

## Falling for the Contract Bride Chapter 96

### Chapter 96 A Concoction of Heartache and Upset

The amber glow was draped over the sky. Mu Zhi gazed at the sunset ray as she headed out her house silently.

She sent Lu Jinye an address and it only took him around twenty minutes to arrive. Mu Zhi smiled at him and hopped into the car.

Despite no word exchanged, there was an indescribable tacit understanding between the two.

Mu Zhi was wearing her seatbelt when Lu Jinye turned to face her, saying, "We are going to the Lu's Manor tonight to discuss our divorce with Master Lu."

"Sure, I know."

Mu Zhi knew Lu Jinye's personality. He did not have to say a word for her to guess what he was going to discuss.

They were going to officially put an end to their marriage.

Mu Zhi had some knowledge of the reason behind her marriage to Lu Jinye. He was in despair after splitting up with Xiao Qingqing and only wanted to drown himself in his career without the distraction of love.

While Master Lu demanded Lu Jinye to get married to rid of any lingering idea of getting married to Xiao Qingqing.

Lu Jinye acted decisively. Since the condition was to get married, then he shall find a suitable woman to get married to.

Hence Mu Zhi and Lu Jinye's marriage.

In the past, Mu Zhi could have a chat with Lu Jinye as they were heading somewhere in the car. Despite not saying a word, Mu Zhi would not feel awkward at all.

However, the quietness in the air throughout this journey would send a shiver down her spine. Mu Zhi used to think that the journey from the city area to the manor was too far. But for some reason, she found it too short this time.

They arrived at the Lu's Manor eventually.

Lu Jinye parked his car at the car park, and the both of them got off.

It was the first time Mu Zhi did not have to hold Lu Jinye's arm and pretend to be loving couples when they entered. It was a strange feeling to Mu Zhi that they were walking side-by-side.

Meanwhile, Lu Jinye found it awkward too.

But Lu Jinye did not display anything on his face. He walked past the garden of the Lu's Manor and headed into the house.

Mu Zhi followed suit.

"Father."

Mu Zhi was unlike Lu Jinye. She greeted Master Lu courteously when she saw him.

Master Lu nodded at Mu Zhi in response, rose to his feet, and looked at Lu Jinye solemnly, "I know what you're about to say, let's go upstairs."

"Ok."

Lu Jinye followed Master Lu up the stairs gradually with a straight back. As soon as he stepped into the door, Master Lu raised his head and glared at Lu Jinye apathetically, "You're getting a divorce just to marry that Xiao Qingqing woman?"

"Yes."

Lu Jinye looked Master Lu in the eye.

"What's wrong with Mu Zhi?"

"Qingqing is pregnant, I want to be a decent father."

Lu Jinye did not address Master Lu's question directly. Instead, he said what he wanted to say with a stern face, as though in the middle of a negotiation.

He presented two documents to Master Lu right away, "These are the contracts I told the lawyer to draft, take a look."

Master Lu was shuddering in fury. He had his glare fixed at Lu jinye.

He went as far as to prepare the documents!

That meant he had made up his mind before coming to the discussion!

What did this son want?!

“I won’t read it, I disagree!”

Master Lu continued glaring at Lu Jinye fiercely.

But Lu Jinye replied with apathy in his eyes, “Doesn’t matter if you won’t, I’m going to proceed with the terms.”

“No!”

Master Lu heaved his walking stick away furiously, “I disagree with your divorce with Mu Zhi!”

“Why?!”

Lu Jinye was starting to lose his patience. He looked at Master Lu, eyes overwhelmed with grimness, “She’s my wife and it is my marriage. You can’t be reluctant to let her go just because you find a doctor to be an ideal candidate for a wife! I’ve fulfilled your wishes and married a doctor. Now! I must get a divorce and play my role as a responsible father!”

Lu Jinye intentionally emphasized on the words ‘responsible father’ as if he was jeering at Master Lu’s negligence as one.

“I disagree with your divorce with Mu Zhi, not because of someone else.”

Master Lu’s aging voice was laced with profound authority.

He was explaining himself.

