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Chapter 1131: She Meant That I Was the Third Party

But that could not be blamed on Wang Juhuai.

It was just that seeing Lin Jinshu again upset her.

Xia Qingwei smiled at Wang Juhuai. "It's not because of you."

"Then what is it? Trouble in class? Someone giving you problems in school?" Wang Juhuai bombarded her with questions again. "Disobedient students?"

Xia Qingwei was silent for a moment. Mentioning the name bugged her. "Lin Jinshu came."

Wang Juhuai froze. "She's here? How dare she come here! Where is she? When did she come? She came to find you? What did she say to you?"

Xia Qingwei grabbed Wang Juhuai's hand. "Don't panic, I'll tell you. Get in the car first."

Wang Juhuai nodded, forcing himself to be calm.

Lin Jinshu not only affected Xia Qingwei, but she also affected him.

Wang Juhuai felt disgusted knowing that he was once married to Lin Jinshu.

As he crossed over to the driver's side after opening the door for Xia Qingwei, he saw Lin Jinshu standing by the school gate.

Wang Juhuai did not bother disguising the disgust in his eyes.

The strong disgust pierced Lin Jinshu's heart.

She took a deep breath. Heh, Wang Juhuai, aren't you disgusted with me?

Then I'll purposely appear in front of you.

So what if you married Xia Qingwei?

If I could split you both apart back then, I can split you both apart again!

With such thoughts, Lin Jinshu stepped forward to approach Wang Juhuai.

Alas, Wang Juhuai looked at her only once then looked away before getting into the car and driving off.

Lin Jinshu clenched her fists in anger, glaring at the car that was disappearing from her view.

Trying to shake her off?

Dream on!

In the car, Wang Juhuai became desolate because of Lin Jinshu's appearance.

And Xia Qingwei got a sudden urge to laugh.

Just Lin Jinshu alone could negatively affect both of their moods.

Xia Qingwei collected herself and smiled. "It's my fault just now for not composing myself."

She reached out and grasped Wang Juhuai's right hand. "So what if she came? It doesn't matter. We're married now, as one. Moreover, after experiencing her lies, we'll not be affected no matter what she says or does now. What we've suffered before, we'll not suffer again."

Of course they had to be more alert and take precautions against her since they had fallen into her trap before.

It would be unseemly to fall into her trap twice.

Wang Juhuai perked up after hearing Xia Qingwei's words and held her hand. "What did she say to you?"

Remembering Wang Juhuai's earlier string of questions, Xia Qingwei explained one by one. "I don't know when she arrived at B City, but she appeared in front of me when I was ending class and saying goodbye to the kids."

Xia Qingwei spared a part of her attention to go through Lin Jinshu's every word and reaction in her mind once more.

"She didn't seem to know we're married," Xia Qingwei said. "She even told me you both have yet to divorce, meaning that I'm the third party."

Wang Juhuai immediately said, "I've really divorced her ten years ago!"

"I believe you," Xia Qingwei said. "How can I not believe you about this?"

Wang Juhuai was truly afraid of being framed by Lin Jinshu again.

Xia Qingwei smiled and said, "We fell for her tricks in the past and were forced to separate for 20 odd years. How could I forget such a big lesson? I won't believe a word she says, even if we're not married."

Chapter 1132: Doomed Love

Wang Juhuai heaved a sigh of relief as he held on to Xia Qingwei's hand. "I'm the one who's not composed enough. You're right, we should only believe in each other no matter what she says. She's someone with a record for lying. We cannot be affected by her."

"It's just that she surely must have heard something for her to come here. She wouldn't be easily shaken off," Xia Qingwei said.

"I'll go and find her, see what she wants," Wang Juhuai said darkly.

"What else does she want?" Xia Qingwei pursed her lips; it was obvious she only wanted to reconcile with Wang Juhuai.

"It's been ten years. Any person in his right mind would know it's impossible." Wang Juhuai sneered, totally sick of Lin Jinshu.

Xia Qingwei squeezed his hand. "Don't go and find her. Her motive is obvious, and since we already know her goal, there's no need to ask her. That'll only give her the chance to see you and speak to you."

