

Loving 451

Chapter 451. Good Times (5)

The car drove on the broad highway while some drum tunes, as well as some pleasant singing, could be heard from the car behind.

As they went further, the road started to get a little rocky. When cars sped past them, sand and dust flew up everywhere. However, Mu Yuchen maneuvered the car expertly and Xi Xiaye was having fun in the front passenger seat with a camera. She took some photos of the scenery from time to time.

“Mr. Mu, look over here!” she called out to him. Mu Yuchen turned his head over, and in that instant, she pressed the button on the camera.

He smiled. “You can get some rest now. I’ll wake you up when we’ve arrived. Didn’t you say you wanted to take a nap just now? The scenery there will be much better. Save up your energy for the surprises there.”

Xi Xiaye nodded and put her camera away. “I’ll take a nap then. Wake me up after an hour and I’ll drive.”

“Okay.”

He patted her head before she went to sleep.

In contrast to their relaxed journey, a storm was brewing in City Z.

In the Grand Waves villa area, Qi Lei was sitting by the dining table having his breakfast quietly while an elegant lady was sitting right opposite him.

She wore a luxurious-looking qipao with her hair tied into a bun. With a sharp chin and fair skin, her eyes seemed sharp and her lips were pink and tiny. She looked around 30 years of age. There was a special aura around her even when she was just casually sitting down.

She was Qi Lei's biological mother, Wang Qin, the current Vice CEO of Qi Kai Corporation. She possessed a third of all Qi Kai's stock and was well-known throughout the industry for strategizing the firm's business tactics. Needless to say, she held an important position in the Qi Kai Corporation. Even the CEO of Qi Kai, Qi Qiming, had to be wary of her.

Qi Lei's appearance was mostly inherited from her. However, he did not get any of the threatening aura.

The two of them sat opposite each other without saying anything. They were just eating breakfast in silence.

Qi Lei swallowed the food in his mouth as he looked at Wang Qin and spoke indifferently, "When are you going back home? You've been staying over here for quite some days. Aren't you worried that that man will bring those women back and take you out of your position?"

Wang Qin suddenly raised her head and looked at Qi Lei with a cold smile. "He can keep bringing them back if he's not worried about what I'll do to those women! Do you think I've never dealt with this before? Which one of them can stand before me?" She sounded like she did not care.

"He won't give you Qi Kai until his death if you keep on fighting with him like this. Isn't your plan going to fail then? He's really against the both of us, you know. Just look at how he treated me all these years," Qi Lei answered with a wicked grin.

Wang Qin's expression darkened as she grabbed a tissue and cleaned her mouth. After drinking some milk, she looked at Qi Lei. "I'm worried about you, but you talk to me like this? Xiao Lei, can't you put in more effort and let Qi Qiming see what you're made of? I believe you're definitely better than Qi Feng. You're Qi Kai's true successor. Qi Feng is just an illegitimate child. He knew how to make Qi Qiming happy. Can't you do it?"

Qi Lei shrugged and laughed. "My dear mother, you've overestimated your son. This is the real me. I don't know anything except some simple architecture design. Look, you're brother's stepmother. It'd be bad if someone heard what you said, wouldn't it? Brother is better and cooler than me. How can I measure up to him?"

"Xiao Lei, don't ever tell me this again! You're the only legitimate successor of the Qi family. I don't care how well Qi Qiming treated Qi Feng. I'm his wife, so everything in the Qi family belongs to you. I'm

telling you now, Xiao Lei. They won't be grateful even if you don't fight for it. You don't have to be considerate about people like them, understand?"

Wang Qin looked at Qi Lei with concern. A rage started burning inside her when she saw Qi Lei acting indifferently to what she said.

"Understand what? I don't understand. I'm not interested in the company anyway. Let him give whoever he wants. What are you worrying about? Moreover, Brother is long gone, isn't he? I'm the only son in this family now. Who else can he pass it on to?" When Qi Lei was talking, he was staring right at Wang Qin.

Wang Qin's expression darkened as her tone of voice turned cold and sharp. "Have you seen Qi Feng's corpse? How are you so sure that he's dead? Xiao Lei, are you still blaming Mother for not letting you and Gu Lingsha get together? You were never like this before, Xiao Lei! I'm your mother and I did all of these for your sake! Why can't you understand me? Why do you insist on wearing me out?"

She sounded helpless at the end of her rant. "You don't understand Qi Feng at all, Xiao Lei. That person is just like his mother, full of tricks. You're a kind person and that's good, but you have to be wary of others! A woman like Gu Lingsha doesn't suit you!"

"The person who's going to fall in love and get married is me. I have the last say on whether it suits or not. You don't have to worry about it, Mother." Qi Lei laughed coldly.

"I don't care what you think. I'll never let Gu Lingsha marry into the Qi family. Although she seemed like a near perfect woman, she looked severely flawed to me. Xiao Lei, I'm a woman and I know women better than you!"

Wang Qin did not want to continue further, so she stood up and said, "I don't care whether you agree with me or not. As your mother, I'd never hurt my son. Whether you understand or not, I'll get Qi Kai for you as long as I'm here. Qi Qiming took Yue Hai's advice and decided to help Yueying and make it become a company under Qi Kai. What do you think?"

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"What do I think? What can I think about it? Don't you guys have the ultimate say over the company matters? I just hold the empty title of a Vice President. That old man can just put me wherever he wants. Does my opinion matter?" Qi Lei pasted an ironic smile on his face before drinking his milk.

“If you know that’s the case, why don’t you perform better in front of Qi Qiming? There are a lot of things you need to fight for yourself. Do you think Qi Qiming will just give it to you if you don’t fight for it? He won’t! I’m suspecting that Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha didn’t really die in that accident, but I couldn’t find anything at all and there’s no news from the Gu family as well.”

Wang Qin’s expression seemed grave. “I believe that Qi Feng is still alive, and I can feel that Qi Qiming is about to do something soon. If you’re not careful, you might be attacked from the back! Do you still remember that you were framed when you first entered the company? I’m sure you know what’s happening. I’m not going to say any further, but be careful on your own.”

Wang Qin then picked her handbag up and left.

Qi Lei was still sitting there. His eyes shifted for a moment as some emotions roiled within them, but he smiled sinisterly after that.

If Qi Feng was not dead, then...

Was she alive as well?

Just what happened to them all these years? Why was there no news at all?

Qi Lei clenched his glass as his expression turned sad for a moment.

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The car traveled into the small town in the evening. Xi Xiaye woke up when they arrived in the town. When she heard him opening the door, she opened her eyes and noticed that he had already driven halfway up the hill.

“Come and take a look!” He reached out his arms to her, signaling her to go over.

Xi Xiaye stopped beside him and looked toward the direction he was facing to see numerous castles built around the mountain. It was a grand view with the sunset.

