

### Chapter 289: He's My Husband

Xu Youyou did not doubt Mo Shenbai's words at all. The pressure she felt was swept away, and she said happily, "Alright! Then, I'll work hard to look for more restaurants with good food for you to invest in so you can make money!"

Mo Shenbai nodded in agreement.

Qin Siyu, who was sitting across from the duo, only felt like laughing when she heard Mo Shenbai's earlier analysis. Put everything aside, how could the profits from a restaurant even compare to the profits that the Mo Group generated? How could Mo Shenbai, who was worth more than ten billion yuan, care about this business that would maybe bring him a few hundred thousand yuan every month? Clearly, his words were only to deceive Xu Youyou so Xu Youyou would feel at ease

At this time, Mo Shenbai turned slightly and glanced at Qin Siyu.

Qin Siyu naturally understood his meaning. Seeing that Xu Youyou was not paying attention to her, she made the gesture of zipping her mouth to Mo Shenbai.

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Xu Youyou spent her free time finishing the painting that Qin Siyu commissioned. After framing it, she personally sent it to Qin Siyu. She wanted to seize the chance and learn how to make perfume as well. It would be Mo Shenbai's birthday tomorrow.

Qin Siyu really liked the way Xu Youyou painted her. She praised Xu Youyou so much until Xu Youyou was embarrassed. Since she knew Xu Youyou wanted to make a bottle of perfume for Mo Shenbai, she selected quite a few scents for Xu Youyou.

In the end, Xu Youyou chose vanilla, vetiver, cardamom, amber, sandalwood, and brazilwood for the middle notes.

Under Qin Siyu's careful guidance, Xu Youyou learned how to make perfume. The notes were spicy at first before they became faintly sweet. However, in the end, they became warm. In the end, the notes were woody, smelling faintly like how Mo Shenbai smelled now.

After Xu Youyou was done, she chose a dark blue bottle with a golden cap. It was exquisite.

"I didn't expect you to be so talented. It's your first time making perfume, but it smells very good. You have a good nose," Qin Siyu said. Then, she asked jokingly, "Why don't you change your profession?"

Xu Youyou held the perfume bottle and shook her head as she said with a smile, "I still like art!"

It was okay to make perfume once in a while, but Xu Youyou did not think she could do it every day.

"How do you plan to celebrate Mo Shenbai's birthday?" Qin Siyu asked casually.

Xu Youyou remembered that Mo Shenbai's birthday last year had been celebrated in a rush. In the end, she only sang and danced for him. She was much more prepared this year. She said, "I want to hold a birthday party for him, but I want it to be a surprise. What should I do?"

Xu Youyou had no idea how to keep Mo Shenbai away while she prepared for the surprise party. It was Saturday tomorrow so he was not working.

"It's very simple," Qin Siyu said, "Ask your brother to invite him out while you make preparations at home. When you're done, call him back."

Xu Youyou gave Qin Siyu a thumbs-up. "Sister Siyu, you're so smart!"

"If there's anything I can help you with, just let me know!" Qin Siyu said magnanimously.

Xu Youyou did not stand on ceremony with Qin Siyu. "Okay! Since you're attending the birthday party as well, come early so you can help me set up!"

Qin Siyu readily agreed.

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When Xu Youyou called Xu Jialu for help, she ended up begging him for half an hour. In the end, she got him to agree by offering him a month's worth of breakfast in exchange for his help.

Nonetheless, Xu Jialu still had a sour taste in his mouth. "You used to celebrate my birthday in the past, but I didn't see you putting in so much effort!"

Xu Youyou whispered, "You're my brother; he's my husband. How can it be the same?"

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Xu Jialu ended the call without saying goodbye.

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The next day.

Xu Youyou woke up early in the morning.

When Mo Shenbai was woken up by her movements, he pulled her back into his arms and kissed her forehead. He said groggily, "Let's sleep a little longer."

