

Fake Marriage 171

Chapter 171: Who Has Framed Her (3)

After class, the news of Mu Huan cheating and being given a major demerit for it was quickly spread throughout the entire campus.

Everyone expressed their disbelief that this year's top scholar would actually cheat!

When Gu Chenyi heard about it, he furrowed his eyebrows and believed there was definitely a problem. He did not dare to guarantee anything else about Mu Huan, but when it came to studying, she definitely did it well. Even his unexpectedly high marks this year had been because of her!

Therefore, she would definitely not copy someone's test paper! If there was any cheating, it should be someone copying hers instead!

This was definitely a set-up!

Even though Mu Huan had broken his heart, he could not bring himself to watch her be framed and not do anything.

Therefore, when he heard the news, he immediately went to the pharmaceutical faculty.

But he did not find Mu Huan directly. Instead, he went to Lin Qingya first to understand the situation.

Seeing how he still cared for Mu Huan so much, Lin Qingya was secretly gritting her teeth in hatred while keeping a worried expression on her face. "It was definitely not Xiao Huan who copied Student Li's test. Xiao Huan's grades are so good, it could only be others copying hers. But in that kind of situation, Student Li couldn't have copied Xiao Huan's paper at all either. I have no idea how this could have happened!"

"I heard from some students that Professor Wang was unhappy that the record for the entrance test score was broken by Xiao Huan. Could it be that he is in cahoots with that student named Li to frame Xiao Huan?" Adding on to the fact that he absolutely believed in Mu Huan's results, Gu Chenyi was also not a foolish person. In a situation where it couldn't be Mu Huan who cheated and Student Li couldn't have been able to copy her paper during the exam, it could only mean that the problem occurred after the papers had been handed in.

"Professor Wang might indeed find Xiao Huan unpleasant to the eye. However, it is impossible that he would bet on his life's worth of reputation to frame Xiao Huan over something like that!"

Gu Chenyi thought so as well. If the truth to the situation was exposed, Professor Wang's teaching career would come to an end and his entire reputation would be finished. For a professor as arrogant as Professor Wang, this was completely unacceptable. Therefore, no matter how unhappy he was with Xiao Huan, he would not take such a huge risk to frame her!

"What about that student named Li?"

“He has never spoken to Xiao Huan before. He is from overseas, so there’s no way Xiao Huan could have offended him in the past.”

Gu Chenyi furrowed his eyebrows. It seemed like neither of them had the motive. Why would they frame Xiao Huan, then?

Setting her up would not bring either of them any benefits!

No motive, no benefits.

This uncontrollably swayed Gu Chenyi, who had earlier believed firmly that Mu Huan would never copy someone else’s test paper. He thought about how, perhaps after marrying his uncle, Mu Huan had been seeking pleasure all day and all night and did not have any time to study. Thereafter, hoping to protect her reputation of being a student with great grades, she copied the paper of the student sitting in front of her due to a moment of foolishness.

Lin Qingya knew that Gu Chenyi would definitely be swayed by what she had said. After all, it was a common occurrence for someone who studied well in the past to cheat because they failed to revise their work properly. Therefore, she did not say that Mu Huan might have done it due to a moment of foolishness. Instead, she continued to stand by her assertion. “No matter what, I believe in Xiao Huan! She will definitely not copy someone else’s test paper!”

Her firm belief made Gu Chenyi a little perplexed. He couldn’t help but suspect and be swayed by the possibility that Mu Huan might have done something like this due to a moment of foolishness, yet Lin Qingya still believed in Mu Huan without a doubt. How could her feelings for Xiao Huan not be genuine?

Lin Qingya grabbed Gu Chenyi’s arm and said with worry, “Chenyi, let’s go find Xiao Huan. Xiao Huan always hated to be wronged ever since she was young, especially when it comes to her studies that she cares a lot about. Now that she is being accused of something like this, she is definitely hurt and upset!”

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Although Gu Chenyi was a little swayed, he still wanted to have a chat with Mu Huan. If she did not do it due to a moment of foolishness, he would definitely help her clear her name!

They managed to find Mu Huan at the canteen.

“Xiao Huan is there. Let’s go over!” Lin Qingya pulled Gu Chenyi’s arm as they walked over.

Seeing Lin Qingya and Gu Chenyi approaching them, Li Meng asked, “Xiao Huan, do you think it could be Lin Qingya who did it?”

