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Chapter 441 Line Rehearsals

Qing Luo finally met the reason why he accepted becoming a newbie director's request to let him become an assistant director.

A couple of days ago, he was contacted by Moonlight Entertainment. He was requested to become an assistant director for a young and unknown director who will be filming a movie very soon. Of course, he will receive a huge sum of money if he accepts this role.

However, as someone who has been in the entertainment industry and directed award-winning films for the past 20 years, the temptation of money no longer blinded him.

If it was the past, Qing Luo might have reconsidered their offer, but he wanted to film a movie that can't only move the audiences but also move him as a director. Initially, he was going to direct a film under Dauntless after showing a script that was quite amazing. Qing Luo didn't even want to accept Moonlight's short notice nor money to become an assistant director.

However, just when he was going to refuse them, he received another call. This time, from a man who introduced himself to be the manager of the actor who disappeared a few years ago.

It was not a rumor or telltale that Qing Luo has been looking for an actor who showed up in that mysterious movie that disappeared a day after it was released in the cinema. However, only Qing Luo and a few directors were able to watch that movie out of respect for their fellow director who directed that movie.

But who would have thought that when they finished watching the film and inquired Director Gun about the actor who appeared in his film, the movie got taken down from all cinemas showing it in their screens. When they asked Director Gun what happened, he only told them that it was something that was out of his control.

Since then, along with Qing Luo, the other directors who were with him that watched Director Gun's film were on a hunt to find the actor 'Yu Han'.

Qing Luo didn't want to believe the shady caller, but he was definitely seduced to find out whether it was really Yu Han's manager or just a scam caller intending to fool him.

Yu Han was in front of him.

The man who wore a military uniform with several achievement badges and oozed with an amazing aura through the screen was really in front of him. Qing Luo's heart paced as if he had just experienced falling in love with his first love all over again.

This was the actor who shocked them with his outstanding acting and presence!

"Okay, we will first get acquainted with each other then, we will have a short rehearsal reading for your roles." Director Daren held a script in his hand and announced the plan, "After tonight, we will also start the photoshoot for the film and test the makeup for each role. Don't forget to wake up around 10 in the morning."

Everyone nodded at his words. No one dared to call Daren Wang incompetent or too young to become their director. When they looked at his serious expression, they knew there was no room for any contradiction or foolery.

The main purpose for today's reading was different from when they read their script at the hotel previously. This time, it was to get rid of any unnecessary and unreasonable lines that didn't feel right according to their character's set up and won't help the progress of the plotlines.

Since the film was focused on the conflicts and lives of the main roles and the supporting roles around them, it took a bit for them to decide which line to start with first.

Eventually, someone proposed to have the main characters rehearse their lines first. So, both Ran Xueyi and Song Yu Han became the center of attraction.

Ran Xueyi was slightly self-conscious, but when Director Daren called out for her to start reading her lines, the awkwardness and pressure that wrapped around her heart dissipated as if it was nothing but an illusion. She instantly showed her professional attitude in front of everyone.

When she spoke, everyone at the table was stunned.

Crystal, Ran Xueyi's role, had a monologue in the beginning. It was a difficult and big challenge for someone to perfect this without going over the limit and sounding exaggerated.

Yet, Ran Xueyi pulled it off. Her voice was smooth and crystal clear. It was as if everyone was hearing someone dub an animation or film and flawlessly matching the lips of the character they were dubbing.

Ran Xueyi's more than 20 years of experience in the entertainment industry was not wasted. Even Qing Luo, who had been a director for 20 years and filmed several top and veteran actors in the past, couldn't help but feel that Ran Xueyi was truly amazing as an actor.

There was no doubt when it came to her acting skill.

Those rumors that she had been involved didn't even matter anymore. With a talent like hers, who cares about them?!

Right now, what everyone wanted to do was to cheer for her and give her a round of applause. Unfortunately, they were now reading the script and it would be disrespectful if they even made a sound.

Ran Xueyi didn't know that she was being praised by everyone in their hearts. She continued reading the monologue dedicated to her role, Crystal.

"In the beginning, darkness followed me like my shadows. Inseparable and irresistible. Then, lightness filled with temptation crawled towards me like a black widow. You weave a seductive web that I can't escape. Now, I have fallen deep into a sweet trap I lured myself into."

Crystal was a blind girl living alone in a building her mother had given to her as her last gift before she passed away. On a thunderous night, the blind girl was on her way when a ruffian pulled her into an alley and wanted to take advantage of her. But at that same time, a stranger unintentionally saved her by just being at the same place as them.

