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### Chapter 161. Warmth In The Cold Night (1)

He sat before the table as he stared at the screen without moving. He was not sure what he was feeling, but he just felt that he had lost something important. However, he could not put a finger on what it was.

The hole in his heart was growing wider and wider and his mind went blank until he clicked an email open. Those words of concern appeared before him and he started to soften.

It was an email from Xi Xinyi, filled with caring words...

He felt warm every time he received emails like this.

He suddenly remembered that this was his private email address and nearly no one knew about it. Nevertheless, since Xi Xinyi was the woman he loved, of course, she knew about it.

The void in his heart was instantly filled up. He took a deep breath and closed his eyes. However, it was Xi Xiaye's skinny figure that came into his mind.

"I've put the clothes in your car. It's cold over there. Keep it."

"I'm alright. Get some rest if you're tired. I can go back myself and you don't have to send me back."

Another image flashed in his mind and Xi Xinyi's cute and lovely image appeared.

"Yifeng, put on more clothes. I bought a new coat today. I'll wear it for you tomorrow!"

"Yifeng, can you go with me? I'm scared to be alone..."

He had somewhat captured the difference between the two of them and wanted to make sure, but he understood that those were just random thoughts inside his head. They passed by so quickly that he could not grasp them. He suddenly shot to his feet.

Bang!

His movement was too sudden and his sleeve swiped the glass jar on the table. A loud crash reached his ears as the glass jar shattered on the floor, the folded stars scattering all over the place. They very colorful and messy.

He looked downward at the floor full of stars as a scene played inside his head.

“I can’t really think of anything to give you for your birthday, but I heard this is pretty good. I hope that all your wishes come true.”

He already forgot which birthday it was, but she had cycled all the way to his house at midnight to call him out and give him this jar full of folded stars.

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He looked at those little stars quietly for a long time, recalling her slightly red fingertips when she handed the glass jar to him.

“Happy birthday. I’m not going to give you a lot of gifts in the future because I’m worried that you might not value my gifts that much anymore if I give them too frequently, so I’m only giving you gifts on your birthday. I’ll head back for now. Get some rest soon.”

She had always been like that.

After some time, a sense of dread appeared in his quiet eyes. He squatted down and picked up the stars one by one, not stopping even when the glass stabbed his fingers...

Back then, him and her...

They were so young and innocent. Those memories were getting further and further away.

They were getting so far away that he did not even remember how the weather was on that day.

She had said, “Yifeng, I don’t know who you’ve ever liked or who liked you all these years, but are you willing to hold your promise onto the marriage contract if I asked you to?”

He had replied to her with a cold shoulder until she chased him and begged, and he...

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When they were done with the stage decorations, it was nearly 11 p.m. at night after they had supper. Xi Xiaye rushed back to Maple Residence and it was about midnight when she reached home.

Unlike the several nights ago when she worked until near dawn, she took a bath and wanted to sleep earlier. After all, her man was expected to come home the next day too.

After bathing, Xi Xiaye lay down on the bed after switching the bright lights off. She only left the dim wall lamp on, leaving the gentle, yellow light illuminating the room.

Stars filled up the sky that night, and the silent night seemed charming as ever. A cold wind breezed through as several lonely fallen leaves fell onto the ground, and with the sudden appearance of a car, the leaves took off once again.

The car was heading into the Grand Waves Villa area. It was past midnight when it stopped in front of Maple Residence.

Ah Mo opened the door and informed Mu Yuchen who was still working on his laptop, “We’re home, Master. Pack up your stuff. It seems that Missus isn’t asleep yet!”

Mu Yuchen shut down his laptop and handed it to Ah Mo before he got out of the car slowly. He frowned when he saw the dim light inside the room on the second floor.

What time was it already? Was she not asleep yet?

Ah Mo quickly packed the stuff and wanted to take it in for Mu Yuchen, yet the latter took the heavy briefcase and said, "It's late already. Drive the car back and come over at 2 p.m. tomorrow."

"Got it, Master!"

Mu Yuchen then walked towards Maple Residence alone, taking the keycard out from his pocket and swiping it across the sensor before the door opened automatically.

The lamps at the front yard were photoreceptive. They would be switched on at night and would turn off at dawn.

Mu Yuchen's lean figure passed through the yellow light as he walked into his home.

Xi Xiaye was half-asleep and woke up when she heard the sound of the door opening from the outside. Vigilantly, she switched the bedside lamp on and looked in the direction of the door.

She heard some noise outside, and then the bedroom door opened. A certain someone came into her view.

Why was he back?

Midnight!

She rubbed her eyes, thinking that she was mistaken, but his deep and slightly hoarse voice reached her. "Did I wake you up?"

"Why are you back? Why didn't you give me a call first?" Xi Xiaye scratched the nape of her neck as she squinted her eyes and looked at him with her messy hair.

Mu Yuchen took off his necktie and coat, then he unbuttoned his shirt and walked towards the wardrobe, appearing very tired.

Xi Xiaye observed him quietly for a while, then she got down from the bed.

She went forward and stopped beside him. Just as she was about to take the coat and necktie from him, he turned around when her fingers touched the corner of his shirt. He looked downward at her taking the garments away from his hand...

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She silently looked up at him, her bright and clear face entering his sight. His heart suddenly softened, and his hand could not help but gently reach up to comb through her beautiful waist-length hair. He bent and lowered his head, planting a cold kiss.

His unique fragrance closed in, dazing her for a moment, but she did not reject it. She held onto his shirt tightly and just closed her eyes, allowing him to wordlessly demand as he wished.

While he did not cross the lines with his demands, he just had a brief taste and held back, stopping before he got ahead of himself.

He reluctantly peeled away from her lips, then pulled her into his arms and hugged her. His deep voice sounded so sentimental that it started to melt her heart.

“Did you think of me?” He asked.

She paused, then reflexively pulled tighter onto his shirt. Thinking about it, she glanced up at him calmly, her clear eyes filled with an earnest look as she answered softly, “Compared to Mr. Mu yourself, I think I miss your cooking even more...”

“Such a foodie,” he reprimanded softly, and then his handsome face flashed with a rare smile that was easy as a cool breeze. She noticed that the fatigue in his eyes faded away a little.

Xi Xiaye struggled a little and then said, “I’ll go cook supper for you. You can eat it after washing up.”

He then gently let her go and fixed her slightly messy hair at the same time as he answered, "I've eaten on the plane, so I'm not hungry. Please go and prepare the bath water for me."

She nodded, then she tidied up the dirty clothes and walked towards the bathroom while he opened the wardrobe to look for clothes.

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Mu Yuchen put on a sleeping gown and simply brushed his air-dried hair. When he walked out of the bathroom, Xi Xiaye was leaning against the bedhead and flipping through the agenda for the launch the next day.

When she felt a faint scent close in and the space beside her sink, she looked up from the documents.

"It's already so late. Why are you still looking at this? Put it away and quickly get to sleep." He did not allow for explanations as he took the document in her hand away. He closed it and set it aside on the bedside cabinet.

"It's the agenda details for tomorrow. Today, I was busy the whole day and didn't get to look at it. Tomorrow morning, I still have to rush over very early, so I want to see if there's anything I missed out on."

"It's more or less fine. It's late. Look at it tomorrow."

He pulled the blanket aside while Xi Xiaye stretched in exhaustion and quietly scooted over to the other side of the bed. Before he lay down, he reached over to switch the lights off and turned to pull her into his arms.

