

## Falling for the Contract Bride Chapter 76

### Chapter 76 You Still Love Me

Just as Mu Zhi was at a loss, when everyone had no clue what to do, a man suddenly came from afar. He squeezed through the crowd and told Xia Shaner, "Let her go, I'm here to listen to what you have to say."

"What difference would you make?"

Getting refuted by Xia Shaner, Lu Junnian, who had just arrived, kept his poise.

He calmly turned to the passers-by behind him and told them to keep quiet, then said to Xia Shaner, "I make all the difference, do you have any idea who I am?"

"Lu Junnian!"

Xia Shaner's answer made Lu Junnian look like an idiot.

"Then, do you know who I love?"

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Lu Junnian disregarded Xia Shaner's answer and shot another question.

A question that would perturb Mu Zhi.

What does Lu Junnian think he is doing by spinning in circles with his nonchalant attitude?

"Mu Zhi."

Surprisingly, Xia Shaner chose to entertain Lu Junnian's question.

This threw Mu Zhi off... What the hell is happening now?

Mu Zhi threw her gaze at Lu Junnian only to realize that Lu Junnian had his eyes fixed at her.

They naturally locked eyes. It felt like a form of wordless conversation

A conversation that told Mu Zhi to not be scared, he will protect her.

For some reason, a sense of security started coming to Mu Zhi.

“Then who do you love?”

“Lu Jinye.”

Xia Shaner continued answering Lu Junnian’s question.

“So, doesn’t that make us a team? I love Mu Zhi, I’m eager to possess Mu Zhi, Mu Zhi is your love rival, you love Lu Jinye. If I have won Mu Zhi’s heart, that means you could go for Lu Jinye, right?”

Lu Junnian took his time to finish that long remark, as though intentionally allowing Xia Shaner time to ponder.

It was not until a moment later when Xia Shaner appeared to have understood his words.

Meanwhile, Lu Junnian promptly added, “Hurry up, release Mu Zhi, let her come to me, we will be together while you can have Lu Jinye to yourself.”

The first part of his sentence might seem too obvious.

But the latter gave Xia Shaner some logical form of motivation.

However, Xia Shaner was seemingly struggling to grasp the relationship. She started distracting herself with her sea of thoughts.

Lu Junnian took the opportunity to gradually approach Xia Shaner. Mu Zhi was already within his reach.

But Mu Zhi did not notice the trick Lu Junnian was playing. She did not dare move a finger, allowing Lu Junnian to hold her hand.

At this moment, Xia Shaner suddenly held the knife in the air and bellowed, “Don’t move, stop touching her! I want to see Lu Jinye.”

Lu Junnian turned his face around immediately, “Look, who’s that at the door!”

The moment Xia Shaner was distracted, he quickly lugged Mu Zhi towards himself and shielded her in his embrace.

Xia Shaner sensed Mu Zhi escaping her hand. She swiftly stretched out in attempts to grab her, but her unstable emotions made her lose control of her knife, pushing her knife forward with the pointy end.

Mu Zhi did not react fast enough. All she could do was staring at the knife as it zoomed into her face.

Lu Junnian did not hesitate for a moment. He shuffled into position and blocked the knife with his arm. Crimson red blood instantly seeped through his wound.

He went on to knock the knife off from Xia Shaner's hand.

And the scene went into chaos.

The guards barged into the room amid clamoring, pinning Xia Shaner on the ground to immobilize her.

Lu Junnian did not get his wound dressed before ordering the guards to bring Xia Shaner to the Psychiatric Department.

"Are you hurt?"

As soon as he finished making arrangements for Xia Shaner, Lu Junnian immediately lowered his head to inspect Mu Zhi's wounds.

One would always display their true emotions when they were anxious.

Lu Junnian's nervousness made Mu Zhi's heart skip a beat.

She had not come back to her senses from the terrifying scuffle that just happened. All she could do was shaking her head involuntarily and reassuring him that she was fine.

However, she went on to say, "Are you alright? Why would you block the knife for me? You fool."