Xia Qingwei said plainly, "I don't want you to have any interaction with her. I don't want you to meet her, even if it's to warn her."

"Alright," Wang Juhuai agreed easily and wholeheartedly.

There's no reason to disagree when Xia Qingwei already mentioned it.

Xia Qingwei felt slightly uncomfortable and embarrassed to be jealous like a youngster at her age.

She sneaked a glance at Wang Juhuai and realized that he did not feel that way; instead, he looked rather glad.

Not that she knew what he was happy about.

Wang Juhuai did not know Xia Qingwei's question, but if she asked him, Wang Juhuai would surely tell her that he was happy Xia Qingwei was jealous and didn't allow him to meet Lin Jinshu.

Meanwhile, Lin Jinshu went back to the house where the Lin Family was staying.

After she married Wang Juhuai and went overseas with him, her parents remained in B City.

They left her the house when they passed.

Wang Qianyun had no income now, and Lin Jinshu had no intention of sponsoring her stay in a hotel, so she moved in with Wang Qianyun to the Lin Family home.

"Auntie!" Seeing Lin Jinshu reach home, Wang Qianyun went up to her right away, treating her with far more enthusiasm than she did Luo Wangyuan, her own mother.

There was no clue as to what Luo Wangyuan would think if she were here and saw this.

"Wang Juhuai actually married Xia Qingwei!" Lin Jinshu fumed. "Why didn't you tell me?"

Wang Qianyun was surprised. "What? I didn't know that! H-How are they married? This..."

Wang Qianyun was confused. "But my uncle just returned from overseas! Even if he wanted to have a second relationship, there's no reason to be so quick! He's also not someone rash."

Wang Qianyun knew only that Lin Jinshu stole Wang Juhuai from another woman using underhanded methods.

But she did not know that that woman was Xia Qingwei.

Lin Jinshu said impatiently, "It happened in your parents' generation."

Hearing this, Wang Qianyun asked in surprise, "Auntie, was Xia Qingwei the woman...?"

"Yes!" Lin Jinshu said darkly. "She was the woman I stole your uncle from back then."

Wang Qianyun didn't feel so good all of a sudden.

It really was a doomed love.

Lu Man's mother was actually Wang Juhuai's first love!

That meant that the leak on the Internet, the one saying Han Zhuoli's wife was Wang Juhuai's daughter, was true!

When she first saw the news at home, she even gave a snort of contempt.

Wang Juhuai clearly never had any children, so how could he have a daughter who'd marry Han Zhuoli?

Han Zhuoli's wife was Lu Man, and she was not even remotely related to Wang Juhuai.

But now, Lu Man turned out to be Wang Juhuai's stepdaughter!

Chapter 1133: A Surprise Prepared

How could Lu Man be so lucky?!

Not only did she have Han Zhuoli's support, but now, her mother had also gotten together with Wang Juhuai!

Wang Qianyun told Lin Jinshu through gritted teeth, "Heh! Lu Man shamelessly seduced Han Zhuoli, and now her mother is equally wanton as to seduce Uncle!"

Lin Jinshu's expression got better only after hearing this.

Though they had been divorced for ten years, Lin Jinshu had always regarded Wang Juhuai as her husband and herself as Wang Juhuai's wife, as if the divorce never happened.

To her, reconciling with Wang Juhuai was just a matter of time.

Wang Juhuai was still her husband no matter what.

Wang Qianyun seized the chance to explain, "Auntie, I didn't know that Uncle has married Xia Qingwei. I wasn't even in B City, how could I know these things? I was only informed of the news about Han Zhuoli marrying Lu Man through my friend, or else I wouldn't even have known."

Only then did Lin Jinshu smile. "I know, my anger clouded my thinking just now. Don't you worry, I'll definitely help you get Han Zhuoli back."

Wang Qianyun was elated. "Really? What should we do, Auntie?"

Lin Jinshu said, "The Han Family is accepting Lu Man now only because she has Wang Juhuai. Without him, the Han Family cares nothing for her. I am originally Wang Juhuai's wife. It's her mother, Xia Qingwei, who's the third party who stole my husband from me. When everyone learns of this, what face and dignity would Xia Qingwei and Lu Man have left? All the scandals will be about them, and how will the Han Family accept in-laws like them, then?"

