

Chapter 201 - Couldn't Be Any More Familiar

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His tone was soft like the wind blowing on a feather, his threatening words spoken gently, but with a sense of deterrence.

He warned Song Xiangping, that if she dared to speak a word, it would not just be a few slaps the next time.

Song Xiangping's face turned pale as she kept assuring him, saying, "No, no, no. I'll keep my mouth shut. I won't tell for the life of me! Mr. Huo, please rest assured! Think of me as blind and dumb, seeing nothing and saying nothing."

"Well, scram then!"

Huo Yunshen nodded his head slightly.

As though awarded an amnesty, Song Xiangping frantically ran away, along with her henchmen, leaving Ma Haodong behind.

After they'd left, Wan Dou held onto Xu Xiyan's hands and anxiously checked for injury. "Jing Xi, are you hurt anywhere?"

"No external injury. But I think possibly, maybe, I might have...an internal injury."

She wanted to say that she was fine, but changed her mind. She had just been lying down on the floor moaning and pretending to be hurt, so saying that she was suddenly fine would be contradicting herself.

Wan Dou started exclaiming very exaggeratingly to the Boss. “Oh no! An internal injury sounds serious! What should we do?”

Huo Yunshen moved back, turned his wheelchair around and said, “Jing Xi, follow me.”

So long as he heard that she was injured, he would feel a wrenching heartache. He could not bear even a slight scrape on her. He needed to bring her to the hospital to be checked.

Xu Xiyao followed Huo Yunshen, turning her head to look at Ma Haodong, who was wasted.

“What should we do about Ma Haodong?” she asked.

Wan Dou was especially helpful to her Boss. “No worries, Jing Xi! Yi Xiao and I will be here...”

Before Wan Dou could finish her sentence, Xu Xiyao shook her head and looked at her suspiciously. “Wan Dou, you know Yi Xiao?”

Xu Xiyao remembered clearly that when she first went to Jingyue Entertainment with Huo Yunshen, Yi Xiao had not followed. So as far as Xu Xiyao knew, Yi Xiao and Wan Dou should not have met before.

Why is she able to easily call Yi Xiao by name?

Wan Dou realized that she had a slip of the tongue, and quickly tried to fix it, laughing, “Oh, yeah. Not only do we know each other, we couldn’t be any more familiar.”

In order to express their level of familiarity, Wan Dou held onto Yi Xiao’s arms, laid her cheeks on his shoulders and smilingly said, “He’s my boyfriend. Hee-hee...”

Yi Xiao: “...”

What boyfriend?

Wan Dou and I are just colleagues!

Yi Xiao’s expression turned weird when Wan Dou’s suddenly clung to him. He wanted to shake off Wan Dou, but could only reluctantly smile as he faced Xu Xiyao.

Looking at the compatible couple, Xu Xiyan believed the story. She smiled and said, "I'll leave Ma Haodong to you two then."

After Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen left, Yi Xiao immediately shook Wan Dou off of him and warned her, "Wan Xiaodou, be careful with your words! Do you know the consequences of blabbering?"

Wan Dou grinned indifferently. "Yi Xiao, that was just to deal with the Lady Boss! You know I almost blew my cover. What could I do besides using you as an excuse?"

"That doesn't mean that you can casually spread rumours and say that I'm your boyfriend. You could have given another explanation!"

Yi Xiao was seriously pissed off by her actions, as his reputation had been ruined by her hands.

"So, you mean, I should have said that I'm your girlfriend?"

"You can just scram now."

Yi Xiao could almost feel his blood boiling because of her.

Chapter 202 - Is She Flirting With Me?

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Wan Dou laughed at Yi Xiao's awkward expression.

She had no special feelings for him, and just wanted to tease him, as he always had a serious look about him.

"Hey, can't you be a little more gentle towards a lady?" Wan Dou asked Yi Xiao curiously as she wondered what kind of girl would fall for him.

"No, because you're more like a man than a girl," Yi Xiao said as he walked out the door.

"That's why you're still single!" Wan Dou bit back.

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Huo Yunshen's wheelchair was fastened onto the locking mechanism in the van while Xu Xiyan sat on the sofa. Xu Xiyan tilted her head as she looked at the man in front of her.

Only then did she notice that Huo Yunshen was wearing plain clothes and still had his slippers on.

Normally, Huo Yunshen was the kind of guy who would take care of his image whenever he went out. It was rare to see him out with rugged T-shirt and slippers.

The only explanation was that he'd left in a rush and hadn't had the time to change.

Xu Xiyan thought of a possibility and smiled in her heart.

"Mr. Huo, why were you at the Red Palace Restaurant?" Xu Xiyan asked without showing her excitement.

Huo Yunshen paused for a few seconds before he replied.

“I was meeting a customer.”

He rubbed his nose after finishing the sentence, something that he would do whenever he lied.

A customer, huh?

What kind of customer could he have been meeting that would have only required him to simply wear a T-shirt and a pair of slippers?

“So, you wear slippers when you’re meeting your customers?” Xu Xiyan asked, looking at his legs.

“Well... it’s comfortable...” Huo Yunshen pondered.

Xu Xiyan almost laughed at his answer. She looked at Huo Yunshen and wondered why he wouldn’t just say that he was worried about her.

Xu Xiyan stopped teasing him and looked outside through the window. She remembered that they were on their way to the hospital and quickly stopped Huo Yunshen. “Wait, Mr. Huo, let’s go back to Shengshi Yujing. I don’t need to go to the hospital.”

“But, you’re hurt,” Huo Yunshen said.

“I just need to rest, and then I’ll be fine,” Xu Xiyan said.

She began to regret lying because she didn’t want to trouble Huo Yunshen. An extra trip for Huo Yunshen meant that he had to get in and out of the van an extra time, which was a tough job for him.

“No, what if you sustained an internal injury?” Huo Yunshen asked insistently.

“...”

Who told you to lie? Xu Xiyan screamed in her mind as she slapped herself in her imagination.

If they don’t find any damage, then I’m in huge trouble.

She kneeled in front of Huo Yunshen and shook his leg as she said, “Let’s go back, Mr. Huo. I don’t want to go to the

hospital. I'm really hungry now, and I'd love to taste some of your food."

Xu Xiyao was definitely hungry, as she hadn't eaten much of anything at the restaurant because of the incident with Xiao Yuqian and Ma Haodong.

"..."

Huo Yunshen looked at the girl in front of him. Her silky smooth hair rested on her shoulders as she looked at him with her blinking eyes. Her white cheeks were slightly stained with red blushes because of the wine as she puffed her red lips a little. She was like a cute little lamb waiting to be eaten.

Is she flirting with me?

Chapter 203 - Completely Hopeless

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Is she flirting with me?

Huo Yunshen can feel his heart melt.

She wanted to eat something made by him?

No problem.

He was always ready to do anything for her.

“Sure.”

Huo Yunshen agreed to her request, and immediately notified the driver to send them home.

At Shengshi Yujing, Xu Xiyan pushed Huo Yunshen back to Apartment 101 and they entered and changed their shoes.

Just as she was about to reach for a pair of disposable slippers, as usual, Huo Yunshen took out a new pair of female slippers from the shoes cabinet and placed the slippers in front of her.

“Wear these.”

Xu Xiyan looked at the pink rabbit slippers with their long ears, and asked smilingly, “You bought these especially for me?”

“It was a free gift from one of my online purchases.”

Huo Yunshen answered with a serious tone, but in reality, he had gone online specifically to buy them for her. Especially bought for her, all for her...

Xu Xiyan smiled and said nothing. She immediately put on the new slippers.

She saw that Huo Yunshen's heart was hidden real deep.

He was obviously being good to her, and yet he acted indifferently.

This man is like a smoldering ember...will a confession kill you?

After changing their shoes and entering the house, Huo Yunshen made Xu Xiyan rest on the sofa while he prepared dinner for her.

Xu Xiyan leaned on the sofa and watched him move towards the kitchen in his wheelchair. She felt regretful. She could have just eaten instant noodles, why was she making him cook?

The thought of him going through so many troubles made her heart ache.

She should have been the one looking after him in his state, yet he was the one cooking for her.

Xu Xiyan! You're completely hopeless!

At the thought of this, Xu Xiyan stood up and walked towards the kitchen. "Mr. Huo, forget it. Let me do it myself."

"No worries, I'm really quick. Just wait for me in the dining room."

Huo Yunshen turned around and smiled at her warmly, telling her to wait outside.

Everything in the kitchen was custom made, integrating modern technology, the marble counter and stove even adjustable in height. Therefore, he could easily prepare and cook.

"Okay then." Xu Xiyan saw the skill with which he cooked and decided to listen to him and wait.

After some time, Huo Yunshen finally finished cooking dinner. He controlled his wheelchair with one hand, and had a tray in the other as he entered the dining room.

Xu Xiyan took the tray as soon as she saw him, and placed the dish on the table. Glancing at the food, she saw that it was actually Country T's dish, T-Style Fried Rice Noodles.

"There's still more in the kitchen, I'll go get it."

As Huo Yunshen was about to turn his wheelchair, Xu Xiyan stopped him and said, "Mr. Huo, you should stay. Let me get it."

Xu Xiyan went to the kitchen and served several dishes, including Tom Yum Goong soup, cashew chicken, and green papaya salad. Every dish seemed perfect in looks, smell and taste.

As the dishes are served, Xu Xiyan's eyes beamed with surprise. "Mr. Huo," she exclaimed, "you're awesome! Cooking so many dishes in such a short period of time."

"The ingredients were all prepared beforehand, I just casually cooked them."

He thought of the previous meals being disturbed by Huo Sanyan. Huo Yunshen always felt apologetic. Therefore, he prepared fresh ingredients at home every day, so that he would always be ready to whip up delicious meals for Xu Xiyan.

Today, because of time constraints, he had only made a few dishes. If there was ample time in future, he would whip up a feast for her.

"Casual cooking and it's already so delicious. This tastes even better than food from Red Palace.

Xu Xiyan started eating the Fried Rice Noodles and had a sip of the Tom Yum Goong soup. She felt really blissful and satisfied. She couldn't help but to continue complimenting.

"Mr. Huo, are you a natural chef? Your cooking skills are incredible."

Chapter 204 - The Truth of the Scandal (Part 1)

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Huo Yunshen was happy to hear her praises.

He was not born a talented chef, but had picked up the skill throughout his trip to adulthood. Watching her eating made him want to learn more about cooking than before.

There was a saying that went “to capture a man’s heart, you’ll have to first fill his stomach.”

The same saying should apply to women too.

Huo Yunshen wanted to satisfy Xu Xiyan’s taste buds to keep her body and heart.

Isn’t this a little too greedy? Huo Yunshen smiled in his heart.

The food was enough for both of them, even though Xu Xiyan ate a little more than she would usually eat.

She finished all of her Tom Yum soup and licked her lips.

“That was so good! I think I should go on a diet tomorrow...”
Xu Xiyan said.

“I don’t think you need to do that...” Huo Yunshen said.

He thought that she has the perfect body for a lady. Just right in the middle with curves that would make men drool and women jealous.

Xu Xiyan smiled as she puffed up her chest and asked, “Oh, really? I don’t need any diet? Then, what do you think of my body?”

“Not bad...” Huo Yunshen quickly averted his gaze and continued to drink his soup.

Xu Xiyan felt like she'd been punched a thousand times in her heart. This meant that her body was only so-so in Huo Yunshen's eyes. She finally understood why Huo Yunshen had made the papaya salad.

She took the whole bowl of salad and said, “Looks like I have to eat all of this. Papaya has the nutrients to increase my breast size.”

Huo Yunshen looked at Xu Xiyan and was rendered speechless.

Did I say something wrong? Or did I make the wrong dish and she misunderstood something?

After dinner, both of them went for a walk around the park. They went back after that for Huo Yunshen's therapy.

The therapy was something that should be done almost every day, especially the acupuncture where the best result could only be obtained by doing it daily.

Xu Xiyan packed her stuff after the therapy and went back to Room 102.

After Xu Xiyan had left, Huo Yunshen went into his study room and plugged the USB drive that Yi Xiao had given him into his laptop.

He'd gotten the drive from Yi Xiao hours before and was about to check its content when he received a call from Wan Dou.

He unzipped the folder on the drive and found a long video in it. He opened the video and realized it was a scene captured on the set of “Red Sleeved Beauty.”

The video was shot from Camera 2, which had captured everything, even the people who were in the director booth.

The video began from Take 2 of the 47th scene. Yao Yue had been secretly on her way to hand over some medicine to Wei Pingting, when she was caught by Meng Zhaoyi. Meng Zhaoyi

began to scold Yao Yue while Yao Yue hugged her leg to beg for forgiveness and Meng Zhaoyi kicked her off the stairs.

The director had approved of the scene and was about to shoot the next one when Chu Yuhe suddenly requested a reshoot because the falling movement was too fake.

And they continued to shoot the same scene for another six times. And in the 8th take, Xu Xiyan was kicked off the stairs and passed out. That was when Ma Hadong rushed into the set and picked her up.

Not only had Ma Haodong saved her, but he even scolded the director for almost costing Xu Xiyan her life. He quickly rushed Xu Xiyan to the hospital after that.

After Ma Haodong had left, Huang Guoqiang turned to question Chu Yuhe, but he shirked the question and said it wasn't his fault. Angered, Huang Guoqiang left the set and abandoned his work.

Chapter 205 - The Truth of the Scandal (Part 2)

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The video stopped there, its duration ten minutes plus. But it was a complete record of what had happened that day.

This video was the only comprehensive evidence that Chu Yuhe had purposefully caused Xu Xiyan's injury on set.

After watching the video, Huo Yunshen fumingly slammed his fist on the table.

Outrageous! Chu Yuhe is the one that is creating trouble for Xu Xiyan.

Who is he to do that?

Huo Yunshen wondered if his helping Xu Xiyan punish Xu Xinrou caused Chu Yuhe to take revenge on behalf of his girlfriend.

This Chu Yuhe is getting more and more ridiculous.

Huo Yunshen picked up his phone right by his side and contacted Yi Xiao.

“Add in narration, and publish it at 12 AM on Weibo's popup. I want the video to be trending for a month. No one is to withdraw it without my orders.”

That was Huo Yunshen's ability. So long as he stepped in, the truth would be exposed and justice would be returned to the victims.

We shall see who still dares try to ruin the entertainment industry under my nose...

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Overnight, a wind blew over the entertainment industry.

As the clock struck 12 AM, every user logged into Weibo received a popup advertisement on their website, titled: [The Truth of The Ma Haodong Scandal].

When clicked on, the compressed and processed 5-minute video would auto-play, providing viewers with a complete understanding of the way the entire matter had progressed.

Due to the popup window design being so attractive, everyone couldn't help but click on it to see what the truth of the Ma Haodong scandal was.

This video, accompanied by narration, described the process of the entire matter objectively. Every netizen that viewed it could clearly see that prior claims about Ma Haodong carrying Xu Xiyan had in fact been just a malicious scandal.

Many netizens realized that it seemed they had wronged the newcomer, Jing Xi.

She'd been kicked off the pavilion time and time again, yet she dealt with the pain and stood up again and again to continue shooting.

Until the last time, when stress shock was triggered and she fainted.

The question was...why would a newcomer with such a dedicated spirit of professionalism have been attacked by netizens and fans of Ma Haodong?

Why was her image smeared to that extent?

Observant netizens would discover that the investor sitting next to the director, Chu Yuhe, was interfering with the directing.

It was his discontent, various excuses to continue the shoot, and his continued requests to start over that had led to Xu Xiyan's fainting.

Ma Haodong had rushed onto the set to rescue a damsel in distress, and to reprimand the director for disregarding the

lives of others.

Netizens saw something called ‘loyalty’ within Ma Haodong, and not a public display of affection for the newcomer.

Chu Yuhe had triggered the whole matter, and without him the following series of events would not have happened.

Because the video revealed the truth of what had happened on set, it led to a new round of intense discussions on the Internet. Why had Chu Yuhe, CEO of Juxing entertainment, personally arrived on set to give the Director guidance, and make life difficult for an insignificant newcomer?

What conflict had occurred between him and Jing Xi?

How was he able to push the responsibility completely away from himself after an actor was injured?

Soon after the video was listed as trending, netizens began to pay attention to the matter. In addition, many enthusiastic netizens who were curious about the reason began to comment on the official Weibo of Juxing entertainment and the official Weibo of Chu Yuhe.

Those who had scolded Jing Xi mercilessly before were slowly realizing the truth.

Chapter 206 - What Is Happening?

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The netizens who had scolded Xu Xiyan before started to come to their senses.

[What the hell? There's still another side to the story?]

[Looks like we've been misunderstanding the whole situation! Jing Xi is the victim here, not the perpetrator!]

[Why is Chu Yuhe making Jing Xi's life difficult?]

[That's too much! That was some decent acting, why would he say it was bad acting?]

[Why was the truth kept from us until now? Is the company trying to hype up the whole movie by using this rookie?]

[I'm beginning to wonder if the stories about Jing Xi were true or not.]

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The netizens began to shift their opinions in favor of Xu Xiyan. Ma Haodong's fans who had hated Xu Xiyan finally realized they were doing the wrong thing all along.

A considerable amount of people began to leave apologies on Xu Xiyan's official account.

[Jing Xi, I'm sorry for misunderstanding the whole situation. We bickered about it without understanding the whole thing.]

[That's it, I'm going to become your fan! Your professional ethics really touched me!]

[I'll support you!]

[You should tell the whole world about these wrongdoings!
Don't let them mistreat you because you're new!]

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The video was not published through Yunhai Entertainment, but rather through the most famous online news platform, The Midnight Entertainment News.

News from this platform always analyzed things from a third person perspective. Their news stories were mostly true and most people believed them.

It was like someone had thrown a nuclear bomb onto the whole entertainment business, everyone was already talking about the incident.

In just nine hours, the video had been viewed by more than 10 million users and was one of the most shared videos online.

As one of the involved parties, Chu Yuhe was already aware of the video, as he had been informed by someone from his company.

That's weird...

I thought I already bought off everyone who was present that day...how did this video get out?

Chu Yuhe quickly asked one of his staff to call the news platform and ask them to remove any bad news regarding him.

But his staff returned saying that the video was already one of the most-searched topics online, and that no amount of money could help him now.

Chu Yuhe cursed as he threw the ashtray on the table in front of him.

What is happening? Who is the person behind all of this?

Chu Yuhe wanted to know who had the nerve to oppose him.

"It must be Huang Guoqiang!" Chu Yuhe shouted as he paced back and forth in his office.

Xu Xinrou sat on the sofa and thought for a moment.

“No, it’s not Huang Guoqiang,” Xu Xinrou said. “He would never destroy his own reputation. There would be nothing good for him if he was the one who shared the video.”

“No, it’s him, I’m sure of it,” Chu Yuhe said. “He’s the only who could get his hands on the video. He even scolded me that day. If you hadn’t asked me to beg him to come back, I would have never done it. I would rather hire a new director. How dare he do this to me!?”

It was natural for Chu Yuhe to think that it was Huang Guoqiang who was pulling strings, as Huang Guoqiang had stood against him the day that incident happened.

“I still think it isn’t Huang Guoqiang,” Xu Xinrou said. “Could it be that it was Xu Xiyan?”

“Impossible!” Chu Yuhe shouted. “She doesn’t have the resources to do this. It has to be Huang Guoqiang, it has to be! Hell, he could even promote the movie by biting me on my back. What a plan he has!”

Chapter 207 - Couldn't Have Been Interested In Him

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Chu Yuhe was now seeing red, determined that Huang Guoqiang was the culprit. He was now contemplating how to best deal with Huang Guoqiang.

Xu Xinrou, on the other hand, felt that there was more than meets the eye. Someone who is able to manipulate the situation and turn the tables around within a few hours must have had great capabilities.

Who could it be?

Huo Yunshen's face emerged in Xu Xinrou's mind...

Could it be him?

It was just like how he helped Xu Xiyan by making her go again and again with the scenes, and allowing Xu Xiyan to hit her the previous time. If it really had been Huo Yunshen, it would be terrible.

"Yuhe, do you think it might be Mr. Huo?" Xu Xinrou asked fearfully.

"Which Mr. Huo?" Chu Yuhe was uncertain if she meant Huo Yunshen or Huo Jingtang.

"Huo Yunshen."

"How can that be?"

Chu Yuhe highly doubted that it was Huo Yunshen, and never suspected him at all. After all, Huo Yunshen had always

looked after him. Juxing Entertainment's development today was all because of Huo Yunshen's help.

"Don't forget. Huo Yunshen likes Xu Xiyan. What wouldn't he do for her?"

Xu Xinrou's eyes flashed with jealousy. She hated Xu Xiyan for being able to gain the favour of the Huo family.

"That shouldn't be possible. Didn't you say that previously, when Uncle Xu sent Xu Xiyan to Huo Yunshen's bed, he was furious? He even scolded Uncle Xu and demoted him. I reckon he no longer fancies her. After all, it has been five years...she might have been forgotten."

Chu Yuhe felt that, even if Huo Yunshen still fancied Xu Xiyan, Xu Xiyan couldn't be interested in a disabled man sitting in a wheelchair like him.

"I'm worried that's exactly why he's waiting for revenge."

Huo Yunshen was Xu Xinrou's primary suspect. Her parents did that previously to please Huo Yunshen, but they messed up, and had instead offended him.

"Impossible...it couldn't have been Mr. Huo."

Chu Yuhe denied the possibility. He knew Huo Yunshen, and he knew that he was not the type to take revenge behind someone's back. He would just tell it straight to your face if he wanted your life.

Just as they were talking about Huo Yunshen in the office, Yunhai Entertainment called. The other party said that Mr. Huo wanted Mr. Chu to make a trip over.

"All right, wait for me here. I'll make a trip to Yunhai Entertainment."

Chu Yuhe took his car keys and blazer and went out.

Outside Juxing Entertainment, reporters formed a large crowd. As Chu Yuhe stepped outside, he was surrounded by many reporters.

"Mr. Chu, could you provide an explanation of what happened last week when you visited the set of Red Sleeved Beauty?"

“Mr. Chu, why did you make life difficult for a newcomer?”

“Mr. Chu, what’s the relationship between you and Jing Xi?”

“Mr. Chu, you forced the scene to repeat filming multiple times. Was it to express discontent with the director, Huang Guoqiang? You two had a dispute on set, is it because of conflict between you two?”

In the face of the reporters’ questioning, Chu Yuhe furrowed his brow, and didn’t utter a word. If not for the help of an assistant, he wouldn’t have been able to escape from the crowd.

Because of the video, media attention had transferred to his side. If things continued this way, it would have a really bad influence.

Chu Yuhe harboured deep worries about this, and quickly appeared in the office of the CEO of Yunhai Entertainment. He was prepared to beg Huo Yunshen to see if he could salvage the situation.

“Mr. Huo!”

Chu Yuhe walked in after knocking on the door, locking his sight on the side profile of the man by the floor window.

The side profile seemed tall and strong, even though the man was in a wheelchair and physically shorter than others. He had an unshakable spirit, intimidating without showing anger, admirable, something a person couldn’t help but submit to...

Chapter 208 - Who Do You Think You Are?

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The wheelchair turned, as Huo Yunshen looked at Chu Yuhe lazily.

Huo Yunshen's deep dark eyes stared at the man in front of him as if he was looking into all of the man's secrets.

His face darkened further and he threw a newspaper in front of Chu Yuhe.

"What is this?" Huo Yunshen asked.

Shocked, Chu Yuhe lowered his head and looked at the newspaper. It was a report on the video leaked online, titled "Juxing Entertainment CEO abuses his power."

It was a piece of news that was unfavorable to Chu Yuhe, especially if it was seen by Huo Yunshen.

Chu Yuhe suddenly felt a chill on his back, as if something bad was about to happen.

He quickly picked up the newspaper and explained, "Mr. Huo, this is all a mistake. The newspaper is writing nonsense."

"Mistake? Then what about the video online? How do you explain that?" Huo Yunshen asked, determined to get down to the truth.

Chu Yuhe thought that, since Huo Yunshen had only known about the incident from the newspaper and video, and because Huo Yunshen was questioning him at the moment, Huo Yunshen wasn't the one behind the video.

“I would’ve never thought that something like this would happen!” Chu Yuhe said with a slight hopefulness. “Could you please help me take care of the scandal?”

“So, you want me to cover it up for you?” Huo Yunshen asked with a frown.

“Y... yes,” Chu Yuhe said.

“Who do you think you are? Huh?” Huo Yunshen scolded.

“...” Chu Yuhe couldn’t reply.

It was like Huo Yunshen was covered by rage. Beneath his lazy gaze were needles as cold as ice, piercing through Chu Yuhe’s body.

Chu Yuhe shivered, as he knew what could happen if Huo Yunshen was angry.

“Mr. Huo...” Chu Yuhe stammered.

“Why were you there causing trouble?” Huo Yunshen asked, waving his arm.

“Please, let me explain,” Chu Yuhe said. “I was there to check up on the progress, that’s all.”

“Then why did you keep pressuring Jing Xi?” Huo Yunshen continued.

Chu Yuhe thought that since Huo Yunshen called Xu Xiyan “Jing Xi,” and not her real name, then he didn’t know who she was. Or else he should’ve asked about Xu Xiyan and not Jing Xi.

“No, I didn’t!” Chu Yuhe explained as if it was not his fault to begin with. “Why would I?”

“Are you sure you weren’t there to help your girlfriend?”

“Of course not!” Chu Yuhe replied. “I was just following you since the take wasn’t perfect. Isn’t it normal for a scene to have a few retakes?”

Chu Yuhe meant that he was just copying what Huo Yunshen had done.

“Then what is your relationship with Jing Xi?” Huo Yunshen asked.

“Nothing!” Chu Yuhe instantly denied his relationship. “I don’t even know her, there’s no reason for me to pressure her.”

Chu Yuhe was fully convinced that Huo Yunshen had feelings for Xu Xiyan, or else he would have never gotten angry when they had given her to him as a gift.

Chapter 209 - Too Soon To Be Happy

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Since there was no love interest, Chu Yuhe naturally wanted to distance himself.

Unfortunately, Chu Yuhe made a wrong move.

The reason why Huo Yunshen wanted to question him about his relationship with Xu Xiyan, was to prepare for the subsequent handling of Juxing Entertainment.

Since Chu Yuhe had thoroughly distanced himself, Huo Yunshen didn't have any more scruples, not to mention he continued to support him.

“Make some coffee for Mr. Chu.”

Huo Yunshen ordered a coffee through the internal line. Moments later, the secretary brought the coffee in and placed it in front of Chu Yuhe.

Chu Yuhe sat on the sofa and smugly tugged on his tie. He felt that since Mr. Huo had offered him a coffee, it indicated that there would not be any issues with Juxing.

Huo Yunshen will continue to have my back.

“Have a taste,” Huo Yunshen said.

Chu Yuhe smelled the coffee and said. “Yes, you can tell by the smell that it's authentic Blue Mountain Coffee. Mr. Huo, you have good taste.”

Actually, it was just instant coffee with an extra ingredient.

Chu Yuhe was no coffee connoisseur. He picked up the coffee, drank it all, put down the cup, and complimented it.

Now that things had been cleared, and the coffee had been finished, Huo Yunshen said, "I understand the situation. You may go now."

Chu Yuhe thought that he had successfully covered himself, and joyfully took his leave, "That's great! I'll take my leave then. Thank you for helping take care of this matter."

Chu Yuhe walked out of the office and met Yi Xiao, who he joyfully greeted. "Mr. Yi, I'll treat you to drinks some day."

Look at Chu Yuhe's smug look.

Pfft...Drinks? Drink your own pee, man!

Yi Xiao felt that it was really too soon for Chu Yuhe to be happy, oblivious to the disaster that awaited him.

Looking at Chu Yuhe's back, Yi Xiao began the countdown, "10, 9, 8, 7..."

Everything is under control.

Before the countdown reached 1, Chu Yuhe stopped his steps. There was something wrong with his stomach.

It started with a little pain, then the pain escalated, followed by waves of sharp cramps.

A strong thought struck his mind: he might have been having a diarrhea.

One can't help but comply to nature's call, and though Chu Yuhe wanted to bear the pain, it was excruciating. He could only hold tight to his pants, supporting himself with the wall and making his way to the washroom.

At a critical moment like this, Chu Yuhe just wanted to find a place to relieve himself. He had no energy to even think of the cause. He had no idea that the coffee he drank was spiced up with some laxatives.

This powerful laxative, once consumed, would ensure that whoever drank it would be having diarrhea all day and night for at least three days, leaving them groggy and dizzy.

Chu Yuhe rushed into the washroom cubicle and immediately relieved himself. His stomach felt better but started aching again moments later.

Again, and again, he felt weak from all the diarrhea, and his face was completely pale.

After squatting for almost two hours, Chu Yuhe finally felt that his stomach was not in so much pain. He wanted to wipe himself clean, but realized that there was no toilet paper available.

Helplessly, he could only use his own socks.

He threw away his socks, flushed the toilet and was about to leave when his stomach started aching badly again.

Chu Yuhe felt like he was about to be tortured to death. And there was still the problem of not having any toilet paper. If he wanted to clean up later, he would have to ask for help.

Chapter 210 - Let Him Taste My Wrath

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Chu Yuhe thought of Yi Xiao and quickly called him. After a few minutes, Yi Xiao came into the bathroom and handed him a roll of paper.

“Oh, by the way, Mr. Chu. You better hurry up in there. We have some repairs to make to the toilet,” Yi Xiao said before leaving the bathroom and locking the door. He left a “Work In Progress” sign on the door and left.

“Got it,” Chu Yuhe said and quickly cleaned himself up. Just as he was about to leave, he noticed that the door was locked, and that he couldn’t open it.

“Hello? Is anyone there? Who the hell locked the door?”

No matter how much he shouted or banged on the door, no one came. He took out his phone but there was no signal.

It meant that he couldn’t make a call and had no access to the internet.

What was more, his butt began to itch after using the paper from Yi Xiao, and it kept getting itchier as time passed.

The itch started from his butt and quickly spread throughout his whole body. He just kept scratching and scratching.

Then, his stomach began to ache again. He sat back down on the toilet as he kept scratching his body,

And at that moment, a hole broke in the ceiling and water came falling down onto his head, water that had pee and poop in it.

His whole body was soaked with disgusting water, and he almost fainted from the smell.

“Is anyone there? Help! Get me out!” Chu Yuhe kept shouting but couldn’t be heard as Yunhai Entertainment’s walls were made with the best sound-proof material.

He wanted to kick the door down, but the ache drained all of his energy.

He wondered if someone was trying to play him, as the AC in the bathroom was set to maximum, and he kept shivering from the cold.

Just like that, Chu Yuhe spent three days and nights in the toilet with ache, itch, dehydrated, hungry, disgusted.

They were the worst three days of his life.

When the door has finally opened, he looked like he was on death’s doorstep.

Members of Yunhai Entertainment’s staff caught onto the news and rushed to the scene, along with the company’s reporters.

Every one of them wanted to get the fresh news.

Yi Xiao looked at Chu Yuhe and asked in awe, “Oh my god, Mr. Chu. Didn’t I warn you that we needed maintenance done on this toilet? Did you not leave?”

“...” Chu Yuhe couldn’t even scream.

If not for his stomach, he would never have gotten locked in the bathroom.

Yi Xiao laughed in his heart as he held in the truth.

Who told you to hurt our CEO’s most precious girl?

While Chu Yuhe was stuck in the toilet, Huo Yunshen had already made a few preparations. In just a few days, Juxing Entertainment would definitely suffer a huge loss.

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Xiao Yuqian had ordered Wan Dou and two other assistants to escort Xu Xiyan in and out every day before the press release.

Going to work by van made Xu Xiyan's life easier. She could arrive at the studio early and the reporters waiting for her were all stopped by Wan Dou and company.

She was in a good mood. The full video on the internet had helped her clear her name.

Chapter 211 - It's Just Freaking Awesome

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After watching the video, Xu Xiyan felt that all the depression and frustration accumulated in her heart had disappeared. Her heart felt light and joyful.

It's just freaking awesome!

There was a great feeling of justice being served, and the truth was coming to light.

It was as if the entertainment industry was not just filled with darkness and filth, but also with people who were doing the job of filtering and cleaning. Such as the official Weibo of Midnight Entertainment News, whose news and gossips were usually fairer and more objective.

One couldn't help but salute their staff.

She was really thankful towards them.

As they walked onto the set, Xu Xiyan met Qi Liya and her assistant Xiao Ke. She went up and gave a friendly greeting. "Liya."

Qi Liya smiled gracefully. "Jing Xi, you're here."

"Yeah! You're early! You've even gotten your makeup done!"

Xu Xiyan was in great mood, her face is all smiley, giving off a lively and cheerful vibe.

"I saw the news, you should be all right now."

Qi Liya had been relieved when she saw the video and the news. She'd been worried that Jing Xi couldn't get over the

hurdle.

Now, it appeared that she'd been blessed.

"Thanks for your concern, Liya," Xu Xiyan said joyfully.

"Hopefully I can wrap up smoothly in two weeks."

"Wrap up in two weeks? I don't think it's possible."

Qi Liya thought of the additional scenes Huang Guoqiang had mentioned and told her, "I heard that the director and scriptwriter added some scenes for you! I don't think you can wrap up in two weeks."

"Huh?" Xu Xiyan was surprised. In confusion she asked, "Why? I'm just a palace maiden. What additional scenes could they give me?"

She hadn't taken it to heart when she had heard from Zhao Ruiqi about the addition of scenes. She only realized it might be real now that she heard it again from Qi Liya.

Huang Guoqiang wants to give me additional scenes?

My scandal is everywhere recently, what's the reason for giving me more scenes?

Personally, Xu Xiyan did not want any scenes to be added, as this role was like Xu Xinrou's punching bag. More scenes would just mean she'd be hit a few more times, and who would be willing to do that!?

"I don't really know the details. You should know when the production team gives out the notice."

After chatting with Qi Liya, Xu Xiyan went to the makeup room to look for Linda. After her makeup was done, just as she changed and stepped out of the changing room, the production assistant Xiao Ge came running to her. "Jing Xi, the director is looking for you."

"Ok."

It would probably be about the addition of scenes. Xu Xiyan had decided that if it was to add similar scenes where she would get kicked and such, she would strongly reject it.

Xu Xiyan went to the director's studio, holding on to the ends of her skirt, Huang Guoqiang saw her and greeted her smilingly, "Come, come, come, Jing Xi,"

"Director, were you looking for me?"

The director told her to have a seat, but Xu Xiyan just politely stood at the side, waiting for instructions.

Huang Guoqiang turned around and looked at her from top to bottom again. The more he looked, the more he felt that he has a good judge of character. This Jing Xi has the potential, and her looks and disposition are all right, too.

"Jing Xi, I want to discuss something with you. The production team is prepared to add a few more scenes for you. What do you think?"

Xu Xiyan smiled with an expression of modesty. "Director, I don't think this will be appropriate. I'm just a small fry acting the role of an insignificant palace maiden. Plus, my scandal has been everywhere recently and my image has been horribly smeared. Is it really appropriate that you add more scenes for me?"

Chapter 212 - A Special Relationship?

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“I know, I know,” Huang Guoqiang said with a smile. “The reason I wanted to add more scenes for you is because of your talent. I’m giving you the chance to have more screen time. Shouldn’t you be happy?”

Huang Guoqiang had met many newcomers that would do anything to get more screen time or land a role, but it was the first time he’d met someone who rejected these types of offer.

“Seriously, director, I’m really grateful for that,” Xu Xiyan said. “But I don’t want other people to talk behind your back, saying things like ‘Director! Why did you give Jing Xi more screen time? Do you have a special relationship with her or something?’ You might get yourself into trouble. There’s a huge risk here!”

Xu Xiyan finished her sentences with many expressions, especially the part where she was mimicking other people.

Huang Guoqiang couldn’t hold in his laughter. A huge risk she said!

Huang Guoqiang decided to not give her more screen time, but to instead let her in on his new movie.

It was the sequel to the “Red Sleeved Beauty,” titled “The Glamorous Beauty.” The script was already in the writing stage, and Jing Xi was very well-suited for one of the characters.

Xu Xiyan had no idea her rejection that day could lead her to new happiness.

Because she had thought of other people's benefits and gave up the extra screen time, she'd opened the door to a major role in the future.

"All right, all right! After another half a month, your character should die if we go according to the plan. Do your best!" Huang Guoqiang laughed.

"Thank you. Then I'll take my leave," Xu Xiyan said.

Xu Xiyan lifted her dress and turned to leave but stopped after taking a few steps.

She turned back, stared at Huang Guoqiang and asked, "Director, why do I feel like I know you from somewhere?"

"Of course you know me, we've been meeting almost every day!" Huang Guoqiang was stunned by the question.

"No, that's not it!" Xu Xiyan said. "I remember seeing you at the restaurant that night..."

"You must've mistaken me for somebody else," Huang Guoqiang said anxiously, stopping Xu Xiyan mid-way.

Xu Xiyan suddenly remembered that it was indeed Huang Guoqiang who was having dinner with Qi Liya that night.

"Oh, that must be it," Xu Xiyan did not press any further, as she knew what was happening.

"Hurry up and get yourself prepared, you have another scene coming up!" Huang Guoqiang said.

"Sure thing," Xu Xiyan said and left, leaving Huang Guoqiang behind, soaked in cold sweat.

Damn, that was some bad luck that night!

Huang Guoqiang has been going after Qi Liya for quite some time. He finally went on a date with her, and when he was about to confess his feelings for her, Xu Xiyan barged into the room accidentally which ruined the whole atmosphere.

Yet he was also lucky that Xu Xiyan was not the kind of person who would spread rumors.

This is too suffocating.

I get to see Qi Liya every day, but I have no chance to get close to her...

Qi Liya was like a beautiful angel from the heaven, and Huang Guoqiang was worried that the angel might fly away before he could even tell her how he felt about her.

The reason he hadn't confessed his feelings yet was that he had a divorce once, and had a son that was studying abroad.

He wasn't sure if Qi Liya was ready to marry him and become a stepmother, as no one would like that nowadays.

Chapter 213 - Exhilarated

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Especially for an independent lady like Qi Liya; it might've been even less likely that she would be willing to...

Xu Xiyan had a smooth morning shoot, and thought of Ma Haodong while she was shooting. During intermission, she gave Ma Haodong a call, but his mobile was unreachable.

Xu Xiyan guessed that he might still be drunk and asleep.

Forget it, let him sleep till he wakes up.

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In the apartment, the breeze moved the white gauze curtains, and the warm sun came in and lit up the white cashmere carpet on the floor.

There was a white calla lily in a glass vase on the table.

The man on the bed was in deep sleep, lying prone on the side of the bed. A section of his hairy calves peeked out of the quilt, with his feet pointing up.

The man turned over a little, and Plop! He fell onto the carpet, and was thrown awake.

Ma Haodong opened his sleepy eyes, having hit his aching hangover forehead. He casually looked down at his own naked body.

“Shit!”

Ma Haodong jumped up as if he'd seen a ghost, and subconsciously grabbed onto a pillow to cover his body.

