

**Chapter 1: Return to the Past**

Xiao Lingyu could not believe her eyes. The lifeless bundle before her was her son.

“No!” Xiao Lingyu knelt on the side of the hospital bed and covered her face as she wept!

Her voice was filled with disbelief, pain, despair, and an overwhelming sense of guilt.

Only five years had passed since he was born. Other than taking a glance at him when he was born, Xiao Lingyu rarely spared a thought for her son.

Smack! It was a loud and resonating slap.

“Mom!” A young man gasped in shock.

Then, a middle-aged woman scolded angrily, “Cry, cry, cry, all you know is to cry. Xiao Lingyu, what’s the point of crying now? Have you ever cared about Xiao Tong after he was born? Where were you when he was crying out of hunger? Where were you when he learned to walk and fell down? But these are nothing.

“In the past five years, do you know how much Xiao Tong missed you? How much he longed for his mother? But you couldn’t even spare time to hug him!”

The woman was overwhelmed by emotions, and she started to cry too. She wailed, “My poor Xiao Tong, my poor grandson... How can you leave behind your grandmother just like that? Where is your conscience? Didn’t you say love Grandma the most? My poor grandson...”

Then she pointed at Xiao Lingyu and continued to criticize her, “You have failed so badly as a mother. You didn’t care about Xiao Tong after he was born. Now you’re crying your heart out. Who are you putting on this show for?”

The young man, Xiao Lingye, or Xiao Lingyu’s younger brother, looked sad too. He tried to persuade his mother, “Mom, you need to calm down. Plus, big sister is already feeling very guilty and sad because of what happened to Xiao Tong.”

Heartache appeared in the woman’s eyes, but she rebuked, “As if she’d feel guilty! All I can see is how fake she is!”

Xiao Lingye did not know how to comfort his sad and sorrowful sister, nor did he know how to comfort his angry mother. He could only sigh and tell them, “Mother, sister, you need to stop. At least let Xiao Tong rest in peace!”

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The month of March should be sunny and beautiful. But it had been raining continuously. The rain doused the city and shrouded it under a frigid blanket.

Xiao Lingyu woke up in a blur. As she slowly opened her eyes, she felt that something was wrong. 'What is going on?'

Xiao Lingyu was flustered.

Once Xiao Lingyu gained her recollection, anger and embarrassment returned.

"Oh, you're awake? You're not bad for a virgin."

At that moment, a magnetic male voice sounded in her ears.

Xiao Lingyu's heart jolted hearing that voice.

'This voice...' It was something she would never forget in her life! 'How is this possible? How?'

Xiao Lingyu was puzzled. Fury burned through her. 'Has the man kidnapped me? Did he find out about Xiao Tong's background? Now that Xiao Tong is dead, he's going to take revenge on me? So he kidnapped me at Xiao Tong's funeral?'

The realization slammed into Xiao Lingyu like a freight train. Xiao Tong's death drained everything from her life. She lost her will to live.

"What is it?" Sensing the change of emotions in her, the man asked with interest. In the dark, a devilish smile appeared on his handsome face. This was the first time he cared about someone in his life, but he didn't expect it to be for a present someone sent over!

Devastation swallowed Xiao Lingyu, and she surrendered to the numbness. Since she had lost the desire to live, she let the man do anything he'd want with her.

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The sky was bright and sunlight showered on the bed. On the king-sized bed, a fair arm was exposed outside the blanket. A cascading waterfall of black hair covered the face of the arm's owner.

Eventually, a soft grunt came from under the blanket. Then the face which was previously covered by the hair slowly appeared.

It was a small face with delicate features and fair skin. The most eye-catching feature was the deep eyes that were hidden under the thick eyelashes that fanned out. The brilliance of the universe could be found within those eyes.

Xiao Lingyu raised her hand to block the blinding light. She slowly adjusted herself to the brightness. Her eyes colored with confusion.

Out of habit, she turned her head to glance at the bedside table to check the alarm clock. However, when her sight landed on the expensive porcelain and luxurious decorations on the bedside cabinet, her mind suddenly cleared.

'What is this place?' That was the first question in her heart. Then another thought barged its way in. 'Xiao Tong!'

"Xiao Tong!" She pulled back the blanket and jumped out of bed.

When her feet touched the ground, her stomach and lower body winced with pain. Then flashes from what she believed to be a dream returned. It was not a dream!

Her eyes suddenly widened in disbelief. She muttered, "That man has returned? It is because he has found out about Xiao Tong?"

Xiao Lingyu's mind was muddled, but she was certain about one thing, the man had come looking for Xiao Tong.

'No, I can't allow him to disturb Xiao Tong!' She wouldn't put it past the man to disturb Xiao Tong's grave. The thought made her angry, panicked, and scared.

Xiao Lingyu looked around the room with an uneasy gaze.. A sense of familiarity settled over here. 'Why does it feel like I've been here before?'

## **Chapter 2: A Pair of Scumbags!**

Xiao Lingyu held her phone and looked at the screen in disbelief. The time and date!

Yesterday was Xiao Tong's burial, September 11th, 2018. However, the time displayed on the screen was July 9th, 2012!

'July 9th, 2012?'

Could it be that her phone broke?

Xiao Lingyu immediately logged into her phone, and then she realized something else was also not correct.

This was not her phone... at least not anymore!

This phone was the one she bought when she first joined the workforce. She did not have much money, so she bought a cheap secondhand phone to answer calls.

Even after she had enough money, she kept using the phone because she was nostalgic and the phone never broke.

However, three years ago, she had to retire the phone because it dropped, and she switched it out for a smartphone.

Holding the old phone, it felt like she had traveled back in time.

Xiao Lingyu slapped her face a few times to wake herself up from her dream.

The pain was real, and the phone was real. This made Xiao Lingyu feel even more dazed.

She had no idea what was going on.

A moment ago, she was still crying over her child's burial. The next moment, she was in a luxurious room.

Xiao Lingyu looked at the room again in a panic.

The room was huge and stylish. It looked very high-class.

There was a large and soft bed. The beautiful blinds were embroidered with a thin layer of window gauze. The golden table and chairs were shiny. The layout was bold and grand. It was luxurious and comfortable.

She was very familiar with this room. She had been here before, but she couldn't remember when.

"Ring, Ring..." Suddenly, the Nokia phone rang.

Xiao Lingyu took a look. The caller Id was the Old Nun. Xiao Lingyu became even more confused. Five years ago, she had deleted this contact due to an incident.

But now...

With confusion, Xiao Lingyu answered the call.

"Xiao Lingyu, where the hell are you? It's already nine o'clock, why aren't you at work? Prepare all the files for this morning's meeting!" An aggressive female voice came from the phone, "Or don't you want the bonus for next month anymore?"

Then the woman hung up without waiting for Xiao Lingyu's reply.

When Xiao Lingyu put down the phone, her expression was still confused. She looked around blankly.

She spotted a calendar on the table. Ignoring the soreness around her body, she dragged herself towards the table. She grabbed the calendar with both hands. Her pupils constricted.

The calendar said it was 2012.

2012!

