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Chapter 61: Who Sent You Here?

Xu Hui said, feeling embarrassed, "Seeing that he had no chance, he wanted to jump out of the window just now, so in my haste, I tore down your curtains and tied him up."

Of course, Lu Man would not care about such things. "Don't worry about it, as long as the person has been caught it's alright. That's much better than letting him get away."

"Right, I found this on his body." Xu Hui passed Lu Man a bank card. "Look at this, is this yours?"

No one had ever seen a thief who was trying to steal things, bring their own bank card along while committing the crime.

Just by taking a look at it, Lu Man knew that it was really hers. Furthermore, it was the card that had 100,000 yuan, the bank card that contained the money for Xia Qingwei's surgery.

Lu Man took the bank card and broke out in a cold sweat.

If she had come back just a moment later, the money she had painstakingly saved for Xia Qingwei's surgery would have been gone!

This is money was needed to save a life!

Even if Han Zhuoli had covered the costs of the surgery first, she still had to return the money to him.

Moreover, with her current financial status, she did not know how long it would take for her to repay the money, and she had no face to tell Han Zhuoli that each month she would be able to return just a few thousand yuan.

Aside from that, there was still Xia Qingwei's hospital fees and medicine fees.

Without this 100,000 yuan, it was basically killing Xia Qingwei!

A cold sweat came out of Lu Man's palms, and she quickly put the card away.

Lu Man took a deep breath and calmed down, before questioning, "Who sent you here?"

Xu Hui was stunned for a second. "Why? Isn't this a normal break-in?"

Lu Man shook her head. "When there's a break-in, the burglar usually steals cash, calligraphy, art pieces or antiques, those are easy to convert to cash. What's the use of stealing a bank card? He doesn't even know the PIN number and is not the actual person, thus there's no way he can take out cash from the bank account."

Xu Hui was shocked, he did not think that even after meeting with such a situation, Lu Man could still quickly calm down and be so intellectual.

She was truly worthy of Young Master Han paying special attention to her; it was not only that her face was good looking, but she was also smart.

Xu Hui could not help but gain a new understanding of Lu Man.

“Speak! Who sent you here!” Xu Hui grabbed the burglar’s hair and pulled him upwards.

The burglar’s eyes had been hit until they were too swollen to even open, and he kept groaning in pain as his hair was yanked on but refused to say who ordered him to do it.

“If you don’t say who it was, I’ll directly report this to the police. The police officers will come to question you then,” Lu Man said as she took out her phone.

“Wait!” The thief understood the hidden meaning behind Lu Man’s words. “You mean that, if I were to tell you who it was, you won’t report me to the police?”

“If what you answer has value, and if I’m satisfied with your answer, I can consider.” Lu Man said coldly, “Don’t try to bargain with me. You came to my house to steal it, and we caught you in the act, we should have directly sent you to the police station. Now that we’re giving you a chance, you should take it. Of course, the decision-making power rests in our hands, you don’t have any chance to bargain, this, you have to be clear about. If you don’t speak, we will definitely send you to the police station. However, if you tell us the truth, you might have a chance of getting away scot-free, of course, that totally depends on your answer and whether I am satisfied with it..”

The burglar gritted his teeth and said, “I need you to give me a definite answer. If I tell you the truth, you must let me go!”

“Ha.” Lu Man did not want to continue being so wordy with him. “You better think carefully, this card has 100,000 yuan. Burglary of 30,000 to 100,000 yuan is already considered a huge amount according to the law. Even if your attempt at burglary failed, the minimum jail time you must serve is 3 years. Furthermore, it definitely isn’t your first time doing this kind of thing, and based on your criminal records, the jail time will increase even further.

In her last life, when she had been in prison, she had often read books on the law, and had been thinking that in the future, when she would be released from prison, she would definitely not let herself be in such a situation again, where she could do nothing but be passive, falling into traps set up by others without knowing anything.

Chapter 62: Calling the Police

Lu Man stood in front of the burglar, letting him clearly see her as she pressed the three digits ‘110’, and was just about to press the call button.

“Wait! Wait!” The thief frantically said, “I’ll talk! Don’t... don’t call the police!”

“Then talk,” thus Lu Man did not call the police.

The burglar gritted his teeth and finally revealed, “It’s Xia Qingyang.”

Lu Man narrowed her eyes and a large amount of anger and hatred rose in her.

Xia Qingyang and her daughter could not stand it if she and her mother were living well, now they were even stealing money that was meant to save her mother's life.

"Do you have evidence?" Lu Man suppressed her anger tightly clenching her fist.

"No," the thief was troubled, "At that time I was too excited, in the past for all the work I have done, I was always offered small amounts of money, but this time, she came to find me and said that if I succeeded she would pay me 100,000 yuan. I had never made such a huge deal before, and if I was to succeed this time, I wouldn't have to take any more risks for the entire year. Furthermore, this is the first time someone spent so much money to get me to do such a mere task, so I had no prior experience and hence did not take down any evidence."