"Did you settle everything on the other side?" She suddenly asked.

"Mmm, I'll leave the rest of it to Vice President Zhang and Ah Mo. Generally, the problems have been resolved. What's next will be the concrete execution of things. On the other hand, the South River project might need more work on it."

His voice sounded tired. The year had just started and already he was beginning to be worn out; there were still more days ahead in the year.

“Mmm, I know. Many people are looking at it too, but I believe that Glory World will definitely be the one that succeeds.” Xi Xiaye’s determined tone was filled with certainty.

“Pretty confident, aren’t you?”

His calm voice brushed past her ear, while she just frowned and looked up from his embrace. Her starry eyes widened in the silent darkness as she gazed at him earnestly. “Glory World is very capable. As long as we put a little more effort into the proposal, it shouldn’t be too hard. Don’t worry. I’m not too good at other things, but I’m pretty good at this. If I say we’ll succeed, then we will.”

Mu Yuchen was amused by her brimming confidence. He patted her head and chuckled. “My Missus is a heroine and she’s looking more and more like a queen now.”

“Of course!” She answered without any humility at all. Having been with him for quite some time now, she seemed to be gradually influenced by him and started to be narcissistic like him too.

A short while after, the even sound of his breathing was heard. He had not rested well for quite a few days in a row, so he was extremely exhausted. As time went on, he seemed to also have gotten used to sleeping beside her, and now hugged her to sleep as he felt more secure and safe enough to fall asleep.

When she saw that he did not say anything for a long while, she softly called out to him, “Mu Yuchen?”

Quite a while after, she still did not hear his answer, so she turned to look and saw that he had already fallen asleep.

“Fallen asleep so quickly... I wanted to get you to help me get a gown too...” Xi Xiaye muttered to herself before lying back down.

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Xi Xiaye clearly remembered that she had set an alarm for 7 a.m. last night, yet the next day she did not hear the alarm ring. When she woke up it was already past 9 a.m. and the man beside her was still sleeping.

She climbed out of bed annoyed and did not wake him up. She washed up and changed at the quickest speed before packing the documents up and rushing downstairs. Not even having the time to eat, she simply cooked some porridge for Mu Yuchen before she rushed to Entertainment City.

By the time she got there, everyone had already paused for lunch.

“Director Xi, have some food first. You rushed over so frantically...” Manager Fang handed a lunchbox to Xi Xiaye as he smiled and commented.

“No need. You eat. I just had some bread, so I’m not too hungry. My alarm didn’t ring in the morning, so I was a little late. I’m really sorry.” Xi Xiaye smiled sheepishly.

“You’ve been coming early and returning late every day. How terribly busy! You should get some proper rest,” Manager Fang said in concern.

Xi Xiaye nodded. “Mmm, thank you. Later in the afternoon, Vice President Zhang and the rest will rush over. Is the venue almost done being decorated?”

“Don’t worry, Director Xi. It’s pretty much done and everyone’s just packing up. I’ve checked the stage too. It’s all good. We’ve also gone through everything on the agenda, and it’s generally already done. All that’s left is our company’s promotional logo. They’ve gone back to the office to send the gifts over, so it can definitely be done before 2 p.m.”

As she listened to Manager Fang, Xi Xiaye took out her phone and checked the time. It was close to 1 p.m. and the launch would begin at half-past 3. There was also going to be a grand banquet tonight with programmes and the line up was strong. The entire event was quite extravagant.

Because Imperial Sky Entertainment City was a large-scale entertainment city led by Glory World Corporation coupled with many collaborations and investments from other companies, it was practically



one of the super large projects of City Z in the recent years. It drew a lot of attention from the city residents and the government.

Xi Xiaye quietly put her phone away and then said, "Let's move faster. We're a bit tight on time. It's already 1 p.m. now. In another two hours, the honored guests and the other guests will be here, so you need to watch things well. You should understand the significance of the launch. Be more careful. I'll go take a look at the venue. Check this side again and take note of anything that we've missed out."

She left with these words, and then walked towards the International Exhibition Centre.

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The opening ceremony was held in the International Exhibition Center inside Imperial Sky Entertainment City which could cater up to ten thousand people. The government had invested to build the exhibition center two years ago, and Imperial Sky Entertainment City was constructed around it.

Many large-scale banquets were organized there such as annual dinners of big companies or City Z's New Year party.

When Xi Xiaye went over, a huge arch made of flowers stood at the entrance. A long, red carpet ran all the way until the very center of the International Exhibition Center while numerous flower baskets graced the aisle. A large number of greeting cards, all filled with words of congratulations, hung on a string, swaying as the wind breezed through.

In one glance, the entire place was red.

The staff was busy running around, and some employees were packed with jobs to do on-site too. None of them were standing around leisurely.

Xi Xiaye went towards the entrance as the employees at the receptionist table greeted her, "Director Xi!"

She nodded. "Thanks for the hard work. We'll be able to get a good rest after today."

Everyone had sacrificed their break time and went back to work, so Xi Xiaye was really grateful to them.

“We’d be very happy if you could ask Chairman Mu to give us more bonus in the next meeting, Director Xi.”

“That’s right, Director Xi. Get Chairman Mu to raise our salaries!”

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They were getting excited as they mentioned about their remuneration package. Xi Xiaye smiled as she saw their eyes brighten up. “I’ll definitely convey your wishes to Chairman Mu.”

“Director, Director!”

As Xi Xiaye was about to walk inside, Xiao Mei’s voice reached her from the back. She turned around and saw Xiao Mei running towards her.

“Director, this is the programme agenda. Please check it and sign here if there’s no issue. The PR Department is waiting for this. I’ve been looking you this whole morning!”

Xiao Mei handed a document to Xi Xiaye while panting. Xi Xiaye took it and went through it, then she took a pen from Xiao Mei and signed it after she found nothing wrong with it. She swiftly signed her name elegantly at the bottom right corner.

Xi Xiaye handed the document and pen back to Xiao Mei as she asked, “There’s some delay. Is everything alright?”

“Things are okay. You can take a break, Director Xi. The managers are having tea in the break room backstage. You must be tired after working for so long.”

Xi Xiaye nodded as she looked inside. The stage decoration was extravagant and the guest seats were lined up perfectly. The waiters from Imperial Sky Hotel and the employees were busy working like clockwork, so Xi Xiaye felt relieved as everything seemed to be fine.

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The warm sun was high up in the beautiful afternoon, sprinkling light over the blue sky as the wind blew through.

At Maple Residence, Mu Yuchen was reading magazines while enjoying some tea after a light breakfast. After a while, the door opened and Ah Mo entered the house.

“Master!” Ah Mo’s voice reached him.

Mu Yuchen averted his gaze away from the magazine and looked at Ah Mo. “Mmm, I’ve made a copy of Movie City here. I’ll get you a copy too in a few days. Manager Xu is transferring after the New Year, so you’ll be taking over Manager Xu’s workload for the moment. I want to know your opinion on this matter.”

Ah Mo had stayed beside Mu Yuchen for many years. He was an adopted son under Mu Tangchuan’s name, and Mu Yuchen had always thought of him as a brother. He was very well-trained under Mu Yinan and Mu Yuchen. Overall, he was part of the Mu family.

Yet, Ah Mo had always thought of himself as a servant in the Mu family. He followed Mu Yuchen’s every order without any complaints.

Ah Mo went silent for a moment before nodding. “I’ll follow whatever your arrangement is.”

