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Being humiliated in front of the guests who came to greet her birthday greetings, Ran Yue almost exploded right there and then. However, she couldn't do that because she knows that these twins who looked exactly like each other but have completely different gender wouldn't back down too. The moment she tried to retaliate and verbally contend against them, they would spit at her a few more poisonous words that would make her raise her flag.

Ran Yue suffered several times under these twins and never had she won even once!

"Xueyi, aren't you going to at least stop them? They only listen to you! Stop spoiling them, look at how ridiculous and rude they act now because you spoil them!" Since Ran Yue couldn't talk back to the two of them, she could only turn to Ran Xueyi and let her take the fall.

Ran Xueyi stood there with amusement filling her eyes. Ran Yue seemed to forget from time to time that she could no longer say whatever she wanted to her and demand something from her anymore.

In the past, because Chang Ya and Chang Xin loved teasing and making trouble for Ran Yue, the latter would always look for Ran Xueyi to tell her to scold the twins and tell them to not mess with her.

During that time, Ran Xueyi, who was still manipulated by their own lies, could only sigh and gently tell the twins to stop messing with their older sister, Ran Yue. Chang Ya and Chang Xin listened to her. However, the urges to make trouble with Ran Yue would always win their hearts and souls, so they would look for Ran Yue every time Ran Xueyi was out of the city.

Ran Xueyi glanced at the twins, who lowered their heads down, looking exactly like two puppies who were being scolded by their owner. They looked too pitiful in her eyes.

"Why are you blaming, Ran Yue?" Ran Xueyi was very calm as she spoke. "Spoiling and disciplining the younger generation is only the duty of the elders. It's not that they are being rude and spoiled. They're only like this because you never acted like an elderly to them. How are they supposed to respect you when you act like this?"

Ran Yue choked at her words. She blamed Ran Xueyi for spoiling these kids and voiced it out in front of many guests so they would look at Ran Xueyi disapprovingly. However, Ran Xueyi

countered it and even made it look like she was to blame because she never invested any time to hang out together and treat the kids adoringly.

As expected, those who originally wanted to agree with her frowned and finally settled on looking at her with displeasure. It was not because they believed Ran Xueyi's words, Ran Yue's actions and words, and also how she and these twins treated each other alone was enough to prove that she was just making a fuss over some children that were years younger than her.

p And according to what the audiences were feeling, Chang Ya leaned against her brother and said, "Ge, it's really unfortunate that dad and mom aren't here with us today. I'm scared to go inside, can we go back home already?"

Chang Xin seemed to guess what his twin sister was trying to do and he replied, "Just wait for a second, let's greet Uncle and Auntie then we will go home immediately."

Hearing them, Ran Yue felt a sense of panic as these two were not only her cousins, they also brought in some prominent guests to her party. Their parents were famous artists and many came only to see them, and even if the two artists didn't appear, their children were around, making their trip to the party not so useless anymore.

Ran Xueyi held her laugh for a long while. She could handle Ran Yue, but since the twin was helping and effortlessly making waves and angering the birthday girl 'Ran Yue', she became a passerby and watched them act.

If only they were interested in acting, she would have scouted them. But Ran Xueyi shook her head at the idea. These two were her precious little cousins, she didn't want to toss them to the dark and convoluted entertainment world. She'll let them live the life they wanted.

Looking at the red-faced Ran Yue, Ran Xueyi finally sighed. "Ran Yue, there are still some guests. Why don't you get inside and greet them. You're the birthday girl."

Ran Yue choked once again. How can she greet them warmly when she was almost driven crazy by you and these little foxes!

Ran Xueyi ignored her glare and turned to the twins. "Let's go inside."

Chang Ya and Chang Xin obediently listened to her, even Chang Ya who originally wanted to spit another string of words to deal the fatal blow to Ran Yue jumped as she happily followed Ran Xueyi inside.

The party was at its full swing. The guests were appropriately dressed for the party and one could see that they were all from famous brands. Naturally, the prices of these dresses and suits was enough to shock anyone from outside the social circle.