She thought about it. The only person in this school who had a grudge against Xiao Huan was Lin Qingya. Could she have allied with Professor Wang to plan such a deed?

Mu Huan raised her gaze and looked at them. “There’s a possibility, but I think the likelihood of it not being her is higher.”

“Why?”

“Lin Qingya has always wanted to capture Gu Chenyi’s heart. Therefore, with her cautious and timid personality, she would not take the risk of wasting all her efforts to do something like this. Moreover, with her capability, she will never be able to convince Student Li and Professor Wang. After all, the risks they face for doing this are huge as well!”

Seeing their approach, Li Meng did not say anything else.

Gu Chenyi sat in front of Mu Huan and asked, “Xiao Huan, what happened? Why did you have so many similar answers with Student Li in your test paper, even the wrong answers as well?”

“What do you think?” Mu Huan retorted.

“Did you not have the time to study properly recently?” Gu Chenyi instinctively asked.

Mu Huan smiled. Gu Chenyi was truly a marvel. For someone who claimed to like her a lot, he had never once believed in her.

“Chenyi, don’t say that. I believe that Xiao Huan will never copy Student Li’s test paper!” Lin Qingya grabbed Gu Chenyi’s hand, not wanting him to suspect Mu Huan this way.

When she saw this, the corners of Mu Huan’s lips drew up into a bigger sneer.

Gu Chenyi looked at her mocking smile and wanted to salvage something. “Xiao Huan, if you say you didn’t do it, that means you didn’t. As long as you say it isn’t you, I will definitely help you clear your name!”

As long as she said it, he would believe her and help her!

“There’s no need. As long as you do not come and annoy me, that’s enough.” The reason Mu Huan did not leave and talked to them when she saw them coming was that she wanted to eliminate the possibility of it being Lin Qingya who’d done it via the elimination method.

And now, she was sure that this deed was not done by Lin Qingya.

“Xiao Huan!” Gu Chenyi felt as if his genuineness and kindness had just been thrown to the ground and stomped ruthlessly by Mu Huan.

“Do you not want my help because you really copied someone else’s test paper due to a moment of foolishness?!” He couldn’t help but want to hurt her for hurting him.

Mu Huan stood up and left as she could not be bothered with him.

Gu Chenyi did not want to cause an embarrassing scene like what happened in the past. Therefore, he did not chase after her and only clenched his hands into tight fists.

Lin Qingya held his hands and advised him gently, “Do not be angry, Chenyi. Xiao Huan is only acting like this because she does not like to be wrongly accused by someone else.”

Gu Chenyi ignored her and brushed her hand away before turning to leave.

He was never going to care about Mu Huan anymore! Absolutely not! He would not care even if she was framed for any other matters!

With her being brushed aside in front of so many students, Lin Qingya's gaze turned cold for a moment. However, she quickly ran out to chase after Gu Chenyi.

After leaving the canteen, Mu Huan and Li Meng walked toward the school's man-made lake.

"If it isn't Lin Qingya, then who could it be? Who in this school wants to make your life difficult?" Li Meng couldn't think of anyone else.

"We will find out after investigating!" With that, Mu Huan took out her phone and gave a call to Wu Xingye, asking him to come down to their school.

Mu Huan felt that the probability of Professor Wang scheming against her was very small. As the professor found her unpleasant to the eye, there were many other opportunities for him to meddle with her. He did not need to take such a risk to say that she had cheated.

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That student, Li Ze, couldn't possibly be the mastermind behind this either as they did not have any beef with each other. Even if he was jealous that she scored better than him, he couldn't have been and nor did he have the ability to be the mastermind.

Therefore, the mastermind behind this had to be someone who had a lot of capability to find Li Ze and give him enough benefits to do this.

Mu Huan planned to investigate this in two ways. First, from the possible beneficial dealings Li Ze had. Secondly, from the security cameras in the school's office.

In order for the details of their answers from their two papers to be the same, they had to have copied according to her test paper. If it wasn't Professor Wang, then someone must have infiltrated Professor Wang's office, stole both their papers, and had Li Ze rewrite everything before placing the papers back.

The exam had happened only three days ago. Afraid that Professor Wang would mark their papers first, resulting in a lack of time, the opposite party must have stolen the papers on the day of the exam after it had ended. All she needed to do was to check who entered Professor Wang's office after the professor had brought the test papers back to his office. That way, she would be able to lock in on the target scope.

