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Chapter 426 Private Audition

After hearing Song Yu Han's explanation as to why he had to start to show interest in a no-name director's film and wanted to take the role of the male lead to boot, Guo Yun finally left the chairman's office with a bright smile.

It's a good feeling to see that his boss and madam are still being harmonious towards each other. It would be a big problem if they were on rocky roads and ended up getting tired of each other so soon after they displayed a herculean size of dogfood.

As per his boss' orders, Guo Yun contacted the director in the script and asked for the details for the audition for it. As luck would have it, the director still hasn't considered any other actors and they were the first to contact them.

Of course, when Director Daren heard that they would invest on top of auditioning for the role, he was beyond surprise. He asked a few questions pertaining to whether they were jesting with him. Investing millions of yuan was a bit too much to accept, not because they were shy or being polite after hearing the amount. Rather, Director Daren was not certain whether this time, he received a spam call or not.

Thanks to Guo Yun's quick action, Director Daren received a mail from YH Group, proving that he hadn't lied about the discussion of investing and cooperating with Director Daren.

Upon confirming that such a bigshot of a company had contacted him for investment and cooperation, Daren Wang finally rolled his eyes and fainted on the spot while his roommates were still celebrating their future collaboration with the actress of their dreams, Ran Xueyi.

Guo Yun immediately drafted the contracts needed for the investment. It was quickly signed over by both parties without meeting each other, and the money that was going to be invested was also sent to Daren Wang's bank account.

This time, Daren Wang visited the temple and thanked the heavens for their ceaseless blessing they had sent over to him.

Due to their busy schedule and also because Daren Wang specifically requested a time to prepare everything before the filming could start, the audition for the male lead was halted.

A few days later, Daren Wang called Guo Yun again and told him that they would like to meet the actor that he wanted to introduce to them.

Daren Wang: "Although I already signed the contract with you and got the money for the investment, I will still decide whether the actor you will send over is suitable to play the role of He Tian. Whether I will pick him or not all depends on his acting skills and suitability to how I envisioned He Tian in the script."

Guo Yun wanted to say that his boss was an excellent actor, he could even pretend to be a docile and tamed lion in front of his wife for a very long time, but since the other party was being serious over this matter, he could only agree.

"Of course, it's all up to Director Daren's preference. But I'm also confident that you will absolutely love the actor I will introduce to you!"

Besides, the madam might even take out a rope to have the big boss play the role when she sees him, right?

Daren Wang was satisfied with his reassurance and replied, "It's all good then. The audition will be done privately as per you requested. We will meet in the address you sent to me last night."

After their call was disconnected, Guo Yun reported what had been said in their call. After a while, Song Yu Han nodded and said, "You can go back to your work. Make sure that my wife doesn't find out about this."

Guo Yun stared at him before saying, "Are you sure you don't want her to know about you auditioning for the role opposite to her character?"

"Yes." Song Yu Han has never been sure in his life. When he saw the number of kissing, shower, and bed scenes, he couldn't help but want to go home just to bully his wife in bed. Unfortunately, due to his piled up work and the documents that he needed to sign, he stayed in his office for the past three days.

During the past three days, Song Yu Han could only go home so late in the night. He would walk in their bedroom with Ran Xueyi and Little Zhazhan hugging each other to sleep and occupying the

bed. In the end, he had to even pull the Cleopatra couch that was in the room to give himself some space to sleep on.

And every next morning, he had to get up earlier than them. Without making so much of a noise to wake them up, Song Yu Han kissed them on their foreheads before leaving their home again to start another busy day at work.

Hence, Ran Xueyi only knew that he was preoccupied with tons of work matters he needed to take care of, but didn't know that he had already decided for them to meet as actor and actress playing opposite each other.

Moreover, there was another reason why Song Yu Han had to stay in his office so late and arrive so early. It was because he was trying to hone his acting skills so that on the day of audition, he wouldn't embarrass his wife with insufficient talent in acting.

Soon, the day of the private audition arrived.

