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Chapter 81 How About I Give You A Child?

Mu Zhi couldn't help but frown. She turned to look at Jian Xiaoning with doubt while Jian Xiaoning crossed her arms as she watched their retreating backs with interest.

"What do you mean by unspeakable feelings?"

That could mean a myriad of things. Mu Zhi was more confused than ever.

Jian Xiaoning chuckled, "Don't you know what unspeakable feelings mean? It's the kind you don't talk about. The kind that you keep under wraps so that no one finds out."

"Look, the safest distance a man and a woman should have between them is at least thirty centimeters. Additionally, with Xiao Qingqing as Lu Jinye's lover and Shen Mobo as his bro, the both of them should avoid any suspicion."

"But look at the distance between them..."

Maybe it was because Shen Mobo was earnestly trying to protect her but the two of them were walking kind of close.

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Mu Zhi glanced at Jian Xiaoning and shook her head helplessly. "That's enough. Stop gossiping about other people's relationships. How is that possible..."

She wasn't close with Shen Mobo, but she knew that once a woman had a man like Lu Jinye, she would not look at another man.

Jian Xiaoning rolled her eyes at Mu Zhi. "It's up to you to believe me or not. I've been researching the psychology between men and women recently. And I think I'm quite good at telling these things. I guess we'll just have to wait and see."

Mu Zhi stopped arguing with Jian Xiaoning and headed inside. She added, "Stop studying this. Think about how scary it would be if it were you and your boyfriend's relationships under scrutiny."

Jian Xiaoning disregarded Mu Zhi's advice and snorted. From that distance, she saw Mu Xiaomu on a swing in a rock garden. Next to her was a handsome little boy.

What great timing. Jian Xiaoning left Mu Zhi's side, and hurried to Mu Xiaomu and Liang Jieyi. She pushed them on the swing saying, "Young man, are you going after my Xiaomu behind my back again?"

She was obviously talking to Liang Jieyi.

However, before Liang Jieyi could answer her, a voice came not too far away.

"What do you mean going after your Xiaomu? Your Xiaomu is the one who is interested in our Jieyi."

The person who spoke was Xu Se. He walked over with two cups of yogurt. One for each of the children.

He had heard Jian Xiaoning from afar and decided to add in his own two cents.

Most of the time, Xu Se came off as standoffish albeit good looking. But today, he had shaved his head and left a braid in the middle. He wore a blue shirt and white pants. He looked both youthful and approachable.

But both Jian Xiaoning and Xu Se were wearing similar clothing, as if they had both discussed and decided to dress that way.

Actually, the correct term should be couple clothes.

Jian Xiaoning wore a white blouse with bow shaped buttons, a pair of blue velvet pants and cork wedges.

Jian Xiaoning barely spared him a glance. "Our Xiaomu is so adorable that kids are lining up all the way to the moat to have a chance at playing with her."

"Our Jieyi is so handsome that the number of girls lining up is as long as the great wall."

Xu Se shot back.

"Is this a competition now?"

Jian Xiaoning lifted her chin at him. But because Xu Se was far too tall, she had to really stretch her neck to get a good look at him. Giving her a sore neck.

Jian Xiaoning was 1.58 meters tall, while Xu Se was 1.85 meters.

It was the perfect height difference that most couples could wish for.

Mu Zhi was always under the impression that Jian Xiaoning wasn't one that enjoyed competition. So, what was going on?

The two children next to them felt the same as Mu Zhi.

Liang Jieyi jumped off the swing and stretched a hand out towards Mu Xiaomu, saying, "Let's go. There are both quarrelling. How noisy! Let's go and play somewhere else."

He pulled Mu Xiaomu along.

They passed Xu Se and Liang Jieyi took the cups of yogurt from him and handed them to Mu Xiaomu. Then the both happily went their way with yogurt in hand.

"..."

Mu Zhi watched everything unfold and felt like an extra on a movie set.

