xiao Qingqing was raised alongside the dogs.

The shooting took a full day to complete. After filming, the staff members were exhausted and were eager for dinner. They left excitedly, leaving Xiao Qingqing behind.

She shouted at them at the top of her lungs, but her voice was ultimately drowned in the sound of dogs barking in the middle of the night.

Xiao Qingqing watched them as they zoomed away from her, disappearing in her line of sight.

The rain started pouring when she had lost sight of them. Xiao Qingqing's cage had a roof. She could use it to hide from the rain. But the muddy water was clung onto her feet, intermittently splashing on her.

The dogs were upset by the rain. They started viciously ramming at the cage, hoping to barge in and hide from the rain as well.

Xiao Qingqing could feel the cage shake underneath her. She was terrified. Terrified that the dogs would come in and shred her into pieces.

In the end, at this moment, a drunken man passed by.

When he noticed Xiao Qingqing, who was only wearing a flimsy outfit, an unscrupulous lust arose. He started making his way towards her.

She was even more terrified at this point, but she had nowhere to run.

Seeing that the drunken man was smashing the lock of her cage with a rock, she trembled all over in fear.

Her shrieking calls for help pierced the night but to no avail.

On the contrary, her screams made the man even more excited!

Just as Xiao Qingqing had given up all hopes, the dogs suddenly lost control and attacked the man, scaring the man away.

Xiao Qingqing had lost consciousness when she was discovered the next day. She took a month off for rest but nightmares would not stop coming at her.

The nightmare would continue to haunt her every time it rained.

When they just started dating, Lu Jinye would not sleep during rainy nights. He would let her sleep in his embrace, giving her a sense of security.

He would wake her up when she was screaming for help, letting her know that it was just a dream.

So... Lu Jinye knew how scared Xiao Qingqing was and the struggle she was currently going through.

"Jinye, I remember you'd not sleep through the night whenever it rained in the past."

In this instance, Xiao Qingqing uttered meekly on the other end of the phone.

As though reminiscing the good ole days.

“Yeah.”

Lu Jinye responded lightly.

Mu Zhi had no intention of listening to their love story, but she ended up hearing everything.

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Chapter 72 A Stormy and Steamy Night

The very moment she heard the conversation, Mu Zhi’s heart suddenly skipped a beat.

It was out of her control, for unknown reasons.

Mu Zhi turned away intentionally, pretending to be asleep. But Lu Jinye’s voice continued to be heard.

She seemed to be putting more focus on the words exchanged.

She heard Xiao Qingqing say, “Jinye, thank you for your tolerance and love, you gave me love and rescued me. You are the moon of my life, my sun, and stars.”

“Mmm,” Lu Jinye responded with a light utterance.

Not long after, he added, “Don’t live in the past.”

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On the other end, Xiao Qingqing laughed lightly, “To bring me out of my past, you’re going to have to work hard to create new memories for me.”

Mu Zhi clutched her abdomen area. Why did she start feeling stomach-ache as she listened to their conversation?!

“That’s all in the past, nobody can hurt the Xiao Qingqing now.”

Lu Jinye said listlessly.

Mu Zhi could not help but threw a glance in Lu Jinye’s direction.

Did she hear it correctly? Lu Jinye was consoling someone!

True enough, the true love of his life gets a different treatment.

Mu Zhi thought to herself. Either as his wife or his secretary, she had never seen Lu Jinye give words of consolation to any woman!

What a gentle and encouraging tone he had! Mu Zhi was starting to be astonished!

However... Apart from astonishment, she sensed a dash of upset.

Xiao Qingqing continued with her lovers' prattle, "Jinye, I'm not that invincible now, there's one person in the world who could still hurt me. That is you."

"Because I'm madly in love with you, I'm only vulnerable to you."

Xiao Qingqing was confessing her love.

However, in an untimely manner, Mu Zhi's phone started going well.

Mu Zhi had recently taken a liking to a singer called Wang Ruolin. She chose one of her works as her ringtone.

It was especially inappropriate in a setting like this!