Ran Xueyi saw several cameras standing at each corner of the wide hall. She wasn't actually surprised when she saw it. Ran Yue loved the attention and it was no surprise that she would take some reporters to come and capture this even through the cameras.

As they entered through the huge, tall double doors to the hall, a reporter seemed to be taken by the woman in a fiery red dress. She somehow thought that the beautiful woman dressed in red was extremely familiar and so, out of her curiosity and duty as a reporter, she came forward and approached her.

"Hello, miss. I see you look stunning in that dress! You're a guest of the star and birthday girl, Ran Yue, right? Can you please tell us who you are and how you know the birthday girl?" The reporter asked.

At this time, the cameraman focused the lenses to the beautiful woman in red. It was live and the stream was packed with Ran Yue's fans and some passersby who came to watch any streams on live. They all saw the same thing and were mesmerized immediately.

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Ran Xueyi smiled at the reporter and the camera. Her eyes stopped at the lenses for two seconds before she averted her gaze. She found out that it was live.

Showing a brilliant smile on her lips, Ran Xueyi replied to the question, "Thank you for the praise. And yes, I know Ran Yue. As for how I know her... we lived in the same house for a few years."

The reporter was stunned and asked, "Lived in the same house?"

Ran Xueyi nodded.

The reporter paused and didn't get the meaning of these words. However, because she was spellbound by her beauty and couldn't stop praising Ran Xueyi for a while.

In the livestream channel. The viewers were also stunned by her beauty. They couldn't help but tap their fingers and commented on the livestream comment box.

[Even the Sun Don't Shine on Me: OMG! Who is she? How can a goddess descend from Heaven? Ah, my heart is aching. I need the goddess to come and heal my heart.]

[Real Name Hidden: Let go! Don't stop me from licking the screen!]

[Averagestudent: Upstairs, where are you licking? Let me join you to lick the screen!]

[CrazyCatLady: Wah! My cats are going crazy already after they laid their eyes on her! What should I do? I think I'm also going crazy.]

[Dodora the Explorer: I only looked at the site because I was bored. I never thought that I would live up to my name and discover a goddess!]

Under this comment were several likes and "Hahaha" replies.

There were already thousands of comments raining on the comment box, praising and saying that they fell in love at first sight after seeing the beauty appear on their screens. However, there were also some bitter fans of Ran Yue, who couldn't accept that these people were praising someone else other than their idol.

Earlier, when Ran Yue appeared on the screen to greet the viewers, there were also several people who praised her beautiful face and sultry figure wrapped in that tiny dress. However, it couldn't compare to how many people were praising this lady.

Thus, Ran Yue's fans fired at these people who complimented Ran Xueyi and also threw a lot of dirty water on her.

[Anonymouse: Che! So what if she's beautiful? Our Yueyue isn't only pretty. She's talented in acting and even got the rookie actress award!]

This comment was followed by other Ran Yue fans and also bitterly commented a lot of harsh words.

[Ammarobot: Yeah! Who cares about her? These passersby are only here to lick beauties without knowing that their goddess could be a succubus! Be careful or she might suck your yang energy!]

As the streaming site was heating up as fans of Ran Yue and passersby who ended up falling in love with Ran Xueyi's face continued to go after each other's throat, Ran Xueyi, who was the cause of this battle were nonchalantly looking at the guests inside the hall.

She didn't care how much traffic she caused in the livestream as she grabbed a glass of champagne from a moving tray carried by a server. She chose a small round table close to the door and observed the party.

In front of the raised platform that had a table with a ten layer cake, her parents who were dressed perfectly were speaking to some guests. They both had smiles on their lips as they laughed and talked. On their left was the Yang family she recognized. However, she couldn't see Yang Baihua.

Ran Xueyi didn't know if Ran Yue and Yang Baihua met after the twins bullied her. But it didn't matter where they were and what the two were doing. Ran Xueyi took a sip from her glass.

"Xueyi jie, does it taste good?" Chang Ya licked her lips and stared at her glass.

Ran Xueyi stared at her before nodding. "Yes."

"Really? How does it taste? Does it taste like strawberry?" Chang Ya gulped and earnestly stared at her like a little wolf staring at Red riding hood.

