## Loving 631

Chapter 631. Exposed (2)

She felt a pain in her chest as some blood burbled up her throat again. She quickly grabbed a handkerchief and covered her mouth.

Wang Qin's eyes darkened when she saw the blood on Sis Lan's handkerchief and her eyes turned pitiful, but they soon returned to her usual coldness.

"I'm absolutely powerless now, but I know you've been having it rough too. Thank you for visiting me today. I'm sorry for treating you like that back then. You've been generous. It's Qi Qiming's blessing that he was able to marry you. Sadly, he doesn't know how to cherish you. I know your relationship with him has been strained. Your son and his other favored son are fighting for the inheritance right of Qi Kai while you've been working hard as well."

Sis Lan paused, swallowing the blood in her mouth before continuing, "I thought about bringing these secrets to the grave with me, but after thinking that we were once Qi Qiming's women, I need to tell you something."

Doubts rose in Wang Qin's eyes as she looked at Sis Lan.

Sis Lan forced a smile on her pale face as she spoke, "Do you really think the woman Qi Qiming truly loved was Qi Feng's mother?"

"Who else could it be? For the sake of that witch's son, he's been giving me so much trouble? Look what he did to Qi Lei!" Wang Qin was angered.

Sis Lan shook her head. "I thought I was a replacement for that woman as well, but then I realized afterward that I was wrong. We're all wrong! That woman wasn't the one Qi Qiming missed. The one he loved... was..."

Suddenly, Sis Lan's whole body started shaking as blood spilled out of her mouth. She clutched at her chest as she felt a sharp pain and her handkerchief was soaked in blood.

Wang Qin quickly went over and pressed on the emergency bell and then helped Sis Lan lie down.

Sis Lan grabbed her shirt, sucking in a deep breath and whispering beside Wang Qin's ear, "The person he loved... is the Mu family's daughter... Mu Zi... Mu Zixi... That's why he... Don't you remember what Qi Feng called Mu Zi? Mu Zi's son even became good friends with Qi Feng, didn't he?"

Wang Qin's eyes widened. She could not believe it as she shook her head. "Impossible! That's impossible!"

Wang Qin knew what Sis Lan was talking about. Qi Qiming wanted Qi Feng to call Mu Zi "godmother", but then Mu Zi said that title felt old, hence Qi Feng called her "Aunty" instead. With the relationship between the Mu family and Qi family, it was not particularly weird for him to call her that. Wang Qin did feel that him wanting Qi Feng to call her "godmother" was odd.

Mu Zi's depression worsened later on. While Qi Qiming was very active in helping her find a cure, he was very nice to Mu Lingtian as well. Although they were not really close anymore after Mu Zi committed suicide, the children probably did not remember much. After they grew up a little, Qi Qiming sent Qi Feng to the same school as Mu Lingtian and the others, and they even got into the same class...

Wang Qin never thought that Qi Qiming...

After she gave it some thought, it made sense.

"I'm Mu Zi's best friend. I have to admit that I was jealous of her... Even Mu Yuchen... could notice that... Mu Yuchen is really terrifying. He could notice even the tiniest clue... and because of that, I tested Qi Qiming... I found my answer in his eyes..."

Sis Lan was forcing herself to speak at this moment as the coppery scent of blood in the air got heavier.

"Do you mean that Mu Lingtian and Mu Lingshi are his children?" Wang Qin's heart almost exploded as she thought about it!

However, Sis Lan could not answer her anymore as she fainted. The doctors came rushing in as Wang Qin stepped aside and just watched the doctors and nurses trying to give her emergency ai. She left the room quietly, her expression turning dull. It was a huge contrast to her relaxed expression when she first entered the room.

As she walked out and was about to leave, she happened to see the tall figure that just turned past the corner!

"Qi Qiming!" Wang Qin called out the name before rushing forward to catch up to him!

Qi Qiming halted his footsteps, peering down at Wang Qin who was blocking his way.

Qi Qiming had some resemblance with her son, Qi Lei. He was a handsome man with a pair of sharp eyes. Other than that, he looked pretty dull as a whole. He glanced at Wang Qin expressionlessly before walking past her.

"Stop right there! Is Lu Xinlan telling the truth?" Wang Qin turned around and asked.

"She's just a smart aleck." Qi Qiming seemed unfazed as he continued forward without looking back.

Wang Qin stopped chasing him. Instead, she put on a cold smile as she pitied Lu Xinlan. How could she stay so faithful to this cruel, cold man? Moreover, he was Wang Qin's lawfully wedded husband!

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In the chairman office of Glory World Corporation, Ji Zitong informed Xi Xiaye while Xi Xiaye was grabbing a book from the bookshelf, "Director Xi, Sis Lan has passed away in Hospital T. Her funeral is tomorrow."

Ji Zitong's voice was not loud, but it was extremely clear inside this quiet space.

Taken aback, Xi Xiaye turned towards Ji Zitong with shock in her eyes. She held the book in her hand tightly and it took her some time to calm down. Evenutally, she closed her eyes and nodded.

"Sis Li has arranged for the funeral. Many people who were affiliated with Sis Lan are attending it," Ji Zitong spoke softly.

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A gentle voice entered Xi Xiaye's ear. In that instant, she remembered Sis Lan's face and felt that it was a great pity.

She initially wanted to take the chance to visit her, but she could not hold on any longer. Perhaps her passing would free her.

Xi Xiaye lowered her gaze and fell silent for a while before she sighed softly and turning around with her side facing Ji Zitong. She flipped the book open and her clear voice was faintly heard. "Go to pay respects on my behalf. Please tell Sis Li that it's not convenient for me right now, so I won't be attending it, and please help me thank her."

As Xi Xiaye finished, Ji Zitong nodded gently. "Alright!" she answered before leaving while Xi Xiaye sighed and began to flip through the book.

Ji Zitong had just walked out of the office when she saw Ah Mo walking from the opposite direction, so she stopped. "Manager Ah Mo!"

Ah Mo nodded. "Is the Missus inside?"

"Yes, she is. She's reading," Ji Zitong replied.

"Okay, thanks!" Ah Mo said before he pushed the door open to enter.

When she heard footsteps, Xi Xiaye looked up from her book in an instant. She glanced toward the door and saw Ah Mo walking in. Her beautiful face instantly flashed with a gentle smile. "Weren't you going back to the old residence with Ah Shi? Why are you here?"

"I'll be going back later. Master told us to bring some things back for you, so I've brought them over." Ah Mo smiled and handed a big bag of things to her.

"What is it? He didn't tell me." Xi Xiaye looked a little surprisedly at the bag he handed over.

Ah Mo smiled without a word. He just set the items aside on the desk, then said, "Missus, go home earlier today and rest well. There's the banquet tomorrow, so don't work too hard. All's going well on Master's end. Earlier, I've just talked to Master Mo on the phone. They said they should be returning quite soon."

"Right, with regards to Sis Lan's passing, Master already knows about it and we've arranged for someone to pay respects, so you don't have to worry about it, Missus."