Therefore, she had Wu Xingye hack into the school's surveillance network and check the surveillance footage of what happened in the afternoon after the exam ended, until the next day before the professor reported for work.

However, when Wu Xingye had arrived and successfully hacked into the school's surveillance network, he found out that the surveillance footage during that time had been lost!

"It seems like the other party is very careful and erased the surveillance footage during that time!"

Mu Huan remained silent for a moment before saying, "This person must be even more powerful and influential than I initially predicted if they could erase the school's surveillance footage."

“Then it should be easy to lock on to the target. Have you offended anyone who has power and influence recently?” Wu Xingye felt that Mu Huan probably offended someone without realizing it.

Mu Huan thought about it. “Apart from Long Feiting, there’s no one else.”

“Could it be that Long Feiting had found out about us?” Li Meng was stunned.

“If it’s him, then it will be trouble.” Although Mu Huan felt that Long Feiting shouldn’t have been able to find out that she was the one who was boxing that night, apart from Long Feiting, there wasn’t anyone else that she could have offended.

“Then what do we do?” Li Meng asked worriedly.

“Let’s be sure whether it is him or not before discussing it.” With that, Mu Huan had Wu Xingye investigate Li Ze’s accounts and see if there was any huge sum of money that had been recently deposited into it.

Wu Xingye looked through Li Ze’s accounts and those that belonged to his family and friends, but he did not find any suspicious money deposits.

Wu Xingye shook his head and said, “The other party was very careful about this. It is not going to be easy to find any evidence to prove your innocence.”

Mu Huan remained silent as her eyes darkened.

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The news of Mu Huan cheating was getting worse around campus due to the deliberate exaggeration from some scheming people.

When everyone saw Mu Huan, they would all point the finger of blame at her.

“Look, that’s Mu Huan, the student who cheated. Who knows if her top scholar position had been due to cheating as well!”

“Copying someone’s answers almost the same and yet still refusing to admit it, keeping that face that says she is amazing and not afraid of exams at all. She is really something!”

“It seems like her moral standing isn’t that great!”

“With that being said, she might really be a third party who wanted to steal her best friend’s boyfriend!”

“Wow... You really can’t judge a book by its cover! And I was still supporting her before, thinking that she definitely couldn’t have been a third party and that Lin Qingya was just pretending to be innocent!”

“There is no knowing what is in a person’s heart!”

Under such circumstances, even Gu Chenyi who was fully aware of Mu Huan’s learning ability was swayed, what more the other students?

They initially thought that Mu Huan’s character was not bad and that she definitely could not have been a third party who tried to steal her best friend’s boyfriend. But now, they were all doubting their

judgment and thinking that it was probable that Mu Huan was someone who tried to steal someone else's boyfriend!

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This matter had seriously affected the school's reputation.

And the dean summoned her for a talk as a result.

"Mu Huan, your cheating incident has brought a bad rap to the school. Hence, the institution has decided to accept the recommendation from the academic committee. A critical notice will be served to you to stay back in class as punishment. If you do this again, you'll be the first student in Yun University's history to be expelled. I hope you can watch your behavior from now on. Don't waste what you have done for your studies in the last ten years and destroy your future!"

"Dean, I'm being framed! I won't accept this punishment! Give me some time to uncover the truth!"

Being served a critical notice was only second to dismissal, and this punishment would be permanent in a student's record. Being served a notice now might mean that she might not even get to graduate with a degree. Moreover, she was looking to graduate with a double degree!

Looking at her, he paused for a while before saying to her, "Next Monday, the school will send out the notice to you through the academic committee. You have only two and a half days to clear your name."

The school originally had high hopes on the top scorer ever to appear in the school's history, hoping that she would win glory for the school's medical faculty.

When news of her foul play was reported, the school really did not want to exterminate this promising seedling; however, the management could not turn a blind eye to the repercussions of her ill behavior either. If her behavior went unpunished, the students would not respect the function of examinations in school in the future.

So the school needed to mete out a severe penalty to her, but without destroying her future. Hence, the management asked the dean to step in, and also to warn her that she had to settle this matter in order to clear her name.

If not, then she had to accept the punishment meted to her!

This would mean that an ugly mark would be left in her school record that would affect the rest of her life!

The girl knew that the reason the dean had sought her out to inform her of their decision prior to executing the penalty was that the school wanted a way out for her. There was no need for her to say anything more. Hence, she said to him, "I'll definitely find the evidence to prove my innocence!"