The evening breeze gently lifted her hair as she looked over the small town in awe. Around them was a huge green patch of field and amidst the empty surroundings, only this town existed here, just like how she met him after struggling for many years. From that moment onwards, her fate had been altered.

She closed her eyes and immersed herself in the moment, only opening them a while later. She turned toward him to see him still enjoying the view of this small town. He had a peaceful expression on his face as the evening breeze messed up his hair a little. With a light giggle, she smoothed it down for him. However, his hand grabbed hers suddenly.

She reacted quickly and retracted her hand as she narrowed her eyes at him.

He looked at his empty hands and laughed, sneaking up on her before she could react.

Xi Xiaye backed off and smiled. "Okay, let's go and find lodging. The sun is going to set!"

He stared at her. "It's too late for you to think about that already, slowpoke!"

The place they stayed in was not a five-star hotel. It was just a simple homestay located at the back of the town, similar to the one they had stayed in before. There was a short white fence around the house as well as many exotic flowers surrounding it.

The owners of the homestay was a local, old married couple who seemed kind and friendly. When the two of them arrived, they welcomed them wholeheartedly.

Uncle Sam gave them a cheerful violin performance whilst several old neighbors started playing hand drums and the harmonica.

Aunt Susan could dance wildly and they dragged Xi Xiaye along to burst out into a crazy rabbit dance.

The sky turned dark completely and the town was lit up. Beautiful lights shrouded the meadows with a mysterious vibe. As Aunt Susan delivered some food over, several other young travelers started preparing the barbecue tools.

Mu Yuchen stood aside and watched as the little woman who was dragged into the dance. The genuinely delighted expression on her face was encoded into his mind, softening his heart.

He had never seen her happier. It was the right decision to go there.

A lot of woe had piled up recently, especially for her.

The dance was still ongoing, so with a smile, he went forward and took over the violin from Uncle Sam. Then, he started playing along with the upbeat tempo.

The crowd gave him a round of applause. Even Xi Xiaye turned toward him in surprise.

He could play the violin!

Just how many more secrets could she find out about him?

Xi Xiaye raised her eyebrows, but before she could give it some thought, the crowd joined in as the dance went on.

After a long time—

“Ah!”

Xi Xiaye sat down on a bench as she panted. Mu Yuchen, who had been waiting for her, handed her a glass of wine. “Tired?”

Xi Xiaye took a few sips before she shook her head. "I'm alright. I feel like living here is so peaceful and happy."

"Their lives are simple, so there isn't much stress, and it might be because of their personalities as well," he replied with a smile as his quiet eyes still studied the merry bunch.

"Mmm, sometimes I wish I could be like them, but like you said, your happiness is always seen in the eyes of others. We'll be like them, won't we, Mr. Mu?" Her pink lips formed a beautiful arc as she raised her wine glass slightly.

He put on a gentle smile and spoke softly, "Of course, we'll be even happier than them!"

Chapter 453. Wedding (1)

Things went on till late night and Xi Xiaye soon got drunk. After wandering around for a bit, she did not know how she got back to the room, but she vaguely remembered Mu Yuchen wiping her face and changing her clothes for her. After that, she had no idea what happened.

Her head felt heavy when she woke up the next morning. Although Mu Yuchen was not with her, she saw that he had prepared a white outfit right beside her. She left the room after washing up.

A cool breeze welcomed her while the grassy scent in the air felt fresh. She walked toward the veranda and lifted the curtains when she heard laughter outside. Outside, she saw some people playing tennis. They were two pairs of very young couples on the court, attracting a crowd around them.

Xi Xiaye slowly went to the staircase and watched from afar as she leaned against the railing.

In a nearby field, there was the sound of galloping advancing nearer. When she glanced over, she saw people riding horses.

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She once wished to do the same things as them such as play tennis, ride a horse across a huge field, or walk through a crowded street with their hands held tightly together. She thought she would never have the chance to experience what was lost in the past ever again.

Unexpectedly, she was able to revisit the past and have such a pleasant moment, so she took the time to enjoy it.

Running, playing around the soft grassy field...

Walking through a narrow and crowded alley with their hands clasped tight, reminiscing the past...

Racing across the field on a horse while they watched the sunset...

These were too beautiful to be true.

Time passed quickly. They gave up their original plan to walk around several towns. Instead, they just stayed there to visit all the nearby attractions.

Night fell. They were heading back to the city they came from soon as it was their wedding tomorrow. The lodge owners had called them several times already, worried that they would miss their wedding with all the fun. Xi Xiaye went back to their room to pack up after dinner. Mu Yuchen had been missing since afternoon, having gone out with Uncle Sam. He told her to get some rest before heading back at night.

Someone knocked on the door when Xi Xiaye was packing up. When she opened the door, she saw Aunt Susan standing outside. Aunt Susan seemed to be very close to Mu Yuchen. After Xi Xiaye asked about it, she found out that she had been in City Z for quite a number of years before and had taught English in a school, but she was fluent in Mandarin as well. Much to her relief, Xi Xiaye did not have to speak English to her.

"Aunt Susan?" Xi Xiaye was surprised to see the kind and gentle Susan outside her door.

"May I come in?" Susan asked politely.

Xi Xiaye nodded and moved away. "Of course, please have a seat!" She then poured a glass of water for Susan.

“Thank you!” Susan accepted the glass of water with a smile on her face. She glanced at Xi Xiaye as her smile got wider. “You’re really beautiful, Miss Xiaye.”

“Thank you!” Xi Xiaye replied as she sat down on the sofa opposite her.

“I’m surprised that Ah Chen brought you here, but we’re really happy to see you guys together.” Susan smiled as her eyes softened. “I know you two are here to have your wedding. You have my blessings.”

“Thank you, Aunt Susan. Did you know Mu Yuchen from before?” Xi Xiaye voiced out her doubt.

“Haha, I guess you don’t know that I was a teacher in City S and I’ve taught Ah Chen before. After that, he came to New York and we bumped into each other at Wall Street. We’ve kept in touch ever since. Aside from being teacher and student, we’re friends as well. He’s a very responsible and diligent man, so you’re not making any mistakes marrying him. Back in school, many girls went after him. However, I’m surprised he likes a girl like you!” Susan teased.

Xi Xiaye pursed her lips and smiled. “I’m thankful to fate for leading me to him.”

“Well, you’re a good girl. I hope you can continue to have faith in him and love him. I’ve never seen him treat any girl like this before. You’re very lucky, and of course, he’s lucky to have met you as well.”

Xi Xiaye nodded. “Thank you, Aunt Susan. I hope Uncle Sam and you will stay happy and forever in love as well!”

“Love is just a word, but it contains many things that need the both of you to realize together.” As Susan ended her sentence, there was the sound of a car stopping outside.

Stunned, Xi Xiaye just nodded and grabbed her luggage as she looked at Susan gratefully., “I’ll remember that. Will you and Uncle Sam come to our wedding?”