But, Lu Jinye would not listen. He was exuding an indifferent and distant temperament in this instance. In a listless tone, he said to Master Lu, “How is it not because of someone else?”

“I hope you can clearly remember your incompetence as a father. You are the reason my mother died. If you hadn’t had a mistress and hadn’t threatened my mother for another woman, my mother wouldn’t be dead!”

Lu Jinye clenched his fists furiously, putting all efforts to control his emotions.

When Master Lu hurled the walking stick away, Mu Zhi heard the sound and quietly went upstairs because she was worried.

Thus, she heard every word coming from Lu Jinye.

In the end, Lu Jinye left a harsh remark, “It doesn’t matter if you agree or disagree, I’ve completed the divorce process. Everything will go according to my wishes!”

Finishing what he had to say, Lu Jinye turned around unwaveringly and walked out of the room.

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Mu Zhi did not expect Lu Jinye to be that quick on his feet. She failed to hide herself, standing from afar and staring at Lu Jinye.

His eyes were blazing with fury but the fire was seemingly quenched when he locked eyes with Mu Zhi.

He did not bother explaining himself. All he said was, "Let's go."

Mu Zhi heard him. A simple two words were enough to drain her of all positive energy she had. She felt a little heartache and upset.

Since Lu Jinye had intended to leave, there was no reason for her to stay.

So, she hurriedly turned around and headed down the stairs alongside Lu Jinye.

Behind them was Master Lu's caring gaze at her.

She could sense that she had a good impression on Master Lu for some reason.

When they got into the car and Lu Jinye was about to turn the engine over, Mu Zhi observed his emotions and said reluctantly, "You're not suitable to drive in this state, let me take the wheels."

Lu Jinye raised his head, met Mu Zhi's eyes, and stepped off the car right away to exchange seats with her.

The negotiation fell through in the end...

Lu Jinye had the intention to discuss in peace, but... He had no choice.

When she took the wheels, Mu Zhi turned her face to Lu Jinye, "Where are we going?"

"The West Suburb Cemetery."

Lu Jinye opened his mouth.

In the past, Lu Jinye would never reveal his weak side to anyone else.

But... To Mu Zhi's surprise, he did not make any attempt to hide his emotions.

Mu Zhi did not question further. She turned the engine over and set off to the West Suburb Cemetery.

Going to the cemetery in the middle of the night... Was quite a strange feeling.

Mu Zhi was afraid in the first place. But as she gradually approached the cemetery, fear started coming over her.

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### Chapter 97 Look Into the Man in the Footage

Mu Zhi drove carefully. Lu Jinye turned around to look at her when they almost arrived at the cemetery.

And asked softly, "Are you afraid?"

The blackness of the surrounding was hair-raising. The only sign of light came from the grave keeper's cabin house from afar.

Mu Zhi did not want to admit as a coward. All she could do was gulp and drawl the words, "A little bit."

Lu Jinye suddenly turned to face Mu Zhi. Her brave façade brought a smile to his face as he said, "Fine, get off, let me drive. We can go home."

Mu Zhi slowed down the car but she had no intention of getting off. Instead, she turned to ask Lu Jinye, "Are you sure?"

Lu Jinye nodded with a smile, "Come on, I can drive now."

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From his much steadier emotions, Mu Zhi could tell that Lu Jinye was now in the right mind. She did not doubt that he could drive rationally in this instance.

But... She didn't dare to get off the car.

There was not a single soul in the surrounding.

“Let’s not, you can take a rest. You can take your turn when we arrive in the city and I’m more tired.”

Lu Jinye stared at her curiously, “So, you’re still afraid?”

“Of course not, why would I be afraid? You know I’m a doctor.”

Mu Zhi gulped once again, “We used to face corpses during studies to diagnose the cause of their deaths, besides, I used to frequent the morgue!”

Mu Zhi picked up her courage and responded to Lu Jinye.

But the more she rested, the more she was terrified.

“Oh? Is that so? Then stop the car.”

Mu Zhi ignored him. She could tell the teasing tone from his words. All she did was hurriedly make a turn and got out of there as soon as she could.

