

## Daddy CEO 51

### Chapter 51 Stolen

The assistant director was extremely shocked that he forgot to breathe for a few seconds before snapping out of it.

"WHAT!"

"Shh!" Director Chi put a finger over his lips and looked around. He awkwardly smiled at the other directors who sat at the table like him and turned to his assistant director. "That's right. Ran Yue got the role."

Director Chi confirmed it already.

The assistant director couldn't believe it. The role was still free several minutes ago. And there were several actresses who came to audition for that role. What did this mean? That Ran Yue was much better than the other actresses outside?

Excuse me? The assistant director looked at Director Chi with unrestrained disgust in his eyes. Although it was a bit exaggerated, the assistant director still couldn't approve of Ran Yue. It wasn't only because she used the back door to get the role from others and didn't even come to the audition to act the role in front of the directors for appearance sake, it was also because the assistant director thought that Ran Yue didn't have the right foundation to act.

Ran Yue was a member of an Idol group. Other than dancing, singing lip sync on stage, and acting cute in front of the fans and the camera, what qualifications did Ran Yue have that she beat all veteran and trained actresses in the waiting room to get the role?

"Are the directors and investors right in the head? They don't want their money back and just want to waste it away from an amateur actress?" The assistant director couldn't stop himself from asking.

Director Chi also felt helpless. He was one of the directors alright! But how could he win against several directors and investors when they all agreed to take in Ran Yue as the female lead?

"I don't know. I'm not going to stress myself over this matter. Ran Yue might be an amateur but she still acted in some movies and dramas last year." Director Chi patted the assistant director on his shoulder.

The assistant director frowned and retorted, "Yeah, she acted in those movies and dramas as a side character and second female lead. But have you forgotten?"

Director Chi: "What?"

"That all of the role she played was also heavily criticized by the media and netizens? Those movies and dramas she played in was also rated with a low rate and was almost taken away from the cinema and got their spots taken away?" Assistant director licked his lips before adding, "Aiya... This movie is done for. So done that I might look for my next job in the street next time."

Director Chi watched as his assistant director left while shaking his head and contemplating on how he would live in the street as a beggar. On the other hand, Director Chi felt a bit sad and frustrated.

He knew what his assistant director was saying. Though he was biased towards his goddess, Director Chi knew that the assistant director would say the same thing even if Ran Xueyi was not around. Ran Yue was really not a good actress to play such a heavy and emotional role in the movie.

Even though the female lead role was already taken by someone else, the audition for it was still ongoing. The production staff looked on in pity as these actresses did their best to get a chance to get the role of the female lead yet, it was stolen from them even before the actual audition started.

Nevertheless, the production staff didn't say a word to anyone and let things flow as it is. After all, it was normal for some actresses or actors to use a backdoor to take a role from someone in this industry.

Thus, instead of fussing over it, they all proceeded with their job, acting as a background.

Ran Xueyi talked to the actress sitting beside her. The female actress looked cute and adorable with a hint of her baby cheeks still present.

Looking at her focus and trying to memorize her lines, Ran Xueyi smiled to herself. She was also like this when she started out as an actress.

Ran Xueyi remembered being so nervous when she first arrived at her first ever audition as a child actress, and soon after the audition was done, she cried so much that her eyes were red the whole day.

Thinking of it again, her parents weren't present when she first passed the audition or when she cried tears of joy. They were busy attending Ran Yue's school play and left her alone to audition.

It must be at that time that she should have started to show her suspicion on her parents' behavior and attitude towards her. They never really showed any interest in her matters and also didn't appear when she achieved something. And even though there were times when they did show their joy, Ran Xueyi was unsure when it happened and if their happiness was real.

"Miss... Is there something on my face?" The female actress on her side asked, taking Ran Xueyi out from her memory lane.

Ran Xueyi blinked her eyes a few times and smiled, "No... I was just lost in thought because you look very cute."

The female actress blushed. Never did she expect that someone so beautiful like the woman sitting next to her would actually say she was cute.

Even if a man were to say that she was cute and pretty, the female actress would only think they were hitting on her and ignore them.

But who would expect that her heart would flutter when she saw Ran Xueyi smiling at her and calling her 'cute'.

"Oh... Really?"

Ran Xueyi nodded. "Of course. I think out of all of us here. You are the cutest."

The female actress flushed once again. Her face to her neck was red all over.

Not wanting to embarrass herself, the female actress tried to veer the topic away and asked, "Are you also here for the female lead role?"

The role of the young princess who fell to the eunuch who would become her greatest enemy was what everyone here wanted to get. Even the female actress wanted it.

Knowing what exactly the other was thinking and talking about, Ran Xueyi shook her head.

The female lead role was eyed by many actresses. The battle for this should also be bloodier. However, Ran Xueyi guessed that any one of them wouldn't be fated to get the role.