Song Yu Han, who has experienced several life and death situations, sat inside the car while leaning his back against the backrest. He was already good at memorizing things so it didn't take him a while to memorize everything in the script.

But why is it that when he tried to remember the lines of the role he wanted to audition as, he seemed to feel extremely anxious and nervous?

"Sir, we've arrived." Guo Yun announced as soon as he stopped the blue-royal Phantom car that was a limited-edition car in front of a studio.

Song Yu Han blinked his eyes at him and suddenly said with an overbearing aura, "If I fail today's audition, add another 200 million yuan to the director's bank account and tell him to give me the role."

Guo Yun: "..."

Um... today's seems a bit weird. Or is it that his big boss who could rule the world without a crown was a bit too timid?

Chapter 427 Meeting The Male Lead (1)

Ran Xueyi looked at the five-star hotel in front of her for a few seconds before stepping a step forward to get inside it. A few days ago, she received a call from Daren Wang that he will conduct a search and audition for the male lead for his film. She initially wanted to help him, but he refused and told her to let him take care of it. Honestly, she was worried about him not only because he's still too young to have several experiences as a director, but also because she didn't want him to pick just anybody who may fit his own perspective of the male lead.

But Daren Wang insisted on having the audition by himself and decide who will play opposite her.

In the end, she could only look forward to this day.

As she stepped into the elevator, Ran Xueyi recalled the information she received from Daren Wang last night. He told her that he had found the perfect protagonist of the script he had written which was also the film where she would appear in.

Ding~

The elevator soon reached the floor she was supposed to be in. On the 26th floor, only a few presidential suites were placed in that floor so it was easier to tell which room she had to be in the moment she got out of the elevator.

Since it was a script reading between her and the protagonist, Ran Xueyi had Adelle wait on her in the car.

As she stepped into the corridor, Ran Xueyi viewed the 'read' on the recent message she sent to Song Yu Han and wondered why he didn't reply to her. Usually, he would reply the next few seconds or a few minutes later, but she sent her message an hour ago and still didn't receive any reply from him.

Could it be that something happened? She thought to herself as she couldn't help but worry about her husband. Song Yu Han wasn't the type to be defeated easily by other people, but there's always a moment that one has to experience a loss or defeat once in their life, right?

As she continued to worry about Song Yu Han, her feet had already taken her in front of the room where Daren Wang had given her. The number 520 on the door of the room was staring right back at her as if cringing at the number that was given to it.

It couldn't be helped anyway since the number itself simply translates to the expression 'I love you'. Staring at the number, Ran Xueyi thought of something and took a pic of the number on the door before sending it to Song Yu Han.

[Snowrabbit Xueyi: Hubby, I just received a sudden confession from somebody. (Photo) What do you think?"]

After sending this, the grin on her lips widened as she raised her hand to knock on the door with her other hand. She didn't wait to get his reply, thinking that he was busy.

After three knocks, she waited outside before the door finally opened slightly but surprisingly, it was not Daren Wang, the young director, who opened it, but a very familiar face that had a smile on his face.

No matter where she goes or no matter how time passes, she will never forget those pairs of eyes nor that slight smile on the top of his lips.

Ran Xueyi, who stared at him for a few seconds, stuttered, "Yo –You... What are you doing here? I thought you went to work?"

Standing before her was none other than the hubby she didn't receive a reply from since an hour ago.

Song Yu Han greeted her with a wider smile and pulled her into the room without answering.

"Hey, wait!" Ran Xueyi shouted as an arm hooked around her waist and got pulled into the room. "How did you get here and how did you know I'm going into this hotel and room?"

Ran Xueyi couldn't wrap her mind around this situation. She was supposed to meet Daren Wang and another actor to read through the script yet, here her husband standing before her.

Song Yu Han used another hand to raise his phone which was bright and the screen showed the photo she sent to him and said, "Didn't you send me this?"

Ran Xueyi rolled her eyes at him as if not buying it. How could he arrive just a minute or two later after she sent him the photo?

