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Chapter 256 'Mommy Doesn't Want To Play With Me!'

"Adelle, please bring Xiao Zhanzhan back to the car." Ran Xueyi's tone was decisive and had finality in it.

Adelle knew that Ran Xueyi wouldn't agree no matter what benefit or advantage anyone tried to give her. When it comes to her son, Ran Xueyi won't remain cordial and show kindness towards anybody.

When Adelle found out that Ran Xueyi had given birth to a child after they signed a contract, she almost wanted to collapse. She felt like she was tricked into signing a disadvantageous contract with a devil. But she was proven wrong. Even with a child, Ran Xueyi continued to rise in popularity and all her films were sold out in cinemas, turning her into another Box Office Queen.

"Alright," hummed Adelle and tried to pull the little boy away from her.

But who knew that Xiao Zhanzhan wouldn't let go.

Filled with renewed determination and also aggrieved that his mother did not give in to his wish, tears formed in his eyes.

Xiao Zhanzhan was about to cry.

Ran Xueyi also felt aggrieved when she saw her son being like this.

She wanted to scold him, but upon thinking much into it. She really couldn't bring herself to scold him. Moreover, his intentions were far too good for her to reprimand him.

What to do then?

"Song Zhan, listen to mommy. This is not something you should do. I will only allow it when you grow older."

Ran Xueyi actually did not want to restrict what her son wanted. If he still wanted to get into the entertainment world after he was older enough, she would support his decision and protect him while doing so.

Looking at her small son that has a height that didn't even reach her hip, Ran Xueyi shook her head. Xiao Zhanzhan is still two years old, almost turning three after a few more months.

It was too early for him...

Thus, Ran Xueyi adamantly refused everyone's suggestions to use her son as the child actor for the photoshoot.

However, the problem was they couldn't find someone at this point.

"Well, since you already said no, the only choice is for us to look for another child," the prop team was disappointed but he could do nothing about it. "We can hire some child outside of the studio but we need their parents' permission first."

"Naturally, we need their permission. However, the question is... will they even be able to perform well in front of the camera?" The brand stylist has a different concern.

To be honest, the photoshoot and the child actor was not the problem here. It was the synchronization and familiarity level that both actors would show in front of the camera. Ran Xueyi no doubt could pull any pose and photoshoot without any problem. But would that be the same with the child?

As if it was a divine prediction, the brand stylist's worries turned out to be true.

Even after they found several parents with their child outside the studio, they even scouted outside the parks nearby, but no matter how much they tried to work it out, the photoshoot still ended up taking mediocre shots and could not pass the validation and standard of the brand.

Around 6 pm, the whole staff and team inside the studio was extremely tired after running around and looking for a suitable child who was not camera shy nor afraid of being surrounded by strangers and several adults.

"Ahh... This is a disaster," said the photographer.

His arms were becoming stiff and numb from holding the camera the entire day. He never experienced doing such a photoshoot that took a full ten hours. It would have been better if they took a passable shot, but unfortunately, even his skills and the high performance camera he was using couldn't save the day.

"Let's just call it a day."

"Yeah, we will wait for the child actors who will come tomorrow instead. We will conduct a screening first before we pick any of them. It would be another disaster if things ended up like today."

The photographer and brand stylist nodded at each other, reaching a tacit understanding at the very end of the day.

Ran Xueyi agreed to the arrangement of the team and headed to the car. Since Adelle had to be in the car with Xiao Zhanzhan, she headed there alone after saying farewell to everyone.

"By the way, who was that child? Is that some relative's child?"

The brand stylist scratched his chin and was also curious, "Probably. The two looked extremely alike, just a bit different in some portions, however, that boy should be someone related to her."

"Tsk, if only Estelle agreed to have that boy shoot the cover with her, wouldn't this season's front cover sell out the second it's released?"

The photographer certainly felt that it was such a waste since both shared close relationship, working with each other will surely be such a piece of cake.

Sadly, Ran Xueyi had already refused and persistently rejected the idea. What else could they do?