"When I get Wang Juhuai back, Lu Man and her mother will have nothing. What will they fight with you with?"

After all that talk, it was still about getting Wang Juhuai back first.

Wang Qianyun frowned. "If that's so, then how long more do I have to wait?"

“Qianyun, frankly, we must really deal with your uncle first for this matter. With a relation between you and your uncle, we’ll at least have a better chance. Now, look at Han Zhuoli, which of us is close to him and can get close to him?” Lin Jinshu’s words made Wang Qianyun speechless.

“It’s not that I’m selfish, but we really have to start with your uncle first.” Lin Jinshu clapped Wang Qianyun’s shoulder. Right then, her phone rang.

“Rest assured, I’ll do as I promised you,” Lin Jinshu said and picked up the call. “CEO Lin.”

“You’re too kind, I’ve just returned from overseas and am planning to meet you tomorrow. I’m embarrassed, who’d have thought you’d call me first?” Lin Jinshu said with a laugh.

“Tonight? I’m free! Alright, I know.” Lin Jinshu hung up the call and said to Wang Qianyun, “I won’t be home for dinner tonight, I’m meeting an old pal who’s been dealing business with us.”

“Okay.” Wang Qianyun was uninterested.

“Listen to me, don’t meet with Han Zhuoli and alert him about our plans. We must strike when least expected. My meeting tonight is not just about seeing an old friend, it’s also about preparing a surprise for Xia Qingwei.”

Wang Qianyun finally perked up after hearing this.

Even if they could not separate Han Zhuoli and Lu Man immediately, causing trouble for Xia Qingwei and Lu Man was also a good thing.

Lin Jinshu went out to meet CEO Lin at past six.

CEO Lin had booked a private dining room in Sheng Yue and invited a few business partners with whom he was usually on good terms with.

Lin Jinshu hurried into the room. “Sorry for the wait.”

Chapter 1134: How Shameless!

“No, you came on time. We’re the ones who arrived early,” CEO Lin said with a smile.

“Let me do the introductions. This is Lin Jinshu, who has the same surname as me, CEO Lin! Hahaha!” CEO Lin laughed. “That’s probably why we hit it off and have such pleasant work dealings.”

“CEO Lin told us that Madam Lin’s a successful career woman who’s graceful and charming and was especially genuine in business dealings. He said that it was really enjoyable working with you. Seeing you proved his words true! Such a regret that we couldn’t have met you earlier!” someone said politely. “Madam Lin should’ve come back to visit more often!”

“I do plan to, actually, ” Lin Jinshu said as she smiled.

“Oh?” CEO Lin was surprised. “You plan to relocate your business here?”

“No choice.” Lin Jinshu made a helpless expression. “My husband wants to come back and stay for a long while to develop his career. As his wife, I have to support him.”

“I thought that Madam Lin was only a career woman. Who knew that she supports her husband so wholeheartedly?” somebody said with a laugh. “Do tell us what your husband does for work. We’re the hosts here and are more well-acquainted. We can help you if you encounter any problems.”

“Thank you for your kind intentions.” Lin Jinshu smiled politely. “My husband’s in the music industry, so he won’t really have any business with us.”

“Oh? A musician?”

“It’s Wang Juhuai,” Lin Jinshu said with a smile.

If Wang Juhuai were here, he would have been so infuriated.

This Lin Jinshu might as well have delusional disorder!

Divorced for ten whole years yet still claiming to be his wife—this was not simply being shameless, it was plain crazy!

Everyone was stunned!

“Wang Juhuai? The world-renowned music producer Wang Juhuai?”

“You all are too kind,” Lin Jinshu said humbly yet not denying it.

“I’d heard that Mr. Wang and his wife are now living in B City but never got the chance to see them. Never thought that I’d be able to meet Mrs. Wang today!”

Everyone was excited.

They might have known that Wang Juhuai and his wife were in B City, but that was that. They had no clue as to who the wife was and when they got married. They knew little about Wang Juhuai’s private affairs.

These people were not qualified enough to attend the Municipal Dinner, after all.

They had no idea what really happened that night.