Ran Xueyi laughed. She knew that the other was trying to manipulate her to let her have a taste of her drink. "Xiao Ya... when's your birthday again?"

Chang Ya answered: "November 3!"

p Ran Xueyi hummed before saying: "Then wait until your birthday arrives. I'll let you drink as much as you want."

Seeing that she couldn't fool her older cousin, Chang Ya pouted, but no longer tried to eye the glass in her hand. Chang Xin chuckled deeply and offered the plates of bite size desserts in front of him to his sister.

Chang Xin then turned to Ran Xueyi and asked, "Xueyi jie, I heard that you sold your apartment. Where are you staying now?"

The news that Ran Xueyi left home was only known by their grandparents, Chang Xin and Chang Ya's family, and the Yang family. It was not surprising that he would know about it. However, only her grandpa and her parents as well as Ran Yue knew why she left home.

And Ran Xueyi was certain that her parents wouldn't let anyone know of what they did to her. If the twins and their parents find out about it... Ran Xueyi was unsure of what chaos they will cause to the main branch family. In any case, Ran Xueyi didn't want to involve them in this for now.

"If you're uncomfortable with your new house, you can stay at our house. Mom and dad will surely not refuse to let you stay with us." Chang Xin offered.

Ran Xueyi knew that her uncle and auntie would be one of the first people who would offer her a place to stay. Aside from her grandparents who lived in the outskirts of the city, Chang Ya and Chang Xin's parents were one of her closest people whom she could really call 'family'.

"There's no need to. But thank Uncle and Auntie for me. I already have a place to live in the Capital and so, there's no need to worry." Ran Xueyi told him.

Since she already said so, Chang Xin also didn't force her to live with them. Besides, he also thought it was better for her to stay in the Capital than in their small city.

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Guests were still pouring from the huge double doors of the hall. They were all elegantly dressed. Unfortunately, the birthday girl decided to wear a shorter and thinner dress; the kind of dress one would usually wear on their way to a club. Ran Xueyi thought as she lifted the glass in her hand to her lips. She let the liquid wet her lips, the flavor exploding, but not overwhelming her sense of taste.

Looking around, there were some prominent figures from the city, even the Mayor of the city attended the party. Not to mention, the number of celebrities and idols, directors and producers who

all came to relax and have fun. Ran Xueyi recognized most of their faces as she had met and worked with them.

Some of them seemed to have taken notice of her. They originally didn't recognize her face, but they were still captivated by her innate and stunning beauty that took over everyone's attention. Hence, they all couldn't help but take a few more glances in her way.

Ran Xueyi saw two of those people who recognized her slowly walking towards her table. Chang Xin also perceived their intention to go to their table and showed an irritated look on his face.

But it didn't stop these two from approaching.

With big smiles on their faces, the two greeted her but only one spoke.

"It's been a while, Ran Xueyi."

The one who spoke first was a producer whom she had worked with in a movie in the past. His name is Tao <anno data-annotation-id="1a8de89d-84cb-9971-85dd-c2282bd2d2ae">Bojing</anno>, a second-tier producer who produced several A-class movies in several cinemas in the country. Most of his movies were highly regarded because of the beautiful pictures it showed and meaningful acting. Not only that, his most prized work was an SS-class movie that Ran Xueyi starred in before.

Ran Xueyi wasn't unfamiliar with this man and she also smiled. "Jing <anno data-annotation-id="def2dbfe-3702-d5bb-20ab-79856b57d6d8">ge</anno>, it did take a while for us to meet again. But I see that you're smiling more than ever!"

Tao Bojing smiled even more genuinely seeing that she was still acting familiar with him despite the years that made Ran Xueyi lost all her contacts to the entertainment circle.

"Well, of course. This guy over here got himself a wife and a baby girl. I'm sure no one will be happier than a man who got married to his first love," commented the other who came with him. It was Deng Zhenzhen, who was also an actress.

"That's right. I think my body is filled with joy after having my own family."

Tao Bojing flashed a smug smile, as if he was so proud of his accomplishment. If one didn't know, they would even assume that he was even happier than when he received the certification of his movie turning from a B-class to an SS-class movie.