He tried to recall what had happened the previous night. He'd seen Xiao Yuqian at the Red Palace restaurant, Xiao Yuqian

left, and then he got drunk.

After that... Could he have been picked up after he was wasted drunk, and then...

At the thought of this, Ma Haodong instinctively tightened his rectum. Great, there's no discomfort there. At least it eliminated the possibility of him having been molested.

Thank goodness, Ma Haodong felt relieved. He hugged onto the pillow and walked out of the bedroom. He looked around at the environment as he walked out.

The well-designed house was kept tidy and clean, yet felt cozy.

Eh?

Isn't this the apartment Xiao Yuqian lived in six years ago?

Why am I here?

Am I dreaming?

He had not been here ever since Xiao Yuqian left six years ago.

Ma Haodong had drunk too much last night, and it was Yi Xiao and Wan Dou who had carried him from the restaurant to the car. They asked him for his address and he mumbled the address of the apartment where Xiao Yuqian had lived.

Therefore, the two of them sent him here, knocked on the door, and handed the drunk Ma Haodong to Xiao Yuqian.

Of course, Ma Haodong had no idea how he'd appeared in Xiao Yuqian's apartment. He had a sense of disbelief as he walked around and saw no one.

He only saw his mobile phone and wallet on the table near the door. Besides these two items, he saw a photo frame.

Ma Haodong took up the frame to look at it and was shocked. It was a solo portrait photo of Xiao Yuqian.

Was he really at the apartment of Xiao Yuqian!?

Ma Haodong felt incredible. He was about to call Jing Xi with his mobile phone and ask her what happened. Unfortunately,

his mobile phone was out of power.

It just so happened that the counter had a charging cable right there, so Ma Haodong plugged his phone in to charge. Then he went to the bathroom to look for his own clothes, planning to wash up before he left.

What surprised Ma Haodong was that on the bathroom mirror was a blue sticky note, it wrote: “Scram after you wake up!”

Ah...

Did Xiao Yuqian write him a note?

Ma Haodong rubbed his eyes and the note was still there. He took it down and saw that it was Xiao Yuqian’s handwriting.

It’s Xiao Yuqian!

He could recognize her handwriting no matter what.

Ma Haodong had now confirmed that this was Xiao Yuqian’s apartment, and he wasn’t dreaming.

After finding out where he was, Ma Haodong was exhilarated. Regardless of how he’d gotten to Xiao Yuqian’s apartment, he was happy as long as he could interact with her.

Telling me to scram after I wake up? No way!

Chapter 214 - A Huge Mess

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Ma Haodong kissed the blue note and went into the bathroom. He cleaned himself up and prepared a simple meal for himself in the kitchen.

After his breakfast, he lay on the sofa and watched TV as he waited for Xiao Yuqian to come home.

He had many things that he wanted to talk to her about.

And no matter how badly she wanted him to leave, he would never do so.

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The afternoon shooting for the “Red Sleeved Beauty” went smoothly as everything proceeded according to plan. On the other hand, the “Root of Evil” was in a huge mess.

Everything and everyone was prepared for the shoot, except for Ma Haodong, who hadn’t shown up yet.

It wasn’t like him to be late.

Ma Haodong was a person who was always on time and did not act like a celebrity. It was abnormal for him to skip work.

He’d even missed his work and his manager had to help him ask for a leave due to a personal reason. Yet, it was the next day, and he still hadn’t shown up.

“Where is Ma Haodong? Has anyone contacted him yet?” the director, Peng Sicheng, asked.

“We tried, but his phone is off!” the stage manager, Mr. Xing, replied.

“Have you tried Miss Song then?” Peng Sicheng scolded.

“It’s the same with her!” Mr. Xing replied as if he was about to cry.

“What the hell is happening here?” Peng Sicheng cursed.
“Hurry and call Ma Haodong again!”

Mr. Xing could only comply and called Ma Haodong.
Miraculously, the call went through.

“I thought you said his phone was off?” Peng Sicheng questioned.

“It was!” Mr. Xing replied with a shaking voice. “He might’ve just switched it on.”

“Ma Haodong, where are you?” Mr. Xing asked as soon as Ma Haodong picked up. “You have a scene to shoot today, why aren’t you here?”

Ma Haodong was still lying on the couch with a bag of chips in his hand as he coughed into the phone.

“Cough... I’m sorry, I’ve come down with a cold... cough... I’ll get over there right away... Please tell the director I’m sorry and I’ll be there ASAP... cough...”

Ma Haodong was definitely an A-list actor.

It was as if he was really sick.

With the speaker mode on, Peng Sicheng could clearly hear that Ma Haodong was seriously sick and quickly said, “Don’t worry about the movie, just get some rest, all right?”

“Thank.. you...”

“Go to the hospital if it’s really serious, you hear me?” Peng Sicheng said.

“I will...”

Ma Haodong hung up and threw his phone aside as he continued to watch TV shows with his bag of chips.

Good show, good chips, this is life...

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Even if Peng Sicheng had told Ma Haodong to rest, he had no idea how to proceed with the shooting.

The lead actress, Huang Yanran, had her arm broken two days ago and was resting up. It was either they shoot Huang Yanran's scene or Ma Haodong's scene.

Yet now that both of them were absent, Peng Sicheng was already in panic mode. "Oh my god! What am I supposed to do now?" he shouted.

"Director," Mr. Xing suddenly said. "How about we shoot the scene with the lead actor and the lead actress's stunt doubles first?"

Chapter 215 - Try To Poach Her Over

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“The stunt double is physically similar to Huang Yanran. You can’t tell that she’s a stunt double from the back and the side. We can let the stunt double shoot a portion of the scenes till Huang Yanran has recovered. Then we can just add in scenes that shows her face, what do you think?”

“Great! Great! Great!” Peng Sicheng exclaimed.

“...” Mr. Xing was stunned; our director is so anxious that he couldn’t speak properly.

Peng Sicheng saw that Mr. Xing was in a daze so he gave him a kick, “What are you still in a daze for? Go and contact the stunt double!”

Mr. Xing walked a few steps and stopped. “Director, I think we might have difficulty inviting the stunt double.”

“Why so? Weren’t the past few scenes alright?”

Peng Sicheng recognised that the stunt double had good acting skills, from a professional perspective, and that she might have even outperformed the female lead, Huang Yanran.

It was such a pity that she, as a stunt double, had no fame. Audiences would still prefer celebrities with a certain amount of fame.

“I’ve heard that the stunt double Jing Xi is more recently on Huang Guoqiang’s production team, with a contract signed. Plus, she has gotten some attention recently. So there might be a need to pay her more.”

Mr Xing decided to warn Peng Sicheng beforehand.

“Contact her! At most we’ll pay her double!”

Stunt doubles are usually not paid much, so doubling her pay was nothing much.

“Roger!” Mr. Xing was ready to go over to Huang Guoqiang’s production site as instructed.

A few steps out, he was called back by Peng Sicheng again.

“Xiao Xing, come back!”

Mr. Xing walked back, “What’s wrong, director?”

“You say the stunt double is called Jing Xi? The one that was involved in a scandal with Ma Haodong?”

“That’s right!”

“Oh my! Try to poach her over! She can name her price!”

Peng Sicheng recalled the scandal that was spreading all over the internet, and it was all about this girl named Jing Xi.

Even though she seemed to have a smeared image, and seemed to be heavily involved in a scandal, as a director with foresight, he could see that actors with trending scandals had a higher possibility of becoming famous.

After all, the reason why “The Root of Evil” had gained so much attention was largely due to the scandal between Ma Haodong and Jing Xi.

Poaching Jing Xi over would gain more attention for “The Root of Evil.” It was basically free advertising!

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During lunch, Xu Xiyan was eating a packed meal on set. Mr. Xing came over to the set of “Red Sleeved Beauty” and found out where Jing Xi was. He followed the directions as instructed by others and found her.

“Jing Xi!” Mr. Xing saw Jing Xi sitting on the floor eating her lunch, and his eyes beamed with surprise.

Xu Xiyan looked up and saw that it was Mr. Xing from “The Root of Evil,” and she hurriedly stood up and greeted him.

“Mr. Xing, what brings you here?”

“Jing Xi, it’s like this,” Mr. Xing rubbed his hands and explained. “Do you have any extra time? Our production team has quite a few scenes that need a stunt double, and we would like to have you help us.”

Asking if a small fry like her has time? Xu Xiyan felt that she had time every day.

“No problem!” Xu Xiyan was quite fond of the action film “The Root of Evil,” thus she was more than happy to agree. However, she thought about it again and said, “But I currently signed a contract with the production team. If I’m to be a stunt double for you guys, I reckon we should speak to our director first.”

“Why don’t I meet with the director now?” Mr. Xing asked.

“Sure! I’ll bring you over.”

Xu Xiyan threw away the packed meal box that she had finished and brought Mr. Xing to the director’s studio.

When they saw Huang Guoqiang, he had already finished his lunch and was resting on a lounge chair with a script on his face.

Xu Xiyan walked over and called, “Director!”

Chapter 216 - Almost Kissed Her

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Huang Guoqiang was suddenly pulled from his sweet dream and almost fell from the chair. “What is it?” he scolded.

Damn, I was about to kiss her in my dream...

Huang Guoqiang raised his head and noticed it was Xu Xiyan. His expression softened and he asked, “Oh, it’s you, do you need something?”

“Not me,” Xu Xiyan smiled. “Mr. Xing here has something to discuss with you.”

“What Mr. Xing?” Huang Guoqiang asked, looking at the man standing behind Xu Xiyan.

“Nice to meet you, I’m the stage manager for the ‘Root of Evil’...”

Mr. Xing explained the whole thing to Huang Guoqiang and waited for his reply.

Huang Guoqiang held his chin, lost in thought. The only explanation he could find was that Peng Sicheng wanted Xu Xiyan’s talent for himself.

Technically, the contract that Xu Xiyan had signed did not bind her exclusively to the movie, and she had the right to accept another role as long as it did not affect her job.

But, it’s Peng Sicheng we’re talking about here!

He even hurt Qi Liya once!

How dare he come and ask for people from my movie?

“I can understand what your director wants,” Huang Guoqiang said, trying to prevent Peng Sicheng from taking his actress. “But Jing Xi might not have the time.”

Yet Xu Xiyan had no idea that Huang Guoqiang had a past with Peng Sicheng. She only wanted to help out as much as possible.

“But I don’t have that many scenes left,” Xu Xiyan said. “I could do it as long as the time doesn’t clash, right?”

Huang Guoqiang stared at Xu Xiyan, unable to work out if she was plain stupid or too nice to others.

Huang Guoqiang understood that being a stunt double didn’t pay much, and it came with huge risk. He would be doing Xu Xiyan a favor by declining it for her.

“Please, we really need her help!” Mr. Xing begged.

“Are you sure you want to do this?” Huang Guoqiang asked Xu Xiyan.

“It’s not a question of whether I want to do it or not,” Xu Xiyan said, scratching her head. “But they need my help, and it’s within my capabilities, so why not? Think about it, if one day you needed the help from another set, what would you do?”

Mr. Xing was really touched by Xu Xiyan’s words and was determined to tell Peng Sicheng about it.

Just from her willingness to help, she deserves a pay equal to Huang Yanran’s.

Huang Guoqiang couldn’t help but give in. The young lady in front of him was kinder than a fully grown man, and he had nothing to disapprove of.

She’s right. Who’s to say that everything will go smoothly on my end?

Maybe we will also need their help one day.

“Fine, go. Try to adjust their timetable with ours,” Huang Guoqiang said. “As long as you don’t impact our progress, you’re free to do anything you want.”

Just as Xu Xiyan and Mr. Xing were about to leave, Huang Guoqiang made a small request from Mr. Xing.

“Mr. Xing, lending you my actress is one thing, but don’t you dare let her suffer any injuries, you hear me?”

Chapter 217 - Kisses Everywhere

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“No worries, director! We’ll ensure that Jing Xi won’t get hurt.”

“Go ahead, then,” Huang Guoqiang said with a wave of his hand.

“Thank you, director!”

“Thank you so much, director!” Mr. Xing couldn’t help but to keep thanking him.

Besides letting Huang Guoqiang know, Xu Xiyan also contacted her manager Xiao Yuqian and informed the company.

As she followed Mr. Xing to the set of “The Root of Evil,” they confirmed the shoot schedule and began intensive shooting.

For the entire afternoon, there were both acting and action scenes. None were unconquerable for Xu Xiyan.

When they were filming acting scenes, her great memory and quick thinking enabled her to remember her lines within three rounds. Everything went smoothly when she was acting with the male lead.

Not to mention action scenes, where even the fight choreographer recognized her martial arts skills.

After the afternoon shoot had ended, the company’s celebrity van came to pick her up. Xu Xiyan told Wan Dou and the rest to go back, and that she could drive the Porsche back.

Xu Xiyan did not go back to Shengshi Jingyu, but instead went to the Jing mansion.

When she was back at the Jing mansion, Fang Xiaocheng was there with Ying Bao, doing a livestream.

Fang Xiaocheng was wearing a big orange on her head sitting in front of the camera with a childlike look. The little girl was wearing a yellow Pikachu onesie, looking extremely adorable.

Fang Xiaocheng asked the little girl: “Little Cherry, who do you think came first in the world, your mummy or you, the daughter?”

The little girl gave a look that said Aunt Orange aren't you silly, and answered: “Of course it was me, the daughter, who came first!”

Fang Xiaocheng didn't understand: “How is that possible? Your mummy gave birth to you. If there's no her, there's no you!”

The little girl held up her little chin, pouted her lips and said in a serious tone: “Aunt Orange you're wrong! Of course it's the daughter that came first! Without a daughter, mummy would still be someone else's daughter!”

Fang Xiaocheng couldn't help but admit defeat. “Haha! That seems logical!”

The live streaming went on for about 8 minutes, and the camera turned off after they were done. Fang Xiaocheng removed her round orange head and gave Ying Bao a big kiss on her face. “Oh Cherry! How could you be so clever with your words!”

Ying Bao puffed up her little cheeks, tilted her head and said proudly, “Because my mummy is a superwoman, so I am also a superbaby! We can do anything, so of course we are clever with our words!”

“Ok! Ok! You're a superbaby!” Fang Xiaocheng laughed and tapped on her little nose.

After the live streaming ended, Xu Xiyan came in from outside and called, “Ying Bao, Orange!”

“Xi Baby!” Ying Bao heard her mother’s voice, widening her eyes as she saw her walking in. Immediately, she rushed over and hugged her legs, “Xi Baby, I missed you so much!”

Xu Xiyao bent down and lifted her daughter up, kissing her left cheek then her right cheek. There were kisses everywhere. “Which part of you missed me?”

“This, this and this... Every part of me missed you!”

The little girl pointed to her head, her heart and her little legs and answered in a serious tone.

“Ah! I feel it! With Ying Bao missing me, I feel energetic all over!”

Xu Xiyao carried Ying Bao on her shoulders and spun her around a few times on the spot.

Ying Bao lay prone on her mother’s shoulders, laughing away. Fang Xiaocheng felt warm seeing the mother and daughter so loving and cuddly together.

After they had cuddled for some time, she walked over and took Ying Bao, “Come on down, Cherry. Let your mummy have some rest! She must be tired after a day of shooting.”

“Xi Baby, I want to go down,” said Ying Bao, who was really sensible and requested to be placed on the floor.

Chapter 218 - Why Is the Movie King Here?

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After Xu Xiyan had let Ying Bao down, Ying Bao took her hand and said, “Xi Baby, have a seat, I’ll make some tea for you.”

“Okay,” Xu Xiyan smiled.

A kid that respected her mother was enough to make Xu Xiyan forget all the tiredness, and she could nearly drown in her happiness.

They had their dinner at the Jing mansion. They went for karaoke after that.

“I was so worried,” Fang Xiaocheng said when they were on their way to the karaoke. “I thought your acting career was over, but then suddenly the video came out, and everything changed. My heart was about to explode, like I was on a roller coaster or something.”

“Relax,” Xu Xiyan laughed. “The people aren’t stupid, and there still are good people in the entertainment business.”

“Everything happened because of that Chu Yuhe!” Fang Xiaocheng scolded. “He’s going to get it one day!”

“Orange Mommy, who is Chu Yuhe?” Ying Bao tilted her head and asked after hearing the conversation.

“He’s the worst monster in this world, he’s like the monster you see in movies,” Fang Xiaocheng explained. If she were to tell Ying Bao Chu Yuhe’s true nature, Ying Bao would never

understand it. Using a movie and monster reference would be easier.

Oh, so he's a big bad monster! Ying Bao nodded as she finally understood who Chu Yuhe was.

"I see, then Xi Baby can become the Super Ultraman and defeat him!" Ying Bao said, clutching her fist.

"Yes, then he will never destroy our earth!" Fang Xiaocheng said.

Xu Xiyao looked at the two of them in the rear view mirror and laughed, as an adult was discussing how to defeat a monster with a kid.

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They'd already booked a private room at the karaoke center.

Wang Dazhi also arrived on time, and they went into the room together.

After several minutes of singing had passed, Xu Xiyao handed the microphone to Wang Dazhi and told them she had to go get someone.

It wasn't long before she came back with Huo Yunshen in his wheelchair.

Wang Dazhi almost dropped the microphone as soon as he saw Huo Yunshen. Oh my god! Why is the Movie King here, too?

"Mr. Wang, Ms. Fang, please, don't let me intrude upon you," Huo Yunshen smiled.

"Mr. Huo, please call me Orange like everyone else," Fang Xiaocheng said.

"She's right, you should drop the honorifics. You can call me Dazhi," Wang Dazhi said, scratching his head.

"Sure thing," Huo Yunshen said with a smile that was as gentle and warm as the Spring.

Ying Bao jumped down from the sofa and rushed to Huo Yunshen's side. She grabbed his arm and said, "Uncle Dimple, it's you!"

“Yup, how are you little one?” Huo Yunshen smiled as he brushed Ying Bao’s hair off her face. He’d finally gotten closer to the little girl, like how a father and daughter should be.

“I’m very good!” Ying Bao replied as she jumped around. “You’ve become more handsome, Uncle Dimple. Your eyes are like the stars shining in the sky. I could feel the whole room lighten up with your presence.”

Chapter 219 - Like A Family Of Three

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“Haha...”

Huo Yunshen was amused by the little girl.

Such an adorable little girl, how likeable is she!?

Xu Xiyan pushed Huo Yunshen into the room, and helped him onto the sofa with Wang Dazhi’s assistance.

With Ying Bao, the little cutie, to liven up the atmosphere, the room was in a cheery mood, and everyone was eating and singing.

Wang Dazhi and Fang Xiaocheng went to sing a duet. Xu Xiyan and Ying Bao sat on either side of Huo Yunshen, one chatting with him while the other fed him.

As Fang Xiaocheng was singing, she casually caught sight of the scene and felt that it was like a family of three.

Really, the more she looked the more she saw the similarity.

Look at Ying Bao and Mr. Huo, their dimples look exactly the same when they smile.

After Fang Xiaocheng and Wang Dazhi finished their duet, they came over.” Mr. Huo, why don’t you sing a song, too! No one has heard you sing before!”

“No thanks! I sing rather poorly, I’m afraid it will be a nuisance.”

Huo Yunshen rejected their invitation, mainly because he didn’t want to reveal that he was actually Ni Yun.

Xu Xiyan understood and did not say anything, but in her mind, she thought: who said no one has heard him before, you guys hear it so often every day.

Fang Xiaocheng and Wang Dazhi kept on inviting him, but Huo Yunshen did not take over the microphone. Eventually, Ying Bao stuffed the microphone into his hands and said, “Uncle Dimple, why don’t you just sing a song? I’ll add points for you if you sing!”

Huo Yunshen had no idea why, but he couldn’t bear to reject her cute little face and big beaming eyes. He took a deep breath and laughed. “Okay, just one song!”

“Oh yay! Xi Baby, go help Uncle Dimple pick a song!”

Ying Bao shook her victory sign and told her mother to hurry and pick a song, lest Uncle Dimple go back on his words.

Xu Xiyan went to the computer and selected Ni Yun’s signature song “Dreamchaser.”

On the widescreen played a beautiful video, and everyone settled down as familiar music played, waiting for Huo Yunshen to display his singing skills.

“When I was young and lost, I wondered where to go in life...”

When the first line was sung, Fang Xiaocheng and Wang Dazhi both felt a tug in their hearts and goosebumps everywhere.

Mr. Huo’s singing is too damn awesome!

It hits right in the heart just like the original singer.

“A storm is nothing, for I fear no hardship. Even if the eagle has broken its wings, it will go against the current if need be...”

Huo Yunshen’s voice was deep and charismatic. He did not need to see the lyrics when singing his own song, he just had to follow the rhythm of the music.

As the song reached the climax, he closed his eyes. Those familiar lyrics that he knew by heart were like the sound of an

angel's harp ringing in his ears, flowing into the hearts of others.

While listening to him sing, Xu Xiyan held her chin and gazed at the side view of his perfect face, unable to conceal the adoration and admiration beaming from her eyes.

Such a talented man...who would not be attracted to him?

Music is the best way to move one's soul; you would fall in love with the singer just by hearing his voice.

"Dreamchaser" tells about the stubborn heart of one who pursues his dream and doesn't make compromises with fate.

This song could provide one with endless strength, for even if an eagle has broken its wings, it will go against the winds without fear.

Even Fang Xiaocheng was shaken and moved listening to him sing. Her views about Huo Yunshen had also changed. Xu Xiyan said that she loved his talents. Now Fang Xiaocheng finally understood her.

Frankly speaking, she would have fallen for this Prince Charming if there was no Wang Dazhi.

Chapter 220 - A Promise with the Little Cuttie

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Everyone was absorbed by Huo Yunshen's voice, and remained silent even after he had finished his song.

Huo Yunshen broke the silence by saying, "Thank you."

Fang Xiaocheng came back to her senses, her face filled with surprise and awe.

"Oh my god! Your voice is so beautiful, I thought I was hearing the original!" Fang Xiaocheng said.

"Not bad!" Wang Dazhi said, giving a thumbs up. "A little better than me."

Fang Xiaocheng punched her boyfriend in his shoulder and scolded, "What do you mean by a little? How dare you compare your broken voice to his? People would pay him to sing, while others have to pay with their life if they hear you sing."

"..." Wang Dazhi felt like he'd been struck by lightning over a thousand times.

Come on, I just can't sing well, it doesn't mean that I could kill someone with it...

"Mr. Huo, if some day you decided to become a singer, you'll definitely surpass Ni Yun!" Xu Xiyan said, trying her best to cover the truth.

Huo Yunshen looked at her and smiled.

The little cuttie raised her head and smiled at Huo Yunshen.

“Uncle Dimple! Your voice is so good! It was so touching to hear!”

“Then, do you understand what I’ve just sung?” Huo Yunshen asked.

“Of course!” Ying Bao said, sitting on the couch. “It was about a little bird whose wings are broken. Yet it never gave up and kept trying. In the end, the bird could finally fly again!”

She even mimicked a bird when she was explaining the lyrics. It was funny and refreshing to see.

“Well done, 100 points!” Huo Yunshen said.

“You’re like the little bird who broke its wing, Uncle Dimple,” Ying Bao said, touching Huo Yunshen’s knees. “If you don’t give up, you’ll be able to fly one day, too.”

Ying Bao’s words touched everyone in the room as Huo Yunshen tried to hold back tears.

“I’ll try my best every day,” Huo Yunshen promised, touching Ying Bao’s forehead with his own. “Then I’ll be able to fly a kite with you.”

“Pinkie promise!” Ying Bao extended her pinkie and hooked it with Huo Yunshen’s.

Fang Xiaocheng looked at Huo Yunshen and Ying Bao, and she suddenly felt like they were actual father and daughter more and more.

Fang Xiaocheng looked at Xu Xiyan curiously as Xu Xiyan averted her gaze.

“Come on, let’s sing,” said Xu Xiyan, trying to throw Fang Xiaocheng off of her suspicions. “What do you guys want to sing, I’ll prepare it.”

After getting to know Huo Yunshen, Fang Xiaocheng finally began to like him more and more. She even felt that he and Xu Xiyan would definitely be a perfect couple.

If Xu Xiyan didn’t mind Huo Yunshen’s condition, and Huo Yunshen didn’t mind that Xu Xiyan had a child before

marriage, they would definitely look normal together while holding a little kid's hands.

"Yanyan, you should sing, too, let me do the hard chores," Fang Xiaocheng said as she decided to set it up.

Fang Xiaocheng chose a song called "Your Love Was Worth It".

"Hey, this is a duet," Xu Xiyan said as she saw the song title on the screen.

"Sing with Mr. Huo, then," Fang Xiaocheng said as she asked Wang Dazhi to hand the mic over to Huo Yunshen.

"How about it, shall we?" Xu Xiyan turned to look at Huo Yunshen and smiled.

Chapter 221 - I Just Want To Be With You

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“My pleasure!”

Huo Yunshen’s mesmerising eyes were filled with tenderness and affection.

Being able to sing a duet with her is my pleasure.

After the prelude, the female’s verse began first. Xu Xiyan’s voice was very characteristic and sounded great. As someone who had musical background, singing was an easy task for her.

“When you and I are together, we have endless topics to speak about. Love does not need courage to continue on...”

This was the first time Huo Yunshen heard Xu Xiyan sing. Her singing was filled with emotion. Like a lover’s word, it lingered in his ear and warmed his heart.

When it came to the male’s verse, Huo Yunshen continued singing.

“Your words and mine lasted from dusk till dawn...”

The two of them continued singing verse by verse, and their coordination had a special tacit. As they sang, their eyes met with affection.

Fang Xiaocheng saw them gazing at each other lovingly. She whispered to Wang Dazhi and he nodded in agreement.

Yeah, he also thinks they looked like a good match...

“You are the one I love, not the one that others see. Everything’s one of a kind, and I’m deeply mesmerised. You

are the one I love, not the one that others speak of. Unable to resist, I just want you to be with me...”

Fang Xiaocheng had really picked a song that suited the two of them. It was straightforward and rich with emotion.

After they'd sang the entire song, Ying Bao and the rest applauded for them.

Xu Xiyan was blushing by the time she finished singing, fanning herself with her hands, then mocking herself. “Gosh, it was so stressful singing with the Movie King. Did I go completely out of tune?”

“Nope, you sang really well!” Fang Xiaocheng said, winking at her.

Xu Xiyan was secretly pleased, and she took a glance at Huo Yunshen whose cheeks turned slightly pink. He bashfully looked down.

Hehe, he seems to be shyer than I am...

Just then, Ying Bao saw that her mother's phone was lighting up. Someone was calling, so she handed her the phone.

Xu Xiyan saw that it was Xiao Yuqian, so she left the room to pick up the call. Xiao Yuqian had called to notify her that the company would be holding a press conference the next day, and that she should come on time.

In the room, the group continued singing.

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On the other side of the line, Xiao Yuqian hung up, having returned to her apartment after work.

She habitually threw her bag onto the sofa and walked to the bathroom to shower.

After showering, she came out wrapped in a bath towel and dried her hair as she walked back to her bedroom.

Ma Haodong gracefully lay sideways on her bed like a mermaid, with his head on one arm, casually eating grapes. He greeted her with a smile. “Qianqian, you're back!”

What?

Xiao Yuqian got a shock when she suddenly heard Ma Haodong's voice. She turned around and saw him still lying on her bed. She immediately raised her eyebrows and asked, "Why are you still here?"

He replied lazily, "I was waiting for you."

Xiao Yuqian stared at him and got even more triggered by his laid-back attitude, "Who said that you could lie down here!? Get up!"

Upon hearing her words, Ma Haodong was not angered, but instead obediently lifted the quilt up and was about to step out of the bed.

However, as the quilt was lifted up, Xiao Yuqian realized that the guy was only wearing a pair of briefs, and his perfect muscular body was revealed.

Seeing that he was dressed so revealingly, Xiao Yuqian got anxious and hurriedly said, "Damn it! Lie down!"

Ma Haodong took full advantage of the situation and said cheekily with a little sense of innocence, "Qianqian, one moment you told me to get up, one moment you told me to lie down. What exactly do you want me to do?"

Chapter 222 - The Girl Lay On Top of the Man

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“One minute you want me to get up, the next you want me to lie down, make up your mind...”

“...” What a nuisance.

“Get out of my house now!” Xiao Yuqian sighed as she averted her eyes and pointed at the door.

“But I’m not wearing anything,” Ma Haodong pouted. “You can’t let me go out in my undies.”

Ma Haodong had been drunk the night before, and he had vomited all over himself. Xiao Yuqian had been forced to undress him and help him wash his clothes.

“Wait here!” Xiao Yuqian gritted her teeth and left to get his clothes.

Xiao Yuqian was always cold and expressionless in public. But when she was in front of Ma Haodong, she was forced to show her true colors.

She was so frustrated that she almost cursed.

Yet, what Xiao Yuqian was showing was the real her in Ma Haodong’s eyes, and not the cold person who refused every person that tried to get close to her.

Xiao Yuqian took the clothes from the drier and threw them on Ma Haodong’s head.

“What a familiar scent,” Ma Haodong said as he took a sniff of his shirt.

“Hurry up and leave!” Xiao Yuqian scolded as she tried to restrain herself from scratching his pretty face.

How is it that he’s still the same as he was six years ago? Still arrogant, still a nuisance, still making people hate him?

“Come on, Qianqian,” Ma Haodong put on his clothes, but remained on her bed and hugged his arms. “I’ve been waiting for you for the whole day, and you want me to leave? No way!”

“You...!” Xiao Yuqian shouted.

Since Ma Haodong refused to leave, the only way Xiao Yuqian could think of was to drag him out. She grabbed his arm and tried to pull, yet no matter how hard she tried, she was outmatched by the man in front of her.

Ma Haodong put a little strength in his arm, and Xiao Yuqian fell over.

“Wha...” Xiao Yuqian shirked and fell onto the bed with Ma Haodong.

The girl was lying on top of the man, they were both so close that they could even hear each other’s breathing.

They looked at each other in the eyes, and their minds went blank for a moment.

“Qianqian, I know you still care about me,” Ma Haodong said as he broke the silence. “But you don’t have to be so eager. If you want it, then you can have it anytime.”

“Shut up, you big ugly uncivilized narcissist pervert!” Xiao Yuqian scolding, blushing. She threw a few punches on him and got up.

Xiao Yuqian had scolded him with everything she could think of.

The only thing she wished for at that moment was to have nothing to do with Ma Haodong ever again.

He’d hurt her once, and it was enough. She didn’t want her life to be ruined by his hand again.

“Wow, such compliments,” Ma Haodong joked, sitting up.
“You’re still as kind and beautiful as ever.”

“Get out! Right now! Or else I’ll call the police!” Xiao Yuqian shouted.

“Fine, let’s hug¹,” Ma Haodong said as he got up and outstretched his arms.

“Ma Haodong!” Xiao Yuqian screamed. She was already at her limit. Her body was shaking as tears rolled down her cheeks. She was on the verge of a mental breakdown.

Ma Haodong looked at her and put away his playful side.

“Qianqian, can we talk?” he asked with a serious tone.

Endnotes

1. In Chinese, “Hug” and “Police” have the same pronunciation.

Chapter 223 - Got His Attention

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“I have nothing to say to you, and I do not want to see you! Just go!”

Xiao Yuqian desperately pushed him out and immediately shut it tight. Ma Haodong had been pushed right out of the door.

He turned around and looked at the door that'd been shut. He pounded on the door, “Qianqian! Can't you just spare me some time and let us talk about it?”

“Can't.”

Xiao Yuqian replied to him loudly from inside the room, completely refusing his suggestion.

Rejected, Ma Haodong stood outside.

Unwilling to give up, he shouted, “Qianqian, I know I did you wrong six years ago, I was a jerk, an asshole. What happened six years ago...no one meant for it to happen. Why won't you give me a chance? I know I was wrong! I really do! Would you forgive me? Qianqian, do you know how much I've missed you all these years that you were gone?”

No reply came from inside, and Ma Haodong stood silently for a few moments. “Qianqian, go ahead and hate me,” he said. “Hate me all you want! I just want you to know, I'm not going to give up so easily!”

When Ma Haodong had finished his words, he tossed his coat over his shoulder and left the apartment.

Xiao Yuqian leaned against the door, her brows furrowed, and her face filled with sorrow.

As she heard the footsteps leave, her back slid down the door.

She held tight to her knees and wept bitterly.

She was in great pain. Whenever she closed her eyes, she could see her brother Xiao Yuche covered in blood.

Her heart was aching...

The thought of Ma Haodong would just remind her of the past.

Her heart, apart from pain, was full of hatred towards him.

She thought that she was strong enough to face the past after so many years had passed. However, she realized she could not move on upon seeing him.

She couldn't forgive him, she couldn't!

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At Silver Cabinet KTV, Xu Xiyan and her friends left the room after they'd finished singing.

Xu Xiyan pushed Huo Yunshen while he hugged Ying Bao. Fang Xiaocheng and Wang Dazhi each stood at one side.

Though they were discreet, they were still recognized by someone...none other than Huo Yunshen's oldest brother Huo Jingtang.

Huo Jingtang was invited to Silver Cabinet by his friends and bumped into Huo Yunshen leaving just as he arrived. He did not notice at first, but Huo Yunshen's wheelchair was just too prominent and got his attention.

"Yunshen?" Huo Jingtang called out, stopping.

Huo Yunshen was surprised to hear Huo Jingtang's voice and looked up. It was indeed his oldest brother. "Jingtang, what brings you here?"

"I came to look for a friend."

Huo Jingtang looked at the group of them. He had seen Jing Xi before, but he did not recognize Fang Xiaocheng and Wang Dazhi.

When Huo Jingtang suddenly saw the little girl lying in Huo Yunshen's arms, he got the shock of his life.

That child...

"Yunshen, this child is..."

Huo Jingtang dragged out his words, his eyes fixed on the little girl that beared resemblance to Huo Yunshen.

Xu Xiyan got really nervous, what if Huo Jingtang has doubts about Ying Bao?"

Huo Yunshen smiled and explained, "My friend's child."

Fang Xiaocheng reacted quickly, afraid that Ying Bao would cause any trouble to Huo Yunshen. She reached out and said, "Hey, baby, come on. Let mummy carry you!"

She took Ying Bao from Huo Yunshen's arms but the sleepy little girl mumbled, "I want daddy to carry me."

Chapter 224 - Alone Time With Her

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Wang Dazhi took Ying Bao from Fang Xiaocheng as the little girl rested her head on his shoulder.

Xu Xiyan let out a sigh of relief and thanked God that her best friend was a genius.

Huo Jingtang also did the same as he realized the kid was not Huo Yunshen's.

"I see, then I'm off to meet my friend," Huo Jingtang said.

Huo Yunshen nodded, and they left the karaoke center.

"We'll bring Ying Bao home, be careful on your way back and call me if anything happens," Fang Xiaocheng said, as she knew that Xu Xiyan had a press release the next day.

"Here, take my car," Xu Xiyan said as she handed Fang Xiaocheng the keys to the Porsche.

After the Porsche had left, Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen went to the van.

Finally, Huo Yunshen had some alone time with Xu Xiyan.

"Are you prepared for the press release tomorrow?" Huo Yunshen asked.

"I'm not sure what should I prepare, my manager should take care of everything," Xu Xiyan replied.

"I see," Huo Yunshen nodded as he was relieved to be relying on Xiao Yuqian.

“Oh right!” Xu Xiyan suddenly shouted happily. “Mr. Huo, do you know who my manager is?”

“Who?” Huo Yunshen acted innocent.

“It’s Xiao Yuqian! Do you know her? She was one of the top managers a few years ago!” Xu Xiyan said, leaving out the fact that she’d known Xiao Yuqian since she was little.

“Yeah, I’ve heard of her.” Huo Yunshen actually was very close with Xiao Yuqian since they’d gotten to know each other five years ago in another country.

“Jingyue Entertainment is treating me so well!” Xu Xiyan said as her beautiful eyes shone bright. “I would have never thought that they would ask Xiao Yuqian to come back to be my manager and take over the company.”

“Your boss must have good insight,” Huo Yunshen smiled.

“Yup,” Xu Xiyan agreed. “Our secret boss sure is something.”

Huo Yunshen was brimming from the praise Xu Xiyan gave. He suddenly thought of the song they had sung together and said, “You know, you have an amazing voice, too.”

“Really?” Xu Xiyan smiled brightly. “I’m honored to be praised by the number one artist.”

“Can I ask you to be my female counterpart for a duet song in the future?” Huo Yunshen asked. He had been holding the question in for quite some time.

“I’d be happy to!” Xu Xiyan was honored by his invitation and almost cried from it. “It will be my pleasure!”

“It’s a promise!”

Xu Xiyan suddenly remembered the song that Huang Guoqiang had asked Huo Yunshen to compose and asked, “How’s the thing with the theme song that Huang Guoqiang requested that you do?”

“I’m done with the music, but I’m stuck with the lyrics. Classics aren’t my forte.” Huo Yunshen sighed as he flicked the hair on his forehead like he always did when he was down.

“Can you show me the music?” Xu Xiyan asked.

“Sure thing.” Huo Yunshen took out the music score and showed it to Xu Xiyan.

Chapter 225 - The Question Was Quite Sharp And Direct

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Xu Xiyan looked at the music score and gently hummed the tune in her heart.

Wow! Huo Yunshen is really a music genius, the melody he made for the ancient Chinese song is so beautiful.

“The song sounds beautiful! I’m sure it will be a hit once it’s released!” Xu Xiyan complimented wholeheartedly.

“Thanks.”

Huo Yunshen was delighted, she understood and admired his songs. He felt like he’d found his soulmate.

“You can’t think of suitable ancient Chinese lyrics for it, right? How about the two of us put our heads together?”

After all, Xu Xiyan acted in “The Red Sleeved Beauty” and had a better understanding of the characters and plot. Plus, she used to major in Chinese literature at Peijing University. A few ancient Chinese lyrics should not be difficult for her.

Huo Yunshen was surprised that she would take the initiative to help him think of lyrics. He immediately agreed. “Sure! Let’s give it a try!”

The two of them talked about music all the way till they returned to Shengshi Yujing.

It was a little late and Huo Yunshen did not want to delay her rest. He said “Why don’t we skip the massage and acupuncture today? You should rest early! You still have to go to the company tomorrow.”

“No way! We have to follow through with the treatment and can’t be sloppy even for a day.”

Xu Xiyan insisted on completing the massage and acupuncture for Huo Yunshen before she left. Huo Yunshen couldn’t help but listen to her.

After they were done with the acupuncture and massage, they said goodnight and returned to their rooms to rest.

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A new day. Since the establishment of Jingyue Entertainment, this was the first time they were to hold an elaborate public press conference.

After Xiao Yuqian took over Jingyue Entertainment, she quickly set up a public relations team and the team made proper arrangements and setup for the press conference.

They announced the time and venue on Jingyue Entertainment’s official Weibo, and the press conference was set to start at 9 AM.

As the time approached, the venue was already packed. All of the most well-known reporters from Peijing were there.