That Wang Juhuai and his wife were now living in B City was all hearsay.

Hearing Lin Jinshu say thus, they believed that Lin Jinshu was that wife of Wang Juhuai.

Everybody went up to congratulate Lin Jinshu.

Meanwhile, Xia Qingwei and Wang Juhuai did not tell Lu Man about Lin Jinshu being in B City.

Lu Man was busy enough with her schoolwork and the stuff in the entertainment industry. So many people in the entertainment industry treated her as an eyesore, and she still had to deal with them.

She could not help her as a mother, so the least she could do was to not make Lu Man distracted while worrying about her and standing up for her.

Meanwhile, Wang Juhuai was embarrassed to tell Lu Man.

It happened because of him, and him telling Lu Man would just serve to remind her of the foolish things he had done.

Wang Juhuai did not have the face to say it.

And hence, without any prior discussion, both Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei like-mindedly neglected to tell Lu Man.

A week passed hence, and Xia Qingwei finally went back to teach.

The school mainly offered hobby classes for children to learn in their spare time outside of school, so it was not like proper schools, which required daily attendance.

Chapter 1135: Complaint

Afraid that Lin Jinshu would come to find Xia Qingwei again, Wang Juhuai personally sent Xia Qingwei to school.

“Go on, the same as last time. I’ll be waiting for you at some nearby cafe or something after you end class,” Wang Juhuai said as Xia Qingwei got off the car.

“Alright.” Xia Qingwei did not refuse this time.

She walked into the building but realized that her colleagues in school were all looking at her strangely.

Among them were colleagues who taught other subjects and were mere acquaintances of hers.

Now, everyone was looking at her with reproach and disdain, be it her friends or acquaintances.

Xia Qingwei lowered her eyes, feeling weird.

It was only a week since they last saw her. Why did the atmosphere turn so strange?

Walking towards the office, she heard voices coming from inside even before she reached the entrance.

“Anyway, I’ll never let my child be taught by a teacher with no morals!” A woman’s voice drifted out of the office. “What if she taught my child all the wrong things?!”

“That’s right! We can’t let her teach our kids!” another woman’s voice chimed in.

“It’s not that we’re being unreasonable, but a teacher’s influence on a child is really great,” another person said.

A teacher’s voice rose from within, saying, “Dear parents, let’s take a moment to calm down and listen to me. Ms. Xia is well-loved by the children and has never made a mistake in her teaching.”

“It’s even worse if our kids like her! My child would always praise and talk about Ms. Xia this and Ms. Xia that after she goes home. This means she has too big of an influence on my child! How could I be assured about my child being taught by a teacher with questionable morals who have such influence on my child?”

“Right! What Lingling’s mom said is what I think too!”

“Anyway, you either change our children’s class or change the teacher!”

Though she was not the only teacher with the surname “Xia,” Xia Qingwei had a feeling that they were talking about her.

Thinking about the weird stares she encountered on her way here, Xia Qingwei took a deep breath and continued forward into the office.

The student’s parents were still giving their opinions when Ms. Liu saw Xia Qingwei. Her expression changed slightly as she called out, “Ms. Xia’s here.”

Xia Qingwei smiled and nodded. “I heard from outside that you’re saying...”

“You’re that Ms. Xia who teaches the children’s violin class!” one parent said.

“I am.” Xia Qingwei nodded.

“Ha!” The parent sneered. “Anyway, we’ll never let her teach our children!”

As people with families of their own, they could empathize and hated third parties who destroyed families!

“What exactly is going on?” Xia Qingwei asked.

It was just a week since she last came to school, yet she felt that the whole school seemed to have changed.

She was totally baffled.

Even their school director was alerted and was here in the office dealing with the parents.

“Ms. Xia,” Director Sun explained, “you didn’t have classes before and you didn’t come, so you don’t know that a certain Madam Lin came to our school a few days before and complained that you...”

Director Sun found it hard to say it out loud. “...complained that you ruined her family and interfered in her marriage. That her husband’s with you but they haven’t divorced yet.”

Xia Qingwei was so angry that she felt as if something was blocking her airway. “Madam Lin... was she Lin Jinshu?”

“This... we’re not too sure either...” Director Sun was dazed.