He closed the magazine and put it aside. Then, he sipped some tea as he glanced at Ah Mo with an indifferent expression while an odd calm appeared in his eyes. “Lingshi is coming back soon after some time. She’s closer to you among the three of us. There’s something that I don’t want to talk about again. I hope that we can all get a fresh start when she comes back. I want you to work in the company because I hope you can have your own life too. The same goes for Lingshi. I hope that everyone can live on well.”

Ah Mo was startled, but he quickly replied, “Don’t worry, Master. We understand. Lingshi... We won’t remind her about that again, and I won’t let the Missus know either.”

“You don’t have to worry about her. I’ll tell her about it if the time comes. I thought you’d understand how she’d feel... Whatever, I’ll leave it up to you guys when she comes back.”

Mu Yuchen did not continue. He rubbed his fingers on his forehead as he sighed. Then, he stood up slowly. “It’s about time, let’s go.”

He walked outside.

Ah Mo gave his words some thought. In the end, he walked out as well.

He started the car after he got inside, he glanced into the rearview mirror at Mu Yuchen and asked, “Master, do we go straight to the International Exhibition Center?”

“Head over to Fashion City first. Sis Su’s place.”

The woman’s grumbling last night echoed in his ear again. She probably had not thought about it when she rushed out today, so she must be wearing a completely formal attire...

“Okay, Master!” Ah Mo replied and the car went forward.

The car passed through some busy streets. After a while, they arrived at an extravagant clothing store. Ah Mo parked the car at a nearby parking spot before Mu Yuchen opened the door and got out of the car.

“Welcome!” The receptionist at the door greeted with a big smile. She was a little stunned when she saw Mu Yuchen’s handsome face, and her face blushed suddenly.

As Mu Yuchen stepped inside the store, a cheerful voice rang out. “Chen! How rare for you to be here!”

He looked over at the source of the voice and saw the fashionable Su Yu looking at him in surprise!

Su Yu, Su Chen's elder sister, who was also the owner of this clothing store, had married a lawyer several years ago and had a daughter. She was doing pretty well and had been running this store for quite some years, doing pretty decent business.

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"Happy New Year, Sis Su!" Mu Yuchen greeted.

Su Yu shrugged and gave him a smile. "Happy New Year! What brings you here? When I went back home, I heard the elders mention you."

His eyes turned away and locked onto the beautiful dresses in the front as he replied, "What did they say?"

Su Yu was startled when she saw his behavior. She asked in shock, "Is the sun rising from the west? Master Mu is here to shop for women dresses? Who are you giving it to?"

Mu Yuchen ignored her. He went over and soon locked his gaze onto a long, elegant, sapphire-colored dress decorated with silver stars on it.

He tilted his head towards Su Yu behind him. "I want this. Help me get a pair of shoes with this as well as some accessories. It'd be great if you can make it quick."

"As expected of your taste, you found my store's treasure so soon. Who are you giving it to?"

Su Yu was really bewildered. She was someone who had sort of grown up together with Mu Yuchen, and she had never seen anything like this before — Master Mu going around to shop for a woman personally?

"I thought Su Chen told you guys."

Mu Yuchen's words reminded Su Yu of something. Her eyes flew wide and she gaped at Mu Yuchen in shock. "Are you for real? Is it for your woman? Are you really married? I didn't believe him when he told me about it!"

“You can believe it now. Quick, I’m short on time,” Mu Yuchen urged her as he walked towards a sofa nearby and sat down.

Su Yu shrugged before she started barking orders to her employees to take the outfit down and pack it up.

In just a brief moment, Su Yu had prepared the items and handed them to Mu Yuchen. “It’s done. Bring her over to our place some time. Don’t keep her hidden. Also, please help us counsel Su Chen. He said he isn’t going to get married. He makes my elders at home really worried.”

Mu Yuchen took the package from her and then handed it to Ah Mo as he replied, “With the elders around, he can’t run away from marriage forever. I’m leaving.”

“I mean it, Chen!”

Su Yu was confounded. Before she could finish her sentence, Mu Yuchen’s figure was already nowhere to be found.

At the same time, inside a high-class spa center.

Huang Shanshan wore a long, bright red dress along with an expensive-looking ruby necklace on her neck. A makeup artist was doing her makeup in front of a mirror.

Xi Xinyi sat down beside her while her makeup artist worked on her hair at the moment.

“Xinyi, I heard that Glory World’s invited many guests to their launch. They even invited some of your rivals too. I also heard that their launch is nearly the scale of a movie festival! Glory World might be entering the showbiz industry, so they even invited many well-known directors this time along with some leaders within the entertainment industry. All of this sounds so exciting!”

Huang Shanshan seemed really enthusiastic about it. This time, she was going to attend the event as her CEO’s partner, so she had dressed up, hoping to attract some attention especially from...

Xi Xinyi nodded. "Mmm, I heard something along those lines too."

"That's why you have to give it your all. Step on those witches. Make sure you get the top ambassador role for Glory World. If you can keep on a collaborative relationship with Glory World, they'll surely promote their group of top celebrities if they actually get into the entertainment industry. It's a rare chance that you've got to take! I'm rooting for you. People like Caitlin and Lin Ling are all a level lower than you!" Huang Shanshan said.

Xi Xinyi gave her a smile. "Alright, let's stop it there. They must have their own advantage for them to have so many fans. I'm still a newbie since returning and I have a lot of things to learn from them. You don't have to be biased against them really. They take care of me sometimes. Sis Lin Ling even took on a role for me because I injured my foot back then, so I'm really grateful for her."

"You're just too kind. I bet Lin Ling was laughing at you. You could've taken the role on again after your foot healed, but she forced the project to hasten their progress. Obviously, she was aiming for your role from the beginning. Anyway, it's all Xi Xiaye's fault! If not for her, you wouldn't have injured your foot!"

Huang Shanshan became really angry when she mentioned Xi Xiaye. She could not help but criticize her.

Xi Xinyi frowned almost immediately and she shot Huang Shanshan a warning stare. Huang Shanshan pouted. "Alright, alright! I know you'll defend your wicked sister. You're so silly. She never cared about you at all, yet you always defend her! Whatever. We'll not talk about her anymore! Where's my cousin? Is he coming here to get you later?"

Huang Shanshan changed the topic because she noticed Xi Xinyi becoming unhappy.

"Mmm, he's coming over here later. Shanshan, don't say things like that again in the future, especially in front of your cousin. I believe that sister has a special spot in Yifeng's heart and I don't want everyone to have such a negative perception of her," Xi Xinyi told her.

"Alright, alright, I got it! I won't talk about it anymore. Everyone knows anyway. Moreover, now that you're my cousin-in-law, I'm not really worried."

“Shanshan, when will you find your special someone too? You’re not that young anymore. Yifeng and I have found each other. I hope you can find your happiness too. There are a lot of outstanding guys around you. Don’t you like any of them?” Xi Xinyi smiled, her eyes full of concern.

Huang Shanshan was startled when she heard Xi Xinyi’s words. Her smile froze and her mind went blank as a handsome face appeared in her mind...

Xi Xinyi laughed and asked quietly, “Are you thinking of someone? The look on your face...”

Huang Shanshan smiled embarrassedly. “I’m not telling you even if I’m thinking of someone.”

“Tell me. Maybe Yifeng and I can help!” A gentle light glowed in Xi Xinyi’s eyes as she laughed.