“We won’t be attending your wedding since we’ve witnessed your happiness here. Alright, it’s pretty late now. Time for you to go back. Just in time to sleep when you arrive! Be the prettiest and happiest bride tomorrow!”

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Mu Yuchen was already waiting for her beside the car when she walked out with the luggage. After bidding farewell, the two of them left swiftly.

She was quiet on the way back, so he asked, “What are you thinking about?”

Xi Xiaye came out of her deep thoughts and mumbled, “Aunt Susan chatted with me just now and she told me she was your teacher. Why didn’t you tell me before?”

He laughed. “I forgot to tell you after all the fun we had. Aunt Susan was a very important teacher of mine. She taught me in City S. She’s a kind and passionate woman. I hope you can be as happy as you were in the past few days. Didn’t you exchange contacts with Teacher Susan? Talk to her more often. You’ll learn a lot from her. You have too few friends and too poor EQ. I’m worried that you can’t differentiate the good people from the bad, so I’ll be there for you.”

He wanted her to have more friends, but at the same time, he was worried. After giving it some thought, Mu Yuchen decided he would filter through the friends that she was going to make in the future, then he need not worry about her.

Chapter 454. Wedding (2)

He obviously did not realize that he had already unknowingly let her slip into his life and his social circles.

Some things evolved and silently influenced things with time, settling in without a sound. When one came to realize it, the subtle changes would already have happened. Perhaps, the amount of change would even have accumulated to becoming a fundamental change in effect.

Yet, upon hearing him, Xiaye immediately frowned unhappily. She narrowed her twinkling eyes at him and said begrudgingly, “Is my EQ really that low?”

He nodded calmly. "Yes, very!" he answered swiftly and certainly. Immediately, her beautiful face crumpled.

When he saw that she was unhappy, he cleared his throat and added on, "However, you're a good woman. That I completely agree with."

Then, her darkened expression started to look less miserable. She looked radiantly with delight at him. "Obviously! In fact, Aunt Susan called me beautiful. The reason you liked me so quickly back then must have been because of my angelic looks!"

He rolled his eyes at her. "Do you even know what the standards of your Mr. Mu's dream lover were?"

"What standards?"

This was the first time she heard him mention something like this. Her twinkling eyes could not help but flicker with some interest as she fixed her gaze on him.

Nonetheless, Mu Yuchen continued to drive leisurely and calmly with a faint smile on his handsome face. He spoke calmly, "She should be about 160 meters in height, reaching right below my chin when we're standing. She should have long, black hair that reaches her waist. Her figure should be moderate with fair skin, starry, bright eyes, likes tomato fried eggs and hot and sour shredded potatoes. When she's angry, she won't speak to me and will roll her eyes at me. When she doesn't get past a game level, she will slam the mouse to pieces, a 34B..."

When he finished, Xiaye immediately compared his description to herself.

About 160 meters in height?

She was a match!

Long, black and beautiful hair that reaches the waist?

She was a match!

A medium figure, fair skin, and starry bright eyes?

She should qualify too!

Tomato fried eggs, hot and sour shredded potatoes?

She definitely fit this one!

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Lastly, 34B?

Her first reaction was to look down at her own chest, then she frowned and punched him.

“How dare you mess with me!? Aren’t you just describing me?”

“Be careful, Missus. You seem to have an inclination of becoming a barbarous wife!”

“I’ll show you what domestic abuse is too!”

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The husband and wife couple bickered all the way to the manor, yet at this moment, the people at the manor were beyond anxious.

Wang Hui, Su Nan and the rest had reached the manor since yesterday. They started to decorate the wedding venue without getting any rest. The wedding dress was directly delivered from France. That morning, Shen Yue and the rest rushed over too.

“Quick, quick, continue calling your brother. Why aren’t they back yet? They’ll make it back in time for tonight, won’t they?” Wang Hui looked down at the busy crowd as she urged Mu Lingshi to call them.

Mu Lingshi shrugged helplessly. “Grandmother, I’ve called brother an hour ago. They’re still on the way back and will only be back at 10 p.m. It’s only 8 p.m. now. Just calm down and don’t worry too much, okay? Bro and Sis-in-law aren’t even worried. You’re not the one getting married. Why do you seem more anxious than them?”

“What do you know? How long has it been since the Mu family had a happy occasion? We finally have this! Can’t you just act with the times and let me be happy? Is it wrong for me to be worried?” Wang Hui rolled her eyes at Mu Lingshi. “Also with you and Ah Mo, once your bro and your sis-in-law’s affairs are done, the next one’s going to be you and him. You should work hard for yourself and maybe do something now. When some time has passed, you can just get your certificate. You young people don’t care about those things anyway.”

“We were talking about my bro and sis-in-law. How did the topic turn to me? How about you just look forward to Bro and Sis-in-law’s great grandchild for you?”

As Mu Lingshi spoke, she could not help but feel a headache. Ever since she moved to live with Ah Mo, they had already set their mind on them. In fact, they subtly hinted for her to have a shotgun-wedding. She had never seen a grandmother like this, who was not worried about her being taken advantage of at all. It was as if they were sure Ah Mo was an honest, good person while she, Mu Lingshi, was not reliable at all.

“I want to have some great-grandchildren too. Your grandfather and I are free with nothing to do anyway. One or two children would make the house livelier. We don’t ask for much. Why can’t you just satisfy us sooner?”

“Forget it. You won’t understand what I mean. These things should let nature take its course. There’s no use for you to be anxious about it. I’m done here. I’m going to look for Su Nan. She was quite airsick yesterday and Ruan Heng is quite worried. I’ve been busy, so I didn’t get to ask how she is today. I’m not sure if she’s feeling better already.”

Then, before Wang Hui could answer, she already turned to walk back into the villa, annoying Wang Hui. She wanted to chase after her and lecture her a bit more when Mu Yinan and Shen Yue's voice came from below.

"Do you have any more friends to invite from your end? This time, to go with Ah Chen and Xiaye's request, we've already done our best to make things simple, but we can't be careless either," said Mu Yinan to Shen Yue beside him as they slowly walked towards the villa.

Shen Yue was currently walking towards the villa with his hands clasped behind him. His aged face showed a rare expression of happiness. "We're almost done. You've all worked tirelessly these past few days. After this wedding, it's time I retire. This time, I wanted to use this chance for them to meet more people in the circle. The two of you are much more fortunate than I am. You live such idle days."

"Yours are coming soon too, aren't they? Just leave everything to the couple, and then you can have idle days too. These things are mere worldly possessions anyway. It's not much once you see it indifferently. Anyway, let's not care about how things should be, and let the children work hard themselves. Right, how're Wenna's eyes? What did the doctors say? Is there any way of healing it?"

