

Chapter 8: The Antagonist

"Whose going to fall in love with whom?!"

In spite of her anger, Sera threw a pillow over the door but Lou Bai was already gone. How could the man say that? Sera had a lot of things on her mind that she wouldn't be able to cater to that kind of feeling.

She was almost fooled by that false feeling of love. In the end, what did Song Ming do to her? It was all an act and Sera fall into the trap. Now it was her who would suffer the loss.

"Ai, what would be the probability of having romantic feelings to the man?"

Sera caress the bear in her hands only to forgot that she had given the core of it to Lou Bai.

Now a sense of uneasiness swept over her body.

She just hopes that the man won't turn her down and ended with the program, right?

"Where is Lou Bai?"

Sera asked the nurse who was in charge of her necessities of the hospital room.

The nurse was currently checking her vitals and answered politely, "Madam, Sir has business to take and he said he will be back in the afternoon."

When Lou Bai came out that day, he never came back, and a day had passed. Sera took it that the man must have been too busy so she didn't pester him at all.

On the second day...

"Where is he?"

It was the same nurse who answered, "Madam, Sir has a meeting today. He said that he will try to find the time and visit you in the afternoon."

Sera shrugged off and let it go.

On the third day...

"Where is your Sire?"

"Madam, he has attended a birthday party of one of his colleagues at work..."

Bulshit!

Sera was already tired of waiting for him. Is he avoiding her? Now that he had that program in his hands, he didn't pay attention to her?! Is this a get and run scam?! Sera was already healed physically. She didn't have any fever at all.

She must go!

"Madam? Where are you going? The master specified not to let you out yet..."

"Well then, get your master here! You can't, right? Then I can't stay here forever, right? You don't need to worry, I only needed his address. Tell me where he is? I will go to him."

"But Madam..."

Sera didn't wait for her to open her mouth or she will just get rejected. She only got the name of that colleague that was having a party this time. If the man has no time being with her, then she will be the one who will make a way to him. He better return the program to her or her teddy bear will be forever empty.

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Reception Room

Xiang Lou Bai stood out of the crowd. He was wearing a white tuxedo partnered with black pants. His half nationality bearing is too strong among the public. His height towered everyone and his appearance was dashing akin to a celebrity. When one wanted to find him in the crowd, he will immediately be noticed.

Someone tapped him from his back.

"Yo! Did you come alone? Where's the princess?"

Lim Xing joked around. But what he got is a cold stare from him.

'Ai, this man is too boring'

"Did you analyze the data I have given you?" Though he is in a social gathering, Lou Bai still didn't forget about business.

Lim Xing nodded. Then his face becomes rigid and serious. He looked around to see if no one is eavesdropping to him and whispered, "Where did you get that? Holly cow, you didn't know how confidential that data is. It's incredible and at the same time terrifying. Listen..."

Lim Xing wasn't comfortable in their position and drag him on the corner of the room.

"That piece of code could even start the war between the two countries. You should keep it tightly under your care. If this will be known, other countries will try to get their hands on it."

Lou Bai's unfathomable eyes stare at him, Lim Xing added with a bit of disappointment, "There is only one disadvantage of this code..."

"What is it?"

"T-this, it seems its activation mode is through voice recognition. I tried to input voice codes yet it didn't respond."

Hmm...

"Even I tried to copy the frequency of your voice yet there is no reaction at all."

"It will not. Because it's not mine."

"What?! D-did you steal it?"

Xiang Lou Bai didn't answer because at the far end corner of the room, he spotted someone that shouldn't be here at this party.

She was wearing a pale pink dress with a fur coat. Her face was covered with a satin veiled that goes over to her neck. Her hair was flowing down freely and though it wasn't fully decorated, it still goes with her attire.

The woman saw him and their eyes met. She immediately went to his side and greeted him in her bright shining eyes.

"Why are you here?" He whispered through the gap in music.

"If I didn't go here, you will forget about me!" Sera pouted her lips. It felt so dry that she took a glass of water from the passing-by waiter.

"You have guts. You even went here. What do you want?"

"Give me back my AI." She said as she lay her open palm in front of him. She was direct to the point.

"I'll give this to you but you need to get out here first. It's not good to be here..."

"Why is it?"

Lou Bai wasn't able to answer her. The loud claps of the crowd drown their voices. Soon the main course of the event happened. There was a distinguished guest that the celebrant invited. And this person isn't someone so trivial and couldn't just be invited by anyone.

The leading men among bachelors who stood at the top of the business world. The newly appointed CEO of the Tan Group. The none other than, Song Ming.

Chapter 9: His Wife

"See? I told you not to be here."

Lou Bai took a glance at the rigid and frozen state of Sera. It wasn't known what she is thinking, but he could feel the deep hatred in her eyes. The shining glimmer of crystal that is unique and embedded in her eyes was gone. It was replaced with black and misty color of darkness.