While Xiao Qingqing was confessing to her ex-husband...

She was lying on his bed. The lyrics of the songs went, 'I refuse to sleep, the day too bright but the night is too dark. Every time I take deep breaths, my heart is warmed by your sweet love... There are no words that can describe my happiness, yet it isn't enough...'

Mu Zhi's ringtone might be a clear sign of provocation to people who did not know better.

Using her ringtone's lyrics as a mean of provoking!

Mu Zhi glanced at the screen and found out that the call came from Jian Xiaoning.

She obviously must not answer it. Lu Jinye was still in a call with Xiao Qingqing. She would get exposed if she had answered it.

Thus, she hurriedly declined the call.

Normally, Jian Xiaoning would relent if her first call attempt was hung up.

But this time, she went to make several calls.

Mu Zhi had just declined it when her phone rang again. The sound of provocative lyrics filled the room.

Without any other option, she clasped her phone in her hand and dashed into the bathroom to answer it.

Lu Jinye did not seem bothered at all. He held his phone by his ear silently.

However, at the other end, Xiao Qingqing was trying to remember how to breathe, totally stunned as the lyrics bounced around inside her skull! She could not wait to smash everything in her sight.

She was certain that the ringtone did not belong to Lu Jinye.

It must be a woman!

Who was that woman!

“Jinye, am I disturbing you? Is there another woman over there?”

Xiao Qingqing asked tentatively.

“It’s Mu Zhi.”

Lu Jinye did not attempt to explain. He was frank and open.

Meanwhile, Xiao Qingqing could no longer stay put.

But she was in no place to lash out. She had to watch her image. So, in a pretentiously forgiving manner, she said, “Jinye, I trust you have a business to take care of with Miss Mu, I shall not disturb you. Even though I’m afraid, I’ll try my best to get used to not having you around.”

Her words sounded like she was about to say goodbye, though she was desperate for Lu Jinye’s words to make her stay.

To her disappointment, Lu Jinye had no intention to do that. He muttered, “Kay, sleep well.”

And hung up the call.

Xiao Qingqing was thunderstruck the instant she was hung up on.

She grasped the phone in between her fingers, hoping to squash it into bits, and ended up launching it against the wall.

She paced her room in exasperation.

By mentioning 'business to take care of', she was merely giving herself an out, as well as sparing Lu Jinye an excuse.

What else could happen when a man was left alone in a woman in the middle of the night, accompanied by the stormy and steamy night!

Nobody could guarantee that nothing would happen!

Especially when they had their needs!

Why... Why was that happening?!

Mu Zhi and Lu Junnian's love story was practically flawless. Did Lu Jinye not fall for it for one bit?!

What was she going to do?

How could she survive without Lu Jinye?!

Xiao Qingqing was more discontented the more she allowed herself to immerse in her thoughts!

No way!

She went before her computer, logged in, and checked her post, only to learn that it had been deleted. So, she decided to add another breaking one.

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Mu Zhi hid in the bathroom, explaining to Jian Xiaoning with a frown, "What reignited love? There was no love to start with, understand?"

"A hailstorm occurred as soon as I left the villa, and my clothes are drenched, I can't leave now and Lu Jinye doesn't seem like he's going to offer a lift."

Jian Xiaoning replied, "Sure, sure, there's no need to explain yourself. Right. You can't leave because of the hailstorm, you can't leave because of your drenched shirt, and you can't leave because... Lu Jinye won't drop you."

She sounded like she was sympathizing with Mu Zhi. But her tone told Mu Zhi that there were overtones of mockery.

Hearing her words, Mu Zhi flushed furiously.

After all her explanation, Jian Xiaoning chose to mock her.

Whatever!

Mu Zhi frowned and muttered, "Fine, whatever you say, I need to go to bed, please take care of Xiaomu for me, thank you."

"Mua!"

In the end, Mu Zhi helplessly gave Jian Xiaoning a virtual kiss to express her gratitude for taking care of her daughter.