Xu Se and Jian Xiaoning were bickering.

Her daughter was busy getting along with Liang Jieyi.

No matter who she looked at, they were all in pairs.

Didn't that make her... An afterthought?

Mu Zhi hesitated before deciding to find someplace to stay awhile.

But as soon as she turned around, she bumped into someone. She jumped, startled. She looked up and to her surprise, it was Lu Jinye. How long had he been there?

"When did you get here?"

Mu Zhi asked, glancing at him.

Lu Jinye eyes were on Mu Xiaomu and Liang Jieyi in the distance. His response seemed to be distracted.

"I noticed that you had not come inside so I decided to come out and have a look."

"Mu Xiaomu is adorable."

Lu Jinye added after replying her.

His response delighted Mu Zhi.

As Mu Xiaomu's mother, she was happy to hear that. However, she couldn't be too expressive with how she felt.

She simply said, "Yes, she is adorable. Unfortunately, her intellect seems to be just average."

Especially, when compared to Liang Jieyi.

Liang Jieyi was obviously the smarter child.

"Maybe it's because her parents' intellect was average and she inherited that aspect of theirs."

Lu Jinye obviously believed that Jian Xiaoning was Mu Xiaomu's mother. And not too far away, a tiny Jian Xiaoning was still arguing with Xu Se.

It really did look as if she wasn't exactly the sharpest knife in the drawer.

Mu Zhi swallowed. Didn't that also mean that she wasn't too bright?

"Girls take after their father. So, if Xiaomu isn't too bright, it may be because of him."

In any case, Xiaomu definitely did not get it from her.

Lu Jinye contemplated before nodding and agreeing with her.

"Okay."

"You can consider marrying Mu Xiaomu to Liang Jieyi. Think about it."

Mu Zhi never thought that such words would leave Lu Jinye's mouth.

She was shocked.

Mu Zhi looked at Lu Jinye suspiciously. But hesitated before saying, "Are you the type to control your children's lives?"

Lu Jinye did not look like he would be such an old-fashioned parent.

Lu Jinye kept his eyes on Mu Xiaomu playing in the distance. He did not answer Mu Zhi. Suddenly, a woman's voice sounded behind them.

She called out "Jinye" warmly as she made her way over and sank herself into his embrace.

Xiao Qingqing had seen the way Lu Jinye was staring at Mu Xiaomu.

She slowly raised her head and looked at him tenderly. Her gaze full of love, and asked, "Jinye, do you like children? I'll give you one."

Xiao Qingqing already knew what his response would be before asking.

She had asked Lu Jinye the same question prior.

And Lu Jinye had also refused her.

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Chapter 82 An Obvious Hickey

Lu Jinye looked away. Any affection he had disappeared.

His voice returned to its usual indifference, "I don't like children."

"Let's head back in. Dinner is starting soon."

He promptly turned and went back inside.

Xiao Qingqing seeing this, quickly followed him inside.

Mu Zhi didn't know why but... She cared about what Lu Jinye had just said about not liking children.

She knew how uncomfortable it made her feel.

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But why?

She had never once considered having Lu Jinye father her children... So why was she feeling this way?

"Mama."

Mu Zhi was still lost in thought when Mu Xiaomu skipped over.

Mu Xiaomu immediately launched herself into Mu Zhi's arms after announcing her presence and rubbed her little face into Mu Zhi's thigh. She had obviously been enjoying herself.

"Mama. Mister is here too. Mama is here too. That's right. Mister is my papa!"

In any other circumstances, it would have been an easily understood sentence but Xiaomu made it convoluted. As expected, her intellect left much to be desired.

Mu Zhi quickly knelt down so that her eyes were level with Mu Xiaomu. She then said, "Today, can you call Xiaoning, mama and call mama, aunty?"

"Aunty?"

Mu Xiaomu eyes were opened wide but they were filled with puzzlement.

"This is our little secret. Pinky promise."