The thief felt troubled as he talked about it.

"Then how did you know it was Xia Qingyang?" Lu Man asked.

"I also go on the Internet. Lu Qi's whole scandal was so high profile that even her parents' photos were also revealed. Even if I couldn't recognize her at first glance, but having spent a lot of time talking to her, I could easily recognize her," By now the thief's eyelids had gotten thick and swollen, and he used effort to roll his eyes.

Lu Man had never thought that Xia Qingyang would be so stupid to she actually meet him in person.

In her past life, she somehow lost to these idiots.

Now, as she thought about it, she wanted to spit out three liters of blood.

She was really foolish for losing to them in her past life.

But thinking about it, it was quite strange, Xia Qingyang was a housewife, how could she have any connections?

At the most, it must be Lu Qi who had found this thief through someone, but it must not have been easy to find a middleman.

Moreover, Xia Qingyang must have been scared that with someone else involved in conveying the message, the message might be passed on wrongly. Hence, to avoid that, she must have gone herself.

Yet she must have forgotten that her face had long been exposed on the Internet, and could not be hidden.

Right now, Lu Man was boiling with so much rage that she wanted to kill someone. She really wanted to go and kill Xia Qingyang.

That wicked woman! She kept doing harmful things to others.

She could have directly targeted her, how could she play with Xia Qingwei's life just to threaten her!

Fortunately, she had come home early, and Han Zhuoli had helped her pay the money first.

Otherwise, if either of those two things had not happened, Xia Qingwei would...

Thinking about what would have happened scared the life out of Lu Man, despite everything going well with Xia Qingwei right now, and her eyes got red with anger.

Xu Hui looked on at the side, his heart sighing for Lu Man, such a young girl, how did she end up with so many troubles?

“What should we do now? Let him go?” Xu Hui asked Lu Man.

The thief looked in anticipation at Lu Man.

“Of course not, we will call the police,” Lu Man took out her phone. Since she had already entered the number and she just had to press the call button and the call immediately connected to the police station.

“You had agreed to let me go! I have already told you everything I know!” The thief shouted, anxiously, thus Xu Hui quickly reached out to cover his mouth.

“I want to give a police report, my house just had a burglary, and now the thief had been caught by my friend,” Lu Man gave her address.

Hanging up, Lu Man sneered, “I didn’t promise you anything. You have committed a crime, so you should be punished. But since it was Xia Qingyang who told you to do this, you can tell the police officers. Whether Xia Qingyang suffers the punishment, she deserves depends on your luck. This burglary was what Xia Qingyang had told you to do, so it doesn’t make sense if only you go to jail and Xia Qingyang is still living well.

“If it was not for Xia Qingyang finding you to do this, you probably wouldn’t be in trouble right now,” Lu Man’s words were practically brainwashing the thief.

Chapter 63: It Was Lu Qi and Her Idea to Get Someone to Steal the Money Needed to Save Xia Qingwei

The more the thief thought about it, the more hatred he felt. She was right; it was all because of Xia Qingyang.

Yet, he had forgotten to record the evidence.

Nonetheless, he felt that it was unfair too. He might be a bad person but why should the evil mastermind be considered a good person?

Xia Qingyang was no better person than him! They were both bad people!

Suddenly, the thief looked up at Lu Man, hatred burning in his eyes. “Xia Qingyang is not a good person, but so are you. You went against your words. I’ll never let you off! You better watch out!”

“Smack!” Xu Hui smacked the back of the thief’s head. The thief immediately became very giddy and dizzy. “What are you staring for!”

At first, he had thought that Lu Man would let this bad person off so that she could prove that it was indeed Xia Qingyang.

However, now that Lu Man had called the police, Xu Hui did not think that Lu Man went against her words. In fact, he was even happier.

He expected nothing less of the lady, whom Mr Han liked. She knew very clearly what was right or wrong and could flexibly deal with matters too!

In a short moment, the police arrived.

Lu Man briefly described the situation to the police. The police saw the bruised and swollen face of the thief after being hit and pursed his lips together

“What’s your name?” The police asked the thief.

“Liu Musen,” the thief muttered softly and lowly.

Nonetheless, Lu Man still heard it clearly.

“You’re called Liu Musen?” Upon hearing this name, Lu Man immediately looked at him.

“Yes. You’ve got a problem with that?” Liu Musen glared angrily at Lu Man, his eyes filled with hatred.

If she had not gone against her words, he wouldn’t have to go to jail!

Lu Man was his enemy!

“What’s this expression! Stop fooling around! Do you still think you’re right after committing a crime!” Taking a look at him, the policeman’s face turned sour. “Keep your head down.”

Lu Man did not mind Liu Musen’s antagonism towards her. But her mind was filled with his name.

That was because, in her past life, the one who had tainted Mi Qiansong’s younger sister and had caused Mi Qiansong to go to jail because of revenge was Liu Musen’s underling.

There were four people in total who had tainted Mi Qiansong’s sister.