"Because... Had I not done that, the knife would land on you."

"But you'll get hurt too."

Mu Zhi uttered anxiously, forgetting to mask her feelings.

"It doesn't hurt. Your concern is the best anesthetic."

These words were said with endearment.

The dangerous ordeal attracted a huge crowd. They had not dispersed at this point. Listening to Lu Junnian's words, the surrounding passers-by simultaneously gasped and cheered.

"This is too touching, too romantic."

It was the cheer that brought Mu Zhi back to her senses.

In the blink of an eye, she put away all the care she displayed and said coldly, "Take a seat, apply pressure at three inches above the wound, let me dress it."

These words were said with apathy. The way a doctor would behave to her patient.

The crowd booed in contempt. Some of them felt sorry for Dr. Lu for almost losing an arm for Dr. Mu.

However... Looking at her stern face, Lu Junnian grinned from ear to ear.

He turned to glance at the nosy passers-by and said, "Matron, please shut the door for me and clear the area."

These words were said with dominance.

The matron quickly obliged.

When the area was cleared, the scene was only left with Mu Zhi and Lu Junnian.

Lu Junnian then laughed, "I know that you still love me."

Mu Zhi had never denied her love for Lu Junnian. But she did not wish Lu Junnian to find out about it.

So, she ignored his remark and asked, "How did you know you should slowly bait Xia Shaner? Did you know that she had psychotic disorders?"

When Lu Junnian arrived at the scene, he should not have the time to analyze Xia Shaner's behavior.

Lu Junnian noticed that Mu Zhi was dodging his affection gesture. He chose not to rush her. Instead, he addressed Mu Zhi's question, "I went through your dashcam and the basement car park's surveillance footages, then found out that your car was tampered with. The culprit was Xia Shaner."

"Besides, the one who photographed me rescuing you and made up the story about us was also Xia Shaner."

“So, you’re saying that Xia Shaner has been the one behind the rumors lately?”

Mu Zhi could not help but stare at Lu Junnian doubtfully.

He frowned and nodded in response.

“You could say so.”

“After leaving Lu Jinye, Xia Shaner had vanished from the modeling industry, she was later rumored to have an affair with a tycoon. Besides, her family has histories of schizophrenia.”

“!!!”

Mu Zhi trembled at the news.

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### **Chapter 77 Don't Move, I'll Carry You**

In fact, it would make sense for them to push the responsibility to a schizophrenic person.

When Mu Zhi was still in university, a professor had mentioned that schizophrenia paired with certain personalities could turn them into a highly intelligent individual. If she had the skills to forge the birth certificate, then it was only reasonable to assume that she also fabricated the story between Lu Junnian and Mu Zhi.

But somehow... Something still didn't feel quite right.

Mu Zhi tilted her chin upwards to Lu Junnian. She wanted to question further but changed her mind and thanked him instead.

She then turned and was about to head back to the office. With everything that had happened, she needed time to calm herself.

But Lu Junnian had other plans. He stood up alongside her and said, “Seeing as how I just saved you, go get coffee with me.”

He knew that Mu Zhi was in shock and needed time to process. However, he also knew that he couldn't exactly invite her head on.

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He needed a reason.

Mu Zhi looked at Lu Junnian and wanted to refuse. But when she saw his wound, she nodded.

However, they never made it to the café. Lu Junnian and Mu Zhi had just stepped out when they came face to face with Xu Changshu. She seemed to have been standing in the corridor for a while watching Mu Zhi and Lu Junnian.

Xu Changshu was looking for Lu Junnian. She had wanted to discuss some issues with him only to find him absent when she arrived at his office. She knew in one that she would find him wherever Mu Zhi was. Xu Changshu sped across town to Mu Zhi's workplace.

However, she was still unhappy when she saw them standing shoulder to shoulder.

When Mu Zhi saw Xu Changshu, she immediately averted her gaze to Lu Junnian. She shrugged helplessly, "It looks like we won't be getting that coffee."

Without waiting for a response, she turned and headed back into her office, giving Xu Changshu and Lu Junnian space.