Lu Jinye sensed that Mu Zhi might be afraid. He did not take his eyes off her. No longer wanting to bring up the topic of fear, he said, “How is Mu Xiaomu like when she’s not around strangers?”

“A dumb and adorable little girl. I think her intelligence is not the best.”

Calling Mu Xiaomu intelligence not the best was quite an understatement. Mu Xiaomu’s intelligence could not be compared to a normal kid. The things she did sometimes would leave Mu Zhi completely speechless.

“But she’s cute and she looks like you.”

“Is that so...” Mu Zhi cleared her throat and started laughing awkwardly.

She was indeed Mu Xiaomu’s mother. How could they not look alike?

However, the situation did not allow her to make that confession. All Mu Zhi could say was, “Maybe I look too much like my brother. Haven’t you heard that adopted children after their aunties?”

It was all in the genes...

Mu Zhi did not elaborate further. She figured a genius like Lu Jinye should be able to grasp its meaning in an instant.

While Lu Jinye continued, “Tell me more about Mu Xiaomu when she was little.”

“I’m not that familiar with her because she isn’t around me most of the time.”

There was finally a hint of honest words in Mu Zhi’s statement. When she first got together with Lu Jinye, she was always perturbed by the possibility that Lu Jinye would find out about Mu Xiaomu. Thus, she rarely visited Mu Xiaomu.

Even though she had to bear the pain of missing Mu Xiaomu.

“She’s just desperate for a father.”

Mu Zhi responded spontaneously as she had become more relaxed at this point, perhaps due to the mention of Mu Xiaomu.

However, Mu Zhi did not say anything else afterward.

Mu Zhi felt that it was an upsetting topic to discuss Mu Xiaomu’s father.

Especially when footage that was recently publicized... Did not manage to catch the man’s face but only his legs. How was she going to look for a man from a video of his legs?

“Oh right, I want to ask you a question. If I give you a footage, do you think you can find the man in the footage?”

Mu Zhi suddenly raised her head and glanced at him curiously.

In the end, Lu Jinye nodded without hesitation, “Yes, send it to me.”

“Actually, nah, I’m just wondering. Let me see if I can find the footage.”

“Who are you looking for?”

Just when Mu Zhi was about to mention the man in the footage, Lu Jinye suddenly changed his tone.

Mu Zhi did not see the switch of tone coming. She promptly explained to him, “Nah, I had a childhood friend growing up and I just want to look for him.”

Thus, Mu Zhi could only say another lie.

Certainly, she must not let him find that footage.

Otherwise, Lu Jinye would learn of her one-night stand with another man. Then... It would have been just a matter of time before he found out about her relationship with Mu Xiaomu.

Never mind, forget it...

She figured she would just settle with being a quiet ex-wife of him.

Seeing that they had entered the city area and Mu Zhi was no longer scared, Lu Jinye said to Mu Zhi with a frown, "Let me take the wheels, you should take a rest."

Mu Zhi nodded in response.

She parked the car by the roadside, and none of them would bring up about the footage again.

Mu Zhi knew that Lu Jinye was not a talkative man. The exchange of words during the journey was not due to his interest in Mu Xiaomu... He might have been just using it as a distraction from her fear.

Lu Jinye's considerate gesture was one of the many things that she missed.

When he sent Mu Zhi to the entrance of her apartment building, she did not let him go further in case he was spotted by Mu Xiaomu. The little girl would never let him get away.

Lu Jinye bade farewell to Mu Zhi and left.

Mu Zhi gazed at him for a long moment before heading upstairs.

In the corridor, Mu Zhi hesitated briefly and rang Lu Junnian.

He had just finished his shower at this moment, drying his drenched hair with a towel. He was delighted to receive the call from Mu Zhi.

Answering the call, he called out Mu Zhi's name softly.

Mu Zhi held her breath for a moment, then said, "Can I ask you to investigate something for me?"

Since Lu Jinye had a way, Lu Junnian should be able to use his connections to look into the footage.

"What?"

"The identity of the man in the footage."

There was no need for Mu Zhi to elaborate further. Lu Junnian knew what she was referring to.