Mu Zhi didn't explain herself and acted secretively. She even winked at Mu Xiaomu.

Mu Xiaomu was easily convinced and immediately agreed.

"Pinky promise, aunty."

With that, Mu Zhi was content... And relieved.

Mu Zhi held Mu Xiaomu's hand and led her into the foyer.

The manor owner had already laid out fruits and appetizers. They were just waiting for everyone to be seated so that could serve up the first course.

The seat arrangement seemed a little awkward.

Liang Yunzhan was absent because his wife was close to giving birth to their second child. Sitting next to where he was supposed to be seated was her son. And he was not alone.

The third in their gang was Xu Se. Typically, Xu Se would insist on sitting with his pack of girlfriends. However, this time, he didn't bring one with him.

At first everyone made fun of him and then they somehow maneuvered Jian Xiaoning into sitting next to him.

Jian Xiaoning was against this. She led Mu Xiaomu over and sat her between her and Xu Se.

Wang Yilun, the fifth in their group, was overseas and could not make it.

Those who could were Lu Jinye, Mu Zhi, Xiao Qingqing and Shen Mobo.

Shen Mobo was single.

Lu Jinye, on the other hand, was preoccupied with two women.

Mu Zhi was his ex-wife after all, and Xiao Qingqing was his 'current' girlfriend.

Typically, in such occasions, the owner of the manor would have name cards allocated so that guests could find their respective seats. However, this time, he seemed to have caught onto the complex relationships his guests had and had the seat cards omitted.

Mu Zhi had a feeling that something like this might happen.

She steeled herself mentally. She had no feelings for Lu Jinye and Lu Jinye had no feelings for her.

She was only here for Mu Xiaomu. The good food was a bonus. She took the seat next to Jian Xiaoning. It was one of the last seats.

Next to her was one last seat.

Shen Mobo took that seat.

It didn't matter.

Whether he did it on purpose or not did not matter to her.

So far, dinner went smoothly. Everyone seemed to have rather high emotional intelligence.

Mu Xiaomu appeared to be enjoying herself.

However, when they were almost done with dinner, Xiao Qingqing accidentally spilled abalone sauce on herself and followed the owner upstairs to clean up.

Not long after Xiao Qingqing left, the owner came back and whispered something into Lu Jinye's ear. Lu Jinye quickly stood up and went upstairs.

Mu Zhi didn't care. The abalone was delicious.

After they finished eating, Mu Xiaomu and Liang Jieyi went off to play.

As it was Liang Jieyi's birthday, Mu Zhi could not leave as she pleased. Moreover, Liang Yunzhan had some programs planned, and Mu Zhi could only follow.

They headed to an empty field on the estate where a firework show had started. With the mountains as a backdrop, the bright fireworks were spectacular.

Mu Zhi slowly forgot about how Xiao Qingqing and Lu Jinye had left to do lord knows what.

She watched as the fireworks explode into different shapes and colors. Mu Zhi turned around to see Xiao Qingqing slowly walking towards her.

Lu Jinye was standing with Liang Yunzhan at the other side, watching them across the fire.

Xiao Qingqing walked over to where Mu Zhi was and stood next to her.

She deliberately moved closer and said, "Miss Mu, we're the only two with long hair here. Do you happen to have an extra scrunchie on you?"

As Xiao Qingqing was talking to her, Mu Zhi had no choice but to turn and look at her.

Xiao Qingqing intentionally pulled her wavy hair up into a ponytail.

As if due to the heat.

However, against the warm glow of the flames, Mu Zhi could clearly see that Xiao Qingqing's neck was covered in hickeys.

It spread from her neck and disappeared underneath her collar.

Today, Xiao Qingqing was wearing a cute dress with a round collar. The collar was low enough to exhibit the arch of her neck but not enough to show anything else.

Mu Zhi didn't particularly pay Xiao Qingqing any attention. However, the hickeys were so obvious that if it was in daylight, she could not miss it.

