

Chapter 248: Polar Opposites

“Xu Jialu, look at me. I’ve fallen in love with you to this extent. Can you... give me a chance? I promise I won’t bicker with you or scold you in the future. If you like those who are cute and helpless-looking, I can do it too... I...”

Su Lanxu could not finish her words before tears slowly fell from her eyes. She lowered her head. Tears rolled past her lips that were curled up in a bitter smile.

“Xu Jialu, I don’t want to like you anymore. I really don’t want to like you anymore. You can be with whoever you want. I won’t care about you anymore. I won’t see you, and I won’t talk to you anymore... Xu Jialu, I really hate you to death!”

In the end, Su Lanxu was crying so hard that she could not even stand properly. She squatted down and continued to cry. Her tears fell like rain. She truly did not want to like him anymore. It was too exhausting. It was even more exhausting to like someone and still pretend she did not like him. She lived every day in a state of worry, and like a puppet, all her emotions were controlled by him. She was no longer like herself; she was not bold or brave, just pathetic.

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At the same time, Xu Youyou, who was upstairs, could no longer restrain her curiosity. She quietly walked toward the railings to have a peek.

‘Lanlan should’ve already confessed. Will Brother accept her confession?’

However, when Xu Youyou looked down, she did not see her brother. There was only Su Lanxu. Most importantly, Su Lanxu was squatting on the ground, hugging her knees. Su Lanxu’s shoulders were trembling slightly, indicating that she was crying.

Xu Youyou’s heart tightened. Without another thought, she quickly ran downstairs.

“Lanlan...”

As soon as Su Lanxu heard Xu Youyou’s voice, she sniffed and quickly wiped the tears off her face with trembling fingers.

“Where’s my brother?” Xu Youyou asked as she looked around. Then, she asked again, “What happened?”

Su Lanxu replied in a hoarse voice, “He left.”

Xu Youyou was stunned. “He... He rejected you?”

Su Lanxu did not answer this question. Instead, she said, “I want to go home. Tell the staff to come down. Let’s not delay the business here...”

Xu Youyou could not conceal the worry in her eyes. “Lanlan, if you’re in a bad mood, I’ll drink with you. It doesn’t matter how much you drink!”

This was how best friends were. They would do anything for each other when one of them was heartbroken.

In the past, whenever Xu Jialu had a new girlfriend, Su Lanxu would drink her unhappiness away. Every time she got drunk, Xu Youyou would send her home. She had drunk too much for Xu Jialu, and she did not want to drink anymore.

“Youyou, I don’t want to drink. I won’t drink anymore in the future...”

To Su Lanxu, abstaining from alcohol was just like abstaining from Xu Jialu.

“Lanlan...” Xu Youyou had never seen Su Lanxu like this before. Su Lanxu’s grief from the death of her heart seemed overwhelming.

Su Lanxu’s eyes reddened again. Although her heart felt as though it had been stabbed, she still smiled faintly. Her ice-cold fingers gently touched Xu Youyou’s face as she said, “You should go back early as well. Don’t let Chairman Mo worry about you...”

After saying that, Su Lanxu walked away. However, she did not even take a few steps before she stumbled.

Xu Youyou quickly supported Su Lanxu and said worriedly, “I’ll get Cang Ming to send you back.”

Su Lanxu shook her head. She was about to refuse when Xu Youyou said resolutely, “Cang Ming will send you back. I’ll tell Mr. Bai to pick me up. Or, why don’t we wait for Mr. Bai together so we can send you back?”

At this moment, Su Lanxu needed to be alone. After listening to Xu Youyou, she could only helplessly agree to let Cang Ming send her back.

Xu Youyou helped Su Lanxu into the car before she told Cang Ming to send Su Lanxu home safely.

Cang Ming nodded.

The hazy moonlight shone weakly on the city. The wind was slightly cool, causing goosebumps to rise on Xu Youyou’s fair arms. She crossed her arms as she watched the car pull away. Her mood was low, and sadness was written all over her face.