Yet he didn't felt any sign of fear around her.

She still stood up.

As soon the guest was introduced to the public, the crowd gasped in disbelief. How could such a distinguished personality able to attend such a trivial event? Not to mention that he is at the peak of his busy schedule. Since he had only been to his position for a few days, there's no doubt that the workload was massive.

Song Ming is wearing his formal business suit. Carefully polished on this occasion. He had two guards beside him who acted vigilantly around the surroundings.

As soon as Song Ming entered the stage, a vibrant smile appeared on his lips that almost steal every young maiden's heart. He was handsome indeed. There is no doubt about it.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I apologize for not arriving in time as for some matters couldn't be pushed at a later time."

The crowd gasped.

'Such a humble and kind young man!'

'He is so down to earth!'

'Such a handsome man and with a good personality, he's definitely a good catch!'

Murmurs surrounded Sera. Each was loud and clear from where her position is.

Xiang Lou Bai was just standing on her side. His arms crossed with each other; as if trying and waiting for a good show. His gaze reverted from the person in front and to his side. Scrutinizing every detail on her face and never missing her emotions. Since the woman had decided to come here, then this will be a good opportunity to see what she's made of.

"I hope you can find kind words to me on this occasion. I will strive hard every day, to become a leader more competent and leaning towards perfection."

"And to the celebrant of this occasion, I greeted you a happy birthday. You are the first to conduct a birthday party in my hotel on my first term working here. It's my utmost responsibility to take care of this goodwill. The 'Tan Group of Companies' will be under my care from now and this large empire... I will not be able to handle it alone. I need cooperation and understanding from everyone for the days to come."

"There will be rumors coming ahead, trying to ruin my name, but I know... each and every one of you will believe the true me that stand in front of you. "

"For the betterment of this business and entity...let us all cheers for the bright future ahead of us!"

Claps!

Hundreds of claps erupted.

Along with the shout of encouragement and understanding of all people.

Xiang Lou Bai's clap wasn't that loud but enough to see the action.

Sera didn't bother to lift her hands.

Her eyes were deeply glued to the man in front. If looks can be killed, he would have already been a sweet and sour barbecue stake right at this moment.

"There are beautiful things in this world, Sera."

"You are lucky to be born in this family where you don't need to break a bone to be on top."

You should be grateful. So please smile. You have beautiful bright eyes and a radiant smile.'

Sera remembered what Song Ming had said to her before. His sweetened honey words will not work on her this time. Sera had already fully known his true character.

At this moment, his sweet words were like a sharp dagger piercing on her chest. She knew full well that he wanted to earn the trust of these people. It was his strategy to do this.

"I- I need to go out. I will go first. If you want to stay then go on." When she peeked at Lou Bai, the man had already been gazing at her. She didn't know what is undergoing in the head of his.

"Why are you leaving so early? Is it because of Song Ming?" When he asked, the man also pointed at Song Ming. Sera swatted the hands, but it was all too late. Song Ming had already noticed them. Thus he composed himself and walked to their side.

Sera stilled herself for the incoming man, but her guts still froze. Lou Bai had witnessed this as he was intently staring at her.

Song Ming was smiling while walking towards them. As soon as he reached out, he spoke, "It was too rude of me to walk over a stranger's conversation and interrupted them. I hope I am not making it inconvenient to you?"

Song Ming greeted in a humble tone. It's as if he wasn't the newly appointed CEO of the company when he talked.

Lou Bai was wearing his expressionless face and when facing the man, he was bored. To look more carefully, it was Lou Bai who exuded an aura of a tyrant and mighty CEO of the group and not Song Ming.

"It doesn't matter. Now that you are here, we would like it to be with you. We are just discussing some important matter but since you are here, we'll just push it through when you are not around."

Song Ming didn't anticipate to be greeted sarcastically. But then he just showed his brilliant smile. This man was too conspicuous among the crowd. Such outstanding posture and personality, it seemed that he isn't that just simple.

"I am Song Xiu Ming. The new CEO of the Tan Group." He said as he handed his business card.

There was a sharp pain in her chest when Sera heard the "Tan Group". It was her ancestor's effort about why this group polished. Then in just a blink, a stranger had gotten its name.

"Xiang Lou Bai. Head of the Private Detective Agency."

After their pleasantries, the two shook hands.

Song Ming isn't rude to neglect the person beneath Lou Bai.

"This is..." Song Ming looked at the woman in a veil. From the moment he came earlier, she was quiet at the side and didn't utter any sound.

If he was going to know the man, it would be probable to know his companion.

"Maxine Xilang Bai..." Sera stilled herself. Stood with puffed cheeks and with confidence.

"And she is my wife. "

Xiang Lou Bai added. He pulled Sera on his side and gently hold on her waist. Showing his gentleman side, he draped his coat on her as soon as he found out that she was neglecting.