She thought about how Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing had disappeared for quite a long time. She need not guess what had happened between the two of them.

Mu Zhi was not happy about it.

"Sorry, I don't usually carry any on me. You can try asking the owner, he might have some."

Mu Zhi did not let what she was feeling show on her face. Instead, she spoke calmly.

“Okay. It’s too hot. I don’t usually have my hair up but... It’s too hot.”

She fanned herself with her hand as she spoke. Deliberately placing her hand near her hickeys, attracting attention to them.

Mu Zhi paid Xiao Qingqing no mind and walked towards Jian Xiaoning and Xu Se.

She’d rather be a third wheel than spend another minute with Xiao Qingqing who was giving her goosebumps.

Mu Zhi approached Jian Xiaoning and Xu Se, only to find them still bickering away.

They were both arguing over the topic, “Who has the higher IQ? Boys or girls?”

It was a boring topic to debate and they had each both spent an hour of their lives discussing this.

Jian Xiaoning noticed Mu Zhi’s approach and immediately moved to her side, saying, “Is it time to go home? Hurry! I’ve had enough of this man!”

Mu Zhi glanced at Liang Yunzhan. He was busy chatting with Lu Jinye.

But Mu Zhi nodded at Jian Xiaoning and decidedly walked over to let them know that they were leaving.

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Chapter 83 The Only Chance to Grow Closer to Them

It was near midnight during the hottest part of summer. The heavens were too stingy to even grant them a breeze.

There was a natural lake nearby that was part of the estate. That was the only reason why the surrounding air was cooler and moist.

However, as she was walking towards Liang Yunzhan, Mu Zhi could not help but still feel frustrated.

Whenever she thought about what Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing may have done earlier, she became frustrated.

She walked up to Lu Jinye and Liang Yunzhan, made sure her voice was calmer before saying, “Yunzhan, Xiaomu may be a little tired. Xiaoning wants to bring her home. We’ll be leaving soon.”

Mu Zhi smiled softly.

Liang Yunzhan looked at his watch and urged them to stay, "It's getting late. This place becomes a great natural resort at night. How about staying for a night? Tomorrow, I'll send Xiaomu and Jieyi to school."

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Mu Zhi hesitate before declining, "We won't be staying. We'll be leaving now."

Prior to this, there had been not a hint of wind, but after Mu Zhi spoke, there was a gust of wind.

Liang Yunzhan smiled, "Look, even the heavens won't let you leave. It's windy."

Mu Zhi looked up at the sky helplessly and quickly said, "It's okay. It's just a breeze. We'll be fine."

She then turned to call Xiaomu and Jian Xiaoning.

Xiaomu wasn't too far away, barely a dozen steps away from where Mu Zhi was. But before she had taken a few steps, it began to rain.

By the time Mu Zhi had gotten to Xiaomu and was tugging her, the heavens opened up.

The owner sent umbrellas out to everyone. The fireworks went out and everyone had an umbrella. Liang Yunzhan then walked towards Mu Zhi again.

He had a mischievous smile on his face. "Looks like the gods know I would like you to stay and lent a hand. This road will be particularly difficult to maneuver after the rain. Why don't you just stay the night and leave tomorrow?"

Mu Zhi hesitated.

Mu Xiaomu, on the other hand, was excited, "Sure! Okay! Mister, will you tell me a bedtime story later?"

Mu Xiaomu pulled her little hand out from Mu Zhi's grasp and ran after Lu Jinye. She tilted her head up and looked at him with her large, innocent eyes.

Mu Zhi could tell that Xiao Qingqing was not happy.

Jian Xiaoning could also tell that Xiao Qingqing was upset. She deliberately looked at Mu Zhi and said, "Sure. We'll stay the night."

Mu Zhi could only nod helplessly.

Some people were already being led by the housekeeper into the manor, the rain hitting their transparent umbrellas and then splashing onto the ground.