Earlier, when she sat in her seat, she didn't observe the other actresses in the room. The first thing she observed was the production staff and their attitude towards the people who auditioned for the female lead role.

However, after observing for a while, she found that they were lukewarm. Thus, she came to a conclusion.

The production team has already found someone for the female lead.

"No, I'm not here for the female lead. I am here for the second female lead role," Ran Xueyi replied with a smile as she narrowed her eyes.

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The female actress who heard her answer was shocked. The second female lead of the movie wasn't really good. Although the movie will be sponsored by many tycoons and the plot was really good. However, if one would want to thrive in entertainment and get a good image in front of the fans, they should aim for the best role.

Just like the first female lead of the movie, the princess who will turn into a Great Empress at the end of the movie.

"Are you sure?" the female actress asked her.

Ran Xueyi nodded: "Yes, I am sure. The second female lead might sound awful when reading the novel and the script. But I think it's a good supporting role."

The second female lead that Ran Xueyi was eyeing for was precisely the villain of the story. It was also the sister who stole the eunuch from the female lead and died in a miserable way at the end of the movie.

By taking this role, one must be courageous enough to brave the storm when the movie comes out because the role was really evil and wicked that even those who read the script and novel would want to jump inside the novel world just to beat up the villain.

However, Ran Xueyi was not worried about that.

For years, artists played several roles of a villain in a drama and movie. Each one of them expected nothing less from their role and already knew that the audience would either tear them up or praise them for their realistic acting. And Ran Xueyi was aiming for the latter.

Being a villain did not only require the basic skills of acting, they also needed a lot of preparation because they have a very vital role in the movie to make the relationship of both the female lead and male lead grow stronger and deeper.

They also keep the story very entertaining.

Thus, Ran Xueyi did not feel uncomfortable when the female actress looked at her in dismay.

"Number 12, please come in!" exclaimed the production staff.

It was the female actress' turn.

"Good luck!" Ran Xueyi waved to the female actress who returned it with a smile before entering the audition room.

Ran Xueyi watched on silently as the door closed. After several minutes had passed, the door opened once again.

The smile on the female actress was wiped away and there was a streak of tears on her cheeks.

"Oh my god... was she scolded?"

"I already expected it since she's been smiling too much since earlier."

"Yeah, I saw that too... She must have a backer. Too bad, she didn't get the role though."

The other artists in the waiting room whispered with each other. However, their voices echoed in the room and the female actress who had just left the audition room heard all of it.

She flinched at their harsh words, but didn't say anything. After all, it was the truth that she had a backer herself and that person told her that she could get a higher chance of securing the role.

Sadly, her dream of getting the role didn't happen.

When Ran Xueyi saw the female actress approach, she didn't say a word to sympathize with her. She only nodded at the female actress in silence, knowing that there was no need for the two of them to say anything to each other.

Surprisingly, when the female actress reached their seats, Ran Xueyi heard her speak to her.

"You're lucky you didn't want the female lead role." The female actress opened her mouth to speak. "Anyway, g-good luck. I hope you get the role you want."

"Thank you," said Ran Xueyi in return.

The female actress left without a word soon after she talked to Ran Xueyi with a dejected look in her eyes.

Soon after the other left, the audition continued without any trouble as if nothing happened.

Everyone waited for their turn.

As time passed by, the number of people who auditioned for the role of the female lead came out one by one with a dark cloud hanging over their heads as though the world had ended for them.

"I wonder what happened..." one actress asked. She noticed how several artists had already come out of that room without a smile on their faces.

Ran Xueyi glanced at the actress and shrugged, "I also wonder..."

Of course, she was merely saying this. Ran Xueyi could already guess what happened. And they're just like her, the veteran and more experienced actresses in the waiting room could already guess why it was like this.

The female lead was already taken.

They had no chance anymore.

The other people who wanted to audition for the female lead weren't saddened by this as much as those who already entered and left the audition room.

Instead, they all had an enlightened look on their faces. But they weren't worried. Unlike those who already left, they had several other roles offered to them by their agencies and some directors from other movies and dramas.

And so, some of them left even before their turn was called.

After the audition for the female lead was over, it was the second female lead's turn now.

Ran Xueyi felt tense all over.

This was her first audition after all. And she didn't want to fail at all costs. But she was confident with her acting skill and even if she failed, she knew inside her that she did her best.

"It's my turn... I'm so excited!" The actress from across Ran Xueyi smiled smugly at everyone else. She was pretty confident that she'll get picked.

Ran Xueyi looked at the actress and saw that she looked pretty. Her dress was a fiery red and her hair was perfectly curled at a salon. She really looked like a villain.

When that actress entered the room, the others glared at her back.

One of them couldn't hold back anymore and loudly said, "Hmph! I didn't expect to see her here today."

"Who's she?" Ran Xueyi asked.

The one who couldn't hold herself back rolled her eyes and said, "She's Qin Ling. She's one of the director's nieces. Apparently, they already want her for the second female lead."