“Okay, I’ll definitely tell you if there is one in the future. Wish me good luck tonight!” Huang Shanshan replied, but her eyes were already staring away somewhere blankly.

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Xi Xinyi looked at the reflection of Huang Shanshan’s pretty little face in the mirror. She did not miss her blank stare as well. Although she thought of something to tell her, she refrained herself from doing so when she saw Huang Shanshan suddenly grin.

After a while, the makeup artists were done with their makeup.

Xi Xinyi only put on light makeup. As for Huang Shanshan, she put on rather heavy makeup to pair with the bright red dress on her. They looked pretty great.

“Xinyi, give Cousin a call. My company CEO will be here soon. I’ll meet up with him first. I don’t want to leave him waiting.” Huang Shanshan lifted her long dress up a little and gazed at herself in the mirror cheerfully as she spoke.

Xi Xinyi nodded. “Okay, you can go first. I’ll call Yifeng now.”



“Mmm, see you there later. I’m looking forward to you topping all the other ladies there! Get your groove on!”

Huang Shanshan grabbed her handbag and walked outside. Suddenly, Xi Xinyi called out to her, “Shanshan, wait!”

“Anything else?” Huang Shanshan halted in her steps when Xi Xinyi called her. She looked in Xi Xinyi’s direction in surprise.

Xi Xinyi swiftly opened her handbag and took out a bright jade bracelet. Then, she went over to Huang Shanshan and grabbed her fair little hand, putting the bracelet on for her. The jade bracelet looked amazing on Huang Shanshan’s snow-white skin.

Xi Xinyi grabbed Huang Shanshan’s hand lightly. “What do you think? I think it looks great on you!”

“Xinyi...”

Huang Shanshan was touched as she looked at the bracelet on her hand before turning to Xi Xinyi gratefully. “This bracelet... Isn’t it a birthday present from Cousin?”

“I’ll give it to you. It suits you more anyway and you look great! Pairing it with your outfit is just perfect!”

Xi Xinyi smiled as she zipped her handbag up and gave Huang Shanshan another big smile as the girl did not seem to know what to do. “It’s really nothing compared to how well you treat me! Go and meet your CEO now and don’t let him wait. Go!”

She pushed Huang Shanshan out.

Huang Shanshan expressed her gratitude profusely, “Mmm, thank you, Xinyi! You’re the bestest friend ever! I’ll head out for now, and I’ll look for you guys later!”

She sniffed as she walked outside.

Xi Xinyi sent Huang Shanshan away happily, then she took out her phone and swiftly called Han Yifeng.

Han Yifeng was driving over to her when he received her call. He was stunned for a moment when he saw her all dressed up.

She wore a neutral-colored toga evening dress with a V-shaped bareback design. The dress was studded with some silver beads and there were also silver crystals embedded at the waist area with plenty of delicate, twinkling pearls sprinkled all over the side of the dress.

While she just put on light makeup, she still looked charming as ever with the slight curve of her eyebrows accentuating her beautiful eyes, she was just one in a million.

Her blonde hair was pulled up into a beautiful bun. Everything seemed so beautiful and charming, just as expected of a well-loved goddess.

Even Han Yifeng lost his focus.

Xi Xinyi seemed thrilled when she saw Han Yifeng staring blankly at her. She smiled and spoke in a gentle tone, "You're looking at me, silly! Start the car quickly!"

Han Yifeng came back to his senses when he heard her voice. Xi Xinyi went closer to him and left a kiss on his lips. "How do I look today? You know I could really use your perception!"

Han Yifeng doted on her and replied, "Xinyi, you look beautiful..."

Xi Xinyi's soft lips reached him once again before he could finish his sentence. He could not help it anymore and embraced her...

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Around 3 p.m. in the afternoon, guests flooded the entrance leading to the International Exhibition Center. Xi Xiaye and several other staff from the PR Department were standing by the flower-filled entrance while Vice President Zhang Lan was busy greeting the incoming guests.

The reception table was full of invitation cards that the guests brought back as well as many thick red packets filled with money.

Vice President Zhang Lan did not wear her usual black formal outfit and put on a dark-colored qipao instead, looking very elegant and beautiful. The other staff all changed into dresses as well, and Xi Xiaye still had her black formal outfit on. She did not even have time to put on light makeup.

She had been terribly busy working since the afternoon and did not even get to eat both breakfast and lunch. She only managed to grab a bun when she drove there, so she was barely hanging on now.

She wanted to call Su Nan to get her a dress since Su Nan knew her size anyway, yet she had gotten so caught up in work and forgot all about it.

“Congratulations, Vice President Zhang, Director Xi! Glory World is indeed reaching its glory!”

“Thank you. We’re glad that you’ve always supported us, Chairman Li! Hope that we get to work together again in the future!”

“Surely, surely!”

“Congratulations!”

“Thank you, please come in!”

Xi Xiaye could feel her legs getting numb, and she was getting tired of smiling.

“Director Xi, the banquet is starting soon. You’ve been working the whole day and you should probably take a break. You look tired.” Vice President Zhang Lan glanced at the worn out Xi Xiaye. She could not help but chuckle. “Also, shouldn’t you change your outfit too?”

Xi Xiaye looked at herself and then replied apologetically, “I forgot all about it!”

She then quickly took out her phone to give Su Nan a call with the intention of asking her to get her a dress, but Su Nan’s voice reached her as she just opened her contact list —

“Xiaye!”

Xi Xiaye looked over at the voice calling out to her.

Su Nan was walking over with the tall and handsome Ruan Heng.

It was a rare sight of Su Nan wearing something feminine — a pink dress with floral patterns lay underneath a coat. She looked amazing tonight.

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When she stood beside Ruan Heng, they looked well matched with each other.

In the blink of an eye, Su Nan had already let go of her hand clinging onto Ruan Heng’s arm and walked up to Xi Xiaye. When she saw that Xi Xiaye was still in her black formal suit, she immediately frowned. “It’s already this hour, but you’re still dressed like that?”

Xi Xiaye laughed out loud and put her phone away on the side. Ruan Heng smiled and nodded at Xi Xiaye before walking over to greet Vice President Zhang.

“Are you going to just attend the event like this? Everyone knows tonight’s practically a competition of who looks the best, and you’re dressed like this! What would Master Mu think? Be careful of the beautifully dressed women waiting for their chance to get close to Master Mu. I heard that there’ll even be a dance floor later!”

Su Nan pulled Xi Xiaye aside as she showed her long gown off. "Look at me. Even I changed into this. In fact, Xi Xinyi and Han Yifeng are coming over tonight as well, aren't they? Aren't you going to grab the opportunity to step on them and help me stave this anger off for me?"

Xi Xiaye then could not help but be slightly distracted. She fell silent for a moment then helplessly waved the phone in her hand and answered calmly, "I was so busy that I forgot. I was just about to call you and ask for you to pick a dress for me, but time flew by pretty quickly. It's almost half past 3, and you and Ruan Heng are already here."

Su Nan was speechless. She could only scratch her head and could not help but be driven slightly mad. "I'm so done with you. You're so dense! Fine, fine, I'll accompany you to go take a look now. Isn't Fashion City just nearby? Let's go over to take a look first. Let's go!"

As she said this, she pulled Xi Xiaye along with her.

"Never mind. There's no need. I'll just go myself. The banquet is going to start soon. You two go in first. Otherwise, you won't be able to find anyone later. I'll have to go backstage later on as well. Xiao Mei, please bring Mr. Ruan and Miss Su in."

