

Chapter 501 - The End Of The World

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Without waiting for Xu Xiyan's reaction, he added, "Hey, Jing Xi, you two are close. Can you help ask her whether she's found someone else?"

Ma Haodong suspected there was another man because he had overheard Xiao Yuqian talking on the phone with someone, and whoever it was on the other end had called her "dear."

Ma Haodong was proud of his manly instincts; they were, in his opinion, as keen as a dog's sense of smell. His instincts were now urging him to get to the bottom of the matter, ASAP, or risk getting cucked.

"Sure. I'll help you ask her when I see her next," Xu Xiyan promised.

"Don't wait. I'm pretty sure you don't have any scenes to shoot this afternoon. Go ask her once you're done here."

In his current state of insecurity, every passing second felt like an eternity to Ma Haodong. He wished he could whisk Xu Xiyan over to Xiao Yuqian that very minute and get the whole thing sorted out.

"I can't. I have to go to the hospital, Ms. Qi's surgery is this afternoon."

"Do you want me to drive you there?"

"No, I'm good, thanks."

After wrapping up all her scenes for the day, Xu Xiyan hurried over to the hospital.

The surgery to remove the tumor in Qi Liya's uterus was scheduled to take place at two o'clock in the afternoon. Xu Xiyan and Xiao Ke, Qi Liya's assistant, accompanied Qi Liya to the door of the operating room.

Dr. Xia, Qi Liya's doctor, was already waiting inside the operating room with his surgical team.

Qi Liya was nervous. She grabbed hold of Xu Xiyan's hand in her panic. Xu Xiyan said soothingly. "Ms. Qi, don't be afraid. I have it all worked out, everything will be fine."

Qi Liya had already entered the operating room when Huang Guoqiang finally appeared, drenched in sweat and clutching a bouquet of bright red roses.

He spotted Xu Xiyan and said hastily, "Sorry I'm late, I got caught in traffic. Where's Little Qi?"

"Ms. Qi is already inside the operating room. Now we'll just have to wait patiently for her to come out."

Xu Xiyan looked at the flowers in his hand. She smiled as she said teasingly, "I didn't expect you to be a romantic, Director Huang. I'm sure this will be a pleasant surprise for Ms. Qi!"

Huang Guoqiang was going to propose to Qi Liya that very day. At that moment, he was as excited as a 20-year-old boy. "I'll need your help, you cheeky little devil. Help me get her to say yes."

"I can't make any guarantees. It all depends on how sincere you are about this, Director Huang."

"Of course. I'm entirely devoted to her, 200%."

The two of them exchanged a knowing smile.

Xu Xiyan was rooting for Huang Guoqiang; she wanted to see him win Qi Liya's heart. If Qi Liya accepted his proposal, Xu Xiyan would be the first to give them her blessings.

They waited for almost three hours before the light above the operating room finally dimmed. The door swung open, and a nurse wheeled Qi Liya out.

Xu Xiyan, Huang Guoqiang, and Xiao Ke immediately clustered around Qi Liya. They asked her how she was doing.

Qi Liya was feeling depressed. After entering the operating room, the nurse had given her some kind of pill that had quickly knocked her out. When she woke up, she was told that the tumor had been removed—along with her uterus.

It was the end of the world for Qi Liya.

She was no longer a complete woman. She was no longer qualified to be a woman.

The look of concern on Xu Xiyan's face, coupled with Huang Guoqiang's steady, earnest gaze, proved to be too much for her to take. She broke down and wept tears of sorrow.

The nurse wheeled Qi Liya into her private hospital room, and left her so she could be alone with her friends.

Xu Xiyan helped her dry her tears. She said comfortingly, "Don't be sad, Ms. Qi. This may turn out to be a blessing in disguise. And besides, you still have us."

"Thank you."

Qi Liya was sad and touched at the same time. Her tears streamed endlessly down her cheeks.

Just then, Xu Xiyan gave Huang Guoqiang a pointed look. Huang Guoqiang walked over to the hospital bed, and revealed the flowers he had been hiding behind his back.

Qi Liya's eyes widened in surprise at the large bouquet of red roses that were being held out to her. Tears clung to her eyelashes as she stared at the man standing before her.