"Be honest, what are you doing here?" she asked him as she tried to pull away from him to stare at him seriously. This man, really... What was he up to this time?

As if reading her thoughts, Song Yu Han buried his nose against the curve of her neck and collarbone while hugging her tightly. And just when he was about to reply to her question, a voice suddenly asked, "Uh... I haven't said to start yet..."

Stiffening at the sudden intrusion of the voice, Ran Xueyi tilted her head to the side to look behind Song Yu Han. The voice came from a man. And it wasn't Guo Yun. Then, who could it be? Besides, he was inside a room that her husband was in...

Ran Xueyi, who was confused by what was going on, got even more confused when she heard the voice. After all, there was no way your husband would get into a room with another room at a hotel without telling his wife, right?

However, before any crazy thoughts could continue to rise inside her mind, Ran Xueyi then remembered that Daren Wang was the one who sent the address of the hotel and room number to her, not anybody else.

Because of that, her sudden insane thoughts crumbled as she saw Daren Wang walking even closer to them.

"Hello? I don't mind being ignored, but we need to start the script reading..." Daren Wang, who saw the two still hugging by the entrance, frowned as he called out to them. What were these two doing? Do they know each other? But hugging each other as soon as they saw each other is a bit too sudden and exciting, right?

Chapter 428 Meeting The Male Lead (2)

Daren Wang has never been in a relationship, cooped up in his room writing scripts and organizing the direction of his stories. He would rather imagine the scenarios in the scripts he might use in the film he might direct so whenever his friends and roommate would call him out to go for a blind dates, he would sleep throughout the day and miss it.

At this moment, he wasn't thinking too much when he saw the two hugging by the door and thought that these two might have been close friends in the entertainment circle. That was great since he wanted them to shed their awkwardness from the get go.

However, what he didn't notice or know was that if it were someone else standing in his shoes, they would have already fainted or screamed in shock.

"Alright, enough hugging. Let's go inside the room and discuss your roles and lines." Daren Wang, who still didn't get a hint, turned around and walked deep into the room.

Ran Xueyi silently stared at him walk away before sweeping her gaze at the man standing before her and said, "Explain."

Song Yu Han, stared at her for a second and saw that she was not angry, but purely curious as to what had happened, said, "I got the role for the male protagonist."

"How?" Ran Xueyi was even more confused when she heard his answer. "You're not an actor."

If she remembered correctly, Song Yu Han didn't like how the entertainment industry was established. The rules and how it works was completely different from how businesses were handled. Rather, it was tedious and annoying since one has to give up some things in order to become an actor or actress. For example, their simple private life and emotions.

Song Yu Han sighed and placed his hands on her shoulder before turning her around and pushing her inside the room. "I'll explain to you how this happened. But for now, let's not keep the director waiting."

As he said this, Daren Wang was already holding a script in his hand and sitting on the couch, waiting for them to come. As soon as he saw the two moving closer, he waved his hand towards the two scripts on the coffee table and said, "I was going to introduce you both to each other but seeing how you two are closer than I thought, I will skip that and let you prepare yourself to read your lines."

Ran Xueyi stared at him and thought that it was better to introduce themselves again since she really wanted to know how Song Yu Han ended up being the protagonist of the film!

However, she held herself back when she saw the sincere flash of light in Daren Wang's eyes as if he was treating everything seriously. At a glance, she could tell that the young director was not what she previously thought of him. He was actually determined and strict towards himself and everything around him more than some directors she had known before.

Seeing this, Ran Xueyi picked up the script that has her name on it and sat down across from the young director. Song Yu Han also didn't say anything and got to his seat. Amongst them all, he was the only one who could be described as amateur. After all, he only appeared in a film he invested in to try out how it feels to be an actor.

He was slightly nervous, but for the sake of playing in the same film as his wife, he tamed down the uneasiness in his heart and began to seriously read the script.

Soon, the script reading started and everything went smoothly. Ran Xueyi was as Daren Wang had expected, she was flawless in reading her lines and even added the exact emotion that was needed to be shown with only her voice. It was like she was dubbing an anime or drama.