"I hope so." The dean truly wished for that, too.

Li Meng had been waiting outside the office for her. She immediately approached her friend when she saw her coming out of the office.

"What did the dean say?"

"If I can't prove my innocence, then a critical notice will be served to me and publicized to the entire school. If I'm found to commit another wrongdoing again, I'll be expelled."

"What nonsense!" Her friend went nuts and exclaimed, "This is totally uncalled for! What kinda misfortune is this?!"

Her eyes sank, pensive and angry.

To her, other than her granny, her studies were her top priority. The life she had envisioned entailed a perfect graduation from university. She would not allow herself to give up any modular subject, let alone to be given a major demerit point!

No matter who might be the mastermind behind this whole affair, she would fight it out with him, even if it turned out to be Long Feiting!

"Let's go!" She walked away.

Li Meng hurried after her. "Where are you going?"

"I'm going to find Li Ze."

Right now, Li Ze was the only other person who was directly involved in this incident. Time was running short and she could not afford to conduct an investigation in the background. She had to find a lead on him directly!

Both of them went back to the class and was informed that Li Ze had returned to the dormitory. Mu Huan then got somebody to invite him out for a meeting.

However, the boy seemed to sense correctly that it was Mu Huan who wanted to see him and, thus, he rejected the invitation.

In fact, he holed up inside the hostel and refused to show his face.

In the end, the two girls had to go and find him at the dormitory.

Just as she was about to enter, Mu Huan bumped headlong into Long Feiting, who was walking out from the hostel.

Chapter 175: Did You Do This?

The more she thought about this matter, the more she believed that Long Feiting had had a part to play in it. Hence, when she saw him approaching, she did not avoid him but, instead, stood in his full view and stared right into his eyes. She was that furious over the penalty she was forced to bear over this incident.

Her bestie was rather alarmed at her reaction and caught her by her elbow instinctively. Was she not afraid that he would recognize them as the culprits who smashed his car with this direct confrontation?

The boy, on the other hand, was taken aback by what he saw when he looked straight into her eyes.

Her eyes look so much like his Little Star's!

But then, his mind quickly reminded him that as Mu Kexin's sister, it was not surprising for Mu Huan to resemble Mu Kexin. Quieting down his pounding heart, he stopped and told her off arrogantly, "Why are you blocking my way here? Are you in love with me?"

"Did you do this?" She wanted to dig the truth out of him once and for all. Someone as proud as Long Feiting would definitely admit to it if he was the culprit.

He crossed his arms across his chest as he sized her up from head to toe. He did not expect her to catch him this fast.

He did not leave any traces at all, so how did she know it was him?

Just as she had expected, his arrogance made him admit his part readily. "I didn't expect you to be this smart."

Her eyes turned cold at his confession. It's really him! "Why did you do this?"

Did he do this because he found out that she was the one who smashed his car? But then, this did not seem to be the reason right now. If not for this reason, then why did he do this to her when there were no grievances between them?

Don't tell me he did this for Mu Kexin?

"I don't like you so why can't I do this to you?" When he investigated on Mu Kexin, he found out that she had a clean reputation except for that incident where she fought with her mother over the gigolo.

He traced the images to Mu Weiguo, who exposed Mu Huan after he was targeted by Long Feiting.

With his quick temper and protective nature, he saw Mu Huan as his enemy for doing this to the person he fancied. This was why he wanted her to suffer the same fate of having her reputation smeared!

"You don't like me because of Mu Kexin?" She wanted to confirm his basis for revenge.

The boy knew that the news about him and Mu Kexin had spread like wildfire. Hence, he was not surprised that Mu Huan could make a right guess so quickly. And he reckoned that this was how she had traced the source back to him so soon as well.

"No matter what, she is your sister, and yet you slandered her name using such despicable means. You are so evil. With me around next time, you'll never have a good day!" His meaning was clear: This was only the beginning.

She realized that he must be referring to that incident where she smashed her stepmother and half-sister's reputation. Seeing that this boy continued to like Mu Kexin despite checking through her history, she asked in bewilderment, "She would not have fallen for the scam if she had not been flirting in the first place. Since you have investigated her, then surely you know what kind of person she is?!"

This chap is a true nutcase!

"She is still young and bound to make mistakes." He knew that Mu Kexin was tricked because of her weakness. However, he deemed her young and impressionable to have fallen for a gigolo. Besides, the predator was the lead host with a natural charm with the girls.