At this moment, the staff member, who talked with Ran Xueyi and Adelle at that start, was taking off the props that weren't needed. He ended up hearing what they said and turned to look at the three men talking before tilting his head in confusion.

Relative? Isn't that her son?

The staff didn't linger any longer and carried the props outside. Well, it wasn't his business anyway.

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In front of the car, Ran Xueyi hugged her arms tightly as the night breeze blew past her.

She reached her hand out and pulled the car door open before pausing.

"What happened?"

Inside the car, Adelle looked very haggard. She almost looked like she fought in the wild with dozens of wild animals. The stuff inside the car was overturned and a grumpy tiny boy sat in the seat with his arms crossed.

Clearly, it was done by her own son.

Ran Xueyi: "..."

Not saying anything until she got inside the car, Ran Xueyi glanced at the silent boy, who refused to look at her, intending to ignore her.

Xiao Zhanzhan sensed that he was being stared at and puffed his chest in anger.

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"I'll come over to get you tomorrow as well."

Ran Xueyi nodded at Adelle and the driver before they drove away.

Looking at the time they arrived, she frowned.

9:00 P.M.

It was past the time for children to sleep, but it seems that Xiao Zhanzhan didn't have the intention to sleep at all.

He seems to be determined to ignore her presence and stomp his feet on the ground as he makes his way inside the manor. The nanny and maid who came to welcome them back froze when they saw their young master acting like this and glanced over at Ran Xueyi, asking what to do in this situation.

Ran Xueyi could only shake her head at them.

"Tell everyone to rest first. I will take care of this."

The nanny and maid looked at each other before nodding.

Since their mistress already said this, they could only do as told.

Once everyone left and only the mother-son pair was inside the living room, Ran Xueyi approached the grumpy little boy.

"Hmph!"

Ran Xueyi looked at him and smiled.

"Hmph! Hmph!"

Couldn't take it any longer, Ran Xueyi poked the soft puffed cheek.

"Mommy!" Xiao Zhanzhan was startled by the finger that touched his cheek. He turned around to avoid her hand.

Ran Xueyi was silent. This was actually the first time that Xiao Zhanzhan decided to ignore for hours. From the moment she stepped into the car till they arrived home, the little boy never spoke to her. He didn't even look in her way.

Xiao Zhanzhan closed his mouth. His sparkling eyes were dimmed with disappointment and betrayal.

It seems that his feelings were really hurt this time.

And as much as Ran Xueyi wanted to keep teasing him and also pretend to know nothing of what he wanted, she really can't go on like this.

In the end, she had to raise the white flag first, surrendering to her son.

"Alright, alright... Mommy give up," Ran Xueyi sighed, "What do you want?"

Xiao Zhanzhan didn't speak up for a few seconds and Ran Xueyi almost thought that he would continue being silent and ignore her until his tiny, soft voice spoke:

"I want to take a picture with Mommy..."

Ran Xueyi stiffened. As expected, that's what he wanted.

"Mommy can take pictures with you anytime."

Xiao Zhanzhan finally was moved by her words.

He turned around and with his wide eyes stared at her.

"Really?"

"Yes! Come over here so we can take tons of pictures!"

Xiao Zhanzhan was instantly invigorated upon hearing this. He ran up to her with a bright smile. Ran Xueyi held her up and also had a smile on her lips.

"Xiao Zhanzhan is not angry at mommy anymore?"

"Un!"

The boy answered quite energetically. His eyes that were dimmed earlier with disappointment were now filled with brightness and life.

In that smile, she saw a shadow of Song Yu Han's face almost overlapping with Xiao Zhan Zhan.

People told her that her son looked like her, but Ran Xueyi didn't think so...

On the contrary, she knew her son looked a lot more like that man.

"Picture~ Picture~ Mommy picture~"

Ran Xueyi snapped out of her thoughts and laughed when she heard him singing happily.

Grabbing her phone, she tapped on the camera app and looked forward.

"Alright, say cheese."

"Cheese~"

Of course, Ran Xueyi didn't tell Xiao Zhanzhan that the photoshoot and the picture they had just taken was completely different.

The photoshoot would continue, but she has other plans.