Naturally, Mu Yuchen received the news quite fast. Sis Lan had just passed away and already he knew. Of course, some other news was delivered to him too. Considering Xi Xiaye's nature, he was worried she would be too exhausted, so he just helped arrange everything, and on this end, he had Ah Mo's capable help. He was practically commanding everything remotely.

All arranged for?

Xi Xiaye was stunned. Then, she thought about it and understood that he was already the kind of person who knew her well. She did not need to mention a number of things, but he would already help her get it sorted.

"Okay, thanks for your help! Then, please tell Zitong that she doesn't need to attend it. Tomorrow, just pick me up from Maple Residence. I'll be returning to the Shen residence tonight. Grandpa's gotten a cold, so I'm worried. Later, Uncle Lan will just come to pick me up. I'll return to Maple Residence at night."

"Okay!"

"Okay, you go back first. Don't let Grandfather and Grandmother wait too long."

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Ah Mo quickly retreated. Xi Xiaye's clear eyes looked at the bag as a smile rippled across her beautiful face. She then reached out to open the bag which was filled with many luxurious gift boxes.

She casually took one to open and saw a gorgeous and dazzling diamond ring. She opened another one, and they were all either bracelets or diamond necklaces. There was also an exquisite pair of sapphire earrings.

They were such corny things, but she felt her heart warm as she continued browsing through the gifts. There was a letter below which she quickly took up to read. In the letter was his flowing handwriting.

She opened the letter and the vigorous strokes of handwriting leaped and flowed before her eyes.

Missus, is everything alright? I specially went around the shopping mall for a bit. I really did not know what I could give you, so I picked these. I think they suit you rather well. Do you miss me? Whether you do or not, I miss you.

Just a few simple words and Xi Xiaye could already imagine that the man must have thought about it for a long while before he wrote them.

Obviously, Xi Xiaye was right.

This should be considered a love letter. Master Mu had been alive for over 30 years and it was his first time writing such a cringy love letter for a woman. When Zhou Zimo had seen it then, he almost laughed until his stomach cramped up. Mu Yuchen kicked him in annoyance before he would stop.

Xi Xiaye read it quite a few times before she kept the letter away while blushing and her heart palpitated. As if it could sense their mother's excitement, the little thing in her belly began to happily move about again. She quickly held her baby bump and smiled as she said gently, "Baby, look! This is the love letter your father has written for Mummy. He's not skilled at all. Please don't be like him next time. You won't be able to get any girls like this! When the time comes, Mummy will secretly tell you that the love letters Grandpa used to write for Grandma were more poetic and charming."

When it heard its mother's voice, the little thing moved around even more, making Xi Xiaye gently giggle out loud.

She calmed down for a while before quietly putting the things away, she then sent the man a text.

Mr. Mu, your love letter was of rookie standards!

Within a minute of sending that text, Mr. Mu responded: It was concise and comprehensive. Every word contained the essence of what I want to say.

Xi Xiaye smiled with her lips pursed as she continued to respond: The core ideology revealed a word 'corny'. You're a true nouveau riche.

The other side responded in a split second: Nouveau riche, Missus? Is that supposed to be a good thing or a bad thing?

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Just like that, the husband and wife chatted back and forth. In an instant, tons of texts were exchanged. The two of them were having an awful lot of fun!

Even Zhou Zimo could not bear to continue watching it from the side. He gently raised his glass to a beautiful blonde-haired girl and hinted at her with his eyes. The blonde-haired beauty smiled knowingly and squeezed toward Mu Yuchen. She caught his sleeve and called out flirtatiously, "Master Mu, what do you want to play?"

Then, she leaned over, but Mu Yuchen immediately pushed her aside and his face sank. "What are you doing!"

The blonde beauty fell embarrassingly as she looked at Mu Yuchen pitifully.

This gold mine was odd! He had come to such a place for fun, yet he did not smoke, drink, or call for girls. All of them could not get close to him, so why was he here then?

Mu Yuchen realized that he had reacted too harshly, so he concealed the gloominess in his eyes very quickly. He looked indifferently at the woman, then got up annoyed. He walked outside, and the people in the private room stopped what they were doing to stare in surprise as Mu Yuchen disappeared out the door.

Zhou Zimo shrugged. However, the joy of getting things his way flashed in his eyes. He promptly got up as well and in fluent English, he apologized, "Next time, get some prettier ones. He has very high standards. Please don't mind him. Don't mind him at all!"

When the crowd heard that, they all laughed and nodded knowingly.

Chapter 633. Brotherhood

It was midnight when Mu Yuchen took the lift and went downstairs after he left the room.

Midnight in New York was charming as ever. The city was still crowded with people even though it was late at night.

Mu Yuchen stood by the club staircase as he straightened his slightly creased shirt. His expression was calm, but there were some signs of frustration in his eyes.

He was missing his woman at home, especially at a time like this.

He raised his head and looked at the colorful neon lights while his mind went numb for a moment. After a while, he walked down the staircase and passed the yellow street lamps to see Li Si and the others were waiting beside the car.

"The night has just started. It's not like you to leave so early." Zhou Zimo's voice reached him from behind, a cheeky undertone coloring his voice.

When Mu Yuchen turned sideways, he squinted at Zhou Zimo as he put on a small smile. "It's not the first time this has happened. Stop using me as a shield!"

Zhou Zimo shrugged and walked beside him with a grin. "Dior perfume...Don't worry. I won't tell her even if you really cheated. After all, won't you get tired of just one person?"

Mu Yuchen's expression darkened and he frowned as he replied, "Don't compare her to them. Xiaye is my official wife. Who are they to compare to her? I only need one woman. More women mean more trouble. You're a smart man. I believe you won't make that mistake too. I don't want to hear about this ever again."

Zhou Zimo laughed. "Alright, alright. Why so unhappy? Do I look like I'd do that? I won't have the courage to do so. Even if Su Chen and you won't kill me for it, my elders at home would eliminate me. We won't make such stupid mistakes."

Mu Yuchen glared at him coldly without replying.

Zhou Zimo quickly slung his arm over Mu Yuchen's shoulder as he realized he had said something wrong. "If I didn't do that, we'd still have been stuck inside, you know."

Mu Yuchen scowled at Zhou Zimo's hand over his shoulder. Feeling his cold stare, Zhou Zimo quickly moved away, touching his nose while smirking. "I used to think Su Chen's stare packed a ton of pressure, but you're not bad either. I think the three of us..."

"If you could put these thoughts into a woman instead, you wouldn't still be single," Mu Yuchen interrupted before he could finish.

Among the three of them, Zhou Zimo cared the least about women. Su Chen was always impatient and kept women away while Mu Yuchen was cold and distant from the world. As for Zhou Zimo, he saw no difference between men and women, probably due to the influence of his surroundings. His mother was a famous andrologist doctor!

Zhou Zimo blushed a little. Having tasted the full extent of Mu Yuchen's sharp tongue, he decided to keep quiet.

Mu Yuchen's eyes turned frosty. He then said quietly, "Get the work done as soon as possible. I have to head over to Los Angeles. I might get into trouble if I don't."