Mu Zhi remembered Lu Jinye talking about not liking kids and hurriedly pulled Mu Xiaomu under her umbrella.

Xiao Qingqing took this opportunity and quickly made her way to Lu Jinye's side.

Everyone walked in a line towards the manor and Mu Zhi deliberately made sure she was last. She felt tightness in her chest. She wanted to get rid of it but did not know how.

They got back to the manor and received their allocated room number. Mu Zhi wanted a family room for her, Jian Xiaoning and Xiaomu.

But the family rooms were in a separate building which was a long way from where they were. Mu Zhi had to make do.

She did not know if it was intentional or not but Jian Xiaoning and Xiaomu was on the second floor.

Mu Zhi, Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing were assigned rooms on the third floor. Everyone else were placed on either the fourth or fifth floor.

With everyone gathered there, Mu Zhi couldn't exactly make any alterations.

She went back to the room assigned to her and waited until it was quiet before changing rooms with Jian Xiaoning. She will keep Xiaomu company as she slept.

The rain outside did not let up. Mu Zhi waited a long time before she was sure that everyone was asleep. She changed into her pajamas and put on a coat before heading out.

Unfortunately for her, when she walked past someone's room, she heard moaning.

Moan... Gasp...

The lingering sounds... Continued to... Soiled her ears.

Only she, Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing were staying on this floor.

It was obviously not her making those noises, which only left Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing.

The moment the thought entered her mind, her ears began to itch. She sped up and quickly escaped into the elevator.

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Xiao Qingqing indulged in some wine after returning to her room.

She felt sad when she recalled what she did that evening.

She was almost drunk when Shen Mobo appeared at her side. He had gently knocked once before letting himself in.

With one glance at Xiao Qingqing's unfocused eyes, Shen Mobo could tell that she had been drinking a lot.

He turned to find an almost empty bottle of red wine on the coffee table. He frowned and then snatched the wine glass out of Xiao Qingqing's hands.

"That's enough."

Xiao Qingqing, finding her hand empty, was unhappy. She raised an eyebrow at Shen Mobo.

"If I don't drink, what else can I do on this long night?"

Xiao Qingqing was wearing just a nightdress. A cool breeze blew in and lifted a corner of her dress. It was too tempting.

Xiao Qingqing did not seem to notice this. She gently laid herself down onto the couch.

However, Shen Mobo's eyes were on Xiao Qingqing's neck.

Those hickeys.

Those hickeys... Were his.

That was the only opportunity he had had to get close to her.

"Why did you call me over?"

Shen Mobo asked. He forced himself to look away, knowing that he could not allow his thoughts to stray.

Xiao Qingqing sat up straight. She remembered why she had asked for him “Forget about what happened earlier today.”

Xiao Qingqing ordered him and found herself to be thirsty. She stood up, wanting to pour herself a glass of water.

However, the moment she got to her feet, she started to sway. Thankfully, Shen Mobo was close by and caught her.

Shen Mobo’s chest tightened. He gulped and spoke with difficulty, “Leave Lu Jinye. Stop torturing yourself.”

“Leave him?”

Xiao Qingqing repeated. She raised her face to look at him and traced his jaw with a fingernail. “Leave him? Will you look after me then?” She asked.

Shen Mobo did not answer her. Instead, he lowered his mouth to hers.

Xiao Qingqing’s body was hot from the alcohol she had consumed. When Shen Mobo lips touched hers, it tingled.

She closed her eyes and kissed back greedily.

This is just lust.

She told herself.

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Chapter 84 The Contents of That Video Were Too Explicit!

When Mu Zhi reached the second floor, she went straight to Jian Xiaoning’s room.

Mu Zhi could not swap rooms with Jian Xiaoning after hearing Xiao Qingqing’s moans. Jian Xiaoning had never been in a relationship. While she was knowledgeable in the theoretical side of things, she had no experience in the practical. Mu Zhi did not want to subject Jian Xiaoning’s ears to that.

