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Chapter 55 Falling In Love With Her...

The directors who were lined up at the table sucked their breaths as they were too stunned to talk. They never thought that Director Zhao could be so direct towards Ran Xueyi.

The fact that Ran Xueyi went in hiding from the spotlight six years ago weren't that hidden from some people. Amongst these people were the directors who worked with Ran Xueyi or have connections with both the Yang and Ran family.

At that time, Ran Xueyi didn't know that the two families were already spinning lies and making her dance on top of their palms so she was swayed by their words and didn't think too much about their actions. However, thinking back to it now... There were probably some people who have already known about her circumstances in the past and had been mocking her and treating her as a laughing stock during past times to unwind.

And Director Zhao must be one of them.

Director Lan stared at Director Zhao before turning to look at Ran Xueyi, who was standing in the middle of the stage in front of them.

As for right now, he doesn't care about how many new and veteran actresses were to audition and stand there in front. He just wanted to see how would Ran Xueyi response to what Director Zhao said.

Everyone was thinking the same thing. Even if Director Zhao were to insult Ran Xueyi in front of everyone else, she can't possibly try to talk back and go against Director Zhao, who was one of the main directors of the movie where she wanted to audition for a role. If she angers him, forget about getting a role in this movie, she might not even get a single role from the directors and producers that Director Zhao had some connections with.

Now... Miss Ran, what are you going to do?

"Director Zhao, you're wrong about two things from three points you just pointed out." Ran Xueyi smiled sweetly at everyone, seemingly not noticing how everyone's eyes were growing larger as they couldn't contain their shock.

Did...did she just correct Director Zhao?

Director Chi looked at his assistant and the latter swallowed hard from nervousness.

This was really bad... It's the end... Director Chi thought as he looked at his assistant who also looked as if he was devastated at the situation.

On the other hand, Director Lan kept watching her. Unlike others, he had this small inkling that this wasn't the end.

And just as he expected, Ran Xueyi continued speaking.

"What do you mean by that, Miss Ran?" Director Zhao's face turned darker as he almost couldn't contain his anger.

Ran Xueyi smiled even brighter as she replied, "First, I didn't retire. I never held a press conference for my retirement and merely announced I was planning to lead a peaceful and quiet life. It was true that I was planning to get married before but now... It isn't part of my plan anymore. And second, I am not a prisoner in a bird cage and this isn't the era of the three kingdoms. I don't need anyone's permissions to go out and do what I want just because of a man."

After Ram Xueyi spoke, the room was in an uproar.

They never thought that she would bravely talk back towards Director Zhao and even corrected every wrong points he said earlier to her.

Everyone thought that everything was over. OVER! Ran Xueyi's chance to get the role from the director's niece was slipping away as they were speaking right now. They all could only shake their heads in disappointment as they didn't expect her to go against the director.

Ran Xueyi used her eyes to glance around the room. She already knew that things wouldn't be so favorable for her after she corrected Director Zhao. However, she couldn't hold back anymore. Not now, not ever!

She was no longer the Ran Xueyi everyone was thinking of controlling, treating her as a puppet to her family and to her fiancé. She was a brand new woman who survived it all, moved on, and soon, she will soar high in the sky like a fiery Phoenix, burning everything that was on sight.

There was nothing for her to be afraid of now. She's got herself to depend on. Besides... She's got her husband to rely on when things get too troublesome!

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As everyone was waiting for Director Zhao to burst out in anger and ask the guards to drag her outside, a round of claps could be heard like a thunder in a stormy night.

The whole room was silent as they ended up looking at those slender fingers that were clapping still.

It turned out that those hands belonged to Director Lan.

"Director Lan, what is the meaning of this?" Director Zhao was displeased by the sound of his clapping hands.

He and Director Lan wasn't close to each other and the former was very antagonistic towards the latter. And now that Director Lan clapped his hand as if he was watching an award-winning play in front of him after seeing the other being humiliated like this, Director Zhao's dislike towards this young director intensified.

Director Lan shrugged and said, "Hm? I'm just too impressed. Just now, I think I'm falling in love with her..."

Everyone gasped once they heard what he had just said.

Even Ran Xueyi couldn't help herself but be surprised at him. However, it only took her a second to recover.

"...Isn't that right, Peng Qingling?"

Director Lan turned towards the woman who had been silent the whole day. She was sitting right beside Director Lan and wasn't listening to him at all until he called her name.

Peng Qingling bit her lower lip and stared at Ran Xueyi, almost ravenously. Her thoughts were many but unknown.

After being called out, Peng Qingling vigorously nodded her head in agreement. Then, before Director Zhao could stop her, she said while slapping her hand on the table, "That's right! Directors I think we can wrap today's audition for this role..."

"Peng Qingling, don't be too hasty! Besides, we already decided who will play the role of the second leading actress!" Director Zhao interrupted.

Peng Qingling squinted her eyes into a glare and she glared at him, "Director Zhao, I am not being hasty. And yes, you already decided on who to play the role... But did I, the author of the novel, agree to it? Or is it that you can pick but I can't?"

"Where is the fairness in there, hm?" Peng Qingling challenged.

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Director Zhao's face contorted as soon as Peng Qingling opened her mouth.

Unfair?

Director Zhao choked, feeling helpless and resentful towards Peng Qingling. This woman was just the author of the novel they wanted to adapt in a movie they wanted to direct. How arrogant could she be for her to tell him this was unfair?