"Missing your in-laws?" Zhou Zimo smiled at Mu Yuchen.

Since when would this guy get into trouble so easily?

"There's something I need to look into personally. Ah Bo messaged. They might've found Qi Feng and I think he knows I'm looking for him," Mu Yuchen said.

Zhou Zimo frowned. "Qi Feng! Then, could that Mr. Wen you mentioned who met your wife be Qi Feng? He was saved along with Gu Lingsha. It doesn't make sense that we only found Gu Lingsha and not Qi Feng. Weren't they very in love? If something actually happened to Qi Feng, wouldn't Gu Lingsha be back to take revenge on you?"

Mu Yuchen smiled wryly. He did not seem to be bothered at all. "Maybe you're right. That accident was horrible. Lingtian passed away on the spot, so it must've been bad for the two of them as well. I don't want to know about the truth anymore. I just hope to maintain the current peaceful life. However, as you can see they are taking action against me from the dark, I don't have a choice."

Zhou Zimo nodded and sighed. "I know. I could already see that things had changed when Ah Mo was scouting for physically skilled people as bodyguards. Bro, have you fallen in love with your woman at home?"

Instead of denying it, Mu Yuchen smiled. "We even have a child together. What kind of stupid question is that?"

He walked down the staircase as he continued, "I hope things can remain like this. The past me has been taking relationships lightly. Now, I think that it's important. Isn't that what we're all living for?"

"Someone's becoming a saint of love now, hmm? I wonder if it's a good thing or a bad thing!" Zhou Zimo teased him.

"Sometimes, I really wish we could've met earlier. We might not have to suffer so much."

"You can never wish for fate to happen. You're pretty lucky. At least, you've met the person you want to protect. Things are way more difficult with me and Su Chen since we still don't know where our soulmates are, and we know we can't stay this way forever. We do feel lonely whenever you're not with us when we're out drinking. To be honest, we felt kind of sad when you first told us that you were married. It felt like we broke up," Zhou Zimo expressed his loneliness.

Mu Yuchen gave him a meaningful stare before he quickly explained, "Don't look at me like that. I'm definitely straight!"

"I've reserved two villas in the Grand Waves Villa area for Su Chen and you as a wedding gift. It's pretty close to Maple Residence, so it'll be like when we were still staying in the military area."

"So, I can move over right away?"

"You wish! It's a wedding gift. Wait till you show me your marriage certificate!"

Chapter 634. Huge Changes (1)

Night fell. The rain had been visiting City Z for several days, shrouding it in a depressing vibe.

The breeze was chilly even though the rain had stopped.

Inside the Shen Residence, Xi Xiaye fed Shen Yue some medicine. "Grandpa, you should rest well now. Uncle Lan and I will be helping out at the office. The weather is turning cold and winter is coming soon. While City Z isn't as cold as the north, you still need to take precautions."

She then handed him a glass of flower tea.

Shen Yue obviously looked older. She never really realized it before as she seldom visited, but recently, she noticed that he had really been getting old and his hair had turned fully white.

"It's fine. It happens when people get older. Nonetheless, I think I'm still doing pretty well and can probably still hold on for another ten years. I want to watch my great-grandchild grow up, so you have to take care of yourself properly too. I have the habit of exercising daily. Plus, I did use to be in the military."

Shen Yue was feeling great. Xi Xiaye had been visiting him frequently, and she would have lunch with him at Fu Hua sometimes. He felt a warmth inside his heart as he felt loved by someone close.

Xi Xiaye chuckled, slipping behind Shen Yue and massaging his shoulders. "You'd better have a long life ahead of you. The Shen Residence will become livelier. If you still feel lonely, you can consider adopting one or two kids from the orphanage and put them under Mu Yuchen and me. Then, Father and Mother will teach them to read and write. The house won't feel so empty anymore with children around."

"That is no problem at all if Ah Chen and you give birth to several more children, isn't it? Isn't it great to have many children? Your grandma had a frail body, and your mother only had you. Back then, your grandma thought about adopting as well, but I declined because I was worried that we wouldn't be able to give your mother enough attention."

"You're overthinking. Mother's eyes will recover and she'll go back to school afterward. With Mu Yuchen and I so busy at work, we might not have much time to be with you, so adopting a child can be an option. The child can become a playmate to my baby then. Isn't that great?" Xi Xiaye said.

Shen Yue's eyes went still. A while later, he replied, "Have a talk with Ah Chen about this, and you need to ask for opinions from the Mu family as well. Adopting a child takes a lot of work."

Actually, Xi Xiaye just imitated Mu Yuchen's idea. If a little dog could help get Shen Wenna closer to Xi Mushan, a child could bring more laughter to the Shen Residence.

Mu Yuchen only wanted one child, so she had to think about something else.

"Don't worry, Grandpa. I'll talk to them."

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Xi Xiaye rushed back to Maple Residence after Shen Yue fell asleep. It was very late at night when she arrived at home, so she went to bed after a simple shower.

She could not sleep very well and woke up several times throughout the night. When she woke up in the morning, she looked pretty pale and gaunt.

Zhuang Shurong took some time to visit her during the afternoon, clearly worried when she saw Xi Xiaye's condition. "Do you have anything you'd like to eat? I'll prepare it for you. Has it been exhausting lately?"

Xi Xiaye shook her head. "It's alright. I've just not been sleeping very well. Mother, I've been having leg cramps in the past few days, is that normal?"

"That's pretty common. I've had a similar experience before when I was pregnant with Ah Chen. Your grandmother made me pork ribs soup for some time. Don't worry. It'll go away after you've had some calcium," Zhuang Shurong replied in a calm tone.

Zhuang Shurong had been visiting frequently. At first, Xi Xiaye was not really used to it, but she felt oddly warm now that she had gotten used to it. Although Zhuang Shurong seemed cold on the outside, she was a kind person after all.

"Mother, it's okay if you're busy. CEO Wang from Qi Kai is having her birthday tonight. Ah Mo and the others will come later." Xi Xiaye noticed Zhuang Shurong had been checking her watch several times.

"CEO Wang of Qi Kai? Wang Qin?" Zhuang Shurong frowned as she asked.

Xi Xiaye was surprised to see Zhuang Shurong's expression. "Do you know CEO Wang?"

"Of course, the Mu family and Qi family were in close contact before. I'm sure you know about the conflicts that happened after that. Be careful over there. As for the child adoption, we don't really mind it, so you'll have to ask for Ah Chen's opinion."

"Alright."

Zhuang Shurong gave Sis Wang a list of things to take note of before leaving. Xi Xiaye was almost done preparing herself when Ah Mo arrived.

The banquet was held at the Qi Residence. It was very lively with neon lights everywhere and the fragrance of wine in the air. Laughter tinkled everywhere, and it was crowded.

The luxuriously-decorated hall was already filled with people. All kinds of food and drinks were served on the table while the soothing waltz music from the live band could be heard throughout the hall. It was a relaxing environment.

Wang Qin wore a long fiery red dress with a faux shawl over her shoulder. She wore heavy makeup and looked very charming, instantly becoming the highlight of the night. Many people fell for her beauty.