Many reporters were growing impatient, and as soon as the clock struck 9, they began to ask when the head of Jingyue Entertainment would arrive.

Just as the reporters were bustling about, the side door to the venue opened. The public relations team, led by Xiao Yuqian, stepped out, followed by Xu Xiyan.

Xu Xiyan would be the main lead today, and she wore a black suit-style dress, with her hair tied up and some light makeup on. She looked genuine and carefree.

From the moment she appeared, the reporters started flashing their cameras at her non-stop. Xu Xiyan smilingly sat down in an empty seat right next to Xiao Yuqian.

Xiao Yuqian exchanged glances with her, picked up the microphone and said, “A warm welcome to all friends from the press. I’m Xiao Yuqian, the head of Jingyue Entertainment. The live press conference held today by Jingyue Entertainment

is for Jing Xi, with the main purpose of providing a unified explanation of the recent scandal. Next, I'll hand over the microphone to Jing Xi. Feel free to take turns and ask any questions.”

Xu Xiyao took the microphone from Xiao Yuqian and smiled as her gaze swept over the audience. “Hi everyone, I'm Jing Xi.”

“Hi Jing Xi, I'm from Peijing Zhongxiang Paper. Is it true that you are kept by a wealthy businessmen?”

A male reporter stood up first, and his question was quite sharp and direct.

Xu Xiyao did not have a ready-made public relations script, Xiao Yuqian told her to answer as she wished so long as she was happy. She would handle any issues that arose.

Chapter 226 - High EQ

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Xiao Yuqian had informed Xu Xiyan that she could answer any way she wanted as long as she was happy. If anything happened, Xiao Yuqian would take care of it for her.

It showed that Xiao Yuqian had very strong public relations capabilities.

With that, Xu Xiyan could answer with anything she thought of without any worries.

The first response she gave when she heard the question was shocking.

“Really? Why didn’t I know that?” Xu Xiyan asked. “I’d be happy if that was true. I wouldn’t have to keep minor acting roles or worry about scandals anymore.”

The reporters all laughed at her joke.

Even though she did not answer the question directly, it still showed that Xu Xiyan was a woman with a high EQ.

Any person in their right mind would instantly understand what she’d said. If she really did have a millionaire as a boyfriend, there was no way that she would still be playing minor plays and getting caught in scandals.

“Jing Xi,” another reporter stood up and asked. “We’re all curious about your relationship with Ma Haodong. Are you two in a relationship?”

“Thank you for the question,” Xu Xiyan said. “Truth to be told, I worry about this more than any of you do. Ma Haodong saved me that day, and for that I thank him. Technically, I should be doing everything I can to pay him back. But he

refused and said that ‘That’s what friends are for.’ And now, I have no way of paying him back, and instead drag him down with me in this scandal. And so, I want to use this opportunity to thank him for saving my life. Thank you. You’re definitely a friend worth having. No matter what happens in the future, when you need my help, just tell me, and I’ll be there.”

After hearing Xu Xiyan’s statement, a few reporters nodded in agreement.

The reporters continued asking a few incisive questions, and Xu Xiyan answered every one of them as the scandal began to clear up.

“Jing Xi, you’ve been answering our questions quite well,” a reporter said. “I want to ask you about ‘Red Sleeved Beauty.’ Is it true that you got a spot through some back door?”

Xu Xiyan’s face became more serious. “I think I should be clearer this time,” Xu Xiyan replied. “I was at the mass audition that day, my audition number was 222, and it was my lucky number. Yet, when everything had ended, my number was not called. And when I asked the staff, they told me that someone had deliberately removed my name from the list. That’s why I ran after the director’s car and asked him for another chance. That’s how I got a spot in the movie. I want to thank Mr. Huang for the opportunity. This is the truth, you can confirm it with the director and the staff.”

The reporters finally understood that there was someone who wanted Xu Xiyan off the movie.

“You said your name was crossed off...had you offended someone?” the reporter asked.

“Maybe,” Xu Xiyan replied honestly.

“All of us have seen the video that was posted online,” the same reporter asked. “You went into shock because the CEO of Juxing Entertainment kept calling cut on the scene. Is there something going on between you and Mr. Chu?”

Chapter 227 - Exposing In Public

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Since Chu Yuhe had become the subject of the topic, Xu Xiyan was not going to let go of a chance to discredit him.

Since you smeared my image, now it's time for you to have a taste of your own medicine.

I have nothing to fear compared to you anyways.

“Since all of you are curious, I might as well provide an exposé. In fact, there was not much conflict between Mr. Chu and me. However, right in the beginning, before I joined the production team, he wanted to me to sleep with him, but I refused.”

No sign of fabrication could be seen on Xu Xiyan's sincere face.

Upon hearing about the relation between Xu Xiyan and Chu Yuhe, the reporters were excited. “Could you continue describing the process of how Mr. Chu made his move on you?”

Xu Xiyan thought for a bit and said, “About a month or so before, he met me at a room at Silver Cabinet KTV. He said that if I was willing to be his woman, he would provide me with the best resources. I could be a celebrity even more famous than Xu Xinrou, he said, and then he started being hanky-panky with me. But I hated his immoral and dishonest behavior. I rejected him and gifted him a wine bottle. I guess he must have had a grudge from that day onwards.”

Xu Xiyan had deliberately mentioned Xu Xinrou in the matter, just to see what her reaction would be when she saw the day's news.

From Xu Xiyan's description, many reporters were enlightened. "I remember now... someone had reported that Mr. Chu was injured at the Silver Cabinet. So it was you!"

As the word got out, the crowd was bustling with discussion. A reporter who had reported at the scene said, "That's right, I reported it! That evening at the Silver Cabinet, Mr. Chu's bum was bleeding profusely, and the wound had been made by a wine bottle!"

"So, Mr. Chu got injured because he wanted Jing Xi to sleep with him. To think that he actually said it was a result of saving someone from injustice and distress. That's so funny!"

"How could he admit that he was doing some hanky-panky, of course he had to cover it up!"

"This must be it! He failed in making his move on Jing XI and even got injured, so he bore a grudge and deliberately made things difficult for Jing Xi, leading to her shock."

"No wonder he's seeking revenge and smearing her image!"

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The reporters were all engaging in small discussions. They finally knew the truth and reasons leading to the whole matter. A reporter did not forget to ask, "Jing Xi, you used a bottle to stab him, isn't that intentional injury?"

Xu Xiyan knew someone was going to ask that. She smiled and explained, "It was justified self-defense to protect myself. If it was intentional injury, why didn't Chu Yuhe report it to the police?"

The reporter was stumped. She's right! Chu Yuhe did not dare to report it to the police because it was disgraceful. He was guilty.

Some reporters felt that Xu Xiyan was fearless because she was a greenhorn, some felt that she was too naïve.

“Jing Xi, aren’t you afraid of causing trouble with today’s exposé and going against Juxing Entertainment?”

“I believe justice will be served. I have always been upright and honest in what I do. I have no guilt, why would I have any fear? If they are really going to seek trouble, I will be glad to follow suit!”

Her words were sound and strong, successfully diverting all the troubles away.

All the reporters heard and nodded i

Chapter 228 - Backfire

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There weren't many celebrities left that had the wits to stand their ground like Xu Xiyan had.

As the press release was coming to an end, Xiao Yuqian took over the mic and said, "I guess everyone has had their fill. Jing Xi, is there anything you would like to add?"

Xiao Yuqian looked at Xu Xiyan and smiled like a kid.

"I hope everyone lives a happy life, and... err... has a much bigger scoop to work with!"

All of the reporters laughed at Xu Xiyan's joke again.

They already had a basic understanding of Xu Xiyan. In their eyes, she was a girl that was bright, witty, and courageous.

Even if she hadn't officially made her debut, she already had a standing in the entertainment business.

The first press release came to an end smoothly.

After the reporters left the hotel, they went straight to Juxing Entertainment for the next scoop.

Chu Yuhe was sitting in Juxing Entertainment's CEO office.

He was still in shock from being closed in Yunhai Entertainment's toilet for three whole days.

When he'd gotten out of the toilet and seen the news, he was crushed. Because of the videos and pictures, his reputation plummeted.

He was once known as the "god who created stars." And now people had started to call him the "god of the toilet" online.

He was still disgusted by those three days.

Chu Yuhe and Xu Xinrou were both watching the livestream of Xu Xiyan's press release.

After Xu Xinrou heard what Xu Xiyan had said about the night at karaoke, she stared at the man beside her angrily and slapped him in the face.

"Why did you go and find Xu Xiyan behind my back?" Xu Xinrou screamed.

Chu Yuhe held his face as he looked at Xu Xinrou's raging eyes. He fell on his knees and begged, "I didn't, you have to believe me! She's making all that up! I wouldn't dare do anything to her, she's trying to set me up!"

"Yeah, you don't have the balls to do that," Xu Xinrou said. She knew Chu Yuhe the most, and that he was a coward who would never dare betray her.

"Please believe me!" Chu Yuhe kneeled in front of Xu Xinrou like a dog.

"Fine, get up," Xu Xinrou said. "Now we have to think about how to deal with Xu Xiyan. Now that she's told the reporters everything, I'm worried that we might be in trouble."

Xu Xinrou was in with Chu Yuhe when he'd betrayed her five years ago. Xu Xiyan would never let it go.

"What should we do now?" Chu Yuhe asked, standing up.

"What else? We keep lay low!" Xu Xinrou said, rolling her eyes. "As long as you say nothing, it will all just remain as speculation. After a few days, when the scandal has died down, we'll make up a new scandal and everything will be over."

"You're the best!" Chu Yuhe said, grabbing Xu Xinrou's shoulder.

Xu Xinrou thought of Xu Xiyan's face and couldn't believe that she was able to get out of it.

Chu Yuhe was to blame. If he hadn't messed everything up, the scandal would've never backfired.

Chapter 229 - A Mishap Finally Befalls The Horrendous Couple

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I really should not belittle Xu Xiyan, Xu Xinrou thought in her heart.

She'd heard that Xu Xiyan was helping the "Root of Evil" production team by playing the role that Huang Yanran had. This might be an opportunity she could make use of.

Huang Yanran was also from Yunhai Entertainment, but she was not as experienced nor famous as Qi Liya. It had been said that she liked to put on airs, and that she was calculating and petty.

If Huang Yanran learned that Jing Xi had stolen her role, what would happen?

Xu Xiyan, let's see who will have the last laugh!

Xu Xinrou was thinking about how to plot against Xu Xiyan, but she did not expect that the celebrity van she was sitting in today would suddenly lose control on the way back to the Xu mansion.

The driver used all his might to steer, but still ended up driving into a manure pit.

That's right, a super large septic tank.

"What happened?"

Xu Xinrou, who was sitting at the back, could feel the vehicle sinking, and her whole body tilted to the front.

“Oh no! We fell into a pit,” Wen Li said in a panic.

“What’s that stench?” Xu Xinrou pinched her nose.

As the vehicle sunk deeper, sewage waste was about to cover the window, and the driver yelled, “Quick! Smash the window and escape!”

However, in order to survive and climb out of the septic tank, one would have to swim out of it. If they didn’t escape, they would just drown in the septic tank.

Xu Xinrou and the rest definitely did not want to die there, so they frantically escaped from the vehicle.

As they smashed open the window, large amounts of sewage rushed into the car and surrounded them.

They were surrounded by waste, so nobody dared to open their mouths.

As they floated to the surface and climbed onto land, they looked like living sewage.

Xu Xinrou’s head was full of poop and there were many pieces of toilet paper as well. All of them were drenched, and looked down and out.

“Blaargh!”

For a moment, it was just a sound of vomiting.

“Look! It’s Xu Xinrou! They dropped into the manure pit!”

“Quick! Take some photos! It’s an absolute scoop!”

Just then, reporters appeared and surrounded them. They kept on taking photos. Some even managed to record a video of the entire ordeal, and how the celebrity van had driven into the manure pit, and how the group had climbed out.

Xu Xinrou was cursing in her heart. She was already covered in poop and yet they could still recognize her.

“Stop taking photos...”

Wen Li wanted to protect Xu Xinrou’s image, but she was in a mess, herself. They could only cover their faces with their arms and escape.

However, no matter where they ran, they were repulsively avoided.

When they finally returned back to their apartment, Xu Xinrou and Wen Li hid indoors and couldn't help but shower multiple times.

Yet the ultimate sense of disgust was not washable.

While they were showering, news about Xu Xinrou's celebrity van driving into a manure pit was published and it stood out, even against Jing Xi's scandal.

Xu Xinrou's image had always been one of a beauty, but now she became a poop lady.

What a disgusting and traumatizing experience!

Xu Xinrou would never have dreamed that the whole matter had been directed by Huo Yunshen.

Why did the celebrity van lose control, and why was there a large group of reporters hiding nearby the manure pit? It was all a big surprise that Huo Yunshen had prepared for Xu Xinrou.

He wanted to take revenge for his woman, to take revenge on Xu Xinrou, that lofty woman. He wanted to give her the most unforgettable lesson of her life.

When Xu Xiyan saw the poop-related news of Chu Yuhe and Xu Xinrou, she couldn't help but laugh! A mishap had finally befallen the horrendous couple.

Chapter 230 - Over-Confident

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Finally, the day for those two assholes to suffer has come! Xu Xiyan laughed in her heart.

News regarding Chu Yuhe and Xu Xinrou should have been enough to cover the scandal.

This feels so good!

This should be enough to disgust them for three long years.

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Ever since the press release at Jingyue Entertainment, reporters had shifted their attention to Juxing Entertainment. They gathered outside the company's building, waiting for Chu Yuhe to come out.

Because of the new information that came out during the press release, the winds had clearly shifted.

First of all, Ma Haodong's fans began to realize they had wronged Xu Xiyan. They felt responsible for taunting Xu Xiyan.

Most of the fans had left comments on Xu Xiyan's account apologizing for their misbehavior.

[Jing Xi, I'm sorry for misunderstanding you.]

[I'm sorry for all the bad things I called you.]

[Seeing you say that you would risk your life to repay Xiao Ma for saving you, I'm really touched.]

[You know, you and Xiao Ma are actually kind of well suited for each other. If you two were in a relationship, I'd definitely support it.]

...

Not only had the fans changed their opinions, but normal netizens had too.

[I hated you at first, but now, I realize you're kind of cute! I like your sincerity, keep up the good work!]

[Destroying Chu Yuhe's butt, that's some good work! Well done!]

[Xixi, please let me call you that. I'm 100% your fan now!]

[Yeah, same here!]

[Jing Xi, waiting for your new work!]

[I think she's beautiful! Maybe she's mixed or something. She prettier than the A-list actress, anyone with me?]

[I'm with you. She's really pretty.]

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Xu Xiyan had finally gotten out of the scandal, but Chu Yuhe's nightmare had just started.

He had been trying his best to avoid the paparazzi whenever he went in or out of his company's building. His company's employee and celebrities had also been talking about him, especially his butt.

Other than that, Chu Yuhe's scandal had caused Juxing Entertainment's stock to plummet. The shareholders had begun questioning Chu Yuhe.

"Mr. Chu, how are you suppose to lead Juxing with your stubbornness?"

"Mr. Chu, shouldn't you give us an explanation? Are you going to evade the reporters forever?"

"Mr. Chu, are you making fun of us?"

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The shareholders all wanted Chu Yuhe to make a press release and retain Juxing Entertainment's position in the entertainment business. Yet Chu Yuhe remained silent as he avoided the press. His attitude made the shareholders furious.

Chu Yuhe stood in the meeting room as his heart raced, even though he acted like he was normal.

"Everyone, please, give me some more time," Chu Yuhe said. "I'll handle this. I'm sorry for causing all the losses. I promise all of you that our profit will double when the year-end comes."

With his promises, the shareholders didn't pursue it any further. In truth, they didn't mind that much, they were just doing their job.

They weren't really worried, because they still had Yunhai Entertainment backing them. No matter how things turned out, Juxing Entertainment would never suffer too much.

Chu Yuhe still had hope that he would survive, but he was too over-confident.

He'd yet to learn that, with Xu Xiyan's being cleared of her scandal, another news story made headlines.

The news was titled...

Chapter 231 - The Backer Is Gone

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“A Separation of Partnership — Yunhai, Entertainment Industry Leader, to Withdraw Their Shares in Juxing Entertainment”

Juxing Entertainment’s transformation from a small entertainment company to one of Peijing’s top three enterprises had always been because of Yunhai Entertainment.

Everyone thought that Yunhai Entertainment was Juxing Entertainment’s backer, and now, the backer was gone.

Xu Xinrou wanted to use other scandals to cover up Chu Yuhe’s scandal, but before she could implement her plan, she was in a deep mess, too.

And now, the situation had gotten worse.

The first people that got affected by the news were those in the internal departments of Yunhai Entertainment. There was a sudden command from the CEO to withdraw their shares from Juxing Entertainment.

Huo Sanyan immediately rushed to the CEO’s office, and asked with a glare, “Yunshen! What happened? Did you take the wrong medication? Or is this some kind of premature menopause? Why did you suddenly decide to withdraw our shares?”

If it wasn’t for the reporters that surrounded Yunhai Entertainment and surrounded her when she came to office in the morning, she would still be oblivious to what had happened.

“I just felt like doing so.”

Huo Yunshen replied without looking up from the document he was reading.

“Oh my gosh! Yunshen! You can’t be so willful! Have you discussed it with Jingtang? It’s such an important decision?”

Huo Sanyan was really anxious.

“I’m the CEO, I call the shots.”

Huo Yunshen finally looked up, in his eyes was a look of autocratic ruthlessness.

He had always been decisive at work, contrary to the coldness and laziness he sometimes showed in private.

Huo Sanyan: “...”

I’m seriously wondering if Huo Yunshen is heavily lacking in care and concern, which led to his domineering temper.

Huo Sanyan thought about it and remembered the good news that she had for him, “Yunshen! I remembered something important to tell you!”

“What?”

Huo Sanyan took out a post-it note and wrote a time and venue on it. “Tonight, 7 PM at Memory Western Diner, Grandpa arranged for you to meet Miss Xue. Remember to be there on time!”

Grandpa arranged for me to go on a blind date with Xue Yating?

No, I do not need a blind date. He rejected directly, “You guys know that I’m not capable in that way, why do you still force me to go on a blind date?”

Huo Sanyan knew that he would reject it, but she tried to persuade and said, “Yunshen, don’t give up on yourself. We are all aware of your physical condition, but as the legitimate son of the Huo family and the leader of Yunhai Entertainment, you need to have a wife that is compatible with you in terms of status and background. Grandpa said, you have to marry a wife even if it’s just for show. This isn’t a trivial matter, it

concerns the reputation and honour of the Huo family. You have to think of the big picture!”

“Alright, just leave!”

Huo Yunshen had enough of talking to her, he did not want to see her any longer.

Before Huo Sanyan was out the door, she turned back and said, “Yunshen, don’t forget! 7 PM tonight! You must be there!”

After Huo Sanyan left, Huo Jingtang came in furiously and threw the morning paper on the desk. He questioned, “Yunshen, why did you suddenly announce the withdrawal of shares without discussing it with me?”

“It’s just a small matter,” Huo Yunshen said lightly.

“A small matter? Something as major as withdrawal of shares and you’re telling me it’s a small matter? Since when did you become so autocratic?”

Chapter 232 - It's All For Her

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“Come on, brother, you know how I am,” Huo Yunshen said without any expressions.

“It was you who wanted to become Juxing’s shareholder,” Huo Jingtang scolded, banging on the table. “And now you said you want to sell shares? Do you think this is a joke?”

“Of course not, everything I do, I do for Yunhai.”

“Do you think I’m stupid?” Huo Jingtang asked, smiling. “You did this all for Jing Xi, am I right? Chu Yuhe bullied her, that’s why you did all of this!”

“You and Jing Xi aren’t just friends,” Huo Jingtang continued, realizing Huo Yunshen wasn’t going to reply. “Am I right? You like her, don’t you?”

Huo Jingtang had seen Huo Yunshen and Xu Xiyan together a few times and had already noticed how Huo Yunshen looked at her.

Huo Jingtang was curious as to what made his little brother, who had a sexual disorder, fall for her.

“That’s right, I did this all for her,” Huo Yunshen admitted.

The only thing that was worth it to him was Xu Xiyan.

If Huo Yunshen could even throw his life away for her, he would definitely abandon Juxing Entertainment.

Huo Yunshen had no more reason to hide, as Huo Jingtang had already seen them together more than once.

“Aren’t you acting on impulses without any considerations?” Huo Jingtang asked, as he could not bear it any longer. “You throw away a goldmine for a girl. I really don’t get it, what’s so good about her?”

Most of the time these two cousins both held different opinions.

Huo Yunshen stared at Huo Jingtang with eyes filled with knowledge, replying to Huo Jingtang with another question.

“I thought you hated Juxing Entertainment and Chu Yuhe... Why are you helping them now?” he asked.

Huo Jingtang was stunned by the question, worried that Huo Yunshen might’ve suspected something.

It was true that he used to look down on Juxing and Chu Yuhe, but the company’s profits had been growing every year.

Plus, Chu Yuhe has been giving him 5% of the profit as a bribe. There was no way that Huo Jingtang would give up that money.

“I’m thinking of Yunhai Entertainment’s future, that’s all!” Huo Jingtang said, a little embarrassed by the question.

“Well, if you’re thinking about the future, why don’t you go on the date in my place at 7 o’clock tonight?” Huo Yunshen asked, handing Huo Jingtang the invitation.

“What date?” Huo Jingtang asked, stupefied by the sudden change of topic.

“Grandpa set it up, with Xue Yating. This is all that I could do!”

Huo Jingtang had told Huo Yunshen that he adored Xue Yating. Huo Yunshen had now given him a chance, and all that was left was for him to do what he could.

Huo Jingtang was surprised, as he’d tried to ask Xue Yating out on a few occasions but was declined. She said that she had performances to attend to. Huo Yunshen was giving him a chance that he would never get.

With that, Huo Jingtang took his mind off Juxing Entertainment and began to think of ways to impress Xue Yating.

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After Xu Xiyan had gotten ahold of the news of what was happening between Juxing and Yunhai, she jumped in excitement as she'd finally gotten her revenge.

Chapter 233 - Innocently Implicated

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She knew Chu Yuhe would have a tough time after she'd just clarified herself through a press conference and diverted the attention and troubles to him. Little did she expect that reality would make things even more difficult for Chu Yuhe,

Haha! That's retribution for Chu Yuhe!

As for the reason behind Yunhai Entertainment's decision, that was not what she should've been concerned about. She just had to steadily get through her days.

Therefore, Xu Xiyan felt especially joyful and returned to set as usual.

Today's shoot was mainly centered on the interaction between the male lead, Lin Huaijin, and the female lead, Qi Liya. Xu Xiyan only had a few scenes and was done fairly quickly.

She was about to proceed to the set for the "Root of Evil" after she was done in the washroom.

When she came out of the washroom, Wen Li stood in her way. Xu Xiyan raised her eyebrows and said, "Wen Li, what do you want?"

Wen Li crossed her arms, raised her chin, looked at her with a side glance and did not answer. She just retreated to the washroom door and stood there, and Xu Xinrou walked in next.

Xu Xinrou had her makeup on, and was wearing a palace gown embroidered with a golden peony. She had a gorgeous

gold flower ornament, with two golden hair pins decorated with tassels placed on either side, which swayed charmingly as she walked.

Xu Xiyan had to admit, the Meng Zhaoyi played by Xu Xinrou had her own special disposition. This was the reason why the audience was captivated by her.

In the show, she was the vicious and beautiful Meng Jinxin. In reality, she was on par with her character.

“Oh my, if it isn’t Miss Poop... oops! I meant Miss Xu!”

Xu Xiyan greeted Xu Xinrou smilingly and complimented her after taking a few looks at her.

“I have to salute you, Miss Xu. This golden and shining palace gown looks really suitable on you! Golden yellow, with an unusual smell.”

How dare she call me Miss Poop!

Golden yellow with an unusual smell?

She must be mocking me about the day I dropped into the manure pit.

Xu Xinrou’s face sulked, and her stunning makeup seemed to darken as well.

It was the inerasable nightmare of her nightmare, and every mention of it just made her feel like vomiting.

She pretended not to hear the remark and swallowed her anger as she did not want to talk about the incident again.

She stared at Xu Xiyan viciously and asked, “Was it you? Was it you who sweettalked Huo Yunshen into withdrawing his shares from Juxing?”

Even though Chu Yuhe believed that Huo Yunshen and Xu Xiyan had no relations, Xu Xinrou felt that there was more than met the eye.

In order to exact revenge on her and Chu Yuhe, the sly Xu Xiyan would be willing to do anything unscrupulously.

Xu Xiyan found it funny. Why do they always suspect me first no matter what happens? How would I not know if I had the ability to decide the matters of Yunhai Entertainment's management?

She was really innocently implicated in this matter.

Xu Xiyan crossed her arms and mocked, "What has it got to do with me? If I had the ability, I'd have just let Huo Yunshen acquire Juxing and chase the both of you out!"

Listen to this! How vicious can this girl be!?

Xu Xinrou was now sure that it was not her, as Xu Xiyan would have just gotten rid of all of them.

Since it was not her, she wanted to discuss the matter of maligning Chu Yuhe. Xu Xinrou said, "Xu Xiyan, you seemed to be more capable than I expected! I had really mistakenly belittled you!"

Chapter 234 - Time For Revenge

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“I’m honored to be praised by you,” Xu Xiyan smirked. “What a surprise.”

“Because of you, Yuhe is now plagued by scandal,” Xu Xinrou glared. “Are you the one who hurt his butt?”

Xu Xinrou still believed that Chu Yuhe had not betrayed her, and thought that it was Xu Xiyan who seduced him.

“You’re right, that was me!” Xu Xiyan couldn’t help but laugh at her. “Who told him to try and make a move on me? I should’ve just kicked him in the groin!”

“You...!” Xu Xinrou raised her hand and slapped Xu Xiyan, but Xu Xiyan stopped her before she could even land the slap.

“What? Trying to slap me? Who do you think you are?” Xu Xiyan mocked as she threw Xu Xinrou’s arm away from her. Xu Xinrou almost fell from the momentum.

“You tried to seduce my Yuhe! Why wouldn’t I hit you?” Xu Xinrou shouted.

“Who told you I seduced him? Did you see it with your own eyes? He was the one who tried to seduce me!” Xu Xiyan bit back.

“Bullshit! Don’t think I don’t know how you wanted to rekindle things with him because you saw that he became rich! He rejected you, and you hurt him!”

“Oh my god!” Xu Xiyan laughed. “Your imagination is really something! You should stop being an actress and become a

scriptwriter!”

“Stop with your sarcasm!” Xu Xinrou said, glaring at Xu Xiyan.

“I have proof, do you want to see it?” Xu Xiyan said. It was time for revenge.

Xu Xiyan took out her smartphone and replayed the recording she recorded at the karaoke.

The recording started to play as Xu Xiyan’s and Chu Yuhe’s voices could be heard.

Do you still love me, Yuhe?

Of course, I do! My love has never changed! You have no idea how much I suffer when you’re not around! I miss you every day!

Then why are you with my sister?

She was the one who wouldn’t let me go! That was all just a scandal!

Doesn’t that mean she loves you more? Is she better than me?

No! You’re the best! She’s really an unreasonable person, she always acted all high and mighty, she’s materialistic...how can she compare to you? You’re so much better than she is!

The recording stopped. Even if it has just contained a few sentences, it was enough to show that Chu Yuhe had been trying to court Xu Xiyan.

Xu Xinrou’s face changed as soon as she heard the recording. Her face was darker than the night.

She couldn’t believe that the dog she thought was loyal to her had tried to cheat on her with his ex.

What hurt Xu Xinrou the most was Chu Yuhe’s remarks on her.

Unreasonable... high and mighty... materialistic...

Is this how he views me?

I have been standing by his side for years! Without me, Juxing would never have the success it has today!

And yet, he betrayed me for Xu Xiyan?

Chapter 235 - It Was Like A Slap In The Face

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How could he say that in front of Xu Xiyan?

He's such a disappointment!

It was a huge blow for Xu Xinrou, who had always felt superior.

She even covered her ears and shook her head in agony. "No! Impossible! You must have forged the recording! Yuhe would never betray me! Never!"

Seeing Xu Xinrou's self-deception and suffering from this huge blow, as though her self-esteem had been trampled, Xu Xiyan had a sense of unspeakable joy.

That night five years ago, where she was made drunk and left in the hotel room...how had she felt when listening to the conversation between Chu Yuhe and Xu Xinrou?

Most likely like how Xu Xinrou was feeling now.

She was going to pay Xu Xinrou back double for the blow and humiliation the horrendous couple had given her five years ago.

Xu Xiyan was not going to let the couple off so easily.

She mocked, "He could betray me five years ago, what's there that he can't do now?"

Xu Xinrou, how's the taste of being betrayed?

It's karma!

It's just retribution for what you did!

Remembering that she still had to shoot a scene, Xu Xinrou did not continue to be bothered about Xu Xiyan. She walked past her and left.

Just as she was at the washroom door, Xu Xinrou shouted from behind her, "Xu Xiyan! Stop right there!"

Xu Xiyan stopped and asked smilingly, "Yes Miss Xu, what else do you want?"

"I want you to stop pestering Chu Yuhe!" Xu Xinrou ordered.

She and Chu Yuhe were already entangled for better or for worse. Even if she knew now that Chu Yuhe was a jerk, it was a choice that she had made in the past.

Xu Xiyan found it really funny, and remained smiling as she said, "Don't worry Miss Xu! I have no interest in such a loser! You can keep him for yourself!"

"..."

It was like a slap in the face, Xu Xinrou was furious but speechless.

She had to swallow her anger.

She'd thought she had snatched the best man in the world, but who knew that he was just a loser!

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On the set of "The Root of Evil," Xu Xiyan greeted the director and the rest of the team as she arrived, and a makeup artist came up to do her makeup.

After Xu Xiyan was done with makeup and was wearing the fitting uniform, she looked heroic and valiant. She looked much more handsome than the female lead, Huang Yanran.

The initial scenes were interactions with the male lead, and Xu Xiyan earnestly did as the director instructed to shoot every scene properly.

If a scene was not shot well, they would repeat it till it was accepted.

The director, Peng Sicheng, sat behind the equipment and was satisfied with Jing Xi's stunning performance.

He was rather appreciative of Jing Xi, the newcomer. He had heard from Mr. Xing that Huang Guoqiang was unwilling to loan out the actress initially.

Xu Xiyan was the one who persuaded Huang Guoqiang with the reasoning of "standing in other's shoes." It was rare for a young lady to be so magnanimous.

Peng Sicheng quietly asked Mr. Xing, "How much pay did we negotiate with Jing Xi?"

Mr. Xing was stumped for a moment and replied immediately after that, "We didn't talk about it. She came over willingly and did not mention anything about her pay. She didn't ask and I didn't mention it either. I believe she would be fine, even if we pay her the same low rate as before."

Mr. Xing felt lucky...they'd saved some money for the production team.

Chapter 236 - He's a Natural

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Peng Sicheng was deeply touched by Xu Xiyan's generosity. When she'd come to help, she hadn't even asked for any payment. She only wanted to help.

"Pay her a tenth of what we are paying Huang Yanran," Peng Sicheng said.

"Isn't that too much?" Mr. Xing asked, as if he thought he misunderstood.

"No, it's not," Peng Sicheng replied without any hesitation. "She's worth that much."

After a few shots, the crew was resting as Ma Haodong walked into the set.

After a few greetings, Peng Sicheng looked at him and asked, "Are you feeling better now?"

"I am," Ma Haodong smiled. "Thank you for your concern. I'm ready to get back into the game."

"Good, then hurry up and get prepared," Peng Sicheng nodded. "We'll be taking the 167th scene later. It's a fight scene between you and the lead actress."

"I thought Huang Yanran had hurt her wrist?" Ma Haodong asked, scratching his head. "Is she healed already?"

Ma Haodong had acted sick so he could skip his job, it was normal for him to suspect others of doing the same.

"Oh, I'm sorry," Peng Sicheng corrected. "It's with the stunt double."

"I see," Ma Haodong nodded and went to the makeup studio.

Ma Haodong came out wearing a biker jacket and leather gloves. He stood on the set like a real antagonist.

It was as if the role was made specifically for him.

Xu Xiyan went back to the set after her rest. As soon as Ma Haodong noticed that the stunt double was Xu Xiyan, his eyes lit up.

“Jing Xi!” he called. “So the stunt double is still you!”

Ma Haodong thought that the crew would have definitely found another replacement because of Xu Xiyan’s scandal. He’d never thought that they would hire her again.

“Where have you been for the past few days?” Xu Xiyan asked. “It’s like you disappeared or something.”

“I was sick,” Ma Haodong lied, since they were surrounded by a whole ton of staffs. He faked a cough.

“Oh, are you all right?” Xu Xiyan asked. “Do you need me to hold back during the fight scene?”

“Don’t worry about it, just do what you usually do!” Ma Haodong smiled.

Ma Haodong was already sick of shooting fight scenes with Huang Yanran as she needed a stunt instructor by her side at all times to help her with every move.

Yet, fight scenes with Xu Xiyan were different. They could “fight” to their hearts’ content without any interruptions.

After greeting Ma Haodong, Peng Sicheng took up the loudspeaker and shouted, “Into positions! We’re about to shoot the 167th scene.”

The scene was a murder scene where the second male lead appeared at an abandoned flat.

The female protagonist led a squad to the flat to apprehend the culprit.

The protagonist went into a dark room alone. She readied her gun as she pushed open the door, only to find no one inside.

Just as she was about to leave, a shadow moved. She turned and aimed her gun at the shadow, when the antagonist jumped down and kicked it away.

After fighting for a few rounds, the antagonist grabbed the female protagonist from behind as he locked her arms and neck.

Chapter 235 Sheep Being Fed to the Mouth of a Tiger

Every night that Lola return to her villa, she would always check on Nicole's room out of habit. Every time that she entered the room and saw the little quilt still neatly folded, she would realize that her daughter wasn't at home. This gave so much pain.

Harry added her mobile number to the blacklist, so it was so difficult for her to talk to her daughter.

This pissed off Lola.

At noon, she called Harry through the company's landline.

This time, the phone was quickly connected, and there came a deep and decisive voice from Harry. "Tell me!"

"Tell what? What do you want me to tell?" Lola wondered. Lola curled her lip in a discontented manner. "Boss Si, where is my daughter?" She was in a bad mood for not seeing her daughter for several days. This was like a torture for her. Her overall mood had been different lately and it had affected her emotions.

"My daughter is taking a noon nap in the lounge. You don't need to worry about her. What's up, Miss Li?" Harry stared at the door of the lounge and smiled while thinking of the lovely little girl inside.

To make up for the days of his absence, now he took her with him everywhere and every day. These had been the best days of his life. Even when his grandfather and parents wanted to see Nicole, they have to go to Harry's mansion to pay a visit. There was no way that he would let Nicole go to their house.

Lola pondered on Harry's words. He said "My daughter". Yet he just called her "Miss Li". Did he not want to be connected to her anymore?

"Of course, I want to see my daughter!"

“You can meet my daughter in C Country.”

They were both emphasizing “my daughter” as if they wanted sole ownership of Nicole.

To C Country? Lola frowned. Why was she having a feeling that she is like a sheep being fed to the mouth of a tiger?

Her daughter was already there in the mouth of the tiger. Would she send herself there, too?

But, how could one obtain tiger cubs without entering the tiger’s lair? She wanted that tiger cub, her Nicole.

She hung up the phone, connected the internal line to call the deputy CEO and general manager. Then, she started to hand over the work for the next two days to them.

Finally, she settled everything down before she ended work time in the evening. Lola left f

When her sister ran away from the wedding, Autumn was forced to marry Charles.

His name had been linked to innumerable ladies.

He had different girlfriends for every day of a year.

Autumn had never thought that she would fall in love with him.

, she had already developed an intimate connection with her father. What did Harry do for her?

“Daddy won’t come. Just you and Mommy will go home.” Lola simply refused to let Harry go with them.

But Nicole’s lip curled and her eyes turned red. She grumbled, “Mommy, I want to be with Daddy and Mommy. I want to have a complete family.” Nicole never wanted to separate with any of them.

Lola didn’t know what to say while looking at her daughter’s sad little face. Of course, she would like the three of them to stay together, too. But, that man seems like he will not forgive her at all!

Mrs. Du brought a plate of fresh mixed fruits to them. “Lola, Nicole, have some fruits.”

“Thanks Mrs. Du!” Lola got the plate from Mrs. Du, thanked her, and fed Nicole with a piece of mango.

Mrs. Du watched them happily. She was very glad to know that Nicole was the child of Harry and Lola!

Although Harry didn’t mention it, she could tell that Nicole looked more like Lola.

And from the side, she looked like Harry!

When it was already eight in the evening, Lola bathed her daughter and sang her to sleep.

According to Mrs. Du, Nicole slept with Harry every day. He was so nice to Nicole, as he even kept her beside him when he was sleeping.

Lola felt a little jealous.

But, where should she sleep?

Mrs. Du had already returned to her room. There were several bedrooms next to this one, but no beds were inside any of them. Did this mean that.... Oh, no. She couldn’t stand sleeping next to that man.

Chapter 238 - You've Got To Be Kidding Me

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Technically, it was because the girl that he was waiting for had returned. He didn't want any scandals with another girl. He was still waiting for Xiao Yuqian to return to his side.

"I didn't even finish my sentence!" Xu Xiyan laughed. "I was asking if you want to go to Jingyue Entertainment with me? Qianqian should be there."

One was her childhood friend, the other was her savior. If there was any misunderstanding between them, then it was Xu Xiyan's job to help them.

As soon as he heard that Xu Xiyan wanted to bring him to meet Xiao Yuqian, Ma Haodong became so excited that he mistook the gas pedal for the brake.

The blue Ferrari rushed off the road and almost hit a lamp post.

Xu Xiyan lunged forward and hit her head. If not for her safety belt, she would've flown out of the car.

"Oh my god!" Xu Xiyan scolded as she grabbed her head. "What was that all about? Are you trying to kill me?"

She was worried that if they stayed there any longer, she would definitely make another headline.

"Are you all right?" Ma Haodong asked as soon as he had the supercar under control. He was already covered in cold sweat.

"Yeah, except for the fact that I almost met my maker," Xu Xiyan joked. "Well, if I had died just now, then I wouldn't

have owed you anything anymore.”

“Sit tight,” Ma Haodong laughed, unable to believe that she still had the nerve to crack a joke. “I’ll get us back on the road.”

Xu Xiyan grabbed the handle above the window as Ma Haodong reversed back to the road.

Yet as soon as the car hit the road, the engine died down.

“Did you get your license from the blind driving school or what?” Xu Xiyan couldn’t help but laugh. “And where did you get this car from? It’s like a toy car!”

“...” Ma Haodong was speechless, as it felt really bad to embarrass himself in front of a lady.

“You’ve got to be kidding me!” Ma Haodong shouted as he kept pressing the start button to try to save face.

As someone who was born with a golden spoon, Ma Haodong only knew how to drive and race. He had no idea how to repair a car.