"What do you want?"

Lu Junnian frowned at Xu Changshu. He had no intention of approaching her.

Xu Changshu looked down at her shoes as she contemplated. "Does it have to be her? Even if it hurts our relationship?"

"Yes."

Lu Junnian did not raise his voice and yet it rang with conviction.

"Even if she was married?" Xu Changshu continued.

"Yes."

"How about if she's had a child with someone else?"

Xu Changshu looked straight at him as she said it. Lu Junnian's expression wavered slightly. Xu Changshu let out a breath of relief. He wasn't as sure as he'd thought.

She smiled at Lu Junnian. "Not only does she have a child, she doesn't even know the father." Her voice was gentle yet stone hard.

"Do you have to go to such measures to keep her away from me?"

Lu Junnian frowned. He could no longer continue this conversation with her.

Xu Changshu sighed, "Check for yourself if you don't believe me."

She turned to leave soon after that.

She acted the part of a compassionate mother but when she got back to her car, she called her assistant, "Release the contents of the flash drive that I gave you."

Her assistant immediately complied.

Finally, Xu Changshu smiled widely.

Mu Zhi returned to her office and massaged her temples. She had been bombarded with all sorts of problems for the past few days and had been on the edge of her seat.

She could not get back to work. Instead, she looked at her schedule and decided that she would bring Mu Xiaomu out for dinner tonight to lift her spirits.

Mu Zhi called Jian Xiaoning to make sure that they were on for tonight. After that, she was able to find the motivation to get back to work.

Soon, it was time to clock off.

Mu Zhi notified Jian Xiaoning that she would pick Mu Xiaomu up from kindergarten. Following that, she quickly packed up and left.

Mu Zhi hurried to Mu Xiaomu's kindergarten.

Only to find that there was some sort of construction happening at the entrance of the kindergarten. It looked like a pipe had burst.

The entire street was flooded. The children from the kindergarten were all stuck inside as they looked for their parents.

Most of the children had both parents picking them up. The father would get out of the car. Using their height, they would bend over and hoist their child up and over.

But Mu Zhi could only stand at the entrance looking at Mu Xiaomu, troubled.

She had put on high heels and stockings but she still wasn't tall enough. Neither did she have the strength to lift Mu Xiaomu over.

And those children whose fathers had carried them over all turned to look at Mu Xiaomu with satisfaction written all over their faces. "Xiaomu doesn't have a father! Wild child who doesn't have a father can't come over!"

"Don't talk like that."

Parents hurriedly hushed their children, but it was too late. Mu Zhi had already heard what they had said.

Naturally, Mu Xiaomu also heard.

Mu Zhi was heartbroken. She could see how hurt Mu Xiaomu was. Mu Xiaomu did not let her tears fall but yelled at them, "You don't have a father! I have a father!"

But her voice grew smaller and smaller.

Mu Zhi's heart broke a little further.

Mu Zhi looked at Mu Xiaomu. She clenched her teeth and started to pull off her high heels, saying, "Xiaomu, wait for mama. I'm coming over to get you."

"Mama, the water is dirty. I'm fine."

Mu Xiaomu felt pitiable, but when she saw Mu Zhi taking off her shoes, she regained her senses.

The more Mu Xiaomu suppressed how she felt, the more it agitated Mu Zhi.

When Mu Zhi was about to take off her stockings, she heard a voice behind her, "Don't move. I'll carry her."

It was the deep, stern voice of a man. Mu Zhi was shocked still. She turned to find... Liang Yunzhan.

Whereas Mu Xiaomu found herself standing next to another child, Liang Jieyi.

"Thank you but, I can carry her over."

Mu Zhi was embarrassed.

"If I don't do it, in a bit, Jinye will arrive."



Liang Yunzhan's quiet voice carried no emotion. He continued to say, "Today is Jieyi's birthday and we booked a place nearby for dinner."

Suddenly, Mu Zhi stopped hesitating and thanked Liang Yunzhan in earnest.