Xiao Lingyu mulled over this discovery. The time on the phone and the calendar before her showed her an irrefutable truth. She was in 2012, five years before Xiao Tong's death.

Then something else hit her. "Wait, if this is 2012, then Xiao Tong is not even born yet!"

Xiao Lingyu took out her phone again, and the date hadn't changed. It was still July 9th, 2012. She suddenly thought of something, and her breathing stopped. Her eyes were filled with excitement.

"Could it be?" Xiao Lingyu found it unbelievable. "I have traveled back in time?"

Her hands moved to her belly. "If that is the case, this time, I will protect Xiao Tong no matter what so that he can grow up healthily!"

"Xiao Tong, this time, mommy will not give up on you. I will make sure that you can grow up safely and with love!"

Ring, ring...

The Nokia phone rang again. The Caller Id this time was Chen Ran. Xiao Lingyu's lips curled to reveal a sarcastic smile.

She denied the call and placed the phone on the bed. Since she had been given a chance to restart, then she wouldn't make the same mistakes she did.

Xiao Lingyu endured the pain from her entire body. She looked around and found her clothes by the bedside. She quickly put on her clothes and left as soon as possible before the room owner returned!

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On the other end, in an office of the Huiqing Group, a handsome man's face filled with malice when his call was cut off.

Beside him, there was a tall woman with heavy makeup. Her brows were long and thin. She had a sharp and unkind look. She raised her eyebrows and sneered, "Why? That slut didn't pick up your call?"

Her pair of eyes stared at the manicure she had just done, but there was a flash of smugness and calculativeness in her eyes. She mocked, "Didn't that slut love you to death? She just had sex with another man. She is probably too ashamed to answer your call."

Chen Ran frowned and looked at Zhao Wenman hesitantly. He asked, "Man 'Er, do we really have to be so ruthless?"

She observed the expression on the man's face, clenched her fists, and then let go. She immediately sneered and said, "Why? Do you feel sorry for her?"

As soon as she said this, her expression suddenly turned cold. She said sharply, "Since you love her that much, then fine. I'll go and tell my father that our engagement is canceled. I'll find myself another husband. As the daughter of the Huiqing Group's chairman, many young men are throwing themselves at me. Chen Ran, I don't have to marry you!

"You're a country bumpkin. It's your honor that I've taken a fancy to you. You should thank heavens that I'd marry you and save you from thirty years of hard work. My father doesn't agree to the engagement. When I tell him our engagement has been called off, he'll be so happy. Since you've chosen the slut over me, I'll wish you two a happy ending."

When Chen Ran heard this, his face turned red. He was angry, but he took a deep breath. In the end, he put on a smile and said in a servile manner, "Man Man, what are you talking about? I don't feel anything for her. The one I love is you. Why should I feel sorry for her?" Then he added, "It's just that we're from the same hometown, so I pity her."

Zhao Wenman sneered, "Pity her? If we didn't set this up and find an excuse for you to dump her, when we get engaged, everyone would say that you have abandoned Xiao Lingyu to climb up the corporate ladder. At that time, who will feel pity for you? Our engagement will be heavily criticized. Chen Ran, you might be able to suffer the criticism for the slut, but I will never stand for it.

"So you only have two choices. Either you destroy her, or we cancel our engagement!"

Chen Ran's expression was stiff for a moment before he smiled. "Man Man, the choice cannot be clearer!" It was evident which choice the man picked!

Zhao Wenman smiled and said, "Good boy, Chen Ran, I am not wrong for picking you. You are bold and cold-hearted. Plus, you know who is good to you!"

Chen Ran stepped forward and hugged her. He rested his chin on her shoulder and said with a smile, "You have to be cold-hearted to unimportant baggage, or they'll only drag you down! Man Man, thank you for showing me that."

Ring, Ring....

### **Chapter 3: Being a one-night Stand!**

Ignoring the physical discomfort, Xiao Lingyu left the hotel in a hurry!

She knew that a tough battle was waiting for her at the company.

In her previous life, her mind was blank when she woke up at the hotel. It was because she had just slept with a man. She had no idea how that happened, but she was deeply ashamed by it.

When she woke up and saw the blood and the other red spots on the bed, she was overwhelmed by fear, horror, and heavy guilt towards her boyfriend. She had lost her purity, and this was a serious betrayal to her boyfriend. She was very sorry.

She collapsed on the bed and started to cry until her phone rang. When she saw the name on the phone, she cried even harder.

However, the phone kept on ringing.

Xiao Lingyu had no idea how long it had passed before she finally reached for the phone with trembling hands. At that moment, she was fragile, and she needed comfort. She believed she could find that from her boyfriend.

The moment she picked up the phone, a man's voice came from the other end. His voice was filled with concern and worry.

He asked anxiously, "Yu 'Er, What's wrong? Where are you now?"

Xiao Lingyu's voice was hoarse from the crying. Tears still flowed down her eyes. But not to make her boyfriend worry, she wiped her tears and forced a smile. "Brother Ran, it's okay, I'm fine!"

But the man kept on asking like he could sense something was wrong. "Yu 'Er, your voice is hoarse. Have you been crying?"

The question broke the dam within Xiao Lingyu. She burst into tears again. No matter how hard her boyfriend comforted her, it was pointless.

The man didn't hang up. After some time, Xiao Lingyu heard the man say, "Yu 'Er, it's okay. No matter what happens, I will always be by your side."

Hearing this, Xiao Lingyu was heavily comforted. After hanging up, she decided to break up with Chen Ran. Her Brother Ran was too good of a man, and he deserved someone better than her. He shouldn't be tied to a ruined girl for the rest of his life.

After Xiao Lingyu packed up, she left the hotel and returned to the company. She planned to resign and then break up with Chen Ran. Then she would leave. However, Xiao Lingyu, in her past life, walked into a disaster at the company. It was a disaster that was meticulously planned.

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Thinking back, Xiao Lingyu had a cold smile on her face, but a dark light flashed in her eyes.

In her previous life, she was framed. But this time, she had returned so she would not make the same mistake.

While she was thinking about what to do, Xiao Lingyu's phone rang again. Her eyes flashed with disgust and hatred when she saw the caller Id.

Xiao Lingyu thought about it and answered the call.

"Yu 'Er, where are you now?" Chen Ran's tone was filled with worry. "I went to your department, but they said you have not arrived. Did something happen?" It was clear that the man was digging for information.

Hearing the hypocrite, Xiao Lingyu felt a wave of disgust. She suppressed it and took a deep breath. Her voice was very calm as she said, "I'm fine. I encountered a mad dog. But I have already chased it away. I'll be hurrying to the company now!"

Xiao Lingyu hung up without waiting for a response.

Chen Ran held the phone and frowned. He felt something was not right.

Based on his understanding of Xiao Lingyu, he knew that she would be crying in despair after finding out what had happened to her. She would be filled with guilt towards him. However, from her tone, it sounded like she was perfectly fine.

With that thought, Chen Ran's heart burned with anger. He gritted his teeth and cursed under his breath, "Xiao Lingyu, so you never cared about me after all!"