But Jian Xiaoning would not relent, "I don't need your kiss, why don't you leave that for someone else who needs it?"

Jian Xiaoning hurriedly hung up the call after the witty remark.

Meanwhile, Mu Zhi turned around with the phone in her hand and returned to the bedroom. She thought Lu Jinye was still in the middle of his affectionate call. But to her surprise, as soon as she cracked the door open, she was greeted with Lu Jinye, leaning on the wall, staring at her.

His stare startled her.

"Are you done comforting Miss Xiao's emotions?"

Mu Zhi felt abashed by how he was eyeing her. She thought she had to say something to alleviate the awkwardness in the air.

Hence her remark.

However, it quickly dawned on her there might be subtle hints of jealousy in her words, to which she was not aware of before blurting out.

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Chapter 73 The Footage From Years Ago

Staring at Mu Zhi, Lu Jinye subconsciously curved his lips into a smile.

He asked, "Do you care?"

Mu Zhi realized that what she asked had been pushing her boundaries. She responded with a faint smile, "I'm alright, just afraid that Miss Xiao would misunderstand."

“She won’t.”

After listening to what he had to say, Mu Zhi bolted into the bedroom. She was lying on the bed when Lu Jinye headed into the bathroom. The sound of water splash made Mu Zhi stay wide awake.

It was pretty awkward to sleep next to him. Thus, Mu Zhi was eagerly trying to fall asleep so that she did not have to face Lu Jinye when he was done.

However, the flow of water ceased in the bathroom. When Lu Jinye came out, Mu Zhi felt no sleepiness at all.

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She shut her eyes and pretended to be asleep.

And the more she pretended, the more she could sense what was happening around her, as though her senses were suddenly heightened. Mu Zhi could hear the sound of Lu Jinye climbing onto the bed.

She could also hear Lu Jinye lying down and reaching out to turn the lights off with a click.

In the past, except for that time of the month, Lu Jinye would attack her pink fortress every night without fail.

This was the first and the only time when the two of them called a truce, lying next to each other without any form of negotiation.

Outside, the sound of rain appeared to have become increasingly heavy.

And for some reason, it was difficult to fall asleep that night.

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On the other hand, Xiao Qingqing almost did not sleep through the night. She wrote another story. This time zoomed into the part where Mu Zhi and Lu Junnian had a child.

Using the force of internet users in a dull and bleak night, she managed to push the story to the front page once again.

Apart from her, staying up through the night were Lu Junnian and Xu Changshu.

Stepping through the door in a hectic manner as he was escaping the rain, Lu Junnian was greeted by Xu Changshu with a stern face, sitting on the couch.

He could hardly bother greeting her. "What are you doing here?" He muttered to Xu Changshu irritably.

Xu Changshu rose and gradually walked before Lu Junnian and said, "After the baseless accusations against you and Mu Zhi, how could I sit around and do nothing?"

Lu Junnian raised his eyes and glanced at her, "Mom, go home and get some rest, I can handle it myself."

He was emotionless, showing no intention of asking Xu Changshu stay.

At this moment, Xu Changshu pulled a pile of documents from her bag and handed it to Lu Junnian, "Junnian, check these out, what type of woman do you like? Mu Zhi is not the only woman in the world!"

Xu Changshu sounded a little anxious when she mentioned Mu Zhi's name.

Lu Junnian barely batted an eye at the documents. He said, "Take these away, Mu Zhi is not the only woman in the world, but she is the only woman of my world!"

His words immediately made her fume.

But Lu Junnian was seemingly unwilling to say another word to Xu Changshu. He stood up and headed towards the bathroom.

Xu Changshu came before him within a few strides.

"Listen to me, go on a blind date, find a decent woman and marry her. I can handle the ordeal for you."

Xu Changshu was struck with anxiousness as she spoke.

Hearing that, Lu Junnian turned around and faced her, eyes filled with coldness. "Handle it for me? How? By pushing Mu Zhi off the cliff?"

If it weren't for her interfering with him and Mu Zhi years ago, they would have been married by now.