Liang Yunzhan had already bent over and easily picked Mu Xiaomu up with his lengthy body.

Liang Jieyi was tall enough to need no help getting over. He jumped over with no trouble.

Just as Liang Jieyi jumped over, a Koenigsegg parked nearby.

And Liang Jieyi immediately ran over and knocked on the window, saying, "Mr. Jinye, can you come down for a bit?"

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Chapter 78 Lu Jinye Is Mu Xiaomu's Father!

Lu Jinye got out of the car despite not understanding what Liang Jieyi had said.

Mu Zhi was busy thanking Liang Yunzhan and had not noticed what Liang Jieyi was up to.

After Liang Jieyi got Lu Jinye out of the car, he turned and yelled at Mu Xiaomu, "Mu Xiaomu, come here!"

Mu Xiaomu eyes opened wide as she stared at Liang Jieyi. She hesitated, before quickly with little steps she made her way towards Liang Jieyi.

When she spoke, it was with the stubborn pride of a young girl, "What's up, Liang Jieyi? Why are you looking for me?"

Liang Jieyi's expression was nonchalant as he pointed at Mu Xiaomu's hand, saying, "Go hold Mr. Lu Jinye's hand."

Mu Xiaomu raised her little face upwards and when she saw Lu Jinye, a large smile blossomed on her face.

No matter what Liang Jieyi's intentions were, Mu Xiaomu didn't hate the idea. She promptly went up to Lu Jinye and grabbed his hand, saying, "Mister."

It was at this moment when Mu Zhi noticed Mu Xiaomu's disappearance.

She hastily ended the conversation with Liang Yunzhan to look for Mu Xiaomu. She turned only to see that somehow, Mu Xiaomu and Lu Jinye were holding hands.

She was too shocked to care about anything else and quickly headed in Lu Jinye's direction.

But it was too late... Because Liang Jieyi suddenly turned to the direction of the kindergarten entrance and yelled, "From today onwards, Mu Xiaomu has a father! Remember it well because Mu Xiaomu's father is Lu Jinye!"

"!!!"

When Mu Zhi heard this, no words could explain how she felt except several exclamation marks. And three were far from enough.

Her eyes were wide as she watched Mu Xiaomu and Lu Jinye from afar. Liang Jieyi words ran through her mind and suddenly she did not want to take another step.

However, things did not end there. Mu Xiaomu followed what Liang Jieyi said with a loud snort. She then yelled at her kindergarten peers, "Humph! I have a papa now! My papa is called... Called... Lu Jinye!"

As Mu Zhi was a long way away, she could not tell what Lu Jinye's expression was like.

These two children... Were flirting with death!

Liang Yunzhan, on the other hand, was as calm as always. He slowly walked to Mu Zhi's side and comforted, "Children... My boy can sometimes be... A little strange..."

"He is pretty strange."

Mu Zhi did not know how else to respond.

She also did not dare stand there any longer.

Mu Zhi was deathly afraid that if she just stood there, something more catastrophic might happen.

Mu Zhi rushed over and made Mu Xiaomu let go of Lu Jinye's hand. She said, "Come now, let go of Mr. Jinye."

She didn't dare look at Lu Jinye. She could not even know what sort of expression he had on his face, otherwise she might just collapse.

However, Mu Xiaomu would not let go of Lu Jinye's hand, saying, "No. I have a papa now. I want to hold hands with papa."

“That’s right. Come, Xiaomu. Get on the car. We’re going to dinner.”

“...”

Mu Zhi was on the verge of breakdown.

She thought that now, she didn’t even need to look at Lu Jinye for her mind to collapse.

However, Lu Jinye was still holding Mu Xiaomu’s hand. He had no intention of letting her go.

“Let’s go together. I can tell that Jieyi likes playing with Xiaomu.”

“We have other plans.”

Mu Zhi awkwardly came forwards and pulled at Mu Xiaomu, but Mu Xiaomu was being stubborn.

And Liang Jieyi who was next to them was adding fuel to fire, “Let’s go Xiaomu. Are you following my dad’s car or your dad’s?”