After taking Xiao Zhanzhan back to his bedroom and waiting for him to sleep, Ran Xueyi opened her phone and looked at the pictures they took earlier.

After a while, she finally opened her social media account that has millions of followers.

Then, she posted these pictures in a bundle.

The magazine photoshoot and tonight's pictures were different. The latter has more meaning and impact after all.

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In Flower Country.

It was Saturday. A weekend where everyone was finally given two days of rest after five days of working and studying. Many people usually made plans to go and hang out with friends, family, and lovers, and while some planned to stay at home to catch some sleep.

In any case, anyone has the time to spare to scroll and go through the internet.

A student named Xiaopeng just woke up at the sound of her alarm clock ringing. At the same time, her phone chimed. It was the unique sound of notifying an account user that the person they're following just posted a new status.

Xiaopeng reached for her phone and looked down groggily at her phone. There really was nothing to look at but since she already woke up and couldn't go back to sleep, she still had to read some messages sent to her by her classmates.

[Hey, did you solve the last question in our last exam?]

[What... I only answered the first few questions, you almost finished yours?]

[You all answered your exam papers?]

[....]

[...]

Xiaopeng smiled when she saw her seatmates become speechless at her message.

But of course, it wasn't a lie. She really didn't answer any question from their exam yesterday. It was too difficult and her mind could only float while looking at the questions on her exam paper.

[Shit! Are you guys still worried about our exam? Go and open your Weibo account, that super actress our school grass really likes just posted! I bet he will go crazy again!]

Xiaopeng frowned. She heard that the school grass whom everyone had a crush on was crazy for an actress who went abroad to film international films. Apparently, that same actress ended up taking several awards with her.

Xiaopeng remembered that because she really liked the school grass, He Cheng, she ended up following the actress. At first, it was merely just a curiosity towards her love rival. But upon seeing that beautiful face that even defeated the most beautiful superstar in the mainland in terms of beauty, and superb acting skills, Xiaopeng became a fan.

Almost immediately, Xiaopeng opened her Weibo account and searched for the actress's name.

[SnowRabbit Xueyi is Online]

Coincidentally, the actress was online and under her newest post, the comments and likes as well as the share had hit five digits already after only a few minutes of it being posted.

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Soon, news traveled so fast that the top searches occupied by Ran Xueyi has reached 4 spots already.

#Snowrabbitnewpostonline.

#Whoisthatchild

#BeautyRabbit

#Estelle

Though it wasn't the first spot, her ranking still showed her popularity and significance by taking the second to fifth spots. Moreover, Ran Xueyi seldom posted any new stories or pictures nowadays probably because she was too busy with filming. This led more people to become hungry and thirsty to get new contents from her.

[I thought Estelle would never post again. Thank goodness and I was blessed by her beauty before going to my ex's wedding.]

[Upstairs, I'm also depressed before but now I feel like I just got watered down by Ran Xueyi again. How long has it been since she last posted a photo of herself?]

[Keke, it should be around 4 month ago. She posted a status (Link post).]

[Wuuu~ Finally, I got to see her again. But can someone tell me who that child is?]

[Me too! I want to know who this child is. This child looks like Goddess Ran so much!]

[Maybe her younger brother?]

[Probably a relative.]

People continued to speculate while admiring the photos in Ran Xueyi's main official page.

The likes and shares it accumulated also reached a threshold that only a few superstars in Flower Country could achieve. However, only Ran Xueyi achieved this after an hour of posting, while on the other hand, other stars could only have it after a few days.

Ran Xueyi glanced at her phone ringing several times and guessed that Adelle saw her post. The agency she was signed under should also have seen it and tried to ask her why she did it.

Honestly, Ran Xueyi didn't know what possessed her to do it too. Before, she wanted to stay low-key and try not to rouse anyone's attention towards her. Of course, it was impossible seeing that she was an actress who was currently rising internationally. However, when she saw Xiao Zhan's

face crumbling and eyes dimming with disappointment, she couldn't keep herself from being indifferent about it.

Well, she could only blame her son's adorableness and charm winning her over and completely tearing her previous ideas of keeping a low profile a bit longer.