This meant that Xiao Lingyu had been sleeping around. It would explain why she was so unfazed by the trap they prepared for her.

Zhao Wenman, who sat on the couch, heard Chen Ran. Her eyes flashed, and the corners of her mouth rose slightly. She looked very proud and sarcastic.

She smiled and asked, "Look at your long face. What happened? Did the slut hang up on you again?"

Chen Ran said, "It's not that. But she said she'd reach the company soon."

When Zhao Wenman heard that, she looked excited. She said with a smile, "Good, that's very good. When the bitch reaches the company, she will know what hell looks like. I need to be there when she is exposed to have slept with a big-bellied, ugly middle-aged man for money! I have to see the look on her face!"

She could not wait to see Xiao Lingyu fall into the depths of hell. It would be so interesting. Zhao Wenman picked up an expensive phone and made a call. She ordered coldly, "Be prepared!"

When she said that, Chen Ran's expression changed. But it quickly returned to normal, and he looked at Zhao Wenman lovingly again.

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Xiao Lingyu came to the front door of the Huiqing Group and stopped. Her expression was indifferent, but her eyes were ice-cold. She clenched her hands tightly and looked at the company's entrance. She said, "I'm here. The pair of scumbags humiliated me and ruined my past life. But this time, I can't let them achieve that goal!"

She took a deep breath. As she was about to enter the door, she frowned and turned around. She saw a man sitting on the pavement.

The man had a handsome face and a muscular figure. He was so much better than Chen Ran. But his clothes were dirty.

Xiao Lingyu thought about it and walked over. She uttered, "Sir, can you do me a favor? After it's over, I'll give you two thousand RMB!"

Two thousand was more than half of Xiao Lingyu's monthly salary. She had always been frugal, and this was the first time she spent so much in a single transaction.

However, this time, she'd make sure it was money well spent.

Yan Siming looked at the woman who walked over. He was baffled hearing what she said. He looked around and then pointed at himself. He asked with confusion, "Pretty lady, you're talking to me?"

Xiao Lingyu said, "If not, am I talking to air? You're the only one sitting here!"

Yan Siming was amused. 'This girl has an interesting personality. Even when she's asking for a favor, her tone is sharp. No woman at City Z dares to talk to me like that.'

He raised his eyebrows and asked, "Do you know who I am?"

"Your face is not on the money, so how would I know who you are!" Xiao Lingyu said, "I'm very pressed for time. Yes, or no?"

Yan Siming was stunned. He shrugged and asked, "Sure, but what... can I do for you?"

"Pretend you just had a one-night stand with me!"

"Huh?!"

#### **Chapter 4: Irrefutable Evidence!**

Yan Siming was taken aback. The girl wore a giant pair of glasses covering half of her face. However, he could tell she was a beauty.

A moment later, the corners of his lips curled up, and he agreed. "Why not?"



Yan Siming wiped the dirt off his suit and followed the girl into Huiqing Group. They just stepped through the door when he heard a commotion.

“Hey, isn’t this Xiao Lingyu? Where does she find the face to still show up here?”

“She prostituted herself last night, but she came to the company as if nothing had happened. How is she going to face Manager Chen?”

“That’s right. Manager Chen is too good for her. Anyone can see that. But she’s still not satisfied. She sold herself out to another man! What a slut!” The girl’s eyes were filled with jealousy when she said this.

Smack! A slap landed on her. The girl was stunned. Those watching were also startled.

The girl, who was slapped, recovered. She covered half of her face, and she growled, “Xiao Lingyu, have you lost your mind?”

Xiao Lingyu countered, “Lin Xiangyu, you gave me no choice. A slap is the only way to shut your trashy mouth.”

Young Master Yan raised his brow with interest. ‘I thought she’s a fragile beauty, but she’s actually a firecracker. This should be a good show. I wonder what will be featured next.’

He was looking forward to it!

Lin Xiangyu was humiliated. She shouted angrily, “Xiao Lingyu, have I said anything wrong? Everyone at the company knows that you’ve prostituted yourself to an old man. So why are you acting all high and mighty?”

She was mocking Xiao Lingyu. Lin Xiangyu took out her phone and opened their company’s chat group. She showed it to Xiao Lingyu and said disdainfully. “The evidence is right here. What is there for you to say? Let me tell you, this picture is not only in the chat group but also on everyone’s computer. Yes, it’s the picture of you, Xiao Lingyu, going to a hotel! So, what do you have to say for yourself?”

Lin Xiangyu was extremely angry. She would make Xiao Lingyu pay ten times for the slap!

Xiao Lingyu looked at Lin Xiangyu’s smug and hateful eyes. Xiao Lingyu raised her head slightly and glanced around. All her colleagues were watching the fun, mocking, and gloating.

Xiao Lingyu retorted sharply, “Lin Xiangyu, are you crazy? If you are, then go for treatment. Otherwise, if it evolves to late-stage retardation, you can’t be saved anymore! A picture of me going to the hotel, and that’s the proof of prostitution? Who is your witness? Is your evidence a few pictures of me in the hotel lobby and corridor? Are you kidding me?”

Yan Siming’s lips twitched. Now he understood why the girl asked him to pretend to be her one-night stand.

But he was also puzzled. Logically speaking, why would the private life of a regular employee need to be known by the whole company? Even if the girl was a prostitute, what did that have to do with the rest of them?

Furthermore, before the girl arrived at the company, pictures of her at the hotel were already all over the company. If this was not a trap, what was?

Someone was plotting against the girl. A bigger conspiracy was at work.

Lin Xiangyu's face turned white and red. "Xiao Lingyu, how shameless can you be? Everyone at the company knows how stingy you are. Whenever we invited you to a high-class restaurant, you'd cry about how expensive the things were. Since you've been seen at this hotel, then you must be there for a client who called for your service!"

Xiao Lingyu said coldly, "Lin Xiangyu, you really need to have your brain checked. So I was at the hotel, but who said I was paying?"

Everyone was stunned when Xiao Lingyu said that.

Xiao Lingyu they knew was quiet and shy, so who was this domineering and proud woman?

Lin Xiangyu was so angry that her face turned red. She didn't expect Xiao Lingyu to be so shameless. Just as she was about to retort, Xiao Lingyu took off her big glasses and put down her long black hair.

Everyone was stunned again. Xiao Lingyu had been hiding her appearance behind her large pair of glasses. Like a scene from *Ugly Betty*, once she removed her glasses, people only realized she was a beauty.

Everyone's impression of Xiao Lingyu was she was quiet and mediocre. It was because Xiao Lingyu had always wanted to fade into the background.

But now...

Xiao Lingyu had fair and tender skin, a cherry-red mouth, and a small nose. However, what attracted people's attention was her pair of large eyes. They were covered in long lashes. Her eyes were Phoenix-shaped. She was a classical Chinese beauty.

It was like she had walked out of an ink painting. She was incredibly charming.

Xiao Lingyu said, "Someone invited me to the hotel, and I went to meet up with him. Besides, I don't mean to brag but with my looks, do you think I need to lower myself to be a prostitute?"

