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Chapter 156 We're Married (1)

Thankfully, Song Yu Han finally gave up and left the room, leaving the two inside to talk.

Ran Xueyi didn't immediately open her mouth to speak as she waited for Old Master Song to finish observing her. If she wasn't wrong, Old Master Song must have had some thoughts already inside his mind and didn't speak earlier.

After a few seconds of silence inside the room, Old Master Song finally spoke.

He said, "I am not sure if it's because my age is catching up to my memory, but if I am not wrong, you are Ran Yiqing's granddaughter."

Ran Xueyi readily nodded to his words and replied, "I met Old Master Song during my grandfather's party. I still clearly remember the close friend that my grandfather introduced to me at that time."

Old Master Song scoffed, "So, he's calling me his close friend? How shameless."

Ran Xueyi raised her eyebrow at that, wondering what made him say these words.

Old Master Song saw her reaction and lightly coughed before saying, "Your grandfather must have not told you. When we were still young, the two of us were considered as rivals. Our relationship is far from being harmonious. When he uses the left passage, I use the right passage, that's the kind of relationship we have in the past."

After speaking, Old Master Song seemed to have a short moment of reminiscing his pasts and despite him saying that the two of them were rivals and couldn't stand each other, his lips were still raised and as if he was remembering something very nice.

"But that was all in the past," Old Master Song continued, "The two of us married and had our children. It must be because we were able to create a family that we realized there was really no need to continue our relationship like that, thus, we decided to become friends."

Ran Xueyi was surprised to hear him speak of his past without any filters. Though she came here as Old Master Ran's granddaughter and possibly, the lover of his grandson, it was still a bit too awkward and difficult to share one's feelings and memories to a stranger.

But Old Master Song just did this to her.

He didn't act and treated her like a stranger, his treatment was very warm and familiar as though he was talking to a companion he had been with a long time ago.

This surprised her, but Ran Xueyi only showed a faint smile on her lips and didn't interrupt or stop the old man from speaking.

After a while, Old Master Song stopped thinking about his past and finally focused his attention on Ran Xueyi. He asked her some basic questions that she even had the illusion of being interviewed for a position at a company.

After knowing those simple things about her, Old Master Song acted even closer to her and said, "I know this might have been quite surprising to you. It's just that I never saw Song Yu Han acting like this towards anyone. I even had doubts about his orientation and already gave up asking him to continue the family bloodline."

Ran Xueyi: "..."

She had to admit that Song Yu Han was really pitiful. It was not only her who thought and assumed that he was secretly hiding inside the closet and hasn't come out yet. It seemed that even Old Master Song, his grandfather, was also thinking this.

She suddenly wondered how Song Yu Han would react if he found out about this?

He'd probably burn the Song family's main mansion as compensation.

Seeing her being silent, Old Master Song was slightly afraid that she had misunderstood him and really thought that Song Yu Han had a different orientation and corrected himself, "Of course, it's only my assumption. Now, I don't have anything to worry about."

Old Master Song stood up and rounded the desk before sitting across the chair where Ran Xueyi sat. A chessboard with chess pieces across the flat surface was in between them.

He casually touched a piece and with his profound gaze, he stared at her.

"Miss Ran, I have a question..." Old Master Song suddenly said, "What is the real relationship between you and my grandson?"

Ran Xueyi calmly stared back at him, but she still didn't respond as Old Master Song was not done questioning her.

"I know my grandson and know that his actions today aren't abrupt. Others might think you two are acquaintances that met a few times, but this won't fool me easily. I think that you two have met more than just a few times."

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The chess piece in his hand was suddenly put down on the board. The Old Master Song started to play.

Ran Xueyi didn't feel at loss at his questions nor at the sudden movement he did. She remembered those times when her grandfather also did this to her to train her mental capacity. A chess board was not only about wins or losses, but to understand the opponent's strength and mental stability to control their emotions while fighting with a capable enemy.

Shifting slightly on her chair, Ran Xueyi silently stared at the chessboard in front of her and slowly raised her hand. She picked the horse piece and used it to advance forward.

"Old Master Song is correct. The two of us certainly didn't meet a few times."

Ran Xueyi's reply was a confirmation that the two of them had been in contact with each other for some time. This wasn't a lie, but it was also not necessarily the truth since in reality, Ran Xueyi met Song Yu Han only a few months ago.