As for what would happen in the future... Ran Xueyi glanced outside where the tree stood tall, isolated from the rest of the trees standing around it. She watched this tree for almost three years. It stood tall and strong despite the many harsh and smooth weathers that passed, never bending nor breaking.

And just like that tree, Ran Xueyi wasn't confident of losing to any challenges that may come.

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Days passed and the photoshoot finally decided to use the first theme that they decided on. Though it was a great theme to use and Ran Xueyi initially had no objections to it, it seems that a certain tiny giant was so jealous that he cried every time a child approached Ran Xueyi.

Ran Xueyi grabbed her temples and massaged them.

"Haa..."

In front of her was the tiny giant with a dark face. On her side, the photographer and brand stylist had a solemn expression on their faces as they tried so hard to keep calm and force down their laughter.

But Adelle, who had witnessed the tiny giant's temperamental and territorial attitude that he showed these past few days, couldn't hold on any longer.

"Hahahaha!" Adelle had to clutch her waist when she laughed. She even wiped the tears from her eyes as she found the situation extremely funny.

She now understood why Ran Xueyi no longer took her son to the set. It was because the Little Fairy will transform into a Little Giant who everyone should appease or else, chaos would befall them.

Nevertheless, whether the Little Fairy or Little Giant allowed Ran Xueyi to continue the photoshoot for the second theme was all up to Ran Xueyi.

In the end, Ran Xueyi did the photoshoot for the second theme and a child actor was hired to pose with her. Of course, during the process of their photoshoot, the whole studio was enveloped with darkness and gloominess.

Thankfully, Ran Xueyi quickly remedied the situation and showed the photos she posted a few days ago to Xiao Zhanzhan and he finally calmed down.

"Mommy~ Where are we going?" Xiao Zhanzhan sat in the backseat with Ran Xueyi.

"We're going somewhere nice. What do you want to eat?"

"I want cake! Cake~ cake~."

"Haha, I will get you one when we arrive."

After saying this, she turned to Jian Yiling, who came with them and acted as their driver.

"Did the stuff with Erik go well?" asked Ran Xueyi.

She hasn't seen Jian Yiling for the past several days after the party. She seemed to have disappeared and only reappeared today so it made Ran Xueyi really curious what happened to her.

"Erik wanted to build a partnership with the Lobo Guild in order to solidify his power in the Alecan Group. I told him I cannot give him an immediate answer since I'm not the one who's in charge of it," Jian Yiling replied.

Ran Xueyi fell into deep contemplation.

Jian Yiling glanced at her from the rearview mirror and chuckled, "What do you think? Should I reject the partnership or allow it?"

"Why are you asking me?"

"Then who should I ask? You're the Boss of the Lobo Guild, one of the biggest guilds in the world. You're the one Erik wanted, but it seems that rumor traveled to him that I am an acquaintance of the Boss of Lobo Guild and so, he approached me."

The Lobo Guild was an essential guild in the Underworld that only emerged three years ago. At first, it wasn't even a listed guild, but after taking several requests from other people, its prestige and name continued to spread around the Underworld. The requests they take from their clients were various types and never stick to one type of request. Escorts, Mercenary, Investigator, and even odd requests.

As of now, Lobo Guild was greatly sought after by many bigshots from both the Underworld and Business World.

And currently, the one and only Boss of the guild was none other than Ran Xueyi.

However, nobody, aside from Jian Yiling, knew about this.

"The Alecan Group is already tied to another guild like Lobo, the Treacherous, I'm not going to clash with another guild for Erik."

The Alecan and Treacherous have been supporting each other for two decades. Ran Xueyi couldn't see why Erik wanted to jump ship while the contract with the other guild still wasn't over.

"He's being threatened. He's the next head of the Alecan Family and many members of the family aren't satisfied with him. Last night, he suffered from assassination and barely survived if not because of the people I sent someone over to look after him."

Erik Alecan was too desperate to live. He can no longer trust anybody in his family and the Treacherous Guild, who swore that they would protect the head of the family. And so, he could only turn to another guild.