She climbed into Mu Xiaomu’s bed and cuddled her. “Can mommy sleep with you tonight?” She asked.

“Okay, mama. Can you tell me the story of Snow White?”

Mu Xiaomu handed Mu Zhi the aforementioned story book as she spoke. Mu Zhi smiled gently at Mu Xiaomu and agreed. She turned to the first page and started to read.

“Once upon a time, there was a king and queen who were in love. They gave birth to a daughter. She was very beautiful. Her skin was white as snow...”

Mu Zhi listened to the pitter-patter of the rain and quietly began the story of Snow White.

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She had initially thought that after hearing Xiao Qingqing and Lu Jinye getting it on, she would have trouble sleeping. However... The sound of Mu Xiaomu’s even breathing slowly lulled her to sleep.

It was a peaceful night.

But it was not so for Jian Xiaoning.

When she was browsing her phone, she received a message from someone nearby.

‘It’s a long night. Would you like some company?’

Jian Xiaoning immediately rejected the message.

However, not too long after that, that same person messaged her again.

‘Beautiful girl, are you feeling lonely?’

Jian Xiaoning once again, rejected it.

But yet again, the same person messaged her again. This time, it was a voice memo.

Jian Xiaoning was not sleepy at all... She was used to staying up at night. But sometimes staying up at night could get dull. She tapped on the voice message.

Which resulted in Xu Se’s annoying voice filling her ear.

“Hey! What’s the matter with you? I’ve messaged you thrice and you rejected them all. Did you post something in your feed that you don’t want me to find out?”

Jian Xiaoning was so angry that she ripped off the moisturizing face mask she had on and threw it into the bin. She closed the toilet door and tapped into the message. She then accepted his friend request and then proceeded to yell at Xu Se.

“You’re the one with the problem. Just look at the way you’ve messaged me!”

‘And what’s wrong with that... You’re the problem here! An older woman like you needs company for the night.’

‘Or are you too embarrassed to say it?’

Xu Se typed his response back at Jian Xiaoning.

Jian Xiaoning’s fingers flew across the keyboard and berated him.

‘You’re the one who’s lonely! Looking for people nearby to message! Mr. Xu, the word ‘lonely’ is written all over your face!’

Xu Se took a while to reply her. But when he did... ‘Forgive me, I have a small face. You couldn’t write all that on my tiny face! Hahahahaha.’

Jian Xiaoning typed back.

Jian Xiaoning’s phone kept receiving messages while Mu Zhi’s phone, which she left in her room on the third floor, would not stop ringing.

There were all calls from Mu Zhi’s colleagues from the hospital. And some were from Lu Junnian.

Lu Junnian called many times, but no one picked up.

Lu Junnian lost count of how many times he had called. He watched as the number of views increased on his computer. It gave him a headache.

He was one of the first to see the video. He didn’t know how the uploader knew his email address, but he received it in his inbox just as he was about to go to bed. He opened the email to find the video attached.

And when he tapped into it, he deduced that the setting was a hotel.

Mu Zhi was drunk and staggered into a hotel room. When she opened the door, he could tell that a man was already sleeping inside.

Mu Zhi did not close the door properly and the camera angle allowed them to catch what had happened. They could see the bottom half of the bed with a man’s legs on one side of the bed. Mu Zhi entered the room and began to undress. She took off most of her clothing and then slowly crawled towards the man.

The man’s hand moved and then the contents of the video turned explicit.

Even though the majority of it wasn't captured on camera, he could tell see Mu Zhi's and the man's legs overlapping and intertwining. He watched as the man turned Mu Zhi over on her back with him on top.

The entire time, he could not see the man's face.

Mu Zhi's face was shown before she entered the room. After that, only her back could be seen when she undressed. Besides those and their legs tangled together, nothing else was seen.