Old Master Song stared at her for a long time and thought that it was as he expected. Song Yu Han's actions were too shocking earlier. He suddenly made a move in front of everyone and unexpectedly

went to approach a woman. If it were someone else, they wouldn't doubt it, but it was Song Yu Han, his grandson was known to be extremely strict and obstinate as a monk.

Hence, Old Master Song fell to a conclusion that the two of them did know each other and were relatively closer than just being acquainted with each other.

However, Ran Xueyi wasn't done talking.

She let her words hang in the air for a few seconds before dropping a few astonishing words that almost gave Old Master Song a heart attack.

"And to answer your question earlier..." Ran Xueyi let her voice trail before finally confessing, "Our relationship is already considered being married by law."

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"You...!"

Old Master Song's hand that was gripping the new chess piece in his hand tightened. He stared at Ran Xueyi with widened eyes, looking as if he had just seen a ghost standing before him.

But no matter what the expression on his face looked like, Old Master Song's heart and mind was very chaotic at this moment. His heart inside his chest was beating so fast that it never beat like this before!

As for his mind, it was swirling with words that he even couldn't understand before it finally combined and took the form of a sentence with a bright red question mark.

'What did she just say?'

Old Master Song thought that he lost his voice since he had been trying so hard, but he couldn't utter a sound for a while.

A minute later, he finally found his voice, but he still croaked at the very beginning.

"Y-you... What did you just say? You two are what?"

Ran Xueyi found the old man's reaction very interesting, but couldn't find it in herself to tease him and thus repeated the words she said, but a bit shorter and simpler.

"We're married."

Old Master Song was really someone very outstanding and brilliant even in his old age. Though at first, he was slightly slow, he still recovered the second time and reacted very fast this time.

"Are you really telling the truth?" Old Master Song stared at her suspiciously, "This is my grandson we're talking about here, not just any man. That child even promised to never marry anyone in this life!"

Ran Xueyi didn't have anything to say to that. She also thought that with Song Yu Han's experience and past, if he vowed to never marry, he really would never marry even if someone pointed a gun at his head.

However, it was really the truth that she was married to Song Yu Han.

To prove that she was telling the truth, Ran Xueyi took her phone out and searched for something.

Old Master Song waited very patiently and didn't stop her either. He really wanted to know if she was lying or not. It was better if it was the latter since that would mean he could finally rest his worries towards Song Yu Han.

However, if it was the former...

Though he didn't want to be enemies with Ran Yiqing, he really can't take this conversation only for it to turn into a joke.

But Ran Xueyi already found the thing she wanted to find and kindly handed her phone for him to see.

Old Master Song was still skeptical about her words, but when he lowered his head and saw the picture Ran Xueyi showed him, he couldn't say anything else. He switched between looking at her and the picture on the phone before returning his gaze to look at her.

On the screen of her phone was a pastel colored paper with black and light red writings on it. It also showed the names, dates and the most noticeable thing was the picture of a couple with a red background behind them while smiling back at the camera.

It was Song Yu Han and Ran Xueyi's photo.

Even if Old Master Song wanted to tell himself that the photo was fake, he really couldn't say it!

"It... it's really true? You two are really married?" Old Master Song repeated his question.

Ran Xueyi nodded, "Yes... We've been married for a few months now."

Ran Xueyi was feeling slightly dazed. Originally, her plan that day was to become her grandparents' substitute to attend Old Master Song's birthday, but who could have known that not only did she end up being called Song Yu Han's 'lover', she even confessed that she was married to him to his grandfather.

Truly, this was all unplanned and it also caught her off guard.

But there was no unsightly feeling of being discovered, the only lingering feeling inside her was the feeling of liberation, the effect of being able to tell the truth to someone else.

Somehow, she found this feeling truly wonderful and she couldn't help but feel excited. She even had the thought of finally confessing to the world about her marriage with Song Yu Han.

At this moment, Old Master Song also accepted this revelation. He was silent for a second as he looked at the picture for a bit longer before he suddenly raised his head and asked a question that Ran Xueyi found a bit difficult to respond to.

"Since you've been married to each other for a while... Then, do you two have any plans to announce this publicly?"

Old Master Song was really curious about this. He realized that this world-breaking news was never found out by anyone and he ended up thinking that there must be some reason behind it.

Even so, Old Master Song didn't think that it was right to let them continue hiding it thus, he asked this question.

Ran Xueyi did not know how to answer this. She does have plans to announce her marriage publicly, but it wasn't the right time.