Xu Xiyan couldn’t bear watching any longer and got out of the car. She went to the driver’s side and opened the door.

“Get out, I’ll try,” she said.

Ma Haodong looked at Xu Xiyan suspiciously, but got out of the car and went around to the passenger’s seat.

In just a few seconds, with Xu Xiyan touching here and there, the car started, just like that.

Xu Xiyan turned the car towards the right direction and drove towards Jingyue Entertainment.

“Man, you’re good at this!” Ma Haodong shouted in awe as he looked at Xu Xiyan.

“Of course,” Xu Xiyan smiled.

When Xu Xiyan was at her uncle’s JS1 Legion in Estan, she’d learned a few things from him. Other than driving techniques, she’d also learned how to shoot, set up mines, and even pick a lock.

The Ferrari stopped at the building where Jingyue Entertainment was operating from, and Xu Xiyan led Ma Haodong to the office.

It was Ma Haodong's first time at Jingyue Entertainment. He looked at the office that was smaller than his own apartment and asked, "This is the whole company?"

Chapter 239 - Might Be Getting Conned

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“Yeah, we just started out.”

Not seeing anyone walking around, Ma Haodong asked again, “How many people are there in the company?”

“It used to be just the three of us, the boss, the reception and me. Now that we have a public relations team, we have about 10 people.”

Ma Haodong: “...”

It was really a shock.

Jing Xi actually signed her contract with a company that had less than 10 people?

How is this even a company? It seems more like a hoax.

“Jing Xi, did you and Xiao Yuqian get conned?” Ma Haodong asked worriedly, grabbing ahold of Xu Xiyan’s arm.

“Nope! No one conned us. Our boss behind the scenes is really nice and the benefits are pretty good too. Being able to sign my first contract as a newcomer with such a good company... I’m really very lucky.”

“No, listen to me! Jing Xi! I truly think that the two of you might be getting conned!”

Ma Haodong’s tone was serious. “From what I know, an entertainment agency mainly relies on its celebrities for income. Yet a company as small as yours only has one newcomer, which is you. What does the company rely on for

income? When will the benefits promised be realized? Isn't it obviously a fraud?"

Xu Xiyan understood the logic, but the contract had already been signed, and she trusted Huo Yunshen on his recommendation. She did not feel that this was a fraud.

"I understand your worries, but our boss would never con us."

Ma Haodong was really speechless. In his mind, Jing Xi was just a naïve little girl that had no idea how sinister the world can be.

Such blind trust will get her into deep trouble one day.

"Jing Xi, listen! Terminate the contract with them! I can recommend you so you can join us at Huayin Entertainment. I promise you will get fair treatment in terms of resources and packaging. It will definitely be better than staying with Jingyue Entertainment!"

Ma Haodong advised her as if he was trying to save a friend from a pyramid scheme.

"No worries, Haodong! Thanks for your help! I find it quite nice here. Precisely because I'm a newcomer with little value, I have no fear of being conned."

Xu Xiyan had already made plans for the worst. Rather than going to big companies and vying for resources with much more famous celebrities, why not just stay on at Jingyue Entertainment? She believed that Xiao Yuqian had the ability to expand the company.

Before Ma Haodong could say anything else, Xu Xiyan had already pushed open the door, "Go on, have a look inside!"

As they approached reception, Wan Dou appeared from behind and greeted Xu Xiyan and Ma Haodong. "Hi Jing Xi, Xiao Ma!"

"Wan Dou, is Miss Xiao in?"

Xu Xiyan was getting used to calling Xiao Yuqian "Miss Xiao" in front of outsiders.

"She's in her office now."

Wan Dou pointed her in the right direction.

“All right then, you go ahead with your work! I’ll go look for her.”

Xu Xiyan took Ma Haodong into Jingyue Entertainment, and they headed to the CEO’s office. Xu Xiyan knocked and stepped inside.

“Qianqian, haven’t you finished work?”

“Oh, it’s Yanyan!”

Xiao Yuqian looked up from her desk and smiled at Xu Xiyan. But as she saw Ma Haodong behind her, her expression sunk. “Why is he here?”

Xu Xiyan hurriedly explained, “Qianqian, I brought him here to have a look at our new company.”

“Go ahead then!” Xiao Yuqian lowered her head and did not make a sound.

Ma Haodong’s gaze fell onto Xiao Yuqian, and he felt down.

Does she really hate the sight of me that much?

Chapter 240 - Too Big?

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It was clear that Xiao Yuqian didn't want Ma Haodong to be there, but Ma Haodong's skin was as thick as a rhino's.

"What a wonderful office you have here," he complimented, circling the office.

When they'd first entered the company, Ma Haodong recommended that Xu Xiyan switch companies as soon as possible. But after seeing Xiao Yuqian, he began to have thoughts on switching his managing company to Jingyue.

Then I can see the girl I adore every day, that's not so bad, right?

Ma Haodong walked to Xiao Yuqian's desk and gestured toward it.

"I've heard that your company is looking for people," Ma Haodong smiled. "Why don't I join your company too? What do you think?"

Xu Xiyan turned and looked at Ma Haodong instantly.

And he was just telling me to switch companies, what's with the sudden changes after he's met Qianqian?

Xiao Yuqian raised her head and stared at Ma Haodong with a serious expression. If she could kill people with her stare, Ma Haodong would've died half a dozen times.

Xu Xiyan could feel that the atmosphere had changed, as if she was now standing on a battlefield.

"Come on, that's not something you should joke about," Xu Xiyan said. "You're one of the top celebrities in Huayin

Entertainment. They would never let you leave.”

“I’m not joking.” Ma Haodong glanced at Xu Xiyan with a firm expression and turned back to Xiao Yuqian. “I’m serious about it.”

His manager, Miss Song, had left abruptly due to some personal reasons, and didn’t even bid farewell as she left.

Ma Haodong was operating without a manager after that. Plus, his contract with Huayin Entertainment was about to come to an end.

Ma Haodong was considering whether he should sign a new contract with Huayin, or if he should change to Yunhai Entertainment, since the manager from the latter had tried to pull him onto their side.

But now, he’d already made his decision to join Jingyue Entertainment. That was where he could see Xiao Yuqian.

Ma Haodong’s wish to join Jingyue was intense, yet it was only one-sided.

No matter how much he wanted it, Xiao Yuqian would never agree to it.

“Impossible,” Xiao Yuqian said without any expression. “Our company is too small for someone as famous as you.”

“It’s not small to me,” Ma Haodong said as he pressed both his palms on the desk, waiting for the answer he wanted.

“But for me, you’re too big,” Xiao Yuqian said as she tried to drive Ma Haodong away.

Xiao Yuqian had blurted this out in the midst of her frustration, yet it made others think of “another” topic.

“...” Too big? Ma Haodong was stunned.

“...” What and what? Xu Xiyan was also stunned.

Am I missing something here?

Xiao Yuqian saw that both people standing in front of her were stunned and realized that she’d said something that she shouldn’t have. She began to blush.

“I meant your fame,” Xiao Yuqian coughed.

Once she’d explained, everything exploded.

“So, that’s why you kept ignoring me,” Ma Haodong said with a snicker, waking up from his thought.

Because mine is too big!

“...” That’s not what I meant, don’t misunderstand! Xiao Yuqian shouted with her eyes.

“...” What are they talking about? Xu Xiyan was puzzled.

But that didn’t mean that she couldn’t guess what they were talking about as her eyes moved between Ma Haodong and Xiao Yuqian.

Awkward! I have to take care of this!

Chapter 241 - It Was Stunning

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The atmosphere was really awkward, Xu Xiyan quickly broke the ice, “Qianqian, isn’t it time to knock it off? Let’s have dinner together with Wan Dou! My treat!”

Xiao Yuqian deliberately avoided looking at Ma Haodong’s eyes, and answered Xu Xiyan. “How could I always let you treat me?”

Xu Xiyan took the chance and said, “Why not you treat me then?”

Xiao Yuqian: “...”

It would have been rude for Xiao Yuqian to reject the offer further, so she smiled and said, “Alright, my treat.”

Just as they were about to leave, Ma Haodong followed. Xiao Yuqian stopped and frowned. “Mr. Ma, I’m treating these two beautiful ladies. It doesn’t seem right for you to tag along.”

Xu Xiyan helped, “Qianqian, since Haodong is already here, let’s just eat together! Think of him as my plus-one, all right?”

Upon hearing that, Ma Haodong immediately held on to Xu Xiyan’s arms and said, “Right! Jing Xi and I are good sisters. No, I mean good brothers.”

It’s hard to find someone as thick skinned as Ma Haodong.

Xiao Yuqian really had nothing more to say about his shamelessness. Xu Xiyan took her silence as consent.

Before they left, Xu Xiyan suggested, “To prevent any scandals, we should disguise ourselves a little.”

“That’s right!” Ma Haodong strongly agreed. He did not want to stir up anymore scandals, nor did he want any fans to intrude on him and Xiao Yuqian having dinner.

Thus, Xu Xiyan arranged an outfit for Ma Haodong, giving him a long wig and working on his face as well.

After Ma Haodong had put some makeup on, changed into a dress and walked out of the dressing room, he was stunning!

And a little too enchanting.

Besides the tall build that differed from an average woman, Ma Haodong did not look like a man. He was just a beautiful lady standing in front of them.

Ma Haodong was satisfied with his look. He spun around in front of Xiao Yuqian and asked, “Qianqian, how do I look?”

Xiao Yuqian replied madly. “Go away!”

Ma Haodong cheekily walked away and returned back, “Qianqian, I walked away. You haven’t told me how I look.”

Xiao Yuqian: “...”

Damn! I can feel my blood boiling!

Oh God! Buddha! Anyone! Just get rid of Ma Haodong!

Xiao Yuqian really did not want to see Ma Haodong’s face anymore.

Does he think that by pestering me shamelessly, I’ll forgive him for what he did in the past?

No way!

After putting on makeup for Ma Haodong, Xu Xiyan worked on herself, too. She put on Ye Xun’s outerwear.

She had silver hair with a black studded jacket, sleek pants and shining diamond ear studs. She looked stunningly cold and attractive.

She stood in front of everyone and Ma Haodong couldn’t help but exclaim, “Wow! Is this still Jing Xi?”

Wan Dou's eyes were beaming, "Wow! Wow! Wow! Jing Xi! You look as handsome as a man! Oh no, I should call you 'Mr. Xi' now."

Indeed, she was handsome, yet her handsomeness differed from Ma Haodong's.

Chapter 242 - Did He Bail Again?

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No one had thought that Xu Xiyan would look that good when she disguised herself as a man. It wasn't that K-pop star look, but a manly-man look.

"Let's get going," Xu Xiyan said with a smile.

Just as the time before, Xiao Yuqian, Xu Xiyan, Wan Dou and Ma Haodong all headed to Memory for dinner.

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Memory was famous for its dining atmosphere. It also offered the best service available, suitable for couples or friends.

The lighting was soft and the music calming, and an attractive woman sat at the table next to the window.

It was Xue Yating, wearing an elegant black dress. She'd been waiting at the reserved table since 6:50 PM.

Huo Sanyan was hiding in a dark corner where she was able to peek through the window, just like the paparazzi she used to be a part of.

She'd been sent by her family to check if Huo Yunshen had made it to the date, and had been asked report to them how Huo Yunshen and Xue Yating acted that night.

After a few minutes, a big, tall man in a suit appeared and sat across from Xue Yating.

Huo Sanyan peeked with her binoculars and couldn't help but shriek, "Why is brother Jingtang here?"

Where is Huo Yunshen?

Where's my little brother?

Don't tell me... Did he bail again and give the date to Huo Jingtang?

Xue Yating raised her head and noticed it was not the person she'd been waiting for.

"Huo Jingtang? Why are you here?" Xue Yating asked in surprise.

"Is there anything wrong with me being here?" Huo Jingtang asked, looking at Xue Yating with his deep dark eyes.

"Did you make a mistake? I was supposed to meet Huo Yunshen tonight..." Xue Yating said. Her father had told her that he'd set up a date between her and Huo Yunshen, yet it was Huo Jingtang who's showed up, and it made her curious.

"You're a smart lady, you should be able to tell the difference between Yunshen and me," Huo Jingtang said. "I'm better than him in every aspect, and together we could do so much more. Why do you have to choose him? Isn't that a little stupid?"

Even though Huo Jingtang was an elite in handling business, he was an amateur when it came to relationships.

Xue Yating felt a little disgusted from hearing what Huo Jingtang had just said.

"Do you think I'm here to make a deal?" Xue Yating scolded. "Is this how the Huo family is going to treat me? If so, then I'm calling off this date."

Xue Yating stood up and guided her back as she was about to leave.

Huo Sanyan saw that Xue Yating was leaving and quickly called Huo Yunshen.

"Why the rush?" Huo Jingtang smirked, as he believed that Xue Yating wouldn't dare to leave. "Are you scared of me? Don't you want to know why Yunshen wasn't here?"

"Oh? And why's that?" Xue Yating asked, sitting back down in her chair.

“It’s simple, really. It’s because you’re not his type,” Huo Jingtang replied. He didn’t even care if Xue Yating misunderstood Huo Yunshen’s intentions, he would even love it if that happened.

The daughter from one of the wealthiest family in Peijing, and I’m not Huo Yunshen’s type....

“I’m not his type?” Xue Yating frowned. “Does he think he’s my type? I’m here today not because I want to meet him!”

Chapter 243 - Hatred Grew In His Heart

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“Miss Xue is here for...” Huo Jingtang asked.

“I just want to ask him for details about Mr. Ye.” Xue Yating said, revealing her motive.

“Mr. Ye?”

“Right! The man that played a song with Huo Yunshen at your grandpa’s birthday dinner, Ye Xun.”

Huo Jingtang remembered who she was interested in, but he got a bit embarrassed.

Such an outstanding and handsome man as he hadn’t managed to attract Xue Yating’s attention. Yet she was interested in Jing Xi, who had dressed up as a man?

If that was the case, Huo Jingtang did not find Jing Xi to be a threat to him. He laughed, “Miss Xue, I have to advise you to give up early. It’s impossible that it would work out between you and Ye Xun.”

Xue Yating was not dumb, she could hear the selfishness in his words. She sulked and said, “Who do you think you are, Mr. Huo? What happens between Ye Xun and me has nothing to do with an outsider like you! I’ll just say it upfront. The person I want to meet is Huo Yunshen and the person I want to know is Ye Xun. Even if it’s impossible between Ye Xun and Me, I would never fall for you either.”

Xue Yating stood up and left her seat. She walked away and stopped to turn back, mocking him further.

“Oh! I remember now! Your mother used to be a mistress and only got officialized later. Even though you’re the eldest grandson of the Huo family, you are not legitimate. While Huo Yunshen may have been paralyzed, he is still superior to you in many ways. I have to advise you, too: stop having other thoughts!”

Huo Jingtang: “...”

Xue Yating’s words were like daggers stabbing his heart, seriously damaging his self-esteem.

Precisely because his mother used to be the mistress of his father, and they only got married later, he was not valued even as the eldest grandson of the Huo family.

It was a thorn in his heart that could not be removed. Now, Xue Yating even rubbed salt into his wound.

He was full of hate...He hated himself for not having the identity of the legitimate grandson like Huo Yunshen. He hated his lowly background. He hated being mocked and being compared to others.

Huo Jingtang had always been narrow-minded and ruthless. He held his fists tight and tried to tolerate the feelings, but hatred grew in his heart.

What a simpleminded Xue Yating! I, Huo Jingtang, will remember the humiliation you gave me and pay it back one day!

Xue Yating was not afraid of offending anyone, she left her words and was about to leave.

Coincidentally, she caught a glimpse of someone entering the restaurant. It was Ye Xun, the man that she was seeking.

Xue Yating happily walked towards Ye Xun. Huo Jingtang watched her as she walked towards the door and he saw something surprising.

Through the door of the restaurant came four people, one man and three women. Huo Jingtang recognized Xiao Yuqian, the renowned manager that had recently returned to join Jingyue Entertainment.

He did not recognize the other two women, but he knew who the other man was. A silver haired man, isn't that Jing XI?

Huo Jingtang's eyes sparkled with interest. He couldn't wait to see what Jing Xi was up to today.

Huo Sanyan, who was outside of the restaurant, was on the phone with Huo Yunshen while she kept watch of Xue Yating with a pair of binoculars. She saw Xue Yating walking towards the restaurant door and knew that things had not gone smoothly between her and Huo Jingtang.

But when she saw Xue Yating stop the silver haired Ye Xun, she got excited. "Yunshen, I saw Ye Xun! He's at the restaurant, too! And Xue Yating is pestering my prince charming! I shall not talk to you anymore! Goodbye!"

Chapter 244 - Don't You Dare Get Near Him!

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Huo Sanyan quickly hung up the phone. She kept her binoculars and went straight toward Memory's front door.

No way I'm going to let you get close to him!

And at that moment, Xue Yating went up to Xu Xiyan and said, "Mr. Ye!"

Xu Xiyan was shocked by Xue Yating's sudden appearance and jumped back. She took a good look and realized it was Xue Yating.

Did she just call me Mr. Ye?

Xu Xiyan looked at Xue Yating with a weird expression.

"Do you remember me? I'm Xue Yating," she said, still swooning at the moment. "We met at the Huo mansion. You borrowed my violin, remember?"

"Oh yes, of course," Xu Xiyan said. Her impression of Xue Yating had changed ever since Xue Yating loaned her Artemis. "I still have to thank you for that."

"You're here to dine, too? What a coincidence!" Xue Yating was clearly excited. She'd lost all her cold and proud composure in front of the man she adored.

"Yes, with my friend," Xu Xiyan replied.

Xue Yating noticed that the man in front of her wasn't that cold towards her and thought she had the chance to get closer to him.

“Mr. Ye, you’re very good with the violin, I really like how you played it!” Xue Yating complimented. “Can you leave me your number? I would like to ask you some questions if I come across something I’m not sure of.”

Xue Yating’s true intention was to get the man’s number so that she could ask him out on a date.

Xu Xiyan looked at Xue Yating’s eagerness and finally understood that she’d fallen for the man Xu Xiyan was pretending to be.

“I’m not sure if I can teach you anything,” Xu Xiyan said. “I’m not really fond of using phones, why don’t we exchange our IM accounts instead?”

Xu Xiyan was not going to let any chance to get close to Xue Yating to get away.

That was the only way for her to get Artemis back.

Yet, she was afraid that Xue Yating might find out more about her through her phone number.

That was the reason why she gave her the account for which she used the alias “Yim,” since it was registered as a male user.

“Of course!” Xue Yating jumped in excitement, thinking she’d secured a way to get closer to the man.

Xu Xiyan gave Xue Yating her account name and went back to the private dining room with Xiao Yuqian and the rest.

Huo Sanyan reached the door and saw Xue Yating coming out with the face of a maiden in love. Xue Yating kept smiling at her own hand.

What did Ye Xun write on her hand? She’s about to die from happiness!

Huo Sanyan waited for Xue Yating to leave and went into the restaurant. After she knew that the man she was going after had gone into a private dining room, she could only wait outside in the main dining area.

Xu Xiyan and her companions sat in their room and ordered a few dishes.

The room was filled with a weird atmosphere, yet Xu Xiyan was unable to tell what caused it. It felt like Xiao Yuqian and Ma Haodong were glaring at each other, and it made Xu Xiyan and Wan Dou unable to talk to their hearts' content.

“Hey, let’s go to the bathroom,” Xu Xiyan said to Wan Dou, standing.

Wan Dou, believing that Xu Xiyan wanted to go to the restroom, accompanied Xu Xiyan outside the room.

As soon as they were outside, Wan Dou quickly asked, “Do you think that Miss Xiao and Ma Haodong can reconcile their differences today?”

Chapter 245 - What Can I Do To Make You Forgive Me?

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“Maybe!” Xu Xiyan had made an excuse to go to the bathroom, only to give Xiao Yuqian and Ma Haodong the opportunity to speak to each other alone.

After Xu Xiyan and Wan Dou had left, Ma Haodong and Xiao Yuqian were the only people in the room.

On one side, Ma Haodong was emitting a warm aura. On the other side, the air was cold around Xiao Yuqian. The two airflows clashed with each other and were deadlocked.

Ma Haodong couldn't help but break the ice first. “I know that you hate me because of what happened in the past. It has always been on my mind, but it has already been six years. Can you please let go of your resentment towards me?”

“Hmph,” Xiao Yuqian snorted, giving him a tacit response.

She didn't look at him. Her eyes were staring coldly at the bright goblet on the table, bitterness creeping into her heart.

If only she hadn't met Ma Haodong six years ago, her life would not have been turned upside down.

And she wouldn't have been wandering aimlessly for the past six years.

Now, since she had returned to Zstan, she only wanted to make a clean break from him. It was best not to have anything to do with him in this life.

“I know I was wrong and I’ve apologized. What can I do to make you forgive me? Please tell me, I would do anything you say.”

What’s the point of apologizing?

Can a lost life be recovered?

Can I get my happiness back?

No!

Xiao Yuqian forced herself to act on her hatred. She narrowed her eyes at him and said, word by word, “I, want, you, to, die!”

I want you to die. These five words contained all of her hatred for him.

Xiao Yuqian seemed to have exhausted her life’s strength after saying those five words. Her hands couldn’t stop shaking under the table.

Her heart was trembling too. She was suffocating from the pain.

The man she hated most was like a tumor, rooted in every part of her body. To completely remove him from her memory was like cutting her own flesh.

Ma Haodong’s eyes were wet with tears and his heart felt terribly tight. He choked, “Do you really want me to die?”

Xiao Yuqian forced herself to hold back her own tears. She lifted her chin and looked at him coldly, forcing a word out of her clenched teeth, “Yes!”

“Very well.”

Ma Haodong’s tall figure seemed to wilt as he nodded weakly. There was only a look of calmness on his face as he grabbed a knife from the table and pointed it to his heart.

“Would you be happy if I stabbed myself here?”

Tears sparkled and swirled in Xiao Yuqian’s eyes as she glared at him. She had been stubbornly restraining them from falling from her eyes.

She watched Ma Haodong lift the knife and drive it towards his heart with all his strength.

In a split second, Xiao Yuqian's body shook violently and tears rolled down from her eyes in large beads.

Nooo!

There was a powerful voice inside her, urging her to stop him.

Ma Haodong had gathered a lot of strength, but when the tip of the knife was about to pierce into his skin, he suddenly stopped.

The knife did not really pierce into his heart. It was only an act to test her.

He had noticed, at that moment, Xiao Yuqian's convictions were shaken.

It was her tears that betrayed her.

If she didn't care about him, why should she shed tears for him?

Ma Haodong's chest was heaving violently. He slammed the knife point-first into the table with a loud thud and lifted his eyes to look at Xiao Yuqian. "I knew it. You can't bear to see me die."

Xiao Yuqian had not expected that he would pull a feint to test her, but at the moment when he had stopped the knife from driving into his heart, she was relieved.

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Chapter 246 - Dangerously Attractive

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If he were to die in front of me, would I feel better?

Will everything be forgiven?

I don't know.

All I know is that if he dies, if Ma Haodong dies, who is there to left for me to hate?

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Xu Xiyan went straight into the male bathroom as Wan Dou followed her.

Just as she was about to enter the bathroom, she stopped and turned to face Wan Dou.

“This is the male bathroom, why are you coming with me?”
Xu Xiyan asked.

Wan Dou was stunned by both the question and the handsome face.

“Wait, are you really going to the male restroom?” Wan Dou asked.

“Yes,” Xu Xiyan replied with certainty. She was dressed as a man, and if she went into the female toilet, she would be seen as a pervert.

Xu Xiyan went into the male bathroom, leaving Wan Dou alone to head into the female bathroom.

Xu Xiyan took care of her business and was about to leave the stall when a man stood in front of her.

Xu Xiyan didn't even have the time to raise her head as she was grabbed by the shoulder and pushed back into the stall.

Xu Xiyan had her back to the wall. She tried to struggle, but the man locked her legs with his own, making her unable to move.

What the hell?

Isn't this position a little, you know, dangerous?

Xu Xiyan could smell alcohol on the man's breath and thought she'd met a pervert.

"Let me go!" Xu Xiyan shouted.

"Do you know who you are talking to?" the man replied with a deep voice, in a way that sounded like he was threatening her.

"You're in my way!"

Xu Xiyan thought that she'd heard the voice before but couldn't make out who it belonged to.

"In your way? Aren't you the one who's blocking me?" Xu Xiyan scolded.

The man took a step back as he lowered his head and looked at Xu Xiyan.

Xu Xiyan raised her head as her eyes met with Huo Jingtang's. His face was cold and unpredictable. She suddenly felt like she was in a fantasy.

"Mr. Huo? It's you?"

Why is Huo Jingtang here?

And why is he holding me here?

Is he into men?

"Jing Xi, do you know why am I doing this?" Huo Jingtang asked in a cold voice that froze Xu Xiyan's bone.

He saw through my disguise?

“Of course not! Why are you doing this? I didn’t do anything to you, did I?” Xu Xiyan quickly asked, as she was afraid that Huo Jingtang might do something to her under the influence of alcohol.

“You did,” Huo Jingtang said. “Because of you dressing as a man, you spoiled my date. So, let me ask you, did you do anything wrong?”

Xu Xiyan finally understood why she’d met Xue Yating a moment ago. She’d been here on a date with Huo Jingtang when she noticed Ye Xun, who was Xu Xiyan in disguise, which caused her to leave Huo Jingtang alone.

So, is he trying to get back at me?

The alcohol from Huo Jingtang’s breath made Xu Xiyan feel a little uneasy.

“Mr. Huo, please, can you let go of my shoulder first?” Xu Xiyan said. “I think this must be a mistake.”

Huo Jingtang lowered his head and looked at Xu Xiyan’s handsome face. Even if Xu Xiyan was disguised as a man, she was still dangerously attractive.

Especially when they were that close, where Huo Jingtang could almost feel the slight softness of her chest.

Chapter 247 - A Dangerous Man

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He finally knew why Huo Yunshen only loved Jing Xi!

This woman was not as simple as she looked. She had a more wicked side underneath that kind face, and it was difficult to tell her gender as she had both the qualities of a man and a woman. How interesting, how intriguing.

However, Huo Jingtang would not do anything to her for the time being. After all, his goal was to acquire Xue Yating. He was the kind of person who would dedicate his life to his career and make his goals very clear.

He wanted to marry Xue Yating and make an alliance with the Xue family. He believed that it would help him inherit the Huo family business.

As for women, Huo Jingtang had never had a lack of them and they were like clothes to him. He could have as many of them as he wanted with a wave of a hand. He was not going to have his plans ruined just because of Jing Xi.

Huo Jingtang looked her up and down intently. Then he released her.

After she was freed, Xu Xiyan immediately moved away and kept a distance from Huo Jingtang, proceeding to explain.

“Vice president Huo, I really didn’t know that you and Miss Xue had a date here tonight. As for ruining your date, I really don’t know how it happened. But if Miss Xue likes you, I’m sure that no one else could win her over. Also, not to mention that I’m only just a woman!”

Xu Xiyan's implications were clear. If Xue Yating did not like Huo Jingtang, Huo Jingtang would still gain nothing even if he had Xu Xiyan murdered. The problem came from himself!

"You seem to know the situation well."

Huo Jingtang furrowed his brow, a dangerous look in his eyes. The tone in his voice became a little threatening, "I only have one request. Explain your true identity to Xue Yating so she will give you up."

"No problem," Xu Xiyan readily agreed. She had a strong feeling that Huo Jingtang was an extremely dangerous man. If she did not do what he had asked, she could not imagine what kind of unthinkable things he would do to her.

"Good, you can go now."

Huo Jingtang moved aside and gave her a way out. Xu Xiyan seized the opportunity and escaped from the restroom.

Outside the restroom, she patted her chest with relief. That was close. She was lucky that Huo Jingtang hadn't assaulted her in that way. Otherwise, she might not have escaped today.

Wan Dou, who had been waiting for her outside the door, finally saw her come out. She moved towards her and pulled her arm. "Xi brother, I was wondering if you fell into the toilet! What took you so long?"

Xu Xiyan smiled and made an excuse. "I was a bit constipated."

"Constipation? You should drink more honey water, it's effective in treating constipation." Wan Dou had believed her words.

"Sure, I'll try it when I get home."

Xu Xiyan and Wan Dou returned to their private dining room. The two who had remained there were still silent, ignoring each other. It looked like they had not spoken a single word to each other.

Xu Xiyan understood that Rome wasn't built in a day, and so it was with the three feet ice wall built between them. If their misunderstandings and conflicts were accumulated over the

span of six years, she was afraid that it would take more time to resolve.

No hurry, they should take it easy. She only needed to help them create more opportunities.

At least Xiao Yuqian did not leave today. This was a good sign.

Xu Xiyan and Wan Dou had livened up the atmosphere of the room and the dinner was at least tolerable. Xiao Yuqian and Ma Haodong were the same as before, drinking their own wine and not communicating with each other.

But this time, Xiao Yuqian, who was in a bad mood, finished half a bottle of red wine and collapsed onto the table.

At the end of the meal, everyone was ready to leave. Xu Xiyan wanted to help Xiao Yuqian up. “Wan Dou, help me lift her up!”

“Okay!”

Just as Wan Dou reached her arms out, Ma Haodong suddenly stood up in front of her, blocking her way, “Let me!”

Ma Haodong bent over a little, lifted Xiao Yuqian over his shoulders, and stood up. He was like the Greek god Hercules and easily walked out of the room with Xiao Yuqian on his shoulders.

Ma Haodong was clever tonight. He had not had too much wine, so he did not become drunk. Now that Xiao Yuqian was drunk, he could send her home himself.

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Chapter 248 - Went With Her Prince Charming

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Xu Xiyan and Wan Dou looked at each other, speechless.

Ma Haodong was wearing a dress and a wig, to the outside world he was a perfect “beauty.” And yet he was carrying a girl on his shoulder, something that a lady would definitely not do.

They left the restaurant and discussed how to get home. In the end, they decided that Wan Dou would drive Xiao Yuqian’s car back, and Xu Xiyan would drive Ma Haodong’s Ferrari. As for Ma Haodong, he would take a cab and send Xiao Yuqian back.

Xu Xiyan was the only one left after everyone had left. Just as she was about to go and get the Ferrari, her phone rang. Huo Yunshen was calling her.

Xu Xiyan felt a warmth in her heart as he picked up the call instantly.

“Hello? Mr. Huo? Where are you now?” Xu Xiyan asked with her sweet voice.

Maybe because her beautiful voice was a huge contrast from her male disguise, a couple that walked past Xu Xiyan looked at her with shock in their eyes.

Their faces were clearly filled with disgust.

Oh my god! What a sissy! He talks like a girl, it’s making my skin crawl!

Xu Xiyan ignored them as her heart was filled with thoughts of Huo Yunshen.

“Jing Xi, I’m near Memory, and I’m about to head home, where are you now?” Huo Yunshen asked with his attractive voice.

Huo Yunshen was there because he’d heard from Huo Sanyan that Xu Xiyan might’ve gotten into trouble with Xue Yating. He was there to help.

“Oh, what a coincidence!” Xu Xiyan smiled happily. “I’m outside Memory, and I’m about to head back too.”

“Are you driving?” Huo Yunshen asked. “How are you getting back?”

“No, I’m not driving,” Xu Xiyan took a peek at Ma Haodong’s blue Ferrari and quickly returned the keys into her handbag. “I’m still thinking about how to get back.”

She would do anything to get a ride with her prince charming.

“How about we go back together?” Huo Yunshen asked calmly as he tried to hide his excitement.

“Of course!” Xu Xiyan accepted his offer as she left Ma Haodong’s car at the restaurant and went with her prince charming.

Xu Xiyan spotted Huo Yunshen’s van across the road and jogged towards it happily. She pulled open the door and walked on as if she owned it.

Xu Xiyan hadn’t even sat down before she greeted, “Mr…”

Yet she didn’t get to finish her sentence as she was met with Huo Yunshen’s serious face. Huo Yunshen signaled her to his side, and Xu Xiyan noticed that Huo Sanyan was also in the van.

Uh-oh!

“...Huo. Oh, Miss Huo is here too?” Xu Xiyan switched back to her man voice.

Xu Xiyan had no way to act as if she did not know who Huo Sanyan was and could only greet her.

I would've chosen the Ferarri if I'd known Huo Sanyan was here too. I just ran myself into trouble...My balls hurt... even when I don't have any...

"Nice to meet you, Mr. Ye!" Huo Sanyan also greeted. She'd ditched her usual man-like tone and switched to a more lady-like one as soon as she finally got to meet the man she was waiting for.

"Nice to meet you, too," Xu Xiyan said. "Just call me Ye Xun."

Xu Xiyan coughed and looked at Huo Yunshen who replied with a helpless expression.

He had no idea that Huo Sanyan was hiding in a corner waiting for the right moment.

Just as Huo Yunshen had finished his call to Xu Xiyan, Huo Sanyan quickly opened the door and jumped into the van, not leaving Huo Yunshen any time to warn Xu Xiyan.

With Huo Sanyan in the van, too, Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen couldn't talk freely as they usually did.

Chapter 249 - Overly Attentive

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They'd wanted to talk about what had happened between Yunhai Entertainment and Juxing when they met, but now, they could only engage in some meaningless small talk.

No matter what Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen were talking about, Huo Sanyan would rest her chin on her hands, her eyes glued onto Xu Xiyan like a lovestruck woman.

When they returned to Shengshi Yujing, Xu Xiyan pushed Huo Yunshen out of the vehicle's back door towards the door of his apartment. Huo Yunshen said to his sister, "I'm home, sis. You can go back now!"

Huo Sanyan thought Huo Yunshen had forgotten her request for help in asking Ye Xun out. She wanted to meet him more often so she could foster their feelings towards each other. How could he just tell her to leave like that?

"It's still early! Let's go into the house and hang out for a while."

Huo Sanyan was making herself more at home than Xu Xiyan and went into the house first.

Her eyes immediately caught sight of the pair of pink rabbit slippers and she was pleasantly surprised. "Brother, you've improved. How did you know to prepare slippers especially for your sister? I knew that you were the most thoughtful to me."

"Three Eyes... you..."

Before Huo Yunshen could stop her, Huo Sanyan had already put on the rabbit slippers and entered the house.

Huo Yunshen was a little angry and turned to look at Xu Xiyan helplessly. Xu Xiyan squeezed his shoulder lightly and shook her head, urging him not to be bothered by the matter. It was just a pair of slippers.

Huo Yunshen took a deep breath and said nothing more. He could only let Xu Xiyan suffer for the time being and let her wear disposable slippers.

He intended to go and buy another pair for Xu Xiyan. Whenever they were not in use, he would hide them out of sight so Huo Sanyan would not wear them.

They all entered the house. Just as Xu Xiyan sat down on the three-seater sofa, Huo Sanyan immediately came over and sat next to her.

Whenever Xu Xiyan shifted a little to the side to make space between them, Huo Sanyan would come huddling closer to her.

Xu Xiyan had shifted to the very edge of the sofa and there was no more space left. Huo Sanyan stuck her body close to her and said, “Young Master Ye, what do you usually do? Where are you working at?”

Is Huo Sanyan being overly attentive?

Xu Xiyan scratched her head. “I don’t really have a proper job. I usually travel around the world.”

She had explained it according to her second senior, Ye Xun’s life. They were mercenaries and were often required to undergo missions at various places. It would be not wrong to say that they were usually traveling around the world.

“That’s very impressive. I want a job just like that, traveling and exploring the world. Young Master Ye, I think that we are really like-minded,” Huo Sanyan said excitedly.

Huo Yunshen: “...”

In what way are they like-minded?

Huo Yunshen stared at his sister resentfully. How could she be so brazen and continue to stay here?

Xu Xiyan: "..."

She did not know what to say. Huo Sanyan was so passionately talkative that she and Huo Yunshen were not able to converse with each other.

Huo Yunshen watched Huo Sanyan continue to barrage Xu Xiyan with more questions. He fought the urge to fling his sister towards outer space and interjected, "Ye Xun, have you had dinner?"

"I..." Xu Xiyan had just opened her mouth to speak but Huo Sanyan interrupted her.

"Brother, don't you have work to do? You can go to your study room! I'll stay here and talk with Young Master Ye."

Huo Sanyan did not want her younger brother to disturb them and hinder them from fostering their feelings.

Huo Yunshen: "..."

She's telling me to go to my room?

F**k you, bitch! Can't you see whose house you're in?

He scrunched up his thick brows and stared fiercely at Huo Sanyan. Huo Three Eyes, not only do you refuse to leave, but you dare try to steal my woman from me!?

Xu Xiyan had already eaten dinner at the western restaurant just now. She was more concerned about Huo Yunshen. "Mr. Huo, have you had your dinner?"

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Chapter 250 - Bringing Him to a Special Place

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“No, I haven’t,” Huo Yunshen replied, as he hasn’t had the time to have his dinner.

After he’d gotten the call from Huo Sanyan, he quickly rushed to the restaurant, worried about Xu Xiyan. He waited outside the restaurant for the whole night without having any dinner.

“I’ll make something for you,” Xu Xiyan said and stood up. It was actually an excuse to get away from Huo Sanyan.

“You know how to cook?” Huo Sanyan gasped as she looked at Xu Xiyan with her eyes wide. “I really like men who know how to cook!”

“...” Huo Yunshen was literally speechless at his sister.

What the hell? She always said that she won’t get married, and now she’s like a total idiot in front of another guy!

Xu Xiyan suddenly remembered that Huo Sanyan had eaten her food on various occasions, so she’d definitely smell something if Xu Xiyan were to cook for her too.

Xu Xiyan had to think of a way to avoid exposing herself.

“I also really like a woman who can cook too,” Xu Xiyan smiled as she suddenly thought of an idea.

“Me! I can cook!” Huo Sanyan said while raising her hand like a kid.

“Wait, you know how to cook?” Huo Yunshen questioned. His eyes seemed to challenge Huo Sanyan, as if to say that if she

could somehow cook, he'd run outside naked.

"Of course I can!" Huo Sanyan signaled Huo Yunshen to tell him to shut up.

"Really? You really can cook?" Xu Xiyan said intentionally. "Why don't you make something for us? I'm still hungry, too."

"Sure thing, I'll make something right away," Huo Sanyan replied as if she'd received an order from the king. She ran into the kitchen and rolled up her sleeves, ready to make a meal for the man she adored.

Even if I can't cook, there's still the internet! Huo Sanyan thought.

The sound of pots moving around could be heard in the kitchen. Xu Xiyan took a peek into the kitchen to make sure the coast was clear. She quickly pushed Huo Yunshen out of his house and into the luxurious van.

Both of them looked at each other in the van and laughed loudly.

"If my sister notices that we're both gone, she'll definitely get frustrated," Huo Yunshen laughed, slapping the wheelchair's handle.

"I don't care!" Xu Xiyan also laughed. "Your sister is too much for me to handle!"

"That's how I feel every time I see her!" Huo Yunshen said, as he had been around Huo Sanyan forever. That unreliable sister of his had always given him a hard time.