"The blood clots are gradually dissipating. Perhaps it'll soon be gone completely, but we can't be sure if she'll see again. In fact, we don't know how soon it will be, so..." Shen Yue sighed, "Initially, I wanted to bring her with me this time to visit some prestigious hospitals, but she was worried that if anything came up, it would make the children unhappy instead, so she didn't come. You know how Wenna's like."

"Wenna didn't come? Didn't she say..?"

When Mu Yinan previously called Mu Tangchuan and the rest, they said that Shen Wenna would probably come, but now...

If Shen Wenna could not make it, would Xi Mushan be coming instead?

Chapter 455. Wedding (3)

The night breeze was as gentle as water that flowed uninterrupted. The night's stars were bright and splendid as the car drove through the little town underneath the blanket of stars and past the gentle, dim yellow streetlights before it slowly drove into the manor.

The car had just stopped when Ah Mo, who had waited for quite a while, came to greet them and opened the car door.

“Master, Missus...”

Before Ah Mo could finish greeting them, in the driver’s seat, Mu Yuchen already reached out to stop him as he slowly got down from the car.

“Master, the two of you are finally back! Grandfather and Grandmother have been anxious.”

Ah Mo carefully looked at the front passenger seat. Indeed, he saw Xi Xiaye sleeping soundly against her seat, covered with Mu Yuchen’s jacket.

Mu Yuchen nodded. “The scenery was great over there, so we stayed a day or two longer. Is everyone here?”

Ah Mo went up to take the things from the car, softly answering, “Mmm, Master Su and Master Mo are here too. Now, we’re only waiting for Mayor Xi and Teacher Shen who aren’t here yet.”

When he finished, Mu Yuchen’s handsome face sank and his brows furrowed. He turned to look at Ah Mo. “Did you try contacting them?”

“I did, but both their phones are switched off. When Elder CEO Shen came over, he said that because of Teacher Shen’s eyes, she was worried that the atmosphere of the wedding would be affected, so she didn’t come over. After that, I called them, but I couldn’t get through,” said Ah Mo with a frown.

Mu Yuchen walked slowly to the front passenger seat. “Did you call the Shen residence?”

“I did, but no one picked up.”

Upon hearing this, Mu Yuchen's handsome brows knotted even more. He fell silent for a moment, then returned to his usual calmness. "I got it. Don't tell your sis-in-law first. Okay, go and rest earlier. Just let them know we're back."

Then, he opened the car door and gently carried Xi Xiaye in. The sudden movement awoken Xi Xiaye and his voice softly whispered by her ear, "Sleep when we get to the room, Xiaye."

Then, he took huge strides towards the residence.

When he reached the room, he settled her on the bed and then did a simple wipe down of her face and hands before tucking her in with a blanket as she continued sleeping. He took a shower before slipping into bed to rest.

He looked forward to the arrival of the next day, but...

Sleepiness engulfed him. Just when he was about to hug her and fall asleep, there was a knock from the outside. He got up in his sleeping gown to open the door and saw Wang Hui and Zhuang Shurong standing outside.

"Grandmother, Mother, why aren't you asleep yet?" Mu Yuchen asked when Wang Hui reached out to pull him outside. He staggered a little and almost fell, just managing to steady himself by holding the wall on the side. He looked puzzledly at Wang Hui.

"What are you doing?" he frowned and asked.

"Sleep with Su Chen and the rest tonight. You're going to be a groom tomorrow, so rest earlier tonight," Wang Hui instructed.

"They're already asleep. Plus, without me around, Xiaye will wake up in the middle of the night."

"Chen Er, be good. Just endure one night. This is tradition anyway. You hope to have a good wedding, don't you? Go. Su Chen and the rest aren't asleep yet. They're still playing cards with Ah Mo, but tonight

you'll have to rest earlier since you have to wake up early tomorrow." Zhuang Shurong's voice came with a gentleness that was unlike her usual self.

What did they mean by enduring one night? And tradition? He had already slept with her so many times!

He frowned and turned to peer into the room. The light in his eyes flickered from dark to light.

"Don't worry. Lingshi and Su Nan will come over to accompany her. Just go! When you wake up early tomorrow, don't come over too. You'll have to get up and prepare in a few more hours. Su Chen's at the Will Grand Hotel. Quickly go over. The driver downstairs will send you over directly."

When he heard Wang Hui, Mu Yuchen could not help but hold his forehead, and then sigh helplessly. "Why are there so many rules to follow? We're already married!"

"Enough with the nonsense. Hurry! It's already very late!"

Mu Yuchen then turned to walk into the room. "I'm getting my phone. You guys had better take good care of her."

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When he returned to the room, Xi Xiaye was half-asleep. She saw him fiddling by the bedside and looked up at him through half-opened eyes. Her voice was a little raspy from the drowsiness. "What are you doing?"

Upon hearing her voice, he turned to her. She propped herself up halfway to look at him with misty, twinkling eyes. He sat down by the bedside and reached out to pat her head. "Tonight, Su Nan and Lingshi are going to be with you. I'm going over to Su Chen's place. We have to wake up early tomorrow, so take care of yourself and rest earlier, hmm?"

"What are you doing?" Now, Xi Xiaye was more awake. She subconsciously reached out to pull his hand and quickly sat up.

“They say it’s tradition. We’ll see each other tomorrow. Rest well. Be my beautiful bride, alright?”

Then, he lowered his head and planted a kiss on her forehead before he got up and took the phone from the table. “I’ve already charged your phone. Remember to bring it with you. We’ll talk again tomorrow. Rest now.”

Xiaye just watched him take his phone, and then his jacket on the side before she nodded with her starry eyes “You rest earlier too then. Is the hotel he’s staying at nearby?”

“It’s a little far, but don’t worry. I’ll text you when I reach and I’ll get them to prepare something for you to eat. I’m leaving now.”

“Mmm...” She lowered her head to answer, yet she did not let go of his hand.

He looked down as well, and then he reached out with his arm to hold her by the shoulders. His soft voice was very tender. “Can’t bear to see me go?”

“What do you think?” She went along and circled her arms around his strong waist while peering up at him.

“Let’s look forward to tomorrow then.”

He finally used a kiss to console the timid girl before he left.

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At this moment, Su Nan and Mu Lingshi entered the room.

“Xiaye! Why did you take so long to come back? We’ve already been here for two days. The scenery here is quite lovely and is very suitable for your wedding and honeymoon. Did you have a lot of fun these few days?”

Xi Xiaye had just finished her shower when she saw Su Nan sitting on the bed, flipping through her and Mu Yuchen's wedding photos. Beside her was Mu Lingshi in shorts and a t-shirt.

Xi Xiaye casually tousled her dry hair, and then lay down on the bed. "It was alright. Initially, we wanted to return sooner, and bring you around."

"No need for that. Ah Shi already brought us around the past two days. In fact, I think managing your wedding is more fun. Also, let me secretly tell you that Master Mu seems to want to give you a very different wedding. Do you want to know what kind of wedding it is?"