However, the other three were all nobodies. They were cowardly. If not for Liu Musen, they would not even have the guts to do it.

However, in her past life, Mi Qiansong had not shared much detail regarding it either. Thus she only knew that the person-in-charge was Liu Musen, but she did not know their age nor appearance.

However, she did not know whether that person was the Liu Musen present before her.

If it were him, in this life, he would be sent to jail earlier. Based on the timeline, when it would happen to Qiansong’s sister, if nothing goes wrong, in this life, Liu Musen should still be in jail.

Lu Man let out a deep breath. She hoped that this Liu Musen was that person from her previous life.

Lu Man’s gaze turned cold. If it were him, then she would have to send him to jail even more.

Going against her words?

When dealing with criminals, she never regretted.

“We’ll take this person first. If there’s anything, we will still contact you,” the police said before leaving.

“No problem.”

Meanwhile, Lu Qi was at her home, anxiously grabbing onto Xia Qingyang’s elbow.” Mom, has that thief contacted you yet? Based on the time he was supposed to do it, he should have done the job long ago.”

“Not yet.” Xia Qingyang was unsure too, her heart beating worriedly right now.

It was Lu Qi and her idea to get someone to steal the money Lu Man needed to save Xia Qingwei.

But they could not possibly do such a thing themselves.

Thankfully, Lu Qi had some connections within the entertainment industry and her manager managed to contact that thief through her connections.

However, this was the most that Lu Qi could do.

It was not that she could not find someone to help her contact the thief herself. In the entertainment industry as she knew how to contact a couple of underground crime bosses too.

However, could she have easily asked for a favour from someone like that?

It needed her to pay a price that she wasn’t willing to.

As a budding starlet, there were too many people who wanted to sleep with her!

Chapter 64: The Police Came to Their House

“There won’t be any kind of accident, right?” Xia Qingyang did not feel at ease, and rubbed her chest, “My heart, no matter what can’t seem to settle down, I keep feeling like something is going to happen.”

“It’s nothing, don’t scare yourself,” Lu Qi had just finished speaking she heard Auntie Chen call ‘Mister’, it looked like Lu Qiyuan had returned.

“Dad is back, let’s not talk about it now,” Lu Qi quickly instructed Xia Qingyang, lowering her voice and just as she finished talking she saw Lu Qiyuan angrily walk over with a black face.

“Qiyuan,” Xia Qingyang quickly went up to welcome him, “What happened?”

Lu Qiyuan was suppressing his anger at that moment, and waved a hand at Xia Qingyang to send her away, “I’m going to the study, don’t disturb me!”

Xia Qingyang had been pushed away in such a way that she stumbled backwards and almost fell down, however, Lu Qi hurriedly supported her, “Dad, why are you so angry? Is it again because of older sister that you are so angry?”

“That unfilial thing!” Lu Qiyuan exploded in anger when Lu Qi mentioned Lu Man.

The truth was, on the way back, he had become angry even at Xia Qingyang and Lu Qi.

If it was not for Xia Qingyang and Lu Qi making him find Lu Man, why would he lose so much face?

He had not thought that his horrible daughter would actually have a relationship with Han Zhuoli to such an extent that he had sent people over to protect the place.

If he knew earlier, he definitely would not have gone and embarrassed himself. and be this embarrassed!

Although Lu Qi did not know the exact details, she could roughly guess that Lu Qiyuan must have been angered at that hospital and hence as he returned he had started blaming her and Xia Qingyang too.

Rolling her eyes, Lu Qi said, "Elder sister is just too much, it's alright if she blames me, but how could she disrespect you?"

Lu Qi knew very well what kind of person Lu Qiyuan was.

Otherwise, she would not have been able to oppress Lu Man all these years and hold the position of the obedient daughter in Lu Qiyuan's heart.

After hearing what Lu Qi said, Lu Qiyuan's anger shifted onto Lu Man.

"Humph! That horrible girl, I will definitely not let her go easily!" As expected, Lu Qiyuan's anger was successfully shifted, and now it was totally directed at Lu Man.

Just then, the doorbell rang again.

As Auntie Chen opened the door, she saw two police officers at the door and was stunned momentarily, "Police... Police officers!"

"May we ask if Madam Xia Qingyang is here?" the police officers at the door asked.

"Mom?" Lu Qi's heart thumped, she had a foreboding feeling.

Even until now, the thief had made no contact, so they did not know if he had succeeded or not.

Moreover, the police had come to their house.

Lu Qi really could not help but link the two incidents together.

Even Xia Qingyang started trembling and her face paled, it could not be... it could not be that the thief had really been caught right?

She had already considered everything and knew that Lu Qiyuan was going to find Xia Qingwei.

And since Xia Qingwei had just finished her surgery, Lu Man had to accompany her all the time and hence Lu Man could not go home.

Then how could it be that he got caught?

It could not be, she must not scare herself!

At that moment, the police officers had already walked in.