Ran Xueyi still did not give her answer to this request. Erik's offer and request didn't appeal to her at all. His death or survival was not important to her unless he became a client.

"Let's talk about this again later."

She glanced at the child that fell asleep and had his head on her lap.

A gentle smile appeared on her lips.

"For now, let's go on a trip and buy a cake.

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Around the same time.

Lu Xian arrived at his parents' house and entered the living room where he found his mother and father sitting there with a grim expression.

"What's wrong with you two?" Lu Xian sauntered over to them.

Lu Xian's father waved him to let him come closer before pointing towards the pictures scattered on the coffee table.

"What's this?" asked Lu Xian before reacting belatedly, "Shit, don't tell me you're still looking for a woman for me to marry?!"

Lu Xian's Mother shook her head.

Upon seeing her shake her head, Lu Xian was relieved but he saw his mother gesturing for him to sit down.

With a bit of hesitation, he still sat beside them and only then did his mother speak again.

Lu Xian's mother: "Xian'er, these women in the pictures are all outstanding women with clean and good backgrounds. They're also virtuous and their characters are great as well. Their family and these girls also has a great view in marriage."

Hearing this, Lu Xian shivered while thinking this was another blind date or marriage arrangement for him.

Grumbling, Lu Xian interrupted his mother, "Mom! I already told you I won't marry yet! I want to marry the person I like so you can't force this thing on me!"

"Who said this is for you?! Shameless child!"

"Ha? It's not for me?" Lu Xian scratched his head and narrowed his eyes. "Who did you want to set up a marriage with then?"

"Your older cousin, Song Yu Han."

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Upon hearing his mother, Lu Xian flinched almost instantly as if he was being whiplashed.

"Mom, for your son's survival, don't do it!"

Lu Xian had a serious expression on his face. This was actually the first time he showed such a stern look in front of his mother.

However, his mother only frowned when she heard him.

"What does your older cousin's marriage have anything to do with you? Are you sick?" Lu Xian's mother smacked him in the head.

Lu Xian felt so wronged, but he still didn't want his mother to court death for him.

"Mom, Yu Han can choose his own wife. We shouldn't get ourselves involved with his matters."

Lu Xian's dad sighed, "We know that... We also don't want to do this. However, the elders are worried that Yu Han would end up single forever. You know he's very important in the family and the elders are urging him to continue the bloodline."

"That's right. The elders knew that you're very close to Yu Han and they wanted to ask you about what type of girl Yu Han wanted to marry. Anyway, he's already old enough to marry and have his own family. It'll be good if we could help him continue the Lu family bloodline."

Lu Xian saw his parents being so determined to help Song Yu Han get married. Although he knew that they wouldn't be able to force that man to marry any woman they sent to him, he also couldn't stop his parents from doing this.

Besides, even if he did stop them, the elders will surely find another way.

Lu Xian sighed and said to his parents, "I know you're worried and want to give him the best, but let me feel things out first. I'll ask Yu Han if he wants to marry or not someday. We cannot do these things behind his back when he helped us so much in the past."

Both his father and mother looked at each other and saw each other's embarrassment.

Several years ago, Song Yu Han single handedly helped the Lu family up. He took the business that was stolen from them and even made it so that the Lu family would become great once more.

Song Yu Han eventually became the most important figure in the Lu family. Hence, it wasn't hard to tell why the elders were becoming more anxious nowadays. Nearing the age of thirty, the elders haven't heard of any flings or scandals around him, making them think that maybe he swung the other way.

However, three years ago, there was one rumor that spread around high society. It was that Song Yu Han, who never showed any interest towards women, conversed and even sat together with a woman during the Old Patriarch Song's birthday party.

As soon as this rumor was heard by the Lu elders, they were injected with hope and motivation. Perhaps, they were wrong about what they were thinking.

But that candle of hope was snuffed before it could burn as the woman in question disappeared and Song Yu Han remained indifferent.

Sighing again, Lu Xian's parents could only nod their heads and agree with him.

"Alright, make sure to ask him, alright?"