Chapter 1136: Proof

It was because what Lin Jinshu said at that time was too shocking that they were too absorbed in their astonishment and forgot to ask for her full name.

“Everyone,” Xia Qingwei said to her colleagues and the parents, “my husband and I have proper marriage certificates. My husband and his ex-wife had divorced ten years ago while we got our marriage certificates just a while back. There’s no such problem about being a third party or whatnot. My husband and I are upright and proper. We’re honest wherever we go. We have nothing shameful to hide!”

"I know who that Madam Lin is—she's my husband's ex-wife," Xia Qingwei said. "She hasn't given up even though they'd been divorced for ten years already, and when she found out that we were married, she came here to ruin my reputation. I hope you parents don't misunderstand."

"How can you prove this? You want us to believe you just by your words?" somebody said.

They already had preconceived notions about her.

"You all don't believe me but choose to believe Lin Jinshu as if she has proof. She said she hadn't divorced my husband, but I can show you my marriage certificates. Can she?" Xia Qingwei said coolly. "They have a divorce certificate from this country too."

One of the parents frowned and said, "Even if what you said is true, you could've interefered in their marriage first, causing their divorce before marrying him."

Or else, why would Lin Jinshu still insist that they had yet to divorce?

Precisely because whatever had happened was too big of a blow, so Lin Jinshu refused to accept the truth.

Look what Xia Qingwei had done!

"Ha!" Xia Qingwei sneered. "Did she say who my husband is?"

The person was taken by surprise. "No."

What did Xia Qingwei mean by her sudden question?

"Is he some famous personality? So if he's rich and famous, you can be forgiven for destroying someone's marriage like it's nothing wrong?" one parent questioned, full of contempt.

That was not what Xia Qingwei actually meant. She just wanted to ascertain if Lin Jinshu said Wang Juhuai's name.

Even if her words were false, they would still ruin Wang Juhuai's reputation.

Hence, realizing that Lin Jinshu did not point out Wang Juhuai after asking her question, Xia Qingwei relaxed.

Her fellow teachers in school had no idea who Xia Qingwei's husband was either.

Previously, they knew that she was single.

After coming back from the Spring Festival break, a ring had appeared on her hand.

They then knew that Xia Qingwei recently got married again.

But they had never seen Xia Qingwei's husband, and they didn't know that her husband was Wang Juhuai.

"Director Sun, we don't accept such teachers!" a parent called out.

Director Sun looked helplessly at Xia Qingwei before sighing. "Since everyone is opposing so strongly, the school will respect your opinions."

“Ms. Xia, you should take a break first. You can come back when the matter’s been clarified,” Director Sun said.

One parent muttered, “What’s the point of letting her come back? It’s probably not far from the truth since she said it like this. It’s not like people are so free as to come and malign anyone.”

Sadly, Director Sun did not know Xia Qingwei’s husband was Wang Juhuai or she would never have let Xia Qingwei take leave.

It’s free advertisement for Wang Juhuai’s wife to be one of their teachers!

Wouldn’t it be impressive for their school if they managed to get Wang Juhuai to do a couple of open lessons?!

Chapter 1137: Swear

“It’s alright,” Xia Qingwei said. “I quit.”

What?

Director Sun hurriedly said, “Please don’t, the matter’s not clarified yet, you...”

Xia Qingwei was a good teacher and was patient too. All the kids liked her.

Xia Qingwei smiled. “Thanks for standing up for me, Director Sun. I know and I’m sorry that this caused trouble for the school. I quit and henceforth wouldn’t be teaching here anymore, so these parents can rest assured.”

“Ms. Xia...” Director Sun tried to persuade once more.

“Stop persuading.” The principal appeared by the entrance and walked in with a dark expression.

“Principal...” Director Sun called.

Other teachers voiced out opinions as well.

“I accept your resignation,” the principal said coldly.

“Principal! Ms. Xia’s...” Director Sun wanted to speak up for Xia Qingwei.

But the principal cut her off. “Xia Qingwei’s matter has tarnished our school’s reputation. I’ll never condone our school’s teachers to be unethical.”