The smile on his face instantly vanished into the gloom. He was silent for a long while before asking, "What happens if I've found the man for you? Look for him and be with him?"

Lu Junnian was struggling hard to control his emotions as he responded.

But Mu Zhi was astonished by his reaction.

What now...

"If that's the case, I won't look into any man for you."

Mu Zhi was destined to be his.

Lu Junnian added adamantly.

While Mu Zhi bit her lips firmly, not knowing what to say to Lu Junnian.

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Chapter 98 Mu Zhi Has a Daughter!

When Lu Junnian did not hear a response from Mu Zhi after a while, he said softly, "Good night."

And prepared to hang up. But Mu Zhi's anxious bellow could be heard, "This is very important to me."

Mu Zhi saved the rest of the sentence. It was important to her because he was the father of her child.

Lu Junnian could not pinpoint any form of emotion. He hummed and hung up.

It was the first time Lu Junnian hung up on Mu Zhi.

Mu Zhi listened to the empty beeping tone, put her phone away indifferently, unlocked the door, and entered the apartment.

Jian Xiaoning was sitting in the lounge, enjoying some watermelon. When Mu Zhi was home, she swiftly turned around to say, "You're back."

Mu Zhi nodded. She slumped on the couch exhaustedly and took a bite of Jian Xiaoning's refreshing and thirst-quenching watermelon.

"Where's Mu Xiaomu?"

“She’s asleep.”

Jian Xiaoning spat out some watermelon seeds as she answered Mu Zhi. Her eyes were fixed at the Korean drama that was currently showing on TV.

She went on to say nonchalantly, “Sigh, I heard arranged marriage is a thing again, especially for kids who grow up together. Imagine getting married to someone you’ve known since you’re little. That’s the definition of long-lasting love.”

Mu Zhi understood the overtones in Jiao Xiaoning’s words. She deliberately avoided the topic, saying, “Do Korean dramas show these contents nowadays? You need to kick the habit of watching Korean dramas. It’s not practical at all.”

Jian Xiaoning rose to her feet and turned around to face Mu Zhi, “I’m talking about reality, referring to Mu Xiaomu and Liang Jieyi. Don’t you think they look great together?”

“You’re married to Lu Jinye, while Lu Jinye is mates with Liang Yunzhan. Letting Liang Yunzhan and Lu Jinye become relatives by marriage would be such a beautiful romance.”

Jian Xiaoning had a mouthful of watermelon. Despite speaking with her mouth full, her message was successfully sent across.

But Mu Zhi was disheartened when she heard Lu Jinye’s name.

She took another bite of watermelon and stood up, gradually bringing herself to the bathroom as she turned around to glance at Jian Xiaoning, “Let’s not talk about that. Lu Jinye had a fall-out with Master Lu today, our marriage has officially ended. Besides... More importantly, Xiao Qingqing is pregnant.”

Mu Zhi finished her words and gave Jian Xiaoning a helpless look, then went into the bathroom.

Lu Jinye’s apartment was exceptionally comfortable to live in.

The rented home they had previously did not separate the dry and wet sections of the bathroom. The shower space was too little, and she would splash water everywhere if she had made large movements.

But the new apartment Lu Jinye provided allowed for a long and comfortable bath.

A dense mist of steam floated in the air. Mu Zhi stepped into the bathtub, dipped her body in the water, tilted her head upwards, and shut her eyes.

She recalled what Lu Jinye told Master Lu, "I've fulfilled your wishes and married a doctor."

So... It was not due to luck that she got to marry Lu Jinye years ago. It was also not due to her beauty that moved Lu Jinye. It was purely... Because she studied medicine.

Why? Why did Master Lu like women who practiced as a doctor?

Mu Zhi heaved a lamenting sigh. It was the first time she was glad that she studied medicine.

She hated the offensive scene of disinfectant her mother used to carry.

She chose to study medicine just so she could save her mother's life...

However, regardless of how Mu Zhi tried to console herself that she was lucky enough to have once married to Lu Jinye, she could not ignore the sorrow that was within her.

Has Lu Jinye loved her?

Or did all the intimacy they experienced solely due to her being the closest to who Master Lu could accept?