"Tell him that we will pick the most beautiful and perfect woman he wants. No, he just has to tell us if he likes someone and we will do the rest!"

Lu Xian left the mansion. He took the pictures and details that his parents gathered about these ladies and threw them in the backseat. Later, he would throw them out or burn them.

Unlike his parents, Lu Xian knew his cousin better than anyone. Song Yu Han never liked anyone managing things for him. The last time that someone did that, they almost couldn't save their business company.

Remembering that one time when a lady's family came to propose an arranged marriage with Song Yu Han, Lu Xian could only feel pity and sigh for that lady.

As for the person who met with that lady's family...

Heh, that person was thrown out of the Lu family and nobody knew where he was.

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A week has passed since the photoshoot cover happened.

Ran Xueyi, who worked nonstop, requested a month-long rest from the agency. The company initially wanted to refuse but Adelle fought with them. In the end, nobody in the company could stop Adelle or Ran Xueyi from doing whatever they wanted.

"The president wanted to give you a new script," said Adelle as she entered the garden.

Jian Yiling waved her hand to greet her.

"I already said I won't be accepting anything for now." Ran Xueyi sliced the steak into bite size before feeding it to Xiao Zhanzhan.

Xiao Zhanzhan chewed the meat and happily said, "Yummy~ Another one!"

Ran Xueyi laughed and gave her another one.

Adelle shrugged. "They said that they can wait for you to finish your vacation. Anyway, just read it when you have time and tell me if you like it. This film is directed by a Japanese Director who received an award last year. I just finished reading the script last night and also thought it's good."

Adelle continued after putting the file bag on the table, "Remember, read the script first and call me if you like it. I'll be going now since I don't have anything to do now that you're taking a month-leave."

After saying that, Adelle really left without looking back.

Jian Yiling was curious about what's in the file bag and reached for it. She opened it and saw the similar-looking papers inside Ran Xueyi's study.

While reading the first few pages, she couldn't help but frown.

"Hey, are you finally going to break your rule?"

"Hm?" Ran Xueyi looked at her in confusion. "What do you mean?"

"This script has bed scenes in the first part."

Jian Yiling shoved the script to her.

Furrowing her brows, Ran Xueyi grabbed the script.

After reading the scene where Jian Yiling was reading, there was indeed a bed scene in it.

Her bright mood instantly disappeared when she saw this.

All this time, Ran Xueyi avoided taking any roles that had any bed scenes in it. She was now a married woman, but even if she wasn't, she still didn't want to do it. The bed scenes and intimate scenes were too annoying to deal with. It was just gimmicks created so that the audiences can admire the couple main leads a bit more.

The kiss scenes she has done recently were not real, it just looked a bit real due to positioning. The camera angle also helped make it look real as well.

However, her fans thought it was real and even shipped her with her male leads, wishing she would end up dating them.

Putting the script aside, Ran Xueyi no longer glanced at it. She quickly sent a message to Adelle and told her that she will not accept the script. The reply also came quickly.

[The director told the president that you can use a body double for this scene, they just need to shoot your back and also do a positioning for the kissing scenes.]

Ran Xueyi still didn't give in and replied, [No. I'm not filming any bed scenes. It's not any different if I just filmed for a pornography film if I do it. Tell the president not to do this again.]

She had a guess that the company president didn't want to let her go. The contract with the agency was almost done in a few months. He's probably rushing to let her sign with them again. However, Ran Xueyi already voiced her intention of not renewing her contract again.

Without this cash cow, the president was worried that the company's stock would experience a slump again. Hence, he wanted to make her shoot all kinds of films that pay higher prices.

But how could Ran Xueyi let that happen?

In the next two months, her contract will expire. At that time, Ran Xueyi had enough time to go back to Flower Country after three years.

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Diamond Palace.

7 P.M.

Inside the luxurious presidential suite, a tall figure stood in front of the floor-to-ceiling glass windows. The lights were not turned off and only the light coming from the city outside and the moon above the sky illuminated a part of the suite and his front.

The tranquil and elegant scene was soon ruined by the knock that sounded from the door.

"Come in," said the deep and low voice.

