

Chapter 264: I'm Back

Xu Youyou personally cooked.

Yun Youwei offered to help, but Xu Youyou gently declined. In the end, she could only watch from the side. Her complexion was worse than before, and there were obvious dark circles around her eyes. Her voice was also getting weaker and weaker.

"Aren't you planning to go to the hospital yet?" Xu Youyou asked. She felt that Yun Youwei should not drag it out any longer.

Yun Youwei lowered her head and coughed lightly. She was like a weak and dying lamp. "I've already told Mumu that I'll go to the hospital tomorrow."

Xu Youyou asked, "What about Mumu? Do you want him to stay in Moon Pavilion?"

Yun Youwei shook her head slightly. "Not for now. I've hired a nanny. The nanny will take care of him on weekdays. Xu Jialu will bring him to the hospital on weekends."

"If there's anything you need, please let me know," Xu Youyou said. The expression on her delicate face was serious, and her gaze was sincere.

Xu Youyou nodded slightly. Her pale lips moved as she said, "Mo Shenbai is lucky to have met you."

Xu Youyou smiled slightly before changing the topic. "The kitchen is very smoky. You should go out."

Yun Youwei knew Xu Youyou was concerned about her health so she did not refuse and walked out of the kitchen.

The kitchen was very big. The cook and the helper helped Xu Youyou so a large table of dishes was prepared very quickly.

Xu Youyou checked the time and saw that it was six in the evening so she said, "Let's not wait for Mr. Bai. It's getting late so we should eat first."

Xu Youyou was mostly worried that Xie Yumu would be hungry.

Yun Youwei hesitated slightly, but Xu Jialu did not stand on ceremony, directly moving his chopsticks. It had been a long time since he had eaten the food that Xu Youyou cooked.

Although Xie Yumu was usually mischievous, his table manners were quite good. If the adults had yet to eat, he would not eat first. He only began to eat heartily after Yun Youwei gave him some freshly fried fish.

When Xu Youyou saw everyone enjoying the food she cooked, the disappointment in her heart was greatly reduced.

Xu Jialu drank wine while the other three drank fruit juice. They raised their glasses and wished Xu Youyou a happy birthday.

At this moment, Xu Jialu's phone started ringing. He set his glass down on the table before he took a look at the message that he received. Then, he frowned and cursed in a low voice, "F*ck!"

Xu Youyou glanced at Xie Yumu. He seemed focused on eating and did not seem to hear Xu Jialu. Then, she glared at Xu Jialu and said, "Brother, don't swear in front of children!"

Xu Jialu did not say anything. He only looked at Yun Youwei with an inscrutable gaze.

Yun Youwei's appetite was not very good. After eating a little, she set her chopsticks down. When she raised her head, she saw Xu Jialu looking at her with a complicated expression on his face. She asked softly, "What's wrong?"

Before Xu Jialu could reply, there was a noise from the entrance.

Following that, the butler said happily, "Madam, Sir is back."

Xu Youyou rose to her feet. When she turned around, she saw Mo Shenbai walking in.

Mo Shenbai was dressed in a black suit. His figure was tall and straight, and his expression was as calm as a pool of stagnant water. His lips were slightly pursed, and he did not say anything.

A tall figure followed behind Mo Shenbai. His face was handsome, and he wore a pair of rimless glasses. A smile could be seen on his face, but his eyes were devoid of warmth.

Yun Youwei was holding a spoon when she turned around. As soon as she saw the figure behind Mo Shenbai, her hand slipped, and the spoon fell with a loud clank on the porcelain bowl. The sound was extremely jarring in the midst of the silence.

Xie Yumu continued to eat with crumbs clinging to the corners of his lips. However, his bright eyes were looking at the person behind Mo Shenbai curiously.

On the other hand, Xu Youyou rubbed her eyes before she looked at the person behind Mo Shenbai again, making sure she was not seeing things.

Xie Tingxi looked at Yun Youwei and said flatly, "Youwei, I'm back."