However, even if Director Zhao was feeling bitter at her words, he couldn't do anything to her. Peng Qingling might just be an author anyone could trample on if anyone wanted to. However, the person behind her was certainly not someone whom they could afford to offend.

"Miss Peng, you might be like this now, but... who was to know if your decision is still the same when the filming starts?" Director Zhao restrained his anger.

Another director butted in and nodded in agreement with Director Zhao's words. He said: "He's right. I know Ran Xueyi is a veteran actress and has a wide experience in acting different roles in

the industry. However, it's been six years." He glanced at Ran Xueyi and asked her, "May I ask, but... during those six years, what have you been doing? Were you practicing acting behind closed doors?"

The other director's words were harsh and were meant to humiliate Ran Xueyi. Everyone was uncertain if Ran Xueyi really did practice acting during the six years she was gone, but everyone also knew that she was preparing for her engagement with a certain wealthy young master.

"That is why... I think Director Zhao's niece is more suited for the second female lead than Ran Xueyi." The director who said this didn't even look half apologetic as he stared down at Ran Xueyi.

However, Ran Xueyi didn't back down as she said before anyone could make a decision. "Directors, it is true that I have been away from the entertainment industry for a very long time. Six years is not something to joke about. I am also not the same Ran Xueyi in the past... And by that I mean.. I already went past my limits from six years ago." She didn't show any hatred on her face even after all this time.

"Words alone cannot be trusted. You should know that Ran Xueyi..." said the other director.

Peng Qingling was dissatisfied. These two were ganging up on Ran Xueyi and even ignored her, the author of the novel!

Just as Peng Qingling was about to open her lips to speak, Director Lan held her shoulder and spoke first. "Now, now. Let's not fight over this... Why don't we do this instead? On the first day of the filming day, will we have both Miss Ran and Miss Qin act out the scene in front of everyone? Then we will decide who will play the part of the female lead after we get everyone's opinion?"

This was the only appropriate solution to the stalemate inside the room.

And so, Ran Xueyi was fixed to attend the booting ceremony of the movie and will immediately act alongside the other actors if she were picked.

After the audition was finished, Ran Xueyi picked her bag and was about to leave the waiting room when she saw Director Lan and Peng Qing ling standing by the door.

The two appeared to be specially waiting for her.

"Miss Ran!" Peng Qingling called her name out.

"Miss Peng, Director Lan," she greeted them, a little nervous.

Peng Qingling had a wide smile on her lips, "Miss Ran, you're amazing! I've never seen director Zhao's face turning so dark like that ever!"

Director Lan also laughed. "That's right. I've known him since the first day I started as a director. But this was the first time I saw him look like he had eaten a lemon and couldn't spit it out."

The two were so excited and happy.

Ran Xueyi shook her head and didn't accept their compliments.

"No, no... I don't deserve your praises. Actually, I was really scared when I stood in front of everyone. Look, my hands are still shaking."

She showed them her trembling hands and looked a bit embarrassed.

To tell the truth, Ran Xueyi was feeling really nervous while she was inside the audition room. It was the first time she didn't hold back in front of someone since six years ago.

Luckily, her first battle was won without issues.

"The booting ceremony will be held on the 4th of this month. So make sure to wake up early and make yourself appear presentable. Anyway, we'll see you next week." Director Lan told Ran Xueyi before he took Peng Qingling back to the audition room.

Ran Xueyi bid her farewell to them.

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The next day, Ran Xueyi's shedule was free. She had nothing to do, however, she had a lot of things to prepare before the booting ceremony day arrived.

"Good morning..." greeted Ran Xueyi as soon as she stepped foot in the kitchen.

Song Yu Han was standing behind the counter with a plate in his hand. He went around the counter before stopping to gently put the plate on the dining table.

"How's your audition?" Song Yu Han kissed her forehead and asked.

Yesterday, Song Yu Han had to rush over to Yu Corporation and had to spend his entire day reading contract proposals and reports. When he arrived home, Ran Xueyi was already asleep on their bed and he couldn't ask her how she did in the audition.

Ran Xueyi's heart was filled with warmth at the feeling of his lips on her skin...

"The booting ceremony will be on the 4th of this month. The directors told me to attend it and start filming for my role," Ran Xueyi sat down across from him. "However, It's still unsure if I will get the role."

"Why? Didn't you get the role already?" Song Yu Han frowned.

"Well, yes... But the role was already taken before the audition even started. So, in the end, they will let me and the other actress act the role and the directors will pick who will play the role of the second female lead."

Ran Xueyi didn't want to hide anything from him. So, she told him what exactly happened.

After hearing what happened on the day of the audition, Song Yu Han's face was dark. His eyes had gone colder and dangerous as he gazed at her.

Ran Xueyi grabbed his hand and reassured him, "Hey, I didn't tell you all of this just so you would waste your time and effort towards someone like Director Zhao. Don't worry, I got this."

"But that Director Zhao and that other director insulted you."

"Song Yu Han, do you think... I am not prepared to be insulted by everyone? After all the things that happened in my life, do you think I'd be affected by their hurtful words?" Ran Xueyi sneered. She had enough of being depressed over other people's words and actions. It was time for her to move.

"Trust me. I won't let anyone trample me again..."