"I'll express my condolences for all the people," Xu Xiyan said. "Oh, I think you should shut your phone off, or else your sister will definitely call you until you answer it."

"Good idea," Huo Yunshen said and took out his phone.

Now that they'd escaped Huo Sanyan, Huo Yunshen had no idea where to go next.

"Jing Xi, where are we going?" he asked.

"Don't worry, I won't try and sell your liver, just follow my lead," Xu Xiyan replied. She wanted to bring him to a place, a

place that he most definitely hadn't been to before.

Xu Xiyan eyes were shining like stars as she winked at Huo Yunshen mysteriously. She turned and began to remove her makeup.

In just a few minutes, she'd transformed back into the lady she usually was.

Chapter 251 - Stir Up His Inner Temptations

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She smiled lightly at Huo Yunshen. “Mr. Huo, guess who I met this evening?”

“Who?”

“Your cousin, Huo Jingtang. I didn’t expect him to be dining at the restaurant.”

Xu Xiyan decided not to tell him about Huo Jingtang’s threats towards her in the men’s bathroom.

“Oh, he was there for a blind date,” Huo Yunshen remembered, so it was not surprising that Xu Xiyan had encountered Huo Jingtang at the restaurant.

Also, for that very reason, he had not entered the restaurant and chose to wait for her outside.

“With Xue Yating?” Xu Xiyan asked.

“Yeah.” Huo Yunshen could not tell her that the person who had been arranged to go for the blind date was originally him.

The two continued to chat leisurely and before they knew it, the luxurious van had arrived at a night market in Peijing.

People were crowding the alley and vendors on both sides of the road began to get busy. Many diners sat in front of the stalls and ate delicious street food.

Xu Xiyan pushed Huo Yunshen into the alley. Huo Yunshen was surprised to see the noisy night market. He had never been to this kind of market before.

Xu Xiyan guessed that a noble young master like him would hardly come to a place like this, let alone eat the street food here.

They attracted a lot of attention as they entered the alley together, probably because Huo Yunshen was in a wheelchair, but fortunately, the night was dark and no one recognized them.

Xu Xiyan pushed Huo Yunshen into a tent and found a place to sit down, then went outside to order some grilled food and other snacks like spicy skewers. She also ordered two bowls of beef vermicelli soup.

After the food was served on the table, Xu Xiyan handed Huo Yunshen a pair of disposable chopsticks. “Eat, Mr. Huo. Please, help yourself.”

Huo Yunshen took the chopsticks and split them into two from the middle, then tasted a slice of beef from the vermicelli soup. His eyes lit up. “Mmm, it tastes good.”

“Delicious, right? Me and Orange used to come here for food during our school days and we’ve tried all the food in this alley. Take the beef vermicelli soup for an example: I went abroad for five years and, after coming back, the stall was still here and the taste was just as good as before.” Xu Xiyan spoke cheerfully, her smile bright. She took in a big mouthful of beef vermicelli.

She was worried that Huo Yunshen was being polite at the table and picked food for him with her chopsticks as she ate. “Try this fish ball, it’s super delicious. I guarantee you will be addicted to it after one bite.”

“Okay, I will try it.”

Huo Yunshen tried a lot of food under her recommendations.

The food tasted quite good. It was different than eating in a restaurant or at home. It was cheap yet delicious.

While they were eating, Huo Yunshen occasionally stole glances at Xu Xiyan. The way she ate was amusing; she wasn’t prim or proper like a lady.

She gobbled up her food with no regard of her own image. There was a lot of chili paste in the beef vermicelli soup and she was sucking in air through her mouth and small beads of sweat were forming on the tip of her nose. Despite that, she was enjoying the spiciness of the food.

The air was warm in the tent. The spiciness caused Xu Xiyan to feel like she was on fire and she was sweating all over. She took off her light jacket and tied her long hair up into a bun.

Xu Xiyan wore a low-necked black t-shirt which she usually wore for her workouts. The shirt was very fitting and easily outlined her perfect curves and waist, exposing the smooth and fair skin on her neck and arms.

From Huo Yunshen's perspective, as he sat facing Xu Xiyan, he only needed to slightly lift his gaze to see the mesmerizing view near her neckline.

Huo Yunshen raised his eyes and took a quick glance, then lowered his head back to his food, embarrassed at what he saw and not daring look at her again. He was afraid that if he was to take another look, it would stir up his inner temptations.

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Chapter 252 - How Dare They Try to Flirt With My Woman!

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As the two of them were eating happily, five scary-looking dudes came into the tent.

One of the men, who looked like their leader, wore only a sleeveless shirt on top. His arms were tattooed with a dragon and a phoenix, and he looked like a man who worked on the darker side of society.

They saw that all of the seats were fully occupied and chased away a table of customers.

The man with tattoos sat down first and had his eyes set on Xu Xiyan. He'd already taken notice of her as soon as he came in and was thinking of ways to ask Xu Xiyan to join him.

The man was the head of the local ruffians and had done many things in his past. One glanced from him, and all the other guys went over to Xu Xiyan's table.

"Hey, beautiful, why don't you join our boss for a cup or two?" one of the ruffians asked.

Huo Yunshen raised his head instantly as soon as he heard the man speaking and frowned as he noticed that they were the local ruffians.

Trying to flirt with my woman? Are they so eager to meet their maker?

Xu Xiyan noticed that she was surrounded but ignored them and continued to eat her hot pot.

“Hey! Boss Qiang is inviting you over! Don’t you dare refuse!” the ruffian said, trying to grab her.

Just before he could touch her, a pair of chopsticks impaled his hand.

“What the!” the ruffian held his hand in pain and screamed. “It hurts! Help!”

The other ruffian saw that the man in the wheelchair had pierced his friend’s hand and cursed, trying to punch Huo Yunshen.

Huo Yunshen didn’t even try to dodge and caught the punch mid-air. He twisted the ruffian’s arm, and it broke with a cracking sound.

With another twist, the ruffian was sent flying clockwise. He fell on the ground and rolled in pain.

The tattooed man was angered that his plan and his men were all stopped by a man in a wheelchair.

“How dare you hurt my men!” he shouted, standing up and flexing his muscles.

“Beat him to death!” the tattooed man shouted. “And get me that girl!”

The other two ruffians charged towards Huo Yunshen. Xu Xiyan didn’t even flinch, as she extended her leg to trip one of the ruffians.

The ruffian lost his balance and plunged straight under the table. Xu Xiyan raised her leg and stepped on his head, immobilizing him.

The other man continued to charge Huo Yunshen. Huo Yunshen picked up a beer and swung it down on the ruffian’s head. Blood dripped down from his head as he fell to the ground.

The tattooed man cursed and picked up a wooden stool. He walked towards Huo Yunshen, raising the stool in the air.

Huo Yunshen had no weapon in his hands anymore. He could only use chopsticks as a makeshift sword.

Just as the chopstick was about to hit the tattooed man, he stopped moving as if he'd been stunned by something.

What? The chopstick didn't even touch him yet... Huo Yunshen frowned.

Chapter 253 - Absolutely Not!

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In reality, Xu Xiyan had pierced a silver needle through the tattooed man's chest, which no one had noticed. Her movement had been too quick for anyone to detect.

Never underestimate a silver needle, it can save a life in critical condition, but can also kill someone at a critical moment. Now, the tattooed man was in pain. The slightest movement such as breathing caused even greater pain.

Four little punks plus a tattooed man had all been subdued.

Xu Xiyan finished the last bit of beef soup in her bowl, put it down, and looked at the group of miserable men. She gave a thumbs up to Huo Yunshen. "Mr. Huo, you are amazing, subduing five men on your own!"

Huo Yunshen had no idea why the tattooed man was pinned, but it did not matter so long as he no longer caused any trouble. He took back the chopsticks and smiled at Xu Xiyan.

Xu Xiyan smiled back at him with a look of admiration. "Mr. Huo, I find that being with you really gives me a great sense of security."

Her words greatly satisfied his male vanity and self-confidence, making him feel that he also had the ability to protect his woman.

Her face was flushed because of the spice in the beef soup, her lips were cherry red, and her watery eyes shined with admiration and adoration.

She had no idea how mesmerizing she looked to him.

“...” Huo Yunshen blushed slightly. He felt that his self-esteem was always greatly respected whenever he was with Xu Xiyan, and now his self-confidence was about to burst.

“I’m full. Are you full?” Xu Xiyan asked as she wiped her mouth with a napkin.

“I’m done too.”

“Let’s go then.”

Huo Yunshen took out a credit card from his wallet and passed it to Xu Xiyan, “Use my card.”

Xu Xiyan pushed his card back to him and smiled. “Haha! The owner here doesn’t have a credit card machine. Keep your card, Mr. Huo. My treat.”

Huo Yunshen: “...”

There was no precedent where he let a woman pay. At that moment, he felt a little embarrassed. Why don’t I carry some cash with me when I go out?

Xu Xiyan took care of his self-esteem, and said with a smile, “We didn’t spend much on this meal, probably not even more than a hundred. I will pay for this cheap meal. When we go to a fine restaurant next time for a feast, I will be sure to use your card. Just be prepared, I can eat a lot!”

“Sure! Definitely!”

Huo Yunshen was finally relieved, but he’d also learned a lesson. He would be sure to prepare some cash in his wallet the next time around.

The incident did not affect them. Xu Xiyan put on her jacket and pushed Huo Yunshen out of the night market.

On their way back, Huo Yunshen seemed to have something to say. Xu Xiyan saw that and asked him with a smile. “What is it, Mr. Huo?”

Huo Yunshen decided to just let it out and said, “It’s not anything important. I just wanted to remind you that it’s better

for you to wear high-necked clothes when you go to the night market next time.”

Huo Yunshen felt that Xu Xiyan attracted the punks because she had a great figure.

Xu Xiyan almost burst out in laughter and asked, “What exactly did you see?”

Huo Yunshen blushed and looked away, quickly explaining himself. “Nothing, I saw nothing. I just felt that there were a lot of punks there, so it’s better to be careful.”

Xu Xiyan replied nonchalantly, “With Mr. Huo around, what’s there to be afraid of? I was even planning to wear a tube top next time.”

“Absolutely not!” Huo Yunshen blurted out.

Chapter 254 - Teasing the Prince Charming

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“Come on, I’m kidding,” Xu Xiyan laughed as she was having fun teasing the man in front of her.

He saw something and got embarrassed.

He was worried but didn’t know how to tell me.

He was reserved but acted like nothing happened.

Huo Yunshen wasn’t sure what to say. “...” How embarrassing, did I say too much?

She’s free to wear what she wants, who am I to tell her what not to wear?

If she wants some cleavage, then she should go for it. I can just have more bodyguards with her.

Xu Xiyan looked at the embarrassed Huo Yunshen and felt like she wanted to tease him more.

She lay down on the couch and held her head up with her hand.

“Didn’t you grew up in Mstan? I thought girls in the West were usually naked?” Xu Xiyan joked. “You’ve seen so many...why are you still so reserved?”

“They are only naked in paintings!” Huo Yunshen snapped. “They still wear shirts like normal people.”

He had nothing against girls being open to others, but that doesn’t mean that he was okay with his girl doing the same.

In short, he only minded that Xu Xiyan dressed too sexy if other guys would stare at her beauty.

It was a selfishness that every man had.

“Mr. Huo, do you think of anything when you see me like this?” Xu Xiyan teased as she lay like a mermaid. Her curves were fully on the display for Huo Yunshen, a deadly sight for any man.

“...” Huo Yunshen looked at the charming lady as his eyes widened and he swallowed, unable to comment.

He actually thought of what Xu Xiyan would look like if she was naked.

Oh my god!

Huo Yunshen could feel his body heating up as if he was in the oven and it was drying him up.

Xu Xiyan looked at him with her blazing eyes, waiting for his answer. She kept waiting, but all she got was a blanket over her body.

“The AC is on, don’t get a cold,” Huo Yunshen said. He was trying to cover his embarrassment by caring for her.

Xu Xiyan peeked her head out of the blanket and saw Huo Yunshen sitting down on the other side as he picked up a magazine.

“You’re holding the book upside down,” Xu Xiyan said before covering herself with the blanket and laughing secretly underneath.

It’s really fun to tease him when I have the time!

“...”

I was just trying to hide my embarrassment, who cares about the book.

Huo Yunshen’s face was redder than ever.

...

They left the night market and went straight back to Shengshi Yujing. They parted ways in front of their houses.

“I’ll head in, then. Call me if your sister is already gone,” Xu Xiyan said.

“All right,” Huo Yunshen replied, as if they were both spies discussing their plans.

Huo Yunshen opened the door to Room 101, and he could immediately smell that something has been burning. He wheeled himself in and couldn’t find Huo Sanyan anywhere. Thus, he went into the kitchen.

What the hell?

It was like his kitchen had been used for fire drills. Burnt food was stuck on his tables on cupboards. It was hard to imagine what Huo Sanyan had been experimenting with in there.

Is she trying to create a bio-weapon?

Chapter 255 - It's Exactly What I'm Looking For

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Sigh. Huo Yunshen felt speechless about having such a silly sister.

He walked around the house and confirmed that Huo Sanyan had left. He switched on his cellphone, wanting to give Xu Xiyan a call.

When his cell switched on, multiple messages and call logs popped up, and most of them were from Huo Sanyan.

Just by looking at the frequency of multiple calls in a minute, he could guess how frustrated she'd been when she couldn't find them.

Huo Yunshen ignored Huo Sanyan's calls and messages. He then gave Xu Xiyan a call to tell her that Huo Sanyan had left, and she could come over without worries.

Xu Xiyan said she would come over after her shower. Huo Yunshen decided to take a shower in the meantime as well. He wheeled himself toward the bathroom.

When Huo Yunshen came out of the shower, Xu Xiyan was already standing by the dining table in her home clothes. Upon seeing him, Xu Xiyan asked, "Mr. Huo, what happened to your kitchen? Did it explode?"

"Maybe." Huo Yunshen looked at the messy kitchen and could not help but imagine Huo Sanyan blown up with black ashes on her face and smoke coming off of her hair. It seemed really hilarious.

“I really have to salute Huo Sanyan.”

Xu Xiyan was dumbfounded.

“Me too. Credits to her for not destroying the Earth.”

Huo Yunshen no longer pinned hopes on Huo Sanyan being more considerate for his sake. He would be absolutely grateful if she would just not sabotage Xu Xiyan and his lives.

“Haha...” Xu Xiyan burst out in laughter, and it was melodious to the ears.

She poured some water for Huo Yunshen and passed him his medication, “Come on, it’s time to take your meds.”

Huo Yunshen took the pills, drank some water and said, “Thanks.”

Xu Xiyan shook the pill bottle and said, “This bottle will be gone soon.”

“Yeah, I will send someone to pick up my medication from Professor Qin tomorrow.”

Huo Yunshen did not find it to be anything serious.

“How about this, I’ll collect it for you when I drive by the hospital if I end early tomorrow!”

Xu Xiyan would rather she collected his medication herself. She felt worried letting someone else pick it up.

“That will do, too. Thank you!”

“No worries.”

Xu Xiyan was willing to put away everything else for now. Rehabilitation for her prince charming was of utmost importance.

Recalling something, Xu Xiyan took out a piece of paper from her pocket and passed it to Huo Yunshen. “I just remembered something. I wrote the lyrics for your ancient Chinese tune. Take a look!”

“Oh really?”

Huo Yunshen took the paper and got quite a surprise. She wrote a song named “Majestic Land,” and the content was

great. It fit the theme of “Red Sleeved Beauty” and matched his tune really well too.

“The light, clouds and shadow wander over the sky, years pass, As I gazed at the miles of rivers and mountains, the stars today weren’t the same as before. The wind blew over the face, and revealed a beauty within...”

Humming a few notes, Huo Yunshen was amazed. He clapped and said, “Awesome! The lyrics are really well-written. It’s exactly what I was looking for.”

Huo Yunshen’s charming eyes gleamed with amazement. He looked at Xu Xiyan and felt that she was the soulmate that he’d been searching for. “Jing Xi,” he said, “you really have a talent for music! And your literature knowledge is astounding.”

“Is it really that great? I just casually wrote it during my breaks on set.”

Xu Xiyan felt bashful for receiving all those compliments from her prince charming. She did not dare to be boastful in front of a professional; the lyrics were just casual products of her breaks on set.

Chapter 256 - I Miss Uncle Dimple

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“Take more credit for it,” Huo Yunshen said, looking at the lyrics. “A good lyric really depends on the inspiration. No one can think of a good lyric without inspiration, no matter how hard they try.”

Huo Yunshen hummed along, thinking about the lyrics. He could even feel how the song would present itself in the series. It would definitely deliver an astounding impact on the viewers.

Xu Xiyan was feeling a sweetness swelling deep down in her heart. The best compliments to her were those from Huo Yunshen.

Huo Yunshen finished humming the whole song and was lost in it.

“Jing Xi, I have a daring proposal,” Huo Yunshen said.

“What is it?”

“I want you to sing the female part of this song!”

“Me? No way! I’ve only sung in karaoke. I don’t have the experience for that!” Xu Xiyan waved her hands and declined. She would’ve gone with it if Huo Yunshen had asked her to play a few instruments. She was scared that if she was the one who held the mic, she might ruin the whole song, and it was the theme song for “Red Sleeved Beauty.”

“Come on, there’s nothing to be afraid of. I believe in you,” Huo Yunshen replied. He’d heard her singing more than once

and knew that she has a great voice. “I’ll bring you to the studio when you’re free.”

Huo Yunshen was always good at deciding who was talented and who wasn’t. He did not give Xu Xiyan any chance to decline further.

Huo Yunshen tried to encourage her with a smile and by believing in her.

“All right, I’ll try,” Xu Xiyan gave in.

Well, I can always stop if I mess it up and hand it to another person.

After they had finished with the discussion, Xu Xiyan pushed Huo Yunshen to his bedroom for the therapy.

It had taken 10 days to complete the first session of the therapy. Xu Xiyan would head over to Huo Yunshen’s room every night to provide acupuncture and massage him.

Once the first session had ended, Huo Yunshen would rest for a few days before continuing with the next session. As usual, massage would be done every night for the second session, while Xu Xiyan would only do acupuncture every other night.

During this night’s massage, Xu Xiyan took the chance to ask Huo Yunshen why Yunhai Entertainment had withdrawn its holding from Juxing Entertainment.

“Juxing is covered in scandal, and their stock is declining rapidly,” Huo Yunshen replied, without telling her that it was to help her. “A company like this would cost us more than what it could bring us.”

See! I’m right! He’s the CEO of a huge company, there’s no way that he would withdraw from a company for me. It’s all based on the profit and loss.

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Xu Xiyan woke up to knocking on her door the next morning.

She opened the door, with her hair still a mess, and to her surprise, it was Fang Xiaocheng and Ying Bao.

“Why are both of you here so early?” Xu Xiyan gasped.

“Xi Baby!” Ying Bao ran to Xu Xiyan’s leg and hugged it.

“The little girl missed you and Uncle Dimple so much that she wanted to come no matter what,” Fang Xiaocheng explained.

Oh, so that’s why.

Xu Xiyan picked her daughter up and invited Fang Xiaocheng into her house.

“No need,” Fang Xiaocheng declined. “I have to go out with Dazhi today, I have to leave right away.”

“All right, have a safe trip.” Xu Xiyang thanked Fang Xiaocheng and closed the door.

Xu Xiyan went to clean herself up and took Ying Bao to Room 101.

Chapter 257 - Especially Attractive

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Xu Xiyao walked softly to Huo Yunshen's door and took a peek to see if he was awake. Opening the door slightly, Xu Xiyao realized that no one was inside.

Xu Xiyao pushed open the door and looked around. Huo Yunshen was not in the room.

Could he have woken up already?

She walked over to Huo Yunshen's bed and helped tidy it up before leaving the room again.

When she walked past the indoor gym, she heard some noise. Xu Xiyao gently pushed the door open and saw Huo Yunshen.

He was wearing a black fitted vest and sports shorts, and was training so hard that his tanned body was covered in sweat.

Men looked especially attractive when exercising, she thought.

His figure was great, he kept fit despite being paralyzed for five years. It must've been due to the tough and consistent training he underwent every day.

"Xi Baby! Uncle Dimples is here!"

Ying Bao was elated to find Uncle Dimples.

Seeing Huo Yunshen working hard on his training, a tender smile appeared on her face.

Xu Xiyao did not disturb him and told her daughter, "Let's not disturb him, all right? I'll go prepare breakfast now. Stay here and be quiet, okay?"

“Okay.”

After her mother left, Ying Bao gently pushed open the door and squeezed herself through, entering the gym.

After Huo Yunshen finished a set of high intensity exercise, he was tired and panting. As he sat up straight, a towel was brought to him.

He took the towel to wipe his sweat, but he felt something was wrong as he was wiping. He looked down and saw the little girl crouching over the table beside him, smiling at him.

“Cherry?”

Huo Yunshen was surprised, he never expected Cherry to be the one passing him the towel.

“Uncle Dimple.”

Ying Bao greeted him sweetly.

“Cherry, it’s really you! When did you get here?”

“I just came.” Ying Bao walked over and waved her hands.

“Carry me, Uncle Dimple.”

Ying Bao had already gotten used to climbing up onto Huo Yunshen’s legs, or having him carry her whenever she saw him. However, Huo Yunshen was covered in sweat and stench, so he could not carry her.

“Is it all right if I carry you later, Cherry? Let uncle take a shower first, okay?”

“Okay.” Ying Bao agreed and happily went to push his wheelchair over.

Huo Yunshen was touched by little Cherry’s considerate actions. He sat in the wheelchair and controlled it with the controller as Ying Bao tried hard to push him out the door.

After showering and returning to the bedroom, Huo Yunshen saw that the bed was made. His clothes were neatly placed beside it, and were easily reachable for him to take and wear.

It must have been Xu Xiyan.

Huo Yunshen felt warm in his heart. He left the room after changing into the clean clothes. The little girl was squatting outside waiting for him, and immediately stood up and ran over.

“Come on! Let Uncle carry you!”

Huo Yunshen picked up Ying Bao and placed her on his lap. Ying Bao cuddled herself in Huo Yunshen’s arms. She wiggled her nose and smelled him, “Uncle Dimple, you smell nice!

“It smells like the food Xi Baby cooks.” Huo Yunshen smelled the aroma coming out of the kitchen and wheeled them to the dining room.

In the kitchen, Xu Xiyan was carefully cooking a bone strengthening Dendrobium congee, with Chinese herbs and ingredients that had come from her grandfather’s house.

She’d also fried a Chinese egg pancake and prepared some delicate side dishes.

As she served the dishes on the table, Xu Xiyan saw that Huo Yunshen and Ying Bao were already seated.

Chapter 258 - A Considerate Little Girl

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“It smells so good, it’s making me drool!” Ying Bao shouted.

She rested her hand on the table, her nose right above the food. The look of her drooling over the food was funny.

“I’m drooling, too!” Huo Yunshen said.

“Then eat up,” Xu Xiyan smiled and got three servings of pork congee for them.

“Do you have to go to the set today?” Huo Yunshen asked as they began eating.

“Yes, in the afternoon,” Xu Xiyan replied. “That’s why I have time to accompany Ying Bao in the morning.”

“Yay!” Ying Bao smiled when she heard her mum had spare time, and started to count the things she wanted to do. “I want to see the thigor, and the drolpin, and the mumkiy!”

“What did she just say?” Huo Yunshen asked.

“She said she wanted to see the tiger, dolphin, and monkey,” Xu Xiyan explained.

Does she want to go to the zoo or the aquarium?

Even a full day won’t fit that schedule...

“Then you’d better hurry up and finish your food,” Xu Xiyan said, rubbing Ying Bao’s head.

“Is Uncle Dimple going too?” Ying Bao asked, tilting her head to the side. “Let’s bring Uncle Dimple! If we leave him alone,

he'll be lonely.”

Sure would... Huo Yunshen nodded in his head. What a considerate little girl Ying Bao is.

Xu Xiyan had no idea where Ying Bao had learned the word “lonely” from.

“Mr. Huo, are you...” asked Xu Xiyan, lifting her head to look at him.

“I’m free.” Huo Yunshen didn’t even wait for Xu Xiyan to finish her question.

As long as I’m with you, I’ll always be free.

“Oh.. that’s good then. Do you want to go to the zoo with us?”

“Of course,” Huo Yunshen replied with a smile.

They finished their breakfast and headed straight towards Peijing’s National Zoo after packing their stuff.

Peijing’s National Zoo was usually crowded, holiday or not. Yet when they arrived, there was no line at the ticket booth.

A few guards in dark uniform stood outside the gate where a huge notice hung on it.

“Maintenance In Progress” was written on the notice board.

“Oh no, the zoo is closed today,” Xu Xiyan lowered her head and told Ying Bao. “Looks like we don’t get to see the tiger and monkey today.”

“Why are they closed?” Ying Bao gripped the metal gate and pouted. “I want to play!”

Xu Xiyan understood what her daughter was feeling at that moment. She had been waiting to go to the zoo for quite a long time. And now, when they were already there, the zoo was closed.

“Maybe the tigers and the monkeys are still sleeping,” Xu Xiyan crouched down and said. “Let’s come another day, okay? I will pre-book the tickets next time.”

Ying Bao looked at her mother with her big dark eyes, as if she was about to cry.

I finally got the chance to come to the zoo with mummy and Uncle Dimple, why are the monkeys and tiggers sleeping? Why aren't they awake?

It's bad to oversleep...

Chapter 259 - Looking Like A Family Of Three

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Just as the mother and daughter were compromising on visiting the next time, Huo Yunshen had settled everything. “Come on Cherry, uncle has settled everything. We can go in and see the tigers now.”

Xu Xiyang and Ying Bao turned around at the same time and saw that the security guards were opening the gates for them.

Yi Xiao drove a tour tram decorated with flowers and balloons out of the zoo and invited them on board.

Xu Xiyang then realized that Huo Yunshen had already prepared everything. Even the sign at the entrance might have been placed there under his orders.

This would stop other visitors from entering. In other words, he'd booked the entire place.

Ying Bao was originally very disappointed but was cheered up by the balloon and flower tram. “Wow! It's awesome! We can go see the tiggers now!”

They boarded the tram and Yi Xiao took the driver seat. He turned around and saw the two adults and one child looking like a family of three.

Yi Xiao could not help but think that it would be great if their boss and Miss Jing Xi could get together and have a baby as cute as Cherry.

“We've reached the Peacock Forest.”

Yi Xiao drove the tram to the first stop, the Peacock Forest. At the back, two bodyguards set up the wheelchair and helped Huo Yunshen down from the tram.

When Ying Bao alighted with her mother, they saw beautiful peacocks walking around.

“The big birds are beautiful!” Ying Bao pointed excitedly at one of the peacocks that had its feathers opened.

“That’s a peacock, baby.” Xu Xiyan told her.

Peacocks are usually kept cage-free, and are not afraid of visitors at all. They walked around carefree, and some even took the initiative to go near them.

“Do you want a photo with the peacocks? Uncle can help the two of you take some.”

Huo Yunshen was now holding a DSLR in his hands, which seemed to have been specially prepared so that he could take photos for them.

“Okay! I want to take a photo with that peacock!”

Ying Bao ran to a white peacock, which did not have its feathers opened. However, it immediately opened its feathers upon seeing someone approach.

Ying Bao squatted next to the peacock and made a cute pose with her two little hands holding on to her chin. Huo Yunshen took a photo of the sweet moment.

After seeing the peacocks, they went on to see the deer.

There were many sika deer in the area, and there were a few fawns roaming cage-free outside. An especially bold breed, not only do they stay put upon seeing tourists, but they sniff and occasionally bite.

Ying Bao reached out to stroke the deer and it licked her little fingers. Another deer was nibbling on her little bag.

Ying Bao was chuckling happily. She found the deer so cute, even cuter than dogs.

Huo Yunshen was at the side quietly taking photos, recording every moment of the interaction between Ying Bao and the

small animals.

Just as they were touring the monkeys' area, Xu Xiyan's phone rang. It was the team from "The Root of Evil" asking her to return for shooting.

What should I do now?

She really wanted to be with her prince charming and her daughter, but she could not delay filming.

Huo Yunshen saw her eyebrows furrowing, and asked with concern, "What is it?"

"The director asked me to come in for the shooting, I probably can't stay any longer." Xu Xiyan said.

"It's all right. If you guys are comfortable with it, why not let me take care of Cherry? Let me accompany her to tour the zoo. I'll protect and take good care of her."

Huo Yunshen wanted to relieve Xu Xiyan of her worries.

Chapter 260 - Merciless

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Xu Xiyao was definitely comfortable with leaving Ying Bao with Huo Yunshen, since he was a person who would take care of every minor detail.

Plus, Yi Xiao and the guards were there with them too, so security shouldn't be a problem.

It was also a good chance for the two to bond as father and daughter.

"All right, I'll leave Ying Bao in your hands," Xu Xiyao said. "I'll contact you once I've finished my part."

"Let Yi Xiao drive you there," Huo Yunshen said.

"Okay," Xu Xiyao smiled and turned to Ying Bao. "I have to go work now, so you keep playing with Uncle Dimple, okay?"

"Okay," Ying Bao said, waving as she turned away from the monkeys. "I'll play with Uncle Dimple!"

"You have to listen to what Uncle Dimple says, okay?"

"Okay!"

Xu Xiyao left the zoo and had Yi Xiao take her to Memory. She took out a set of keys and drove Ma Haodong's Ferrari to the set.

Xu Xiyao had a double scene with Ma Haodong that day, but when Xu Xiyao finally arrived, Ma Haodong was nowhere to be seen.

He would arrive half an hour later.

He came in with a huge smile on his face. One look and Xu Xiyao could tell he was happier than usual. He had his hands

in his pockets and whistled as he walked.

“Why are you in such a good mood?” Xu Xiyan asked.

“Why do you think?” Ma Haodong winked at Xu Xiyan and gave her a “you know why” look.

“...” Xu Xiyan could only stare at Ma Haodong with a dumbfounded face, as she had no idea why.

Ma Haodong did not continue to tell her why he was happy, yet as soon as he thought of the stuff that had happened last night, he couldn't help but grin.

He rolled up his sleeve and exposed his rugged arm. It was covered with bite marks, which he displayed as if they were medals.

All of those came from Xiao Yuqian, who had cried non-stop last night. Ma Haodong withstood the pain and let her express her anger however she wanted.

Ever since Xiao Yuqian had told him her true feelings while she was drunk, Ma Haodong felt like he had found a new reason to live.

New responsibilities for a better future.

He hoped that Xiao Yuqian could forgive him and fall in love with him again. He wanted to give her a stable family and make her the happiest woman in the world.

He walked onto the set with a huge grin and made an “OK” signal to the director with his hand.

They began the shooting for the 202nd scene for “Root of Evil.”

Just as Xu Xiyan became focused on the shooting, the news of Yunhai Entertainment withdrawing from Juxing was still the hype on the internet.

Chu Yuhe was supposed to lie low for a while and make a new scandal to avert the public's attention and regain the stockholders' trust.

He was even sure that Huo Yunshen would take care of the public relations for him. Yet to his surprise, Yunhai

Entertainment withdrew without even giving them a heads up.

It was a merciless move.

The head legal advisor of Yunhai Entertainment, Tang Yitan, brought a few assistants and went to Juxing entertainment to settle their withdrawal, which showed that they were serious about it.

What puzzled Chu Yuhe was the fact that Huo Yunshen had suddenly given up on Juxing.

Chapter 261 - Got What He Deserved

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Could it be because of Xu Xiyan? That's impossible, right?

Chu Yuhe went to Yunhai Entertainment again to look for Huo Yunshen, but Huo Yunshen refused to see him.

Without the alliance, the CEO of Yunhai Entertainment wasn't someone that Chu Yuhe could meet without an appointment.

Chu Yuhe had no choice but to look for Huo Jingtang, but he gave him the same treatment.

Without the help from Yunhai Entertainment, Juxing's stock plummeted.

Chu Yuhe was desperate. He was being cornered by reporters outside of his company and by the stockholders inside his company.

All he had left was to ask Xu Xinrou for help.

He went back to his apartment and tried to hug Xu Xinrou.

But what he got was a slap from her.

"My love... what was that for?"

"Don't you dare call me that!" Xu Xinrou scolded. "I'm just a woman who's unreasonable, always acted high and mighty, and materialistic to you, aren't I?"

Chu Yuhe quickly thought of Xu Xiyan. It must be Xu Xiyan who told her this.

“That’s all a lie!” Chu Yuhe cried. “You’re the best in the world, believe me! You’re the one I love the most!”

“Do you think I will still believe you?” Xu Xinrou scolded. She blamed herself for being naïve, for believing that everything Xu Xiyan had was better than what she had. That was the reason she wanted to take everything from Xu Xiyan, but she would’ve never guessed that all she would get was just trash.

“Please, I know I’m wrong,” Chu Yuhe kneeled in front of Xu Xinrou and begged. “Please give me another chance. I promise you I’ll only love you, I’ll never look at other girls again! I’ll listen to everything you say!”

“Please don’t leave me!” Chu Yuhe continued to cry as he hugged Xu Xinrou’s legs. “I’m dead if you don’t help me!”

“You only think of me when you’re in trouble! Who do you think I am, your nanny?” Xu Xinrou scolded. “Take care of your own troubles! I’m leaving you, with the 10% of Juxing that I own!”

Chu Yuhe couldn’t believe that Xu Xinrou would leave him when he needed her the most. What was more, she even intend to take her money.

Chu Yuhe would never let her do that.

“Are you breaking up with me?” Chu Yuhe stood up and grabbed Xu Xinrou’s shoulders. “And you want to take 10%? Xu Xinrou! Are you trying to stab me in the back when I need you the most? How can you be so cruel?”

Xu Xinrou freed herself from Chu Yuhe’s grip and looked at him as if she was insulting his pride.

“I’m just taking what belongs to me, is that wrong? If it wasn’t for me, you would’ve never been able to achieve what you have today!”

Chapter 262 - Dump Him

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“You still have to give me credit for all that hard work!” Xu Xinrou shouted. “Do you really think 10% is enough?”

It was as if Chu Yuhe had been slapped in the face, and his face became colder.

“Rourou, are you really going to be so heartless? If not for Juxing or me, do you think you could’ve become the huge star you are today?” Chu Yuhe asked. “I’ve given you the best resources the company has to offer and even agreed to everything you wanted. Do you think you could find another man like me?”

“Don’t think too highly of yourself! Do you think that I’m unaware of the fact that you’ve gotten bored of me? Why don’t we just call it off? For both of our benefits.”

In truth, Xu Xinrou had wanted to dump Chu Yuhe even before the scandal happened. She could now use the chance to get what she wanted.

“It seems like I’ve underestimated what you could do!” Chu Yuhe said. “You’ve already thought of what to do once you’ve left me, haven’t you? Looks like you’ve found yourself another man and you want to dump the useless me now, am I right?”

“Don’t be ridiculous!” Xu Xinrou shouted, growing more agitated.

Chu Yuhe wasn’t completely wrong. With the position he was in, he could’ve gotten wind of anything that was happening in the entertainment business.

With Xu Xinrou's reputation, she could've had the chance to get in touch with high-ranking officials or even nobles. It was true that a few men with money to spare wanted to get their hands on her, and she was already thinking about it.

"Then why are you leaving me? You can't do that!" Chu Yuhe hugged Xu Xinrou.

"Stop clinging onto me, would you?" Xu Xinrou pushed him away, and he almost fell over from hitting a small table.

Chu Yuhe could feel that Xu Xinrou was determined to dump him, yet he didn't want to lose just like that. He noticed a fruit knife on the table and picked it up.

"Chu Yuhe, what are you doing?" Xu Xinrou saw the knife and began to worry.

"Xinrou, please, don't leave me" Chu Yuhe cried as he took a step towards Xu Xinrou. "I love you, I can't stand losing you! Rourou... if you leave me, then I will..."

"Don't... don't do anything stupid!" Xu Xinrou said as she took a step back. "Yuhe, calm down!"

"What's there to live for without you in my life?" Chu Yuhe rested the knife on his chest threateningly. "If you still want to leave me, I'll tell the press all of your secrets and die in front of you!"

"..." Xu Xinrou was shocked by the fact that Chu Yuhe was trying to threaten her.

What a useless guy!

Every time anything big happens, he will always do the same thing. If not for me, he would've been dead.

If he really exposes all of my secrets, then my future is over.

I should stall him first and dump him when I have the chance.

"Put the knife down," Xu Xinrou said after she'd decided the action she would take. "I'll forgive you. I'm just angry at Yunhai for abandoning us."

As soon as Xu Xinrou finished her sentence, Chu Yuhe ran over and hugged her.

“My love, I need you,” Chu Yuhe said. “I need your help.”

“Of course you do, or else who would help you?” Xu Xinrou said to comfort him. “The most important thing now is to find a way to get out of this trouble first.”

“Do you have any ideas?” Chu Yuhe asked. He could only rely on her to regain everything.

Chapter 263 - We Can't Do It Ourselves

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“If Yunhai withdrew themselves, all we had to do is find a new investor!” Xu Xinrou said. “If we can find one, then Juxing could be saved.”

“That’s a good idea!” Chu Yuhe exclaimed. “But where can we find an investor with the puddle of shit we’re in?”

“I have someone in mind, Mr. Li from the Lianzhong Entertainment.” Xu Xinrou’s expression changed as she made the suggestion. “But his condition is a little...”

“What does he need? Just tell me!” Chu Yuhe said. He’d already guessed what Mr. Li wanted. That old man definitely wants Xu Xinrou to spend a few nights with him.

Xu Xinrou whispered something into Chu Yuhe’s ear, and Chu Yuhe remained silent. He’d been right; Mr. Li wanted Xu Xinrou to spend a week with him, and in turn, he would invest in Juxing Entertainment.

Chu Yuhe still remembered that Mr. Li had offered 50 million Yuan for a night with Xu Xiyan. They’d offended him because they could not hold up their end of the offer. He’d never thought that five years later, Mr. Li would have his eyes on Xu Xinrou.

This type of underground trading was normal in the entertainment business. Chu Yuhe even hooked up some of his female celebrities with rich men.

It wasn’t hard for Chu Yuhe to give Xu Xinrou to some other man, as their relationship had already diminished a long time

ago.

If I could get Juxing back on track by using her, it'd definitely be worth it!

"All right, I'll set it up," Chu Yuhe gritted his teeth and said after a few moments of silence.

"Oh, one more thing." Xu Xinrou noticed Chu Yuhe was leaving and stopped him. "All of this happened because of Xu Xiyao. We have to think of a way to take care of her."

"You're right. I'll ask someone to take care of her!"

"No, we can't do it ourselves, we'll have to look for alternatives," Xu Xinrou said. "I know! Why don't you put out a scandal saying that Jing Xi is trying to steal Huang Yanran's spot?"

"You're really smart!" Chu Yuhe said as soon as he realized what Xu Xinrou was planning. "I'll take care of it right away!"

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Huo Yunshen accompanied Ying Bao around the zoo. They went to see the monkeys and elephants, then they visited the ostriches and giraffes.