Perhaps, because some drama needed to redub the actors' and actresses' voices to make the sound even clearer, Ran Xueyi's pronunciation and intonations were exquisite and amazing to listen to.

Looking to the other side, Daren Wang fell into contemplation. When this male actor named Yu Han auditioned for the role, he captured the emotions and expressions needed for the character. But during their read-through, it was obvious that he didn't have much experience in dubbing or reading scripts. Or else, he wouldn't have made some mistakes. However, those mistakes were too few so it was all great in the end.

"Yu Han should reread the lines several times so that every word won't have any pauses in between. When you were reading earlier, your voice wasn't in the right pitch and emotions so it's hard to guess whether you're happy or displeased by something."

He paused before continuing, "Your role is an assassin who is deeply connected to the Underworld, you fell in love with a blind girl who helped you recover after getting injured. But the way you are speaking to the girl who saved you, is a bit too soft. Your character is meant to be rough and cold in the beginning before you will gradually turn soft as you realize your feelings for the girl who saved you."

Song Yu Han carefully nodded and listened. When he looked at the young director, he never showed the presence of a wealthy businessman who could easily buy the entire entertainment industry with a single word from him. Rather, he looked like a good student listening seriously to the lessons the professor was discussing.

At the side, Ran Xueyi stared at this version of Song Yu Han and didn't know whether to laugh or to cry. A lot of people seemed to be scared of him and never dared to offend him, but it was so strange to see him sit there while being scolded and given advice to do better in his role.

Nevertheless, Ran Xueyi was happy that Song Yu Han was experiencing new things despite the fact that she still couldn't comprehend why he had decided to become an actor like herself. After all, aside from the things at home, he handles a huge corporation with several subsidiary companies under YH Group.

As she was thinking, Ran Xueyi suddenly remembered something. It was the fact that she hid a bit of the details in the script from him...

It couldn't be that he went as far as to become an actor just because of those scenes, right?!

Chapter 429 President Ran Xueyi Couldn't Allow Her Artists To Be Bullied

When the script reading between the main leading actors was done, the young director waltzed out of the room while telling them that he had to go back in a hurry to finish some important preparations for the filming.

Ran Xueyi walked him out of the room, and when the door finally closed behind her, she went to the sofa where she found Song Yu Han still sitting there as if it was his own house.

"Why did you suddenly want to become an actor?" Ran Xueyi stood with her arms crossed in front of her chest. "You didn't do it just because you found out about the scenes in the film, right?"

She was worried he would misunderstand the reason why she had taken the film in the first place. Truthfully, she never had the intention to do any of those scenes and will use a body double for the most intimate scenes such as the kiss and the bed scenes, but she'll take care of other scenes to make it look like it was really her doing these scenes.

It wasn't rare for an actor or actress to hire a body double. Even Hollywood actors looked for the most suitable body double in order to do the difficult action and mature scenes in the film. Having a body double will also ensure that a professional stunt actor will execute the movements and the safety of the actors they're substituting.

In her case, Ran Xueyi did not even want to have any man to touch her intimately after her marriage. Thus, she had no plans at all to do the kiss, bed, and nude scenes with another actor. And Song Yu Han's worry was ungrounded. Unfortunately, she hasn't had the time to clear this misunderstanding to him.

Song Yu Han reached his hand out first to grab her waist and admitted, "That's one of the reasons. But I wanted to try what it feels like to be an actor and get closer to you."

"But you are the closest person to me," she told him. "You don't have to do this."

"I don't. But I want to do it."

With him saying this, Ran Xueyi no longer talked about this matter. Since he wanted to become an actor, she could only support his decision. Even if his reason to become an actor turned out to be for her sake.

Ran Xueyi and Song Yu Han went home that night. The two decided that since they will soon appear in the same film, they could share some thoughts on the roles they will be playing in the film.

The next day, Director Daren told them that they will start filming next week. After much preparation, the filming location was set in Paradise City, a city where many tourist spots could be seen.