Soon it was Song Yu Han's turn.

Ran Xueyi already exchanged lines with Song Yu Han. The first time was at the hotel where she first found out he was the male lead of the film. It was their second time already. So, their dialogue flowed smoothly and naturally.

For the past couple of days before they flew to Paradise City, Ran Xueyi strictly looked over Song Yu Han's lines and readings. He was a complete novice compared to Ran Xueyi. Even though he had acted in the past, experience was something that cannot be learned through memorization and feeling alone. And so, Ran Xueyi patiently answered all his questions and also taught him what he must do in certain difficult parts in the filming process.

The moment Song Yu Han opened his lips and his voice flowed to their ears, a silence that shouldn't have existed in a crowded place surrounded by people actually appeared.

But even though there was an unsettling complete silence that would make one feel anxious and nervous, Song Yu Han acted as if he was in an enclosed space where there was no one around him. He remained unbothered and cool while he said all his lines.

Unsurprisingly, when everyone learned that the main lead role playing as Wu Yao turned out to be a newcomer without any films under his resume, it was no secret that they were terribly worried. Were they really going to film with someone inexperienced? And on top of it, they were being directed by a young director. Will they be alright?

However, when they met Song Yu Han, they couldn't hide their surprise. His extreme handsomeness was top-notch even amongst the top actors in their circle who were named as the most handsome men in their country. No, to be more direct, he could easily topple them and take their throne if he wanted to.

If they rely on his face, the film will surely explode amongst the visual fans who were crazy towards a person's appearance.

But when Song Yu Han started to speak and exchange lines with Ran Xueyi, no one thought that he could actually do a great job in putting feelings in his lines.

It was an eye-opener and they were all ashamed to admit that they were too narrow-minded to think that Song Yu Han got the main role through the backdoor.

But they didn't know that they were completely wrong about their ideas about him. The only thing that was different was that he didn't get in through a backdoor... He is the backdoor.

When the lines went to the pivotal part in the film, Director Daren clapped both his hands and said, "Alright, that's it for today's rehearsal reading."

Because of how immaculate and splendid they did their script reading, no one noticed that it was already half past ten. They didn't even realize that they had been reading their lines for almost four hours and their voices had become slightly hoarse.

Chapter 442 Xiang Lin's Decision

Capital City.

Xiang Lin walked into the building of Chestnut Entertainment with a wan expression. There were dark circles under his eyes as if he had been staying up all night without sleep.

"Xiao Lin, you're here so early!" an officemate greeted him with a smile. Seeing Xiang Lin's dispirited attitude that morning, he somewhat found him pitiful. He dragged him to his office desk and placed a muffin cake in his hand.

"Did you forget to eat breakfast again?" the officemate kindly made excuses in front of their other colleagues. Who didn't know that Xiang Lin was so poor that he couldn't buy a proper single meal every day?

"Thank you, Sui Ge. But I'm not hungry." Xiang Lin politely refused, but the officemate thought that he was being too humble and polite so in the end, Xiang Lin had to accept it.

When he left the office, his arms were filled with food that was unopened. It was always like this in the morning when he visited Chestnut.

Xiang Lin looked down on the food he had in his arms and sighed. He was really not hungry, but these people thought he was too embarrassed to take their food with him.

Truth to be told, he had already eaten a lot this morning. He even went to one of the most popular breakfast restaurants in the city!

"Xiang Lin!"

Before Xiang Lin could savor the taste of the food he ate before going to the office building, his name was loudly called in the corridor. The people in the same area with him couldn't help but turn their head in the direction of the noise.

At the other end of the corridor was Feng Huai.

"Hey, it's Huai Ge."

"Is he in the office to sign a big deal for Zhang Yiqing again?"

"I heard Zhang Yiqing just finished his tour in Mirror City. Huai Ge might be planning to get the endorsement deal with the famous shoe brand from an international brand that Chestnut got!"

The people who were in the corridor couldn't help but gossip. They knew who Feng Huai was. He is the assistant manager of the Chief Agent of Chestnut Zhao Fei. Currently, he is also working as the manager of Zhang Yiqing. When everyone found out he was promoted to being a full-fledged manager and got assigned to an award-winning singer like Zhang Yiqing, a lot of them were envious.

But even though they were jealous of Feng Huai's fortune, they couldn't help but sweat at how strict and disciplined he was.

Just look at that assistant manager already paling on the face at the sight of Feng Huai. The rumors must be true.