Ran Xueyi wasn't that familiar with Deng Zhenzhen. But since the latter came with Tao Bojing and wanted to keep an amicable relationship with her... Naturally, Ran Xueyi wouldn't reject it.

"It's good to know that you're finally married. I thought you're still chasing after your first love." Ran Xueyi laughed and the other two followed suit. The three of them laughed, knowing that what Ran Xueyi said was shy away from being true since Tao Bojing really spent years chasing after his love.

After speaking and laughing, the two finally left with bright smiles on their faces. The people who were silently observing them while standing at their table were somewhat surprised. Since the Tao Bojing and Deng Zhenzhen entered through that door, they never took initiative to approach anybody. They only kept their small group of two and only politely greeted other people when they were being greeted.

Ran Xueyi indifferently took a sip from her glass once again. Feeling a bit uncomfortable after drinking a whole glass, she excused herself from the twin and slipped through the backdoor that would lead her to the staircase that the family used to go back to their private rooms.

Soon after she closed the door behind her, the loud music, the voices of the people inside the halls, and the noises of glasses and silverwares clinking were drowned and came to a cease. Only the muffled noise was heard, but Ran Xueyi thought that it was enough.

It was too noisy outside and also a bit too suffocating because of the mixing of perfumes and musk.

Taking a deep breath, Ran Xueyi leaned her back against the wall and sighed. She wondered what was going on with her? She was doing okay earlier, but as time ticked by, she seemed to find everything frustrating.

After calming down and keeping herself away from the noisy crowd, Ran Xueyi finally started to walk up the stairs. As she reached the end of the stairs and finally stood in the corridor she was overly familiar with, she continued walking. However, she paused when she heard someone arguing in one of the rooms.

Ran Xueyi glanced at the room where the faint sound of arguing came from. It was from the master's bedroom, her parents' bedroom.

Her feet moved towards the room and she only stopped when she was right in front of the door. Thankfully, the door was slightly opened and using that gap in the door, she saw her father's back facing towards her and he seemed to be angry about something.

"...stand it anymore! Why is that old man trying to stop me from doing what I want? Besides, what is his should be mine!" Ran Mo Zheng exclaimed. His face was red with anger and the veins on his temples appeared.

Ran Xueyi then heard the soft, nasal voice that was oh-so familiar to her.

"Calm down, honey. There's no need for you to panic now. Besides, father will soon realize that you're a better candidate to become the next chairman of Ran Group. You've been in this business and you know how to handle the company more than anyone... And I'm sure all the shareholders and executives think so too." Lu Jing coaxed her husband to calm down. She grabbed a glass of water that was on the table and gave it to him.

His wife was right. There was no need to panic right now. Ran Mo Zheng's mind finally started to get clearer after he drank the water.

After seeing him calm down, Lu Jin pulled his hand and squeezed as she said, "But we can't relax either. For as long as Xueyi isn't in our control, we won't know what will happen. She has contributions to the company and some of the company products's success were all made possible by her. There will surely be some people who will oppose you."

"Then, I will need to gather all, if not, most of the shareholders and executives. I just need to get their votes when the time comes. Anyway, that brat daughter of yours can't enter the company building anymore after I ordered the security to block her from entering the office building."

When Ran Mo Zheng said all these, he was extremely calm. It didn't even look like he was trying to keep his own daughter away from the company that she had some shares in and greatly contributed to their success due to her popularity in the entertainment industry and the country.

Lu Jing looked a little bit insulted as she replied, "That's also your daughter. Don't just lump her with me! If only she was obedient and listened to every word I say and acted like a fool, we wouldn't be this ruthless to her. But father just has to plan and make her into his successor. Even

Ran Yue didn't have this privilege! Shouldn't he consider what Yueyue will feel when she sees her older sister become the next chairman?"

Ran Mo Zheng nodded, agreeing with her. The truth was, if only grandpa Ran didn't choose Ran Xueyi as his sole successor and planned to give her everything he owned, Ran Mo Zheng might have already treated Ran Xueyi favorably. And their plan to subdue and control Ran Xueyi failed miserably due to the fact that she found out about their schemes.