Her family situation added to the fact that she recently announced that her engagement with Yang Baihua was no longer, there was also the scandal where Yang Baihua was caught cheating on her.

If she came forward now and announced that she was married to Song Yu Han or found someone already only after several days after the scandal blew up, even if some might believe it, there were still some people who would make trouble and throw dirty waters in the midst of this situation.

Not only would her initial plans to make her family and Yang Baihua suffer for what they did to her get ruined, Ran Xueyi and Song Yu Han would be dragged to be beaten by everyone for having double standards.

Ran Xueyi didn't care if others called her hypocrite for calling others out due to them cheating on her, but she couldn't let Song Yu Han suffer because of her.

It would be very tasteless and ridiculous for her to do that to him.

Thus, she made up her mind to not announce their real relationship to others for now and let the world calm down.

Then, she would announce it to the world...

Song Yu Han and Butler Chen returned to the room after a trip to the kitchen. Each of them were holding something in their hands and when they entered the room, they froze at the scene before them.

Previously, Butler Chen was worrying that Old Master Song roasted and made the woman his younger master brought with him when they left. He couldn't help but hasten a bit when fetching some drinks and snacks so they could return quicker.

But who knew that the scene that they would witness when they came back was too peaceful and pure.

In front of them, the two whom they were worried about were sitting across each other, playing a game of chess with their lips both smiling.

Chapter 158 Old Master Song's Heart Couldn't Help But Ache

Song Yu Han stared at the duo playing chess with smiles on their lips. If he didn't know better, he would have thought that instead of him being related by blood to Old Master Song, it was Ran Xueyi who was clearly related to him and was his real granddaughter.

It was not only him who thought this way as Butler Chen was struck silly by the scene before him and it took him a while to recover. Don't get him wrong, he knew himself that he could take any shocking situation calmly and with an indifferent expression, he also believed that nothing could ever shock him. But he had just slapped himself awake since not only was he especially shocked, he was speechless at what he was seeing.

Butler Chen has been serving the Song family since he was a child and naturally, after taking over the head butler position from his father, he started to be under Old Master Song, who at that time was recently promoted from being a young master to the Head of the family.

He basically became Song Yichen's study partner to his right-hand man and until now, he still has this position in the house.

Needless to say, Butler Chen knew Old Master Song better than anyone and knew in his heart that Old Master Song never smiled this brightly towards anyone. Even when he first heard that his great grandson, Xie Chi, was born, he didn't smile this happily.

Hence, he was exceptionally amazed by this.

However, he was still a butler who served for decades and knew that he couldn't show his stupid reaction to others thus, his stoic and robotic expression was still there.

But what was more surprising to him was that Old Master Song immediately opened up to this young lady. Despite her being brought back inside by Young Master Han, there should still be some reservation when socializing with each other. Yet, Old Master Song was openly talking to the young lady and was even playing a game of chess.

No matter what Butler Chen was thinking, he didn't voice them out nor show it outwardly on his face.

This was the young lady Young Master Han liked, there was really no need for him to question this.

Besides, Old Master Song seemed to also like her.

After the drinks and snacks were put on another empty table beside the chairs where both Ran Xueyi and Old Master were sitting, Song Yu Han glided into the room and stood behind her chair, looming over her. His shadow coincidentally fell over her figure as though it was enveloping her with a hug.

Old Master Song ignored his grandson's possessiveness and waved for Butler Chen to serve them tea. When everyone finished taking a sip and calming down, Old Master Song beckoned Butler Chen again and said a few words.

Soon after this, Butler Chen nodded and turned back to enter through another door inside the room. The door didn't lead him outside and instead led him to another room with a high-tech lock system.

Ran Xueyi didn't know what Old Master Song told Butler Chen to do and she was also not curious as she was captivated by the game before her. The game has been going on for several minutes now and no one knows who would win between the two.

Seeing her seriously thinking about what her next move would be, Old Master Song couldn't help but praise her, "Xiao Xue is really good! I'm amazed that you know how to play this!"

Ran Xueyi smiled back and replied, "Thank you, Grandpa Song. I learned how to play chess through my grandfather. We would usually play until midnight and won't stop until one of us loses."

Old Master Song's interest was suddenly piqued and he said, "Oh, it seems Xiao Xue is such a good granddaughter. You even accompany your grandfather to play... unlike my sons and grandsons. All they know is to complain when I drag them to play a round of chess with me!"

Ran Xueyi: "..."