Feng Huai strided quickly over to where Xiang Lin was standing. And under everyone's eyes, he grabbed him on the collar and pushed him to an empty meeting room.

"You... Are you crazy?! Where did you go two days ago? I thought I clearly told you to meet me at the usual place at the usual time to meet Editor Chang; but you didn't even show your face!" Feng Huai angrily said in one breath.

Two days ago, they made an agreement to meet with the editor from Dauntless. They planned to hand over the USB containing several personal information of Chestnut artists. Once the handover was done, Gong Chun will be promoted, then Feng Huai can transfer there under his brother-in-law's recommendation.

But on the day that they were supposed to meet and give away the flash drive to Editor Chang, Xiang Lin didn't arrive!

"Do you even know how humiliated I and my brother-in-law felt when we met with Mr. Chang empty-handed?" Feng Huai let go of Xiang Lin's collar as if he was disgusted.

But even after his outbursts, Xiang Lin didn't react to him.

"What's with you?" Feng Huai was startled at the way Xiang Lin remained unperturbed.

"Huai Ge... My sister failed the examination. I need her to graduate so she can lead a good future. Can you help me?" Out of nowhere, Xiang Lin asked him.

Feng Huai's brows furrowed. "Why are you asking me? It isn't my fault that your sister failed in her examination."

"But it was because she found out what we've been doing that she failed the examination."

"What? Did you... did you tell her?" Feng Huai was scared. He didn't want anyone else to find out about their actions.

Xiang Lin shook his head, "She mistook the USB I brought home with me as the one she's using for her thesis. That's when she found out."

"YOU IDIOT!" Feng Huai raged on. "Where is it now then? You have it with you, right? I don't care if it's the reason why your sister failed, but you should have taken it from her, right? Ah, that's right. You should also make sure that your sister won't tell anyone about this. Tell her to not say anything to anyone!"

There was a condition that Feng Huai had to follow before he could transfer to Dauntless. It was that whatever he did, there should be no one who finds out about it. Xiang Lin was a conspirator so there was no problem with him discovering about his plan to ruin Chestnut. However, it was another story if Xiang Lin's younger sister found out about their intentions.

Xiang Lin frowned and said, "The flash drive is... it's not with me anymore."

"What do you mean you don't have it?"

"My sister... She threw it in the toilet bowl after she learned the truth."

Pa!

A shadow as quick as light flew in the air. By the time Xiang Lin realized what happened, a stinging pain was felt on his left cheek.

Feng Huai slapped him.

Ha, he actually slapped him!

Xiang Lin's fists curled inwardly until white appeared on his palms. His nails aren't long enough to draw blood but it still left marks on his skin.

Today's event was meticulously planned two days ago. Xiang Lin had taken those two days to think of what he must do. He couldn't erase the fact that he had a hand in Feng Huai's malicious actions but he couldn't completely give up the blank check Ran Xueyi gave to him.

It was not because he was tempted by the amount of money he would get if he used it, but because the weight of the check weighed down on his shoulders. Ran Xueyi did not trust him. There was no way she would after what he had done, but after meeting her, he realized that she was testing him.

Ran Xueyi wanted to find out whether Xiang Lin was capable of standing on his own feet without Feng Huai.

After two days of thinking it over, Xiang Lin came up with a plan. He wanted to test Feng Huai and find out what he would do if he ended up losing the flash drive containing the secrets of Chestnut's artists.

His sister learning the truth and throwing the flash drive to the toilet bowl were lies.

Xiang Lin bit his lips and forced down the urge to cry and punch Feng Huai. "Huai Ge, I'll compile them again. You just need to go to Zhao Fei's office and open the files in her computer. But I need to know what to do with my sister? She failed the exam because of us. Huai Ge, help me, okay?"

"Bullshit!" Feng Huai didn't even feel sorry for slapping him out of anger. "You're the one who carelessly left the flash drive and let your sister see it. Why is it my problem if she failed? Besides, haven't I already given you money for your sister's school fee?"

"Xiang Lin, let's be honest here. Did you actually believe that I helped you because I wanted to? I gave you money because I want to use your hacking skills. So don't think too much about how kind I treated you because you're a little bit useful to me!"

To him, Xiang Lin was just an inferior being to him. When he transfers to Dauntless, he won't ask his brother-in-law to vacate a position for Xiang Lin. He was already scolded by his brother-in-law when they met with Editor Chang without the flash drive. Feng Huai could no longer let Xiang Lin stay beside him.