Mu Zhi pondered for a long while. She became increasingly irritated as she dwelled on it. In the end, she chose to ignore it. Walking out of the bathtub, she wiped the droplets of water running on her skin with a dry towel, changed into her pajamas, and left the bathroom.

In the end, just as she stepped out, something seemed to have dawned on Jian Xiaoning, who was clearing the rinds of the watermelon. She said, "Oh right, Mu Xiaomu's coming semester's school fee is due soon. Do you think we should look into enrolling her in another kindergarten?"

Jian Xiaoning did not go straight to the point. After Mu Zhi had left Lu Jinye... There was no way she could afford Mu Xiaomu's luxurious school fees.

Mu Zhi wiped her hair as she looked at Jian Xiaoning, "I'll find a way."

Finishing her words, she headed into her bedroom.

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Xu Changshu had not gone to bed in the late hours. She was listening to the private investigator as he reported Lu Junnian's movements.

She was fuming upon hearing the report!

She was initially glad to hear news of Mu Zhi's termination. In the end! Lu Junnian opted to quit the job for her.

Was Lu Junnian out of his mind? Was there no other fish in the ocean?

What was so good about Mu Zhi that he would insist to hang onto her?!

No way!

Xu Changshu rose and shouted at the investigator, "Is there nothing else you'd like to report?"

He then went on to report about Lu Junnian's acquisition of Daai Hospital.

That made Xu Changshu seethe.

She could felt her blood boiling.

"Are you intentionally using this information to trigger a reaction from me?!" Said Xu Changshu to the investigator.

He was frightened to silence, no longer knew what to say to Xu Changshu.

After a long moment, the investigator said tactfully, "Umm... Mu Zhi has a daughter. Is that considered useful information?"

In the first place... He was not sure if Xu Changshu knew of Mu Zhi's daughter. He intended to use that to calm her emotions.

Xu Changshu was instantly intrigued, "Daughter? What daughter?"

The investigator hurriedly reported all the information he had gathered to her. Spirits started coming to Xu Changshu's eyes after hearing the news.

It was a largely useful piece of information. She could finally sleep in peace, and would take care of the rest when she was awake!

Meanwhile, Mu Zhi was struggling to settle into a deep sleep throughout the night.

She had never dreamed of Lu Jinye in the past when they were together.

Now that they had finally cut ties with each other, Lu Jinye had relentlessly intruded on her dreams.

In her dreams, Lu Jinye was caring and tender towards her. They were just like a couple who were just starting a relationship with intense affection, warmth, and fondness.

It made Mu Zhi feel a little distressed when she woke up.

She gulped a glass of water, then got up. She had just worn her undergarments when a series of anxious, rapid door-knocks came from Jian Xiaoning.

“Mu Zhi! Bad news! Hurry up and look!”

Mu Zhi was shocked for a moment. She hurriedly put a jacket over herself and answered the door, asking, “What is it? Did something happen?”

Jian Xiaoning dragged Mu Zhi to the window and pointed at the ground floor.

There were numerous people crowded at the entrance...

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### Chapter 99 Preparing to Marry Into a Wealthy Family

The crowd was made up of reporters. Lu Jinye’s apartment was located in a prestigious suburb. The security system in place was decent.

But regardless, the sheer volume of the crowd could not be stopped.

Mu Zhi could not help but be puzzled by the stampede of the media members.

“Is there a movie star who’s going to get married in our suburb?”

But even if they were getting married, it did not call for such a huge swamp of reporters. They would’ve been waiting at a hotel or a private island.

“Oh, do you think there’s a superstar here whose wife has an affair?”

Mu Zhi was running out of ideas. Fortunately, it was a weekend. She did not have to bring Mu Xiaomu to school and she had just been fired so she would just stay at home.

But Jian Xiaoning shook her head in response, gesturing to disagree with Mu Zhi’s surmise.

“Then what is it?”

Mu Zhi had never been into gossips of the entertainment circle. She thought Jian Xiaoning anxiously bringing her here just to gossip was a waste of her time.

She went into the bathroom, squeezed toothpaste onto her toothbrush nonchalantly, and started brushing her teeth.