Well, she couldn't relate, but she could imagine it. Old Master Song had several sons and grandsons. If she wasn't wrong, he also has one or two great grandchildren and though when people heard this, they would think that the Song family was living a carefree and lively life, it seems that the younger generations of the family were avoiding the Old Master.

Somehow, an elder man chasing his sons and grandsons while carrying a chessboard and begging them to play with him appeared in her mind.

She wanted to laugh, but in order not to trample over Old Master Song's dignity, she didn't have the heart to do it. So, she ended up covering it up with pretending to take a sip from her cup.

After calming down, Ran Xueyi asked, "Then, does he complain too?"

The 'he' she was asking about was none other than the man standing behind her chair and her husband.

Upon hearing her, Old Master Song's eyes lit up and he rigorously nodded his head like a rooster pecking rice on the floor.

He was about to throw some nonsense words to Ran Xueyi like telling her that Song Yu Han would always lose to him, however, a certain someone was faster, beating Old Master Song to his game.

Song Yu Han: "It's the opposite."

Ran Xueyi stared between them. "Opposite?"

Song Yu Han nodded and patted her head while saying, "After losing to me for almost a hundred times, Grandpa no longer invites me to play a round of chess."

His voice was very smooth and calm, but there was a gloating tone in it as if he was complaining about something.

Old Master Song glared at Song Yu Han.

It wasn't his fault that every time he played with Song Yu Han, his pride and dignity would be trampled all over by him.

Not only that, their game was not a simple game between a grandfather and grandson, there was always a bet in their games and each time, Song Yu Han would ask a lot from him.

Remembering the last time they played and he had to give Song Yu Han the land deed to a plot of land somewhere in the country because he lost, Old Master Song's heart couldn't help but cry and ache.

A second later, Butler Chen, who disappeared inside that door emerged from it and he was carrying a wooden box in his hand. He didn't forget to lock the door before approaching the group and handed the wooden box to Old Master Song.

Old Master Song took the box and said to Ran Xueyi, "Come, Xiao Xue, take it."

Ran Xueyi tensed up and subconsciously raised her head up to look at Song Yu Han, who nodded his head as if it wasn't a serious matter. He didn't know what happened and what was said inside the room when they left, but he could guess from Ran Xueyi and his grandfather's actions that everything was solved.

Thus, he didn't stop her from taking the box from his grandfather. However, he couldn't hide the faint surprise in his eyes when seeing the box.

Ran Xueyi took it and carefully weighed it in her hands. It wasn't heavy, but it still had some weight in it. She couldn't help but be curious to know what was inside the box.

"Thank you, Grandpa Song." Ran Xueyi didn't forget to thank him.

But Old Master Song shook his head and said, "It should be me who should say thank you. I didn't expect that this day would ever come and didn't prepare an appropriate meeting gift for you. You might not like the thing inside the box, but it holds a great meaning to me. And I won't forget to bring you another gift the next time you take a visit."

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The night was already ending and the guests in the party were also making their way to the door to go back to their homes.

When there were only a few guests left, Ran Xueyi and Song Yu Han were on their way outside as well.

One did not know whether Old Master Song did it intentionally or he did it to help them in their situation, he kindly asked Song Yu Han to drive Ran Xueyi back to her home in front of everyone.

Ran Xueyi silently thanked the old man since in this way, no one would be suspicious if she and Song Yu. Instead, they would think that after bringing her back, Song Yu Ha drove away and returned to his own apartment.

However, there were still some people who were in doubt and couldn't stop themselves from gazing at the car slowly disappearing from the horizon.

Cao Huiling stared intently at the car and bit her lips before taking her phone out to call her own people.

Once the call connected, she chillingly ordered them, "Investigate someone for me."

Chapter 159 The Entertainment World

Ran Xueyi did not know that someone was trying to check her background and was already on high guard against her. If she knew, she would have laughed it off and mock that person for being too impatient and anxious.

After returning home with Song Yu Han, Ran Xueyi ran to the bathroom and peeled off the ruined gown and threw it on the side to be washed clean. She knew how to wash her clothes, but this gown was a bit troublesome so she might have to pay someone to clean it for her.

When she was done washing up and changing into a clean nightdress, Song Yu Han had already changed out of his formal suit and was leaning against the headboard with a tablet in his hand.

Not wanting to disturb him and with her body demanding her to sleep already, Ran Xueyi gave him a soft kiss on the cheek before lying on the bed to sleep.