Even so, adults could tell what had happened...

Uploading it onto the internet made the video go viral.

After all, this was the third consecutive exposé starring the wife of an affluent family.

She married Lu Jinye even though she was in love with Lu Junnian.

Secondly, her illegitimate child could be Lu Junnian's.

The third, her personal life was a mess. She even got drunk and barged into a man's room and had a one-night stand with him!

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When Mu Zhi woke up the next day, she felt refreshed.

She looked at the time and got ready to go to work. She hurried back to her room to wash up and pack up, when she realized that her phone was dead.

She didn't have enough time to charge her phone, so she took her phone and quickly went downstairs.

Liang Yunzhan had sent Liang Jieyi and Mu Xiaomu to school. Noticing that Lu Jinye and Xiao Qingqing had not left their rooms, Mu Zhi hopped onto Jian Xiaoning's car and left.

She was worried that Jian Xiaoning would be late to work therefore had Jian Xiaoning drop her at the intersection in front of the hospital and she walked to work.

However, when she arrived at the hospital, the entrance was jam packed with luxury cars.

Many angry women stood in front of the entrance.

Mu Zhi frowned at the scene before her... How strange.

The hospital she worked at was a private hospital. Their patients were of a certain kind. They rarely had people queuing at the entrance like that of a public hospital.

Had there been a breakout recently?

Mu Zhi was puzzled but continued walking in. When suddenly, someone turned around and saw her. "Hey! That's her! Dr. Mu Zhi!"

When the crowd heard her name called, they became restless.

Mu Zhi was shocked...

She had not released any journals or new discovery recently, were they all here to get checked up?

Before she even had time to ask what was happening, a woman came over and yelled into her face, "What a disgrace! Hand over my husband's file quickly! We want to change doctors!"

"Yes! We don't want a doctor with such a messy personal life!"

Another woman agreed.

A different woman said loudly, "This is such an expensive hospital. We're paying to experience excellent service provided by excellent doctors! This shameless woman should be fired!"

"Let's find the dean and have her fired!"

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Chapter 85 The Man in The Video Is Me!

The group of people seemed to be more organized.

They were not a mob and neither did they have anything against Mu Zhi. Although Mu Zhi did not know what had happened but from what they were saying, she could more or less guess.

It was probably another scandalous exposé regarding her life.

Despite coming to this conclusion, Mu Zhi felt that something was still off.

According to Lu Junnian's diagnosis, Xia Shaner had genetically inherited schizophrenia. If everything that had happened previously was caused by her, Xia Shaner should be receiving treatment at a psychiatric asylum.

While receiving treatment, patients were not allowed the use of internet. Even phones had been banned. Besides, the nurses were careful in monitoring them... Therefore it couldn't be Xia Shaner.

So if it wasn't Xia Shaner, who could it be? Who was dead set on making her life miserable?

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Mu Zhi saw an opportunity to escape when the people were busy looking for the administrator. She gritted her teeth and walked in with her head down. But before she could even take a few steps, she was stopped.

It was a woman around forty years of age, but she looked like she had taken great care of herself. She had the air of a rich and powerful lady of the house. She reached out with a jade bracelet clad hand and stopped Mu Zhi, "You can't leave. You have to wait here with us until the dean arrives and gives us an explanation."

"I'm sorry, I don't understand what you mean."

Mu Zhi hesitated and looked at her.

The woman sneered at her, "How could I allow my husband to continue seeing a doctor with such an improper personal life? What then if you decide to seduce my husband?"

Mu Zhi was so angry that she couldn't speak. All she managed to let out was, "Please watch what you say."

"Ah."

The woman's sniggered at her disdainfully, "Why should I watch what I say when you don't watch what you do?"

"What did I do?"

Mu Zhi was confused.

Thankfully, a nurse rushed over and comforted her, "Dr. Mu, don't argue with the patients here. Take a look at your phone."