Jian Xiaoning stared at her series of indifferent movements, and could not help but admire her calmness... How did she manage to steady herself amid boiling tension?

“A famous movie star announced of her marriage at midnight, she’s going to marry into a wealthy family.”

“The husband-to-be has a wife who was in the spotlight of widespread rumors earlier. Everyone is just guessing at this point.”

“Then it’s just a paramour-turned-wife. No wonder they’re so many interested reporters. What an unscrupulous pair.”

Mu Zhi spoke with her mouth full of foam from the toothpaste. She gargled, spat, and then gargled again.

“The famous movie star is Xiao Qingqing.”

Jian Xiaoning said to Mu Zhi helplessly.

That made Mu Zhi almost choke on the mouthwash!

Goodness gracious!

Mu Zhi hurriedly spat what was in her mouth, gargled and spat once more before staring at Jian Xiaoning, stupefied.

“So, they are camping for me?!”

Jian Xiaoning gave her a witty look, then said in a sarcastically sorrowful tone, “Good luck, you’re gonna need it.”

Mu Zhi could no longer bother with cleansing her face. She dashed towards the window and threw her gaze on the ground floor once again. Jian Xiaoning lugged her arm and dragged her to the door, making her see through the peephole.

The corridor was packed with people.

Some of them were even eating breakfast... As though they had waited for the whole night.

Mu Zhi turned to Jian Xiaoning nervously while Jian Xiaoning waggled her hand, “Luckily I’ve taken a leave so I won’t be leaving home today.”

Mu Zhi then heaved a sigh of relief, “Then, we shall stay at home.”

With that, she casually went back to the bathroom and cleaned her face. After washing up, she went to the kitchen and opened the fridge.

Alas! She found out that apart from the Mu Xiaomu's kids' noodles, there were only two eggs left in there! There was nothing else to eat!

Jian Xiaoning realized that Mu Zhi had finally gotten her point and gave her a pitiful look.

"Let me prepare breakfast for Mu Xiaomu first, then thoroughly search the house for some adult food."

They wouldn't normally feel hungry without breakfast on a typical day. For some reason, knowing that there was no food in the fridge, hunger started kicking in like they were famished.

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Meanwhile, Xiao Qingqing was doing yoga at home as she browsed through social media.

There were countless comments to congratulate her marriage. Besides, her agent notified her that numerous media outlets tried to reach out in hopes to interview her regarding her feeling after dating Lu Jinye. Some were also curious to know if her relationship with Lu Jinye was built before or after Mu Zhi's appearance.

However, these did not bother Xiao Qingqing. She was blissfully waiting for the day to come.

True enough, she received a notification from her 'favorite friend' list.

It was Lu Jinye. There was no caption to his post. It was merely a photo of the signed copy of divorce papers between him and Mu Zhi.

Xiao Qingqing jovially put the phone down and refocused on her yoga workout. After yoga, she turned to look outside, content with the increasing number of reporters waiting outside. She took up her phone and rang Lu Jinye.

"Jinye, what do I do now? There're many reporters outside!"

As soon as Lu Jinye answered the call, Xiao Qingqing shouted anxiously.

Lu Jinye frowned as he responded, "Don't worry, I'll ask the Public Relations Department to handle it."

"Jinye, when can you come and see me? Or do I go to you?"

Xiao Qingqing asked dolefully.

“I think it’s safer to stay apart at this moment. If I’m seen with you, things might get out of hand.”

It was a difficult situation to defuse in the first place because Xiao Qingqing was a celebrity. Coincidentally, Mu Zhi was involved in several scandals.

“Fine, I understand. I’ve just been anxious. I didn’t think about that.”

Xiao Qingqing bit her lip and compromised, pretending to be a sensible person.

Lu Jinye hung up the call without saying another word.

Following the call with Xiao Qingqing, Lu Jinye immediately dialed the number of the Public Relations Department. He requested the director of public relations to see him and report about the situation.