"Director Huang, you..."

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Chapter 502 - Marry Me

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Huang Guoqiang had already planned out a speech in advance and memorized it, but now he found himself unable to recall a single word. His mind had blanked out. His forehead was drenched in nervous sweat, and his hands trembled.

“Director Huang, what do you want to say to Ms. Qi? Say it, quick!” whispered Xu Xiyan from beside him.

“I... Q-Qi... Liya... I... I...”

Huang Guoqiang was going nowhere with his seemingly endless stammering. Beside him, Xu Xiyan and Xiao Ke felt like they were about to die of suspense.

Xu Xiyan watched with increasing amusement as Huang Guoqiang stuttered and blushed. Who could have guessed that the famous director, so awe-inspiring with his confident, no-nonsense attitude on the set, would be gaping like a goldfish now?

“What are you trying to say, Director Huang?”

Qi Liya’s grief faded into the background as she turned her attention towards the man before her. She was puzzled: what was Huang Guoqiang trying to do? Why had he suddenly brought her roses?

Huang Guoqiang felt that the love confession he had asked his screenwriter to write for him was too artificial and insincere. He could not bring himself to recite it.

He struggled for a long time before finally blurting out, “Little Qi, I’m an unsophisticated man, I don’t know how to express

myself with fancy, pretty words. This bouquet is for you, I want to tell you I... I-I... I love you. I want you to marry me!”

Qi Liya: “...”

She was caught entirely off guard. She had not expected Huang Guoqiang to suddenly confess his love for her.

Why was he proposing to her now, right after her surgery? She had just had her womb removed. Had he been kicked in the head by a donkey?

A wave of bitterness passed through Qi Liya’s heart. She shook her head and said with a pained expression, “I’m sorry, Director Huang. You know of my... condition... I... I can no longer.... Doesn’t it bother you?”

Huang Guoqiang understood her concern: she could not accept his feelings for her because she felt that she was no longer a complete woman. She no longer had a womb, and would never be able to have children of her own.

He was determined to set her mind at ease. “I know. I know what you lost, but it doesn’t matter. Your health is the only thing that matters. It doesn’t bother me at all, Little Qi. In fact, I feel like you should be the one turning your nose up at me. I had a failed marriage, a long time ago. I’m divorced, I have a 17-year-old son. I’ve been in love with you for a very long time, but I was too afraid to confess my feelings for you. I knew you would never be attracted to a middle-aged divorcee like me.”

He strongly felt that he wasn’t worthy of her, that he would be the one weighing her down in their relationship.

If it hadn’t been for Jing Xi, who had seized the opportunity to try to bring them together, he would have kept his feelings to himself for the rest of his life.

Qi Liya listened to him confess his love for her. She was so touched by his sincere explanation she felt like crying tears of joy.

She had been aware of Huang Guoqiang’s concern and love for her for some time now, but had pretended to be too dense to notice

Her previous romance with Peng Sicheng had wounded her terribly, and she had shied away from love ever since. Her heart had been closed off to everyone.

But the operation had opened her eyes.

She had lost the ability to be a mother, but instead of abandoning her, Huang Guoqiang was now asking her to marry him.

How could she not be touched by his love and devotion?

Her heart wasn't made out of stone. On lonely nights, she longed for a man she could depend on to love her and keep her company.

That man had finally appeared, but Qi Liya no longer had the confidence to take his hand. "No. You're a good man, but I'm no longer a complete woman. I'm no longer qualified to be a wife or mother. This is my problem, I don't want to drag you into this."

Huang Guoqiang knew she was a kind soul who wanted to spare him from the burden of her misery.

Chapter 503 - A Blessing In Disguise

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But Huang Guoqiang did not consider Qi Liya's condition to be a burden.

He took a step forward and knelt on one knee before the bed. He took her hand and said affectionately, "Do you really think I care about that? If I did, I wouldn't be standing here now."

Qi Liya: "..."

"So you won't be able to have children of your own. There's nothing wrong with that. If you marry me, you'll be the mother to my son. If you don't like him, well, we can adopt a child of our own. It's all up to you."