"I can't sleep anymore," Xu Youyou said. She struggled out of his arms and went to the bathroom to wash up.

Mo Shenbai frowned slightly as he looked in the direction of the bathroom, feeling like something was amiss. Xu Youyou usually liked sleeping in so why was she so energetic today?

At this time, Mo Shenbai's phone on the bedside table began to vibrate. He picked his phone up and looked at the screen, taking his time to answer the call.

"Hello..."

Mo Shenbai had just woken up so his voice was languid, magnetic, and seductive.

Xu Jialu, who was on the other end of the line, could not help but curse, "F\*ck! It's so early in the morning, but you're already trying to seduce people!"

'Fortunately, I'm straight. Otherwise, I would've been seduced by him!'

Mo Shenbai was silent for a moment. After a while, he asked in a slightly glacial tone, "What's the matter?"

"Oh, that's right. I booked a basketball court today. Why don't you accompany me to play basketball?"

"I'm not interested," Mo Shenbai refused decisively. It was the weekend. He rarely had time off. It was very nice being able to stay at home and hug his wife.

"Are you afraid of losing to me so you're refusing me?" Xu Jialu tried his best to provoke Mo Shenbai.

"Provoking me won't work," Mo Shenbai said, ruthlessly exposing Xu Jialu.

"Damn it! Are you coming or not?" Xu Jialu grew more and more impatient. "If not, I'm going home to inherit the family business tomorrow!"

Mo Shenbai fell silent for a moment before he ended the call. Then, he walked to the bathroom to report to his wife.

"Xu Jialu just called. He invited me out to play basketball."

Xu Youyou was in the midst of brushing her teeth. Upon hearing this, she thought that her brother was quite reliable for once. She spat the toothpaste out before she nodded and said with a straight face, "Oh, okay. You can go then."

Mo Shenbai leaned against the bathroom door and stared at her. "Why don't you come with me?"

Xu Youyou shook her head. After she rinsed her mouth, she explained, "I have to study for my finals. You should go on your own."

Mo Shenbai frowned. He straightened his back and strode to her. He hugged her from behind and rested his chin on her shoulder, rubbing against her like a big dog. He said, "I don't want to go."

Xu Youyou panicked slightly upon hearing this. If he did not leave the house, how was she going to prepare for his surprise party? She tried to calm down and said in a reasonable manner, "Go. If you don't go, my brother will definitely cause trouble. You know what his temper is like. Once he gets angry, he'll tear the whole house down."

Mo Shenbai took a deep breath before he turned her body over. He kissed her lip before he said, "Alright."

His voice was low and hoarse, and he could not conceal his reluctance at all.

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After the two of them had breakfast, Mo Shenbai carried his sports bag out.

Xu Youyou walked him to the door and said, "Have fun!"

The smile on her face was warmer than the winter sun.

For some reason, Mo Shenbai felt like she was very happy to be alone at home and that she could not wait for him to leave. After hesitating for a moment, he got into the car and left.

Xu Youyou looked at the car pulling away. When the car was finally out of sight, she ran in excitedly and asked the butler, "Where are things? Where are the things?"

The decorations she had bought online had been received by the butler. He had kept them so Mo Shenbai would not find out about them.

"They're in the storage room. I'll go and get them now."

Xu Youyou nodded before she tied her hair up into a cute bun. After that, she went to the kitchen to check on the ingredients needed for tonight's feast. She made sure that no ingredient was missing.

After the decorations were brought out, she instructed the helpers to start decorating.

The words 'Happy Birthday' were pasted on the wall of the dining room.

The usually white tablecloth on the dining table was replaced with a fancier one with golden trimmings. Candles and vases of blooming champagne roses decorated the table.

She even placed two pots of plants at the sides of the staircase.

Xu Youyou was very happy as she watched everything gradually take shape.

Suddenly, the doorbell rang.

Xu Youyou and the butler's expressions changed immediately, wondering if Mo Shenbai had come early. If that were the case, their efforts would be in vain.