Xi Xiaye did not wait for Su Nan to say anything further. She just waved for her assistant, Xiao Mei, to bring them in.

"Nan Nan, Ruan Heng, you two follow Xiao Mei in and find a good spot first. I'll look for you later."

"Mr. Ruan, Miss Su, this way." Xiao Mei smiled as she greeted them.

"Xiaye..."

Su Nan wanted to say something, but Ruan Heng held her back. "Xiaye, then we'll go in first. See you later!"

Xi Xiaye nodded. "Let's go in!"

Ruan Heng dragged Su Nan and followed Xiao Mei in.

As she watched their figures disappear past the door, Xi Xiaye breathed in slightly. She stole a glance at the time on her phone and habitually reached out to cover her forehead with her hand. She was thinking about whether or not to rush out to search for a gown when a voice interrupted her thoughts —

“Director Xi!” It was Li Si.

His sudden voice made Xi Xiaye look up abruptly too. She looked at Li Si who was walking towards and could not help but be slightly shocked.

Since Li Si was here, did that mean that Mu Yuchen had come too?

“Secretary Li?” Xi Xiaye responded, subconsciously peeking behind him, yet she did not see signs of the man. She could not help but feel puzzled when she turned to Li Si.

“Master is still in the hotel. He wants you to go over right away,” Li Si said softly to Xi Xiaye.

When she heard him, Xi Xiaye instantly frowned. She did not understand. “The opening ceremony is going to start right away. Everything else after that...”

“Master’s already called Manager Fang to ask him to take charge of all the matters afterward,” Li Si responded.

“Director Xi, since that’s the case, you should make a trip there. It’ll be fine with me here. Besides, you should change your outfit.” Vice President Zhang Lan smiled from the side.

Xi Xiaye fell silent for a moment, then she nodded. “Then, I’ll have to trouble you, VP Zhang. I’ll go over for a bit.”

Zhang Lan smiled in response.

“Let’s go.” Xi Xiaye picked up her pace and walked to the stairs while Li Si politely nodded to VP Zhang and then followed after her.

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She followed Li Si to Emperor Hotel where Mu Yuchen was waiting in his VIP room.

“Missus, please go in. Master’s right inside.”

They had just walked past a long corridor, and when they reached the door, Ah Mo seemed to have been waiting for a long time. He respectfully opened the room door for her, indicating for her to enter.

“You’re still here? The opening ceremony is about to start soon!” Xi Xiaye raised her brows and took a look at Ah Mo and Li Si.

Ah Mo smiled. “We were waiting for you, Missus. Please go in!”

Why were they being all mysterious?

If she had known, then she would have called him and the gown problem could have been resolved earlier, but she had forgotten about that too.

Xi Xiaye then picked up her pace and walked in before Ah Mo quickly closed the door.

She had just stepped into the room when his handsome figure entered her sight. Standing there before the French windows with his hand clasped behind his back, when he heard the sound of footsteps, the man instantly turned around and looked at the door.

Just as he thought, he saw that the slender woman was still dressed in the black formal suit. She looked very experienced and steady, yet to him, he felt that this woman was actually very delicate and frail. Furthermore, she was worried about her weight...

“What is it?”

Xi Xiaye’s beautiful brows raised slightly when she saw that his gaze fell onto her without shifting for quite a while. Then, she looked down to see if there was anything wrong with her.

When he heard her crisp voice, his noble and handsome face appeared comfortable. The hands he set behind him lifted and reached out towards her and his voice was deep yet calm. “Come over!”

His smile was inviting and his deep voice sounded like there were hints of warmth too. For some reason, it eased her fatigue. She thought about it for quite a while, then she walked over.

She had just walked up to him when her entire being was surrounded by him around the shoulders as he hugged her fiercely.

“Tired?”

Hugging her, the two of them stood shoulder to shoulder. He still looked at her from his towering position, seeing that the tag on her chest had already tilted to one side, so he reached out to help her straighten it.

“I’m fine. The opening ceremony is starting soon. I...”

Xi Xiaye wanted to tell him that she had to rush to get a gown now, yet before she could say anything, Mu Yuchen continued, “Oh, so you know it’s going to start soon too.” Her beautiful brows furrowed even further as she looked up at him, her starry eyes flickering with puzzlement.

He shot her a glance and patted her head like a punishment. Then, he pointed to the bag on the sofa. “Quickly go in and change into it.”

When he said this, Xi Xiaye was stunned. She followed his line of sight and saw that there was indeed something on the sofa. She looked at him suspiciously as if realizing something. She then walked over...



Indeed, it was a gorgeous gown in the bag.

It turned out that he really did listen to her last night, yet he had not answered her. How annoying!

Xi Xiaye glared at him, not saying anything though. Then, she picked the gown up and walked to the bathroom.

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Once she entered the bathroom, she practically changed her clothes at the quickest speed.

He had prepared rather sufficiently. Even the shoes and accessories were paired and it did save her quite some time. She swiftly put on the clothes and accessories, and casually tied her hair into a beautiful bun, holding it up with the chosen hairpin. Then, she put on simple and light makeup.

She was very quick, and without any elaborate adornment either. Everything was settled within the blink of an eye.

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When she looked at herself in the mirror, Xi Xiaye was a little shocked. With this dress on her, she almost could not recognize herself. The gown was very suitable and with such delicate accessories that matched it well, she looked gorgeous.

She was dazed for a while, then she snapped back after a moment. When she saw the wound that was vaguely exposed on her shoulder, she instantly frowned again.

Mu Yuchen had chosen a dress that covered her chest. However, even though the left side of it had been specially adjusted and it came with a shawl of the same color, it did not seem to completely cover up her wound.

Just as her beautiful brows were knotted in her dilemma, the bathroom door suddenly swung open. She followed the source of the sound and noticed Mu Yuchen already walking in with huge strides.

He examined her slightly and could not hide how she took his breath away. However, he very quickly returned to his senses, looked down, and quietly studied the wound on her left shoulder that could not be entirely hidden.

There was some dimness in her eyes; it seemed to be a sadness that was hard to hold back. She fell silent for a while and then said sorrowfully, "I think it's best I just wear my work suit. I'm afraid I won't be able to wear a dress like this for the rest of my life..."

It was not a bad thing to be working so hard. The doctor had already told her very clearly then that the wound would leave a scar. Even though she did not pick at the healing pad, she knew that it must be just as the doctor said.

When he saw her fatigued expression instantly go pale, it made his heart sink. His eyes held pity for her. He reached out with his arm and could not help but pull her into a hug into his embrace as he scolded softly, "That's enough. How big of an issue is this? Isn't it just a little wound? There'll be a way to make it fade."

Even though he was scolding her, his tone did not sound reprimanding at all.

As he said this, she suddenly saw him lift a hand. A cool and almost flirtatious sapphire blue rose entered her sight. It was a blossoming sapphire blue rose.

He lowered his head and bent over slightly. Very carefully and earnestly, he put the blossoming blue rose in his hand to her chest, the blossoming and flirtatiously beautiful petals instantly covering the wound that showed.

He meticulously arranged it for a while and fixed her shawl before straightening up and watching her in satisfaction. He chuckled. "Just like that. Isn't it all good now?"

Xi Xiaye lowered her head slightly took and looked towards her left shoulder. The wound had been completely hidden whilst the cold and beautiful petals blended into the dress on her, appearing very compatible.

Her twinkling eyes suddenly became distracted as she quietly looked on... and on...