A bad root should be pulled out before it becomes a wild plant!"It's all your fault so think of how to fix all of these! Don't forget to retrieve the file and compile them again. Give them to me at the end of the day, or else... Don't even think of appearing in front of me!"

After saying what he wanted to say, Feng Huai didn't want to stay in the same space as Xiang Lin anymore.

But he didn't know that when he turned his back, Xiang Lin's mouth curled up into a sneer.

Xiang Lin previously thought of the time he had spent with Feng Huai as his partner in crime. He thought that even though he was treated unfairly, Feng Huai still treated him slightly better. He even gave him money for his younger sister to use to pay for her school fees when they needed it the most.

He thought that he needed to pay this favor he received from Feng Huai through using his knowledge in hacking. And honestly, the praises he heard and got from Feng Huai did indeed made him feel giddy and satisfied.

But who would have thought that everything Feng Huai did and said to him was all because he was a 'little bit useful'. There was nothing more hurtful than expecting a friendship that never existed to bloom.

Chapter 443 All-Star Night Gala (1)

Xiang Lin's decisions weren't made abruptly. He carefully thought of what he must do. The blank check given to him was only a means to give her an answer whether he would side with her or not.

Of course, he was still feeling a little bit hesitant since he didn't know what she would do to him once she was finished using him, but in contrast to Feng Huai, Ran Xueyi will give him an advantage and many opportunities will open for him.

"Feng Huai... It wasn't me who was heartless. It was what you originally deserved." Xiang Lin's eyes looked forlorn as he took out his phone and called the number he got from Ran Xueyi.

Soon after waiting a few seconds, it was picked up, "Hello, this is Xiang Lin."

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A few days later.

Ran Xueyi glanced at herself in the mirror. A few stylists surrounded her with different styling equipment in their hands. The smell of powder and scented perfumes wafted into the air.

"Isn't this better than that?"

"No, I think this might look better if we pair it with her gown."

"This pair of earrings is already worn by another actress. We need another pair; the prettier and more diamond, the better!"

"Wait, the lipstick color might clash with her dress."

Tonight, at 8pm, the All-Star Night Gala will happen. It was a prominent gala where all A-list to 7th-tier actors and celebrities were invited to attend to show the world that the country's entertainment industry were still united despite the online fights that said that artists cannot mingle with another agency's artist.

Moreover, several sponsors and investors of the event were also present. This was a perfect place for someone who was in need for more exposure and opportunities to go to. Unfortunately, even though it was said that all A-list to 7th-tier stars are invited, only those who were really invited to attend knew the truth that only the selected few ones could go.

Those who didn't receive an invitation, however, can buy their way into the event through paying some of the organizers in secret. Of course, only a few could do it because the money they had to pay to buy an invitation directly from one of the organizers was higher.

But there was another method to join the event...

"By the way, I don't know what's going on between Mr. He and Miss Tang."

"Hm? What do you mean?"

"I heard they already broke up and both are engaged to their own respective lovers, but it seems that Mr. He brought Miss Tang as his partner tonight."

Ran Xueyi initially didn't want to join in the gossip, but when she heard the names, she couldn't help but think it sounded familiar.

"Really? That's crazy. Are they announcing to the public that they threw away their lovers to be together again? Isn't that a bit too scummy?"

"I know. I also think they're being too much."

The stylists around her continued the topic, but as they proceeded, they noticed that Ran Xueyi was also listening to their discussion.

They quickly shut their mouths as they remembered that Ran Xueyi was once linked to He Gui. However, it was unclear what their real relationship was because no one stepped forward to clear or admit the rumors after they were captured entering the same restaurant.

Seeing their gazes turning to look at her, Ran Xueyi didn't scold them for talking about the personal matters of other people in front of her.

She smiled at them and said, "This topic is indeed interesting... But don't forget that no wall can be too thick for ears to listen to."

She reminded them not to talk too loudly or spread what they were gossiping about just now so they won't get involved in troublesome matters.

Previously, they thought that Ran Xueyi would be angry and scream at them. They expected her to show some reaction, but seeing her expressionless face and her uninterested way of speaking, they sighed in relief.

It seems that there really was nothing going on between Mr. He and Ran Xueyi.

The rumors about her lying to everyone about her marriage and being Mr. He's mistress was unbelievable. If it were true, Ran Xueyi would be the first to react when she heard that Mr. He came to the gala with Miss Tang.