Tomorrow will be a busy day for her. She needed to finish everything in her company before she would join the crew for the shooting of < A Thousand Lotus >.

Seeing her turning up early for the night, Song Yu Han also didn't stop her nor tried anything to distract her. He was also very tired after a long day and though he could have rested early like her, there were still some projects he needed to recheck before he could sleep.

The next day.

Ran Xueyi went to the office building to finish the preparations for the opening and announcement of her newly established entertainment company. Wu Qi went to meet her in the office early in the morning and reported to her the recent situation of the company.

Since the company still hasn't officially opened their doors to the public, the management and development of the company was relatively slow so there wasn't much to discuss aside from the selected few artists that were being contacted to be signed under the company.

Wu Qi handed a file to Ran Xueyi and said, "We already confirmed 3 artists, including Zhang Yiqing whom you personally approached last time."

Ran Xueyi took the file and saw the names that quickly signed with the company. One of them was Zhang Yiqing, the young idol whom she contacted first at the club. She wasn't surprised when she saw his name since she already expected him to free himself from his group.

The other two people who were listed below him, however, came as a surprise.

Wu Qi: "Deng Zhenzhen was recommended to me by a friend. I originally wanted to test the waters and see if she wanted to sign with us and so, I sent someone to go and talk to her agent. I didn't expect that she would sign on the same day."

Ran Xueyi also didn't expect it. She met Deng Zhenzhen in her sister's birthday party, the same day she ruined the Ran family and Yang Baihua in front of everyone.

Ran Xueyi frowned. "Is there something going on with her?"

Wu Qi had already expected her to ask this and readily responded with a nod.

"Deng Zhenzhen has been doing well in the acting circle. However, her age isn't very suitable to the mainstream that the entertainment world are looking for. Hence, after her recent movies was being released, the agency she was signed with blocked all the resources she was given and used them to promote their new artists."

The world of entertainment wasn't meant to be forever. Every year, there will always be someone at the top and no matter if you're a veteran and skilled in acting, people will still find a new favorite and forget about the other.

This type of occurrence, Ran Xueyi was very clear about it.

But it still stunned her to know that Deng Zhenzhen's agency would actually suppress her just because she was getting older. Ran Xueyi might have to ask Deng Zhenzhen personally about the real reason.

Ran Xueyi told him, "Alright, we can finalize her contract. Tell her to come to the office when she's ready to move out. What about the last one?"

Wu Qi did not have any objection to her decision and explained in detail: "The last one is a trainee. His name is Yao Chuan. He's a trainee under ABC Media and has been training under them for three years."

"Three years?!"

Usually, trainees would only train under a company for a year and a half before they would make an official debut as an artist. During their training days, they would still have some time to be used as a stand-in or get minor roles in a movie or drama.

Ran Xueyi never heard of anyone training under the same company for three years and still hasn't made their debut or any sort of appearance as an extra in a film before.

"What about his resume?... No, I'll check them myself." Ran Xueyi pulled the file in her hand and read the resume under Yao Chuan's name.

Shockingly, Yao Chuan never got to play in any role or be used by his company.

"What's going on?" Ran Xueyi asked.

Wu Qi knew that Ran Xueyi might have been slightly upset over this matter. So, he explained quickly, "Yao Chuan is the son of Yao Ling, one of the Four Brightest Stars two decades ago. Apparently, after Miss Yao's death, her son was sent to his relatives and was sold off to ABC Media for three million yuan."

Ran Xueyi finally understood what was going on. Selling somebody's son to be an artist wasn't rare and unheard of, it was just that this type of deal was not publicly known yet. She met a few idols and artists who ended up being sold off by their parents due to their debt and needs. Several companies would offer this type of deal to any parents who have talented children with good-looking faces.

Yao Chuan must have fallen into the same schemes.

"But wasn't Miss Yao a wealthy actress? She should have earned a lot in the past and built her own business. What happened to that?"

Wu Qi already investigated about this as well and he replied, "According to the reports I received, Miss Yao fell into bankruptcy due to her partner's dr*g and gambling addiction. Due to this, the rest of her money was scattered and taken by her relatives. Yao Chuan was unable to save a single penny from his mother's money."

Ran Xueyi fell silent for a while. She was deeply thinking about this matter.

The world of entertainment looked bright and shiny as if there was only the glitters and sparkles of luxury and life, but if you were to take off the cover and look deeper inside the bottle, the entertainment circle was too filthy, filled with moss and wild grass that no matter if you tried to clean and trim it, it will still grow and spread out like a web.