"Madam Xia Qingyang, we received a distress call today and caught a thief who had broken into a house, and according to the criminal's testimony, you were the one who ordered him to do that, so we have to trouble you to come with us."

Lu Qiyuan frowned, "Police officers, did you get it wrong?"

Xia Qingyang was delicate and demure, how could she order someone to commit a burglary?

Furthermore, their Lu family did not lack money!

"Police officers, you believed whatever that man had said just like that?" Xia Qingyang fought to maintain her calm, "Look at my family's circumstances, am I someone who lacks money?"

"Nowadays, it's not only the poor who would ask someone to burgle a house," the police officer said.

Upon hearing that sentence, Xia Qingyang's heart sank.

Could it be that Lu Man, that horrible girl, had indeed managed to make a guess about the truth behind this matter?

Chapter 65: Lu Man Added Her Bank Card to Her Alipay Account and Immediately Transferred 100,000 yuan to Han Zhuoli

"No matter what, since the criminal has stated that you're involved, please come with us to the police station. Don't panic, we'll only be asking a couple of questions, that's all. If you didn't do it, we won't wrong you either."

Xia Qingyang anxiously looked at Lu Qiyuan, then at Lu Qi.

Lu Qi held onto Xia Qingyang's hand. "Mom, don't worry, you have been framed. The police wouldn't arrest somebody so easily too. Now you're just going to the police station to answer some questions, that's all."

After speaking, she squeezed Xia Qingyang's hand, urging her to maintain her composure and not let the cat out of the bag.

Afraid, Xia Qingyang couldn't hold back her tears anymore. She grabbed onto Lu Qiyuan's hand. "Qiyuan, you have to save me. I really have been framed. I know nothing about this and here they are trying to catch me."

At this moment, she definitely could not admit that she had done it.

"I'll go with you and contact the lawyer too," Lu Qiyuan said.

Meanwhile, Lu Man went to the market and bought a pigeon. Since Xia Qingwei had just finished her surgery, having pigeon soup would be the best for her.

She bought some vegetables as well and prepared the dishes in the kitchen.

After that, she went with Xu Hui to the hospital.

First, she took the soup out of the bag and then took out another two lunchboxes and passed them to Zhou Cheng and Xu Hui. "Brother Zhou, Brother Xu, thanks for all the hard work these few days. This is the lunch that I've prepared for you."

Xu Hui was very surprised. At Lu Man's place, when he had seen her cooking, he had thought that she was cooking for herself. He did not expect that they would have a share too.

"Then... then, we won't stand on ceremony either. Thank you." Zhou Cheng and Xu Hui took the lunchboxes.

"Previously, I didn't know that you two were here too, so I didn't prepare any food. From now on, leave your lunch and dinner to me," Lu Man said, smiling.

Xu Hui knew how good Lu Man's culinary skills were as back at her home just now, he could not help salivating over the delicious aroma of her cooking.

If one was getting to eat home-cooked food, who would be willing to eat takeouts?

However, they still said politely, "That would be too troublesome."

"Not at all. Besides, I have to eat too. I'm just preparing a meal for two more people that's all. I still have to thank you for always being here to help us out." Looking at the lunchboxes in their hands, Lu Man said, "Come in and eat with us too. There's no need to be so polite. It's best if you eat it while it's hot."

Hence, the two of them did not stand on ceremony either. They entered the hospital room together and quickly wolfed down their lunch at the table.

In the meantime, Lu Man fed Xia Qingwei the pigeon soup.

After lunch, packing the lunchboxes together, she went to wash them.

Feeling extremely embarrassed, Zhou Cheng and Xu Hui said that they would be behaving extremely rude if they did not clean up after eating. Hence, no matter what Lu Man said, they refused to pass the lunchboxes to her and went to wash the lunchboxes themselves before returning them to her.

Afterwards, Lu Man added her bank card to her Alipay account and immediately transferred 100,000 yuan to Han Zhuoli.

Following which she also sent him a text: "I've met Zhou Cheng and Xu Hui. Today, my dad came over trying to cause trouble but thankfully they were both around. Thank you."

Currently, Han Zhuoli was at a hotel in Los Angeles.

The reason he went there this time was to discuss building a large film studio facility in B City with the heads of some Hollywood film companies.

Recently, Han Media Company had invested in a film company in Hollywood. Moreover, in the past few years, they had also invested in many box office hits.

Also, once the film studio facility was built, the future films that Han Media Company would invest in could be filmed in their film studio at City B and later on, they could also expand it into a place for entertainment and tourism.

Right now, it was still daytime where Lu Man was back in China, however in Los Angeles, it was already 1 A.M.

After the meeting, Han Zhouli even held a video conference with his employees back in China.

It was only now that he had just finished working and came out of the shower.

Just then, he saw the text that Lu Man sent and at the same time he received a notification that someone had transferred money to his Alipay account.

Chapter 66: Can You Forgive Me for Offending You Before?