Then, her eyes suddenly heated up and she felt something in her throat. Faint flickering sparkles appeared in her vision and she could not help but turn her head away to blink hard.

She did not say anything for quite a while.

He thought she was still upset about the wound, so he went over to hold her by the shoulder and said calmly, "Enough now. Moderation is key. If there'll be a scar, then let there be a scar especially since you just let me look while you strip when I didn't even say anything. So, what are you worried for?"

Initially, she felt somewhat upset and moved, yet when he said this, she suddenly felt embarrassed and forgot all about being upset. She immediately turned her head and blinked her eyes with flickering sparkles of droplets in them. Glaring at him, she said angrily as she felt shameful, "How vulgar!"

Mu Yuchen's eyes twinkled. He returned her glare with an objection, his expression extremely calm and distant as he answered disapprovingly, "I'm just telling the truth. Don't you think it is?"

Xi Xiaye looked a little speechless and then she rolled her eyes.

This man is really able to completely turn my emotions upside down. Initially, I should've been...

She could not be bothered with him. Unable to stand his sly and unfathomable gaze, she turned around and walked out of the door. "It's about time. If we don't go now, we'll be late."

When he saw her walk out the door in a huff, he chuckled without a word. He stared at her slender figure for quite a while then slowly followed after.

"Master, Missus!"

Once the door was opened, Ah Mo who was outside immediately walked up. When he saw Xi Xiaye walk out while holding the hem of her dress up, his eyes lit up. He subconsciously turned to look at Li Si who looked stunned as well. He turned blank.

“Let’s go.” Mu Yuchen’s voice sounded, his eyes sweeping across Ah Mo and Li Si who could not help but feel a sudden chill down their backs. They then quietly lowered their heads...

While at this moment, the International Exhibition Centre was already filled with guests, it was bustling all over the place.

Soothing and gentle music filled the venue while experienced waiters shuttled back and forth serving tea and finger food. The host up front was testing the microphone and on both sides of the super huge screens, they were playing a promotional video of the different departments in Glory World Corporation.

Congratulatory greetings went around the room.

The several VIP tables up front were slowly filling with people. However, the one most important had yet to arrive though just like how big shot celebrities who were invited usually appeared last. The crowd did not forget that this launch was meant to announce Glory World Corporation’s determination in advancing into the showbiz industry as well.

In the guest seats up front, there were many well-known directors and people-in-charge of movie and television companies. The reporters had also gone through strict screening, and only several media houses earned the right to enter.

A competition among those in show business might happen right there really soon.

As the time closed in, the atmosphere suddenly became exciting and everyone was looking forward to it. Even the venue music changed to slightly more upbeat Latin music.

Outside the venue, many fans of movie stars and singers also knew about this launch, so they rushed over and gathered outside. Unfortunately, they were stopped outside the protective fence next to the stairs by the security staff.

Both sides of the carpark were filled with cars. There was a vast crowd on both sides of the staircase as many had gone over just to catch the excitement too.

A silver luxury limousine sped in, slowly stopping in front of the stairs.

The car door quickly opened.

“It’s CEO Zhou. He’s finally here!”

Zhang Lan personally walked down the stairs to greet him respectfully.

The person who came was Zhou Zimo, their Master’s good friend. He was the young one in power of Zhou Corporation and he was very well-known in the business circle too.

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Zhou Simo smiled and nodded, gently shaking Zhang Lan’s hand. The smile on his handsome face was particularly tender and it made everyone on the side screech. The few slightly famous female celebrities who followed behind his car also blushed and felt their hearts beat faster.

“Hasn’t your Chairman Mu arrived yet?” Zhou Simo smiled and asked.

“He should be here soon. Earlier, Assistant Li Si came over too. In fact, the launch is starting soon. CEO Zhou, let’s go in first,” Zhang Lan greeted appropriately.

Zhou Zimo nodded cheerfully. “This guy is always rushing to enter last as if he’s waiting for those few minutes. Let’s go in first. I want to sit at the same table as him.”

Before Zhang Lan could reply, he walked right in.

Just as Zhang Lan smiled and was about to enter, there was a commotion and loud cheering from behind. He turned and saw that at the staircase earlier, a white sports car had stopped. The person in the car was a famous movie star, Caitlin, while an equally popular singer, Lin Ling followed after in a

limousine. There were even some super popular models and A-list celebrities. It was quite a spectacular scene.

The moment all these big shots got down from the car, many of the fans who had waited for a long time rushed up recklessly, shrieking and shouting in excitement. They begged for a photo or an autograph. Even if all these personalities had brought along personal bodyguards, they could not hold back this large group of zealous fans.

The fan groups held up their banners, waving signs to display their love as they rushed up madly like a surging tide. Caitlin and the rest could only smile and take group photos with their respective fans or give them their autographs.

Caitlin and Lin Ling were both spokespeople that Glory World Corporation had just signed on. Like Xi Xinyi, they were both very popular A-list celebrities and were loved by millions of fans.

Today, they had also dressed glamorously, hungry to steal everyone's attention. Caitlin wore a brightly-colored, gorgeous Empress-style cheongsam, appearing rather charismatic.

On the other hand, Lin Ling took the lady-like route. She wore a light-colored embroidered qipao

that had double-layers. Her bright and beautiful face was like a blooming lotus flower whilst her manners were elegant and enchanting.

All three of the super A-list female stars, including Xi Xinyi who had not yet arrived, were all personalities of interest at this launch because apart from them competing to be Imperial Sky Jewellery City's main spokesperson, if they were lucky, they would become Glory World Corporation's face that would advance into the showbiz industry. All eyes would be on them and their future would be limitless.

The security guards spent a lot of effort before they managed to calm the crowd down. The few celebrities finally stepped onto the red carpet and waved at their fans as they walked into the venue.

The venue was pretty happening inside too. One could hear the shrieks and cheers at the entrance when the crowd looked over to the door and saw that Caitlin and the rest were walking on the red carpet in a high-profile manner as blinding photography flashes from various media highlighted their presence. All of them had easy-mannered smiles.

One after another, they displayed their gracefulness with all they had and the atmosphere suddenly turned livelier. The crowd was all staring intensely at the beautiful scene on the red carpet, their eyes filled with admiration.

Even Su Nan could not help but excitedly shriek with her fists pumping in the air. “It’s Caitlin! Ruan Heng, it really is Caitlin! Oh my God, I really love her! And that man beside her, he’s the remarkably popular best male lead actor, Ming Yu! Pinch me! Am I seeing this right?! It feels like I’m dreaming!”

As she exclaimed, she clutched onto Ruan Heng who thought that his arm was about to be bruised from her grasp.

“And that woman is Lin Ling! Drop-dead beautiful!”

Su Nan’s eyes kept staring at the red carpet ahead, yet when she looked to the back and saw a flash of gaudy red, her face instantly sank. She could not help but say gloomily, “Why is she here too? And dressed so sexily and provocingly! Why is she trying to get in on the action?!”

Ruan Heng followed Su Nan’s gaze and looked over to see Huang Shanshan clinging onto the CEO of their company, CEO Wang, and was walking on the red carpet. She was dressed in flaming red and looked particularly attractive, oozing with sultriness.

It made Su Nan unhappy and her face darkened. What made her even angrier came after, heralded by the excited shrieks from the entrance. She looked up and saw—

It was Xi Xinyi and Han Yifeng!