A man in a dark suit came in with silver rimmed eyeglasses hanging on the bridge of his nose. The suited man strode forward and only stopped walking when he saw the figure standing in the living room.

The suited man observed the other and when he was sure that he was not in a bad mood, he finally said, "Boss, we got a new report from the target."

The man turned around. His handsome face that was once lit up by the silvery light from the moon was shrouded by dark shadows, making him look even more mysterious.

"Speak."

The man's voice sounded deep and low. Though he said one word, it made the listener feel like their knees would tremble and think they would get pregnant just from listening to it.

Thankfully, the suited man was not a woman but his knees still trembled slightly.

Coughing once, the suited man finally said, "The target received a new script. The other side didn't receive an answer from the target yet. But..."

"But?"

"But the script contains some inappropriate scenes... Specifically, the role she was offered has to do a bed scene," the suited man raised his eyes to look at his boss. He wanted to grasp his boss's mood by looking at him.

But it only took one glance to let him know that his boss was definitely not in a good mood.

Chapter 260 Invitation

Song Yu Han glanced at the computer screen with the electronic copy of the script that Special Assistant Guo had sent to him.

As he previously said, the script did contain some bed scenes. Though they weren't too explicit, it still has gimmicks that would make anyone's heart pound while watching it.

Pressing his fingers against his temples, Song Yu Han took a breath slowly before exhaling.

These past few weeks have been extremely tiring for him. Actually, he hadn't had any good sleep for almost three years. After separating with Ran Xueyi and sending her away to protect her, it became extremely hard for him to close his eyes and sleep comfortably.

Tapping the surface of the table, Song Yu Han glared at the script before reaching his phone. However, his hand paused and only hovered above it for a few seconds before he retracted it back to lay on top of the table.

It wasn't time yet.

Soon, he would be able to meet her again.

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Ran Xueyi spent her month-long day off together with Xiao Zhanzhan and Jian Yiling. She thought she owed this much to her son who's been left at home when she was working to shoot films.

When she filmed her movies, she would finish her scenes quickly before heading home to spend more time with Xiao Zhanzhan, but she still thought it wasn't enough.

This month, she will dedicate her time to her son.

Days quickly passed by, Jian Yiling became their tour guide as they went to different cities and foreign countries to fully enjoy this long awaited vacation. Xiao Zhanzhan was elated every single time they hopped into another country or city. He became more active and acted like ordinary kids.

Even though Xiao Zhanzhan did not make any new friends, he just wanted to be by his mother's side rather than play with other kids his age.

"Hey, are you busy?"

Jian Yiling entered the room and saw Ran Xueyi and Xiao Zhanzhan playing clay. The little boy formed an unidentified creature that has four legs. Jian Yiling could only guess that it should be a dog.

Ran Xueyi held another clay in her hand as she turned to her. "No, I'm not. Why do you ask?"

A black letter appeared in Jian Yilings hand before she handed it over, "I got this letter from my subordinate. It was emailed to your name but used my office building as an address. I thought you might have some idea where this letter came from."

Ran Xueyi took the letter and scrutinized it for a second. The smooth and scented letter looked exquisite. However, there was no name or address of the sender.

"Could it be a letter by a fan?"

Mumbling, Ran Xueyi stood up and took a paper knife from the cabinet. She tore the letter open and took the paper inside.

Inside was a white card with the same scent as the letter, and there were words scribed in it.

"An invitation to the Royal Court Masquerade... Tomorrow night at 9 pm," Jian Yiling said loudly behind Ran Xueyi.

Since Ran Xueyi didn't turn away from her, she was able to see the words written in the paper.

Jian Yiling exclaimed, "What the hell... your fan is so rich they can even give you something like this?!"

Ran Xueyi furrowed her brows and asked, "What do you mean?"

Jian Yiling explained quickly.

The letter that Ran Xueyi received was an invitation. However, it was not an ordinary invitation to a party or ball. It was one of the rarest and most expensive events in the world since it was hosted by the royal family in Ren Country.