He was a coward in the past, and he was paying for his cowardice now.

He refused to budge.

Listening to Lu Junnian's hostile voice, Xu Changshu was starting to lose patience. She looked at him, head tilted upwards, and said overbearingly, "So what if I push her off the cliff? It was true that she did all those, I'm not framing her."

"She does not deserve you."

"Hoho," Lu Junnian scoffed, "She doesn't deserve me, does she? Mom, aren't you riding on the Lu's Family's coattails too?!"

Finishing what he needed to say, Lu Junnian was done with her. He pushed the bathroom door open and entered.

Turning on the water, the sound of running water and the sturdy door became a perfect barrier between the two of them.

Xu Changshu waited by the door for a long time. She shouted at him. But all her words were drowned in the splashing water.

In the end, she put the photos and documents back into her bag, hopped into her car under the heavy downpour, and took off.

She dialed a number as soon as she got in her car. A man's voice sounded, indistinct noises clamoring in the background. She said, "Where are you? I want to see you."

"I'm at City A, it's not too convenient, anything happened?"

The man's voice was laced with insouciance.

While a woman's giggle could be heard intermittently throughout the call, "Mr. Zhang, when you were the Floor Manager at the sumptuous hotel, did you have experience with celebrities going there for a one-night-stand?"

"Oh yeah, let us know."

Another woman teased.

Xu Changshu could not help but scowl at the sound of the women's flirtatious voice. She told Mr. Zhang, "Didn't I tell you to keep the surveillance footage from years ago? Pass it to me, I need it now."

"Sure, I'll look for it at home after this session. It'll be 500 thousand for the footage."

The man said straight away.

"Why don't you go rob a bank?!"

“Then I shall destroy it. Listen, after all these years keeping it, it’s bound to grow in some interest, right? Or... I could sell it to the woman you framed?”

He burst into a peal of scornful laughter.

“Fine, 500 thousand, deal.”

Xu Changshu punched the steering wheel and ended up agreeing to the offer.

While the man had hung up the call.

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Mu Zhi lied on the bed. She dared not move, maintaining her posture for over a few hours. She could feel her body numbing.

After hesitating briefly, thinking that Lu Jinye had fallen asleep, she shifted around.

However, the moment she finished shifting, Li Jinye cracked his mouth open casually.

“Can’t sleep?”

Do I answer him?

Mu Zhi was taken aback. Lu Jinye was clever enough to realize that she was pretending to sleep.

After a long moment, she responded, “Yeah, can’t sleep.”

“I suppose it’s the bed.”

It had only been a few days since she moved out, how was it the bed’s problem?

In the darkness of the room, Lu Jinye asked Mu Zhi, “Do you have any trouble? Or is there someone you miss?”

Mu Zhi hesitated. She too, did not know...

Whether she was troubled or she missed someone.

“Don’t know, perhaps both.”

Mu Zhi answered reluctantly.

Then, Lu Jinye reached out an arm and gathered Mu Zhi into his embrace without a warning.

Mu Zhi's body stiffened up, but she did not retaliate.

Allowing him to do as he will.

For some reason, lying on his chest, Mu Zhi instantly felt exhaustion kicking in.

Very quickly, she dozed off.

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Chapter 74 Egregious Yet Real

Mu Zhi woke up to a vibrant morning sunray. She jumped to her seat and realized that Lu Jinye had disappeared.

Sitting on the bedside table was fresh, new clothes.

Mu Zhi held them against herself and they were just the right size. She promptly changed into them and dashed into the bathroom to wash up.

Afterward, she left Lu Jinye's villa spontaneously, preparing to set off to work.

However, she had just stepped into the yard after closing the door when she noticed a stealthy figure flash before her eyes. Before she could come to her senses, the person splashed a pot of green, slimy liquid at her face.

She was left in despair.

Hurriedly mopping the green something off her face, she rebuked, "Are you out of your mind?!"

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"How do you like it? If you keep pushing it, it won't be vegetable juice next time!"