After almost an hour, Ran Xueyi was done dressing up for the event. When the stylists left and only Ran Xueyi and one trusted stylist was inside the dressing room, Adelle approached her with a smartphone in her hand and captured some photos to send to Xiao Zhanzhan, who couldn't come with her.

They had been staying at Paradise City while filming for the film <Unholy Desires> for a few days now. Getting away from that place and going to an event like this was a refreshing idea to relax.

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Thirty minutes later, the car drove up to the venue.

The path towards the entrance of the building was fenced on each side where the fans and reporters would stand to admire and take pictures of the actors and idols who walked on the red carpet.

Since a lot of celebrities attended the event, there was a long line of cars. They awaited their turn to park in front of the official pathway to the red carpet.

'Click!'

'Click!'

Even inside the car, the flashes of cameras could be heard from inside their cars.

Inside one of these cars, Tang Jian's lips couldn't stop lifting in triumph. A good-looking man wearing a suit and a cold expression on his face sat in the other seat.

"Babe, are you still angry? Don't be mad, alright? My mother just didn't want to break our two families' ties so she suggested that I be partnered with you for tonight's event." Tang Jian slowly scooted closer to his side. But just as she was about to touch the hem of his sleeves, He Gui coldly took away his arm and avoided her touch.

"Miss Tang, please do not call me that." He Gui's icy voice traveled to her ears.

Hearing him, Tang Jian's eyes gleamed as tears pooled inside it. "He Gui, are you going to move on? Our time together was so great, are you really just going to forget them?"

"I know I was wrong for pursuing what I like over our relationship, but aren't you being too much? Are you really going to marry that country bumpkin and leave me? If you want to marry her then you shouldn't have agreed to come with me for tonight's event!"

"Miss Tang!"

Tang Jian jumped at the loudness of his voice.

"Let me remind you that it wasn't me who wanted to come to this place with you. I planned to not attend it, but you chose to meet and threaten my mother that you will kill yourself if I don't take you tonight because you weren't chosen as one of the guests." He Gui felt like all his previous feelings for Tang Jian were all wasted. Where was the girl he thought was reasonable and gentle?

A few days ago, he received a call from his mother that Tang Jian made an attempt to kill herself. No one knows the reason behind her abrupt actions, but everyone thought that it was because of him. Their social group knew how much Tang Jian obsessed over him after he announced he was getting married to Yin Rui.

He Gui was going to ignore this matter. Even if he was her former fiancé, Tang Jian's matter was no longer connected to him.

But who could have known that his mother, who called him and got a negative response from him, actually went to look for his cousin, who was the former prime minister. His cousin then messaged him to check on the young miss of the Tang family and coax her into a proper closure.

Although He Gui didn't want to listen to anyone, his cousin got involved and there was no way he could ignore this.

In the end, He Gui called Tang Jian's brother and told him to stop his sister from doing anything unreasonable as he didn't want to deal with Tang Jian directly because he thought it was inappropriate. Besides, he didn't want to hurt his current fiancée because of Tang Jian's selfish actions.

But who would have thought that the real reason why Tang Jian threatened everyone was because she didn't get an invite as one of the attendees to the All-Star Night Gala.

Tang Jian felt like she was being slapped in her face because she was ashamed of her previous actions. But when she thought of the recent rumors, she couldn't help but complain.

"You already know the truth anyway so why don't you just enjoy our time together? Or what? Could it be that you are disappointed that you couldn't bring someone else?"

"What are you talking about?" He Gui frowned.

Tang Jian looked away angrily, "Hmph! Don't think I haven't heard about the rumors about you and that slut Ran Xueyi! You two met each other in a restaurant and got photographed together."

When he heard this, the impatience and anger that had been bubbling inside of him increased.

Chapter 444 All-Star Night Gala (2)

For the past few days after the rumors about him and the girl he met at the restaurant blew up, He Gui hasn't had the time to relax or even think of anything else. He didn't know who maliciously spread the pictures that he had his assistant block from being shown to the public.

It brought disaster to him even though his intentions at that time when he helped Ran Xueyi was good. He just thought she was someone who had some connections to the Song family in the past and wanted to show her some respect by letting her in after he made trouble by bringing all these reporters in front of the restaurant.

But who would have thought that his intentions were painted as him hinting their relationship.

Thankfully, Yin Ruo, his fiancée didn't think too much about it and even jokingly teased him for being a celebrity now. However, who would have thought that some of the deals he had been discussing with a few big companies suddenly halted their intentions of cooperating with him!

No matter how he sees it, He Gui could sense that he had somehow grazed something he shouldn't have.

But the problem was... He didn't know who or how he offended someone.