Xia Qingwei pursed her lips and cut off the principal. “Principal, I resigned so that the school won’t have further troubles. I don’t want the school to have a hard time with such unrelenting parents. But it’s definitely not because I’m unethical. I have to disagree with your words. My husband has been divorced for more than ten years and the same goes for me. We got together only after each of us had divorced ten years ago. There exists no problem of interfering in anyone’s marriage when we married. Or is it because we both remarried and so we deserve to be looked down upon?”

“Just because my husband’s ex-wife refused to let him go in these ten years and found out that we married, refused to wish us well, and came to ruin us, do those make me an unethical woman?”

Xia Qingwei stood up straight. She was a weak woman and not very tall, but the aura she gave off currently was intimidating.

“I was afraid of interrupting the school’s schedule so I resigned, not because I have no morals. I’m honorable and decent, and I won’t accept such baseless accusations!” Xia Qingwei looked steadily at the principal. “If the school sends out a notice that even hint at my resignation due to ethical issues, I’ll not hesitate to hold the school accountable!”

Xia Qingwei then looked towards the parents, who had righteously pointed fingers at her.

But right now, under Xia Qingwei’s scrutiny, they became embarrassed, and some even shrank into themselves.

“I, Xia Qingwei, dare to swear to the Heavens above that I’ve never ruined anyone’s marriage, that my husband and I are legally married, and that there’s nothing shameful about us! I’ll find justice for myself on this matter!”

Finished, Xia Qingwei walked out of the office with a dark expression.

Many kids who came for lessons came over when they saw that Xia Qingwei was not coming any time soon.

Though they did not understand what Xia Qingwei said to the adults, they could sense the tense atmosphere.

“Ms. Xia,” the children called.

Xia Qingwei looked at the children, feeling wistful.

She came to teach not for money.

She never lacked that when she came for the interview.

Lu Man earned plenty and Han Zhuoli was filial too, not to mention how she had Wang Juhuai now.

She could have just stayed home and been a rich, socialite wife.

But she loved the violin and wanted a platform to spread this love so that others would like the violin too.

She wanted to teach what she knew to little children.

Chapter 1138: In the Future

Xia Qingwei smiled at them. “I’m sorry I can’t teach you all any longer.”

The children were dismayed. “Why can’t you teach us anymore? Ms. Xia, are you no longer our teacher?”

“That’s right.” Xia Qingwei smiled, reaching out to touch the child’s head.

But the child’s parent immediately pulled him away, as if Xia Qingwei had a contagious disease. The parent looked at her, nervous and alert, ready to prevent Xia Qingwei from touching her kid.

Her child could not have any interaction with such an unethical person who's a third party!

Xia Qingwei dropped her smile and heard the parent say, "What d'you ask so much questions for? Doesn't matter if she doesn't teach you anymore, it's the same if someone else teaches you!"

"It's not!" the child argued. "Ms. Xia is so nice and patient. I can learn a lot of things from Ms. Xia. The other teachers speak too fast and I don't get some things, but I could understand everything Ms. Xia taught."

"Ask if you don't understand! It's the same no matter who teaches you!" The parent pulled the child farther away.

Other kids were saying, "I don't want Ms. Xia to go, I want to learn from her."

However, the other parents reacted similarly, pulling their kids away and telling them to stop such nonsense.

Xia Qingwei sighed and said, "Be good students, children. Other teachers can teach equally well. If there's anything you don't know, don't be shy and be sure to ask. I'm really sorry, but I won't be teaching you all today. You're all good children who learn well. I'm thankful to have had such wonderful students like you."

Hearing Xia Qingwei's gentle voice made the children more upset. Recalling her patience and gentleness in class, they started bawling.

"Don't go, Ms. Xia, I won't let you go!"

"We want Ms. Xia to teach us!"

The parents got angry when they heard this and dragged their kids aside to scold them.

Xia Qingwei sighed, looking at this mess.

She turned and said to Director Sun, "Thank you for taking care of me during this period of time, Director Sun. And thank you for standing up for me earlier."

Director Sun exhaled. "It wasn't much. But I believe in you because I know you."

Xia Qingwei smiled. "I won't let you down."

"Then..." Xia Qingwei took a deep breath. "I'll be going. I'll come and see you guys in the future."