Mu Zhi scowled as she looked at Xia Shaner, who was behaving arrogantly, as though standing on the moral high ground. It was difficult to comprehend.

"What have I done?"

“What have you done? Aren’t you clear with what you’ve done?”

Xia Shaner scoffed, “After hooking up with Lu Junnian, how do you have the audacity to stay at Jinye’s villa?”

Mu Zhi stared at Xia Shaner and felt she was hilarious.

“Me hooking up with Lu Junnian? Even if it’s true, Miss Xia Shaner, who are you to judge me? May I know what’s your relationship is with Jinye? Oh... I remember you are just one of the nobodies who Jinye abandoned.”

Mu Zhi intentionally took on an enigmatic tone to jeer at her.

Xia Shaner could feel her blood boiling in anger. She could only stomp on the ground.

“So what?!”

Struggling to articulate an argument, that was all Xia Shaner could say.

Mu Zhi chuckled lightly, “Nothing, just letting you know that you shouldn’t do things like this in the future. You’re in no place to.”

“Even if you’re speaking up for Lu Jinye, it’s pointless, he won’t thank you.”

Finishing what she had to say, Mu Zhi planned to turn around, reenter the villa with hopes to find other clothes.

However, she was surprised that Xia Shaner did not relent.

Xia Shaner charged at Mu Zhi and seized her shirt.

Mu Zhi tried to shake her away but to no avail. Failing to free herself after a series of struggles, Mu Zhi could only let Xia Shaner lug her around.

Xia Shaner started behaving like a psycho. She sprung her hand backward, intending to beat Mu Zhi.

But Mu Zhi was not someone to be trifled with. There was no way she would allow Xia Shaner to beat her without a good reason. She reached out to clasp Xia Shaner’s collar.

While scuffling, Xia Shaner accidentally tripped on a rock and stumbled to the ground.

She seized Mu Zhi and brought Mu Zhi down with her.

Lu Jinye left to buy breakfast. He was stunned by the scene when he was preparing to park the car in the yard.

In this instance, Mu Zhi had freed herself from underneath Xia Shaner. She pinned Xia Shaner on the ground, pulling her hair ferociously.

Lu Jinye hurriedly left the car as he witnessed everything that was happening.

He scowled as things continued to unfold. Mu Zhi did not notice his presence while Xia Shaner saw him first.

Her face was bruised all over at this point. Seeing Lu Jinye, Xia Shaner first stunned briefly and broke into tears.

Besides, she scurried in his direction, "Jinye, I... I'm just mad at her for hooking up with another man. I only came to tell her off, b-but... She hit me."

Lu Jinye maintained an apathetic front. He was not bothered by Xia Shaner at all as he gave the property manager a call. It did not take long for security guards to arrive.

Mu Zhi observed Lu Jinye's reaction from the beginning. She concluded by his facial expression that he was not in the right mood at all.

Normally when he was in such a mood, someone was bound to get into trouble.

While Xia Shaner continued to weep at the side.

When the guards arrived at the scene, Lu Jinye rebuked with a scowl, "What has happened to the security of this suburb? How did these random people manage to get in?"

The guards had their eyes on Xia Shaner, not daring to say a word.

Lu Jinye had lost his patience. He wagged his hand, "Take her away."

After this, he walked up to Mu Zhi, grabbed her hand, and headed into the house.

Mu Zhi kept her head down throughout. The vegetable juice was still dripping down her forehead. The ground of Lu Jinye's yard was made up of pebbles. Rolling on the ground during the scuffle, she got multiple graze wounds on her face.

She was too embarrassed to lift her head up.

She gave in and allowed Lu Jinye to bring her in.

When they got to the room, Lu Jinye pointed at the bathroom, gesturing for Mu Zhi to take a shower.

Mu Zhi hurriedly obliged.

After a shower, she stood before the mirror to examine her wounds. What a tragedy. Upon a closer look, she found some shallow grazes on her forehead and arms, which were less serious than Xia Shaner's.

However, it was stinging to the eyes.

She hesitated, then put on a shirt and left the bathroom.