Thus, they couldn't use a pawn that wanted to be a Queen. They could only harden their hearts for this daughter that they shared blood with, and let her know that it wasn't proper for a child to take away her parents' belongings without permission.

After talking for a bit longer, the two finally veered off the topic and Ran Mo Zheng said, "Let's stop talking about this. Today is <anno data-annotation-id="4d816404-df9d-6a28-9ffe-484153b079ec">Yue'er's</anno> birthday. Things like this should be discussed after her birthday."

Lu Jing also thought of that and agreed with him.

"That's right." Lu Jing slowly said before frowning. "But I haven't seen Yue'er since earlier. Where do you think did she go?"

Ran Mo Zheng shook his head. "She's probably with her friends. Let's go back to the party and look for her."

Lu Jing interlocked arms with her husband and headed for the door. However, she noticed something wrong with the door and suddenly shouted, "Who's there!"

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"Who's there!"

Lu Jing grabbed the open and looked outside the corridor. No one was there. It was as if the silhouette that she saw between the gaps of the door was just a glimpse of her imagination.

"Was there someone standing outside our room?" Ran Mo Zheng came from behind her and also looked around. However, like his wife, he saw an empty corridor.

"I definitely saw someone standing outside the door... But why is there no one?" Lu Jing wondered. Was it all truly her imaginations?

Ran Mo Zheng put his hands on her shoulder and reassuringly said, "You didn't sleep well last night because you're too excited for Yue'er's birthday. Maybe that's why you're seeing things."

"But I really did see something!" She glared at him.

Ran Mo Zheng sighed. "There's no way there's anyone here. No one can enter the door leading to our private rooms without permission. Besides, if there is, where could they have disappeared? All these rooms are locked and only our family can open them. Come on, don't worry too much. We still have to give our gift to our daughter."

Hearing his words, Lu Jing also thought that he was right. The servants guarding the door downstairs wouldn't just let anyone in and besides, there really was a special lock that only a few trusted servants and their family knew. How could a person suddenly disappear without a trace?

And what if what she saw was a ghost? Lu Jing shook her head and no longer thought of it. Ghost was better than a person. All the words they discussed inside their room was definitely not something anyone should hear.

The two finally headed downstairs to greet and chat with the guests.

Hearing the footfalls belonging to her parents gradually growing faint, Ran Xueyi couldn't even release a sigh. She wasn't even relieved that they left and didn't find her. Fortunately, the locks of the doors in their house weren't changed after she left so she could easily enter any one of these doors.

Slowly letting her whole body slip down to the floor, Ran Xueyi covered her mouth as she held down a gasp or scream.

Ran Xueyi expected that she was already prepared to hear everything, but isn't that too much? For her parents to plan her demise only because they couldn't accept the fact that she would receive all her grandparents' wealth and company, they would rather have her life ruined.

Could any children even accept everything that they heard from the people they once thought loved them and they loved back saying such hurtful words as if they weren't related at all.

Ran Xueyi held back the tears that were pooling her eyes. It hurts to know that your parents spun their web of lies only for you, their child, to fall and wait for them to eat you whole. It completely soured her mood, but the good thing was... Ran Xueyi already expected the worst and the dull pain she would have suffered from this blow decreased so much that she only felt numbed by their words.

Her parents wanted to destroy her and use every means they could do to take what was given to her by her grandparents... Then, so be it.

'The thing they wanted from me... I'll take it right in front of their eyes and burn it to ashes until nothing is left.' Ran Xueyi thought to herself.

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"Where have you been, Xueyi jie?"

"I went to the restroom to wash my hands." Ran Xueyi replied as she stood beside their table.
"Why? Did something happen?"

Her eyes landed on Chang Ya who looked as if she swallowed a whole lemon. It really seemed that something bad happened to them.

"It's nothing... Ya'er went looking for you but she saw Ran Yue instead." Chang Xin answered as he observed Ran Xueyi's expression.

Ran Xueyi raised her eyebrows. Chang Ya wasn't the type to be bullied, instead she was the type who would bully others until their faces bleed with anger. But right now, this fearless and valiant little sister was not acting herself.