Some men in the crowd shook their heads and said, "Of course not. For an ethereal beauty, a man would give up everything for you!"

Lin Xiangyu was stunned by Xiao Lingyu's transformation, but she snapped back to her senses. Jealousy and hatred flashed across her eyes.

She gritted her teeth and thought to herself. 'I knew it! This bitch, Xiao Lingyu, has been keeping a low profile, but she is extremely cunning. She is seducing men in public. What a perv!'

Lin Xiangyu cursed in her heart.

"So, you admitted to being at the hotel! You are a prostitute!" Lin Xiangyu jumped on Xiao Lingyu's words. "Because I have photographic evidence!"

Lin Xiangyu sent the picture to the company group. Immediately everyone saw it.

In the dim corridor, a middle-aged man with a big belly walked into a hotel room carrying a woman. Everyone could see clearly that the woman was Xiao Lingyu.

Xiao Lingyu entered the hotel room with him.

This was irrefutable evidence!

## **Chapter 5: I'll Give Him to You**

Lin Xiangyu targeted Xiao Lingyu because they were from the same school. They interned in the same company and were accepted at the same time.

This meant that no matter where they went, people compared them. Be it at school or the company, Xiao Lingyu's result was better than Lin Xiangyu's. This was why Lin Xiangyu hated the other woman that much.

However, the main reason was actually Chen Ran. Lin Xiangyu loved Chen Ran when they were in school. She even confessed to Chen Ran, but she was rejected.

Xiao Lingyu did not know about this because she only had Chen Ran in her eyes and everything else was insignificant.

In her previous life, Xiao Lingyu was jumped on by Lin Xiangyu when she reached the company. The incident from the night before already shook her.

Xiao Lingyu kept explaining herself, but no one wanted to listen to her. In the end, it was this picture that sent her down into the abyss. Similarly, it was also Lin Xiangyu who produced this picture in her previous life.

At the time, Xiao Lingyu was on the verge of breaking down. She allowed herself to be rebuked and chastised.

However, this time, Xiao Lingyu was in control of herself. She would not be led down this doomed path again. She decided to change her fate since she was given a second chance. She needed to be better not only for herself but also for her future child. She would not allow her son's mother to carry such a shameful label this time!

When Lin Xiangyu showed the picture, the other people snapped back into their senses.

The women looked at Xiao Lingyu with naked sarcasm and contempt. 'Didn't she say she's not a prostitute? Then what about this picture? What could she say now?

'One shouldn't judge a book by its cover. Xiao Lingyu presents herself normally as a decent girl. But she is actually a perverted woman with no self-respect. She is a prostitute, and she will even take on the ugliest client for the sake of money.

'How despicable!'

However, most of these women had their thoughts colored by jealousy.

The men had a rather different reaction. Even though their expression was also filled with disdain, there was also an underlying trace of desire...

'Since Xiao Lingyu is willing to take on such an ugly man, she'd be more than happy to sell her service to normal men like us!' These men thought to themselves.

Yan Siming, standing beside Xiao Lingyu, had his eyes lit up. He had seen many beauties in his life. Xiao Lingyu could only be considered ordinary in his eyes.

However, what attracted him was the woman appeared to have a combination of purity and ruthlessness within her.

Yan Siming's lips curled into a smile to show interest in the woman. He captured the change in the crowd's attitude towards Xiao Lingyu as they moved from disdain to shock.

With his understanding of human nature, Yan Siming was sure this woman was not a person of easy virtue.

However, something still bothered him. Xiao Lingyu should only be a small worker at this company. She was insignificant, so why was the whole company that hostile towards her? Was there a story behind it?

Yan Siming wanted to know how the woman would deal with this so-called new evidence. He was quite intrigued.

Xiao Lingyu did not deny anything. Instead, she looked at Lin Xiangyu with a faint smile on her face. "Lin Xiangyu, were you following me? Otherwise, why do you have so many photos of me on your phone?"

Lin Xiangyu had the reply ready. She happened to be at the hotel when she bumped into this atrocity. However, Xiao Lingyu didn't give her a chance to say her piece. "Oh, I know. You must be jealous of me. I heard from Chen Ran that you confessed to him."

Lin Xiangyu's face immediately paled as soon as Xiao Lingyu revealed this piece of information. The others looked at Lin Xiangyu with a strange expression.

Lin Xiangyu liked Manager Chen?

They really did not know that.

Lin Xiangyu panicked and tried to explain herself, "You... you're talking nonsense!"

She did like Manager Chen, but that couldn't be exposed because she knew that the chairman's daughter also liked Manager Chen. That woman, Zhao Wenman, was extremely jealous and ruthless. If Zhao Wenman found out Lin Xiangyu liked Manager Chen, her life would be over!

Xiao Lingyu chuckled, "New Island Cafe 101. Does that ring any bell?"

As soon as Xiao Lingyu said that, Lin Xiangyu's pupils constricted. Her slightly pale face turned even paler, and she could not help but take half a step back.

Everyone noticed her abnormal behavior.

Lin Xiangyu's eyes darted about in fear. When she finally noticed the others staring at her, she quickly composed herself. She suppressed the panic in her heart and shouted back, "I don't know what you mean! Xiao Lingyu, don't change the topic! You've prostituted yourself to another man. How can you face Manager Chen? Everyone knows how good Manager Chen is to you. But you cheated on him with an ugly man. Manager Chen is so handsome. He must be blind to love someone like you!"

Lin Xiangyu became more agitated. She continued to curse, "Who are you to be jealous of Manager Chen? I did have a cup of coffee with him. But we're colleagues. How can you slander our names like that?"

Lin Xiangyu's words were unpleasant, but Xiao Lingyu only smiled.

Instead of getting angry, Xiao Lingyu chuckled, "It seems like I've touched on a sore spot. Furthermore, I didn't mention anything about a coffee date between you and Manager Chen? I have to say... Your guilt is showing."

Xiao Lingyu didn't wait for Lin Xiangyu to reply. Xiao Lingyu's expression turned up with disgust. "Besides, if you fancy the jerk that much, I'll give him to you. How about that?"

At that moment, Chen Ran and Zhao Wenman walked out of the elevator.. They heard Xiao Lingyu's last sentence.

## **Chapter 6: A Hickey**

A jerk? Everyone was stunned by Xiao Lingyu's choice of words.

Everyone knew Xiao Lingyu and Manager Chen Ran were a couple. Chen Ran treated Xiao Lingyu very well, even though the latter was quite unattractive. It made the women in the company envious and jealous. Chen Ran was meticulous in the ways he cared about Xiao Lingyu.

At work, Chen Ran couldn't keep Xiao Lingyu by his side, so he asked his friends to take good care of Xiao Lingyu. He would patiently teach her if she had something she didn't understand.

Off work, Chen Ran also lavished Xiao Lingyu with attention. Xiao Lingyu was a workaholic, so much so that she would sometimes forget to eat. So, Chen Ran would call a takeout for Xiao Lingyu every day at mealtimes. He would also call her to remind her to eat.