They were standing under a huge sign with a map on it after they'd seen half of the zoo.

"Uncle Dimple, look," Ying Bao pointed at a red arrow on the map and said. "We're currently here."

The map showed that they were already close to the lion and the tiger's cages.

"The tiger's house is near!" Huo Yunshen said.

"Yay!" Ying Bao cheered. "Do you think the tigers are up?"

"Of course they are!" Huo Yunshen replied. "The sun should be burning their butts by now."

Ying Bao raised her head and looked at the dazzling sun. She couldn't feel her butt burning up, but her face was already red hot from the sun.

She took a red cap from her bag and said, “Mummy said that we should always wear a cap under the sun or we’ll get sunburned.”

“Then I should wear mine, too,” Huo Yunshen said, putting on a white cap.

Just as they were about to head for the tiger’s cage, the sign above them became loose and fell towards Ying Bao.

Chapter 264 - Hugged Him Tightly

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“Be careful!” Huo Yunshen noticed the danger in time, but Ying Bao was still in danger.

Huo Yunshen extended his arm and covered Ying Bao with his body.

Huo Yunshen could feel his back being hit by something heavy, and his head and back hurt from the crash.

The guards couldn't even react to the sudden falling sign, which crushed their CEO and the cute little girl.

They quickly rushed over and lifted the board to one side.

“Young master!”

“Your master! Are you all right?”

The guards turned Huo Yunshen over, only to find him unconscious. But the little girl under him remained unharmed.

“Not good! The young master has fainted!”

“Someone call Mr. Xiao!”

“Get him to a hospital now!”

The guards kept shouting as Ying Bao opened her eyes and crawled out. She noticed Huo Yunshen was lying on top of her, unconscious. She began to cry.

“Uncle Dimple... Uncle Dimple...” Ying Bao cried, as she knew he'd fainted because he was trying to protect her. She was worried that he would die from the impact.

“Uncle Dimple, wake up... Uncle Dimple...”

Maybe Ying Bao’s voice had awoken Huo Yunshen, as he opened his eyes and was met by the little girl’s crying face.

“Don’t cry, little one,” Huo Yunshen said, wiping the tears off Ying Bao’s face. “I’m all right...”

“Uncle Dimple...” Ying Bao noticed that Huo Yunshen was awake and hugged him tightly.

Huo Yunshen was hurt pretty badly from the falling sign, and every muscle in his body ached when he tried to move. Blood began to drip from his forehead.

“Help me up!” Huo Yunshen ordered his guards.

The guards let out breaths of relief as soon as they saw Huo Yunshen was awake. They went over and helped him up to his wheelchair.

“Uncle Dimple, you’re bleeding!” Ying Bao pointed at Huo Yunshen’s forehead worriedly. “It must’ve hurt, right? What should we do? Should we call Xi baby?”

Huo Yunshen had mostly recovered his consciousness because of his sturdy body. The only wound that was left was the small cut on his head.

“I’m fine, Cherry. Xi baby is still working, let’s not disturb her,” Huo Yunshen said as he touched his forehead. “Ouch...”

The pain from touching the wound was too intense. Huo Yunshen lowered his head and saw that his hand was covered in blood.

“Young master, we better get you to a hospital,” one of the guards said.

“I said I’m fine,” Huo Yunshen said, as he wouldn’t even go to a hospital for worse injuries.

The little girl finally has the chance to play at the zoo, there’s no way I’m going to spoil her day.

Yi Xiao came back with a medical kit and applied bandages to Huo Yunshen’s injuries.

“Come on, let’s go and see the tiger,” Huo Yunshen said, picking up Ying Bao. He rested her on his knees and wheeled them towards the tiger cage.

“Does it still hurt?” Ying Bao raised her head and touched Huo Yunshen’s face with her little hand.

“Only a little, don’t worry about it.”

“Can I blow on it? My mum said that it helps.” Ying Bao tried to raise her head higher.

Huo Yunshen lowered his head and let the little girl blow on his wound.

It was a light blow, like a feather touching his face, yet it was the warmest wind that he’d ever felt.

“It doesn’t hurt anymore, not even one bit! Thank you, little cherry.”

Chapter 265 - Isn't That Too Vicious?

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Ying Bao finally relaxed and smiled. She began to like uncle Dimple more and more.

He's like a superhero!

Huo Yunshen bore his pain and continued to play with Ying Bao, not wanting to spoil the child's day or disturb Xu Xiyan.

They went for a picnic that was prepared by Yi Xiao for lunch.

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Meanwhile, it was break time on the "Root of Evil" set.

Xu Xiyan checked the timetable and noticed she was booked on both sides from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

That meant she only had two hours of break time. She remembered that she had to go to the hospital and get the medicines for Huo Yunshen, and quickly drove there.

She did not make an appointment with Professor Qin and didn't even register at the front desk. She charged straight into the elevator and headed for Professor Qin's office.

She stood in front of the office's door to catch her breath.

Just as she was about to knock, she heard someone talking inside and thought Professor Qin had another patient with him.

She decided not to disturb them, and looked for a couch where she could sit while waiting for them.

Before she could even turn, she suddenly felt like she'd heard the voice from inside the office before.

Out of curiosity, she stopped and tried to make out who it was.

"I don't need you to do anything serious. You just have to switch his medicine to this," the man said.

Xu Xiyan was very sensitive to voices and could instantly make out that it belonged to Huo Jingtang.

Why is he here?

Whose medicine?

Xu Xiyan was puzzled, and the curiosity made her stay and listen further.

"Mr. Huo, this medicine you're giving me will cause mental paralysis and myasthenia gravis if taken for a long period of time," Professor Qin said. "If you give it to Huo Yunshen, it'll be worse. I'm sorry, but I'm not going to do anything that will harm my patient."

Qin Kun was a man with beliefs. He was a man who had taken a vow to continue his practice without submitting to any temptations.

"Are you saying the money is not enough?"

"No, it has nothing to do with money. My job is to heal people, not harm them."

"Professor Qin, I hope you will reconsider," Huo Jingtang said as his voice became colder. "Huo Yunshen will never get back on his feet, Yunhai Entertainment will fall under my control sooner or later. If you help me, I'll make sure to repay the favor in the future. If you don't, then I don't know what will happen to your wife and children."

Xu Xiyan finally understood what was happening. Huo Jingtang was trying to bribe Professor Qin with 5 million Yuan so he would switch Huo Yunshen's medicine.

He's trying to make Huo Yunshen unable to stand ever again.

That's too vicious!

Huo Yunshen treated him like his own brother, and yet he's here trying to hurt him.

Just for the inheritance?

Just as Xu Xiyan was talking to herself, Huo Jingtang played a recording. Cries of children could be heard from the recording, they were all shouting for their dad.

Qin Kun heard his children's voice and instantly knew that Huo Jingtang had kidnapped his family to make him do his dirty work.

"Huo Jingtang! What have you done to my family?" Qin Kun questioned in anger.

Chapter 266 - A Thorn in My Flesh

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“Don’t worry, Qin Kun,” Huo Jingtang smiled. “Your wife and children are in a safe place. As long as you follow my instructions, you’ll get them back soon.”

Qin Kun remained silent. He’d been presented with a hard choice to make. On one side, he’d have to fall into darkness and help Huo Jingtang with his evil deeds. Yet on the other hand, if he didn’t, he would lose his family.

What should I do?

“I’ll leave the medicine here. I’ll give you time to consider my offer.”

Xu Xiyan heard footsteps closing in on the door and quickly hid in a dark corner.

The office’s door opened, and Huo Jingtang walked out from it with a huge grin on his face.

Xu Xiyan looked at Huo Jingtang’s back as he left and couldn’t help but feel a chill down her spine. She’d never thought that Huo Jingtang was a man who would do something like that.

Huo Jingtang had acted like he cared about Huo Yunshen, but that was just an act. In truth, he even tried to hurt Huo Yunshen by swapping his medicine with something that would harm him.

Xu Xiyan couldn’t help but sigh at Huo Yunshen’s harsh life.

Huo Yunshen had always looked up to Huo Jiungtang as his brother because, he was saved by Huo Jingtang when they were little. He felt like he owed Huo Jingtang for that and always agreed to everything Huo Jingtang wanted.

Huo Yunshen thought of Huo Jingtang as his own brother, while Huo Jingtang thought of him as a thorn in his flesh.

If Huo Yunshen learns of this, it will definitely hurt him.

Xu Xiyan sighed, but at the same time, she also felt relieved that she'd gotten to hear the conversation.

She stood in the corner and thought of how to proceed. After coming up with a plan, she walked to the door and opened it.

Qin Kun was sitting in his chair lost in thought.

“Good afternoon, Professor Qin, I’m here for Mr. Huo’s medicine,” Xu Xiyan said as she walked in.

Huo Yunshen had already phoned Qin Kun and told him that Xu Xiyan would be in charge of fetching his medicine in the future.

“Miss Jing Xi,” Qin Kun could barely form his words of greeting.

“This is his medicine right?” Xu Xiyan looked at the white bottle on the table and asked. “I’ll take them, then, thank you for your hard work.”

Qin Kun did not respond, and Xu Xiyan took that as a yes. She took the bottle and turned to leave.

“Wait,” Qin Kun called out just as Xu Xiyan was about to turn the handle on the door. “That’s the wrong medicine.”

Xu Xiyan let out a breath of relief. She understood that it could cost Qin Kun everything to have made that decision.

He still hasn’t given up on his humanity yet, even when his own family is in danger. He did not forfeit his vow and his promises.

“If I’m correct, then this is the medicine that’ll cause nerve paralysis to a normal person if they use it often.” Xu Xiyan turned and smiled while putting the medicine back on the

table. “If a disabled person took it, they’d never be able to stand again, am I right?”

Qin Kun’s expression instantly changed, and he had no idea how to respond to the question.

Chapter 267 - You Should Be Careful

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“I heard everything,” Xu Xiyan continued. “If you don’t do what Huo Jingtang asked you to do, your family will be in danger. If you follow his instructions, he’ll definitely give you a hefty reward, but if you don’t, then he might kill your family.”

“...” Qin Kun didn’t expect Xu Xiyan to have heard the whole conversation. He’d had no idea how to face her, or face Huo Yunshen who’d believed in him for years.

“Yet, in spite of the situation, you still chose to do the right thing. And for that, you’ve earned my respect,” Xu Xiyan said. “If you believe me, I have a way to save your family and not do Huo Jingtang’s evil deed, how about it?”

“You have a way?” Qin Kun raised his head and stared at Xu Xiyan in awe. He was desperate to know how Xu Xiyan could help take care of his troubles.

Xu Xiyan replied only with a cunning smile.

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After Xu Xiyan left the rehab center, she went straight to find her grandfather, Jing Huaduo.

“What’s wrong?” Jing Huaduo asked when he saw his granddaughter rushing in.

“Grandpa, can you help me appraise the contents of this medicine?” Xu Xiyan asked while gasping for air. Her head

was covered with sweat as she handed the bottle of medicine to Jing Huaduo.

Jing Huaduo inspected the bottle and noticed that it was medicine to prevent muscular atrophy and instantly knew who the intended recipient was.

The old man was still reluctant to have his own granddaughter helping someone from the Huo family.

“Yanyan, you should live your own life and stop mingling in other people’s lives,” Jing Huaduo said. “Don’t be like your mother and give everything for one man. You should be careful with who you choose to be with.”

It was as Jing Huaduo had said. Jing Ruyue gave her everything for a man and lost everything because of it.

She’d been tricked by Xu Jinshan and in the end, paid for it with her life.

Jing Huaduo understood both his daughter and granddaughter too well. Xu Xiyan was the same as her mother, straightforward and willing to do anything for the person she fell for.

“I get it, grandpa.” Xu Xiyan smiled, as she knew that Jing Huaduo was worried about her. “I’ll open my eyes before I decide to do anything rash.”

“We should just call off the bet that we’ve made.” Jing Huaduo said. “You better stop helping the kid from the Huo family. If anything happens, they will definitely blame it on you.”

“Come on, grandpa, a deal is a deal.” Xu Xiyan rested her head on Jing Huaduo’s shoulder. “Plus, if not for Huo Yunshen, I would’ve been the one in the accident. I’m just trying to repay the debt here.”

Xu Xiyan made up a story that Huo Yunshen became crippled because he was trying to save her, which she used to trick her grandfather.

“Fine, just be careful.” Jing Huaduo shook his head, agreeing to assist Xu Xiyan in helping Huo Yunshen.

Jing Huaduo opened the bottle and took a sniff which made him frown immediately.

“Give me a few minutes,” Jing Huaduo said and went into the lab to analyze the medicine.

After half an hour had passed, Jing Huaduo came out with the results...

Chapter 268 - You're Really Smart!

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After half an hour had passed, Jing Huaduo came out with the results and handed them to Xu Xiyan.

“There’s a huge amount of quinidine and tubocurarine chloride in the medicine,” Jing Huaduo said.

“Isn’t quinidine used to cure heart attacks?” Xu Xiyan asked.

“Yes, the quinidine is used in curing atrial premature beats, atrial fibrillation, paroxysmal SVT and more, while the tubocurarine chloride is a neuromuscular blocking drug that can prevent muscle atrophy. But the side-effect of using quinidine is myasthenia gravis. If you mix these two together, even a normal person could become crippled if they are exposed to it long enough.”

Jing Huaduo finished explaining, and his face darkened.

“Yanyan, where did you get this from?” he asked.

“Actually, grandpa, this is Huo Yunshen’s medicine,” Xu Xiyan explained. “I’m lucky to have you examining this before having him take it, or else he would have been in huge trouble.”

“Is someone trying to hurt this kid from the Huo family?” Jing Huaduo asked in surprise.

“Wow! Grandpa! You’re really smart!” Xu Xiyan smiled and grabbed her grandfather’s hand. “You’re like the reincarnation of Sherlock Holmes! There’s nothing that can escape your eyes.”

Jing Huaduo was lost in thought. Even if he and Huo Xun were rivals, Huo Yunshen was still Yun Meng's grandson.

Even if Yun Meng had been passed for several years, there was no way that Jing Huaduo was gonna sit still and let someone hurt Huo Yunshen.

"How about this," Jing Huaduo said, grabbing Xu Xiyan's hand. "I'll give you a few of my homemade Bone Strengthening Pills and let him take them periodically. At least it's better than the poison you're holding."

"Wow, thank you, grandpa! Now, you're like the reincarnation of Jesus!" Xu Xiyan clapped.

Xu Xiyan definitely knew of the Bone Strengthening Pills made from Jing family's secret recipe. Her grandfather would only make 100 bottles each year and would only sell them to old customers.

It was something that money couldn't buy.

Xu Xiyan had always wanted to get some for Huo Yunshen, but with how her grandfather hated the Huo family, she knew she had no chance. That was why she thought of this plan and got her grandfather to give Huo Yunshen some by his own will.

"Stop with the flattery!" Jing Huaduo scolded, handing her a few bottles of pills. "Remember, you can work by his side but never fall for him, do you hear me?"

"Yes, sir!" Xu Xiyan saluted, and it made Jing Huaduo crack up.

"All right, hurry up and go do your stuff," Jing Huaduo said.

"Okay, goodbye, grandpa," Xu Xiyan said and left.

But after she ran a few steps, Jing Huaduo called out to her.

"Hey, where's Ying Bao? Is she not with you?" Jing Huaduo asked.

"Huh? Oh! She's with Orange," Xu Xiyan lied. If her grandfather knew that Ying Bao was with Huo Yunshen, he'd definitely explode.

“I see, all right then. Be careful on your way back,” Jing Huaduo said.

“All right.”

Xu Xiyao left his grandfather’s clinic and drove back to the set.

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A van stopped in front of the set of “Root of Evil.” A woman wearing a black dress and a jacket over her shoulder could be seen sitting inside it. She was wearing sunglasses, and 10 centimeter high heels on her feet. She got out of the van with the help of her assistant.

The crew noticed that it was Huang Yanran and quickly greeted her.

Huang Yanran returned the greeting with a fake smile. Her left wrist, covered in bandages, could barely be seen under the jacket.

Chapter 269 - He's the Boss

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Huang Yanran went straight to Peng Sicheng's studio with her assistant.

Peng Sicheng was discussing a few shots with his editor when Huang Yanran walked in. He was too immersed in the discussion to notice Huang Yanran standing behind him.

"Director," Huang Yanran called out.

"Oh, Yanran?" Peng Sicheng said, turning to look at her.

"You're out form the hospital?"

"Yeah, I think that I should get back to my job as soon as possible," Huang Yanran replied.

"I see, here, have a seat," Peng Sicheng said, pointing to a chair.

Huang Yanran looked at the dirty plastic chair and frowned. Her assistant quickly took out a piece of cloth and a bottle of sterilizer. After a few wipes on the chair, she signaled Huang Yanran that it was clean.

Peng Sicheng saw everything and rolled his eyes.

He'd only learned that Huang Yanran had mysophobia after she'd joined the set. She would always have everything sterilized before she used it: doors, chairs, cups, anything that she came across.

She would always ask for doubles when the scene might dirty her or when it required hard labor.

To call her mysophobic was just a much more subtle way to define her; to put it simply, she was an unreasonable person.

Peng Sicheng would rather choose people like Jing Xi to be his lead actress if he had the choice. He would never submit to using people like Huang Yanran.

Yet in reality, he did not have the power to decide who would be playing the main actress. The decision was made by their investors, and they had chosen Huang Yanran to play the role.

“How is your wrist?” Peng Sicheng asked once Huang Yanran had sat down.

“Thank you for your concerns,” Huang Yanran said, raising her left hand. “It’s almost healed.”

“That means it’s still not fully healed yet.” Peng Sicheng rubbed his chin. “This type of injury should take around 100 days to heal, and it has just been a few days since you suffered this injury, hasn’t it? Didn’t I tell you to take it slow and come back after you’re fully healed?”

“I’m fine, director. Really,” Huang Yanran quickly explained. “I’m ready to get back to my work.”

The truth was that Huang Yanran had intentionally twisted her wrist when she was coming down from the wire work. She was trying to coerce the crew into raising her pay.

She had guessed that Peng Sicheng wouldn’t be able to find another actress to replace her, which made her believe she could ask for a higher price.

Peng Sicheng had seen many celebrities that were the same as Huang Yanran. He did not comply to her demands and told her that he’d wait for her to heal.

All of this led to Peng Sicheng asking Xu Xiyan to play the stunt double part first.

Yet he’d never thought that the media would misunderstand, thinking that Peng Sicheng had replaced Huang Yanran, giving her role to the newcomer, Jing Xi.

It was normal for Huang Yanran to believe the scandals she saw on the news at home.

She quickly rushed back to the set to take back her role, to prevent her job from being taken away by a stunt double

without fame.

“There’s no need to rush,” Peng Sicheng said. “I’ll contact you once we finish with everything we’ve planned for the next few days.”

Peng Sicheng took the initiative and showed her who the boss was.

He was the director. If he wanted her there, then she’d have to show up. If he wanted her to stay at home, she had no authority to decline.

“Director...” Huang Yanran appeared puzzled.

She wanted to say something, but Peng Sicheng turned his back on her and continued his discussion with the editor.

There was no way that Huang Yanran, who always stood high and mighty, would put up with the attitude that Peng Sicheng was showing her.

Chapter 270 - Xu Xiyan is a Devious Person

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Huang Yanran could only sit at the side and stare at the director and editor who were going over the edits. She was overwhelmed by a feeling of uneasiness.

She had to admit that Xu Xiyan was performing better than she had. She could do stunts that Huang Yanran could never do. And even with things that Huang Yanran excelled at, Xu Xiyan could do them better.

Being an actor was something that required both hard work and talent.

Huang Yanran did not have any acting talents. Her degree from Peijing Film Institution had been bought with money, and she'd gotten into the entertainment business by using her connections. She became famous because she had behind-the-back deals with a few rich men.

Without all those resources, Huang Yanran would never beat Xu Xiyan with her acting prowess.

What was more was that Xu Xiyan was better at both action scenes and dramatic scenes, and was even prettier than Huang Yanran. With the hype that Xu Xiyan was having at that moment, Huang Yanran was really worried that Xu Xiyan would take over her role.

What to do? What should I do?

If the director really cuts me off, how am I supposed to live in the entertainment business?

Huang Yanran's worries were legit; it was normal to replace actors or actresses if the original sustained injuries.

Huang Yanran realized that she could not lose her spot as the lead actress and would definitely give the spot away to Xu Xiyan.

Huang Yanran took her assistant, He Liang, with her and left the director's workshop. Deep down her heart was infinite anger, and she had no place to let it out. She could only blame it all on the stunt double.

That damn Jing Xi! What a cunning girl! I must punish her for what she did!

"Hey," He Liang said, noticing someone walking towards them. "Yanran, isn't that Jing Xi?"

Huang Yanran raised her head, and there she was, walking towards them.

Speak of the devil! Huang Yanran scolded in her head. She walked up to Xu Xiyan and slapped her in her face.

Xu Xiyan had been walking with her head down and didn't notice someone was approaching her. The next thing she knew, her cheek was stinging a blow to the face. She raised her head and saw that it was Huang Yanran who'd slapped her.

The staff members all stopped what they were doing and looked at them. All of them agreed that Xu Xiyan definitely deserved it, as they believed she was trying to snatch the leading role from Huang Yanran's hands.

"What was that for?" Xu Xiyan shouted.

"Do I need any reason to slap you?" Huang Yanran replied with a cold face.

Xu Xiyan was angered by Huang Yanran's ridiculous reasoning and returned a few slaps to her face.

The slaps were fast and accurate.

Huang Yanran's beautiful face was red from the slaps as blood dripped from her mouth.

“What are you...How dare you hit me!?” Huang Yanran screamed, her hands covering her face.

“Aren't you the one who said we don't need any reasons to hit people? I'm just repaying the favor.”

Chapter 271 - Doing Her Best to Annoy Huang Yanran

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“Oh, by the way, is there something wrong with your eyes to ask what I am? Are you going blind?” Xu Xiyan mocked. “I know a good Eye Hospital in Peijing that can cure any eye diseases, I’ve even heard they can install a dog’s eyes in a human. I can introduce you to the hospital if you want to.”

One had to be smart if they wanted to avoid suffering huge losses, or else Xu Xiyan would definitely bite back with everything she had.

Xu Xiyan wasn’t only good with her fists but with her mouth too.

She could scold a person without cursing and make them feel worse than if they’d been cursed at.

Huang Yanran was about to explode. Not only had she gotten slapped back, but she’d even been scolded.

“How dare a stunt double like you act all high and mighty!” Huang Yanran scolded. “Do you think because the director took a liking to you that you can act like that? How dare you try and take my role away from me!”

“And with which eyes did you see me taking your role away? Why don’t you ask the director or Mr. Xing, or even anyone on this set?” Xu Xiyan had a huge smile on her face. “Do you think the director would ask me to take on a few scenes first if not for you injured wrist? I even have to play the lead role with a stunt double’s salary. You didn’t even thank me for that

and dare even accuse me of something I didn't do? Is this how you act towards your colleagues?"

Xu Xiyan had always held a certain degree of respect for her seniors in the entertainment business, but people like Huang Yanran did not warrant this respect.

"How dare a mere stunt double like you try to lecture me!" Huang Yanran shouted angrily. "You hadn't even been born when I started acting!"

Huang Yanran had already known that Peng Sicheng was going to pay Xu Xiyan 10% of what they were paying Huang Yanran.

She thought that it was Xu Xiyan who was the one who asked for the price.

"You're right, I'm not from the same generation as you, I'm not as old as you," Xu Xiyan smiled. "Yet you're having a 23-year-old girl play your stunt double. Your bones are getting weak...you should drink more milk to strengthen your body."

Xu Xiyan lectured Huang Yanran like a teacher, a smile on her face all the while, which annoyed Huang Yanran to her limits.

Anyone could've understood that Xu Xiyan was calling Huang Yanran old.

Calling a woman old was like stabbing her heart with knives over and over again.

Huang Yanran was already in her 30's and was about to break the 40 mark. Her age was her biggest concern at that moment.

It was as if Xu Xiyan had stabbed her by calling her an old lady.

"You! You!" Huang Yanran spouted out with anger, but couldn't make out any words other than "you."

"You don't look so good..." Xu Xiyan said widening her eyes. "Your eyebrows are dry, your eyes look tired, your lips have lost their shine, the wrinkles on your neck are deepening. These are all symptoms of having too much exercise in the bed. You should go and get your kidney checked."

“...” Huang Yanran’s face darkened as she touched her own face.

Xu Xiyan was right. A senior doctor had said the same thing that Xu Xiyan had just said.

How the hell did she know I’ve had too much sex in the past!

Chapter 272 - There's No Way She Can Get Better

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Xu Xiyan grinned as she saw Huang Yanran could not come up with something to counter with. She walked straight to the set.

It was as if the staff members had just seen a free movie. They were all laughing at Huang Yanran after Xu Xiyan had mocked her.

Everyone knew that Huang Yanran was sleeping with many different men, and there was no way that she could get better.

“What are you all looking at? Go back to work!” Huang Yanran scolded and left the set.

After being played by Xu Xiyan, Huang Yanran hated her more than ever.

I'll definitely dispose of her! How dare she act like she's the boss in front of me!

She asked He Liang to get the timetable for her and noticed that there was a scene that required the female protagonist to get showered with cement powder, and she had a thought. She quickly ordered He Liang to go and settle something.

From 3:00 PM onwards, Xu Xiyan shot a few scenes with the male protagonist and Ma Haodong.

The last scene before dinner was a scene where the female protagonist ran in the rain at a construction site while she was trying to destroy the criminal's lair. It required that she be hit by a bag of cement powder, and she'd be covered in it.

With the mixture of powder and water, the female protagonist continued to push forward despite the extra load.

The scene was intended to give the audience a feel for the tenacity that the female protagonist had.

Yet the prop master, Jia Qing, had prepared something else for Xu Xiyan. He'd mixed something in the cement powder that would definitely ruin Xu Xiyan's face.

No one knew that He Liang had paid Jia Qing to mix arsenic trioxide in the flour that would replace the cement powder. The mixture of arsenic trioxide and water would ruin a person's face if touched by it.

When the accident happened, Jia Qing would only have to blame it on the person who had bought the flour.

He Liang would pay him a total of 50,000 Yuan as soon as the accident occurred. Jia Qing needed the money to pay the hospital bill for his kid.

When the camera began to shoot, Xu Xiyan ran through the construction in her dark police uniform. The rain had wet her hair and clothes while she continued forward.

A bag of cement powder hung in between two buildings, a trap set by the perpetrator that the protagonist was chasing.

The cement would fall as soon as Xu Xiyan stepped on a mechanism that'd been prepared on the floor.

The female protagonist looked around and did not notice that she'd stepped on the mechanism. Yet at that moment, it did not trigger. Xu Xiyan tried again, but the cement still lay on top of the building.

"Jing Xi, why aren't you moving?" Peng Sicheng asked, seeing that Xu Xiyan was not moving at all.

"The mechanism isn't working!" Xu Xiyan said as she tried to step on it again.

"What? Jia Qing! Go take a look!" Peng Sicheng ordered.

Jia Qing was shocked by the incident and could only go up to the set and check the mechanism.

Why did it stop working at the most crucial moment? Jia Qing said in his head, puzzled by the timing.

Rain kept falling as Jia Qing ran up to the set and checked the mechanism.

“Are you sure you stepped on it?” Jia Qing asked.

“Yes,” Xu Xiyan replied and stepped on it again.

“Come down,” Jia Qing said. “Let me try.”

Xu Xiyan moved to a side, and Jia Qing went up and stepped on the mechanism. And at that moment, it was triggered.

Chapter 273 - Accident

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The bag of flour suddenly opened up and rained down on Jia Qing, covering him in white.

Everyone that witnessed it, including Xu Xiyan, couldn't help but laugh at him.

The timing was just funny to them.

Though everyone was laughing, Jia Qing couldn't help but feel worried.

The arsenic trioxide in the flour mixed with the water and were onto Jia Qing's face. The mixture began to burn his face.

He felt intense pain on his body and found it hard to breathe.

"Argh!" Jia Qing shouted as he fell to the ground and kept scratching his face.

Everyone was stunned by the sudden scream and stopped laughing. Xu Xiyan was the first to react and quickly grasped the situation.

She ran over to the staff member who was in charge of the rain and took the pipe from him. She ran back to the set and quickly sprayed Jia Qing with water.

The director finally realized that an accident had happened and quickly ran up the stage with a few staff members to check on the situation.

Xu Xiyan was quick to wash away all the flour on Jia Qing's face. The mixture had already burned most of his face, and it was covered in blood.

His lips had already turned red because he'd inhaled the poison gas from the mixture, and white foam began to flow from his mouth.

"What is this? What's happening here?" Peng Sicheng asked.

"I think he's been poisoned, hurry up and call the ambulance," Xu Xiyan said as she realized the symptoms that Jia Qing was showing.

"Call the ambulance!" Peng Sicheng quickly ordered Mr. Xing.

The director began to take hold of the situation and quickly ordered one of the staff members to go and check the flour.

"Jing XI!" Ma Haodong shouted as he rushed to the set when he heard the commotion. "Are you all right?"

"I'm fine," Xu Xiyan replied with a weak voice. She began to think that if it had been her who'd been hit by the flour, she would've been the one who was lying on the floor instead of Jia Qing.

Xu Xiyan had no idea that it was Jia Qing who had tried to harm her. She could only let out a breath of relief that Jia Qing had taken the fall for her.

At that moment, Jia Qing began to have a seizure.

"Haodong! Get me my bag!" Xu Xiyan shouted as soon as she saw this.

Ma Haodong didn't question her and went to fetch her bag.

"Does anyone have a lighter?" Xu Xiyan shouted as she took her acupuncture needles from her bag.

"Here!" Mr. Xing responded, taking out his lighter.

Xu Xiyan burned the needles with the fire to disinfect them.

"What are you trying to do?" Peng Sicheng asked.

"Acupuncture!" Xu Xiyan replied. "He's in a serious condition, if I don't help him now, he could die before the ambulance even arrives."

“Fine, hurry up!” Peng Sicheng said, wanting to avoid the worst possible situation and seeing that Xu Xiyan knew what she was saying.

Xu Xiyan did not talk any further and began to focus on stabbing needles into Jia Qing’s arteries to stop the poison from spreading to his heart.

The ambulance finally arrived, and Jia Qing was sent to the hospital immediately.

After that, the studio made everyone keep the incident a secret before they could confirm anything. The staff members were given an early leave.

Xu Xiyan had called Huo Yunshen beforehand and knew that he and Ying Bao were at the aquarium. She left the set and headed to her car.

Chapter 274 - He Actually Said That I'm Being Dramatic?

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When she arrived at the aquarium, Huo Yunshen and the others had just come out. The little girl was tired and had fallen asleep in Huo Yunshen's arms.

"Mr. Huo," Xu Xiyan said as she ran over to him. The first thing she saw was the sleeping child. "Is Cherry Baby asleep?"

"Yeah, you can take her back now."

"What happened to your head?"

Xu Xiyan noticed the bandage hidden under his hair. Was he injured?

"It's nothing. It's only a little injury."

"How did you get hurt? Weren't you guys at the zoo and the aquarium?"

Xu Xiyan couldn't imagine how Huo Yunshen got himself injured at those places. Worried, she reached out to sweep his hair aside to look at his wounds.

She wouldn't have been shocked at how big the bandage was if she hadn't looked at it. It didn't look like a minor injury.

"It was only an accidental scratch. It's really nothing. Yi Xiao already helped me bandage it."

Yi Xiao explained in a timely manner, "Miss Jing Xi, a sign fell onto the young master while he was trying to rescue

Cherry Baby. Cherry was fine but the young master was injured. I wanted to inform you, but young master did not wish to disturb you at work.”

Huo Yunshen glared at Yi Xiao. Since when was he allowed to speak?

Yi Xiao pursed his lips helplessly. Oh, Mr. President, Miss Jing Xi eventually has to know how good you are to her, don't you agree?

If you keep everything a secret, how is she going to know your feelings for her?

“Oh my god, your injury is serious! Why didn't you tell me? You have to go to the hospital for an injection. It will become even more serious if you get tetanus!”

Xu Xiyan was so anxious, and pushed Huo Yunshen out.

Huo Yunshen felt that she was being a little over-stressed at the matter, but he had to admit that it felt nice being fussed over by her.

At Xu Xiyan's insistence, Huo Yunshen went to the hospital.

The surgeon examined him and put two stitches in his wound, then told the nurse to take him away to dress his wound and give him a tetanus shot.

Xu Xiyan stayed in the doctor's office. She became worried when she thought of the scar on Huo Yunshen's handsome face. She asked the surgeon, “Will there be a scar on my husband's face in the future? What if it's permanent?”

She had called Huo Yunshen “my husband” in front of the doctor. The doctor could not recognize their faces; he thought they were only a normal couple.

“Don't be so dramatic, it's normal to have a scar from a wound. Why does it matter for a big man to have a scar?” asked the surgeon matter-of-factly.

He actually said that I'm being dramatic?

Xu Xiyan did not like what she'd heard. Don't you know how precious Huo Yunshen's face is?

Even if it was just a pimple, she would feel distressed for him!

Xu Xiyan slammed her fist on the desk and grabbed the surgeon by the collar of his shirt. “Who are you calling dramatic, huh!? Tell me who! Say it clearly!”

The surgeon hadn't expected the family member of his patient to be so violent and he was scared out of his wits.

Xu Xiyan released the surgeon roughly and said, “Prescribe the best ointment you have here, one that does not leave scars!”

“Okay, okay, okay!” The surgeon quickly searched the database on his computer for the proper medicine. “It's prescribed.”

Xu Xiyan glared at him as she threatened him calmly. “Good. If you dare trick me, I'll make sure you don't get away with it! If there is still a scar on my husband's face, I'll scratch your face into a bloody mess.”

“...” The surgeon swallowed secretly. He'd met with many unreasonable family members of his patients, but such rude and domineering ones like her were rare.

He thought: This woman must be a tiger wife. I wonder how her husband can stand her.

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Chapter 275 - A Different Kind Of Bliss

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After Xu Xiyan received the medicine from the counter and Huo Yunshen had his wound dressed, they reunited and left the hospital together.

Because of his injury, Huo Yunshen had been specially exempted from doing anything. He and Cherry just had to wait for the ready-made food.

After dinner, Xu Xiyan prepared to treat Huo Yunshen with acupuncture. Huo Yunshen said, "Forget it, you are tired from the day. You should rest early."

"It's all right, I'm not tired. Just lie down."

His health naturally took top priority. Xu Xiyan didn't care whether she was tired.

Under her insistence, Huo Yunshen obeyed and lay on the bed.

When Xu Xiyan opened his bathrobe, she was so shocked at what she saw that she sucked in a breath of cold air. "How come your back is injured too? Why didn't you tell me?"

His back was bruised and swollen in many places. Xu Xiyan's heart ached badly for him, and she felt like breaking into tears.

Other than being distressed for him, she was angry, too. She was angry at Huo Yunshen for not saying anything about it and keeping it to himself.

Looking at the bruised and swollen spots, Xu Xiyan could imagine how hard he had been hit by the sign. She thought that

he had only hurt his forehead. Who knew that his back was injured too?

“It’s really nothing. It will heal in a few days.”

Huo Yunshen had not wanted to undergo acupuncture treatment tonight because he didn’t want her to see the injuries on his back.

“What do you mean ‘in a few days’? What if your ribs were broken too? What if there is an internal injury? Why are you so stubborn? What is there that you cannot tell me? If you had told me earlier, I could’ve gotten the doctor to look at your back at the hospital just now.”

Xu Xiyan was frustrated. After nagging at him, she went to look for an ointment—especially used by the Jing family to treat bruises and various muscle injuries—and helped him apply it to his back.

Huo Yunshen felt nice and warm in his heart as he listened to her nagging. Her delicate hand caressed his back as she applied the ointment. It was a different kind of bliss that he simply couldn’t describe.

Her touch may have reduced the swelling on his back, but something somewhere ‘down there’ had become swollen.

After applying the ointment, Xu Xiyan said, “All right, I’m not going to put needles in your back tonight. I’m going to apply them to the front.”

She helped Huo Yunshen turn onto his back, but Huo Yunshen suddenly grabbed her hand—not certain whether it was intentional—and with a little pull, Xu Xiyan fell and her body was planted onto his.

Her lower abdomen was pressed against a place where it should not have been pressed. Through the thinness of his clothes, she could clearly feel the dangerous heat and tightness of the man. It felt hot against her skin.

Almost in an instant, she felt a strong rushing current tingling and flowing through her limbs and into her bones, and couldn’t help but tremble.

The room became very quiet and time seemed to stand still. Xu Xiyan didn't dare to move a muscle. She could clearly hear her heart beat in a chaotic rhythm in her chest.

She didn't know why, but an itching desire was growing inside her. Her cheeks flushed with the thought, her mouth was so dry that she couldn't speak and her body felt limp and helpless.

She wanted to get up, but the man was like a big magnet with strong attraction, pulling her to him.

At this time, the man's cool fingers gently stroked her cheeks. Xu Xiyan's heart was like a patch of wild grass, growing non-stop.

She swallowed as she let the man caress her freely.

Maybe... maybe they could take it further...

Huo Yunshen couldn't control himself. His fingers swam naturally from her cheeks to her neck and shoulders, and then to the back.

Just as his hand was going lower, Ying Bao's voice could suddenly be heard. "Xi Baby! Uncle Dimples!"

The two adults, who'd been immersed in another world, awoke from it at the same time.

Chapter 276 - Something Very Important

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Shocked, Huo Yunshen quickly withdrew his hand and Xu Xiyan got up in a fluster and turned to look at the door.

Ying Bao was carrying a Minnie Mouse doll as she walked in. She tilted her head as she looked at the two adults in the room, “Xi Baby, what game are you both playing?”

Err...

“I was treating Uncle Dimples’ sickness!” Xu Xiyan explained with a poker face. There was no way she was going to tell her daughter that they had almost “played” something unspeakable.

“Oh. Hurry up then! So Uncle Dimples can recover soon!”

The little girl climbed onto the bed and sat with them. They did not dare to do anything indecent with the little spotlight shining onto them.

Xu Xiyan touched her hot cheeks with the back of her hand, then began to focus on treating Huo Yunshen with acupuncture.

After she was done and let Huo Yunshen have his rest, Xu Xiyan took Ying Bao back to her apartment to wash up and relax.

Ying Bao lay in her mother’s arms as she remembered something. “Xi Baby, Baby remembered something very very important. Do you want to hear it?”

“Of course!”

“Xi Baby, Auntie Orange signed Baby up for a talent contest. If Baby can win the grand prize, Baby will get a 100,000 Yuan cash prize.”

“100,000 Yuan?”

Xu Xiyan vaguely remembered that Fang Xiaocheng had sent a message to her a few days ago about the children’s talent contest, saying that Ying Bao wanted to participate, and that she had agreed at the time.