However, Han Zhuoli instantly transferred 50,000 yuan back to Lu Man and replied, "I've already said so, there's no hurry for you to repay me the money. You will still need some money for your mother's subsequent medical treatments. I'll just accept 50,000 right now. Once you are less cash-strapped, you can repay me then. Also, Zhou Cheng and Xu Hui will stay there. Feel free to use them however you want, there's no need to be polite."

Looking at the 50,000 yuan that was transferred back to her, Lu Man eventually did not refuse.

Her finger hovered over the keypad. She bit her lip and contemplated for quite a while before texting him, "Mr Han, I've always had a question. Why... why are you helping me so much?"

"Just take it as an apology for my previous actions. I'm very sorry for having offended you previously." Han Zhuoli replied.

Lu Man was stunned. What did Han Zhuoli mean by this?

When he had offended her, he did not seem to feel apologetic. So why was he apologizing all of a sudden?

She was confused. She could not figure out what exactly Han Zhuoli was planning.

Han Zhuoli sent another text message. "Can you forgive me for offending you before?"

With such a sincere apology, what else could Lu Man say?

She could only say that she has forgiven him and she would forget everything that happened earlier and they could start all over again.

Even if she was still filled with suspicion.

After that, Lu Man thanked him once again and since Xia Qingwei wanted to go to the washroom, she placed her phone down to help Xia Qingwei.

Han Zhuoli remembered what Lu Man had said; she said that Lu Qiyuan had gone to the hospital to cause trouble today. His expression turned cold, and he immediately called Zhou Cheng.

"Mr Han!" Zhou Cheng was surprised to receive a phone call from Han Zhuoli. Considering the time, it should probably be about 1 a.m. where Han Zhuoli was at.

“Did Lu Qiyuan come to the hospital to cause trouble?” Han Zhuoli asked.

“Yes. He was probably trying to use Lu Man’s mother to get her to give in, but he has already been chased away,” Zhou Cheng reported factually.

“Why did you not inform me immediately when this happened?” Han Zhuoli said unhappily.

Zhou Cheng froze for a moment before replying, “According to your schedule, during that time you were in a meeting, so I dared not disturb you. Now, it’s also about 1 a.m. where you’re at, so...”

“In the future, no matter what time it is, or what schedule I’m having, as long as it’s regarding Lu Man, you have to tell me immediately!” Han Zhuoli said fiercely.

“Yes.” Zhou Cheng could not help but be surprised by Han Zhuoli’s stern tone. What exactly was Lu Man’s position in Han Zhuoli’s heart?

“Is there anything else that you have yet to inform me?” Han Zhuoli asked sternly.

Zhou Cheng dared not lie and quickly passed the phone to Xu Hui. Xu Hui told him about the matter where Xia Qingyang had hired a thief to steal Lu Man’s money.

“I’ve just received the news that Xia Qingyang was already brought by the police to the police station for questioning. It’s just that, the thief said that he didn’t have any concrete evidence with him. He just felt that it was unfair. Even if he confessed that Xia Qingyang was the mastermind, he didn’t have any proof and Xia Qingyang will still get off scot-free,” Xu Hui reported the whole incident precisely.

“I’ve got it.” Han Zhuoli’s expression turned colder. “You two did well. Continue to stay there and listen to everything Lu Man says.”

“Yes.” Xu Hui also mentioned about Lu Man’s kindness, “Lu Man takes good care of us too. Previously we were always hiding, but because of the incident with Lu Qiyuan today we couldn’t hide any longer. However, she didn’t chase us away and even said that from now on, she will prepare breakfast, lunch and dinner for us every day.”

Suddenly, Han Zhuoli’s eyes narrowed and asked coldly, “She will prepare the food herself?”

“Yes. Lu Man’s food is delectable. The food is mouth-watering.” Through the phone, Xu Hui completely did not sense Han Zhuoli’s unhappy mood.

Whereas, Zhou Cheng, standing by his side, saw how foolish Xu Hui was being and closed his eyes. He could not bear to watch.

Chapter 67: Don’t Blatantly Show off to Mr Han What Lu Man Gave Us but Not Him

Mr Han himself had yet to try Lu Man’s cooking, but Xu Hui was showing off to Mr Han how good Lu Man’s cooking was. It would obviously anger Mr Han a lot. Does Xu Hui not want his job?

Indeed, without a word, Han Zhuoli suddenly hung up the phone.

Xu Hui innocently handed the phone over to Zhou Cheng. "Why did Mr Han suddenly hang up the phone? He seems angry."

Zhou Cheng said, "Haha. In the future, don't blatantly show off to Mr Han what Lu Man gave us but did not give him."

Xu Hui took in a deep breath and looked around. Making sure that there was no one around, he scooted closer to Zhou Cheng and asked, "You're saying that towards Lu Man, Mr Han..."

Seeing his sneaky look, it felt as if they were aunties gossiping about. Zhou Cheng said unpleasantly, "If not, why do you think Mr Han left the two of us here? Has Mr Han ever treated anyone so nicely before?"

Xu Hui shook his head. Other than those good friends of his, Han Zhuoli had indeed never cared so much for anyone.