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When Mo Shenbai rushed over, he saw Xu Youyou sitting next to a flower bed at the roadside. There was no sunshine in her eyes, and even the colorful lights reflected in her eyes were dull. He felt his heart tighten as he got out of the car. When he walked to her side, he had already taken his coat off. He draped it over her body as he asked, “Why didn’t you wait for me inside?”

Xu Youyou felt the weight of the coat on her shoulders. She raised her head and met his deep and gentle gaze. She called out in a low voice, “Mr. Bai...”

Mo Shenbai squatted down so he could look at her. His voice was calm and steady as he asked, “Su Lanxu’s confession failed?”

“How do you know? Did my brother call you?”

"I can tell based on your expression," Mo Shenbai said as he reached out to tuck a strand of her long hair behind her ear, "Su Lanxu failed to confess, but you look as though you're the one who failed to confess."

Mo Shenbai really did not understand women's feelings.

"Back then, when Lin Yin abandoned me during our wedding to look for Bai Qingyu, I was actually very sad."

Mo Shenbai was slightly taken aback. He did not say anything and only silently moved to sit next to her.

"However, Grandma's health was not good at that time. I didn't want her to worry, and I didn't want my family and Lanlan to worry as well. So, I kept pretending that I was fine. However, I secretly cried under my blanket after that..."

'He's not worthy...' Mo Shenbai really wanted to say these words to her, but he held back.

"I know how painful it is when you like someone, but that someone doesn't like you," Xu Youyou bit her lower lip and clasped her hands together before she said, "When I pursued you back then, I also made mental preparations. If you didn't like me, I would give up quickly. The faster I give up, the less painful it would be..."

Xu Youyou had long decided to give up if she failed to pursue Mo Shenbai. She had never thought she would succeed, especially since Mo Shenbai did not really confirm anything even after she revealed her intentions.

Mo Shenbai gently stroked her head. "It's my fault. I shouldn't have teased you back then..."

Xu Youyou shook her head. "I'm not blaming you. I just feel that I was very lucky. When I started to like you, you happened to like me as well. However, Lanlan isn't lucky like me. We're like polar opposites in regard to this..."

Su Lanxu liked Xu Jialu for so many years, but there was still no result.

"Did I make a mistake encouraging her to confess to my brother?" Xu Youyou asked, feeling slightly regretful. She said, "My brother has always been outspoken and straightforward. I don't know what he said to Lanlan earlier, but Lanlan was very different tonight..."

"If she didn't confess, do you think she'd be happy if she continued liking Xu Jialu secretly?" Mo Shenbai asked.

Xu Youyou thought about it for a moment before shaking her head.

Unrequited love was one of the most painful things in the world.

"Confessing is a relief for Su Lanxu," Mo Shenbai said. He was warm and affectionate to Xu Youyou, but he was cold and capable of analyzing other people's feelings clearly.

"It's better that she feels short-term pain now. Since Xu Jialu doesn't like her, it's good for her to know this as soon as possible. Only by realizing this will she be able to give up; only by giving up will she be able to live freely..."

Xu Youyou turned to look at him. Her eyes were even brighter than the moon at this moment.

Mo Shenbai raised an eyebrow slightly. "Why are you looking at me like this?"

"I just think that your words make a lot of sense. Mr. Bai, you're really amazing!" Xu Youyou said with undisguised admiration. With just a few words, he was able to dispel her doubts and confusion. She was no longer conflicted.

Mo Shenbai's Adam's apple bobbed. If he did not know her, and if she was not looking into her pure eyes that shone with adoration and admiration, he would have thought she was being sarcastic. After all, what was so amazing about his words?

Finally, he licked his lower lip and lowered his head to get closer to her. His voice carried a hint of desire as he asked, "I have something even more amazing. Do you want to see it?"