Although he was rather disappointed with the grown-up version of his princess, his loyalty and childhood dream made him want to protect Mu Kexin at any cost, no matter how different she had turned out to be now compared to the one he knew in the past.

“Is she young?” Mu Huan wanted to burst out laughing. How young can a girl be when she is so desperate for marriage?!

Chapter 176: I Like Whatever You Give Me

Cocking a brow at her sarcasm, he retorted, “You must be looking for Li Ze.”

A premonition dawned upon her that made her narrow her eyes.

Just as she thought.

“Li Ze is not in the dormitory. He’s on the plane flying to another country. By the time he gets back, your penalty will have been announced in the school as well.”

He gave an audacious laugh before walking away.

As Mu Huan saw him departing before her eyes, she was so mad that she almost wanted to dash up to him and give him a good thrashing. But she would expose her real identity by doing that; hence, she swallowed her pride and suppressed her anger.

“Xiao Huan, what do we do now?” Without Li Ze, where else could they look for leads?

Mu Huan suddenly thought of something. “Let’s check all the surveillance footage that the school has!”

The surveillance footage inside the school office might have been deleted, but that did not mean that the footage from other places within the school was deleted as well. If they were to retrace the whereabouts of Long Feiting and Li Ze within the last two days, surely, they would be able to find some leads!

At the hospital...

When Gu Chenyi came to visit Bao Junyan and did not see Mu Huan around, he asked his uncle, “Uncle, has Xiao Huan returned here yet?”

Although the boy had sworn never to care about her anymore, he could not help worrying over her when he got wind of the news that she had been penalized by the school. It was getting late now, and yet she had not returned to her husband, so what was she doing, then?

The man looked up from his work files and replied nonchalantly, “She’s your aunt-in-law. You have to address her as your aunt-in-law from now on.”

The boy’s heart went into turmoil at his uncle’s words. Just as he was about to say something, Mu Huan appeared.

“Hubby, take a look at what I’ve bought for you!” She was full of smiles as she chirped happily to Bao Junyan until she noticed that Gu Chenyi was also in the room.

Her voice trailed off at the sight of her former boyfriend. Even though she no longer felt anything for him, she was still uncomfortable with the fact that her former lover was now her nephew. She really didn't want to see him now!

"What's nice?" The man put down the work in his hands and looked at her. Doting and indulgence could be seen on his normally frigid face.

"I've brought you the famous pork rib soup from our school! This is especially good for you in your condition!" She placed the food before him.

Actually, the man already had his dinner. But he would never reject the good intention of his wife.

After she scooped the broth into a bowl for him, he magnanimously picked up the bowl to drink from it.

"Uncle, this is food from our school canteen. I have to let you know that our canteen doesn't follow a strict disinfecting protocol. Besides, this is a takeout box, which is unhygienic!" He could not stand the sight of the daily loving exchange between the couple and deliberately tried to sow discord.

He knew his uncle was a cleanliness freak who's disdainful of takeouts, especially cheap food like this.

His words were an abrupt reminder of her husband's compulsion toward cleanliness. This kind of cheap and nice canteen food might appeal to her, but not for someone like him with an aristocratic background. Hence, she instinctively reached out to remove the food from in front of him. "Sorry, Hubby, I forgot that you don't like takeouts."

As he looked up, his lips slowly hooked into a charming smile. "I like whatever you give me."

Mu Huan turned speechless.

WTF! My heart is about to explode with love!

On the other hand, Gu Chenyi was rooted to the spot, clenching his fists.

Just then, Bao Junyan spoke again. "Chenyi, it's getting late. You better go back now."

He knew his uncle was chasing him away, but he did not want to leave just yet. "Uncle, it's not convenient for you to move around now. Let me stay over tonight to look after you!"

"It's not necessary. Having your aunt-in-law here will be sufficient."

"Aunt-in-law is just a girl. Taking care of you may be too demanding for her when you have a problem walking right now. Aunt-in-law can go back home while I take care of you instead!" He was not going to let their relationship get better over time!

Chapter 177: Time-critical Mission

Gu Chenyi knew that it was impossible between him and Mu Huan even if she were to leave his uncle's side. Nevertheless, even after days of thinking about this matter, he just could not get over the fact that she had become his aunt and that he would have to see and call her "Aunt" time and again.

His decision, therefore, remained unchanged; that was, to make her leave his uncle!