Qi Qiming donned a black suit and stood beside her. In contrast to Wang Qin's elegant smile, his expression was cold, especially his eyes. It was enough for Wang Qin to notice how unwilling he was to stand beside her.

They were enemies after all, so it was expected!

Qi Qiming would not be standing here with her if he were not worried about Qi Kai's reputation. Of course, Wang Qin was disgruntled about having to stand beside this jerk as well.

Enduring the disgust inside her, Wang Qin still managed to put on a warm smile as she greeted the guests.

"How fake!" Qi Qiming's cold voice reached her. It had been a long time since they hated each other, so conversations with harsh words were not uncommon.

"I can't be as fake as you, can I?" Wang Qin replied quietly while still maintaining her smile.

Chapter 635. Huge Changes (2)

Qi Qinming scoffed in disdain, glancing up with a lukewarm attitude and watching the crowd that was happily chatting away in the lounge. He sneered. "I'm doing a favor for you today. You'd better appreciate this kindness!"

"Did I ask you for this favor? Wasn't it Lu Xinlan's funeral today? Qi Qiming, you're heartless! Even I feel the injustice for Lu Xinlan. She's dead, and I don't even see you sending her off as her lover. Only blind women would fancy a bastard like you. I find you more and more disgusting now. I don't understand how I could stand being your wife for decades." Wang Qin's sharp and harsh voice was very soft while her tone was filled with disdain.

Qi Qiming's gloomy eyes were filled with a hint of disdain and annoyance. He took in Wang Qin's incensed expression before he turned away coldly and scoffed. "Disgusting? Why didn't I see you calling me disgusting when you're lying under me? A woman of empty words!"

Wang Qin quickly calmed herself down and sneered before she said through gritted teeth, "We're just taking what we need from each other. After all, your service satisfied me, but you don't seem to be doing too well these past few years. Are you done messing around?"

Indeed, once she blurted this out, Qi Qiming's expression instantly changed. He glared icily at Wang Qin. "Shameless woman!"

"Don't make yourself sound so virtuous. Don't think I don't know about how many women you have out there. I've never seen a man as dirty as you. Just thinking about how you dipped your finger into so many women before coming to me disgusts me! Even beggars are cleaner than you, Qi Qiming!"

Ignoring Qi Qiming's expression that was so bitter that it was about to explode from fury, Wang Qin left and moved aside.

"Yang Sheng, where's Xiao Lei? Why don't I see him yet?"

One of the main reasons Wang Qin had organized this birthday banquet was to present Qi Lei, directly announcing Qi Lei's identity!

Who was Qi Feng?

He was just an illegitimate son who did not know his place. What did he have to compete with Qi Lei?

He was like a woman, playing many tricks in front of Qi Qiming. Instead, it was Qi Lei who asked for nothing, letting this Qi Feng take advantage. Obviously, Wang Qin could not let that happen. Qi Kai could only belong to her son, Qi Lei. This was the Qi family's compensation to her!

Yang Sheng was busy receiving guests at the moment. When he heard Wang Qin, he turned around.

"Mrs. Wang!" He bowed respectfully before responding, "Master Qi's on the way. He says he's prepared a gift for you. Don't worry, Mrs. Wang. He'll be here right away."

When she heard this, the smile that Wang Qin forced on her face slowly eased as she nodded and said, "That's nice of Xiao Lei. Have all the invited guests arrived?"

"There's still Chairman Mu and Director Xi from Glory World. Vice President Yue isn't here either. CEO Han from the Han Corporation is under the weather, so he had someone send a gift over. He expresses his regret for not being able to make it," Yang Sheng responded in a low voice.

When Wang Qin heard, her gaze darkened, she knew that Qi Lei had invited Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye from Glory World. She had also sent an invitation to the Han Corporation, so she was quite surprised that Han Yifeng could not make it. Xi Xinyi's Yueying Culture Media Company had been doing quite well recently and Qi Kai's internal team had been quite meticulous with preparing with the movie for the new year. It seemed like Yueying would be seizing this chance to make a beautiful comeback, but Yue Hai seemed to be disregarding her more and more these days!

She scoffed. "They are all just as bad as each other! All of them aren't giving me face like Qi Qiming!"

Yang Sheng was stunned. Obviously, she knew who Wang Qin was referring to. In the office, Yue Hai would always disregard her and make life difficult for her. He was on Qi Qiming's side. The reason Xi Xinyi's Yueying could stand up was mostly thanks to his help! However, it was no wonder since the Yue family did have some authority that made it easy for them to do as they wished.

"VP Wang you don't have to bother yourself with these petty people. No matter what, he's just a shareholder of Qi Kai. It wouldn't do us good to provoke him either," Yang Sheng reminded.

Wang Qin smiled coldly. "I know I still have to tolerate him for now!"

Yang Sheng nodded. He wanted to say something more when there was a commotion from the entrance. The people downstairs were whispering loudly as Wang Qin's secretary came over and softly informed her, "Mrs. Wang, VP Yue and Manager Xi are here!"

Yue Hai and Xi Xinyi?

A sneer curved on Wang Qin's lips as she quickly looked up and followed the crowd's gaze to look over. Indeed, she saw Yue Hai dressed in a perfectly creased suit and Xi Xinyi dressed in a fancy indigo gown walking in from the entrance.

This was the first time Xi Xinyi was making a public appearance since she gave birth. Her figure seemed to have recovered quite well, and she looked rosy and even more love than before. She was quite elegant with the gorgeous body-hugging gown seeming charming on her. Her plain blonde long hair fell over her shoulders, giving her a flirtatious vibe.

She was currently walking over to Wang Qin while clinging onto Yue Hai's arm, attracting a lot of attention.

"Happy Birthday, VP Wang!"

"May you have more years to come!"

With Yue Hai's greeting, a smile flashed on Xi Xinyi's face as she wished her gently too, and even got her secretary to hand a gift over.

Wang Qin had discerning eyes. How could she miss the fake smile from Xi Xinyi and Yue Hai's gaze of disdain? She sneered on the inside then responded, "Thanks. I thought that CEO Han would be coming

with you, Manager Xi. Unexpectedly, he's under the weather and couldn't make it, but it's my honor that you could personally make it."

When Wang Qin finished, Xi Xinyi's expression shifted, then it returned to normal. "Of course, I couldn't miss CEO Wang's grand birthday. Besides..."

"Besides, a subordinate remembering her superior's birthday is part of your sincerity, Manager Xi. Manager Xi and VP Yue, the two of you are extremely considerate!"

Before Xi Xinyi could finish, Qi Lei's plain voice came from behind. The crowd then turned to look doubtfully at the source of the voice. They then realized Qi Lei was walking in with a huge bouquet of carnations.

Unlike his usual playboy image, Qi Lei looked like a modest young man with a gentle image. He wore a tailored silver-gray suit and wore a mid-length black windbreaker. His handsome face broadened with an appropriate smile, making him appear very gentle, and not quite the same as his usual demonic charm. The bouquet of carnations in his arms made his charisma seem even humbler.