The director stood before Lu Jinye tactfully, saying, “Mr. Lu, due to Miss Xiao’s popularity and Mrs. Lu previous rumors, there is no way to deflect the situation right now. The only way out is to... Have the three of you hold a press conference to clarify everything, or to let Mrs. Lu clarify that Miss Xiao is not a paramour.”

To have Mu Zhi clarify?

Lu Jinye tapped on the desk lightly, raised his apathetic eyes to stare at the director.

“Prepare ten more proposals!”

The director’s heart skipped a beat as the command. He had plans to further the discussion with Lu Jinye.

But... By the looks of it, all he could do was to agree with Lu Jinye.

After all, based on his understanding of the chairman, Lu Jinye was a superb decision-maker. There were many things he could not match up to the chairman!

Typically, the best solution to a situation like this was for the three of them to join hands and publish a statement. Otherwise, all he could think of was to beautify the love story between the mistress, Xiao Qingqing, and the chairman in conjunction with framing Mu Zhi to divert the attention of the public.

The director thought his decision was the best option to protect Mu Zhi. To his surprise, Lu Jinye was not content with his proposal.



When the director had left, Lu Jinye drummed on the desk with his fingertips, engrossed in his thoughts.

He suddenly stood to his feet after a long moment and decided to make his way to Mu Zhi's place.

Xiao Qingqing was swamped. That meant Mu Zhi must be experiencing the same issue...

In the evening.

Mu Zhi was starving and she could hear the growling noise of Jian Xiaoning' belly. Mu Xiaomu had had noodles for two meals in a row at this point.

No way! She must not wait passively. She must think of a way to escape the apartment for some groceries!

## **Falling for the Contract Bride Chapter 100**

Chapter 100 I've Taken Off My Pants

Mu Zhi found a wig in Jian Xiaoning's room and found herself a hat.

But she could still be easily recognized after the disguise. What was she going to do...

Mu Zhi resorted to conducting a thorough search on every shelf of Lu Jinye's apartment. Where there was a will, there was a way. In the end, she found an outfit that belonged to Lu Jinye!

She hurriedly grabbed a pair of scissors to alter the clothes. She cut the pants short enough so she could wear them, and cut a few holes on the dress shirt so she could fit in. Lastly, with the help of a belt, she managed to put it on, albeit with struggle.

It was bulky and tedious. She wore a pair of high heels, allowing the pants to barely touch the ground, just enough to cover her heels.

She also drew two conspicuously thick brows and a pencil mustache.

That way, she felt like a 'real man'.

Mu Zhi checked the back door meticulously and noticed that the crowd seemed to be smaller over there. However, she had just cracked the door open when she decided that it was a bad idea. She figured she should go leaving from the front door!

Because... It was more suspicious that way.

She went to the front door, drew a deep breath, opened the door in an insouciant manner, and quickly shut the door as she slipped through the gap. "Thank you for your hostility, Dr. Wang, goodbye, see you next time." Mu Zhi even put on an act as she closed the door.

She said the words in a hoarse voice before heading to the elevator habitually.

The reporters instantly swamped her when they saw signs of human life, but were stunned to silence when they noticed it was a man...

Judging from her petite figure, she must not be Lu Jinye.

Then who was the man?

They did not dare to recklessly tail Mu Zhi as they were afraid that someone else would leave the apartment later.

Meanwhile, as per their plan, Jian Xiaoning opened the door in a timely fashion.

Thinking that someone else would show up, the reporters hurriedly turned their attention back to the apartment.

Having bought a few seconds, Mu Zhi swiftly dashed into the elevator.

And Jian Xiaoning closed the door shut.

Mu Zhi sighed in relief when she got into the elevator, thinking that she had finally fooled the reporters.

However! That was not true at all!

Her plan was too obvious.

As soon as she stepped out of the elevator, she found a fleet of reporters stomped down the stairs for her.

She started running as she was terrified!

While the people started chasing her!

However, Mu Zhi was no match to the reporters as she was wearing heels, further hindered by the altered pants that belonged to Lu Jinye.

That was simply... Asking for troubles herself.

She could no longer be bothered in the heat of the moment. All she could think about was to run as fast as she could to get rid of the reporters.