It was unfortunate that this happened to Yao Chuan, who was Miss Yao's son. However, Ran Xueyi cannot be biased towards him just because he was the son of a famous star in the past. What she needed was someone with talent and knew how to rise up from despair, not someone who needed to be pitied and cannot stand up on his own.

Ran Xueyi finally said after a while, "Put the contract on hold for Yao Chuan and call his agency to tell them to send his assessment videos. I'd like to see whether it will be worth it to sign him."

Wu Qi finished with his reports and went back to do his other responsibilities. He didn't forget to contact the assessment director of ABC Media and request them to hand over Yao Chuan's assessment video.

When ABC Media received the request, they were indifferent towards it and even sighed while thinking that another company was wasting their time on a worthless trainee. Seeing the unrecognizable and unknown company named Chestnut, they laughed once again before sending the assessment video that the assessment director had given to them.

After an hour, Ran Xueyi received Wu Qi's mail and checked it. The assessment video was raw and unfiltered, showing a young man's handsome face on the screen.

It was Yao Chuan.

Ran Xueyi stared at the young man's face and frowned. The young man surely inherited his mother's amazing features and could even debut independently as a stream idol. Yet, he was restrained under a company that didn't have any plans to let him debut at all.

Just from his looks alone, many other companies would sign him. So, what exactly is wrong with him?

Pressing the play button, Ran Xueyi leaned back in her seat and watched the assessment video for half an hour.

Inside the office, there was only the sound of a deep and low voice coming from the small speaker on top of the desk, and the rustling sound of fabric against the skin.

Behind the desk, the lights reflecting off of the screen were cast on her pale skin and a pair of fox-shaped eyes stared unblinkingly at it.

Then, a mysterious smile appeared on those cherry-red lips.

"Wonderful."

Chapter 160 Don't Steal My Line, Miss Heroine

On the screen, a young man who appeared to be just around 16 or 17 years old was standing in front of a camera. He didn't directly look at the lens as he opened his mouth and words continued to pour out of it. His eyes were slightly closed, but there was an undeniable intensity and sadness in them as if he was trying to control the despair and sorrow deep inside his soul.

The next second, the youth moved out of the camera's sight and a loud thud could be heard. If not for the noises coming from the video, Ran Xueyi would have thought that the youth fainted and gave up.

According to the words attached to the video file, the scene that Yao Chuan was re-enacting was the scene from < Shattered > a movie created two years ago and took several awards during the Double Film Awards and Spring Film Festival. It was about a young high school boy who was abused by his step father to the point that he was shrouded in the trauma that he received from the continuous abuse. The trauma had followed him until he was an adult and finally, because of his fears and nightmare that his step father would end his life, it drove the young protagonist to a point of no return and killed his stepfather.

It was a controversial movie, but it gripped the audience's hearts and sympathy. Who hasn't witnessed someone being abused? Who hasn't been abused at some point and circumstances? Everyone knew how much pain one would feel after being kicked and punched, much less several years of abuse like that.

Because the topic was slightly a bit too risky to be shown to the public, the movie had to stay in the dark for a whole three years before it was finally picked up by a famous actor who appreciated the plot and moral of the story.

The famous actor was named Xue Lifen and he was around the age of twenty four and was at the peak of his career. The moment he accepted the role, it became quite a big deal since a lot of rival companies used this to throw dirty waters on him in order to suppress and make him disappear from the entertainment industry.

But who knew that Xue Lifen didn't stop even after being cursed and swear at by his fans and some anti-fans. He continued to play in the movie and fought virtuously for a slot in the film arrangement.

The moment the movie was released, most audiences who came to watch were there to mock and laugh as well as destroy the reputation of the movie and Xue Lifen. However, what they thought

was a crappy movie and intended to step on was actually a movie that was too perfect and magnificent that the audience gasped and cried for a whole day after watching it.

The following success of the movie was already expected after the first day of its release and no one ever mentioned it being crappy or controversial, and Xue Lifen's reputation and popularity skyrocketed to the top in just a few days after the movie release.

Ran Xueyi watched the movie < Shattered > and confirmed the high-level performance the actors had acted in the movie. The plot was also too gripping and outstanding that she clapped the moment she finished it.