He ultimately could not bear to resort to harsh methods to deal with the lass. As such, he could only do such things.

Eventually, his disobedience finally got him a glance from his uncle, whose eyes darkened meaningfully as he said, "Alright, you stay behind to take care of me, then."

The chap then approached Mu Huan in a victorious manner, which prompted the corner of her lips to twitch slightly.

Right then, Bao Junyan reached out and stroked his wife's head. "Be good and go home to sleep."

At the thought that she could spend the time searching for proof of her innocence, she obediently stood up. "Alright, I'll head home, then."

"Uncle, I'll go send Aunt off." Chenyi immediately followed after her upon seeing that she was about to leave.

The man's eyes narrowed slightly as he watched his nephew dashing out of the room.

Right in front of the elevator.

Gu Chenyi grabbed hold of Mu Huan, who was about to leave.

Being in a foul mood, she instinctively shook his hand off and growled in irritation, "You're a real nuisance, Gu Chenyi!"

Can't he just stay away and pretend not to see me?

"I heard that you may be cast as a negative example by the school as a warning to the students for cheating and be put on disciplinary probation."

"What does it have to do with you?"

"Mu Huan!"

"Hurry back and take good care of your uncle! Don't come poking your nose into my affairs again!"

He could not resist saying, "I'm just concerned about you!"

"I don't need your concern!" She truly did not know how on earth she used to find the guy to be a pretty good person when he was clearly just a weirdo!

Despite him detesting her and him not believing her words at every turn, he would claim, time and again, that he was concerned about her. Should she not accept it, he would then put on a hurt look on his face as though she had treated his sincerity as trash.

Sheesh, I really need no such concern from him!

"You—!" Gu Chenyi hated himself for his inconsistent and contradictory behavior, which he knew made him look stupid, but he did not want to behave that way, either!

He just could not get a hold of himself...

After Mu Huan left, he stood outside for a long while before finally entering the ward again.

As soon as he stepped past the doorway, his uncle tossed two books at him.

“Read those two books. I’ll do a spot check on Monday and, if you can’t pass it, I’ll send you to a boarding school abroad.”

Gu Chenyi: “...!!!”

How am I going to finish reading these two thick books in just two days?!

“Uncle...”

He wanted to say something, but the man already had his head dipped as he focused on his business matters.

He knew that it was futile for him to say anything more. Besides, his uncle surely had his ways of persuading his parents into agreeing to send him abroad once he had decided to do so, regardless of his protests!

Hence, he wasted no time and hastily sat down to read those books instead of trying to dissuade the man.

I’m not going abroad, let alone be sent to a boarding school and have my freedom restricted!

On this clear, refreshing, and autumnal Saturday where the world looked so beautiful with the bluish sky hanging overhead, the Mus welcomed a distinguished guest to their home.

“What prompted this visit, Young Master Long?” The reason for Matriarch Mu feigning innocence about the reason for his visit was because Long Feiting had not reacquainted with Mu Kexin yet.

“How can I not visit Grandma Mu when I’m here studying in Yun Cheng?” The lad presented a gift to her, which she hastily reached out for.

“You’re too kind, Young Master Long.”

The Longs had a subsidiary company that was engaged in medical equipment production, and most of the equipment used in the Mu family’s hospital were procured from them. Hence, there was some sort of connection between the two families.

Chapter 178: Bad Taste

“No need to be so courteous, Grandma Mu. Just call me Feiting from now on. After all, you’re an elder and Kexin and I are peers.” As the saying went, “Love me, love my dog.” Long Feiting was very protective of his beloved ones.

“Kexin? You’re acquainted with Kexin?” asked the elderly woman in surprise.

“I not only know her, but I also fell in love with her at first sight and I’m wooing her now.” Even though he had been searching for Song Xing for years, he had no intention of revealing his identity to her despite having found her. He did not want her to think that he was only pursuing her because of what had happened in their childhood or for her to recall the fatty that he once was whenever she looked at him.

Hence, he told others only that he fell in love at first sight with Mu Kexin, and he decided to woo her.

His answer left the matriarch even more surprised than ever.

In contrast to her fake reaction, Mu Dongsheng, who was clueless of the real reason, was truly astounded as he instinctively blurted, "Love at first sight for Kexin? Surely not?"

Naturally, the father knew the capabilities and worth his daughter had, so he could not fathom just how a figure like Long Feiting would fall in love with his daughter at first sight.