Meanwhile, at the police station where Xia Qingyang and the thief were held, the chief of the police department received a phone call.

"Sure, rest assured Mr Han. Even if there's no evidence, it's not against the rules to detain Xia Qingyang for 48 hours. It's completely part of the normal procedure." Hearing that Han Zhuoli had raised such a tiny little request, which was neither against the rules nor illegal, the police chief agreed readily.

Meanwhile, after speaking to Han Zhuoli, Lu Man remembered about Liu Musen.

At that moment, Zhou Cheng called Lu Man over.

Even though their house was almost robbed, Lu Man dared not let Xia Qingwei know and hence went away from the hospital room.

"Liu Musen probably can't get away anymore. As for Xia Qingyang, he really did not have any evidence. Xia Qingyang was only brought to the police station after he kept insisting that she was involved too, however after the procedural questioning, they still have to let her go," Zhou Cheng said.

Lu Man nodded. "I've thought so too."

Lu Man contemplated for a moment before giving Tang Zi a call. "Tang Zi, do you know anyone from the police station?"

Hearing her question, Tang Zi was shocked. "Xiao Man, did something happen to you?"

"No, don't worry, it's not about me." Lu Man pressed the side of her temples. "When I went home today in order to take my card and return the money to Han Zhuoli, I accidentally saw someone trying to break into my home to steal something and caught him red-handed."

"What? Are you injured!" Tang Zi was so shocked that he stood up, his voice loud and high.

Everyone in the office turned to look at him. Thus, Tang Zi quickly cupped his hand around his mouth and phone and went out to find a place where no one was around.

“No, luckily I had a friend along with me. He is skilled and good at fighting. He immediately caught the thief and called the police. The person who broke into my house is called Liu Musen. Apparently, he was working for Xia Qingyang, but he does not have any evidence. Therefore, I wanted to ask if you know anyone at the police station as I wanted to get some information about Liu Musen.” Lu Man could not reveal the actual reason why she wanted to investigate Liu Musen.

In this life, she did not know Mi Qiansong yet. If she were to tell the truth, it would be too unbelievable and could even scare Tang Zi.

“Sure, I’ll go find some people now. Wait for me,” Tang Zi agreed readily without a word. “You’re sure you are really alright?”

“Don’t worry, I’m really fine.” Lu Man smiled.

“Right, just now, you said that Liu Musen was working for Xia Qingyang. Is Xia Qingyang at the police station now?” As a paparazzi, Tang Zi’s acuity and his keen sense of observation were always on the qui vive for interesting news.

“Yes, are you interested in this piece of news?” Lu Man did not expect that Tang Zi would be interested in this.

“Of course. Lu Qi’s reputation couldn’t get any worse now. Even if there’s no evidence, her reputation can’t be saved anymore. She was cut off from many new shows and even advertising opportunities. Even the movie that she had finally got swapped her out for someone else! Now, everyone is eagerly searching for any news related to her. Now that Xia Qingyang has got herself into this mess, I definitely can’t miss this opportunity.” Tang Zi said, “Besides, I still have to properly get back at her for you.”

Chapter 68: I Was Bullied So Much in There

The last sentence was probably Tang Zi’s real motive. His words touched Lu Man, making a place in her heart and she agreed with his idea.

“Deal. Leave this to me.” Tang Zi hung up the phone.

Two days later, Lu Qiyuan finally managed to get Xia Qingyang out of the police station.

When Xia Qingyang finally appeared at the entrance of the police station, Lu Qiyuan and Lu Qi almost could not recognize her.

Xia Qingyang’s branded clothes from head to toe were all wrinkled as if they were bought from a street stall. Her face was pale and devoid of any color. There were even dark circles beneath her eyes, which were bloodshot red. Even her face was sunken in, and her cheeks had become hollow.

Moreover, her skin that had always been carefully maintained also showed signs of aging now.

Even if it were only two days, at Xia Qingyang’s age, not taking care of her skin for two days was equivalent to not taking care of it for two years. She looked very wan and sallow.

Lu Qiyuan was shocked. The lady in front of him had wrinkles all around her eyes. Was she really his wife Xia Qingyang?

How... how could she be this old!

Immediately, Lu Qiyuan felt a little disgust towards her.

When Xia Qingyang came out, she was almost blinded by the sunlight. But upon seeing Lu Qiyuan and Lu Qi, she was so emotional that she did not even see the disgust in Lu Qiyuan's eyes and quickly ran towards them.

"Qiyuan, Qi Qi!" Xia Qingyang's hair was a complete mess. She had neither showered nor brushed for two days and once she spoke, they were repulsed by her bad breath.

Disgusted by it, Lu Qiyuan and Lu Qi immediately stepped backwards disgustedly. Yet oblivious, Xia Qingyang hugged Lu Qiyuan and started crying, "Qiyuan, did you know? I was bullied so much in there. They clearly did not have any evidence, yet they kept asking me the same questions over and over again. They even shone a light directly at my eyes. They neither let me sleep nor gave me any water. As the shifts changed in the day and at night, they kept asking me the same questions every time. I'm about to go mad!"