"Okay." Director Sun felt regretful.

Xia Qingwei had a good personality and was mild-tempered. She could get along with everyone easily too.

And the kids liked her.

So Director Sun felt disappointed that she was leaving.

As Xia Qingwei waited for the lift, she called Wang Juhuai.

"Why is it this early? There's no lesson?" Wang Juhuai questioned as he drove to pick her up.

“No, I’ll tell you when I see you,” Xia Qingwei said. “The lift’s here and the reception inside is bad. I’ll hang up first.”

“Alright.”

Hanging up, Xia Qingwei entered the lift.

When she exited the school’s building, Wang Juhuai’s car was already waiting by the gate.

Wang Juhuai asked the instant she boarded the car, “What’s wrong?”

He was looking at Xia Qingwei’s dejected face, which was unable to perk up.

“Let’s go first,” Xia Qingwei said.

She was afraid that Wang Juhuai would go to the school if she explained now.

Normally, people would have heard of Wang Juhuai’s name but would not be able to recognize him instantly.

But this was a music school, and Wang Juhuai worked in the music industry. It could be said that here, he would be easily recognizable.

Chapter 1139: Man Man Is a Professional

If he went, everyone would know the male protagonist was Wang Juhuai.

Though what Lin Jinshu said was fake, people would still see Wang Juhuai in a bad light if word got out.

Xia Qingwei was now very concerned about matters in the entertainment industry because of Lu Man.

In the past, her sickly constitution did not allow her the freedom to be bothered about such matters.

But slowly, because of Lu Man, she brought herself to pay heed to the matters and circles that Lu Man was involved in.

She also knew of many popular celebrities who fell to obscurity because of scandals that were untrue.

Even if their innocence was proven in the end, their popularity was gone forever.

She did not want Wang Juhuai to encounter such incidents.

Fortunately, Wang Juhuai heeded Xia Qingwei’s words and drove away promptly without arguing.

Back home, Xia Qingwei told everything to Wang Juhuai.

“Why didn’t you tell me just now? I could’ve gone straight to the school and clarified things!” Wang Juhuai said anxiously.

“You think I didn’t try to explain in the school just now? But no one believed me. They’d rather believe the ugly lies,” Xia Qingwei said helplessly. “Even if you went, the most that could have happened was that news of Wang Juhuai’s adultery would get out.”

“I can release a statement!” Wang Juhuai said.

“How? Lin Jinshu didn’t point out your identity to the school, which was why the school and the parents thought I was the third party,” Xia Qingwei said. “If you just pop up and give a statement, people would think that there’s some sorcery on you going on.”

“We should probably tell Man Man about this,” Wang Juhuai finally said. “I was originally too embarrassed to let Man Man know. If it wasn’t for my foolishness for falling into Lin Jinshu’s trap, you wouldn’t have suffered for so many years. Now that Lin Jinshu is back, I-I can’t bear to show my face, I don’t know how to face Man Man.”

“I don’t want Man Man to be worried for me,” Xia Qingwei said.

“But Man Man’s a professional, shouldn’t we listen to her advice on this?” Wang Juhuai suggested.

Seeing that they really needed Lu Man’s help, Xia Qingwei did not persist and nodded. “Okay.”

Deciding on the course of action, Xia Qingwei called Lu Man after seeing that it was already afternoon.

“Mom?” Lu Man was with Zheng Yuan and the others in the canteen, about to order food.

“Man Man, you’re not having lessons now, are you?” Xia Qingwei asked.

Xia Qingwei rarely sought for Lu Man when Lu Man’s in school. Xia Qingwei felt that there was no need to call Lu Man for non-urgent matters.

Now that Xia Qingwei’s calling her, Lu Man instantly asked, “No, lesson’s ended. What’s wrong?”

“Do you have lessons in the afternoon? When you’re done, come home for a while,” Xia Qingwei said.

“Mom, what’s wrong? You can tell me. You’re making me more anxious like this,” Lu Man said.

“It’s hard to say on the phone,” Xia Qingwei said. “But it’s nothing urgent, I’m just telling you to come over today.”

“Alright.”