"It's exactly that!" The young guy was extremely displeased with how disdainful the father was toward his daughter; hence, his harsher tone.

"You have—" Mu Dongsheng wanted to say that the chap had a bad taste in women when he received a stern glare from his mother, which scared him speechless.

"Is Kexin home?" Long Feiting made no further comments about the older man since he was Mu Kexin's birth father.

"Yes, yes! She's in! Come inside, please!" Matriarch Mu hastily ushered the young man inside.

As Mu Dongsheng watched the young man's retreating figure, he felt that he was blind to even have feelings for his younger daughter.

Not long after entering the house, the grandmother signaled her granddaughter with a look before making an excuse to leave with her son.

Mu Kexin dared not to continue speaking after exchanging greetings with him, lest she shoot her mouth off.

Initially, Long Feiting thought that once he finally found the girl he had been longing for, he would be crazy for her and would want to stick to her side for the entire day. Alas, contrary to his expectations, he had no such feelings despite his declaration of pursuit. The cause of this might be because his dear Xingxing was not what he had been expecting her to be.

This was their first meeting with each other since his declaration of pursuit at her school.

He had nothing much he wanted to say to her after meeting her, though.

Still, he couldn't let things be so awkward between them. He therefore asked, "Have you heard what happened to your sister?"

"What happened?" As she was constantly fraught with worries that Mu Huan would expose her after learning about why Long Feiting was wooing her, she had been avoiding her. Hence, she was clueless about the happenings regarding her half-sister.

"The school is going to make an example out of her and put her on probation for cheating during examination."

"What?" Her eyes bulged wide in shock as she instinctively asserted, "That's impossible! She wouldn't do such a thing when she's so good at studying!"

Even though she was very reluctant to admit it, it was a fact that her half-sister performed well academically, so she could hardly believe the news of her cheating in exams.

Having mistakenly assumed her reaction for kindness, he finally found hints of the childhood feelings he had for her. "It's my doing."

"Pardon?" She was baffled by his reply.

"She deserved it for bullying you in the past!" He had never wooed a girl before, so he did not know the way to do so and decided to exact revenge on her behalf first to let her know that she was under his protection.

Mu Kexin: "..."

She did not know what sort of reaction she should have after hearing that. Since it involved her half-sister, she was afraid that it would look bad on her if she rejoiced at her misfortune and would make him find her to be a bit of a white lotus if she told him not to do such a thing to her sister.

Chapter 179: Evidence Found (1)

And so, she remained silent with a conflicted look on her face.

"What's with that look?" Long Feiting could not tell if she was feeling happy or not.

Right then, just as Mu Kexin was thinking of a way to answer his question, her father entered the room with an apologetic smile. "Excuse me, I left my phone here."

He then took his phone and left.

During this brief interruption, she recalled Lin Qingya telling her that her acting was lousy, which might lead to her accidentally exposing herself. She was therefore told not to put on any pretenses in front of him and, as much as possible, behave like her usual self. Long Feiting would overlook her shortcomings since he saw her as a savior, but he would not tolerate her putting on false fronts and telling him lies.

Therefore, she confessed, "I don't really know if I should be happy about this."

Long Feiting exclaimed, "Of course you should be happy! She deserves it for treating you that way!"

Meanwhile, Mu Dongsheng, who had run to the garden, hastily gave Mu Huan a call.

"Xiao Huan, is the school going to make an example out of you as a warning and put you on probation?"

"How did you know about this?"

"I overheard the conversation between Long Feiting and Kexin earlier. He said that it was his doing!" The person he loved best might be himself, but he still had some feelings for his older daughter. Hence, upon hearing that someone was out to harm her, he called her right away to warn her about it.

"Long Feiting dropped by the house?"

"Yes. That guy's actually fallen in love with Kexin at first sight and is pursuing her now!"

"Do you think that's really the case here?"

"I suppose so. He used to be a very arrogant person, but he now treats your grandma with utmost courtesy. Why would he do that if he doesn't truly like Kexin?" He had met the young chap several times while accompanying his mother on business trips to the Imperial Capital. Each time, the lad's nose was high up in the air as though he could not be bothered to spare them another glance, yet now, he had addressed his mother so respectfully by calling her "Grandma Mu."

"How did Grandma react to that news?" Since Mu Kexin was not capable or scheming enough to lure the guy, if there was any other reason behind his pursuit of her, it could only have to do with her grandma.