"What happened? Did Ran Yue do something to her?" Ran Xueyi was worried that Ran Yue finally couldn't take it and strike her hands on Chang Ya.

Chang Ya took a moment as though she was considering whether she should say it. Two seconds later, she shook her, and softly said, "Nothing, Xueyi <anno data-annotation-id="589a67e8-e4e1-

e695-c2b9-a487bbcd6b00">jie</anno>. I just don't feel good after eating too much." She pushed the small plate to her and said, "I only saw you drink... Here, I got this for you."

Ran Xueyi stared at Chang Ya for a few seconds. She knew that this child was hiding something from and from how bitter she looked right now, it must be something bad. However, since Chang Ya didn't want to say anything, Ran Xueyi also didn't force her.

Chang Xin knowingly stared at his twin sister. Chang Ya did not know how to lie and she wears her heart on her sleeve, allowing other people to see what she really feels.

Earlier, when Ran Xueyi left, Chang Ya said that she was worried that their older sister would meet some people who bully her. And so, he allowed her to leave her side. But who could have known that when she came back, she was grey and it looked as if she saw a ghost somewhere, hurrying to his side to hide.

The two of them never kept any secrets from each other and one look was enough for one of them to spill whatever secret they have to the other.

And that was exactly what happened. Chang Xin was worried about her sudden change of behavior and expression and it only took him to stare at her for several seconds and she finally gave up.

Chang Xin was expecting her to do something bad or fight with somebody again. But what she told him shook him to the core.

"Oh, Miss Ran Yue is here!"

They didn't know who screamed, but because of that voice, everyone who was chatting and smiling at their tables simultaneously turned their heads and saw Ran Yue entering the hall. Her black hair bounced as she took her step and a smile perfect for a toothpaste commercial was pasted on her lips as she greeted those who were standing close to her.

She looked like a little princess in a fairytale story, walking in front of a crowd who slowly backed away and made a path for her to walk on. A couple stopped by her side, kissed Ran Xueyi's cheeks.

"Auntie and Uncle really love Ran Yue." Chang Xin whispered as he glared at the trio. His eyes were cold and was looking at them as if they were a bunch of clowns performing in front of him.

He never saw them this happy on any other occasion. Even when it was his older cousin, Ran Xueyi's birthday, this old couple was not as happy as they are right now. Chang Xin slowly moved his gaze slightly and it perfectly landed on the birthday girl.

If looks could kill, Ran Yue would probably be dead twenty times now. Too bad, it didn't happen. Chang Xin was feeling disappointed that he couldn't wipe that smile on her face away.

On the other hand, Chang Ya was also feeling extraordinarily upset upon seeing them. Her face suddenly turned darker as she saw a man approaching the trio and happily greeted them.

"Xueyi jie... Are you still planning on marrying him?" Suddenly, Chang Ya turned her attention to Ran Xueyi and asked.

The question caught Ran Xueyi off guard as she wondered why this little girl was asking her this now. But upon thinking of it again, it must have some connection to why Chang Ya was averse and indisposed since she arrived.

Did Chang Ya see something earlier? Ran Xueyi wondered.

Because she was occupied in her thoughts, her delay and lack of response, agitated not only Chng Ya, but Chang Xin, who was silently watching her. They thought that she was hesitating to answer the question because her decision was still leaning towards marrying Yang Baihua.

This incensed Chang Ya and she grabbed Ran Xueyi's arm and pleadingly said, "Xueyi jie... my beloved sister... please don't marry that scu- that man... I don't approve of it and I will cry at your wedding! You said you don't want to see me cry, right? So, please don't marry him!"

Chang Xin also followed and seriously said, "There's a lot of men you can pick... What's so good with him? If you like this type, wait for me so I can search the country and find a better man for you!"

Chang Ya earnestly nodded and a sudden idea entered her mind. "That's right! There are still many bachelors in the country! There's the young master from the Lu family... No, that one is a Casanova. The one from the Xie family is also no good."

Ran Xueyi: "..."

Ran Xueyi didn't think that their reaction was too exaggerated that they would even worry about her future and pick who will be her husband for as long as it was not Yang Baihua. She didn't know if she should laugh or cry.