But surprisingly, Yao Chuan's acting in the assessment video had left an impression on her. Xue Lifen's acting skill and understanding of the character was truly commendable, but maybe because at that time, the abuse he got from the fans and anti-fans affected his mental stability, there was a cognitive errors that couldn't stop showing on his eyes, affecting the role he was playing.

However, Yao Chuan's re-enactment was different from Xue Lifen's portrayal of the character. It was free and unrestrained, completely showcasing what his character's story was telling to everyone.

When Yao Chuan fell, he didn't prepare himself from the oncoming pain. A person's instinct would surely fear feeling pain and would avoid it, but Yao Chuan ignored it and readily accepted the emotions and pain that he was going to receive.

After watching the assessment video, Ran Xueyi tapped her fingers against the desk's wooden surface, producing a distinct 'tok' sound.

After watching Yao Chuan act, she now understood why he never reached a point where his company wanted him to debut. First, Yao Chuan was being bullied inside the training dormitory and his fellow trainees. Second, the company never intended to make him debut at all. And third, his talent in acting was too overpowering and unrestricted.

ABC Media wanted an obedient artist who would bend and agree to every arrangement they would hand over to their artist. Yao Chuan certainly didn't meet that requirement and would never agree to them either.

So, this kind of situation where neither of them surrendered ended up with Yao Chuan being covered and suppressed.

Ran Xueyi stared once more at the youth on the screen of the computer and finally, she called Wu Qi up to her office.

Wu Qi entered the office and heard the other speak first.

"Proceed with the actor contract and sign Yao Chuan. All three of them will work under the company and will have to agree to our conditions." Ran Xueyi looked at the files on top of the desk with bright eyes. "Arrange all the necessary things to be done and start preparing them for their journey to stardom."

Wu Qi was startled when he heard her before sighing in relief. He was optimistic about Deng Zhenzhen and Zhang Yiqing, but not so sure with Yao Chuan thus, he made her carefully check things out. It turned out that the youth stirred the interest of Ran Xueyi and made her final decision.

"Alright."

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The next day, back at home.

Ran Xueyi looked at the folded clothes on the bed and sighed. The time to join the crew of the TV drama < A Thousand Lotus > has finally arrived. Initially, there should still be a few more days before she would go over to the crew side, but Director Zheng called her to inform her that the schedule time for the filming was moved a bit earlier due to an unforeseen event.

The actor that would be playing opposite her and would become the love interest of the character Ran Xueyi would be playing in the drama had to attend a program at the end of the month until the middle of the next month. Hence, he couldn't join the crew until he was done with the program.

Director Zheng was at first upset due to the sudden changes, but since Wen Lai was picked by him and also has the big Wen family behind him, there really is nothing he could do. Moreover, the other actors had already agreed to the change of schedule and it was only Ran Xueyi who didn't give an answer yet.

Ran Xueyi naturally didn't raise any objections to the sudden changes in their filming schedule. If she objected to the changes and raised an issue about it while other actors had already agreed, she would become an unreasonable person to other people's eyes.

Even so, she was slightly doubtful of Wen Lai's behavior.

"Is that everything you're going to bring with you?" Song Yu Han walked to stand beside her and also looked at the opened suitcase filled with some clothes. "The weather's getting colder, you should bring thick clothes and coats with you."

Ran Xueyi shook her head and didn't want to. "During the filming, I would be wearing the costume the crew will give to us. The layers of clothes should be very thick and bringing these are already enough."

Song Yu Han also heard about the drama she chose to go with from the two scripts he gave to her. It was a historical drama and the actors will really wear thick clothes and extravagant designs to showcase a historical setting.

But still, he couldn't help but worry about her since Silver City was a cold place and the temperature would even go lower in the next few days.

At her husband's demands, Ran Xueyi packed two more thicker coats and a blanket before he was satisfied.

Hooking her arms around the other's neck, Ran Xueyi rubbed the tip of her nose to his own and deeply looked into his eyes.

She said, "The filming will take me two month to finish. Wait for me to come home and we will go out for another date."

The date last time was too short and quick, they couldn't even enjoy it. Ran Xueyi promised that she would do and get a better and longer date next time.

Song Yu Han stared back at her and hooked his arms around her waist, pulling her closer to his chest. They shared each other's warmth and stayed like that for a while.

Leaning closely, he pecked her lips and said, "I should be the one who will say that. Don't steal my line, Miss Heroine."

Ran Xueyi giggled and kissed him back.

"I will miss you, My Hero."

Finally, the time to depart for the filming site has come.