Therefore, all the women in the company were jealous of Xiao Lingyu. They all wished Chen Ran was their boyfriend. So Chen Ran became the dream guy of many female workers.

Many girls had confessed to Chen Ran, but they were all rejected. They turned their bitterness towards Xiao Lingyu and tried to trip her whenever they had the chance.

Xiao Lingyu and Chen Ran were the paragons of love. No one could shake their relationship. This meant that Xiao Lingyu was the target of many women at the company.

Therefore, when they found out Xiao Lingyu had slept with another man and betrayed a good man like Chen Ran, these women secretly rejoiced. They immediately rallied around Chen Ran and rebuked Xiao Lingyu.

However, the perfect man they adored was deemed a jerk by Xiao Lingyu! This puzzled many people.

Just the day before, Xiao Lingyu was heads over heels with Chen Ran, so what changed?

Chen Ran exited the elevator and heard Xiao Lingyu call him a jerk. His face turned livid. Zhao Wenman beside him sneered slightly. She turned her body sideways and whispered into Chen Ran's ear. "Looks like you're not that important to her after all. All those years you've treated her so well, and it has all been for nothing!" Her words were dripping with mockery.

Chen Ran's face was white from anger. He wanted to rush over to shake Xiao Lingyu, but he forced himself to calm down for the sake of his plan and future.

He strode towards Xiao Lingyu. He asked with concern. "Yu 'Er, what's wrong? Who bullied you!" His sharp eyes scanned the surroundings and said, "I'll protect you! But you shouldn't say things in anger."

He emphasized the second phrase of his statement. He was telling everyone that Xiao Lingyu was calling him a jerk because she was not thinking straight.

Chen Ran was the perfect boyfriend. He cared deeply about Xiao Lingyu. He did everything for her and fended her from the world.

However, Xiao Lingyu realized that this was his way of controlling her. He had painted out the path for Xiao Lingyu's life, and she only needed to follow his orders. Xiao Lingyu was his puppet. Whenever the puppet wanted to go her own way, Chen Ran would patiently ease her back under his control.

Chen Ran assumed Xiao Lingyu would follow his words and admit her mistakes like she usually did. Xiao Lingyu would fix his image.

However, this time, Xiao Lingyu only looked at him coldly. She flashed him a frigid smile and asked, "Didn't you see the photo?"

She then glanced at Zhao Wenman, who arrived with Chen Ran. The hatred was deep in her eyes.

Chen Ran's expression froze. Then, he asked stiffly, "Photo? What Photo?" He was slightly surprised. 'Has she discovered something?'

Things didn't happen the way he expected. He felt some changes in Xiao Lingyu, but he couldn't pinpoint them. But what he needed to do was continue his role as the victim.

Xiao Lingyu didn't want to play this game with Chen Ran. She was not interested.

Xiao Lingyu chuckled, "Chen Ran, you didn't see the picture of me at the hotel with a man on your phone or computer? Your girlfriends didn't tell you?"

Xiao Lingyu glanced at Lin Xiangyu and then Zhao Wenman when she said the word, girlfriends.

Zhao Wenman frowned, and her eyes glinted, but she didn't say anything.

Chen Ran was shocked. He was puzzled. He did not know how to respond to Xiao Lingyu's question.

Before he came down from his office, he had already pictured the image in his mind. Xiao Lingyu would face criticism from the whole company. Everyone would look down on her, and she'd be on the verge of breaking down.

Then, he would come to question her about her betrayal. He would be painted as the victim, and everyone would sympathize with him.

Then, the news of his engagement with Zhao Wenman would not be questioned. They would receive everyone's blessings.

But when he arrived, Chen Ran realized everything was different from what he expected.

Chen Ran and Zhao Wenwan didn't receive any news when they were upstairs, so they decided to come down in person. But as soon as they stepped out of the elevator, Xiao Lingyu called him a jerk and was about to give him away to someone else!

He was so pissed!

But he believed it could still be rectified. Xiao Lingyu was soft-hearted and easily bullied. Whenever he pushed slightly, she would always admit she was wrong. So why didn't that happen this time?

Chen Ran had many questions, but he had something else to do.

Chen Ran shook his head. "Yu 'Er, my only girlfriend is you." Then he turned his face up with shock as if something had just hit him. "But what did you say earlier? You went to a hotel with another man?" Chen Ran was in disbelief.

Internally he sighed. 'Things are going back on track.'

Since Xiao Lingyu had admitted everything, Chen Ran would still be the victim.

Lin Xiangyu saw the anxiety on Chen Ran's face, and she added, "That's right, Manager Chen. Xiao Lingyu sold her body to another man at the hotel yesterday night. Look, I have the evidence here!" She showed the photo to Chen Ran. "Manager Chen, I saw Xiao Lingyu book a room with a middle-aged man with a big belly with my own eyes. That man is ugly. I have no idea why she would go with him. Unless... she knows the man is rich." Lin Xiangyu's eyes colored with disdain.

Chen Ran was dumbfounded. It was like he couldn't accept he had been betrayed by his lover.

He suddenly grabbed Xiao Lingyu's thin shoulders tightly. The buttons on her shirt loosened, and her collar opened. There was a hickey on her neck.

The hickey was from a man's kiss.

Chen Ran saw this and his pupils trembled. It was as if he couldn't believe his eyes.. He raised his hand and swung his palm at Xiao Lingyu's face.

## **Chapter 7: True Betrayal**

Even though Chen Ran and Zhao Wenman set Xiao Lingyu up with the man, he was incensed by the betrayal when Chen Ran saw the hickey. He was so angry that he slapped Xiao Lingyu! It felt like Xiao Lingyu had really betrayed him.

His anger overshadowed his rationality. His palm waved towards Xiao Lingyu.

But...

“Who are you?” Chen Ran asked angrily when a man stopped him. He had not seen the man before, so he was not their colleague. Everyone who saw Yan Siming would have remembered him with his handsome appearance and extraordinary bearing.

‘That means that he could be a company client.’ Chen Ran held back since he didn’t know the man’s real identity.

Yan Siming grabbed Chen Ran’s wrist and sneered, “To think that a grown man would actually hit a woman. You’ve really broadened my horizon today, bastard!”

Chen Ran’s expression turned ugly.

He and Xiao Lingyu were a couple. Xiao Lingyu had betrayed him and left behind photographic evidence. Chen Ran was incensed by the betrayal, so he wanted to slap her. Everyone would think that he was right and he hadn’t gone too far to smack the unfaithful bitch.

Chen Ran needed to solidify his position as the victim. Then everyone would buy the story further. However, he was called a jerk and a bastard for no reason. Chen Ran was really angry.

He gritted his teeth and asked sternly, “This is between her and me. What does it have to do with an outsider?”

He purposely emphasized the word, outsider.

A playful smile appeared on Yan Siming’s handsome face. He adjusted his sleeves, “Oh, but this is my business. Because I’m this woman’s... friend from yesterday night.”

Since he had accepted the job, he would play along.

Yan Siming had already guessed that things were not that simple. The private life of an inconsequential company employee shouldn’t grab the whole company’s attention. Or did the workers here spend their time gossiping all day?