"Your grandma was totally overjoyed! She was so slack-jawed she could fit an entire egg in her mouth back then." He, too, was euphoric at the thought of the benefits Long Feiting would bring him because of his feelings for his daughter!

Mu Huan's brows furrowed when she heard that. Did I misjudge him? Is he honestly pursuing her because he fell in love with her at first sight?

"Xiao Huan, the Longs are a very big and powerful family. You'll be in for a hard time if you get marked by him, so be careful!" Mu Dongsheng might not be a good father, but he would still worry and care for his daughter. That was the reason why she ultimately could not completely disregard her father.

"Don't blame me for saying this, but you mustn't be so prideful anymore. Rely on Bao Junyan whenever needed, and don't worry about owing him anything for that! Both of you aren't outsiders but a couple, after all! Make use of your husband in times of need!"

His words made some sense.

It also reminded her that this was a rare concern coming from her father. "Alright, I got it."

"By the way, Xiao Huan, could you lend me a million yuan for emergency purposes? I borrowed some money from loan sharks, and now they're demanding for payment to be paid back by this week. Otherwise, the debt is going to be doubled!"

"..."

"I'll take your silence for consent and will collect the money from you tomorrow!" With that, he hastily ended the call, lest his daughter refused him.

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Mu Huan's head started pounding in pain as she stared at her phone, where it displayed "call ended."

While she was away on the phone, her friends, Wu Xingye and Li Meng, had gone through watching the rest of the security footage from that day. They failed to find any clues, though.

It infuriated the guy so much, he could not resist thumping his fist on the keyboard!

And that thump got the image on the screen all scrambled up for a good while before it finally got stuck on a particular scene.

It was this very scene that got Mu Huan rushing over at once after she put her phone away and looked over. "Quick, zoom in on this!"

“What’s wrong” Her friends instantly went into alert mode.

“See if this car is facing Professor Wang’s office!” requested the girl as she pointed to a white car at the corner of the screen.

He immediately magnified the image. The angle was indeed just right.

“Let’s go and get our hands on that car’s dashcam!” said Mu Huan as she headed outside.

With much difficulty, she finally got a hold of that car’s dashcam and found a clue in it!

That day when they had their exams, a black-clothed man in a cap was found entering Professor Wang’s office past 10 PM and leaving some ten minutes later before returning to the office again an hour later.

Based on that timing, Mu Huan and Wu Xingye looked through the security footage around their campus again. From footage belonging to a beverage shop near their school, she found Li Ze taking something from the black-clothed man before he headed to a corner and, not long after, handed that item back to the black-clothed man. Despite the image not being very clear due to its far distance and it being at night, one could still tell that it was the exam papers.

She heaved a sigh of relief at that. With these pieces of evidence, I’ll be able to prove my innocence!

She then made short clips of these footages and went to look for the dean.

After looking through these clips, the dean could not help thinking, She’s well deserving and has the brains to be the top scholar of the school, indeed. Well, the person who’s able to delete the school’s security footage is also one capable person. He then asked, “Have you found out who framed you?”

“Long Feiting!”

The dean: “...”

Long Feiting is an outstanding student, why would he do such a thing?

He kept mum for a good while. “These footages are insufficient to prove your innocence. Even though the black-clothed person did enter Professor Wang’s office and had contact with Li Ze, there’s no conclusive proof that the item they took was the exam paper. It might be something else that they’re stealing.”

Mu Huan: “...!”

If this isn’t proof, then what is? No matter how careless Li Ze might be, he will never redo those papers in front of others or under surveillance to leave any witnesses or security footage behind for me!

“Mu Huan, if you insist on believing that it’s Long Feiting who has framed you, then you’ll need to get him to admit and confess his mistake so that your disciplinary punishment can be canceled.”

Despite the dean’s reluctance to destroy her future since she was a model student, the evidence she had was not conclusive enough to deem Long Feiting as the mastermind. Since the matter involved another outstanding student, she had to go look him up herself if she wanted to resolve it.

It would have to be that chap’s doing in order for the school to cancel her disciplinary actions.

Mu Huan: "...!!!"

There's no way he will admit to his doing when he's out to frame me!

"Dean..." She still wanted to say something in her defense, but the dean requested for her to leave.

"I still have work to do, so please leave."

At that point, she realized that the dean might have reacted that way because he did not want to malign the innocent.

So, she would have to produce more convincing evidence.