Losing a few tens of millions was not a problem for someone like He Gui. The thing that made him lose all his sleep these past few days was the fact that he had offended someone and didn't know how to appease their anger!

Now, Tang Jian reminded him of his dark days...

"I don't need to explain myself to you. Think whatever suits your imagination!" He Gui no longer wanted to deal with Tang Jian. They were no longer together and all the good feelings he had left for her after their break up were spent with all the tricks Tang Jian tried to do just to get him back.

Tang Jian still wanted to argue with him, but sensing Manager Bai's gaze, she bit her lips and kept silent.

The car parked in front of them moved to the entry path to the red carpet. Once the people are done doing wall signing and short interviews, it will be their turn soon. At this point, Tang Jian didn't think about He Gui as the thought of being in the spotlight tonight got into her head.

Her heart paced quickly with excitement. She had never been in the spotlight before. She was just a tenth-tier actress who got into the entertainment circle through the backdoor. Coming from a big and wealthy family like the Tang family gave her enough privileges to start as one of the main actresses in some films. However, there are some things that cannot be bought with money or power.

One of them was to be selected in tonight's All-Star Night Gala.

"It will be our turn soon, Tang Jian. Don't let the reporters and the cameras see anything on your face. Keep smiling." Manager Bai reminded her, but in truth, she was speaking to He Gui.

Obviously, He Gui knew what she was doing. But he didn't care.

He didn't come to that place on his own volition in the first place. But still, for the sake of not ripping the peace the Tang and He family kept for several decades, he donned an expressionless face.

"Now, let us all greet our next guests! He Gui and Tang Jian." The host smiled at the camera which was rolling the live streaming of the red carpet. "They are a hot topic nowadays and a lot of fans are wondering about their real score."

The car where He Gui and Tang Jian was in stopped in front of the entry path. Just as third-tier media reporters and organized fans were going to rush forward to their side, five bodyguards blocked each side, stopping them from further taking a step close to their employer, He Gui.

"Young master He, can you please answer some questions?"

"Young master He, is it true..."

"Tang Jian, are you and Mr. He..."

A lot of people were curious about what they were doing tonight. They were already engaged to their respective fiances, why did they show up together?

Tang Jian formed a professional and ready-made smile on her face as if she wore a mask in front of everyone. When one fan asked her a question whether there was a chance of them getting back together, she quickly thought of a way to mislead everyone's opinion. She wanted them to think that she and He Gui are still not over with each other yet!

But He Gui, who was receiving a lot more attention than the celebrity, Tang Jian, refused to answer any of their questions. He hurriedly stepped onto the red carpet and made his way to the sign wall. A staff member was waiting there with a marker and gave it to him with an awkward smile after

seeing that Tang Jian was left behind by Mr. He and his five bodyguards fend for herself against the crowd.

No matter how you look at it, there was no way the two could be back together!

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Inside the car, Ran Xueyi ate a low-fat biscuit and read the script in her hand. A pen was pinched between her lips as she pondered the right emotion she should put in in one of the lines. Whenever she read a script, she would be completely absorbed in it.

Adelle took this chance to take some pictures and quickly send it to the fan club leader, telling them to post it as soon as the event officially started after the red carpet.

After sending her message, Adelle went to the live streaming platform for the event to see the situation. A few seconds later, a loud gasp was released from her lips and even Ran Xueyi, who was focused on reading her script, looked up at her with a frown.

"Sorry, I couldn't stop myself in time."

Ran Xueyi shook her head and asked, "What happened?"

Adelle: "I just watched the guy you were rumored with last time walk on the red carpet. To be honest, I'm impressed with his face. So handsome!"

It was amazing that all the men Ran Xueyi was paired with were all good-looking men.

Ran Xueyi already heard about this from the stylists who were with her earlier. She opened her lips to say some words to Adelle, but paused...

The red carpet was an event where all celebrities and important guests could show off their dresses and jewelry, and it was also where they could meet some of their fans who were lucky enough to get near their beloved stars.

The lineup of who could go first and last to walk on the red carpet shows how important they are. For example, those who weren't given much attention and belonged to the lower tiers were all in the starting lineup. On the other hand, the A-listers and more wealthy and relevant investors and sponsors were last to appear.

Based on this, He Gui, who was the cousin of the previous prime minister, should have been last to appear on the red carpet. As he holds the most important status in the event.

But surprisingly, he wasn't.

Just what is going on?

"Adelle, can you check again what time we will be walking on the red carpet?"