“I’m going with my dad.”

Mu Xiaomu proudly responded.

Mu Zhi could no longer describe how she was feeling. If she could, she would go back in time and chosen not to give birth to Mu Xiaomu.

This... Was too awkward... It was... Headache-inducing.

“Then let’s both go with your dad!”

Liang Jieyi grabbed onto Mu Xiaomu’s free hand and pulled her towards Lu Jinye’s car.

Today, Lu Jinye drove his sports car.

And could not seat that many people.

Liang Jieyi led Mu Xiaomu to the car only to realize that and said, “Oh no! Your dad’s car doesn’t have as many seats as my dad’s. Let’s go with my dad.”

“Sure!”

Mu Xiaomu immediately agreed and followed Liang Jieyi.

Mu Zhi felt like she was being swept up in all this...

She could not even control her own daughter.

“Get into my car.”

Lu Jinye pointed at his car. He promptly turned and entered his car.

Mu Zhi was stunned. Next to her, Liang Yunzhan was insisting on her coming to Liang Jieyi’s birthday party. She could no longer refuse them.

In any case, she couldn’t be a self-centered mother and drag Mu Xiaomu from the car.

Besides, Liang Yunzhan drove away as soon as he had invited her...

Mu Zhi had no choice but to get on Lu Jinye’s car.

She felt so out of place in Lu Jinye’s car. At any rate, an explanation was needed, to prevent any misunderstandings.

“About that... Mu Xiaomu is... Today, Jian Xiaoning couldn’t make it, so I came instead... I didn’t know this would happen...”

“I was going to bring her out to dinner... And this...”

“You never talk like this.”

Lu Jinye said. He drove without once turning to look at Mu Zhi.

Lu Jinye’s words reminded Mu Zhi to regain her composure. “That was because I was caught off guard. Thank you for helping Mu Xiaomu out just now. I’ll thank you on behalf of Jian Xiaoning.”

“You protest too much. If you carry on like that, I might think that Mu Xiaomu is yours.”

Lu Jinye said.

While he did not truly understand Mu Zhi, he could tell that something was off.

“No. No... I’ll call Xiaoning right now and have her come pick up Xiaomu.”

Mu Zhi hastily called Jian Xiaoning.

Lu Jinye did not respond. He just focused on following Liang Yunzhan’s car to the birthday party venue.

“Xiaoning!” Mu Zhi said when Jian Xiaoning picked up. She did not wait for Jian Xiaoning’s greeting.

Again, not waiting for a response, she followed with, "We bumped into Liang Jieyi's father when I was picking up Xiaomu. They invited Xiaomu and I to Liang Jieyi's birthday party. Do you want to come? Coincidentally, my ex-husband is going as well. Didn't you say that you wanted to meet him? Now's a good time."

Jian Xiaoning understood what Mu Zhi meant by what she said.

She immediately replied, "Sure. Send me the address. I'll come over as soon as I'm done with work."

Whereas, Lu Jinye, who was driving, frowned even harder.

Did... Mu Zhi call him her ex-husband?

He was extremely uncomfortable with the title!

Lu Jinye accelerated.

Mu Zhi could feel that Lu Jinye was clearly unhappy. She turned and looked at Lu Jinye... Why was he suddenly so upset?

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Chapter 79 He Was Used to Giving Gifts to Mu Zhi

But Mu Zhi had no time to pay any mind to Lu Jinye's feelings. She was more focused on suppressing any suspicions Lu Jinye may have at the party.

Thinking about it gave her a headache. Mu Zhi ribbed her temples.

She might as well be an actress as she may never be able to practice medicine. With how much acting she has been doing these few days, she was started to be convinced that she might have a bright future in acting.

They quickly arrived at a large manor. It was dusk. The manor was surrounded by fields of flowers and with lights illuminating them, the sight was breathtaking.

Right next to the manor, there was a water park that looked like it had been specially prepared for the children. The park was modeled after adorable animals.