Just as she had anticipated, Lu Jinye was currently waiting at the door.

Mu Zhi walked up to Lu Jinye. She thought about explaining to him but did not know where to start.

But Lu Jinye asked, "Does it still hurt?"

"It's alright."

Mu Zhi understood that Lu Jinye was referring to the condition of her wounds.

In the end, Lu Jinye held his hand in her face, "Come here, let me apply some ointment for you."

Mu Zhi hesitated before moving closer to him. She tried to grab the ointment from Lu Jinye's hand, "I'm a doctor, let me do it myself."

Lu Jinye refused her. He gently pushed her hand away, "Don't move."

His words, albeit not overbearing, made her involuntarily succumb to him.

Thus, Mu Zhi did not move a finger.

Lu Jinye was meticulous while applying the ointment. Despite the stinging sensation during disinfection, Mu Zhi could tell that he was putting all efforts to reduce her pain.

As a result, the pain was not as huge as she would normally experience.

Amid disinfection, Lu Jinye said...

"Is there anything else about you that I don't know about?"

Mu Zhi's decision making over every incident was unbelievable to Lu Jinye.

Fighting someone...

A relationship with Lu Junnian...

Her talents in medicine...

All of these started to surface only after their divorce.

And he was unaware of any one of those in the past.

The Mu Zhi he knew was a completely different person. She was obsequious, hungry for money, eager to please him, a good partner in bed, and a great helper at work. She would always keep her temper under control.

But... The Mu Zhi now engaged in a fight, was involved in a scandal, and even bore a child...

These were egregious, yet felt so real.

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Chapter 75 Their Roles

Upon hearing Lu Jinye's question, Mu Zhi raised her head and looked at him.

She then put on a light smile, "Then, what do you want to know?"

It was the first time she opened up to Lu Jinye. Lu Jinye asked her what he didn't know about her while she had to address his questions.

They would have never done that in the past.

They neither spoke about love nor emotion. He was responsible to dote on her while she was responsible to be adorable.

But now... Their statures appeared to be... Equal.

Yeah, equal.



The word echoed in Lu Jinye's mind. He found it difficult to get used to it.

He wore a stiff smile as he disinfected her wounds before starting to apply ointment. In between his gentle movements, he said, "I want to know anything you're willing to tell me."

“Mu Zhi, female, twenty-six years of age...”

Mu Zhi introduced herself in a playful tease.

“Why?”

Lu Jinye gazed at Mu Zhi with his deep-set eyes and asked solemnly.

“What why?”

Initially, Mu Zhi thought Lu Jinye was messing around, but she was astonished for a few seconds when she noticed his stern face.

“Why did you choose to marry me?”

“Because I need money.”

Mu Zhi answered that question once again.

This was one of the few questions Mu Zhi could answer without hesitation, money.

It was her simple reason for marrying Lu Jinye.

He frowned but did not pursue.

It would be pointless to press on.

Done with the ointment, Mu Zhi made herself presentable and bid Lu Jinye goodbye. She had to rush to work.

Lu Jinye did not make her stay. He let her leave.

Except, a long while after Mu Zhi had left, Lu Jinye called his assistant and said, “Look into Mu Zhi, this time, I want a detailed report of her life and her family background.”

After making the necessary arrangements, Lu Jinye hung up.

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When she arrived at the hospital, Mu Zhi was trying her best to make herself invisible. Some people turned their faces at her and she would dodge eye contacts.

Rumors were spreading wild lately. Had she not been alerted, she would find herself in the spotlight of gossiping in a flash.

She was in the middle of her sitting motion when a woman approached her. A woman whose figure was extremely familiar to Mu Zhi.

There were a few graze wounds on her face on top of the bruises over her body. Mu Zhi had not managed to recognize the woman until she was before her.

She took off her mask and gave Mu Zhi a provocative smile.

“Dr. Mu, please dress the wounds that you inflicted on me. Make sure you be careful with my injury. If you don’t, I’m going to have to file a complaint against you.”