"Hm? Shouldn't it be around 9:20?" Adelle held her tablet and looked at it carefully. "Yup, we will be right after the guest under the name He and Tang... Wait, what's going on?"

Adelle tried to look at it again but found it confusing.

"Call the organizer and ask them what's going on. I think there's a mix up with our lineup." According to their status, Ran Xueyi should appear first on the red carpet before He Gui. Even though she was an A-list actress with a high media traffic, her status still couldn't possibly compare to the cousin of the former prime minister.

If people find out about this, they will violently attack her for being too arrogant and not knowing her place.

Adelle also knew how dire the situation was. She hurriedly called the organizer and asked them what was going on.

But...

Organizer: "A mix up with the lineup?"

"Yes, I think someone deliberately changed the lineup." There was no way Adelle would allow anyone to take advantage of Ran Xueyi and ruin her reputation!

But she only heard the organizer's gentle and polite voice through the speaker sounding calm, "What do you mean? There is no mistake with the lineup...We already got the notice from the higher ups that Miss Ran should appear on the red carpet last."

The organizer was even more perplexed. Didn't they receive the notice that the lineup was changed at the last minute?

But then, the car drove forward suddenly and parked in front of the red carpet. Flashes of camera lights simultaneously exploded and screams of the fans holding Ran Xueyi's official fan banner were raised up.

Adelle blew up instantly at the stupid driver and knocked on the divider, "Hey, what do you think you are doing?"

The driver didn't respond to her and opened the door. He walked around the car and stood upright.

From the start to the end, Ran Xueyi's eyes didn't leave the driver who got off and had a strange feeling in her heart.

Especially when she saw that the driver was not wearing an ordinary business suit but a custom-made and expensive three-piece suit.

The driver who had been driving the car actually turned out to be Song Yu Han.

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The star-studded red carpet event continued.

In front of the signing wall, Tang Jian waved at her fans and the phones and cameras pointing at them. She had been in the entertainment circle for two years now, but she had never been to an event with so many media and reporters like this.

"Mr. He, Miss Tang, please come on the stage so we can give you a short interview before you go inside," the host smilingly invited them to the podium. As soon as the two stood on the stage with

him, he took the opportunity to ask them a question, "I'm sure everyone is as surprised as I am tonight. But may we ask why are you two here tonight?"

He Gui looked at the host with a cold expression. He was about to answer his question, however, Tang Jian stepped in first and replied, "I pestered Auntie He to allow me to walk on the red carpet with him. It's quite funny since he didn't want to appear tonight, but it seems that his mind changed and decided to come after all."

Standing on her side, He Gui furrowed his brows and moved his eyes to glare at her. Immediately after receiving his gaze, she flinched out of fear and shame. But Tang Jian didn't want to waste this opportunity to tie He Gui to her side. Even if she would not end up marrying He Gui, everyone should remember in their heads that she was still the He family's favorite daughter-in-law in their hearts!

Look, even He Gui's mother convinced him to walk down the red carpet with her.

"Ahem, is that so? That is quite surprising. But we're glad to have you at the Night Gala of Stars, Tang Jian!" The host was embarrassed on her behalf. He could obviously tell that Tang Jian was forcing herself on He Gui.

The host didn't dare turn his head to look at He Gui for fear of seeing that dark and ugly expression on his face. He didn't want to die on live TV!

It was so obvious that Tang Jian was still having hopes in them getting together. But it was also plain to see that He Gui didn't want her at all! Besides, aren't they still together with their respective partners? Tang Jian's intentions are really unsightly.

As expected, the crowd in front of the stage shut up for a few seconds. The fans who came to support her couldn't raise their banner or LED signs. They couldn't believe that the actress they wanted to support was actually so shameless!

The host wanted to leave the stage, but he couldn't do it because he still needed to ask the question everyone was curious about for a few days now.

"Mr. He, welcome to the All-Star Night Gala. You look more handsome and wonderful tonight. Although I want to ask where you got your coat, that is not what we all are curious about. Can you please tell us about the rumor that happened a few days ago?"

Since it was not a question directed at her, Tang Jian gave up the microphone to He Gui, very reluctantly. She badly wanted to answer this question, but it was not right for her to butt in.

He Gui, however, didn't take the microphone in her hand. Because of this, the host had to use his own microphone to let He Gui talk.

He Gui: "It was nothing but two people meeting in front of an establishment. I am acquainted with Miss Ran and because of the trouble I created in front of the establishment, I felt bad to have her waiting so I walked with her so she could pass. However, it seems that I have caused her a lot of trouble."