Shock and disbelief filled Yun Youwei's eyes. She stood rooted to the ground, unable to react.

Xie Tingxi walked over and reached out to touch Xie Yumu's head.

Xie Yumu slid down from the chair and hugged Yun Youwei's thigh, sizing Xie Tingxi up.

Xie Tingxi lowered his head. A slight smile could be seen on his face, and a trace of gentleness could be heard in his voice as he said, "Your name is Xie Yumu, right? I'm your biological father..."

Before anyone could respond...

Thud!

The sound of a slap echoed in the dining room.

Yun Youwei's eyes were brimming with tears, and her entire body was trembling. She stared at Xie Tingxi unblinkingly.

Xie Tingxi's turned to the side. His glasses were slightly askew, and his cheek was red from the slap. He did not seem angry as he raised his hand to adjust his glasses. Then, he looked at the agitated Yun Youwei calmly. He said, "Youwei, what's the matter? Let's go home..."

Before Xie Tingxi could finish speaking, Yun Youwei suddenly clutched her chest with one hand and held the back of the chair with her other hand. Her breathing was rapid, and her face was even paler than before.

Before anyone could react, Yun Youwei fell to the ground.

Xu Jialu, who was sitting next to Yun Youwei, hurriedly reached out to hug her. Due to her illness, she had lost a lot of weight. He felt like he was holding a piece of paper when he held her; she felt weightless.

"Yun Youwei! Yun Youwei!" Xu Jialu called out with a grim expression on his face. Seeing that there was no response, he carried her and rushed out.

Seeing that his mother had fainted, Xie Yumu called out anxiously, "Mom, Mommy..."

Xie Yumu wanted to run after Xu Jialu, but before he could do so, Mo Shenbai picked him up.

Mo Shenbai's dark eyes looked at Xie Tingxi, who was standing motionlessly, as he asked, "Are you satisfied now?"

Xie Tingxi shrugged with an innocent expression on his face.

Mo Shenbai looked at Xu Youyou, who was in a daze the entire time, and said slowly, "Do you want to wait at home or do you want to go to the hospital with me?"

Xu Youyou returned to her senses. She glanced at Xie Tingxi before she replied, "I'll go to the hospital with you."

Mo Shenbai nodded before he reached out to brush away the crumbs around Xie Yumu's mouth. He waited for Xu Youyou to walk to his side before he turned to leave.

Xie Tingxi hesitated for three seconds before he followed Mo Shenbai.

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The hospital.

Yun Youwei had been transferred from the emergency room to the ward. She was hooked up to all kinds of machines, but she had yet to wake up.

The doctor said that her condition had deteriorated and that she did not have much time left. At most, she had more than half a month; at worst, she only had a few days left. He told them to prepare themselves mentally.

The atmosphere in the ward was extremely solemn. No one spoke. The beeping from the medical equipment and the occasional sniffing from Xie Yumu were the only sounds in the ward.

Xu Jialu glanced at the man leaning against the window.

Xie Tingxi wore a grey suit with a white shirt, and the watch on his wrist was clearly expensive. He looked very elegant.

No matter from which angle Xu Jialu looked at Xie Tingxi, he could not bring himself to like Xie Tingxi at all.

A few hours ago, the chairman of the Xie Group announced his retirement and transferred all his shares to Xie Tingxi. In other words, Xie Tingxi was now in charge of the Xie family and the Xie Group. There was no need to think for people to know that Xie Tingxi had planned this for a long time.

After a moment, Xu Jialu broke the silence. He said, "All of you should go back first. I'll watch over her." Then, he said to Xie Yumu, "Little thing, you go back with them as well."

"I don't want to!" Xie Yumu cried out as he held Yun Youwei's hand tightly, "I want to be with my mother!"

Xu Jialu did not force Xie Yumu. Instead, he turned to Mo Shenbai and Xu Youyou and said, "Go home. It won't change anything even if you stay here."

Today was Xu Youyou's birthday. Xu Jialu did not want her to spend it at the hospital.