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Xi Xiaye smiled when she saw Su Nan's curious expression. "You'll find out what kind of wedding it'll be tomorrow."

Actually, she was looking forward to the wedding, but she felt that it was not really that important anymore since she was contented with just the trip in the past few days.

"My brother designed the wedding himself. He's not really a romantic person, but he really gave it his all for this wedding. All of it was just to give you an unforgettable wedding. What do you think? Is my brother an awesome man now?"

Mu Lingshi took the photo album back. "Alright, my brother just called me and said he just arrived. He told you guys to rest earlier. The makeup artist will be here at 8 a.m. tomorrow. It's almost midnight now. Su Nan, you should head to bed earlier too. There's a little one inside you!"

The three of them then lay down on the bed.

"Xiaye, this is your last night being single. Cherish it." Su Nan sighed as she snuggled down beside Xiaye.

"Come on, I've been married for a while now. There's no such thing as a single night anymore."

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The night quieted down and it was silent all around. Under the ambient yellow light, everyone was excited for tomorrow to come.

It was a day to look forward to. However, it was a sleepless night for someone.

As the first ray of the sunrise crept into the room through the window, Mu Yuchen had already woken up. Su Chen and Zhou Zimo woke up early as well.

“What’s with standing out in the cold this early in the morning? Nervous about your big day?” Zhou Zimo noticed Mu Yuchen standing on the balcony as he watched the sunrise while still in his black sleeping robe. He handed him a cup of tea that he just brewed. (B oxnovel.c om)

Mu Yuchen turned over and saw Zhou Zimo smiling. His expression softened as he took a sip of the tea. “There’s nothing to be nervous about. She’s mine even without the wedding. She’s not going anywhere.”

Zhou Zimo chuckled as he walked beside Mu Yuchen and rested his arms on the railing. He looked out at the sunrise as well. “As long as you’re happy, bro. You’ve been struggling alone for a long time and now you’ve finally met someone you love. We’ve already given you all the words of blessings that can be said, so I won’t add on much here. Be happy, both of you. You chose Xiaye yourself, and I believe in your choice. You must have picked the right person.”

Mu Yuchen nodded in agreement to Zhou Zimo’s words. “Whether she’s the right person or not, it’s her and her only.”

His eyes were filled with persistence and kindness. As of now, he felt something different whenever he talked about her and he simply could not keep himself calm.

Zhou Zimo nodded back and shot him a smile. “Great! Wash up and have breakfast before changing into your suit!”

Mu Yuchen drank some of the tea again before heading back into the room.

After a simple breakfast, he had a shower before putting on his suit.

On the other end, it was not easy for Xi Xiaye. Su Nan and the others woke her up early in the morning when she was still having sweet dreams. The makeup artist arrived right after she washed up and had breakfast. Xi Xiaye put on the wedding dress Mu Yuchen tailor-made for her, and then Su Nan pinned her down right in front of the dressing table to put on her makeup.

Mu Lingshi was helping her adjust the dress.

“You look so beautiful, Sister-in-law!”

“That’s right, Xiaye! You’re the most beautiful bride I’ve ever seen!”

Mu Lingshi and Su Nan were looking at Xi Xiaye who had just finished her makeup. Impressed, they started giving endless compliments.

“I’m sure my brother will fall head over heels for you again!” Mu Lingshi smiled while she took her sunglasses off. Looking at her now, the scar did not really matter.

Su Nan grabbed Xi Xiaye’s hands as she started to tear up. She gripped her hands tightly and took a deep breath as she looked into Xi Xiaye’s eyes. “Xiaye, in case anything happens, you don’t have to face everything alone anymore from now on. You have to treasure this happiness of yours. You have to be happy, alright?”

She smiled when she saw the tears in Su Nan’s eyes. Xi Xiaye’s heart softened as she put her hand on the back of Su Nan’s hands. A faint light flashed past her eyes. “I will. Su Nan, actually, I think I’ve always been lucky. You were with me through the darkest parts of my life. You’ll always be in my heart. Whenever I was unhappy, you were always the first one to be by my side. I...”

(B oxnovel.c om) “Silly, you’re the first one to be with me whenever I’m sad as well! You’d leave your work at hand and come to me whenever I needed you. If we’re talking about gratitude here, I should be the one thanking you.”

Su Nan sniffled. She was touched and her tears fell unabashedly. She handed Xi Xiaye a pair of white laced-gloves. "Okay, it's all in the past now. Someone will be by your side now. No matter what happens, someone will be protecting you. No one will bully you anymore. You're so silly, but everyone will be relieved that Mu Yuchen is taking care of you."

Xi Xiaye looked at Su Nan quietly as she took the gloves from her. She wiped her tears away and nodded with her eyes closed, then she replied, "Mmm, I'm relieved that I married him too, so you don't have to worry about me."

"Xiaye! What should I do? I suddenly feel that I'll miss you. Are you going to leave me after you have your man and a child? All these years of friendship are going to end here!"

Su Nan felt conflicted and she hugged Xi Xiaye dearly as her voice turned hoarse. Even Mu Lingshi started to feel warmth and pressure behind her eyes.

Maybe affection like this could only be thoroughly felt by them.

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Xi Xiaye hugged Su Nan and took a deep breath, then patted Su Nan's shoulder. "I'm not going anywhere. Why are you making this so sad? No matter what, our friendship will last forever. Nothing will ever change it."

"Alright, Su Nan, you're overthinking. Husbands and friends don't conflict with each other. My brother is quite an open person. He never limits Sister-in-law's freedom even after they got married anyway, so you can always call her up and have fun together."

Mu Lingshi patted Su Nan's shoulder as well.

Su Nan sniffled and looked at Xi Xiaye. "That's a promise then. I don't mind not being your top priority anymore, but remember that I'm forever a good friend of yours. If you ever feel sad, I'll always welcome you! But I guess Master Mu won't let something like this happen, will he?"

Xi Xiaye pursed her lips and nodded.

Su Nan let go of her as she wiped the tears of joy away.

“Okay, it’s about time. Where’s the wedding veil? The wedding veil...”

The bunch started to get busy again.

Xi Xiaye was barely ready when Mu Yuchen’s car arrived outside. The bridesmaids were ready and raring to go as well.

Li Si and Ah Mo knocked on the door.

“Congratulations, Missus! The car is here. Let’s have the bride board quickly. Everyone’s waiting!”

Xi Xiaye walked out of the door slowly with the help of Mu Lingshi and her two other bridesmaids.

The sun shone upon her as she walked down the staircase. With amazing weather, the breeze was cool and gentle, accompanied by a pleasant fragrance in the air. She could also hear the soft susurrations of the fountain in front.

The beautifully wedding-decorated car was parked right in front of the fountain with a large fleet of cars escorting behind.

All of this seemed too good to be true.