Mu Zhi's phone was in her bag, still dead. How would she be able to find out what had happened?

She looked at the nurse impatiently, "What in the world is going on?"

The nurse caught on to how Mu Zhi was feeling and carefully gave her his phone. She watched Mu Zhi cautiously and weakly raised her eyes to Mu Zhi's.

"Dr. Mu, this doesn't seem like a ruse. It looks like... It might be real."

What might be real...

Mu Zhi kept quiet and watched the video that the nurse played for her. It was a surveillance video.

It captured the happenings of that drunken night so many years ago, when she fell into Xu Changshu's scheme.

Mu Zhi watched herself walk into the hotel room, but before she could watch any further, the family members of her patients had gotten hold of the dean and were approaching her. They all had an air of self-righteousness about them.

"Sir, we have enough evidence to get rid of her. She seduces other men and sleeps around!"

"How can we leave our lives in the hands of such a doctor?"

Mu Zhi found them ridiculous. How did her personal life have any effect on her skills as a professional? How did they manage to speak with such conviction?

Mu Zhi felt the start of a headache. She did not know how she was going to explain her way out of this.

Furthermore, there were so many people gathered there. Some weren't even her patients.

The dean was quite elderly. Mu Zhi felt embarrassed to have him suffer being surrounded by so many people.

However... She was actually the person in the video.

And she couldn't exactly reveal that she had been tricked by someone else.

With the onslaught of scandals being revealed one after another, even if she were to tell the truth now, no one would believe her.

When Mu Zhi was at a loss as to what to do, someone broke through the throng of people.

Lu Junnian calmly pushed aside the mass of people surround Mu Zhi and walked to her side. He stretched his hand out and gestured for everyone to calm down.

He collectedly looked at everyone before saying, "Don't worry. I will give you all an explanation."

"I am Lu Junnian."

With this one sentence, everyone settled down. The rumor that was published a few days ago had linked Lu Junnian and Lu Jinye to Mu Zhi. Everyone was now familiar with his name.

But quickly after that, someone else said, "So what if you're Lu Junnian? You want to protect your first love but how can you protect someone with such a messy personal life?"

"The man in the video is me."

Lu Junnian's voice was not loud but it travelled. His voice slowly spread and reached everyone there.

Everyone stared at Lu Junnian in shock.

"At the time of the video, Mu Zhi and I were still in love. I waited for her in the room and left the door open for her. It was only natural that she went it. The hotel is the one at wrong. They saved the video and uploaded it onto the internet. Mu Zhi is the victim here."

This group of people was no unreasonable mob. They calmed down after hearing Lu Junnian's explanation and became somewhat rational. After whispering among themselves, they nodded.

The dean hurriedly had Mu Zhi leave for the consultation rooms. The hospital would take care of things from there on.

Mu Zhi nodded to the dean, bowed in apology and left.

Lu Junnian followed Mu Zhi closely from behind, escorting her. They passed the throngs of people and into the corridor. As they walked, she could feel the judgmental gaze of doctors and nurses upon her. Mu Zhi could see them looking at her but pretended otherwise.

Furthermore, she knew that Lu Junnian was following her.

Following her. Watching over her.

She had made up her mind a long time ago... To forget this incident.

Even when she had confronted Xu Changshu, Mu Zhi did not bring up this incident. She had hoped that... Both her and Lu Junnian could have a peaceful separation without any regrets.

Because they could not stay together any longer.

Not because he did not turn up but because she had been tricked into losing her innocence.

She had no intention of telling Lu Junnian about what had happened. In fact, she had wanted to take this to the grave.

But... Today, it had been uncovered.

It had forced Mu Zhi's hand. She couldn't not say it now. Now their love would be tainted with regret.

Mu Zhi walked quickly to a consultation room and sat down. She poured herself a glass of water and turned to look at Lu Junnian.

Lu Junnian stayed standing. He looked down at her condescendingly. His face void of emotion.