“What?!” Everyone was shocked by Yan Siming’s admission.

Lin Xiangyu was the most surprised. She blurted out, “Impossible! She was photographed with an ugly middle-aged man!”

The man before them was handsome, not even inferior to Chen Ran. The hint of unruliness on his smile added to his charm. There was something about him that charmed the women, and it made their hearts flutter.



Many women were willing to pay to have sex with such a man, much less the other way round. Therefore, Lin Xiangyu couldn't accept that Xiao Lingyu could be so lucky. In her mind, Xiao Lingyu only deserved the world's ugliest man.

"Why is it not possible?" The one who answered was Xiao Lingyu. She looked at Lin Xiangyu's surprised expression, and her lips curved into an arc. "If I'm looking for a man to look after me, why would I settle for an ugly, old man? Of course, I'd find someone who is handsome and suave." Then Xiao Lingyu walked over to hook her arm around Yan Siming. She said with a sweet smile, "You all claimed that I'd betrayed Chen Ran, and you're right. I did it with him! He's quite handsome, isn't he?"

The surroundings fell silent! They were all shocked!

No one expected Xiao Lingyu not only to betray Manager Chen but also to bring her new man to the company. What was she thinking? Was she trying to one-up Manager Chen?

At that moment, no one knew how to answer Xiao Lingyu. But they turned to Chen Ran with sympathy.

"Xiao Lingyu, you've really thrown away our relationship?" Chen Ran asked in anger and shock. But at the same time, he was thinking. 'Why haven't things followed according to plan? She should be raped by the middle-aged man in the picture and not this... guy.'

The middle-aged man was specially selected by Zhao Wenman. He was a difficult client of the company, Li Yuanfa.

Li Yuanfa was a pervert and a womanizer. He liked to play rough in bed. He once killed a woman by accident. Thankfully, the woman didn't have any background, and her death was covered up easily.

Li Yuanfa's company, Hong Fa Group, wanted to collaborate with the Huiqing group. Li Yuanfa's demand was a woman.

Xiao Lingyu ticked all of Li Yuanfa's boxes. When he found out Xiao Lingyu was the lover of Chen Ran, the deputy manager of Huiqing Group, he was even more delighted.

According to the plan, the company arranged for Xiao Lingyu to go to the Marriott Hotel to sign the contract. Then they would send someone to drug her. But what happened in the middle that Li Yuanfa was switched out for someone else?

Chen Ran was flustered and confused, but most importantly, he was angry. His anger came from the fact that Xiao Lingyu had betrayed him, and it appeared like she felt no guilt at all.

When Chen Ran saw Xiao Lingyu hold Yan Siming's arm, it angered him. He questioned in a roar, "Xiao Lingyu, what have I done to you to deserve this? How can you hurt me like this and betray our decade of love?"

That made even more people pity Chen Ran. In an instant, it lit up the anger of every woman present. Of course, it was Lin Xiangyu who led the pack.

She scolded shrilly, "Xiao Lingyu, you slut..."

Before she could finish, Xiao Lingyu slapped her again.

Xiao Lingyu told Lin Xiangyu, "I've tolerated you for a long time. Who are you to mind my business? Speak out of turn again, and I'll slap out all of your teeth!"

Lin Xiangyu was stunned. Then, she glared at Xiao Lingyu and shut her mouth.

Xiao Lingyu turned to Chen Ran and chuckled sarcastically, "Chen Ran, is this... not exactly what you want? Why are you being so angry?" She deliberately glanced at Zhao Wenman.

Xiao Lingyu then snapped her fingers. "Oh, I was wrong. Things didn't really follow your plan. I didn't end up with that ugly man. That's why you're angry, yes?"

Everyone, "..."

So, what was going on?

Yan Siming, "..."

I knew it!

## **Chapter 8: Questioning**

Xiao Lingyu's words stunned everyone.

What did she mean by that?

It was Chen Ran who arranged the man to sleep with Xiao Lingyu? How was that possible?

Chen Ran was shocked, and a trace of panic flashed through his mind.

His expression changed abruptly, and then he said with a stiff face, "Yu 'Er, wh-what nonsense are you talking about?"

Then his face brightened as if something had just come to him. "You're saying all these because you're angry at me, aren't you?"

Xiao Lingyu was amused by his shameless words. Instead of being angry, she laughed and said, "Chen Ran, you and Miss Zhao should know best whether I'm talking nonsense or not!"

Xiao Lingyu didn't wait for Chen Ran to respond. She turned to glance at Zhao Wenman before turning back to Chen Ran with a serious expression. "Yesterday night, I received a call from Marketing Department's Manager Li. He asked me to accompany him to the Marriott hotel to receive a customer. The company is trying to get this client's contract, so I was told to treat him well."

Someone asked in puzzled, "But aren't you from the HR Department? Why would Manager Li ask you for help?"

This was not right. This was a big company. The biggest taboo was interference between different departments. Since this was a client of the Marketing Department, why would Manager Li ask an employee from the HR Department to receive the client? Was it because there was no good worker in the Marketing Department?

In an instant, many people looked suspiciously at the marketing department manager, Li Kui.

Li Kui did not expect the fire to burn him, but no matter what, he wouldn't admit any wrongdoing.

He met Zhao Wenman's gaze, and he nodded slightly. He turned his face up with anger. "Xiao Lingyu, don't accuse me. You were the one who requested to come to meet this client. You said you wanted to get to know him because he is rich. Now, everyone, you should understand what is the meaning behind that!"

Li Kui looked around and saw many people cast a disdainful and contemptuous look at Xiao Lingyu.

He secretly heaved a sigh of relief. He was satisfied with the result.

Li Kui continued, "I didn't know how you found out about my meeting with that client, but you came to beg me to bring you with me. You said you were doing this to help Manager Chen. To give Manager Chen's face, I succumbed to your pleas, so I called you before I went to meet the client."

Li Kui played the role of an indignant man well. He pointed at Xiao Lingyu and questioned loudly, "So how can you turn around to accuse me!"

He looked at the crowd around him and pleaded, "If you want to know the truth, after Xiao Lingyu met the client and realized he was the general manager of a large corporation, she was tempted. She persuaded me to leave because she told me she would take down this client. I trusted Manager Chen, so I obliged."

He looked at Xiao Lingyu with ridicule and said with contempt. "But I didn't expect her to drug the client and go to the hotel with him! I'm sure I didn't need to explain what happened next."

The story explained the pictures shared on the company group. After hearing Li Kui's explanation, the people sided with him and bought his story without verification.

"Xiao Lingyu, you sure are shameless. How can you do such a thing to climb to the top? After what you've done, you even want to frame others? How despicable!"

"Xiao Lingyu, you are the most shameless person in the world! Now we have both physical evidence and witness, what else do you have to say?"

"That's right. The pictures capture your sin perfectly. How can you even think of framing Manager Li and Manager Chen?"

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Xiao Lingyu felt like she was thrown back into her past life for a moment. When she faced these insults and accusations in the past, she was at a loss. Her mind almost collapsed. She didn't know how to defend herself.

But this time...