Lu Jinye parked the car and they both got out. Mu Zhi saw that Mu Xiaomu had followed Liang Jieyi out of their car.

Liang Jieyi seemed to be used to such grandeur settings, he did not show any interest. Whereas Mu Xiaomu was filled with excitement. She ran on her short legs towards the water park.

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Seeing this, Mu Zhi ran towards her to stop her.

“Xiaomu, stop! You might fall and get your clothes wet.”

Mu Xiaomu stared at Mu Zhi, her eyes were wide and filled with longing. She clearly wanted to play.

Suddenly Liang Jieyi appeared next to her and said, “Xiaomu, there are much prettier things that are more suitable for girls inside. I’ll take you.”

“Okay.”

Mu Xiaomu took Liang Jieyi’s hand and the both entered the manor.

Mu Zhi was worried about Xiaomu. She wanted to chase after them, but Lu Jinye stopped her.

“My brother’s son is both intelligent and sensible. You don’t need to worry.”

Mu Zhi turned to look at Lu Jinye while he explained calmly.

It didn’t matter how concerned Mu Zhi was, she could not express any of it outwardly. Just one slip and Lu Jinye might find out.

Mu Zhi could only fake nonchalance and nodded. She followed Lu Jinye into the estate.

When they entered the estate, she could only sigh. Wouldn’t it be nice to be rich...

The manor was almost comparable to English castles in size, in beauty and in style.

There even had a large garage filled sports cars all neatly lined up.

The estate was clearly sectioned into separate areas. There were many picturesque spots for photos and the paths were all named after flowers from all over the world. Some she could not even pronounce.

The trees around them all looked ancient with how large they were.

Realizing that Mu Zhi had been looking at the plants surrounding them, Lu Jinye explained indifferently, "The owner of the estate collects rare plants and animals."

"No wonder."

Mu Zhi exclaimed in admiration.

Besides words of admiration, there was nothing more she needed to say. Because of how rare the flowers were, Mu Zhi tried desperately to remember their names.

"If you like it, I can arrange for a similar to be made for you."

"There's no need."

Mu Zhi refused immediately.

Lu Jinye looked at Mu Zhi. He was curious about her quick refusal. She had never been like this. Previously, whenever he gifted her something, she would always thank him.

Why now...

"Why?"

"Because we are no longer married. It will not be appropriate for me to receive gifts from you."

Mu Zhi did not particularly emphasize her opinion.

She just quietly explained herself.

Lu Jinye looked at Mu Zhi and said nothing more.

Why was he casually giving Mu Zhi presents?

Lu Jinye did not lack money. He was probably just used to spoiling her with gifts...

When they both made their way back to the manor, they heard a clear and sweet voice calling for Lu Jinye. The owner of the voice was heading in their way.

It was Xiao Qingqing.

Xiao Qingqing had seen Lu Jinye from a distance. She also saw that he was walking side by side with a woman. She did not recognize Mu Zhi in her casual clothes.

She only realized it was Mu Zhi when she was almost on top of them. She became upset when she saw who it was.

But did not let it show on her face.

Instead, she greeted Mu Zhi softly and lifted the box in her hand, "I bought a puzzle for Jieyi on behalf of both of us."

'Us'. While Xiao Qingqing might have used the word casually, but to Mu Zhi, it felt forced.

"When I met Jieyi a few days ago, I was struck by how intelligent he was. I heard that this puzzle has only been completed by two people. One is a sixteen-year-old girl and the second is a twenty-year-old man. One attended Oxford University at the age of six and the other was a child genius. He has been the forerunner in his field until now."

Xiao Qingqing was not loud. But she spoke with such excitement that she seemed to shine.

Mu Zhi felt out of place as she stood to the side.

The two of them were talking about their lives after all... About what they had been up to a few days ago and how they went to visit Jieyi...

It looked like Lu Jinye has been enjoying himself after the divorce.

He probably hated her for having to dispel the rumors himself.

Mu Zhi despaired.

However, she suppressed the emotion. She couldn't let her feelings show.