“Wow, she thinks she’s an Oscar-award winning best actress, wanting to act like a big shot, and even using bodyguards to opened up a pathway! This bitch is fronting again. Doesn’t she know that fronting is short-lived while a bitch like her is forever?”

Su Nan was harsh with her words. When she saw Han Yifeng and Xi Xinyi walking with four bodyguards in black surrounding them, her eyes were practically spitting fire. She did not care about her image.

With the way she cursed, the people around could not help but throw odd glances at Su Nan. Ruan Heng could only pull on her arm and remind her, “Nan Nan, watch yourself. We’re in public.”

“So what if we’re in public? Look at the way she smiles! Those who didn’t know would think that she’s so pure and kind, but she’s actually just a hypocritical white lotus flower. How pretentious! Just watching her disgusts me!”

Su Nan did not make an exception – she was always like that. As long as she felt good about it, she could disregard whatever image she had. She did not know the others anyway, so she did not care what they thought.

“I’m just reminding you that you should leave some face for Xiaye. We’re specially invited guests of Xiaye. Don’t embarrass her. Look, they’re all watching you!” Ruan Heng said helplessly.

Then, Su Nan started to restrain herself and turned to look at those people who stared at her. Glaring at them for a while, she then stopped herself.

Amidst the upbeat opening music and the crowd’s cheers, the round of contesting for attention finally slowed down. With the awaited personalities’ arrival and after they sat in their respective seats, the launch was about to begin. The emcee upfront had already begun speaking to sustain the lively mood at the venue.

At this moment, at the venue entrance.

Passing through the gentle, warm light, the Bentley finally slowed down to a stop.

“Chairman Mu!”

When they saw the car stop, Liu Lingyu, Zhang Lan, Wen Haiming, and the other upper management leaders, who had been waiting for a long time, immediately rushed up to greet him.



Before Ah Mo could open the door, Mu Yuchen had already pushed the door open and got down by himself. Just as he stood steadily, he reached into the car and asked Zhang Lan and the rest plainly, "Is everyone here?"

"Everything's in order. We're just waiting for you, Chairman Mu." Just as Zhang Lan said this, the few of them saw Xi Xiaye swiftly get down from the car.

"Director Xi!"

They were practically dumbfounded. A second ago, they were still surprised by whoever had the honor to be their Chairman Mu's date. As they gaped at the elegant Xi Xiaye, they were stunned for a moment.

They had never seen Director Xi dress this glamorously before!

Usually, she would be dressed in her strict and low-profiled black business suit!

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Xi Xiaye smiled elegantly and nodded gently at everyone. "Apologies for making everyone wait."

Zhang Lan grinned. "Director Xi, I think the title of our Glory World's number one goddess should be awarded to you! When I saw those beautiful female celebrities earlier, everything looked like a blur. Looking at you now, I suddenly feel that you can probably be the finale personality for Glory World."

Once Zhang Lan said that, the few others could not help but beam and nod in agreement.

Xi Xiaye's delicate face started to get hot, then she laughed and said, "The person who should be the finale isn't me, but..."

As she said this, she turned to look at the man beside her willfully, drawing laughter from them. "Right! That's right!"

"Let's go in!"

He shot her a side look and was about to reach out to hold her hand, yet she turned to the side. Before he could reach her, she had already consciously and quietly moved to stand behind him and the few other Vice Presidents.

He instantly frowned, his eyes focusing on her. The others seemed to have noticed something too, and they automatically opened up a path...

Xi Xiaye was stunned for a moment. After a brief stare, she then quietly walked to his side.

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When they entered the venue, the place was still bustling. The host who was giving an opening welcome address to the guests offstage also did not realize that the Glory World leaders had entered.

It was not until someone offstage shouted 'Chairman Mu' did the crowd snap back to attention. By the time they swiveled to look, Mu Yuchen and several of his subordinates had walked across the red carpet and sat calmly at the hosts' seating area.

The honorable and graceful, low-profile and reserved Master Mu was always the center of everyone's attention. His presence could instantly silence an entire venue.

Today, as usual, he was dressed in a comfortable, silver-gray casual suit. His handsome and indifferent face was quiet and distant as always, his gaze hidden in a gentle mystery. He looked calm and unfathomable without even needing to deliberately show off his aura. With just that poise and manner of his, he could immediately make the crowd perceive the meaning of an innate honorable grace.

Something that was equally breathtaking was the woman beside him —

In a low-profile, elegant cheongsam, the obscure and mysterious sapphire blue outfit greeted their sight. They could not help but feel their breaths taken away. The tiny diamond studs on the bodice and the floral print on the skirt coupled with the blooming blue roses that fit perfectly by the corner of the dress made this subtly lavish dress retain its elegance and beauty.

Her delicate and exquisite complexion was bright and glowing while her twinkling eyes held an air of indifference. Her expression that was calm as water seemed quite similar to Mu Yuchen's beside her.

She did not deliberately put much makeup. Even that beautiful, long hair of hers was so casually tied into a bun with several thin strands of fringe still framing her forehead. Despite appearing a little messy, it looked rather charming. The faint smile on her face also made one feel that she possessed a sort of elegant and gentleness.

Because of their appearance, it seemed as if everything else around them had instantly turned dull and colorless.

They were a match made in heaven, the perfect pair!

When everyone saw this scene, these words flashed in their minds.

You could vaguely hear the sound of a horrified gasp as the host onstage realized that he had forgotten to announce the arrival of Chairman Mu and the other leaders of Glory World Corporation.

Han Yifeng had never witnessed such a gorgeously dazzling side of Xi Xiaye. In his impression of her, she had always been a character that existed quietly, never taking up the role of a princess. On the other hand, the one who always acted like a princess was Xi Xinyi...

In his daze, he suddenly thought about how at almost every party, Xi Xinyi would always appear splendidly with the posture of a princess, while her sister, Xi Xiaye, would always be behaving as usual, busy helping the servants, or in a certain corner chatting away with an old friend. She would never be like them, mingling around in the middle of crowds while basking in everyone's praises and envy.

Something flashed in his mind. He could also vaguely remember —

That New Year's Eve, he had stood beside her under the tree as they watched the sky full of flickering fireworks. She had asked him, "Yifeng, after all of this dazzling beauty is gone, what do you think remains?"

That year, she had been forced to quit the military academy to go abroad. Before she left, she had found him to tell him, "Yifeng, wait for me to graduate from university. After I return from my studies, I'll be your assistant. That way, we won't be too tired."

That year, he had finally decided to rescind the marriage contract and choose Xi Xinyi. She had begged him, "Yifeng, I don't know who you've liked all these years, and I don't know how many people have liked you either. If I beg you to respect our marriage contract and not leave, would you be willing to?"

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He did not know why now that he saw her standing beside another man, he suddenly felt upset. He kept reminding himself that the woman he loved had always been Xi Xinyi.

He did not know why at this very moment, he would so randomly reminisce all these past. Then, he suddenly felt a stifled feeling in his chest...

Were all men like this?

Even after separating, would they still think that the person was theirs and feel uncomfortable when someone else touched them?

Han Yifeng had a mixed expression as he watched her slowly walk past him. Her resounding steps did not stop for a moment and her gaze did not deviate at all. Subconsciously, he clenched the cup in his hand tightly, and then as if he suddenly remembered something, he slowly let go...

Seeing this, Xi Xinyi who was by Han Yifeng's side had an odd gaze. She was stunned for a moment, then she lowered her eyes to hide the emotions in them.