Lu Jinye borrowed a sedan from one of the directors as a cover to his identity. He had just arrived at the suburb when he saw a weird-looking 'man' running in his direction, followed by a pack of reporters chasing behind.

Before he could see the man's face, 'he' had dashed towards the car, scrambled to open the car door and jumped into the back's seat.

"Please drive, thanks!"

Mu Zhi shouted anxiously. As soon as Lu Jinye heard her voice, it dawned on him that... The weird-looking man was Mu Zhi.

But he did not turn back. Instead, he followed Mu Zhi's instructions and took off with the car.

Mu Zhi tried to steady herself when she had entered the car as she said, "Please drive a little further, find a less crowded restaurant. I need some food.'

Lu Jinye obliged without saying a word.

However, the reporters were relentless. Combined with a traffic accident that occurred not far away, Lu Jinye understood that there was no way they could get off before the reporters got them.

He was not bothered by Mu Zhi's request. While the reporters continued to chase after them, he parked the car at a nearby hotel.

Mu Zhi's breathing had just recovered at this point. She was flabbergasted when the car came to a halt.

"What are you doing?!"

"Get out!" Commanded Lu Jinye.

Mu Zhi only felt that his voice sounded familiar. She did not have the time to dwell on it as she hurriedly got off the car.

Alas, when she stepped of the car, she tripped on herself, snapped one of her heels while almost stumbling to the ground.

She turned around and saw reporters charging at her rapidly.

At this moment, Lu Jinye bent forward and lifted Mu Zhi right off the ground.

Mu Zhi was perturbed in this instance. She had never imagined that the sedan driver was Lu Jinye. Thus, she was caught off guard when the man lifted her in the air out of a sudden!

“Hey...”

“Put me down!”

Mu Zhi said to the man nervously.

But when she lifted her eyes...

An aquiline nose and captivating eyebrows... Especially his striking, deep-set eyes!

“Ah! Honey, what are you doing here?!”

She was used to calling Lu Jinye ‘honey’. Mu Zhi blurted the word out as she was perturbed.

Lu Jinye arched his brows in an alluring way, shushing her softly.

Mu Zhi pursed her lips and started struggling as she was trying to free herself from his arms.

“If you don’t want to get caught, stop struggling.”

Lu Jinye carried Mu Zhi into the hotel. She could feel her heart thumping aloud throughout the process.

They got into the elevator, turned around, and saw the reporters charging at them like a swarm of bees.

The reporters saw Lu Jinye’s face.

While Lu Jinye stared back at them from within the elevator as the door was closing.

The door managed to close at them at the very last second.

Lu Jinye was a clever man. He selected every single floor so the reporters had no clue which floor they got off.

It wasn’t until they got to the hotel room and ascertained that the coast was clear when Lu Jinye put down Mu Zhi. The first words that came out of his mouth were, “You mentioned about having something to eat, does that mean you’re hungry? I’ll order room service.”

“Don’t worry about it..”

She did not have the time to finish her words.

Before Lu Jinye started dialing the number.

Mu Zhi was startled as she was staring at Lu Jinye. She had not settled from the nervousness earlier, but Lu Jinye’s actions brought warmth to her heart.

She swiftly took off her shoes and went to wash her face. The comical outfit that she was wearing felt rather uncomfortable but she could not remove them.

Standing before Lu Jinye, she could not help but feel restless.

Lu Jinye looked at her with a frown and said, “Take off your pants.”

Take off my pants...

Mu Zhi gawked at Lu Jinye. She could not believe her ears at all.

“Umm... Lu Jinye, we’re no longer married, I suppose the unscrupulous behaviors are uncalled for.”

“What unscrupulous behaviors?”

Lu Jinye scowled as he leaned towards Mu Zhi.

He had never realized that the woman was so easily blushed.

Mu Zhi felt the sudden urge to gulp. She glanced at the wide bed behind her, and stammered, “For example, what you’re going to do after I take off my pants.”

“What were you planning to do after taking off your pants?”

Lu Jinye continued to press Mu Zhi relentlessly.

His questioning put Mu Zhi out of words...

“Umm... That! What we used to do when we were married, we can’t do now!”