“Get in, Sister-in-law. It’s quite a long way there! Everyone’s waiting for the most beautiful bride in the world!”

After seeing Xi Xiaye remaining stationary for a while, Mu Lingshi grabbed her hand with a grin.

With a curt nod, Xi Xiaye lifted her long dress and walked slowly to the car. Su Nan and the others got into the car together. Behind them were the bridesmaids, some relatives, and friends.

The car started moving towards their destination.

Soon after the car started moving, Xi Xiaye noticed that she was starting to get nervous. Her palms in the white gloves were sweating as her face started to blush as well.

Mu Lingshi and Su Nan smiled on the inside when they saw her. Su Nan handed Xi Xiaye her phone. Taking it, she then glanced at the both of them before she lowered her head and struggled for quite a while before calling Mu Yuchen.

Mu Yuchen was on the way to their destination when he received Xi Xiaye's call. His best men Su Chen and Zhou Zimo were sitting beside him.

They were looking dapper in their cool, black suits with a boutonniere in their chest pockets, further complimenting their looks!

Mu Yuchen took his vibrating phone out. When he saw the incoming call, his expression turned gentle as he picked up the call. "Are you ready?"

Xi Xiaye's anxiety eased a little when she heard the familiar voice. "Yeah, we're on the way there. What about you?"

"Arriving soon," he replied.

She frowned slightly and held her chest as she took a deep breath and mumbled, "Mu Yuchen... I... I feel nervous... It feels like I can't breathe..."

He started laughing. "What's there to be nervous about? I'm not even nervous about marrying you. It's just a wedding, alright?"

"I can't help being nervous. I'm not even this nervous when meeting a big client for the first time!" Xi Xiaye ranted, then she took a deep breath and tried to slow her quick heart rate down.

Su Nan and Mu Lingshi could not hold in their laughter anymore. They covered their mouths and looked at Xi Xiaye.

Mu Yuchen laughed as well while he comforted her, "Your Mr. Mu is a good man. He can be presentable on the outside as well as perform well at household tasks too. You won't lose anything marrying him. Just remember that. What you need to do next is to hold onto him without letting go. Use all your charm to keep him in check and that'll be enough. Got it?"

"I..."

"Okay, stop being nervous. We'll see each other soon, alright?"

"Mmm..."

Xi Xiaye calmed down a little after the phone call although Su Nan and Mu Lingshi were still giggling.

On Mu Yuchen's end, Su Chen and Zhou Zimo smiled as well. They could not imagine that the usual cold Mu Yuchen would be this gentle to a woman.

Could love really change a person so much?

Su Chen thought about the question seriously. He squinted and looked at Mu Yuchen who was still smiling dreamily as he exchanged glances with Zhou Zimo who just gave him a shrug.

Naturally, Mu Yuchen noticed their reactions and he glanced at them. "What are the two of you looking at?"

"What? We found something unimaginable! Did love really just transform you into such a gentle man, Ah Chen?"

Su Chen sounded doubtful. "Are you really so in love with her? Why don't you tell us what's so fantastic about her that has made you fall head over heels for her?"

Zhou Zimo nodded as well. "I'm quite curious myself. Maybe your sharing with us can be a reliable reference to us. Looking for a partner can be easier if there's a target."

Mu Yuchen laughed and shook his head. "Maybe love isn't about how good that person is. It's about getting used to that person, so you just like the feeling of being with her. You just want to stay by her side. That's it."

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When Mu Yuchen said this, the two of them instantly fell silent. They exchanged a look and seemed to somewhat understand what he meant.

Su Chen felt something flutter inside his heart.

Was it really all that rare?

He was not sure why, but he suddenly felt a little excited for his own love story to unfold. Then again, would it really happen to him?

For many people, things like true love were something that one could only come across and not beg for. Even if he was Su Chen, he dared not lightly greet it, but now since this fellow, Mu Yuchen, had it too, then he and Zhou Zimo should not fare too badly, should they?

They were both good people. Oh no, they were both good men!

"Right, Chen, I heard that your parents-in-law didn't make it. What are you going to tell your wife?" Zhou Zimo suddenly remembered this. This morning, he saw that Ah Mo was secretly anxious, trying to find a way to contact them, yet there was no news. They were not sure if something had happened, and they dared not tell Xi Xiaye.

When he asked this, Mu Yuchen paused for a moment, then abruptly put his phone away.

"I believe that they love Xiaye. If they really want us to have a perfect wedding with no regrets, they would come," he calmly said and did not continue.

(B oxnovel.c om) At this moment, the car slowly drove into the car park at their destination.

The wedding ceremony was going to take place at a church by the seaside of this quiet and beautiful small town. It was a very antique church that had towered silently by the seaside for centuries now, having weathered through wind and storms and great changes. It had also witnessed numerous occasions of joys and happiness.

The road towards the church unwound through the old street of the small town called West Street. Both sides of West Street had extremely unique architecture. The road stretched out straight ahead. In the evenings, when you stood on one end of the street, you could see the sunlight glinting on the surface of the lake at the other end of the street, especially the sunset. When that happened, the entire street would be engulfed in soft, golden light. It looked just like an old street from ancient times, bearing numerous happiness and laughter.

This was also a very famous scenic spot in the small town. The locals called it the hope of dusk.

Sunset, an afterglow, the church, the sea, the ancient town, and long streets...

Walking the streets amidst the afterglow of sunset was a scene that no doubt gave one a huge sense of belonging.

The wedding that he wanted to give her included all of this!

At that moment, a beautiful red carpet extended from one end of West Street to the other while the streetlights that stood on both sides were tied with champagne roses that swayed willfully in the cold breeze. There were red and yellow ribbons that decorated the place too. Both sides of the street were filled with people standing to offer their blessings and attend the wedding.

The car steadily stopped at the carpark and the door opened quickly. Su Chen, Mu Yuchen and the buddies slowly alighted.

“Wow, there are quite a lot of people! Tonight, the entire town’s bustling with celebration! It’s a castle banquet!” Su Chen raised his brows and looked at Mu Yuchen beside him in delight.

Still, Mu Yuchen remained calm as he took a careful look at him. With one hand casually stuck into his pocket, he walked over to the red carpet and calmly walked past under the floral arch. He walked to the other end of West Street while Su Chen and Zhou Zimo stopped at the start of the red carpet.

With Mu Yuchen’s appearance, the crowd could not help but cry out in surprise with hands over their mouths.

Dressed in an all-white tuxedo with golden embroidered corners, the borders of his bow tie carried a classic style. His fine black hair went with his handsome face that was colored with a rarely seen gentleness. He looked extraordinarily honorable and graceful, reserved and profound, and coolly distant as he usually was.

(B oxnovel.c om) When he reached the end of the red carpet, he stopped. The sun was gradually setting, stretching his tall shadow. Not too far away, the surface of the lake refracted golden light of varying depths. Accompanied by the swaying ribbons, it all seemed to look dream-like and surreal.