Thus, whenever Xia Qingyang would see the entrance and the sign of the police station, she would start trembling in fear.

However, Lu Qiyuan did not listen to even a single word of hers. After having being detained for two days, other than her bad breath, even Xia Qingyang's hair was oily and very smelly.

Lu Qiyuan forced himself to hide his discomfort and said, "Get on the car first. We'll talk when we get back home."

Lu Qi supported and held onto Xia Qingyang who was crying and wailing as she walked.

When they were just about to get onto the car, a crowd of reporters appeared out of nowhere, rushing up to them like a pack of wolves.

They crazily took a ton of pictures of Lu Qi and Xia Qingyang.

"Lu Qi did you come to the police station because of the incident where you slept around and injured someone?"

"Xia Qingyang, apparently you ordered a thief to break into someone's house and rob them. Why would you do that?"

"Say something, Lu Qi! All the netizens are chasing you to leave the entertainment industry. What's your decision?"

"Go away! Go away!" Seeing all the reporters surrounding Lu Qi, Xia Qingyang quickly shielded Lu Qi from them.

Whereas, Lu Qiyuan quickly opened the car door and pushed Lu Qi in.

However, Xia Qingyang was drowned by the sea of reporters.

“With the Lu family’s fortune, why did you order someone to break into someone’s home and steal their money?”

“I didn’t! I didn’t!” Xia Qingyang stretched out her hand, trying to push the reporter away.

However, with so many people around and her mind at the brink of exhaustion after being detained for two days, her actions were uncoordinated. She barely even touched the reporter’s clothes.

“I’ve heard that it was Lu Man’s mother’s home that was broken into this time. Lu Man’s mother just so happens to be Lu Qiyuan’s ex-wife too. Why would you hire someone to steal your husband’s ex-wife’s money?”

“You’re spouting rubbish! What evidence do you have!” Xia Qingyang shrieked.

She knew that it was definitely Lu Man who had sent all these people here. That girl wanted to tarnish her reputation and harm her!

“I’ve heard that the money that was almost stolen was 100,000 yuan. This is the exact sum needed for Lu Man’s mother’s operation.” Another reporter asked, “Why are you trying to harm Lu Qiyuan’s ex-wife?”

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“That 100,000 yuan was to save someone’s life, you were trying to kill her. Xia Qingyang, say something!”

“Don’t come over! Don’t touch me! Stay away from me!” Xia Qingyang’s hair was so messy, right now she looked like a crazy person. “I did not do it! It’s all Lu Man! She’s trying to frame me! Save me, Qiyuan, save me! Quick! Chase them away!”

However, Lu Qiyuan had finally managed to hide in the car. The reporters outside were all aggressive and scary as if they were a bunch of zombies. He dared not go out at all, afraid that he would end up just like Xia Qingyang.

If Lu Man was around right now, she would not find it strange.

Because, all along, other than himself, Lu Qiyuan loved no one else.

Even Lu Qi was in the car too. She was pressed onto the window, biting onto her lip, yet she did not have the courage to go out.

She could only look helplessly as the reporters surrounded Xia Qingyang and furiously took several photos of her. Xia Qingyang’s helpless and miserable appearance made her like a beggar on the street.

Once the reporters finished taking enough pictures, having nothing else to capture, Tang Zi said, “Let’s go, there’s nothing else to take pictures of.”

Hence, the crowd of reporters dispersed immediately.

Only then did Lu Qiyuan and Lu Qi open the door and got off the car. They saw Xia Qingyang's pathetically sprawled on the floor and crying.

Her oily hair stuck onto her face messily. When she looked up, they saw a bruise on her forehead from having being hit onto the camera.

Lu Qiyuan held back his disgust and helped Xia Qingyang up and get into the car. Then, he took out a wet wipe clean his hands before he driving them back home.

Once they entered the house, Lu Qiyuan barely wanted to look at Xia Qingyang's face.

Right now she looked like a beggar a street, different from the beautiful wife he usually saw, who was always as pretty as a flower.

Xia Qingyang quickly took a shower and brushed up. After slathering on many layers of moisturizing creams and anti-aging products, as well as putting on make-up, she became the beautiful flower that she had always looked like once again. Only then, Lu Qiyuan's face was less sour.

However, his heart still felt a little uncomfortable.

That day, in the hospital, he had seen the sickly Xia Qingwei.

Xia Qingwei was barefaced and had not put on any make-up. Even though her face was as pale because of her illness, her face was still soft and dewy. Moreover, even without any make-up, she still looked heart-rending, unlike Xia Qingyang who looked like a terrifying ghost without make-up.

Moreover, Xia Qingwei's life after the divorce was clearly not very good. She was not as pampered as Xia Qingwei, and she was older than Xia Qingyang too.

So, why did Xia Qingyang look much older than Xia Qingwei?