Chapter 636. Huge Changes (3)

Amidst the shocked gaze of the crowd, Qi Lei arrived before Wang Qin and presented the large bouquet of carnations to his mother. He took Wang Qin's hand and left a kiss on the back of her hand like a gentleman. He then smiled warmly at her. "Happy birthday, Mother!"

Wang Qin was stunned to see what Qi Lei had done. Moments later, she nodded happily and got Qi Lei to stand up. "Xiao Lei, I'm really happy today. Truly happy!"

Whether he was putting up an act or not, Wang Qin was sincerely touched. It was also the first time Qi Lei had given her flowers. It was a meaningful bouquet of carnation. She did not care if he prepared this himself or not so long as he thought about it.

There was a huge gap between Qi Lei and her. He stopped getting closer especially after Gu Lingsha's incident.

"This is a day for celebration. Why don't you start the opening dance with Mother, Father? It's her birthday today, and I'm sure you'd want to share a dance with her, don't you?"

Qi Lei's expression darkened slightly when Qi Qiming avoided him, but he relaxed moments later as he quickly put on a smile and looked straight at Qi Qiming.

The crowd was stunned. While some people were looking forward to their dance, most of them were waiting for something else to happen.

Everyone in the circle knew Qi Qiming and Wang Qin hated each other!

Qi Lei's action was obviously adding fuel to the situation. Qi Qiming would most likely turn away and leave. This had happened many times in public, so it was a very common occurrence!

"Xiao Lei!" Wang Qin frowned and looked at Qi Lei, her eyes uneasy.

"Mother, I'm sure Father is happy to do so. It's your birthday today and it's very important for him to perform as a husband."

Qi Lei took Wang Qin's hand and guided her to Qi Qiming. As his eyes looked right into Qi Qiming's quiet and dark ones, Wang Qin could feel the tension in the air.

It was the first time Qi Qiming felt such an overpowering aura from his son.

They looked at each other for a moment before Wang Qin tugged at Qi Lei's sleeve.

In the end, Qi Qiming caved into the pressure from everyone's gaze and grabbed her hand.

The two of them headed to the dance floor. When Yang Sheng started clapping, the crowd followed with a scattered and awkward round of applause. Soon after that, people joined the dance floor while Qi Lei just stood far away and looked at his parents with a complicated expression.

The event was getting heated up. Qi Qiming would usually ignore his son, but he just accepted Qi Lei's suggestion and followed it.

The tension in the air just now faded away with the slow tempo music unraveling in the air. The atmosphere around the hall softened as Qi Lei found himself a seat and sat down to enjoy some wine. He then started looking around for that person he was waiting for
"Look! Who's that?"
"What a beautiful lady!"
"She's even more charming than celebrities I've seen on TV. Who is she? I've never seen her before!"
"Beautiful!"
Qi Lei raised his head when he heard those comments from the crowd. He glanced over at the dance floor and noticed everyone gradually stopped their movements, including Qi Qiming and Wang Qin. They looked over at the entrance as the crowd backed away and created a path.
An elegant figure came into sight.
She was dressed in a Qinghua china dress and armed with a beautiful face and perfect skin. Under her slick eyebrows were a pair of blue eyes while her hair was tied into a neat bun with a rose-gold hair accessory. She carried the unique elegance of an exotic Caucasian!
How could there be such a beautiful person in this world!?
Everyone was stunned because of this one lady!
As Qi Lei stared at that woman, his glass dropped onto the floor and wine soaked into the floor carpet, yet he was still staring right at that woman!
It was her

Gu Lingsha
It really was her!
He knew her beauty was deadly and not many people could ignore her charm. She was still as beautiful as ever even after five years of not seeing her!
His body started quivering. He was afraid that this was not real and that he might wake up from his dream.
Qi Qiming and Wang Qin had stopped dancing while the latter was stunned as she gaped at the woman walking towards her.
Gu Lingsha!
Gu Lingsha!
This woman had not died in that accident, and now she had appeared right before her again. She seemed to be even more beautiful than before with a charm of maturity cast over her. She was totally stunning!
Wang Qin's chest tightened as she looked at Qi Lei. Seeing that his eyes were glued to Gu Lingsha, she took a deep breath as her mind went blank and her chest flared in pain. She was worried and almost could not contain the anger within her!
She turned towards Qi Qiming coldly and clenched her teeth. "Qi Qiming, you invited her here, didn't you?"
Qi Qiming let out a cold laugh. Instead of replying Wang Qin, he put on a smile and looked at Gu Lingsha who was advancing.

Gu Lingsha halted her footsteps before Qi Qiming and Wang Qin, her blue eyes shining. "Long time no see, Uncle Qi, Aunt Wang."

Before Qi Qiming and Wang Qin could reply, a shadow flashed past them. Before anyone noticed it, Qi Lei had rushed over and grabbed Gu Lingsha's hand. His urgent and hurried voice revealed joy and longing that could not be concealed!

"Shasha! It's you! It's really you!"

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In contrast to how worked up Qi Lei was, Gu Lingsha was very calm. She nodded slightly and gave Qi Lei an elegant smile which felt distant. Even her voice had a faint tint of gentleness in it, "Long time no see, Second Master Qi."

Wang Qin's expression was getting worse by the second and Qi Lei was stunned as well. He then held both her arms and looked at her intently. Upon feeling that his sense of loss had disappeared, his grip got stronger. "That's great. It's great that you're back, Shasha!"

"Second Master Qi, can you please let me go first?" Gu Lingsha's smile was strained as she struggled awkwardly.

Qi Qiming came closer at this moment. "How nice of you to come all the way here from City B to celebrate your Aunt Wang's birthday."

Qi Qiming glanced at Wang Qin before letting out a chuckle. His darkened expression from before was nowhere to be seen. On the other hand, Wang Qin's expression was cold like ice.

"I just landed, so I'm glad that I could make it in time. I've prepared a gift for Aunt Wang's birthday. I hope you'll like it. Aunt Wang, you didn't change much even after several years. You're just like how I remembered."

Gu Lingsha's smile was sweet and soft like the bloom of a lily, mesmerizing many people, including Qi Lei!

He was still overwhelmed by the joy of seeing her again, and he did not notice Wang Qin's clenched fists.

Wang Qin knew very well that there was no way Gu Lingsha would be this friendly to her when she had openly expressed her dissatisfaction towards her!

She would never believe it!

Gu Lingsha took a gift box from her assistant beside her and politely handed it to Wang Qin with a sweet smile. "Happy birthday, Aunt Wang! I wish for your good health and happiness!"

Wang Qin stared at Gu Lingsha for some time before forcing a fake smile on her face. "How nice of you, Ms. Gu. I'm touched that you came here all the way from City B. I should've sent you an invitation and invite your parents over as well. I really do miss them after so many years."

Wang Qin deliberately made it obvious that Gu Lingsha was uninvited!

"Mother missed Aunt Wang too. She told me to send you her regards." Gu Lingsha smiled as if she did not notice Wang Qin's insult. Qi Lei's expression darkened as he glanced at Wang Qin, pretending not to notice.