"I'll go look for Xiaomu."

The awkward excuse left Mu Zhi's lips. It was the only reason she could use to leave when Xiao Qingqing was this excitable.

Xiao Qingqing only seemed to notice Mu Zhi's presence now. She politely said, "I'm sorry. I was so excited to see Jinye that I didn't notice you Miss Mu... Did Xiaomu come as well? Would you like me to come with you?"

"There's no need."

Mu Zhi hastily refused.

"Let's go together."

However, Lu Jinye chose this moment to speak. He said it as if giving an order.



Mu Zhi did not want to 'go together'. She felt like a third wheel.

Thankfully... As if she had sensed her distress, Jian Xiaoning's called her.

What a lifesaver Jian Xiaoning was! Mu Zhi happily picked up and said excitedly, "Xiaoning, you're here? That's great! I'll go pick you up."

Jian Xiaoning was puzzled, "It's okay. Just let me know where exactly you are, and security will take me there."

"Okay, I'll come get you now!"

Mu Zhi completely ignored Jian Xiaoning and hung up. She gestured to her phone, "If you'd excuse me, I have to go get my friend."

This time, Lu Jinye did not stop her.

Mu Zhi finally let out a sigh of relief.

However, when she met up with Jian Xiaoning and was walking with her, Xiao Qingqing suddenly stopped her.

## **Falling for the Contract Bride Chapter 80**

### **Chapter 80 Lu Jinye Was Fine with Remarrying**

Mu Zhi picked up Jian Xiaoning and they both walked into the estate. Seeing as no one was around, Mu Zhi quickly filled Jian Xiaoning in.

The entire story included what she had told Lu Jinye before. About how Jian Xiaoning was her sister-in-law, how her older brother had passed away and that Mu Xiaomu is Jian Xiaoning's daughter.

Jian Xiaoning rolled her eyes.

"I haven't never been in love and yet somehow you've already made me a widow."

Mu Zhi hurriedly comforted Jian Xiaoning, "That medical journal that you have to publish this year? I'll write it for you. Do this for me please?"

Jian Xiaoning surrendered and followed Mu Zhi in.

Mu Zhi then filled Jian Xiaoning on the happenings of the day. Including how much she had suffered while picking Mu Xiaomu up from school, how Liang Jieyi had solved it for them and how Lu Jinye somehow landed himself the title of Mu Xiaomu's father.

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In any case, her head began to pound as she recalled what had happened.

Jian Xiaoning, on the other hand, was all sorts of excited.

Jian Xiaoning's eyes shone brightly as she said, "You should remarry Lu Jinye. I think Lu Jinye would make a good father for Mu Xiaomu."

Mu Zhi glared at Jian Xiaoning and ignored her.

"Listen. Think about it. A man like Lu Jinye is a rarity. If you can, you two should definitely remarry. Then Mu Xiaomu will really have a father," Jian Xiaoning added.

If it was just the two of them, Mu Zhi could simply ignore the nonsense Jian Xiaoning was spouting.

But, just as Jian Xiaoning was at the peak of her excitement, Xiao Qingqing emerged from a pathway among the flowers.

Mu Zhi held her breath.

Xiao Qingqing didn't seem to be too upset. But the forced smile she was wearing gave them shivers.

It was only natural for friends to talk shit among themselves. But if Xiao Qingqing had overheard, she might take things out of context.

"Didn't you go in with Mr. Lu? Or are you... Appreciating the scenery?"

Mu Zhi spoke first to break the awkwardness in the air.

However, Xiao Qingqing quietly replied, "I'm waiting for you."

"Waiting for me?"

Mu Zhi contemplated before replying.

It might be because of her conversation with Jian Xiaoning but Mu Zhi felt guilty.

Even her words held no conviction.

“I wanted to talk to you about your role as an ex-wife.”

Prior to this, Xiao Qingqing was still smiling, albeit fake. Up until halfway through her sentence, her tone was still somewhat pleasant.

But as soon as the words ‘your role as an ex-wife’ left her lips, she was now openly hostile.