"From what I've heard, the royal family will only invite twenty people outside from their circle and cliques. Of course, the people they invited naturally are not ordinary. But I could not get one even after I tried to date one of the princes a few months ago."

Jian Yiling stared at the letter in Ran Xueyi's hand with a heated gaze. She was only short of stealing the letter from her. Thankfully, she held back before she could act on her desire.

Ran Xueyi heard of the Royal Court Masquerade. However, she was not impressed or shocked like Jian Yiling. She focused on why this extremely rare invitation letter ended up in her hands. Who could have sent it to her?

Unlike Jian Yiling, she didn't think it could be one of her fans. What kind of person would easily give up this once in a lifetime opportunity to be invited? Moreover, this wasn't a fake invitation. It has the emblem of the Royal Family and from what she heard, the Queen, Lilibeth Von Pierce, personally wrote the twenty invitation letters herself. Imitating the letter was impossible as the emblem was made with a code that could be decoded once the letter was presented during the ball.

Once caught due to imitating the Royal Family's emblem and signature, a death sentence would be handed over no matter where state or country that person who was caught lived. The state and government where they came from also could not intervene since the Royal Pierce Family was one of the three remaining blue-blooded in the world.

"Are you going? If you're not, there's somebody here who can come."

Jian Yiling was not very subtle towards her intentions but that was why Ran Xueyi liked her as a friend. Unlike other friends who tried to hide their intentions and desires, she liked honest people who can voice out everything shamelessly.

Ran Xueyi laughed, "I don't want to go. The ball will be attended by people I'm not familiar with. However, I'm curious to know who sent this and why they had to send it? This invitation is one time, one use. Who would possibly refuse to attend and give it away instead?"

Jian Yiling had to also think about this upon hearing Ran Xueyi. "Do you want me to investigate?"

Ran Xueyi shook her head, "If I want, I could just dispatch my own people to investigate this."

"Ah, that's right. You're the Boss of Lobo Guild, I always forgot since you're usually using the identity of an actress in front of everyone else."

Ran Xueyi nodded. "But doing an investigation is too late. It will take a few days till I get an answer and it'll be hard since the sender even got it into your security."

"Then, what are you going to do?" Jian Yiling couldn't comprehend what she wanted to do.

"Since the sender gave me this letter without telling me their name or where they came from... They naturally want me to come and meet them myself. Now that my vacation is about to end, I don't see why I shouldn't attend. When the time comes, I also want to meet someone who could easily get an invitation from the Royal Family. Maybe I can become friends with them," Ran Xueyi explained.

"Hmm... That's a great idea," Jian Yiling agreed with her.

Both of the two have wide connections in the Underworld and in addition to that, Ran Xueyi came from the background of an actress with extensive interrelation inside the Entertainment circle. The only thing they are missing is a connection to the business world as well as to the three Great Royal families in the world.

With tonight's upcoming masquerade, Ran Xueyi could make deep connections within the royal family. And if she couldn't do that, she could use the person who sent the invitation letter to her advantage.

If possible, Ran Xueyi wanted the sender to be a female rather than a male. If it was a woman, she could become good friends with them.

But if it was the opposite and the other had other intentions...

Ran Xueyi could only promise to hold herself back and let him go with a few broken bones.

"Well since you're going... Can I do your makeup and dress you up?" Jian Yiling stared at her with fire burning in her eyes.

Ran Xueyi froze and wanted to reject her offer. The last time Jian Yiling did her makeup and dress up was a spectacular sight. The makeup was beautiful, but she couldn't say the same to the dress. How to describe it... it wasn't ugly, but it was something else.

But Jian Yiling looked like she won't take a 'no' for an answer.

Surrendering to her fate, Ran Xueyi could only say, "Alright, but please keep it to a minimum."

Jian Yiling innocently blinked her eyes, "What do you mean? Of course, I'll turn you into a beauty that can make even the princesses and female guests inside feel ashamed when they stand beside you!"

With that, Jian Yiling turned around and excitedly left the room like a blast of wind, leaving a slightly fearful Ran Xueyi, who was worried of what will be the outcome of her dress tomorrow night.

Hopefully, it wouldn't be so revealing.