However, Xia Qingyang was oblivious to Lu Qiyuan's thoughts and pitifully said, "When I was in the police station, I finally understood everything. That thief did indeed try to break into their house and did almost stole their money. Lu Man coincidentally caught him red-handed when she went home, and hence she did not lose any money. But why did the thief say that I was the one who had ordered him to do it?"

"Could it be Elder Sister?" Just as Lu Qi said it, she immediately covered her mouth and shook her head. "No, why would Elder Sister frame Mom? She... she isn't so bad."

Xia Qingyang quickly got the hint and started wiping her tears. "I know that Lu Man has always hated me. Even when she still lived with us, she never treated me as her step-mom. But how could she frame me like this too?"

"Mom, it might not be Elder Sister who did it," Lu Qi shook her head and said.

"Yes, it might not be, all of it must be a coincidence. It was a coincidence that a thief broke into her house to steal something, and was caught, and also said that someone had ordered him to do so. It was a coincidence too that the thief insisted that I was the one who had ordered him. Haha, this is all just a coincidence."

As Lu Qiyuan listened, his expression turned darker. “Qi Qi, stop trying to explain for that stupid child! You keep trying to help her but she has never treated you as a younger sister. She can’t wait for you to go to jail! I think that all this was definitely her doing!”

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Xia Qingyang looked disappointed and aggrieved. “Qiyuan, don’t blame me for being angry. I’ve never hurt her before, so why did she try to scheme against me like this? Why is she so evil! From now on, please don’t blame me for not treating her as a daughter!”

“She was the one who decided not to treat us like family first, I don’t blame you.” The more Lu Qiyuan thought about it, the angrier he became, He slammed his teacup back down onto the saucer. “Now that she’s older and able to do things independently and on her own, I, as her father, am unable to stop her anymore! That damn child sure is smart! If she can scheme against you today, tomorrow she can scheme against me too! That ungrateful thing has never treated us like family! Only Xia Qingwei treats her like a treasure. I want to see, how will Xia Qingwei end up when Lu Man stays with her!”

“She indeed went too overboard this time. We always treat her like family but she doesn’t. What a waste of raising her up all these years and treating her as the Lu family’s young mistress. Everyone else is worried that they can’t find a job after graduating. But what about her? Before she has even graduated, we’ve already arranged for her to have a job in the company,” Xia Qingyang said unashamedly.

When clearly it was her and Lu Qiyuan who forced Lu Man to have to quit school, yet she twisted her words and said that even before graduating Lu Man already had a stable job.

This “stable job” in their company was to work as Lu Qi’s assistant rather be her servant.

If Lu Man was here right now, she would definitely give her two big slaps on the face.

Xia Qingyang really knew how to bend the truth!

“That ungrateful and useless thing!” Lu Qiyuan hit the sofa furiously.

“Qiyuan, we gave her money, let her have a good life, yet this is how she tries to harm us.” Xia Qingyang saw that she had managed to infuriate Lu Qiyuan sufficiently. “This time, we should give her a stern punishment, if not you really wouldn’t be able to handle her. I’m fine with it, since I’m not her biological mother, and neither has she ever respected me. Maybe she can’t even wait for me to drop dead.”

“Mom!” Lu Qi cried tearfully, “Don’t curse yourself like that.”

Xia Qingyang patted Lu Qi’s hand. “I’m not cursing myself, but that’s exactly what Lu Man wants. These two days in the police station, I suffered so much and I was always worried that I would never get to see you two ever again. I don’t understand exactly why Lu Man is so cruel. Qiyuan, I’m alright, but you’re her father. It’s fine if she doesn’t respect me, but she can’t be disrespectful towards you too! No matter what happens, it’s still the same, you can’t be humiliated by others. Now that this matter is getting even

more blown up online, so when you head out you will get humiliated by others, but even your own daughter couldn't care less about it."

This was also the reason that angered Lu Qiyuan the most. When he was discussing business matters with others, every single person he met would ask a question or two about Lu Man.

To Lu Qiyuan, Lu Qi was his most obedient daughter. All this was Lu Man's fault.

"Hmph, since I can give her all these, I can take them all back too. Just like how I can let her have a home and a job, I can also let her be so poor that she'd even be starving! Doesn't she think that it's unfair for her to be Qi Qi's assistant? Ha, then I'll make it such that she can't even be an assistant! Even if she tries to find another job, she also won't be able too! I may not have a lot of influence, but it's enough to cause her to starve in City B. By then, once she can't even afford to pay for Xia Qingwei's follow-up medical treatment, she will have to listen to us obediently!" Lu Qiyuan said smugly and wickedly.

Till now, Lu Man still did not know about Lu Qiyuan's evil plan. These past few days, she was indeed applying for jobs.

However, even after applying to several companies, there was either a rejection email or no response at all. She did not even have a chance to go for a written assessment or an interview.

Right now, in the afternoon, while Xu Hui was guarding by the hospital door, Zhou Cheng stealthily went to the hospital's entrance.