Finally, Ran Xueyi couldn't take it any longer and wanted to stop them from speaking anymore. But what Chang Xin said after almost made her choke to death.

Chang Xin: "Ya'er, all these men you mentioned are no good. I don't approve of them. I will only approve if it's that man called Song Yu Han from the Song family became our sister's husband."

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Ran Xueyi refused to make a comment. She was already sweating from the topic and she did not know how long she could keep a straight face in front of the twins.

Ignoring the two children bickering and arguing who was the best man to be her husband, Ran Xueyi glanced ahead and coincidentally, her eyes met with Yang Baihua's eyes. Surprisingly, the swelling in his other eye lessened by a lot and if one did not look closely, they wouldn't notice the faint bruise on his eyes.

He probably concealed it with a makeup product. Ran Xueyi laughingly thought as she looked next to Ran Yue, who was still brightly smiling to the crowd. Probably because she felt someone staring at her, Ran Yue's smile paused and she looked around her, only stopping when she found Ran Xueyi standing next to the twins.

Ran Xueyi saw Ran Yue lean over their mother and whisper something to her ear. Then, Mother Ran's eyes widened and looked around as well before stopping at where Ran Xueyi and the twins stood at their table.

Mother Ran made a gesture to the guests surrounding her and suddenly left their group.

"Shoot! Auntie is walking towards us!" Chang Ya announced.

Ran Xueyi also saw that her mother was making her way towards them, but she didn't feel nervous at all. She didn't even feel anything anymore after what she heard from them.

"Xueyi... since when did you arrive? Why didn't you come and greet us?" Mother Ran asked her. Looking at the tall and beautiful young woman in front of her. "Or are you waiting for your parents to come and greet you instead?"

Ran Xueyi ignored her mother's harsh words and replied, "How can I allow you to do that? Of course, I planned to greet you first, but when I arrived, I saw that you and father weren't around."

Mother Ran stared at Ran Xueyi for a long moment. Originally, she was suspicious of Ran Xueyi's appearance. She suspected that Ran Xueyi was the person who was behind that door, but she had no conclusive evidence that would support her suspicion. Besides, Ran Xueyi looked like she was telling the truth.

Moreover, if it was really Ran Xueyi who was eavesdropping earlier, she wouldn't have this calm and relaxed expression on her face.

After speculating for a few seconds, Mother Ran finally dropped her suspicion, not knowing that she was just walking on the right track before she was misled to walk on a twisted path.

"Well, since you're here... come with me. You shouldn't be here standing on the corner. What would people think if they saw you standing here?" Mother Ran finally acknowledged the presence of the twins and said, "Xiao Ya and Xiao Xin are here? Why not come to our table?"

Chang Ya didn't reply. It was Chang Xin who said, "Thank you, Auntie. But we'd like to stay here."

Chang Ya nodded her head. She didn't want to sit at the same table as Ran Yue and Yang Baihua at all!

Mother Ran was about to invite them once again when Ran Xueyi intervened, "Mother, there's no need to force them. They're just kids and they don't have to greet the guests."

"Let's go." Ran Xueyi said before walking forward, not intending to wait or walk side by side with her mother.

Mother Ran felt that Ran Xueyi was trying to keep a bit of distance between them, but at this moment, she really didn't care. Ran Xueyi already knew that they lied to her, Ran Xueyi's reaction was only natural.

So, Mother Ran didn't force herself to act as a benevolent and loving mother to her.

Of course, Ran Xueyi also didn't want her to act like that. Hence, she didn't even wait for her mother.

Seeing the two of them approaching, Ran Yue's face darkened. Earlier, she didn't notice it because the twins were standing by her side, but now that Ran Xueyi was standing right in front of her, Ran Yue's heart couldn't help but compare herself to her.

The two of them shared the same parents... Yet, why is it that when the two of them stood beside each other, Ran Xueyi would always outstand her!

And because of how Ran Yue was dressed, their differences were easily pointed out. One looked like a Sun Goddess who descended from the sky and the other, a lowly demoness who couldn't even touch the fire the goddess walked on.