Mu Zhi suddenly felt the breeze of an ill wind.

Mu Zhi kept what she felt off her face. Instead, she just smiled slightly, “Sure. I’d like to know your definition of an ex-wife.”

Mu Zhi carefully emphasized the word.

Xiao Qingqing looked at Mu Zhi disdainfully, “Miss Mu, you’re a smart woman. You should know that an ex-wife is exactly what it sounds like. You’re his past. So stay in the past. Don’t be coming out of the woodwork just because you have nothing better to do. You’ll just look cheap.”

Mu Zhi lifted her chin and glared at Xiao Qingqing coldly.

She was in no rush to refute her as she knew that Xiao Qingqing had more to add.

Jian Xiaoning, on the other hand, sneered.

She looked up at Xiao Qingqing in contempt.

Jian Xiaoning was shorter than Xiao Qingqing, but when she laughed at her, she might as well be double her height.

“Xiao Qingqing, if the ex-wife is in the past, then doesn’t that mean that you, the ex-girlfriend is way before that? If even you have come out of the woodwork, then wouldn’t that make you the cheaper one?”

“My vocabulary is lacking so I just used words that you have used.”

Jian Xiaoning added.

How annoying.

Xiao Qingqing who still had the same fake smile plastered on her face, exploded in fury.

She had no intention of controlling her emotions. She looked straight at Jian Xiaoning and sneered at her, “Loose tongues are quick to talk, but they are useless.”

“Besides, who cares if I’m in the past, I was loved by Jinye, whereas you, have never been loved.”

“I overheard your conversation and I just want to let you know how ridiculous, ignorant and pitiful you’re behaving. An ex-wife who has been kicked out of the house is trying to trick her ex-husband into believing that he’s the father of her bastard daughter.”

Xiao Qingqing’s words were horrible to hear.

She kept her head high and proud. As if she was showing off.

It was uncomfortable for them to look at.

Xiao Qingqing’s words triggered Jian Xiaoning.

She pointed a finger at Xiao Qingqing’s face, “You have a filthy mouth.”

Jian Xiaoning was close to slapping Xiao Qingqing.

But Mu Zhi grabbed her just in time. Xiao Qingqing’s words made her uncomfortable.

But she knew that she could not exactly slap Xiao Qingqing right now.

She needed reason.

A slap across Xiao Qingqing’s face would no doubt give her much pleasure.

“Although everything you’ve just said was unsophisticated, disgusting and lacked any sense of propriety, I’d like to point out a few mistakes,” Mu Zhi smile provokingly.

“Firstly, I was not the ex-wife who was kicked out of the house. The contract between Lu Jinye and I was binding for a specified number of years. I held up my end of the agreement and left willingly. Unlike you who latched onto Lu Jinye and would not let go and yet somehow, you still haven’t managed to convince him to marry you. Secondly, Mu Xiaomu is no bastard. She has a mother and a father. However, I’ve heard about how complicated your family is. I guess it’s only normal for you to think that everyone’s circumstances are the same as your own.”

Not a single crude word could be found in Mu Zhi’s rebuttal.

And yet she somehow managed to put Xiao Qingqing in her place.

Jian Xiaoning silently applauded her.

Xiao Qingqing also caught the implications. She stamped her foot in anger.

From a distance, without them realizing it, Shen Mobo had somehow made his way to them.

Just when Xiao Qingqing was about to lose it, Shen Mobo reached out to stop her. He grabbed her arm and said, "Qingqing, everyone's waiting for you. We have to hurry. I've been looking for you for a while now."

Xiao Qingqing was about to blow a gasket. She wanted to have it out with Mu Zhi.

But Shen Mobo lowered his head to remind her.

While Mu Zhi and Jian Xiaoning stood at the side and watched them leave.

In any case, Mu Zhi felt empty after saying her piece. She never wanted to see Xiao Qingqing ever again.

However, Jian Xiaoning nudged her arm and said, "I think that Shen Mobo may have unspeakable feelings towards Xiao Qingqing."