"Alright, Shasha, let me get you a seat somewhere. They still have to attend to other guests. Everyone, please continue!"

Qi Lei left Qi Qiming and Wang Qin aside as he took Gu Lingsha away despite the fact that she was clearly struggling.

Gu Lingsha frowned as Qi Lei was clamping on her hand. She complained quietly, "Lei! Let go of me!"

"No way! Shasha, all these years..."

"Please consider the place we're at right now! Don't make a fool of yourself. You're still as reckless as ever, Lei!" Gu Lingsha sighed helplessly as she patted his shoulder.

Qi Lei then stopped his footsteps and looked into her eyes. He finally let go of her when he saw her frown. "Have a seat."

He closed his eyes and calmed down a little. He then stared at Gu Lingsha's beautiful face deeply as if he wanted to imprint her face in the depth of his eyes forever.

Gu Lingsha nodded and sat down obediently while Qi Lei grabbed a glass of wine and handed it to her.

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What just happened was fully observed by Xi Xinyi and Yue Hai who were just sitting on the side.

Yue Hai had a very deep impression of Gu Lingsha. He remembered every single detail of what happened back then. With Gu Lingsha's appearance, did this mean that First Master Qi, Qi Feng, was still alive? Was he going to return?

Yue Hai then remembered how Qi Qiming had been acting lately. He was not giving Wang Qin any breather and did whatever he wanted. It felt like he was paving a path for Qi Feng, and now this woman was rumored to be in love with Qi Feng, coming over here all the way from City B. Was there something behind it?

As Yue Hai was contemplating, Xi Xinyi's eyes never moved away from Qi Lei and Gu Lingsha. Even she was impressed by Gu Lingsha's beauty. She always felt that her appearance was a cut above the rest, but now she actually felt inferior when she compared herself to Gu Lingsha!

"Gu Lingsha's mother was from a British aristocratic family. She inherited her mother's beauty, and not many people can defy her charm. Her mother, Doris, attracted many men, and in the end, she decided to marry to Gu Qihao, so many men in City B were so jealous of him! Money and ladies, he lacked none of them!" Yue Hai explained when he saw Xi Xinyi's enchanted expression.

"No wonder the Qi brothers..." Xi Xinyi looked at Gu Lingsha enviously as she sighed.

City Z was getting cold as winter was coming. On the way to the Qi Residence, it was pretty quiet, while the streetlamps seemed slightly brighter than before. A black Bentley steadily passed by the yellow lights with another luxurious black car following behind.

Inside the Bentley in the front passenger seat, Xi Xiaye leaned back as her cold eyes looked outside the car window. Her expression was calm and peaceful, and it felt unreal as the lights flashed past her one by one. It was very quiet inside the car.

Ji Zitong looked at her occasionally and always saw that same peaceful-looking Xi Xiaye who had been maintaining that position for a long while.

"We're arriving, Director Xi!" Ji Zitong spoke up.

The sudden voice grabbed Xi Xiaye's attention. She looked in front and saw a well-decorated mansion which appeared very extravagant from far away. It was on par with the Mu residence.

Xi Xiaye nodded. "It's kind of far to come here from Glory World."

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Xi Xiaye's clear voice fell as Ji Zitong smiled calmly. "Good thing Manager Ah Mo let Director Xi have some food first. Otherwise, I'd be worried about starving your little baby."

Ji Zitong had been with Xi Xiaye for a while now. The two of them could not chat idly and they got along quite well. Obviously, she enjoyed Xi Xiaye's calm and easygoing personality and she liked to chat with her once in a while.

Xi Xiaye's elegant face flashed with a smile while she caressed her baby bump. "So many already love it before they're born. I'm really worried that it'll be spoiled later on!"

Ji Zitong thought about it and could not help but mention her training days, "With Chairman Mu, that won't happen. When Chairman Mu was an instructor, he really had his ways and all of us cadets would obey him."

"Instructor?" Xi Xiaye softly muttered. She vaguely recalled Mu Yuchen mentioning to her that Ji Zitong had been a cadet under him and Su Chen's training. When she thought about it, the smile on her face became even brighter and touching as she said calmly, "Has he ever made things difficult for all of you?"

Ji Zitong shook her head. "Instructor Mu personally taught us. Every word he said would be filled with motivation, yet he spoke very little. Usually, he would do more and talk less. We cadets thought that he should've been born an orator."

When Xi Xiaye heard that comment, she smiled and remembered the way he was just like a teacher, always telling her those things. "With the way he is, everything he says always seems to make sense."

Ji Zitong pursed her lips and smiled. At this moment, the chauffeur gradually slowed the car down until it stopped steadily.

"Missus, we've reached the Qi family residence!" the chauffeur in front informed them and Ji Zitong swiftly got down from the car, Ah Mo and the other two black-suited bodyguards followed from behind.

"Missus, we're here!"

Before Xi Xiaye could open the door, Ah Mo had already walked over in huge strides and swiftly opened the car door for her with one hand above as he was worried that she would hit her head.

Xi Xiaye slowly got down the car and smiled to him with a gentle nod. Then, she turned and looked up at the residence with her bright and quiet eyes. From afar, she could already hear joyous sounds and music flowing in the air.

"Take the stuff. Let's go in."

Then, Ji Zitong began to lead the way and Xi Xiaye followed her. Ah Mo gestured at another bodyguard who quickly brought the gifts along and quietly trailed behind.

The banquet had already begun. Xi Xiaye guessed that she would be a little late. Something came up on Mu Lingshi's end, so Ah Mo came late. Initially, she wanted to call Ji Zitong and leave, but before she left the house, Mu Yuchen called and said she must wait for Ah Mo, or she should just not go. Xi Xiaye was helpless as she could only wait for Ah Mo to arrive.

Inside the banquet hall, the soothing waltz music was gradually filling every corner. Gu Lingsha's little episode swiftly faded away and the crowd returned to the dance floor once again.

After Qi Lei and Gu Lingsha sat down, the two of them fell silent for quite a while. Even though he had so many things to say to Gu Lingshi, after seeing the coldness between her brows, Qi Lei could only smile bitterly to himself and swallow all his words. When he wanted to talk to her, he kept noticing her lowered gaze. That distance made him feel an indescribable sadness and bitterness to the point that his chest began to hurt!

What saved him from this predicament was the sound of an announcement from the door.

"Missus Mu of the Glory World Corporation has arrived!"

Usually at such a grand occasion, only the arrival of important guests would be announced. Clearly, Glory World was an important guest for the night!

When he heard the announcement, Qi Lei was subconsciously stunned. He quickly got up and his initially gray eyes sparked with a light. Wang Qin, who stood not too far away from him, was surprised. Her still charming face that was dense with some gloominess relaxed a little as she shot Qi Qiming a disdainful look and followed the crowd's surprised gaze to look toward the door.

Xi Xiaye's frail figure immediately entered everyone's sight.

She was protected by a capable and aloof female bodyguard in a black suit in front while Ah Mo carefully watched over her from behind.