He turned to where the camera captured his face and slightly bowed his head in apology, "I am sorry for what happened. It was careless of me."

This level of respect he showed towards Ran Xueyi shocked everyone. For He Gui was not only the former prime minister's cousin; he was also the CEO of a company worth hundreds of millions. In contrast to his status, Ran Xueyi, who is just an A-list veteran actress, He Gui was being too polite towards her.

His gesture to bow his head to the camera, even if it was just a little bit, was still stuck in their minds. Isn't that a bit too much?

But He Gui didn't think it was too much.

On the contrary, he wanted to meet Ran Xueyi and formally apologize to her and ask her if she wanted anything and he will buy it if it means she would forgive him for all the troubles he caused her due to the rumors about them. She even ended up being called his 'mistress'.

Tang Jian scowled at him and wanted to tell him to stop this. He was a man of respectable family and status, how could he bow his head and apologize on national TV?

However, she was already too late. So, the only thing she could do was steal the spotlight again by placing the microphone near her lips and said, "I'm also an actress so I understand that there will always be malicious rumors thrown at us. I'm sure Miss Ran isn't the type to hold a grudge."

She meant to say that if Ran Xueyi still held a grudge against He Gui after his apology, it only shows how arrogant and ignorant Ran Xueyi could be for not knowing how to step back!

"By the way, I think we will meet her inside the venue. You can talk to her later." Tang Jian continued to say. "Isn't she here to attend the event, right?"

The host slowly, "That's right."

"You heard him? Ran Xueyi should be inside already." Tang Jian turned to He Gui and smiled sneeringly while thinking that Ran Xueyi was not on their level yet. It was obvious with the fact that she could enter first before them, the important people in the event.

The host smiled awkwardly as Tang Jian continued to target Ran Xueyi, but at this moment, he remembered a focal point. How could he forget something so important? Wasn't Ran Xueyi's time to appear on the red carpet pushed back to the last segment of the red carpet event?

But at this moment, a Rolls Royce Cullinan pulled up at the head of the red carpet. Unexpectedly, the driver came out first of the expensive car wearing a deep black three-piece suit with a golden chain attached to both lapels and a handkerchief of the same color was peeking out of the chest pocket. It wrapped around his alluring body as if it was made just for him.

He was poised and confident when he rounded the car to get to the back passenger's seat door. At a glance, people could tell he was a gentleman who oozed out a regal aura in his body. But once their eyes landed on his face, they couldn't stop themselves from holding their breaths.

This man... no matter what angle they looked at, he was too handsome! He had the type of face that could do justice to the words 'drop dead gorgeous'.

He looked like a model that came straight out of a men's magazine or a painting!

"Wow..."

"Who is he?"

A lot of the fans and reporters who came there just to see a glimpse of their favorite celebrities whispered to themselves. However, due to the silence that one could even hear a pin drop, their voices sounded too clear for everyone to hear.

And just when the heat from the sudden appearance of this mysterious handsome man was not already enough for everybody to feel the excitement, a pair of slender and long legs came out first when the door to the back passenger seat opened.

Then, it slowly revealed a beautifully dressed woman.

The gorgeous man held out his hand which the woman took. The two curled their arms as they walked down the red carpet.

Everyone then could no longer keep their voice to a minimum as they screamed on top of their lungs until they were almost hoarse.

The beautiful woman turned out to be... Ran Xueyi!

The cheers didn't only belong to the celebrity fans that came to see their idols, the reporters who were on their duty to catch this historic event also screamed along with them.

They no longer cared about the importance of the lineup in the red carpet event. They couldn't even think about anything else but the couple that walked in front of them!

In their eyes and hearts, Ran Xueyi and the mysterious man both looked like a pair of ethereal beings that descended on Earth.

Hearing the cheers getting louder than anything she had ever heard, Tang Jian turned her head to see what the commotion was all about. Upon seeing who it was, Tang Jian's face turned pale.

What is the meaning of this? Isn't that Ran Xueyi?!

She couldn't comprehend why Ran Xueyi, who supposedly should have already entered the venue ahead of them due to her status as a mere A-list actress, was actually the last one to arrive!

Wasn't she just an actress? And who is that extremely handsome man with her?

She narrowed her eyes and looked carefully.

Then, Tang Jian's heart somersaulted when she noticed that the man beside Ran Xueyi was the young master from the great Song family... Song Yu Han!

What was he doing here tonight with Ran Xueyi?!