Mu Zhi glanced at Xia Shaner, who was standing right before her eyes, peevishly. What an annoying bitch.

“How did you find me here?”

“What’s the matter? Am I not allowed here? Are you afraid of getting caught by your lover?”

Xia Shaner scanned the area with a mocking smile.

Mu Zhi could not be bothered by her nonsense. She started writing a prescription, “You could’ve just applied some ointments for yourself judging at the seriousness of the wounds. Otherwise, the nurses will help you.”

Following which, Mu Zhi scribbled a few words and handed the note to Xia Shaner.

But Xia Shaner wouldn’t leave. She stood to her feet and sized up Mu Zhi in disapproval, “Where do you think I can find Dr. Lu Junnian? May I know if you’d be interested if I talk about your past relationship with Dr. Lu Junnian?”

Mu Zhi could not help but feel Xia Shaner was out of her mind.

“Are you sick in the head? What are you doing here wasting your time? What good does it bring you?”

Xia Shaner was starting to get under her skin.

However, Xia Shaner showed no sign of wanting to leave.

Without any other choice, Mu Zhi had to drive her away, “Enough, next patient! You may leave.”

Meanwhile, the nurse helped usher Xia Shaner out the door.

Alas, Xia Shaner still showed no sign of wanting to leave.

She made herself comfortable on the medical chair, sitting there shamelessly.

“Please go!”

Mu Zhi muttered impatiently. Xia Shaner would not budge. She even tried to strike a conversation with Mu Zhi, “Dr. Mu, do you have any idea what my life is like since you separated Lu Jinye and me?”

“I met plenty of men, all of them are scumbags.”

Before Mu Zhi could say a thing, Xia Shaner added.

“Have you got an idea? This is all your fault.”

“Miss Xia, I suggest you visit the Psychiatric Department.”

Mu Zhi had completely run out of patience due to Xia Shaner’s constant barking.

She stood up, preparing to leave her clinic.

“If you don’t feel like making your way there, I’ll get the psychologist to come here instead.”

“It’s fine.”

Xia Shaner shrieked. Seeing that Mu Zhi was planning head out, she suddenly jumped in front to stop her.

Her roar put Mu Zhi in a daze. She had no clue how she was supposed to react at all.

The next second, Xia Shaner went berserk. She charged at Mu Zhi and seized her arm.

Squeezing Mu Zhi’s arm, it felt like Xia Shaner was trying to break it into half.

“Where are you planning to go? To call the security on me? I was only driven away by the guards last time because you made them do it! That’s why I can no longer get close to Lu Jinye! Hold that thought! Don’t even think about it!”

Mu Zhi noticed that Xia Shaner’s behavior was starting to become concerning.

It was not how a normal person should behave.

She tried to withdraw her arm, but Xia Shaner’s grip did not relax one bit. It became even tighter.

Besides, Xia Shaner was slowly losing control of her emotions, reflected by her tightening grip.

Completely losing her plot, she wailed like a banshee. But within fractions of a second, she would put up an optimistic expression, telling herself that she must not give up. Then, she started murmuring to herself, saying that she had it tough lately.

Mu Zhi could only feel the sharp pain caused by Xia Shaner.

The nurse noticed Mu Zhi's abnormally and quickly called for help.

However, due to her unstable behavior, even the guards did not dare get one step closer to Mu Zhi and Xia Shaner.

The façade continued to unfold as a crowd starting building up around them. Xia Shaner became utterly nervous and she would lash out any moment now.

In the end, she was finally willing to let go of Mu Zhi's arm and snatched a fruit knife sitting on the coffee table.

Swinging the knife in the air, she tried to force the guards away.

"All of you, leave us!"

Mu Zhi was initially not afraid. She thought about reasoning with Xia Shaner.

But... As the situation was starting to lose control, panic started coming to her.

After all, Xia Shaner was armed with a knife. She must not die. She had to take care of Mu Xiaomu.

All she could do was making attempts to calm Xia Shaner.

But Xia Shaner had only hatred for her. She could not listen to a word Mu Zhi had to say.