Xi Xiaye had always been more low-profile. Although not many people could recognize her, Ah Mo was no stranger to the upper management. Mu Yuchen's personal assistant and bodyguard, Ah Mo, was

skilled. Even the king of boxing was no match for him, so they were immediately certain of Xi Xiaye's identity.

She was the Chairman of Glory World Corporation's wife, the darling of Master Mu's heart, and the eldest daughter to City Z's former mayor, Mayor Xi Mushan. All the Xi family scandals were abuzz before this. They heard that because Master Mu wanted to make Xi Xiaye happy, he did not spare taking Yueying down, and after that, Yueying was forced to become a company under the Qi Kai Corporation.

Everyone knew about these things very well because Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye were a couple that rarely appeared before the media. Many people had heard of the name Xi Xiaye, but they never had the chance of meeting her in person. Even their wedding was held abroad back then, and the wedding banquet was very strictly planned, so they did not have a chance to get a glimpse of them.

Finally, today they had a chance to meet her in person, so everyone could not help but be excited. They fixed their gazes on the entrance and finally saw how she looked like.

Covered by a black mid-length windbreaker, she wore a soft, light beige evening gown. It was not the kind that cinched at the waist. She wore flats, and her delicate expression revealed an elegant aura. Her skin was fair and flawless while her hair that reached her waist was tied up and casually turned into a neat bun. There were several strands of unruly fringe on her forehead which made her seem quite charming. She gave people a feeling that she was not the kind that attracted many eyeballs or was the center of much attention. Instead, it was a kind of distant calm as she emanated a low profile but outstanding elegant character.

She clearly did not deliberately dress up, yet the aura that came from her was enough. There was no need for too many external accessories. Seeing her, everyone naturally thought about Master Mu. It seemed as if this couple were both low-profile and reserved, and at this moment, the people suddenly felt like—

For some reason, this Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye just felt like they were right for each other!

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This feeling was rather magical.

At that moment, many people only felt like the term "match-made in heaven" resonated strongly from Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye.

Her clothing was loose. Her frail body was concealed underneath the black windbreaker, making her looked even thinner, but those with sharp eyes could observe the baby bump that was vaguely revealed underneath, and they knew.

Looking at the hands that hid underneath her sleeves, the dazzling luminosity that flickered between her fingers was enough to make one admire and be surprised. With the calm gentleness in between her brows and that faint smile on her face, she could intoxicate a person.

She was a simple and low-profiled beauty. Her elegant aura was just like that legendary Master Mu's. It was no wonder they were husband and wife!

The crowd could not help but gasp in admiration. Even Wang Qin was surprised.

Xi Xiaye, of course, would not know what was running through everyone's minds right this second. She just thought that she had attended by invitation. Since it was Wang Qin's birthday banquet, she cleaned up a little and made sure she looked appropriate. After all, she could not steal someone else's limelight either. Besides, she was pregnant now, so she would not go out of her way to create an impression.

Before Xi Xiaye could go closer, Wang Qin already smiled and walked up to her. She said with a smile as she held both of Xi Xiaye's hands, "So, it's Missus Mu, the famed Director Xi of Glory World. Thank you for coming!"

Xi Xiaye very quickly halted as her light-colored lips curled up, slightly revealing a faint arc. She magnanimously gave Wang Qin a hug and greeted clearly, "Happy birthday, Missus Qi! Sorry, I'm a little late."

"No worries, I wonder if Chairman Mu..."

"Mr. Mu is still abroad for work. He had me come specially to wish you happy birthday. With the sincere partnership with VP Qi Lei of your company, our South River project has kicked off quite well. All the tasks have been carried out and the project is right on track too. I would like to thank Master Qi on behalf of Mr. Mu and Glory World Corporation, and your company's cooperation. I hope that we'll be able to have more great partnerships with Master Qi and your company."

Xi Xiaye was unambiguous. She immediately started with some words that hinted at things and considered herself having fulfilled Qi Lei's request.

Indeed, when Wang Qin heard her, a smile instantly flashed on her face. "Thank you, Chairman Mu and Missus Mu, for your company's praises. This is indeed my Xiao Lei's honor."

"Madam Qi, you don't have to be so humble. Mr. Mu and I admire Master Qi very much. To be able to get Master Qi's full support for our project is Glory World's honor. Mr. Mu hopes that this relationship will remain until the project ends for the government to inspect and receive. I think that CEO Qi and Missus Qi should agree to it as well, shouldn't you?"

As Xi Xiaye spoke gently and gracefully, the light in her twinkling eyes calmly glanced at Qi Qiming who stood beside Wang Qin.

When he heard the question, Qi Qiming's expression changed and he looked at Wang Qin. It was obvious that his eyes were filled with gloominess. He then eased as his sharp eyes that were full of depth met with Xi Xiaye's gaze that was as clear as water. He nodded and his lukewarm voice was heard. "Of course, for Chairman Mu and Missus Mu to acknowledge his work is his honor."

No emotion could be heard from his tone. While he spoke, Xi Xiaye took the chance to examine Qi Qiming for a bit. After she carefully pondered it, she then realized that this person could be considered quite profound, so she decided to be a little more vigilant.

Qi Feng was still nowhere in sight. In regard to the car accident years ago, Qi Qiming would not just play it down and let it go, would he?

If he did, then that could only prove that he had extremely stalwart patience.

Yet, it was always people like these who were the most dangerous. They concealed themselves and stayed by your side, so you would not know when they would attack you. Especially after all those incidents from before that she found rather odd, she had to be more careful.

Xi Xiaye examined him for a bit, and then she reached out her fair hand. "Thank you, CEO Qi, for the support."
"You're too courteous, Missus Mu!"
Qi Qiming continued to use a lukewarm tone to respond and then he reached out to shake her hand gently.
"Xiaye, you're here!"
At this moment, Qi Lei's voice came from beside them. Xi Xiaye subconsciously turned and looked to the voice to see Qi Lei with both hands in his pockets. His dark eyes flickered with a faint radiance as he watched her with ease.
Xi Xiaye did not respond verbally. She gently nodded elegantly at him before she turned and stood beside Wang Qin. With the photographer's directions, she took a picture with Qi Qiming and Wang Qin.
"Thank you, Director Xi. Thank you for coming amidst your busy schedule. Let's make a toast!"
Wang Qin handed Xi Xiaye a glass of red wine, yet before she could respond, a glass of warm water was delivered to her. Xi Xiaye turned in surprise and saw that Qi Lei was holding up the glass and looking at her calmly.
Ji Zitong and Ah Mo exchanged a glance from the side. Seeing Ah Mo nod, Ji Zitong did not go up to stop him.
"Drink this. Be careful. Otherwise, I'd have to explain myself to Mu Yuchen."
Then, Xi Xiaye smiled and gently reached out to take it.
"Won't you introduce us, Lei?"

Xi Xiaye had just drunk to Wang Qin when a clear and alluring voice suddenly rang out. Xi Xiaye looked up to the source of the voice and a figure in a Qinghua china gown suddenly greeted her sight!