Xiao Lingyu looked at the ugly faces around her and chuckled. "Are you people blind? You're saying I drugged that pighead? Look at those pictures. Does he look drugged? I was the one being carried in his

arms! Who was the one being drugged? I was almost sacrificed to this disgusting man. Thankfully, I managed to escape, or else they would have succeeded. Manager Chen, you have to stand up for me.”

Chen Ran’s expression shifted, and he growled angrily. “That’s enough, Xiao Lingyu! You’re horrible. This is not the way to advance your career. You’ve made a fool of yourself, and you want me to stand up for you? Xiao Lingyu, you’ve disappointed me greatly. What have I done that you need to do this to me? If you don’t love me anymore, you can break up with me like normal. Why do you need to humiliate me?”

Xiao Lingyu scoffed, “I really have to applaud your acting. That is something I need to learn from you. Chen Ran, I’ve known you for ten years already. I have no idea you’re so ruthless. You can throw our ten-year relationship down the drain for your own benefit. Speaking of disappointment and humiliation, I’m the real victim here!” Xiao Lingyu hissed out the last of her words.

‘I must be blind to love this jerk for ten years.’

Thanks to Chen Ran Xiao Lingyu lost her son and her life. But this time, she would not make the same mistake again.

The crowd didn’t understand Xiao Lingyu. They still sided with Chen Ran. They thought Xiao Lingyu was just being crazy and making unreasonable accusations.

Li Kui was about to jump in to reprimand Xiao Lingyu when the latter suddenly said, “Chen Ran, how long have you been together with Miss Zhao? I’m sure you two have done everything other than having an official engagement.”

Chen Ran’s breathing stopped. His pupils constricted, and his expression changed drastically.

Even Zhao Wenman, who had been sitting by the side and watching, also shook. Her expression immediately changed.

Neither of them had expected Xiao Lingyu to know about this!

‘When did she find out? And how much did she know?’ Naturally, the two didn’t dare to voice these questions.

Chen Ran was about to berate Xiao Lingyu when Xiao Lingyu continued, “You want to get engaged with her, but I am in the way. If you broke up with me and got engaged to Zhao Wenman, people would start talking. They are not fools. Chen Ran, they’ll say that you’ve abandoned your girlfriend to marry into money. Therefore, to preserve your own reputation, you didn’t hesitate to ruin mine. But you go one step further to threaten my life!”

Xiao Lingyu’s anger rose. She questioned, “Chen Ran, what have I done to you? Why are you so ruthless? For your own benefit, you are going to sacrifice me?”

Everyone was dumbfounded by this plot twist.

However, no one dared to say anything because this involved the chairman’s daughter.

## **Chapter 9: Face-smacking!**

After Xiao Lingyu shocked everyone, she turned to Li Kui. She continued with a cold smile, "Manager Li, you said I drugged that pighead. Unfortunately for you, Manager Li, I have evidence that it was you and that pighead who drugged me!"

Xiao Lingyu referred to Li Yuanfa as a pighead because the man looked no different from a swine.

After Chen Ran and Li Kui heard Xiao Lingyu, their eyebrows twitched. However, Chen Ran soon snapped out of it. He looked so disappointed as he demanded, "Xiao Lingyu, you've already admitted to betraying me. Have you not done enough? Why are you dragging innocent people into this? Xiao Lingyu, I've really misjudged you. I thought you were a gentle and kind girl, but you wanted to frame others for your own sins. Xiao Lingyu, I am so disappointed in you!"

Xiao Lingyu's expression did not even move. She looked at Chen Ran with a half-smile on her face. It was full of sarcasm and ridicule.

Without wasting her time, Xiao Lingyu announced, "I've already called the police!"

That caused everyone to quiet down again.

Call the police? Was there an inside story that they didn't know about?

For those who didn't know anything, they were confused; but for the people who knew the truth, they knew the issue had just escalated.

Chen Ran and Li Kui's expressions changed slightly, and they looked at Xiao Lingyu in disbelief.

Zhao Wenman frowned before lowering her head to look at her phone. Her fingers tapped on the screen as if messaging someone.

She asked, "Did someone call the police today?"

"Miss, people call the police every day!"

"Cut the crap. You know what I mean!"

Zhao Wenman sent over an update. She had wired 2000 RMB to the other party.

The other party immediately replied with a smiling emoji. "Young Miss, your donation is always appreciated. The bureau did receive a call today. A woman reported that she had been drugged. She wanted to charge Li Kui from the marketing department of Huiqing Company and Li Yuanfa, the general manager of Hong Fa Group."

Zhao Wenman's expression changed as she angrily asked, "Why didn't you say so earlier?"

They could drop Li Kui at any time. They could find a new replacement easily. But Li Yuanfa was different. He was a big client for Huiqing Group. They couldn't afford to offend and lose him because of the bitch, Xiao Lingyu.

It was little wonder that Zhao Wenman's face was extremely hideous. Zhao Wenman unloaded her anger at her informant.

The other party's tone also became unpleasant being questioned and scolded by Zhao Wenman.

The person sent over a snickering emoji and said, “Young Miss Zhao, you’re so forgetful. I’ve been asking Miss Zhou out for a meal over the past few days, but you always have something else to do. I have no choice but to believe Young Miss Zhao looks down on me. After all, I’m just the deputy director of a small police station. I knew when I am unwanted.”

Zhao Wenman’s eyes filled with anger and resentment. She took a deep breath and was about to fake an apology when the man added another reply, “Oh, by the way, the police are about to arrive at your company soon! That’s all. I need to continue my meeting!”

Then he disappeared. There was no response no matter how many times Zhao Wenman called and messaged.

Zhao Wenman gripped her phone tightly, her eyes filling with anger. Before she could do anything, two policemen came in.

They demanded, “Who is Li Kui from the marketing department?”

The arrival of the police confirmed for most of the crowd that perhaps Xiao Lingyu was not lying. It was Li Kui who drugged Xiao Lingyu. They turned to Li Kui in surprise.

Technically speaking, Li Kui had no grudges with Xiao Lingyu. Even if Li Kui wanted to use a girl to captivate the client, they had a lot of beautiful women in the Marketing Department. Why did he pick out Xiao Lingyu specifically? After all, the whole company knew Xiao Lingyu was Chen Ran’s lover.

When Li Kui saw the police approaching, his face turned pale. He immediately took two steps back in fright. He even had the urge to run away.

Xiao Lingyu pointed in Li Kui’s direction and said, “Police officers, that is Li Kui from the marketing department!”

The two police officers told Li Kui directly, “Li Kui, we received a report that you tried to drug a woman at the Marriott Hotel. Please come with us to cooperate with the case!”

Blood drained from Li Kui’s face. He opened his mouth and stammered, “Police officers, I... I didn’t drug her. Perhaps you’ve made a mistake. Someone must be framing me!”

The officer said, “Whether you’re framed or not, we’ll find out at the bureau. If you’re really innocent, we’ll let you go. But you have to come with us now!”