The Mu family was waiting at the end of the walkway. With the halt of Mu Yuchen’s steps, the crowd started to gaze at the other end of the red carpet in anticipation, awaiting the bride’s appearance.

When the car drove into the street, it was already close to sunset.

“The car’s here! The bride is here!”

With the rise of exclamations, the crowd swiveled to look. Indeed, the car had already stopped on the other end of the walkway.

The door opened very quickly, and Mu Lingshi swiftly got down. She subconsciously studied at the crowd and could not hide the joyous smile on her face. She turned to Xi Xiaye and said cheerfully, “Sister-in-law, we’re here! Get down.”

Yet, Xi Xiaye did not move in the car. Instead, she looked down at the phone in her hand, her exquisite and beautiful face holding a mix of emotions. Her eyes shifted uneasily too. She looked up at Mu Lingshi and asked sadly, "Did my father and mother not come?"

When Xi Xiaye said this, Mu Lingshi instantly fell silent.

"Xiaye, Auntie Shen's eyes made it inconvenient for her. Mayor Xi was worried too, so he stayed to look after her. Don't worry, your grandpa came!" Su Nan coaxed her as she gently held her.

Xi Xiaye gently frowned. Sadness could not help but color between her brows as disappointment graced her expression. Then, she fell silent.

There was no movement from the car for a while. The waiting crowd started to find it a little odd, and puzzled voices could be heard. Even Mu Lingshi could not help but be worried.

"Alright, Sister-in-law, aren't we all here? My brother's still waiting for you. Don't think too much. We..."

Before Mu Lingshi could finish, a familiar and deep voice was suddenly heard.

"Xiaye!"

Startled, she subconsciously looked up towards the sound of the voice and saw Xi Mushan in a black tuxedo as he stood behind Mu Lingshi. Beside him was Shen Wenna in a Qinghua porcelain patterned qipao !

They seemed travel-worn!

Shen Wenna currently wore a pair of sunglasses as Zhuang Shurong guided her. The few of them looked toward her.

All of them had smiles pasted on their faces as they silently watched her.

Xi Xiaye then jolted back from her shock and quickly got down from the car as she lifted her dress.

She walked up to Shen Wenna, suddenly feeling bitterness in her throat. She softly called out to them, "Father, Mother!"

"Xiaye..." Shen Wenna called out her name too as she subconsciously reached her arms out. Xi Xiaye quickly went up and gently held both her hands. "Mother!"

"I won't say too much now. I hope that you can be good to yourself. From now on, you have to learn how to be a good wife. Ah Chen's not bad, so you must be happy with him, got it?"

As Shen Wenna said this, her hands that held Xi Xiaye's hands suddenly tightened.

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After Shen Wenna dished her advice out, Xi Xiaye felt her eyes turn hot. She held her hand tightly and nodded. In a raspy voice, she said, "Mmm, I will, Mother! You and Father... must be happy too."

When she said this, Xi Xiaye turned to look at Xi Mushan who just watched the two of them with a sunken expression. His eyes that had gone through so much in these years were mixed with too many emotions.

There were all sorts of emotions such as regret, a reluctance to part, and cherish.

Shen Wenna did not answer her. She just patted the back of her hand and said, "Go and get your happiness, Xiaye!"

She tugged Xi Xiaye's hand and handed it to Xi Mushan.

Xi Mushan then reached into his pocket for a white glove before he put it on, and then held Xi Xiaye's hand to walk toward the red carpet.

With Xi Xiaye's appearance, the crowd exclaimed once again,

Dressed in a strapless wedding dress that was as white as snow with a blossoming rose on her left bosom designed to conceal her wound, her beautiful long hair was pulled into a bun. Pink pearls adorned her locks and a diamond crown perched atop her head. The necklace on her chest and her veil draped down, merging with the long train behind her. It complemented her and accentuated her slender and elegant figure, highlighting her pure and beautiful akin to an out-of-reach goddess.

She had just stepped on the red carpet when the melodious sound of the violin began the prologue of the ritual. Amidst the gentle and beautiful sound of the piano, someone was softly crooning along to it. With the sound of salvo, colorful confetti flickered and swayed as it fell gently from the ceiling.

Gasps of surprise heralded many familiar faces that appeared on the multimedia screen on the side.

Her assistant, Xiao Mei, was waving to her from the screen and smiling. "Chairman Mu is a great person, Director Xi! Marry him and be happy!"

Others than appeared on-screen were Vice President Zhang Lan, Vice President Liu, and the rest.

"Director Xi, marry Chairman Mu. Wishing you all the happiness in the world!"

"Xi Xiaye, marry Mu Yuchen!"

"Sis Xiaye, marry Bro Mu!"

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"The 999th wish! Xi Xiaye, marry Mu Yuchen and live happily ever after! Yay!"

The entire video rapidly cut through with wishes from all over the world. Among those that wished her, she knew some of them, but most of them she did not. Some came from City Z, while some came from cities all over the world such as New York, Los Angeles, Paris, Scotland, and Ireland.

There were different historical sites and scenic spots behind them. You could tell that to collect these videos, he had put a lot of effort in.

The video had just finished when Xi Xiaye's eyes started to tear up underneath her veil.

Xi Mushan held her hand all the way as they walked towards Mu Yuchen. As they reached Mu Yuchen, Xi Xiaye's eyes were already wet from tears and the soft light embraced them.

Xi Mushan stopped his steps, and Mu Yuchen walked up to her. He bowed respectfully to Xi mushan, and then solemnly took her hand from Xi Mushan who smiled gladly. "I'll leave Xiaye in your hands from now on. You must make her happy. Got it?"

Mu Yuchen smiled and nodded. "Don't worry, Father. I will protect her for the rest of her life."

Xi Mushan nodded gently and then retreated to the side.

Mu Yuchen looked down at Xi Xiaye before him as his handsome face brimmed with a faint gentleness. He reached out to carefully lift her veil, revealing that exquisite and beautiful face of hers.

In that instant, his silent eyes could not help but find her stunning. He only snapped back a while after that while Xi Xiaye looked at him with her twinkling and misty eyes.

He smiled calmly, and then took a blossoming champagne-colored rose from the tray that the emcee held to tie around her wrist before handing her the wedding bouquet.

She appeared absolutely ravishing in her wedding dress, corsage, and bouquet.

He planted a kiss on the back of her hand like a gentleman and then held her hand as they walked towards the church ahead.

The sound of the ancient clock could be heard chiming.

Clang clang clang!

The sound of a soft and soothing tune was heard. Despite its gentle lull, it had a very festive vibe to it. It was not the usual wedding march-in tune. Apparently, he had specially hired someone to compose a one-of-a-kind number for their wedding.