Ran Yue wasn't the only one who also noticed this. However, they chose not to say anything for the sake of giving face to the birthday girl.

"Xueyi..." Ran Yue bitterly called out her sister's name.

Yang Baihua, who was standing next to her and was talking to a guest, froze and looked over. He saw a stunning figure walking towards him and was slightly dazed.

Ran Xueyi noticed their gazes and smiled. She moved her eyes to land on Yang Baihua and saw that he was a little bit dazed and his breathing seemed a bit erratic. What's wrong with him now?

Ah, that's right. Yang Baihua must be doing his best to restrain his anger and lash out at her after she punched him, right?

Yang Baihua was indeed trying his best to control his urges to drag Ran Xueyi somewhere else. Of course, he was angry after she punched him last time. However, all his anger turned into a mush the moment he saw her looking so gorgeous and beautiful. His anger dissipated into thin air as only the thought of pulling her somewhere private and seeing what was under that dress was filling his mind.

Ran Xueyi felt disgusted being stared at by him so she turned her attention to Ran Yue, who was scowling.

She continued walking with confidence, her queenly aura was overwhelming and everyone couldn't help but follow her strut to the center of the hall. Numerous cameras were also pointing their lenses to her and were showing everything to the viewers. The comments on the comment box continued to pour in and everyone was praising Ran Xueyi.

There were only a few steps left before Ran Xueyi reached them. She headed straight towards Yang Baihua and before the latter could react, a slap had already landed on his face.

The hall suddenly fell into an impregnable silence that one could even hear a pin dropping somewhere across the hall. But not only a second later, the silence broke as several people gasped and held their hands in front of their mouths, utterly shocked at the development of the party. What the hell was going on?

"Ran Xueyi!" Ran Mo Zheng suddenly yelled, "What the hell are you doing to Yang Baihua? Aren't you going to apologize to him?"

Ran Xueyi pulled back her hand and turned to her father. Her eyes were red as unshed tears pooled into her eyes. Those who could see her face and the way her eyes were filled with sadness and grief would pity her.

"Apologize? Do you even know what he has been doing?" Ran Xueyi suddenly asked.

Ran Mo Zheng and Ran Yue were alarmed. What was she talking about? Didn't she already find out about what they had been doing to her? Then, why was she acting as if she just only found out?

It wasn't only Father Ran and Ran Yue, who thought that something was wrong. Even Mother Ran, who was standing behind Ran Xueyi and Yang Baihua, who was inexplicably slapped out of nowhere, didn't understand what was going on.

"Stop making a scene, Xueyi!" Even though Mother Ran didn't know what Ran Xueyi was trying to do, she still needed to stop this situation from escalating. Who knows what people will find out if this continues. Besides... there were too many people who could see and hear this!

"How long have you been toying with me, Yang Baihua?" Ran Xueyi pulled away from her mother's grasp. "I know you've never loved me because our engagement was made because of our parents. But how could you do this to me?"

Ran Yue moved toward Yang Baihua. Her face was filled with concern for him. Then, she turned to Ran Xueyi and urgently said, "What are you doing? Are you out of your mind, Xueyi? Why did you slap him?"

Ran Xueyi sneered as she raised a corner of her lips. She was extremely calm and indifferent inside, but outwardly, her appearance looked as if she suffered under great stress and grievances. And all of it was caused by Yang Baihua.

"Don't defend her anymore, Ran Yue... That man doesn't need your protection," said Ran Xueyi, making Ran Yue and the others even more confused. "You're asking me why I am doing this and slapped him?"

"Who couldn't resist slapping the face of a scumbag like him after what I heard?" Ran Xueyi said loudly. Then, she pulled out her phone from her pouch and clicked a few times on the screen before a sound came out from the speakers on her phone.

Soon, the sound of ambiguous noises and voices of a man and woman poured out and entered everyone's ears.

Those who were still in doubt heard these noises. Even with their eyes closed, they could tell what was going on in that audio recorder. But they couldn't tell who those two people were in the audio.

However, Yang Baihua and Ran Yue were different. Their faces turned white quickly soon after the audio was played.

Those voices... Isn't that them?!