She was a very stunning woman!

Xi Xiaye looked at the woman that walked over to them as surprise flashed in her eyes. She looked at Qi Lei with her interest piqued. She naturally did not miss out on how intimate this girl had called out to him.

When he heard this melodious voice, Qi Lei snapped back and turned to look. Gu Lingsha reached to his side and slowly stopped. A tender smile which reminded one of a water lotus flashed on her face as she looked quietly at Xi Xiaye.

Xi Xiaye was a little stunned at the sight of those clear and dazzling blue eyes. She was Pan-Asian!

Xi Xiaye casually examined Gu Lingsha. Apart from being surprised by her beauty, she did not feel anything else, but Qi Lei seemed quite sweet to her. At least, the smile on this girl's face looked sincere.

Obviously, when Xi Xiaye was examining her, Gu Lingsha's beautiful eyes had already calmly sized her up quite a few times with a rather probing gaze.

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Xi Xiaye could not help but feel that gaze held a faint hint of repellence. However, she very quickly pushed it aside and graciously let Gu Lingsha examine her while her expression remained calm as always.

However, at this moment, Qi Lei's expression changed when he snapped back to his senses. He looked at Xi Xiaye for quite a while, then he turned and stared at Ah Mo beside her!

Gu Lingsha?

Ah Mo's grave expression observed the woman beside Qi Lei with a cold and sharp gaze!

Indeed, as the Master had predicted, she had returned!

Mu Yuchen had such meticulous thoughts. Gu Lingsha could not escape his watch the moment she returned to the country. He had guessed that she might return to City Z lately. That was why he made him be more vigilant. Unexpectedly, they really met today!

However, they were not sure what Gu Lingsha's thoughts were at this point of her return. They still wanted to find some things out from her, but they also know that she might not tell them. Even Mu Yuchen admired this woman's patience.

Ah Mo did not look pleased as his eyes were fixed on Gu Lingsha. His usual calm demeanor could not conceal the hostility in his eyes.

If it were not for this woman, everything would not have turned out the way it was!

She was alive, but Lingtian was gone!

He would never be revived!

The scar on Lingshi's face would forever be there, and those dark clouds had clung onto his Master for so many years. Ah Mo had to admit that upon seeing Gu Lingsha right now, his heart was filled with a burning fury.

"This is Xi Xiaye, the Missus of Glory World Corporation. She's also the Planning Director and Mu Yuchen's wife," Qi Lei calmly introduced, yet when he spoke, he only stole a glance at Xi Xiaye. His gaze very quickly fell onto Gu Lingsha, not wanting to miss any shift in Gu Lingsha's expression. Nonetheless, Gu Lingsha only paused for a while upon hearing this. Her exquisitely beautiful face flashed with a smile as she lowered her gaze slightly and smiled. "Ah, it's Ms. Xi."

"Xiaye, she's... Gu Lingsha... Shasha. I've mentioned her to you before."

Qi Lei averted his gaze from Gu Lingsha and turned to introduce her to Xi Xiaye. His expression was a little odd while his gaze appeared to be dazed.

Gu Lingsha
When Qi Lei said this, Xi Xiaye was momentarily stunned. She did not immediately react. Instead, her gaze fell quietly on Gu Lingsha's near-perfect face.
Gu Lingsha?
She was Gu Lingsha?
The source of the many unhappy incidents from the past!
She did not expect her to be such a radiantly beautiful woman. It was no wonder Qi Feng would fall head over heels for her charm. Even someone like Qi Lei was deeply attracted to her too. In fact, based on the beauty of experience and self-awareness that she radiated, Xi Xiaye suddenly felt like this woman was far more than just her extraordinary looks.
A woman like this would probably move any man who saw her.
She did not forget that this woman was once betrothed to Mu Yuchen when they were children.
Xi Xiaye did not say anything. While her clear gaze studied her evidently, she then pushed down the many doubts and sorrow in her heart and elegantly nodded at Gu Lingsha. She calmly greeted, "Hello, Ms. Gu."
Gu Lingsha forced a smile for some reason and then was a faint sadness in her brows as she lamented, "Hello, Ms. Xi How unexpected that returning after five years, many things have changed. Although everything remains the same, people have changed."

When Xi Xiaye saw her with her gaze lowered, she seemed to vaguely feel bleak loneliness from her, yet she did not say anything. Instead, it was Ah Mo beside that stared at her coldly with eyes that flickered with a dim light. His deep voice was icy.

"It;s been a while, Miss Lingsha."

The sudden and cold voice stunned Gu Lingsha. She quickly looked up to the voice and noticed that Ah Mo was standing beside Xi Xiaye. Instantly, her expression froze.

"Ah Mo... It's you!" Gu Lingsha exclaimed in a stunned voice. Her beautiful blue eyes were fixed on Ah Mo and she seemed rather surprised.

"Of course, it's me. I did spend much time looking for you."

Ah Mo did not hide the fact that they had been looking for the truth about her and Qi Feng all these years, not only for Lingtian and Lingshi, but for Master too. Only Ah Mo would know about all the stress and blame that Master had suffered.

If he had not married Xi Xiaye and became more cheerful, he would really have gotten him a psychologist. When they were abroad, he had already contacted some doctors. Thankfully, his Master had the courage to face it too, so he decided to let go of his life abroad and was determined to return to City Z. Apart from wanting to rid himself of all these unhappy memories, he also wanted to find out the truth.

Xi Xiaye could vaguely feel that Ah Mo was stirred up, so she quickly reached out to hold him by the sleeve and advised softly, "Don't act emotionally."

When he heard this, Ah Mo slowly released the clenched fists underneath his sleeves.

"Unexpectedly, you are still the same. You haven't quite changed at all." You could not see any reaction from Gu Lingsha. Instead, she looked apologetically at Ah Mo.

"Actually, I should have recognized you earlier. Who would have thought that it's only been five years and he's..." Gu Lingsha spoke, and then subconsciously locked her gaze onto Xi Xiaye again. She saw the baby bump hidden underneath her windbreaker, her lowered gaze hiding how she felt. In the end, she smiled. "No one can stand against what time can do... Is he doing alright?"

Gu Lingsha's tone was a little odd as she asked very matter-of-factly. You could not hear whether it was resentment or guilt in her voice.

She had not appeared for so many years, and now she was suddenly back. After going through such an unfortunate accident, the fact that she could still calmly talk to them made Ah Mo find this highly unnatural. Truly, it was rather odd.

Who could have known what happened back then? Why would Mu Lingtian betray Mu Yuchen and help them escape? In fact, he had been willing to be their driver, evading Mu Yuchen's chase. And in these five years, what happened to Gu Lingsha and Qi Feng?

All the many questions appeared one by one in Ah Mo's mind. He had to be more vigilant.

Is he doing alright?

After Xi Xiaye paused for a while, she then understood who Gu Lingsha was asking about.

It was such an intimate yet naturally tone of concern, causing Xi Xiaye to raise her brows upon hearing the question. She calmly said, "Miss Gu, are you talking to me?"