“Yup! If Baby can win the grand prize, then we will have lots and lots of money. Xi Baby won’t have to work so hard anymore and Baby will be able to buy the best daddy soon!” The little girl’s big black eyes sparkled brightly, her innocent little face filled with confidence.

“Okay then, Xi Baby hopes that you can win the grand prize.”

Xu Xiyan had long ago discovered that Ying Bao had a natural desire for self-expression, and that she should cultivate her daughter’s talents in this aspect. So she had encouraged her daughter to participate in the talent competition.

“Thank you, Mommy, but one of the segments of the talent competition requires a parent-child team. Will you perform together with Baby?” Ying Bao shook Xu Xiyan as she asked. Her eyes were desperate yet full of expectation.

Xu Xiyan could not be seen with her daughter because she was afraid that it would create more scandals. But seeing the little girl’s pitiful eyes, she could not bear to refuse her. “Of course, Xi Baby would be honored to have the opportunity to perform with the little princess.”

“Oooh! Great! Great! Great! Baby is going to perform with Mommy!”

“Okay, you should go to bed early. Mommy will send you back tomorrow morning. Good night, Baby.”

“Good night, Mommy.”

Ying Bao closed her eyes, a smile lingering on her face.

Thinking about their coming performance together, Xu Xiyan logged on to the official website of the talent competition with

her mobile phone. She looked through Ying Bao's contestant profile and noted several important times.

She had a general idea of the contest program and the kind of preparations she had to make. What Xu Xiyan needed to think about now was: what kind of parent-child performance should she do with Ying Bao?

As she pondered, she fell asleep.

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The night was quiet. Some were having good dreams, but some had no intentions of sleeping.

In a luxurious studio apartment, Huang Yanran had just taken a shower and was preparing to apply a facial mask. The phone by her side rang and she saw it was her assistant, He Liang. She quickly put down the facial mask and picked up the phone.

He told her on the phone about what had happened at the set of "Root of Evil."

"Yanran, I've already investigated internally. There was an incident on the set. Director Peng covered up the news..."

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Chapter 277 - He Had Become Her Scapegoat

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Huang Yanran did not wait for her assistant to finish and asked eagerly, “How is that little bitch? Is she already disfigured? Haha! Did she look horrible?”

He Liang replied, “No. Jing Xi is fine. The one who’s disfigured is Xiao Jia. Xiao Jia also inhaled the powder and was poisoned. He is now in the hospital.”

Huang Yanran was incredulous. “What? How did that happen?”

“I’m not sure about the specifics. It seems that at the time of the shoot, there was a problem with the props.”

“Okay, I understand now. Go to the hospital and find a way to inquire about Xiao Jia’s condition. Remember, you must not let Xiao Jia speak the truth. Also, don’t let anyone suspect that we’re responsible for it,” Huang Yanran commanded.

“Okay, understood.”

After hanging up the call, Huang Yanran furrowed her brow and flung the facial mask from her hand angrily.

Jing Xi was unbelievably lucky. Jia Qing has become her scapegoat.

That Jia Qing is also really something. He couldn’t even settle such a small matter properly. What a useless person!

Huang Yanran was beginning to feel uneasy. What if the production crew had investigated and found that she was the culprit?

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It was a new day. The sun broke through the dawn sky and shone on the flowerbed outside the villa.

The flowers were flourishing. The purple lavenders had blossomed and the chamomile plant had also sprouted. The young and tender buds gave a feeling of vitality and hope.

Huo Yunshen had woken early in the morning. He had plucked a large bunch of lavender plants and set them in a glass vase in the dining room.

The flower language of lavender is “waiting for love.” Just like him...he was waiting for love, too.

An exquisitely prepared breakfast was served on the table. The doorbell rang. Huo Yunshen knew it must be Xu Xiyan and Ying Bao.

As soon he went out to greet them and opened the door, Ying Bao bounded into the house cheerfully. Xu Xiyan was at the door changing her shoes.

Ying Bao greeted him happily as soon as she saw him, “Mornin’, Uncle Dimples!”

“Morning, Cherry.”

The little girl wore a small apple green skirt and her hair was tied into two braids. Her little arms swung about as she walked and she looked very adorable.

“Come on, Cherry. Let’s have breakfast.” Huo Yunshen took the little girl’s hand and led her to the dining room.

Xu Xiyan came behind him and saw the breakfast on the table. “Mr. Huo, didn’t I tell you not to do any chores? Why did you make breakfast?”

“Because Cherry likes my breakfast. When Cherry is full, then she’ll have the strength to do livestreams!”

If Huo Yunshen had not reminded her, Xu Xiyan would have forgotten that this was the day that Ying Bao would be going live.

She also remembered that Fang Xiaocheng had gone on a trip with Wang Dazhi and was not able to accompany Ying Bao in her live stream. It seemed that she had to join her in person today.

After Huo Yunshen had placed Ying Bao on her chair, he moved over to his place and gestured for Xu Xiyan to sit down, too.

The breakfast he made was rich and delicious. Xu Xiyan and the child were especially happy and satisfied as they ate.

After breakfast, Huo Yunshen went to work. Xu Xiyan was not required for any shooting today, so she took Ying Bao back to the Jing family house.

Ying Bao remembered that she had to do a livestream today. She asked worriedly, “What am I going to do? Auntie Orange isn’t here. How is Baby going to do the livestream?”

Xu Xiyan patted the little girl’s head. “Silly girl, don’t you have a super mommy? Xi Baby will accompany you for your live stream today.”

“Yaaay!” The little girl was instantly excited. She clapped her hands and said, “Then let’s get started! Xi Baby, go change into your rabbit suit. Baby will wait for you.”

“Okay.”

Xu Xiyan went off to change into a pink rabbit suit and became a big and cute rabbit, then accompanied her daughter for her livestream.

In the livestream, a cute little girl and a pink Rabbit Mommy appeared.

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Chapter 278 - So This Is War, Huh?

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After Cherry Baby had greeted everyone, it was Rabbit Mommy's turn: [Long time no see! How's everyone doing? I'm Rabbit Mommy.]

At the bottom of the livestream, there were already a lot of comments in the discussion area. They were all greeting Rabbit Mommy, and some were also asking where Orange had gone.

The livestream had officially started. Cherry Baby's face was full of excitement as she smiled happily, showing a row of white teeth. She said: [Today, Baby is in a very good mood! Baby won't be selling any succies today, but Baby is auctioning an offline meetup and a kiss from Baby!]

The discussion area immediately exploded with more comments. Everyone wanted an offline meeting with Cherry Baby. Who wouldn't want to meet and kiss the adorable little girl?

As usual, at the president's office at Yunhai Entertainment, Huo Yunshen put his work aside when it was time for Cherry Baby's livestream and picked up his mobile phone to watch it.

Tang Yichen, who was sitting on the sofa, had also logged in to view the livestream and was leaving comments and donating money to the little livestreamer.

He had heard that the little girl was not going to sell succulent plants today, and that she was going to sell an offline meetup and a kiss instead. Tang Yichen was excited, and said to Huo

Yunshen, “Hey, look at this! Cherry Baby is auctioning an offline meetup and a kiss. Hahaha! Isn’t this a great opportunity!”

“Yup.”

“If I manage to grab this opportunity today, I’ll let you tag along with me to see this super cute baby.”

Tang Yichen had always felt that it was a pity that he had missed the chance to meet the little internet celebrity back at the amusement park that day. A good opportunity had shown itself today, and he thought that he must do whatever it took to win the auction.

“You might not get it. The kiss is mine.” Huo Yunshen said coolly. His deep eyes were filled with determination.

A meetup and a kiss. He must have both.

“Hey, don’t be unreasonable! I’m the one who introduced Cherry Baby to you in the first place! It is only right for me to have this opportunity first,” said Tang Yichen, feeling somewhat displeased.

“Well, that depends on your capability.”

Huo Yunshen couldn’t explain why he was unwilling to let someone else take the opportunity to meet up with little Cherry.

“Hmph! What a merciless fellow! Just wait and see!” Tang Yichen cursed at him, then continued to stick his eyes to the screen.

In the livestream, Rabbit Mommy and Cherry Baby were having a chat on the bed. The little girl was under a blanket but her little feet were exposed. She said excitedly: [Mummy, look! Baby’s feet are peeking out! Do you think Baby is growing taller?]

Rabbit Mommy tilted her head at Cherry Baby: [You’re not growing taller, Baby. Your blanket was turned the other way round.]

Cherry Baby: [...]

I'm so mad!

Cherry Baby pouted her cute little mouth and puffed out her cheeks after her mother had ruthlessly burst her bubble. She rolled her dark glossy eyes around as she thought about something, then said: [Mommy, call me "Monkey King!"]

Rabbit Mommy: [Monkey King.]

Cherry Baby laughed cheekily, then bounced up from the bed and struck a cool pose: [Your grandpa's here!]

Rabbit Mommy: [...]

After Rabbit Mommy had realized the vulgarity of the joke, she immediately pinned Cherry Baby onto the bed and spanked her backside: [You little rascal! Where did you learn that...]

"Hahaha..."

The two men in the office laughed heartily at the little girl and her mother's antics. After they'd had a good laugh, they immediately started to bid.

Many fans were eager to win a meetup with the little internet celebrity and the price was going up very quickly. The starting bid was 20 Yuan. If the bid exceeded 5,000 Yuan, anyone could freely set the price of the bid.

The price kept rising all the way and had soared up to 6,000 Yuan quickly.

[A Cloud in the Sky has placed a bid of 10,000 Yuan.]

Seeing that Huo Yunshen had straightaway placed a bid of 10,000 Yuan, Tang Yichen was not willing to back down.

[Dreaming of the Tang Dynasty has placed a bid of 10,005 Yuan.]

Huo Yunshen glared at Tang Yichen. Hmph. So this is war, huh?

Endnotes

[1] A popular but vulgar catchphrase used by the fabled character, "Monkey King." The Monkey King would use the

phrase “Your grandpa’s here!” to imply that he had bedded with the grandmother of the person who had called his name.

Chapter 279 - Gave Birth To A Good Cheating Son

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[A Cloud in the Sky has placed a bid of 20,000 Yuan.]

[Dreaming of the Tang Dynasty has placed a bid of 20,005 Yuan.]

After the bid had risen over 10,000 Yuan, Huo Yunshen and Tang Yichen were the only ones left in the bidding war.

No matter how much Huo Yunshen had bid, Tang Yichen would deliberately overbid him by a little. Huo Yunshen scowled and stared daggers at Tang Yichen. “Why are you such an annoying person?”

“Heheh... now you know?”

Tang Yichen smiled shamelessly. They’d been close friends for many years, and Tang Yichen had never restrained himself in front of him.

“How much do you earn in a month?” Huo Yunshen asked, raising his eyebrows. He was trying to imply to Tang Yichen that he had a wife and a child to feed with his little salary, and yet he was spending his money carelessly.

Tang Yichen smiled, “How much I earn depends on you, Mr. Big President.”

“Haven’t you been handing over all of your salary to your wife every month?” Huo Yunshen asked again.

Tang Yichen gave a wily laugh. “What kind of man doesn’t keep his own secret vault?”

Huo Yunshen: "...”

Huo Yunshen naturally did not know that Tang Yichen had two salary bank cards. The salary card from Yunhai Entertainment was managed by his wife. The other card was for the income from his freelance work, which was many times higher than his salary.

The two had just exchanged a few words and before they knew it, the auction was over. Huo Yunshen complained, “It’s all your fault! The auction is over! If you had not interrupted me, I could’ve won the auction!”

“No way! Who is that person who appeared out of the blue?”

Tang Yichen stared at the screen incredulously. An account named “Little Candy Prince” had placed the final bid of 50,000 Yuan, winning the auction for a meetup with Cherry and a kiss from her.

Tang Yichen tugged his tie. “F**k!” he exclaimed. “Who the hell is this ‘Little Candy Prince?’ He dares to challenge me? Quick, Old Huo! Go look that guy up!”

Huo Yunshen was proficient with computers. He quickly traced the IP address of “Little Candy Prince” and found detailed information about that account. “Here, see for yourself.”

Tang Yichen took the laptop from Huo Yunshen and looked at it. What the f...! He almost vomited blood. The account “Little Candy Prince” was actually registered by his son, Tang Feimo.

That was not the point. The point was that his son had used his secret salary card to bid in the auction. Oh my god!

How did that rascal find out that I have another salary card?

“Your son Feimo is really unbelievable.”

“Guh...” Tang Yichen couldn’t stop thinking about vomiting blood. Oh my f**king god!

Huo Yunshen stifled a laugh. It was refreshing to see Tang Yichen’s face turning black all over as he was being cheated.

Hahaha, he really gave birth to a good cheating son!

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Meanwhile, at the Jing family house...

After the livestream had ended, Xu Xiyan and Ying Bao gave each other a high-five. "Yeah!"

They had spontaneously decided upon auctioning a meetup in the livestream today and had not expected that someone was willing to pay a high price of 50,000 Yuan for it. They had earned an impressive amount from a single livestream.

Ying Bao said to her mother, "Xi Baby, could you help Baby contact "Little Candy Prince" and arrange the meetup?"

"Sure, leave it to me," Xu Xiyan promised her. If they were to go for the meetup, Ying Bao's security had to be taken care of and Xu Xiyan would definitely accompany her.

She had originally not wanted to go for any shoot today and stayed in the Jing family house to accompany her daughter instead, but she realized that she had forgotten to deliver the medicine she had promised Huo Yunshen she'd get for him yesterday, so she decided to return to Shengshi Yujing in the afternoon.

Coincidentally just as she arrived at the Shengshi Yujing Community, Huo Yunshen's RV had returned, too.

Xu Xiyan went up to greet him, "Mr. Huo, you're off work early today."

"I wasn't busy, so I came back early."

The truth was he had hoped to see Xu Xiyan by returning home early today, and also because he'd heard that the film crew had halted the shoot for a few days.

Chapter 280 - Playing Along With His Schemes

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Xu Xiyan took over the wheelchair from Yi Xiao and pushed Huo Yunshen into the house.

After the two returned to the apartment, Xu Xiyan poured a glass of water for Huo Yunshen, then took out a Bone Strengthening pill and put it in his hand. “Here, take your medicine, Mr. Huo.”

Huo Yunshen looked at the brown colored pill in his hand. “This medicine...”

“Let me explain, Mr. Huo.”

Xu Xiyan sat down on the sofa next to him and looked into his eyes. “I went to get your medicine from Professor Qin yesterday. But I then gave it to my grandfather so he could examine it. He said the side effects of the medicine are too great and suggested that you should try his Bone Strengthening pills instead. I’ve brought a few bottles back for you, but I forgot to bring them to you last night.”

“It’s okay. Do you mean the Renjing Bone Strengthening Pills?”

“Yes. You knew about them?”

Huo Yunshen nodded. “My mother once visited your grandfather for the medicine, but she did not manage to get them. I heard that this medicine is not for sale to outsiders, and it’s impossible to buy it no matter how much is offered.”

In fact, the real reason for his mother's failure to acquire the medicine was not because she was not a long-time patron, but because she was a member of the Huo family. Jing Huaduo would never sell the medicine to the Huo family.

"You're right. I had to act like a spoiled and needy child in front of him before he gave in!" Xu Xiyan laughed.

"Bless you." Huo Yunshen cast a grateful look at her, then put the pill in his mouth and swallowed it with water.

After he took the medicine, Xu Xiyan took the glass from him and said to him seriously, "Mr. Huo, can you please not tell anyone that you're taking the Bone Strengthening pills now? You know my grandfather's temper very well. I'm afraid he..."

Before Xu Xiyan could finish, Huo Yunshen nodded and promised her. "I understand. I won't tell anyone."

Advising Huo Yunshen not to say anything about his change of medicine was actually part of Xu Xiyan's plan.

She didn't want anyone to know her plans. After all, Huo Jingtang thought that he had successfully threatened and bribed Professor Qin. He thought the switch of medicine was successful and he would no doubt continue to observe Huo Yunshen's condition.

What Huo Jingtang wanted to see was Huo Yunshen never standing up again. Well, Xu Xiyan was going play along with his schemes.

Xu Xiyan deliberately mentioned Huo Jingtang to him. "Mr. Huo, guess who I met when I went to Professor Qin to get your medicine?"

"Who?"

"Your big brother, Huo Jingtang."

"Oh." Huo Yunshen looked a little nervous. "Did he say anything to you?"

He was worried that Huo Jingtang had told Xu Xiyan some nonsense.

“No, we didn’t talk. However, I thought he seemed very concerned about your illness. I heard him talking to Professor Qin about your illness for a good while.”

Xu Xiyan did not tell him about Huo Jingtang’s intentions to switch his medication.

She had thought over the matter thoroughly. She could not directly tell Huo Yunshen about it at the moment. The truth would be a great blow to his heart.

Anyhow, as long as she was by his side, she would not allow anyone to harm Huo Yunshen. As for Huo Jingtang, Xu Xiyan would try to remind Huo Yunshen to be more careful.

But if she was going to persuade him, she had to be tactful with her words so it wouldn’t be so direct.

A faint smile had appeared on Huo Yunshen’s face at the mention of his cousin. “Yeah. My big brother has always been good to me. Since the car accident, he has been busy taking care of me. I am very grateful to him.”

Huo Yunshen felt that his elder brother was a very strong person and had very high demands towards other people.

Other than the frequent disagreements at work, Huo Jingtang took great care of his life.

“You’ve been good to your big brother, too!” Xu Xiyan said.

Chapter 281 - He Really Felt It

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“If it’s possible, I really want to hand Yunhai Entertainment over to him, as long as Grandpa agrees. I believe he has the ability to run the company.”

Xu Xiyan looked into his glimmering eyes and asked, “Is this what you really wish for?”

“Yes. The truth is I never wanted to take over the Huo family business. It was Grandpa who had great expectations of me, so I didn’t want to disappoint him. Deep in my heart, I always felt that, if only I could let my brother take over Yunhai, maybe it would be better for the both of us.”

Even if Huo Yunshen did not have Yunhai Entertainment, and even if he didn’t take over the Huo Group in the future, he still had his own career.

However, nobody knew the other identity he was hiding behind his identity of movie king.

Right now, he had nothing else to ask for. He only wished to be with his beloved every day, and that was enough.

After listening to his words, Xu Xiyan sighed in her heart.

Huo Yunshen had taken Huo Jingtang as his role model, worshipped and trusted him, and was willing to hand Yunhai over to him.

However, Huo Jingtang had made such a move behind his back. He was really ignorant.

One day, when Huo Yunshen finds out his older brother's true face, how will he feel?

“Well, you're right. Maybe you're more suited to the big screen and becoming a shining movie king.”

Xu Xiyan had always believed that, with Huo Yunshen's talents and acting skills missing from the entertainment circle, it would be a great loss to the industry.

“A movie king...” Huo Yunshen sighed. “I'm afraid I will never be the same.”

Huo Yunshen lowered his head. His eyes were covered by his long eyelashes, hiding the sadness within.

“How so?”

She suddenly placed her hand on his knees. Huo Yunshen looked up in surprise.

Xu Xiyan gazed into the man's shimmering but waning eyes quietly. Then, quite emotionally, she said, “Mr. Huo, you've been working so hard, I believe that God will definitely look after you and help you walk again soon. I hope that, one day, I can see you return to the big screen.”

“You want me to continue acting?”

“You don't have to act. It's great if you can continue composing music and singing too. Do you know that you're a genius? You will never fade away! You're like gold that shines no matter where it's placed. I believe that, one day, you will walk towards the stage of the music awards ceremony and collect the glory you deserve.”

These were the sincere words of Xu Xiyan.

She really wanted to see him in a tuxedo walking up to the stage. He would look very charming.

This talented musician known as “Ni Yun” had composed so many classic songs, but every time, a representative would appear in his place to collect his awards on stage at the music festival.

Xu Xiyan really hoped that, one day, she could accompany him onto the stage to receive his honor.

“...”

Huo Yunshen was stunned. Not only because of her heartfelt words, but also because of what she did.

He looked down unbelievably at the small, fair hands that had fallen onto his knees.

When she had suddenly touched his knee, he seemed to have felt a faint warmth emitting from the touch. Yes, he had felt it. He had really felt it.

Xu Xiyan realized that she had overreacted and quickly withdrew her hand, but Huo Yunshen grabbed her wrist and looked at her with shining eyes. “Jing Xi, touch me again!”

Xu Xiyan: “...”

Umm?

Is the sun rising from the west today?

That bashful man actually asked me to touch him again?

Did my ears deceive me?

Seeing that Xu Xiyan was shocked, Huo Yunshen explained, “I mean, when you touched me just now, my legs seemed... to have felt something.”

Chapter 282 - Did She Just Kiss Him?

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“Really?”

Xu Xiyan was very surprised. He said that he could feel his legs?

She was even more excited than Huo Yunshen and reached out to press into his knee with her fingers. “What do you feel?”

However, the warmth of the touch was absent this time. Huo Yunshen looked down sadly and shook his head. “Nothing. Maybe I was mistaken.”

Seeing the man’s look of despair, Xu Xiyan understood his feelings.

To make him feel better, she planted a kiss on his forehead when he was not paying attention. It caught him off guard. “Feel anything now?”

“...”

Huo Yunshen jerked his head up. Xu Xiyan had already gotten up and gone behind him to push his wheelchair.

He was stunned for a long time. What happened just now?

Did Xu Xiyan just kiss him?

Did she kiss his forehead?

Did she really kiss his forehead?

All feelings of disappointment disappeared when he felt that kiss. Huo Yunshen’s heart was beating fast and accelerating.

The spot she'd kissed felt scorching hot.

Although it was just a very light peck, it quickly ignited his body. His cheeks grew hot and his neck and ears were burning. His organs inside felt like they were on fire.

He couldn't describe how pleasantly surprised he was. Huo Yunshen really wished that he could rewind that scene and replay it, again and again, tens of thousands of times.

Xu Xiyan pushed his wheelchair from behind, looking at him as he sat upright, petrified. His body was stiff and his ears and neck were flushed. His fingers were gripping the armrest tightly.

She couldn't help but let out a snicker. Just one kiss had made him so embarrassed and overwhelmed.

Haha. Xu Xiyan was really curious: what would he have done if she had kissed him on his lips?

They went into the bedroom. After Huo Yunshen had laid down on his bed, Xu Xiyan looked into his eyes and said, "Mr. Huo, can you promise me something?"

"What is it?"

"If anyone except me asks whether you could feel your legs, you must tell them no, no matter who they are."

"Why?" Huo Yunshen's face was filled with puzzlement. He didn't understand why Xu Xiyan wanted him to say that. She had just been advising and encouraging him!

"I know you must be wondering why I want you to say this. The truth is that I hope you can keep your health a secret. Even if you can feel your legs before you can really stand up, you shouldn't let anyone know about it."

Huo Yunshen was still baffled. Xu Xiyan knelt in front of him and said, "During the period of your treatment with me, you have to cooperate with me and keep this a secret. You must do whatever I tell you to do. Can you promise me?"

"Okay." Huo Yunshen nodded with uncertainty. Even if there was no particular reason given, he would still do it as long as it was Xu Xiyan who told him to.

Next, Huo Yunshen's acupuncture and massage treatment was a torment. He was trying hard to restrain his mind from thinking indecent thoughts, but his body was behaving and expressing itself in a very honest manner.

Something somewhere had stiffened and was standing tall and strong. When it was time to turn over and face Xu Xiyan, he felt extremely embarrassed.

Xu Xiyan felt a bit restless too, but she still forced herself to calm down and focus. Even though she saw that place bulging, she darted her eyes away and continued to get busy with her work.

After all, she was doing acupuncture for him. She had to be fully focused and couldn't be distracted.

Finally, when the acupuncture and massage treatment were complete, Xu Xiyan hurriedly packed up her tools and withdrew to her apartment.

She was afraid that if she stayed any longer, she would lose control and throw herself onto him.

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Chapter 283 - Pampering Her Like A Princess

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At night, Huo Yunshen lay in his bed, unable to sleep. He replayed the scene of Xu Xiyan kissing his forehead in his mind and felt his inner desire growing and spreading like wild grass.

In the end, he could not stand it anymore. Huo Yunshen got up for a cold shower.

After he had calmed down, he went back on his bed and sent a message to Mr. Yim on his mobile phone: [Mr. Yim, I am so happy.]

Next door, Xu Xiyan was also having a little trouble falling asleep. When she was about to close her eyes and doze off, she heard her phone ring with a text message and opened her eyes again.

She picked up her phone and looked at it. It was Wing. He had not talked to her for a while. Today he had sent her a message: [Mr. Yim, I am so happy.]

Oh? He's very happy?

Why is he happy?

Xu Xiyan quickly typed a reply: [What made you so happy?]

Huo Yunshen saw Yim's reply. Lips raised lightly, he replied: [The chamomile I've planted has sprouted. Good night, Mr. Yim.]

He only simply wanted to share his joy.

Though he had said that the chamomile he planted had sprouted, what he really wanted to say was that the seeds of love he had planted seemed to be sprouting.

Oh, so the flower he planted has sprouted!

Xu Xiyan's lips curved into a light smile. She returned a message and wished him good night, then put down her phone and went back to sleep.

The reply came: [Goodnight.] Huo Yunshen held his phone to his chest and closed his eyes happily, his mind full of images of Xu Xiyan's face.

Good night, Jing Xi!

I hope you have a good dream and that you see me in your dreams.

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It was Saturday.

After the unexpected kiss last night, Huo Yunshen still felt a little embarrassed when they met in the morning.

"Good morning, Mr. Huo."

"Morning, Jing Xi."

On the other hand, Xu Xiyan was her usual cheerful and carefree self. She was not particularly bothered by what she had done last night and was already back to business.

First, Xu Xiyan cleaned the apartment. When she was done, Huo Yunshen had already prepared breakfast.

Xu Xiyan saw him coming out of the kitchen with a large plate of food. She quickly dropped the vacuum cleaner and ran over to take the plate from him. "Mr. Huo, why did you make breakfast? Didn't I tell you that I would make it after I was done with house chores?"

"It all right. I was bored anyway."

The truth was he didn't want to tire her.

Although Xu Xiyan owed him a ten-billion debt and they were in a debtor-creditor relationship, he didn't really want Xu

Xiyan to be his caretaker and only wanted to keep her by his side.

If his legs had recovered, he would surely take over all the housework and give her a comfortable life, pampering her like a princess.

Xu Xiyan sniffed at the delicious breakfast and smiled, praising him, “Wow, it smells really good. It must be karma that I’m able to enjoy breakfast made by Mr. Huo.”

Huo Yunshen’s lips curved up in a nice arc, the stars in his eyes twinkling. “Your mouth is as sweet as cherry,” he joked.

After listening to what he had said, Xu Xiyan gently bit her lip and teased him, “Mr. Huo, is my mouth really that sweet? I’m impressed that you can still remember what it tastes like after five years. You have such a good memory!”

Huo Yunshen froze. When he finally reacted, his face had turned very red. He coughed twice and then explained, “I-I mean... you’re like Cherry Baby, not... I mean... you’re good at talking...”

He wanted to explain that Xu Xiyan’s mouth was so sweet with words, just like Cherry Baby.

After stammering his explanation, Huo Yunshen felt like slapping his own mouth. How could he freeze up in front of Xu Xiyan?

He could not say anything clearly.

Chapter 284 - Did Not See Anything Wrong

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Xu Xiyan understood what he meant. “Haha! I know. I’m just teasing you.”

Huo Yunshen: “...”

Why am I always the one being teased? Isn’t it a reverse of roles? I’m the man!

Xu Xiyan served the dishes onto the table and pushed him near. The two of them ate together.

While eating, Huo Yunshen was deep in thought. He could not continue having his feelings cooped up. He felt that he should learn more relationship skills.

What if someone who is much more outstanding and stronger wins over Xu Xiyan’s heart? There are plenty of men out there with working limbs, and anyone who is able to walk is better than I am.

Huo Yunshen felt a deep sense of crisis upon the thought of it.

After breakfast, Huo Yunshen saw that Xu Xiyan hadn’t left. “You don’t have to go to set today as well?” he asked.

“Nope. The production team is on a break. It’s perfect, I can accompany you for rehabilitation.”

The production team was on a break due to the incident with Jia Qing being poisoned. Therefore, she could spend her Saturday with Huo Yunshen and accompany Ying Bao to the fan meetup on Sunday.

“...” Huo Yunshen said nothing but his heart was already jumping with joy.

So long as she was accompanying him, he would find any activity meaningful.

It just so happened that he was going to the music studio today, so Huo Yunshen decided to bring Xu Xiyan along.

The two of them packed their stuff and went to the Rehabilitation Center at the First People’s Hospital.

Rehabilitation training went as before, personally guided by Professor Qin. Even Qin Kun did not see anything wrong. He and Xu Xiyan had come to a consensus that it was best to keep the medication switch incident from Huo Yunshen.

He had followed Xu Xiyan’s instructions and Huo Jingtang had released his wife and children. They were all temporarily out of danger.

After the rehabilitation ended in the morning, Huo Yunshen told Yi Xiao to book an entire restaurant for lunch, where Huo Yunshen and Xu Xiyan had a romantic meal.

In the afternoon, Huo Yunshen took Xu Xiyan to his music studio.

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In the middle of Peijing’s Yao Lake, there was an island with a private villa, the Qingyun Residence.

Surrounded by water, the scenery was beautiful and far away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Whenever there was fog on the Yao Lake, it seemed like an isolated paradise.

Xu Xiyan had only just learned that Huo Yunshen was the owner of the luxurious villa, and that his music studio was located here.

Entering his music paradise, Xu Xiyan was in awe of the modern interior design. A nonconformist artistic style where music and colors were perfectly matched.

The glass corridor was also a musical instrument gallery, displaying different kinds of musical instruments that Huo

Yunshen had collected.

Xu Xiyan walked past the display in admiration.

As they entered the villa and looked around, it was breathtaking for Xu Xiyan.

The villa was delicately decorated with style, and various plants were placed around.

Ranging from a small green potted plants to a string-of-pearls that trailed down for more than a foot, it created an image of the beauty of nature.

One would feel like living in a garden paradise.

Under the porch was a set of wind chimes with braids and ceramics. The melodious notes sang out in the breeze.

Is this where Huo Yunshen created so many remarkable classic songs?

Chapter 285 - Work Is Easier When Men And Women Work Together

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This place is gorgeous!

It was indeed an environment conducive to imagination, and one could easily put down all of the burdens and restrictions of reality and gain inner peace.

Huo Yunshen had personally planted every single plant, thus they were precious to him as well. The first thing he would always do when he came to the Qingyun Residence, was to move these plants outside to enjoy some sunlight.

“You give the commands and I’ll do the work!”

Xu Xiyan offered her help, seeing that it was inconvenient for him to move around in a wheelchair.

The plants were not heavy and Xu Xiyan could carry a few in one go. She placed them on the rack for flower pots that was outside, according to Huo Yunshen’s instructions.

Huo Yunshen did not stay idle while Xu Xiyan was busy moving the plants. He attentively watered the plants and trimmed the dead leaves away.

Huo Yunshen wore a white cotton shirt and was surrounded by flowers and plants. Under the sun, he looked like a glowing angel.

A light breeze blew on the fringe of his shirt, and there was a sense of transcendence.

Xu Xiyan was mesmerized. He looked charming, being so focused. He could care so much for plants, not to mention how he would care for a person.

Xu Xiyan got really curious.

What would it be like to be in a relationship with Huo Yunshen? Would he be as gentle towards his girlfriend as he is to the plants?

As the saying goes, work is easier when men and women work together. With the help of Xu Xiyan, the two of them quickly took care of all the plants.

Huo Yunshen was washing his hands with the spring water that was directed by bamboo, and he suddenly asked, "Jing Xi, do you find it boring when you're with me?"

Xu Xiyan was also washing her hands with the spring water. She smiled and said, "Of course not, I find it to be pretty interesting when I'm with you."

Her eyes were smiling, and clearer than the spring water. She was speaking the truth. Her eyes would have betrayed her if she was lying.

"They often laughed at me for living the life of an elder."

Huo Yunshen smiled.

Actually, he was most worried that he was too dull, and that Xu Xiyan could not stand it.

Xu Xiyan stroked her chin and said, "True, you do live like an elder."

Huo Yunshen almost wanted to ask if she would like an elderly person like him, but he swallowed his words.

He did not dare to ask, for fear of her rejection.

It would have become awkward.

"Come on, have a look at my recording room."

After that, Huo Yunshen led Xu Xiyan to the elevator and they went deep down into the underwater world.

The recording room in the underwater world was large. It had a computer, professional sound card, mixer, monitor microphone, microphone amplifier, vocal effects, monitor speakers, headphone splitter, and more. It was well-equipped and very professional.

Xu Xiyan looked at everything in front of eyes and asked in astonishment, “Mr. Huo, did you do your recording here all the time?”

“Yes.” Huo Yunshen moved in and connected all the equipment to power and made the preparations.

Finally, he sat in front of the mixer and started operating the equipment. Not long after, a wonderful song was made.

As Xu Xiyan listened, she recognized the song. It was the ancient Chinese music that Huo Yunshen wrote for “Red Sleeved Beauty.”

He had completed the soundtrack, and the playback effects were awesome.

Chapter 286 - Great Chemistry

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Huo Yunshen passed the lyrics and music score to Xu Xiyan and said, “Jing Xi, go in to the recording room and hum a few lines for me.”

“Okay.”

Xu Xiyan was flattered as she sat down in front of the microphone in the recording room. She followed his instructions and wore the headset.

The prelude of the song came out again from the headset. Xu Xiyan stared at the score in her hands and silently counted the beats in her heart. When the prelude was over, she began to sing the female verse.

“The light, clouds and shadow wander over the sky. Years pass as I gaze at the miles of rivers and mountains. Yet the stars today aren’t the same as before. The wind blows over the face, and reveals the beauty within...”

Xu Xiyan stopped singing after the first few lines and her heart was nervous and excited. After all, she had only sang in the KTV before. It was a first for her to sing formally in a recording room. She had no idea if she would make it.

Upon seeing Huo Yunshen indicating that she should continue to sing, she mustered the courage to continue on. She even helped sing some of the male verse.

After singing the first half of the song, the music ended. Huo Yunshen gave her a thumbs up while Xu Xiyan took off the headset, trembling with excitement.

Huo Yunshen configured the mixer to be on auto mode, and went into the recording room. He complimented earnestly, “Jing Xi, you sang really well! Even better than what I expected. Let’s have another go, try to adjust your breathing.”

In fact, she had already sang pretty well, it was just that she might have been too excited and her voice had trembled a little.

Upon hearing Huo Yunshen’s compliment, Xu Xiyan almost jumped in excitement. She listened to his instructions and took a few deep breaths.

They both put on their headsets and waited for the song to start, and then entered official recording mode.

Xu Xiyan began singing the female verse and Huo Yunshen continued with the male verse. Under Huo Yunshen’s guidance, the two of them began their duet.

After the first recording ended, Huo Yunshen gave Xu Xiyan some advice for improvement and taught her how to switch between chest voice and falsetto.

His guidance was detailed and serious.

With Huo Yunshen’s guidance, Xu Xiyan improved quickly. When they started official recording for the second time, the process got even smoother.

During their duet, music sensors filled the room with light, and it became bright and colourful.

Through the glass, the clear water of Yao Lake could be seen. Faraway fish were swimming closer, attracted by the enchanting music.

As they finished the third recording, Xu Xiyan followed Huo Yunshen out of the recording room. They stood in front of the mixer and Huo Yunshen played back the three versions that they had just recorded.

With a comparison, Xu Xiyan was also able to hear what had gone wrong with her singing.

Overall, the third recording was the most mature and most successful version. The two of them sang with feeling and

their voices were moving.

It was really rare. Usually, an ordinary singer would have to repeatedly sing for multiple times in order to record one song. However, the two of them had great chemistry and managed to confirm a final version with just three recordings

Huo Yunshen confirmed the third version to be the final version. Xu Xiyan asked, “Mr. Huo, is it really all right? Will my singing hinder you?”

“Why would you say so? I might even have to butter you up if you venture further into a career in singing.”

Huo Yunshen had great expectations of her and believed that she had the talent. She would be a shining star in the music industry so long as she was willing.

“Haha! Your compliments are flattering!”

Chapter 287 - Prince Charming Finally Gets It

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Huo Yunshen gazed at her affectionately and thought, You must be an angel from heaven, sent by God to rescue me.

Xu Xiyan had never thought of venturing into the music industry; they already had Huo Yunshen. Her goals and aspirations were not about singing.

As they ended the recording, they left the recording room and went back to the ground floor.

It was almost dusk and the sunset dyed the lake red, making the scenery of Yao Lake exceptionally picturesque.

Before they left the Qingyun Residence, Xu Xiyan helped Huo Yunshen to move all the little plants back indoors.

When they were almost done, and left with only 2 pots, Xu Xiyan hurried her pace to complete the task.

There was some algae on the path of pebbles, and Xu Xiyan accidentally slipped on it. She could not stand still and fell on her back, yelling out with shock.

If she hadn't been holding the two potted plants in her hands, she could have saved herself. But now, she would rather take the fall than break Huo Yunshen's plants.

As her body fell, she did not experience the pain of falling onto the pebbles as she had expected.

Xu Xiyan felt her body being held by a strong arm, stopped in mid-air, lying on her back.

When she opened her eyes and made eye contact with a pair of enchanting eyes, her heart skipped a beat.

Especially when she felt Huo Yunshen's warm palms under her arms and holding her sides, his slender fingers touching the edges of her soft spot.

She could feel his body temperature through the thin fabric and it was scorching hot.

“Are you all right, Jing Xi?”

Huo Yunshen was anxious and his voice was filled with worry. In order to help her up, he even took over the potted plants and threw them aside.

How could there be anything wrong? She was just startled, there was no physical injury.

However, seeing her prince charming being nervous about her, Xu Xiyao felt that it was the perfect opportunity.

She fell into his arms, held onto her back and cried out in pain. “Ouch! My back! I think I might have strained it.”

Huo Yunshen: “...”

Hearing that she strained her back, he carefully held her up and said, “Be careful! I'll help you up.”

“Mr. Huo, I can't stand. My ankle hurts too. I might have twisted it as well. What should I do?”

Xu Xiyao's face was sulking, she displayed her acting talent to the fullest. In order to match the situation, she even turned her eyes teary.

Xu Xiyao looked like an injured little rabbit with those watery eyes. So pitiable that Huo Yunshen felt his heart melt.

He got even more nervous and could not be bothered with propriety, “Don't move! Let me carry you up!”

Yes! My prince charming finally gets it!

Xu Xiyao kept her independent side in check and obediently let Huo Yunshen carry her into his arms.

As Xu Xiyan got her wish granted, she was cheering and celebrating inside her mind.

Xu Xiyan cuddled herself into Huo Yunshen's arms and naturally held him by the neck, lying herself on his shoulders, her forehead touching his neck.

Wow! His shoulders are so broad, his chest is so strong, it feels so good to lie here.

Xu Xiyan snickered and her heart was beating really fast.

Chapter 288 - It's Really Tiring To Act Pure And Innocent

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At this point, Huo Yunshen was really worried about Xu Xiyan. Worried that she might have injured her muscles or bones, judging from the strained back and twisted ankle.