She suddenly remembered that Yue Lingsi had been jealous of Shen Wenna's innate extraordinary elegant aura more than once. In the past, when she looked at Xi Xiaye, she could faintly feel that she always lived in Shen Wenna's shadow. Now, from the way she looked, that feeling was even more distinct.

Her hand that rested on her knees balled slightly into a fist while she turned to look at Han Yifeng beside her. Seeing his stern, handsome face looking as usual, despite the mixed emotions on his face, her beautiful eyes instantly dimmed. She subconsciously bit her plump lips and reached out to hold Han Yifeng's hand tightly before she said in a daze, "Sister is so beautiful... right? Yifeng?"

When he heard her voice, Han Yifeng looked at her. Watching the flickering charm in her eyes, while a smile broke across her tender face and she silently looked at the beautiful blue silhouette ahead, he fell silent for a moment. Then, he answered, "Mmm, you're very beautiful today too."

Xi Xinyi smiled gladly. "In my heart, the most beautiful person has always been her..."

Then, infatuation blossomed clearly in her eyes again...

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The obscure sapphire blue carried a reserved mystery that he could not see through. The memories that had been set aside in the corner of his heart seemed to have suddenly been awakened. Then, it began to leave him slowly again...

Upfront, the host had finally returned to his senses. He could not hold his excitement back as he announced the news regarding the arrival of Chairman Mu and the Glory World leaders. The venue then exploded into thunderous applause and cheers.

As the applause went on, Mu Yuchen had already reached the side of the main seat. Zhou Zimo looked bemusedly at him, but when he saw Xi Xiaye by his side, his eyes could not help but reflect with astonishment. Then, he nodded slightly to greet her and Xi Xiaye pleasantly acknowledged in return.

"Chairman Mu is here!" The few business partners and government officials who sat at the table stood up too.

Mu Yuchen's handsome face had an easy expression as he said gently, "Apologies for making everyone wait. Let's sit."

He then pulled out the seat beside him, plainly gazing at Xi Xiaye. After that, he pulled another seat next to Zhou Zimo out and sat down.

The implication was obvious and the row of people standing was bewildered when they saw Mu Yuchen do that. They could not help but be shocked.

This woman could actually make Chairman Mu prepare a seat for her. In fact, it was to be right beside him. Nothing like this had ever happened before!

Everyone knew that the usually low-profile and cold Chairman Mu had never had any female dates appear by his side. He was known for being distant from female charms. Even though he gave people a gentle and peaceful feeling, when one got closer to him, one could always feel his reservations and how he would always seem out-of-reach.

However, now...

They could tell that the woman was special. At least, she could receive Master Mu's special treatment.

Many people who saw this scene were slightly envious of Xi Xiaye. They looked at her, their eyes filled with shock. Some were in admiration, but there were also envy and unhappiness coming from people such as Huang Shanshan who was sitting a few tables away.

When she saw Mu Yuchen's silver-gray figure, she was instantly stunned. Her entire being was in a daze and there was something that could not be disguised in her beautiful eyes. It was something that could be called infatuation.

However, when she had a closer look and saw that the woman dressed in the gorgeous blue dress gracefully yet teasing the room with a flirtatious elegance was Xi Xiaye, she felt her entire body stiffen. Her sweet face turned a little tensed as she stared coldly at the flash of blue...

Not too far away from Huang Shanshan, when Su Nan saw this scene, she was stupefied. She held onto Ruan Heng tightly and stared at Xi Xiaye's figure. Her beautiful eyes could not help but flicker with some emotional tears.

Yes, in her dream scenario, Xi Xiaye had always been this elegant and enchanting. She was the real princess! As long as she was willing, she should be able to easily have everyone's eyes fixed on her just

like that, and not like that cheap good who thought that she could become a beautiful princess just by putting on a beautiful gown.

“How wonderful! We can finally suppress that slut’s limelight. I told you that our Xiaye’s the most outstanding one, not at all like that arrogant peacock,” Su Nan could not help but chastise. She also did not miss the way Huang Shanshan seemed miserable. Smiling with disdain, she threw her a glance somewhat provokingly, angering Huang Shanshan whose little face reddened.

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The event took quite a while to quiet down but eventually, the crowd went back to their seats. Zhang Lan and the rest had spread out to sit with several important guests. The venue started to play a piece of upbeat opening music.

Xi Xiaye sat beside Mu Yuchen right at that moment.

The working crew rushed over to ask for instructions. “Chairman Mu, can we begin the launch?”

Mu Yuchen took a handkerchief that the waiter delivered and handed it to Xi Xiaye as he nodded.

Xi Xiaye took it and wiped her hands. When she turned to him, she saw that he was wiping his hands and speaking to Zhou Zimo as well as two other unfamiliar middle-aged men who were dressed impeccably.

One of the middle-aged men had his gaze resting on Xi Xiaye. He finally could not help but ask, “And this is...?”

Xi Xiaye was about to speak up. However, Mu Yuchen, who was smiling and chatting away with the other two middle-aged men, was a step ahead of her. He lifted a hand to fix Xi Xiaye’s slightly messy shawl, immediately announcing his ownership as he smiled and looked at the man who had asked. “Bureau Chief Huang, you seem to be admiring my date, eh? Xiaye, this is Bureau Chief Huang from the city bureau.”

Xi Xiaye nodded politely at the man. “Nice to meet you, Bureau Chief Huang. I’m Xi Xiaye.”

The man smiled unnaturally and answered, “Oh, it’s Director Xi! I’ve admired your reputation for a long time...” Then, he did not continue.

Xi Xiaye frowned and glanced at Mu Yuchen. He was being rather frank, immediately announcing her as his date.

Still, before she could ponder further, the host had already begun to announce the launch onstage. The popping of gun salutes was heard while paper flowers filled the sky, eddying down. The event was instantly jubilant with celebration as everyone raised their drinks and stood up, making toasts and reveling.

Next up, Vice President Zhang Lan went up the stage to introduce Glory World’s leadership team before thanking the guests for coming, and lastly, making a short report.

The banquet’s atmosphere very quickly became intense.

There were sounds of wine glasses clinking among the cheering while a joyous piano tune was played. Amidst the relaxing and gentle music, the host smiled onstage and said to everyone, “Once again, we’d like to welcome and thank everyone for coming. Next up, let’s invite Glory World’s Planning Director, and the person-in-charge of the Imperial Sky Entertainment City project, Miss Xi Xiaye who will introduce Imperial Sky Entertainment City. Let’s give our elegant and beautiful Director Xi a round of applause!”

The instant the host finished, the venue exploded into thunderous clapping again and the crowd had already turned to look towards the main seat.

When the spotlight instantly fell onto Xi Xiaye, the crowd’s eyes followed too and the media photographed away, making her frown a little uncomfortable. She only got used to the attention after a brief moment.

“Where’s our Director Xi?”



Onstage, the host had very cleverly maintained the mood of the event and chuckled lightly. In the meantime, the crowd had already caught sight of Xi Xiaye who sat beside Mu Yuchen.

When Xi Xiaye heard the host, she instantly smiled and slowly got up. Taking a look at the stage, she then lowered her head to whisper by the man's ear, "Where's my script?"

Mu Yuchen looked at Li Si who had walked over in time. Li Si quickly handed a draft of a speech to Xi Xiaye. "It's here, Director Xi."

Taking it, she flipped it and confirmed that it was her speech before she nodded and thanked him. She gently pulled at the shawl that slid down her shoulder before strolling towards the stage.