During the week in which the filming still hasn't started, Ran Xueyi returned to Chestnut in order to find out what the outcome of Yao Chuan's matter. As soon as she arrived, Uncle Wu reported to her about the situation.

"Yao Chuan's mother had drawn and signed a contract with her maternal family. The result of her signature being genuine is not yet done being investigated. But at this time, Yao Chuan's maternal family has the right to demand payment for the money that his mother allegedly took from them."

"But Yao Chuan is not directly connected and shouldn't be responsible for his mother's debt."

Uncle Wu nodded. "That is true. However, there was a clause in the contract that if ever the debtor passed away, the money and properties they owed from the creditor will be shouldered by their immediate relative. In which case, Yao Chuan, who is the son of the debtor, needs to pay for his mother's debt."

Yao Chuan's maternal family was really sickening! But if the contract was true and the signature of his mother had really been written by her, then the only person whom Yao Chuan should hate was his mother, who threw him to the Tiger's mouth without pitying his poor, innocent son.

"Where is Yao Chuan?" she asked him.

"In his apartment. He finished most of his scenes in the film we suggested he take last time. So, he's now resting." Uncle Wu paused slightly as if he was hesitating to say something, but after a second, he finally said, "Madam, I don't think Yao Chuan's matter can be dealt with legally. His maternal family will win in this battle if we take the legal way."

What do you mean?" Ran Xueyi frowned but then it dawned on her what he had actually meant. "You want to use the underworld's method?"

Uncle Wu was not surprised that she even knew of the underworld. The Big Boss must have told her. But what he didn't know was that Ran Xueyi had learned about this from Jian Yiling and at some point in her life, she was also able to be a part of that world.

"Yes, Madam," Uncle Wu nodded. "They are persistent and stubbornly harassing Yao Chuan with threats and even when we tried to turn them away, they found another method to get to him."

Just recently, a crowd of fans had surrounded Yao Chuan during a show's press conference. One would initially thought that they were his avid fans, but who would have thought that some of his fans were actually paid by his maternal family to harass him. And this wasn't the first time that they did this to him.

Ran Xueyi instantly fell silent. She hadn't thought of using this method. But considering the fact that Yao Chuan's situation was dragging and causing trouble to him and his mental health, as the President of Chestnut Entertainment, she couldn't allow any of this to continue any longer.

Seeing the cruel light in her eyes gleaming, Uncle Wu didn't need to hear her orders as he had already decided to use other 'means' to deal with Yao Chuan's maternal family.

"Well, then, if there's nothing else. I will return to my office." He excused himself and headed towards the door. Just as he was about to leave, he heard her speak.

"When you meet with his maternal family... Make sure they regret ever bullying Yao Chuan." Ran Xueyi didn't have to deal with this matter by herself. She could use Uncle Wu's help. If she wasn't preoccupied with her own busy schedule, she could have gone by herself to meet Yao Chuan's maternal family.

But unfortunately, there were other reasons why she couldn't do it. She was a public figure. It wouldn't be wise for her to do things the underworld's way.

Chapter 430 The Mysterious Mr. He (1)

After sending Uncle Wu away, Ran Xueyi called in the Chief Agent in the company.

A few minutes later, the door to the office was pushed open and a neat-looking lady entered in a pencil skirt and white shirt. It was Zhao Fei, her previous manager.

Zhao Fei walked into the office and greeted her first, "It has been quite a while. I thought you already forgot about me."

Ran Xueyi laughed. "There's no way I would forget about Sister Fei. You helped me while I was in the country three years ago. How is Xiao Feng faring? Didn't he get promoted as Zhang Yiqing's agent?"

They sat at the center table and talked about the previous events that took place during the three years they were away from each other. Zhao Fei didn't hold any grudge when she heard that Ran Xueyi got another manager. Rather than being upset because she was replaced, she was relieved because she couldn't handle being the Chief Agent of Chestnut Entertainment and being Ran Xueyi's manager at the same time.