Li Kui, who was guilty, suddenly turned towards Zhao Wenman. He was panicked and afraid. He fumbled. “Young Miss, you have to save me. I only followed your instructions and ordered Xiao Lingyu to get to the hotel to accompany Li Yuanfa. Young Miss, help me. I don’t want to go to jail.”

Li Kui stupefied everyone. They didn’t expect their young Miss to be involved in this.

Based on what Li Kui said, the person who wanted to drug Xiao Lingyu was Zhao Wenman. So the whole incident was the handiwork of Zhao Wenman...

Many didn’t dare to imagine its implication.

Zhao Wenman didn't expect that Li Kui, who was normally so shrewd, would be so foolish at this moment.

She was thinking of a way to cut him off, but he had already sold her out. Zhao Wenman was furious.

She shot a warning gaze at Li Kui to tell him to stop speaking when Xiao Lingyu suddenly asked her, "Indeed, young Miss, why do you want to harm me, a small employee from the HR department? Why did you order Manager Li to drug me?"

Xiao Lingyu answered her own question. She shouted for everyone's benefit, "Is it because you've taken a fancy to Chen Ran and want to steal him from me? You need to ruin my reputation so that your relationship can be made official?"

Xiao Lingyu's words were cutting.

Was this the truth? People had to ask.

### **Chapter 10: Another Face-slap**

Zhao Wenman was livid when she was interrogated. She growled, "Xiao Lingyu, I will sue you for slander!"

Zhao Wenman did not expect things to turn out like this. It was entirely out of their control.

Chen Ran also added, "Yu 'Er, that is not true. This is a huge misunderstanding!" No one should know about his secret relationship with Zhao Wenman even though they were about to get engaged. They couldn't reveal their relationship before Xiao Lingyu was dealt with because it would harm Zhao Wenman and Chen Ran's reputation.

Chen Ran wanted to retain his image of a perfect man. He couldn't allow this to stain his name.

Xiao Lingyu listened to their arguments, and the corners of her lips curled. "In that case, why did you order people to drug me? Set me up with that ugly man and have him rape me? What do you get out of ruining my name and life?" Xiao Lingyu's eyes wandered over to Li Kui. "Young Miss Zhao, Manager Li said it himself. He drugged me on your order. So young miss, does this mean Manager Li was accusing you too?"

Zhao Wenman's face paled as she rushed over towards Li Kui. She raised her arm and rewarded Li Kui with two slaps. She roared, "Li Kui, the company has always treated you well. When did I order you to drug Xiao Lingyu? Why did you accuse me?" When Zhao Wenman hit Li Kui, she kept making faces at Li Kui. She wanted him to take back what he said. In a whisper, she promised to save him from jail time.

Li Kui lost his composure and blurted out what he said earlier. He was not a dumb person since he was a department manager. If anything, Li Kui was smart and cunning. He was merely flustered when he heard he was to be arrested.

But now that he had calmed down, he received Zhao Wenman's hints. He quickly nodded. "Young miss, I'm so sorry. I was too afraid earlier to have blurted out your name. You didn't order me to do anything. I saw how interested the client was in Xiao Lingyu, so I took the initiative to drug her myself."

Zhao Wenman sighed in relief. Then, she looked at Xiao Lingyu with an overbearing expression. She said, "Xiao Lingyu, did you hear that? This has nothing to do with me, so you'd better not slander me. Otherwise, I'll sue you!"

Xiao Lingyu nodded and said with an ambiguous smile, "I'm not deaf, so I did hear him. However..." She added in a sharp tone, "Evidence speaks louder than words. We'll see if he'd stick to the same version when he's in captivity!"

Zhao Wenman was not threatened at all. It would be easy for her to protect Li Kui from inside the station with her influential family background.

"Oh, right, I also handed a video to the police officers." Xiao Lingyu added.

Li Kui and Zhao Wenman's hearts quivered when they heard this. Zhao Wenman demanded, "Video, what video?" She didn't think a small company employee without any background could produce anything to threaten her.

Xiao Lingyu said, "The video taken at Marriott Hotel yesterday night when Manager Li and that pighead discussed how to drug me."

Zhao Wenman was confused, but Li Kui's face paled further. He asked in shock, "How did you get that video?"

Marriott was a five-star hotel. They were earnest about their guests' privacy. Why would the hotel admin give someone like Xiao Lingyu their security video?

Yesterday night, when Xiao Lingyu went to use the toilet, Li Kui and the pighead drugged her drink. They discussed the property of the drug, and Li Kui told the pighead that Xiao Lingyu was a present from Zhao Wenman. If there was video footage of that, Li Kui couldn't deny that he wasn't working for Zhao Wenman.

Xiao Lingyu smiled. "Manager Li, you shan't worry about that."

The reality was, Xiao Lingyu was quite bitter when she thought about it. She used the man's identity to get the video. When she woke up in the presidential suite, Xiao Lingyu guessed that the man who took advantage of her had a powerful background. Therefore, she requested the hotel admin for the video, pretending to be the female companion of Room 888's occupant.

Xiao Lingyu was surprised that it worked. The admin handed her the video without any hesitation.

At that moment, bitterness and joy bit at her heart. The man could be the king of the world, but this was the last interaction Xiao Lingyu would have with him. After she received the video, she left a note at the front desk. She had the receptionist relay the note to the owner of Room 888.

The two officers were getting impatient. "Li Kui, come with us now!" Then they cuffed Li Kui.

As Li Kui was dragged away, everyone's expression turned curious.

They thought Xiao Lingyu was a slut and prostitute, but in reality, she was the victim. The plot twist was surprising. Li Kui also implied that this was all ordered by Zhao Wenman. Her goal was to steal Xiao



Lingyu's lover, Chen Ran. They cooked up this vicious plan to ruin Xiao Lingyu so that they could be together.

Chen Ran was agitated. He never thought that Xiao Lingyu, a fragile little flower, would retaliate with such fierceness. Normally, she was so quiet, but once she exploded, the whole world was shocked. She had exposed everything and managed to get the upper hand over them.

This was not something he expected from Xiao Lingyu.

'But no. Something's not right.' Chen Ran suddenly realized. 'How did Xiao Lingyu know about my relationship with Zhao Wenman? When did she find out?'

Chen Ran glared at Xiao Lingyu with hostility. Then he softened and asked, "Yu 'Er, this is a misunderstanding. Why would the Young Miss fall for someone like me? Who fed you this nonsense? Is this why you're doing this?"

Chen Ran's face filled with heartache and disappointment. "Yu 'Er, I know you're not a malicious person but do you know you're going to jail if you frame the Young Miss like this? When did you turn into such an unreasonable and jealous person? Can you stop before it is too late? There's nothing between the Young Miss and me, so you shouldn't get so worked up over it."

Chen Ran made it sound like Xiao Lingyu was doing all this because she was jealous. In short, Xiao Lingyu was acting crazy, and Zhao Wenman was the innocent party.

"Tsk, what kind of a man are you? After what happened to your girlfriend, instead of comforting her, you're protecting another woman? Which one is your actual girlfriend?" Yan Siming tutted sarcastically. "And you say you don't have an affair with this lady? Do you think we're all dumb?"