He held her hand and walked through the floral arch. Gracefully, they walked along the red carpet one step at a time into the serene and dignified church. Wang Hui and the rest had long been waiting inside. When they saw them walk in hand in hand, the crowd could not help but be infected by their happiness. Su Nan was already in tears of joy. She covered her face as she blinked her misty eyes while watching the two of them walk in. Beside her, Ruan Heng was smiling ear to ear too. Su Chen and Zhou Zimo were already standing in their groomsmen positions. Ah Mo and Mu Lingshi were also standing side by side, quietly watching the bride and groom walk along the red carpet toward them.

Actually, for this wedding ceremony abroad, Mu Yuchen did not invite many people. The guests were only those that they were close to. It was a very low-profile and not lavish wedding. Perhaps this was the key that belonged to him and Xi Xiaye. Amidst the subdued ordinary, they did not lose their warmth and spark, sharing a quiet kind of happiness.

He hoped that such happiness could continue on like this until the end of their lives, and when this lifetime ended, there would be the next lifetime and the next...

When they reached the pastor, the two of them stopped.

“Do you, Mr. Mu Yuchen, agree to take this beautiful Miss Xi Xiaye beside you as your wife, for richer or for poorer? Are you willing to treasure her for life?” the pastor asked with a kind smile.

Mu Yuchen smiled and calmly nodded, then he answered solemnly, “I, Mu Yuchen, agree to take Xi Xiaye as my wife for life.”

“Do you, Miss Xi Xiaye, agree to take this handsome man beside you, Mr. Mu Yuchen, as your husband? Do you agree that no matter what happens, you’ll forever be by his side and treasure him?”

A while after the pastor finished, Xi Xiaye did not answer. She just widened her teary eyes and looked at him, then nodded. Her calm and gentle voice was emotional as she whispered, "I agree to accompany Mu Yuchen for life."

"Mr. Mu Yuchen, you may now kiss your wife. May God bless your happiness forever!"

When he heard this, Mu Yuchen lifted a hand to brush aside her veil. Then, he lowered his head to plant a kiss on her lips. Cheers and blessings erupted in the venue as the soothing tunes that had stopped began again.

"Missus, you look very beautiful today," he whispered softly by her ear, "You must be an angel sent by God to seduce me."

When he said this, Xi Xiaye finally could not help but reach out to hug him passionately.

Chapter 460. Wedding Party (1)

He hugged her tightly as he felt her grip around his waist tighten.

"I suddenly feel really overjoyed. You'll be this good to me forever, won't you?" she asked in her slightly hoarse voice. This happiness felt surreal and she was afraid that she might wake up one day and realize it was all just a dream. If this was a dream, she would rather stay asleep forever.

Would the warmth stay there forever?

"Of course, I'm always yours, Xiaye," he called her name and her heart softened as his voice reached her ears. She suddenly had the urge to cry.

He lifted her up easily and chuckled. "It's our happy day. Why are you crying? It should be our wedding party now. If you're really grateful for me, then compensate me in the bedroom tonight, okay?"

"No way!" She turned her head away as her face blushed. (B oxnovel.c om)

“Why not? It’s our official first night together. I’ve been waiting for this day for a very long time. Aren’t you looking forward to it?” he whispered beside her ears.

“That passed a long time ago!” She shot him a glare.

He went quiet as he remembered about their first time. A smile appeared on his handsome face. “That just means fate dictated that you belong to me. Everything of yours will be mine.”

She had given all she had to him, so there was no reason for him not to protect and love her.

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The wedding party was held at an ancient castle nearby. It was a grand feast, most of the guests were tourists and nearby locals.

Complete with the wedding dress, the meaningful wedding, the old church, and the mysterious and beautiful castle, he actualized her dream of marrying a prince as a princess, fulfilling her deep wish.

The sun was setting when they arrived at the castle. The golden sphere shrouded the quiet castle in a gentle light as he walked up the stairs into the castle with her in his arms. Her white veil gently hovered above the red carpet, and the sunset caught this whole scene in action. At this beautiful moment, the whole world seemed to have stopped.

As they walked past the entrance of the castle, countless ribbons swayed along with the wind as if they were heralding their arrival.

The red carpet stretched long ahead. Carrying her in his arms, he paused for a moment when they reached the entrance as the thick and huge door opened slowly. A unique fragrance wafted from inside as the old bells started ringing.

Xi Xiaye could feel the breeze from straight ahead while Mu Yuchen continued forward after the door opened. Inside was a high and spacious hall. The whole castle seemed quiet and dark. The only source of light inside was a flickering blue flame on the wall.

When they pushed the doors open, the sunlight streamed in as well.

He halted mid-step as he walked down the staircase. Suddenly, cheerful singing voices came from the front. Before Xi Xiaye could react, she felt a cold breeze blow past her as countless lights intersected the space before her.

Ka!

The chandelier by the ceiling suddenly lit up, filling every corner of the castle with a pure and mysterious blue light.

Colorful ribbons rained over them and Xi Xiaye was stunned to see what unfolded before her. She struggled to get down, but Mu Yuchen eventually let her down and they both held their hands right before the grand scene that unfolded.

Amidst the singing, Xi Xiaye raised her head and looked forward. Behind the rain of ribbons, Mu Lingshi and the others were there chanting hymns of blessings. Shen Yue clapped along with the tune joyously as he looked at them lovingly.

It was definitely a touching moment. She teared up again as she turned over to look at Mu Yuchen without uttering anything at that moment. All her words turned into a heartfelt kiss on his cheek.

She thought that if everything that happened before was just for this moment, it was worth it. In the long life ahead of her, she would definitely revisit this moment countless times.

He passionately fulfilled her deepest desires and made sure she imprinted this moment in her mind forever to remember in the future.

She spoke in a hoarse voice, "Mr. Mu, thank you for all that you've given me."

He hugged her and smiled. "Silly, you're my wife! Everything that's mine belongs to you."

“You really love me, don’t you?” she asked gently.

“Have what I’ve done so far not been enough to prove so? No matter how good others can be, you will always be the apple of my eye,” he replied almost instantly. His moving words removed the very last ounce of trauma that was left inside her heart.

“I’ll be with you for the rest of my life. I only want to care for you,” he whispered into her ear as they walked forward.

Xi Xiaye felt like she had fallen into a pool of honey and did not want to get out. (B oxnovel.c om)

All the lights inside the castle were lit. Xi Xiaye could see the crowd gathering in the hall through the lights. Everyone was already sitting by the tables with huge smiles on their faces and giving them their blessings.

Shen Yue, Wang Hui, and the others came up to them.

“So beautiful! You’re the loveliest bride ever! Good job, Xiaye!” Wang Hui looked at Xi Xiaye and complimented her.

Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye traded glances with each other before nodding graciously together.

“Grandpa, Grandfather, Grandmother, Father, Mother, thank you!” They politely bowed in gratitude before Shen Yue and the others.