Hanging up, Lu Man lost all interest in staying at school.

Forgoing lunch and saying goodbyes to Zheng Yuan and friends, she hurried home after applying leave from the counselor.

Lu Man was still panting hard when she arrived home.

“Why did you come back so fast? I told you there’s no need to hurry!” Xia Qingwei said, surprised.

Lu Man sighed. “You were so ambiguous over the phone. How could I rest my mind? So I rushed back.”

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Xia Qingwei smiled bitterly. “My bad, I was too anxious. Come on in. Have you eaten?”

“Haven’t.” Seeing that Xia Qingwei was alright, Lu Man asked, “If you’re fine, Mom, then is it Dad?”

“I’m fine too. Fine.” Wang Juhuai quickly came out, showing an apologetic face.

Naturally, Lu Man noticed.

“I’ll make lunch since we both have yet to eat. We’ll discuss over lunch,” Xia Qingwei said.

“You make lunch and I’ll tell Man Man so she can stop worrying,” Wang Juhuai told Xia Qingwei.

Xia Qingwei nodded. “Kay.”

Lu Man changed her shoes, went to the living room, and sat before Wang Juhuai told her about Lin Jinshu.

Though he found it hard to speak at first, the words flowed out smoother the more he spoke.

“I understand.” Lu Man nodded. Sensing Wang Juhuai’s awkwardness, Lu Man smiled. “It’s alright, Dad.”

Taken aback, Wang Juhuai lifted his eyes to see Lu Man smiling reassuringly at him.

It was as if she knew what Wang Juhuai was worried about.

Warmth filled Wang Juhuai’s heart upon seeing Lu Man like this.

Even without a child of his own, he was content with Lu Man’s thoughtfulness.

Xia Qingwei cooked a few simple dishes. Although it was not a major thing, getting irritated by Lin Jinshu and losing a job she liked caused Xia Qingwei to lack the spirit to cook up a feast.

“Your dad told you already?” Xia Qingwei asked as she placed the meal on the dining table.

“Yes.” Lu Man nodded. “Come on, Dad, let’s go eat. I’ll handle this matter.”

As Lu Man ate, she dialed for Xiao Guo.

When Dai Yiran sent people to hijack her car, she’d witnessed Xiao Guo’s capability.

Xiao Guo and Xiao Chen had obviously received professional training. They were not just plain chauffeurs.

When Han Zhuoli sent Xiao Guo to Lu Man, he was also giving a bodyguard to her.

If Xiao Chen had the ability to investigate, Xiao Guo should be able to as well.

Lu Man called Xiao Guo. “Could you help me check something?”

As expected, Xiao Guo did not even ask how difficult the task would be. He simply said, “Anything, just say it.”

“Help me check Lin Jinshu’s schedule for these few days.” Lu Man added, “Lin Jinshu’s my stepdad’s ex-wife.”

“Understood. Give me an hour.” Xiao Guo was straightforward.

Putting down her phone, Lu Man explained, “Lin Jinshu wouldn’t just want to ruin my mom’s reputation. Claiming to be Dad’s wife is a feeble lie that can break down at any moment. Lin Jinshu isn’t that dumb.”

To have successfully married Wang Juhuai using her trap showed that she was no fool.

“I think it’s highly likely that she wants to meet Dad,” Lu Man analyzed. “She probably thinks that as long as she meets Dad and says something, she can achieve her motive and reconcile with him.”

“She can dream on!” Wang Juhuai fumed.

Lu Man smiled. “She probably only has confidence in her schemes.”

Not long after lunch, Lu Man received Xiao Guo’s reply.

“Thank you,” Lu Man said.

“No need to be this polite. Young Master Han sent me to you not just to drive you around but also to protect you. And of course, to find me if you require any investigation,” Xiao Guo said as he smiled.

Ah, her guess was correct.

Upon hanging up, Lu Man told Wang Juhuai Lin Jinshu’s schedule. “She’s attending a business dinner tonight. It’s rumored that she’s intending to expand and invest in B City. She’s a Chinese from overseas, and Mayor He places great importance on attracting businesses and investments, so he’ll attend tonight as well. Tonight’s dinner is rather important, so there’ll be many important people.”