Upon the thought of this, he immediately took out his phone and called Yi Xiao. He instructed, "Immediately arrange for a helicopter to come over now!"

When Xu Xiyan heard him arranging for a helicopter, she was shocked. Did she overreact and escalate the problem?

"Mr. Huo, aren't we taking the boat back?"

They'd come in a boat and Xu Xiyan thought they would return the same way.

"Taking the boat is too slow."

Huo Yunshen's brow was furrowed, and he had worry written all over his face.

He needed to send her to the hospital for treatment immediately without any delay.

Xu Xiyan never wanted to create trouble for him, she just wanted to be closer to him. Now that things had turned this way, she would be ashamed if she jumped down and said she was all right.

Moreover, would Huo Yunshen doubt her character if he knew that she was lying to him?

Damn! I really brought it on myself!

While waiting for the helicopter, Xu Xiyan obediently stayed in his arms but was also worried that she was too heavy for him. She asked, “Mr. Huo, am I really heavy? Why not just let me down?”

“No worries! You’re not heavy!”

Huo Yunshen held on to her more tightly to prevent her from jumping down.

Just like that, the two of them cuddled together and watched the sunset over Yao Lake. The image was heartwarming.

For a moment, the two of them were thinking about the same thing. If they could cuddle and watch the sunset together like this when they were old, it would be splendid!

After some time, Xu Xiyan was blushing. She moved her numb body and asked deliberately, “Mr. Huo, there seems to be something hard poking me!”

Huo Yunshen: “...”

With a beauty in his arms, and as he smelled the faint fragrance from her hair, It would have been weird if Huo Yunshen hadn’t had any reaction.

How am I supposed to answer her though? I can’t just tell her it’s my little mate greeting her, right?

After a moment of silence, Huo Yunshen answered in a serious tone, “It might be...the wheelchair controller.”

“I see.” Xu Xiyan giggled in her mind. It’s really tiring to act pure and innocent.

Returning to cuddle in his arms, Xu Xiyan had a blissful look on her face. She closed her eyes and listened quietly to his heartbeat.

It now became clearer to Xu Xiyan that Huo Yunshen had moved her heart bit by bit.

His tender loving care surrounded her like a net.

Not only was she unable to escape, she was even willing to be caught.

She admired him, adored him and fell in love with him, these were all undeniable facts.

She wanted to be more intimate with him, she even imagined them holding hands, kissing, hugging, and even sleeping together.

However, she told herself to be more reserved so she didn't scare the shy and introverted man away.

She knew she must wait for him to confess his love for her first...and then she would make her move.

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When the helicopter landed on the island, Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen had just finished admiring the scenic sunset.

From afar came Yi Xiao and a few bodyguards. Huo Yunshen wanted to tell Xu Xiyan that the helicopter had arrived, but he looked down and saw that she had fallen asleep.

Chapter 289 - A Secret Kiss

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Xu Xiyan really had fallen asleep.

Her workload filming as a stunt double was really heavy and tiring. She had a bit of insomnia the night before, and had woken up really early. As a result, she fell asleep listening to his heartbeat.

“Young master...” Yi Xiao came near and was about to speak. Huo Yunshen raised his index finger, gesturing for him to be silent.

“Shush...”

Everyone softened their steps and stood on two sides. Huo Yunshen moved his electronic wheelchair slowly towards the helipad.

There was a special mechanism on the helicopter that could carry Huo Yunshen up inside, along with his wheelchair.

After the wheelchair was secured, Huo Yunshen took out a thin blanket and covered Xu Xiyan to prevent her from feeling chilly.

Yi Xiao was worried about Huo Yunshen’s health upon seeing him carry Xu Xiyan. He said, “Young master, it’s too tiring for you to keep on carrying her like this. Why not place Miss Jing Xi on the seat and let her lie down flat to sleep?”

“It’s all right, I’m not tired.”

Huo Yunshen did not feel tired.

These fools would not understand that it would never be tiring to carry your beloved woman.

He yearned for such opportunities to be closer to Xu Xiyan, he would be willing to even carry her like this all the time.

Seeing that Huo Yunshen insisted on not letting go, Yi Xiao found it hard to persuade him. He considerately closed the cabin compartment, separating a private space for his young master.

It was great, no one would disturb them now.

Huo Yunshen took a pillow and placed it under Xu Xiyan's head, providing support for her. With her face facing up, he could look down at her sleeping face.

Huo Yunshen felt satisfied hugging Xu Xiyan. He could not help but gently touch her face.

Her face was smooth and tender, it was addictive for him to touch it.

Looking at her childlike sleeping face, Huo Yunshen swallowed silently and his eyes turned especially passionate.

He wanted to kiss her the last time but he had failed. Now, he could do whatever he wanted!

Huo Yunshen felt like a thief, his heart was pounding and he swallowed his saliva. He slowly lowered his head nearer to Xu Xiyan, getting closer and closer.

He gently planted a kiss onto Xu Xiyan's forehead. It was not enough for him. He could not help but kiss her soft lips.

He did not dare to use too much strength, worried that it might wake her up. He just gently brushed his warm moist lips against hers.

He originally just wanted a little taste, but her lips were so soft and sweet. She tasted so tempting that he did not want to let go after he started kissing.

He unknowingly increased his strength and even closed his eyes. He got carried away and knocked onto her teeth.

It was only when the girl felt a little uncomfortable in her dream that she furrowed her pretty eyebrows and muttered

some words in her sleep. Huo Yunshen got startled and quickly withdrew himself.

Luckily, she did not wake up. She just turned to one side and searched for a comfortable position in his arms. She continued sleeping after burying her face into his chest.

Huo Yunshen exhaled a deep breath of relief. It was a close call! Thank goodness that she had not realized.

On the way back, Huo Yunshen did not dare to step beyond the line. Eventually, Xu Xiyan was woken up by a series of ringtones.

She opened her eyes and got into contact with a pair of passionate eyes. She got flustered and immediately sat up from her arms. She asked, “Did I fall asleep?”

“Yes.”

The moment Xu Xiyan sat up, Huo Yunshen felt that his arms had gone numb due to long hours of holding onto her.

“It sounds like my phone is ringing.”

Xu Xiyan followed the sound and saw her bag on the seat next to them. She would not be able to reach it sitting on Huo Yunshen’s lap. She would have to get down if she wanted to answer it.

Chapter 290 - Could Not Let Down His Guard

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She had already forgotten that she'd said she sprained her back and twisted her ankle. She struggled out of Huo Yunshen's arms and went over to her bag to get her phone.

She took out her phone and saw the caller ID, and was surprised to see that it was Ye Xun calling.

Why is he calling me now? If it's about Ying Bao, I can't say much in front of Huo Yunshen.

Ye Xun was unusually stubborn, and the ringing continued so that Xu Xiyan had to pick up the call unwillingly. On the other side, a cheeky voice said, "Xixi, guess who I am?"

"Childish." Xu Xiyan wrinkled her nose and said.

"Hey, you're so ungrateful! You forgot about me the moment you went back to the country. How can you be so heartless! Don't forget, I play a part with regards to Ying Bao."

Ye Xun sounded nonchalant as usual.

Xu Xiyan got nervous hearing him mention Ying Bao. She took a glance at Huo Yunshen, hoping that he hadn't heard anything.

"Stop spouting nonsense. If there's nothing else, I'm going to hang up."

Just as Xu Xiyan was about to hang up, the voice on the other end got nervous, "Hey! Don't hang up so quickly! I've not finished my words. Are you seeing some other guys, that's why you're in a hurry to hang up my call?"

“That’s right! What are you going to do about that?”

Xu Xiyan got cocky while Ye Xun got worked up. “Xixi! You’re misbehaving again. You think that no one’s around to keep an eye on you, and you can do whatever you want?”

Xu Xiyan did not want to waste any more time talking to Ye Xun with Huo Yunshen around, thus pressing him. “All right, cut... to the chase.”

She made up her mind to be more demure and ladylike in front of Huo Yunshen. Therefore, she swallowed her words and changed “cut your crap” to “cut to the chase.”

Seriously! It’s such a chore asking a tough girl like me to be more ladylike. Can’t help it though, since I’m the one who wants to act demure in front of someone I like.

“I’m currently in Xstan, there’s lots of specialty foods here. I just wanted to ask what my daughter wants to eat. I’ll send it over to her.”

Xu Xiyan always had a place in Ye Xun’s heart, but he only dared to use Ying Bao as the cover-up. He refused to admit that he was concerned about her in his heart.

“There’s nothing that she wants to eat. We have everything here. Don’t waste your money on postage fees.”

Knowing that he was on a mission in Country X, Xu Xiyan hoped that he would place the mission as his priority and not be distracted, thus rejecting him straight.

Ye Xun was pissed. “Xixi! You’re such a scrooge! Am I spending your money on postage?”

Xu Xiyan had no rebuttals. “All right, just send whatever you want. I won’t stop you.”

After the call ended, Xu Xiyan saw that Huo Yunshen was looking at her. She explained with some guilt, “That was my senior, Ye Xun.”

“It sounds like you two are really close?”

Huo Yunshen’s intention was not to invade her privacy. He just could not let off his guard towards any male. He would

instinctively be alert, and be able to prepare any countermeasures if he was really a love rival.

“Yeah, so close that I feel like strangling him,” Xu Xiyan replied jokingly.

In Xu Xiyan’s mind, Ye Xun was just a cheeky fellow that liked to interfere with her life. She’d come back just to avoid him.

Huo Yunshen was slightly relieved. He felt from her answer that the two of them had no other love romances.

Chapter 291 - Thinking About Her

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What he was worried about now was her back and ankle.

“Your back and your ankle...”

Xu Xiyan just remembered her strained back and twisted ankle, but she had already jumped out and picked up the call, it would be awkward if the condition had a “relapsed.”

“Eh? It’s not hurting anymore!” Xu Xiyan moved her back, wiggled her feet and smiled, “Mr. Huo, it’s amazing! I took a nap and it’s all fine now.”

“That’s good.” Huo Yunshen was relieved.

“Mr. Huo, where are we going now?” Xu Xiyan asked as she looked out of the window and saw a sparkling night view of the city.

“We were supposed to go to the hospital.”

“I’m fine now, we don’t have to go to the hospital anymore.”

“Then let’s go home”

Huo Yunshen instructed the pilot to change route through the intercom, and they flew straight back to Shengshi Yujing.

The helicopter safely landed and everyone got off. Xu Xiyan pushed Huo Yunshen back to the apartment. A big truck was parked in front of the apartment, and there were people moving items in and out of No. 104.

Xu Xiyan asked curiously, “Someone’s moving at this time of the night?”

Huo Yunshen was indifferent, “It may be a new neighbor.”

Each level had 4 units, Huo Yunshen stayed in No. 101 and had bought the adjacent No.102 and No.103 for some peace and quiet.

No. 104, which he hadn't bought, seemed to have someone moving in.

The occupants of Shengshi Yujing were usually people with certain backgrounds, often either rich or powerful. Who would be moving into No. 104?

Xu Xiyan opened the door to No.101 and pushed Huo Yunshen in. The room smelled fresh and it felt great to be home.

They closed the door and Huo Yunshen took out a new pair of slippers from the shoe cabinet and placed them in front of her. “Jing XI, you'll wear this pair from now on.”

“Did you just buy this for me?” Xu Xiyan sounded surprised. The new pair of slippers still had a rabbit design, but they were much cuter than the previous ones.

“Yes.” Huo Yunshen nodded. Huo Sanyan had ruined Xu Xiyan's rabbit slippers the last time, so he bought another pair for her again. They were specially bought for her.

“They're really suitable and adorable! I like them a lot. Thanks, Mr. Huo!”

Xu Xiyan tried on the slippers and looked in the mirror. Not only were they fitting, but they looked really good as well.

Looking at Xu Xiyan's smile, Huo Yunshen felt sweeter than if he'd eaten honey.

Just as Huo Yunshen was closing the shoe cabinet door, Xu Xiyan surprisingly saw a pair of small slippers with piggy design. She turned and asked, “Whose slippers are those?”

“They're for Cherry. She may be able to use them if she comes to my house in future.”

Huo Yunshen was extremely considerate, Xu Xiyan could not help but give him a thumbs up. “Mr. Huo, you are just too

sweet! If Cherry hears that you were thinking about her and even bought slippers for her, she will adore you!”

“Haha...” Huo Yunshen laughed. He wasn’t sure why, but upon the thought of Cherry Baby’s cute little face, he always turned soft and could not help but think of treating her even better.

Tomorrow will be the fan meetup between Cherry Baby and Tang Yishen’s son, Tang Feimo. Sigh! If it wasn’t for the inconvenience of my wheelchair and the fact that I’m a public figure, I would definitely join in.

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On Sunday morning, Xu Xiyan drove to the Jing family mansion to fetch Ying Bao.

Ying Bao was wearing a red hoodie and there was a pair of cute little ears on the hood.

Chapter 292 - Her IQ Is Really High

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Red really complemented Ying Bao's skin color. She really looked like a cute little cherry wearing red.

The little girl shook her head with an adorable expression, it was especially cute.

The reason for wearing a red cartoon hoodie to the fan meetup was a discussion between Candy Prince and Ying Bao about ensuring that she would be easily recognizable.

The venue was at Peijing Theme Park. Xu Xiyao fetched her daughter and drove straight to the theme park.

They agreed to meet at the KFC next to the theme park entrance. Tang Yishen and his wife, Liang Lan, were waiting there with their son Tang Feimo. The family of three was keeping a lookout over the crowd.

Tang Feimo wore a red hoodie and black track pants. He had handsome features and looked especially dashing. The little one had inherited the merits of his parents and would definitely be very attractive when he grew up.

Amidst the crowd, an adult and a child wearing masks appeared.

Tang Feimo saw that the little girl was wearing the same red hoodie as he was and immediately recognized her. He pointed excitedly, "Dad! Mum! Look! Cherry Baby is here!"

"Where? Where?" Tang Yishen and Liang Lan looked towards the direction their son pointed and saw a lady holding onto a

little girl wearing red.

As they walked nearer, Tang Feimo walked up excitedly, “Hey! Little Cherry! I’m here!”

Ying Bao was very happy, too, when she saw Tang Feimo. “Feimo! Why are you here?”

Tang Feimo ran over happily and bent down to look straight into Ying Bao’s eyes, “I’ve been waiting for you!”

Ying Bao saw his red shirt and realized, “Wow! Feimo is Candy Prince?”

“Yes! That’s right!”

Tang Feimo nodded happily and pat on his chest. He was wearing the cartoon pin on the left side of his chest and treated it preciously.

“Feimo, are you alone?” Ying Bao asked curiously.

“Nope. I came with my Mum and Dad. They are over there.” Tang Feimo pointed for Ying Bao.

Tang Yishen walked over with his wife and greeted Xu Xiyan, “Hi! We are Candy Prince’s parents. I’m Tang Yishen and this is my wife, Liang Lan. Nice to meet you!”

Everyone who had watched Cherry Baby’s livestreaming was curious as to what Cherry Baby’s mum looked like. What kind of woman must she be to have such an adorable and smart child?

Tang Yishen was also curious and asked, “Are you Cherry Baby’s mum?”

Before Xu Xiyan could answer, Ying Bao explained “She’s not my mummy. My mummy can’t come today.”

Ying Bao remembered what the adults had told her, not to call Xu Xiyan “Mummy” in public. It would not be good for her mummy. The best way to protect her mummy was to say she was not her mummy.

“Hi, Mr. and Mrs. Tang! Cherry’s parents are busy today, so they entrusted me to accompany the child,” Xu Xiyan explained.

The couple expressed their understanding. As Xu Xiyan was wearing a mask, Tang Yishen did not recognize her, nor did he recognize her voice.

Tang Yishen bent down to speak to Ying Bao. “Hi Little Cherry!”

Ying Bao looked at Tang Yishen, then looked at Liang Lan, and said, “Hi! I’m Cherry Baby! I have been curious why Feimo is so good-looking. Now that I’ve seen handsome uncle and pretty aunt, I believe the power of genes!”

Praising three people with one compliment, her IQ is really high!

Chapter 293 - It's Such A Miracle

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The little girl's words flattered the two adults and they giggled. Her skills of complimenting others were impressive.

Xu Xiyan was observing the couple, Tang Yishen wore a dark red suit and looked dashing, Liang Lan wore a pink dress and looked graceful. The two of them matched.

She remembered seeing Tang Yishen at Grandpa Huo's birthday party and felt that he really resembled her previous boss, Tang Nade. Seeing him within close distance today, they looked even more similar.

Xu Xiyan could not help but ask. "Pardon me for asking, Mr. Tang. Do you know Mr. Tang Nade?"

Tang Yishen was stunned, he looked up and at Xu Xiyan. "You are?"

Xu Xiyan removed her mask to reveal her face briefly before putting it on again.

Tang Yishen recognized Jing Xi and was surprised.

Jing Xi? Why would Jing Xi be accompanying Little Cherry? This is suspicious. Should I report this to Huo Yunshen?

But right now, Tang Yishen had to cover up his lies. "Miss Jing Xi! Hi! Of course, I know Tang Nade. He's my twin brother. Do you find the two of us similar?"

"Yeah! I just did not expect that you guys would be twins!"

Xu Xiyan finally had her questions answered.

Tang Feimo saw that the adults were chatting. He held onto Ying Bao's hand and said, "Mum, Dad, you guys continue chatting. I'm going to go play with Ying Bao."

The seven-year old Tang Feimo was much taller than the four-year old Ying Bao. He acted like a young adult and brought Ying Bao to the ticketing entrance.

"Let's go in, too! We bought tickets for the two of you already."

Tang Yishen passed the tickets to Xu Xiyan and she quickly followed behind the two children.

Tang Yishen held his wife's hand and walked behind. Liang Lan asked quietly, "Since when did you have a twin brother that I did not know of?"

"I'll explain when we go back."

Tang Yishen chuckled and gave his wife a look of mutual understanding.

At the same time, he took a photo of the backs of the people in their group and sent it to Huo Yunshen. He cheekily added a comment: "Yunshen, I'm currently out with two pretty ladies and one pretty girl. Don't disturb me unless necessary."

Tang Yishen bought the full access pass, where they could play and ride all rides for free. Tang Feimo acted like a host and walked in front with Ying Bao. He considerately asked Ying Bao what she wanted to play with.

No matter what she said she wanted to play with, he would agree readily and accompany her.

For rides that required adult accompany, Xu Xiyan would accompany the children. She would sit at the bench during rides that the children could ride on their own.

Xu Xiyan realized Ying Bao seemed to like Tang Feimo a lot and was especially obedient next to Tang Feimo. She rarely acted like that.

Ying Bao was actually a sensitive child. She became unwilling to play with other children after being mocked for not having a dad and being illegitimate.

However, today, she did not reject Tang Feimo. She even happily played with with him. It was such a miracle!

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At Shengshi Yujing, Huo Yunshen received the photo Tang Yishen sent. When he recognized Xu Xiyan in the photo, he got fidgety.

Especially when Tang Yishen daringly added a message:
“Yunshen, I’m currently out with two pretty ladies and one pretty girl. Don’t disturb me unless necessary.”

Humph! I’m not going to disturb you! I’m going to bash you up!

Chapter 294 - He Never Even Loved You Once

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Huo Yunshen couldn't help but curse at Tang Yitan.

Seriously, that guy! It's already unforgivable that he went out with Ying Bao and did not invite me. And now my lady is with him? How dare he try to make fun of me!

Huo Yunshen quickly grabbed his stuff and went to the door, determined to call off his friendship with Tang Yitan.

But just as he flung the door open, he was almost scared to death by a person standing in front of it. The person was covered in charcoal and had an afro on her head.

What the hell? Ghost in bright daylight?

"Oh, my good little brother!" Huo Sanyan stood in front of him and cried. "You have to help me out!"

"What's wrong?" Huo Yunshen replied with a look of disdain on his face.

What's with the timing? Could you not show up when I'm about to leave?

Don't you know my time is very important?

Don't you care that my future just might be ruined?

"You have to teach me how to cook!" Huo Sanyan sobbed. "I've tried so hard and even bought a dozen recipes. But no matter how hard I try, I can't make anything. Look at me, I almost burnt myself up!"

“Duh!” Huo Yunshen scolded. “You’re only born to eat, not to cook.”

Oh, and you still haven’t paid me back for what you did to my kitchen last time!

“You’re right, I’m only good at eating and tasting foods!” Huo Sanyan agreed. “Asking me to cook is like asking me to take a leap off a 10-story building.”

“Then why are you even trying?” Huo Yunshen asked. How he wished his sister would leave him alone so that he could go and find Xu Xiyan.

“I have to!” Huo Sanyan said. “I boasted in front of Mr. Ye last time that I know how to cook, I’ll have to learn how to do it. If he doesn’t like me because a pretty and talented woman like me doesn’t know how to cook, then I’m doomed!”

“ ... ”

All of this for Ye Xun?

Since when did you become a pretty and talented woman?

And what’s with the “Mr. Ye?”

Since when did he fall in love with you?

He never even loved you once!

Don’t be a narcissist!

“If you want to learn how to cook, I can recommend a place where you can learn,” Huo Yunshen said.

“What place?”

“A...new...place,” Huo Yunshen said with a pause between each word.

“ ... ”

“Hurry up and get packed, I’ll take you there,” Huo Yunshen said, noticing that Huo Sanyan was spacing out. “They even offer accommodations. You’ll definitely be able to master how to cook.”

It was as if Huo Sanyan had woken up from a dream as she grabbed Huo Yunshen’s wheelchair.

“No, no, no!” Huo Sanyan shouted. “I’m not going there! If my friends learned that I went to some cooking school, they’d definitely laugh at me! I’m not going!”

“Then what do you want?” Huo Yunshen asked with a sigh.

Chapter 295 - Teach Her A Lesson

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“My good little brother!” Huo Sanyan cried as she fell to the ground and begged. “You have to teach me how to cook! I can be your disciple! I don’t need you to teach me everything, just a few dishes would be enough! Please!”

“...” Huo Yunshen’s face was as dark as it could get.

Look at her! She’s like a high school girl all over again! I’ll have to teach her a lesson!

“Sis, I have to tell you something,” Huo Yunshen said.

“I’m listening!” Huo Sanyan replied.

“Ye Xun would never fall for someone like you, you better not waste your time on him.”

“What? Why?” Huo Sanyan asked as she stood up in panic.

“Why wouldn’t he like me? What kind of girl does he like then?”

“She has to be pretty, generous, have a good temper, be straightforward, loyal to others,” Huo Yunshen said while he thought of Xu Xiyan. “Oh, and she has to know music and be skilled in the culinary arts, too.”

Huo Yunshen thought that after he’d stated all the good about Xu Xiyan, his sister would know the difference and give up.

“That’s totally me, right?” Huo Sanyan replied as her eyes shone.

“You?” Huo Yunshen replied as he looked at Huo Sanyan from top to bottom and wondered where she’d gotten her confidence from.

“Yup,” Huo Sanyan nodded. “Look at me, pretty and talented. I’ve never even bitten back when you’ve scolded me, and I’m generous with my cards too. I’ve never ever believed any scandals about you, which means I’m loyal. I can whistle better than you. But with cooking...”

Huo Sanyan stopped for a moment and scratched her chin.

“As long as you could teach me, then I would be good at it right?” Huo Sanyan continued. “Come on, teach me. My future depends on it!”

“...” Huo Yunshen couldn’t help but slap his forehead.

What crime did I commit in my past life to get such a sister?

“Please! You have to help me!” Huo Sanyan begged as she dropped to the ground again and hugged Huo Yunshen’s legs. “If you don’t then I’ll stay at your door until you’re willing to teach me!”

With how Huo Sanyan was acting, there was no way for Huo Yunshen to leave his home that day.

“All right,” Huo Yunshen sighed and turned towards his room. “I’ll go get a blanket for you.”

“...”

Wait, I was just joking about the last part, is he serious?

Is he really getting me a blanket?

The hell? Is he really my brother?

...

Ying Bao and Tang Feimo were having fun at the theme park. All five of them went to have lunch at the KFC in the park.

They continued to play until three in the evening, when Xu Xiyan said they had to leave.

“Xi Baby, can we play a little longer?” Ying Bao asked, as she still wanted to stay.

“No, we have to go,” Xu Xiyan said as she shook her head.

“All right then...” Ying Bai said and turned to look at Tang Feimo.

“Aunty Jing Xi,” Tang Feimo called out as he struggled free of his mother’s hand. “Can I still play with Ying Bao in the future?”

Chapter 296 - A Resounding Kiss

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“Of course you can,” Xu Xiyan said while rubbing Tang Feimo’s head. “We’ll find some time and get together, okay?”

“Okay,” Tang Feimo nodded happily, as he couldn’t wait for the next time he could meet Ying Bao.

Xu Xiyan explained the situation to Tang Yitan and his wife.

“Come on, say goodbye to them,” Xu Xiyan said to Ying Bao while holding her hand.

“Goodbye, Handsome Uncle and Pretty Aunty, and you too, my little prince,” Ying Bao said while waving her hands. They began walking away.

Yet after they’d walked for a few steps, Ying Bao struggled free of her mother’s hand and ran to Tang Feimo’s side. She lifted herself higher and landed a kiss on Tang Feimo’s cheek.

It was a resounding kiss that even the adults could hear.

The little girl ran back to her mother’s side before Tang Feimo could even react.

Tang Feimo almost fainted from happiness after he got the kiss. He had been too immersed in playing with Ying Bao and had forgotten about their promise.

He’d never expected Ying Bao to keep her promise and give him a kiss before she left.

Oh yeah! Looks like I’ll have to stop washing my face for a month!

Tang Feimo sent Ying Bao and Xu Xiyan off with his eyes until he couldn't see them anymore. He turned depressed in an instant and had no interest in playing any games.

"I've never felt this bored before," Tang Feimo sighed. "I've only realized that being alone is so boring now that Ying Bao has left..."

Tang Yitan and Liang Lan heard their son's sigh and looked at each other in awe.

Did we just hear those words coming from a kid's mouth?

It really sounds like it came from someone who's deeply in love...

"Hey, Lanlan," Tang Yitan called out to his wife as he suddenly thought of something. "Don't you think that Cherry Baby looks a little like Yunshen?"

"More than a little," Liang Lan replied. "I really thought that she was Yunshen's kid when I first saw her. They have the same dimples when they smile, it's like looking at a picture of him!"

Liang Lan had wanted to ask Tang Yitan ages ago but didn't know how to begin. Now that her husband had started the topic, she didn't hold in her astonishment any longer.

"Yeah, even Yunshen was surprised when he first saw her livestream, too," Tang Yitan said, grabbing his wife's shoulders. "It would be good if he had a daughter like her, at least he wouldn't have to worry about getting an heir."

"He really has it rough, huh?" Liang Lan sighed.

"Things don't look good for him at the company because of his condition," Tang Yitan said with a worried face, as he knew much about the internal affairs as the head legal advisor for Yunhai Entertainment. "A bunch of shareholders are trying to make Huo Jingtang the next CEO."

As a spectator, Tang Yitan had already seen the thirst for power in Huo Jingtang's eyes. He was worried about what Huo Jingtang would do to Huo Yunshen to achieve the power that he desired.

“What kind of people are they? How dare they push him to the side because of his legs?” Liang Lan scolded. “When that time comes, you better help Yunshen out.”

“I know,” Tang Yitan replied. He didn’t need Liang Lan’s reminder to know what he should do. He and Huo Yunshen had been friends since they were small, and he would even risk his own life to save Huo Yunshen.

Even when Huo Jingtian had tried to get Tang Yitan on his side, he’d never yielded.

Chapter 297 - Mummy's Rival

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The little cutie sat in her seat without moving on their way back home, as she was tired from playing the whole day.

“Did you have fun today?” Xu Xiyan asked as she looked at the little girl in her rear mirror.

“Yup!” Ying Bao replied with her cute voice.

“Do you like playing with Feimo?”

“Yes, he’s really good to me,” Ying Bao nodded. “He did not make fun of me for having no father. I like playing with him.”

“How about Uncle Dimple? Do you want to go and see him?” Xu Xiyan asked, as she suddenly linked Huo Yunshen to the word “father.”

“Yes!” Ying Bao replied enthusiastically as soon as she heard that she could go and play with Huo Yunshen. “I want to go! He’s the greatest uncle in the world!”

“Then, how about we go to his house now?” Xu Xiyan said, as she also wanted to go see him but couldn’t find any reason to. “Uncle Dimple has bought a pair of cute little slippers for you.”

“Really?” Ying Bao said. “Let’s go then, Xi Baby!”

“Okay, sit tight then.” Xu Xiyan smiled and cheered in her heart.

Oh yeah! I can always use Ying Bao to get to meet with my prince charming! I’m so smart!

They arrived back at Shengshi Yujing around four in the evening.

Just as they were about to get out of the car, Xu Xiyan got a call from the set.

“Xi Baby, I’ll go first!” Ying Bao said as she jumped out of the car. “I remember how to get to Uncle Dimple’s house.”

“Okay,” Xu Xiyan said. “Remember, it’s Room 101.”

“I remember, Uncle Dimple lives beside you.”

Ying Bao closed the door and ran into the building.

Xu Xiyan saw Ying Bao off and picked up her call.

The neighborhood they were in could only be afforded by people loaded with money, the security was as tight as it could be. Xu Xiyan wasn’t worried to let Ying Bao go alone.

The little girl ran up to Room 101 and tried to push the bell. Yet she wasn’t tall enough to reach it and could only knock on the door.

After a few seconds, the door opened, and a person came out.

“Uncle Dimple!” Ying Bao greeted without looking at who it was.

Huo Sanyan opened the door and couldn’t find anyone standing outside until she heard someone shouting from below. She lowered her head, and there stood a little girl.

The little girl was wearing a red shirt that covered her pale white skin. Her face was round with big eyes. The little girl was cute enough to melt anyone’s heart.

Huo Sanyan noticed that the girl had dimples almost as if they were the same as Huo Yunshen’s.

“Little one, who are you?” Huo Sanyan asked in surprise.

Ying Bao originally wanted to give Huo Yunshen a surprise... she had not expected a beautiful woman to open the door.

Since Ying Bao was more mature than kids that were around her age, she thought the woman was Huo Yunshen’s girlfriend.

Uncle Dimple told me that he doesn't have a girlfriend, then who is this woman? Uncle Dimple is a liar!

The smile on the little girl's face disappeared, and she lowered her face.

“And who are you?” Ying Bao asked.

Ying Bao had always wanted her mother to be together with Huo Yunshen. In her eyes, Huo Sanyan was her mother's rival.

Chapter 298 - Angered

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Ying Bao even saw Huo Sanyan as her enemy, and there was no way that she was going to treat her enemies as friends.

Yet, Huo Sanyan was deeply interested in the little girl, as she was curious about her identity.

“Come, let me see you clearly,” Huo Sanyan said as she opened her arms and tried to hug Ying Bao.

“No!” Ying Bao said, taking a few steps back. “You’re a bad guy!”

Ying Bao turned and ran away.

“Who’s out there?” Huo Yunshen suddenly shouted. “Who are you talking to?”

The little girl was already in the wind as Huo Sanyan still looked out at the hallway wondering if she was an illusion or not.

“There’s a kid who knocked on the door,” Huo Sanyan replied. “I think she got the wrong house.”

“What did the kid look like?” Huo Yunshen asked as he wheeled himself into the living room.

“About as tall as a chair,” Huo Sanyan described. “She was wearing a red shirt, and her face was round and plump. Oh! She has dimples like yours too!”

Huo Yunshen instantly thought of Ying Bao after listening to his sister’s description.

She must’ve left after she couldn’t find me.

Huo Yunshen quickly rushed past Huo Sanyan and opened the door, but the little girl was already long gone.

“Why didn’t you ask her to stay?” Huo Yunshen asked angrily.

“I did!” Huo Sanyan protested. “But she called me a bad guy and left.”

“You must’ve scared her!” Huo Yunshen scolded. He was really angry. Huo Sanyan had seriously interrupted his life.

He couldn’t help but worry how depressing it was for the little girl to come to his house happily only to leave in disappointment.

“I didn’t!” Huo Sanyan said, acting innocent.

“Yeah, right!” Huo Yunshen said. “Your face could even scare away ghosts! Please don’t come to my house anymore.”

Huo Yunshen was furious. Huo Sanyan had barged into his home begging him to teach her cook. And yet after hours of teaching and cooking, Huo Sanyan hadn’t even learned anything other than how to fill her stomach.

She couldn’t even open the door for a little kid properly!

“Come on, little brother, you’ll hurt my heart if you say it like that,” Huo Sanyan said with a smile on her face. “But that little girl has the same dimples as you. I wouldn’t even think twice if you told me that she was your daughter.”

“...” Huo Yunshen did not reply to her.

“Come on, spit it out, is she your illegitimate daughter or something?” Huo Sanyan asked.

“Enough!” Huo Yunshen shouted. “So what if we have the same dimples? Does that make her my daughter? Do you know how many people with dimples are out there? Are they related to me too? Can you think before you speak?”

Huo Yunshen was breathing heavily, and his eyes were red after scolding his sister.

Huo Sanyan was intimidated by her brother. She’d never thought that her easy-going brother would ever get that angry.

I was just joking... Man, that's scary, I better leave!

Chapter 299 - The Little Girl Was Hurt

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“Come on, little brother, don’t get angry,” Huo Sanyan said as she picked up her bag. “I have a date I have to get to, you’ll have to teach me to cook some other time, bye.”

Like hell, there’ll be another time!

“You better not come again!” Huo Yunshen shouted and threw his slipper towards Huo Sanyan.

Huo Sanyan quickly closed the door to block the shoe.

“You shouldn’t throw stuff like that,” Huo Sanyan said, opening the door a little. “Even if you can’t hit me with that, you might hit the plants you have here.”

“Leave!” Huo Yunshen shouted, and this time, he threw a huge pillow at her.

Huo Sanyan quickly left, and Huo Yunshen finally could get some peace.

After he’d calmed down, he began to worry about the little girl.

Is she still with Jing Xi and Fang Xiaocheng?

...

Xu Xiyan finished her call and was about to get out of the car when she saw Ying Bao running out from the building.

The little girl ran straight into her mother’s hug and kept crying.

“What’s wrong? Why are you crying?” Xu Xiyan asked.

Yet the little girl just kept crying as she wiped her tears with her hands.

“Are you crying because Uncle Dimple is not at home and you don’t get to see him?” Xu Xiyan asked while wiping the tears off her daughter’s face with a tissue.

Ying Bao nodded, then quickly shook her head.

“Okay, don’t cry, my little girl,” Xu Xiyan said as she hugged Ying Bao and patted her head. “We’ll come again when he’s home, okay?”

“Mummy,” Ying Bao finally spoke after a few minutes. “Let’s leave.”

Ying Bao would only call Xu Xiyan mummy when they were in private or when she was really hurt.

The last time she’d called Xu Xiyan that was when she was bullied by a bunch of kids.

Xu Xiyan couldn’t help but feel hurt when she heard her daughter call her that.

“All right, get in the back,” Xu Xiyan said with a pain in her chest. “I’ll take you back to great grandpa’s house.”

Ying Bao went into the back seat, and Xu Xiyan helped her to put on her seatbelt.

On the way back, Xu Xiyan kept checking the rearview mirror while Ying Bao looked out the window with her eyes reddened from crying.

“Can you tell me what happened?” Xu Xiyan asked in a soft voice.

“I thought Uncle Dimple was different than other men,” Ying Bao said. “But he’s no different from them. They are all the same, they are all liars...”

Xu Xiyan couldn’t help but hit the brakes, surprised by what came out from her daughter’s mouth.

“Why? Did Uncle Dimple lie to you?” Xu Xiyan said after she turned to face Ying Bao.

“He said that he doesn’t have a girlfriend, but I just saw another girl in his house, he’s lying to me,” Ying Bao frowned as she crossed her arms. “Xi Baby, you better leave him, Don’t fall for his tricks.”

What was that?

Huo Yunshen has a girlfriend?

And Ying Bao just saw them together?

Chapter 300 - It's Just a Mistake

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“I thought he was the best man in the world...” Ying Bao continued. “I’ve even thought of him being my daddy... But now, I think he’s the worst! Even Uncle Leaf is better than him, even if he’s childish. At least he’s good to me and Xi Baby. Maybe I should just give Uncle Leaf another chance.”

Uncle Leaf was the nickname that Ying Bao gave to the real Ye Xun.

“...”

Please, please, please, please, please don’t, you don’t choose your daddy like that.

Yet in the midst of her screaming to herself, Xu Xiyan suddenly thought of something.

Wait, if Ying Bao saw a woman in Huo Yunshen’s house, it could only be his weird sister, right? Ying Bao must’ve mistaken her for his girlfriend.

“I think you’ve mistaken something,” Xu Xiyan said, as she felt like she had to explain the situation. “Uncle Dimple is really a good person, and he doesn’t have a girlfriend, I can swear on that. As for Uncle Leaf, I think you should give up on him, I’ll never fall in love with him.”

“Is it true that Uncle Dimple doesn’t have a girlfriend?” Ying Bao asked in suspicion. “But I saw a woman in his house.”

“Is that woman tall, with big round eyes and very pretty?” Xu Xiyan asked.

“Yup!”

“I know her!” Xu Xiyan laughed. “She’s Uncle Dimple’s sister, I’ve met her before. It’s all a mistake!”

Xi Xiyan quickly took out her phone and showed Ying Bao a picture that she took at the Huo mansion to convince Ying Bao.

“Is this the woman?” Xu Xiyan asked as she pointed to Huo Sanyan.

“Yes...” Ying Bao nodded.

“Yup, that’s his third sister all right,” Xu Xiyan said. She began pointing to other people in the picture. “This is Uncle Dimple’s eldest sister and this one is his second eldest sister. He has a total of three sisters.”

Ying Bao finally believed her mother and the sadness in her heart was instantly cleared up. She regained her pure and cute expressions and pointed at other people in the photo.

“And who is this person? And this one too?” she asked.

“This is Uncle Dimple’s father, and this is his mother,” Xu Xiyan introduced them to Ying Bao. “And this old man here is his grandfather.”

“Wow!” Ying Bao exclaimed. “Uncle Dimple’s family is really huge! He must’ve been very happy to have so many sisters by his side!”

“Actually, he’s not,” Xu Xiyan said.

“Why’s that?”

“Because he’s in the wheelchair and he can’t walk,” Xu Xiyan said. “Everyone is making fun of him, saying that he’s crippled and that he can’t find a girlfriend. And now you thought he did something he didn’t do, there’s no way he could be happy, right?”

“I’ve done something bad to Uncle Dimple, haven’t I?” Ying Bao pouted. “Xi Baby, let’s go back to Uncle Dimple’s house. I want him to be happy!”

“Okay!”

Xu Xiyan turned the car around and drove back to Shengshi Yujing.

When they arrived back at the luxurious building, Xu Xiyan did not let Ying Bao out first and instead sent a message to Huo Yunshen asking whether he was home or not.