Feng Huai also didn't get to continue being her assistant because the young man has enough experience and knowledge to become an actual manager of the budding singer Zhang Yiqing, who was once a member of [Exile], but he was now one of the most popular singer in the country after becoming a solo artist under the banner of Chestnut Entertainment.

"Xiao Feng is preoccupied with his artist's schedule. They are currently on a nationwide tour." Feng Huai had it hard when he first took upon the manager position.

Zhang Yiqing's journey was full of ups and downs. His fans were adamant and flamed by them when they heard he was leaving the group to become a solo artist, but despite the number of haters who had tried to bring him down, Zhan Yiqing was awarded Singer of the Year in the annual music awards last year.

After they told a lot of stories about what happened in their life in the past three years, Zhao Fei finally left. Ran Xueyi also hurried back home, but she received a message from Song Yu Han telling her to meet him in a classy restaurant in the middle of the city.

Ran Xueyi started her car and drove to the restaurant he told her to go to. When she arrived at the restaurant, she saw a swarm of reporters in front of the door entrance and frowned. The restaurant was an affluent place to go to for couples and families to eat in peace. However, at this moment, it seems that there was a hot scoop worthy of these reporters to disturb the peaceful environment.

From where she sat inside her car, the restaurant staff urgently drove away the reporters, but they persisted in to stand on their ground.

Soon, a white nanny van entered the vicinity of the restaurant and stopped by the entrance where the reporters quickly moved their hands to raise their cameras and microphone high.

"He's here!"

The reporters quickly moved closer to the car; they were almost blocking the path and buried the restaurant staff who struggled to death to drive them away.

"Mr. He, is it true that you are getting married soon?"

Mr. He, can you please tell us why you suddenly wanted to get married to a celebrity? Are you doing this because Miss Tang announced that she's in a relationship with Mr. Shu?"

"Did your father agree with your decision to marry your celebrity girlfriend? How long have you been in a relationship?"

Hearing these questions being fired, Ran Xueyi couldn't help but stop in her tracks to look at the crowd. They were blocking her path so she couldn't enter the restaurant. Unfortunately, the reporters didn't look like they were finished with their task of shooting their questions at their intended target for the day.

On the other hand, Mr. He, the reporter's target, said not a word to them. Several bodyguards flanked his side and pushed away the desperate reporters who keep on clicking their cameras to take a couple hundred pictures of the man.

When Mr. He reached the door of the restaurant, he stopped and looked to his side.

Ran Xueyi widened her eyes when she locked eyes with the man. Was he looking at her? Maybe he was looking at something else. Ran Xueyi persuaded herself to think, but the man didn't move even after standing where he stood for a couple of seconds.

The reporters from behind him noticed that he had stopped, took advantage of this and tried to get closer to him while screaming 'Mr. He'. But the bodyguards stood like a steel wall dividing two sides.

Ran Xueyi didn't know why the man had stopped or whether he was really looking at her. All she knew was that if that man continued to stand there and look at her, the reporters' attention would soon fall on her.

As she was thinking of what to do, Mr. He moved his lips and said something to one of his bodyguards, who nodded in turn.

At the same time, Ran Xueyi received a message from Song Yu Han: "Are you close? There's a bit of a commotion at the restaurant. Call me when you get here so I can come to you."

"Miss, my boss is asking if you are planning to get inside the place. If you are, please follow me so I can escort you inside." While she had her head down to glance at her phone, the bodyguard who spoke with the man the reporters were calling 'Mr. He', was already standing in front of her.

Ran Xueyi nodded when asked if she wanted to go inside, but refused to be escorted since Song Yu Han could come to get her.

"Please, allow me to escort you, Miss." However, the bodyguard was persistent, standing upright like a lamppost. "My boss will feel troubled if you are held back because of him."

Well, it was true that because of him, the entrance was blocked and the peaceful environment was broken. However, Ran Xueyi was still feeling very hesitant. Just as she was about to refuse, the corners of her eyes caught Mr. He slowly turning his body in their direction as if he was going to walk in their way.

Ran Xueyi drew her breath and finally said, "All right."