Huang Guoqiang was no longer as nervous as he had been in the beginning. He grew increasingly confident as he poured his heart out to her, hoping that it would be enough to make her understand how much he loved her.

He was in love with who she was, not one of her organs.

So what if she was missing one of her organs? He would never stop loving her.

Huang Guoqiang had said everything he had to say. He reached into his pocket and fished out a round box.

He opened the box, revealing the shiny diamond ring lying inside.

"Little Qi, will you marry me? I swear to love you with all my heart, now and forever."

“...” Qi Liya looked at the diamond ring as tears sparkled in her eyes. She was deeply touched.

The gods had taken her health away. In return, they had given her a man who sincerely loved her. It had been a blessing in disguise.

Beside them, Xu Xiyan and Xiao Ke had also been moved to tears.

But Qi Liya remained silent. Xu Xiyan and Xiao Ke wrung their hands nervously as they tried to persuade Qi Liya:

“Say yes, Ms. Qi! Director Huang loves you so, so much!”

“Marry him, Ms. Qi. Just say yes...”

Qi Liya finally nodded. There were tears in her eyes as she accepted Huang Guoqiang’s marriage proposal.

Huang Guoqiang could hardly contain his joy and excitement. He immediately plucked the ring out of the box and put it on Qi Liya’s ring finger. Then he lowered his head, kissed the back of her hand, and said, “Thank you, Mrs. Huang. Thank you for marrying me.”

To celebrate the successful marriage proposal, Xu Xiyan and Xiao Ke popped party poppers, showering Qi Liya with pretty rainbow confetti as they gave their blessings.

“Director Huang, Ms. Qi, I wish the both of you happiness.”

Qi Liya’s tears gave way to laughter. She chided her friends gently, saying, “This is a hospital room. Isn’t this going a little too far?”

“Nope, not at all. Congratulations, Ms. Qi! You’ve been discharged. You can go home today!” Xu Xiyan announced cheerfully.

“Discharged?” Qi Liya was confused. Why had she been discharged? She had just been in the operating room.

Xu Xiyan told her the truth. “Ms. Qi, you don’t actually have a tumor in your uterus. You were given sleeping pills in the operating room, but that was it. Nobody actually operated on you, nobody removed your womb.”

Qi Liya's confusion deepened. "What do you mean? Are you saying that the two of you lied to me because you wanted me to accept the marriage proposal?"

Huang Guoqiang hastily explained: "Liya, you misunderstand. You have to thank Jing Xi, because..."

Huang Guoqiang and Xu Xiyan finally told Qi Liya the whole truth.

Qi Liya shuddered. "Who's trying to sabotage me?"

Who had been so cruel as to try to rob her of her uterus with a fake cancer surgery?

"Don't worry, Liya. I'll find out who's been trying to harm you, and make sure they regret it," Huang Guoqiang solemnly vowed.

"The doctor and nurse behind this are under our control now. All we have to do is interrogate them, and we'll know who's been pulling the strings behind the scenes," Xu Xiyan explained.

Qi Liya was sincerely grateful to Xu Xiyan for once again saving her. They had not known each other for long, but Xu Xiyan had proven herself to be a true friend. "Thank you, Jing Xi."

"Okay, that's enough 'thank you's' for today. C'mon, it's time to pack up and go home."

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Chapter 504 - A Huge Sacrifice

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Xu Xiyan and Xiao Ke leapt into action: they helped Qi Liya change into a beautiful dress, and then put some light makeup on her face.

With their help, Qi Liya was restored to her former beauty: she was once again a resplendent goddess.

Qi Liya held the flower bouquet in her hand as she walked out of the hospital with Huang Guoqiang beside her. Xu Xiyan and Xiao Ke followed behind them.

The four of them had just exited the hospital when suddenly, they found themselves surrounded by reporters. The reporters pointed their cameras at Qi Liya and Huang Guoqiang and snapped away.

Qi Liya had not expected to see so many reporters waiting outside the hospital. She suddenly panicked; she did not know what to do.

She automatically tried to move away from Huang Guoqiang to avoid spreading unnecessary gossip, but the director put his arm firmly around her shoulders and nonchalantly faced the reporter's cameras.

He gave her a reassuring look and whispered into her ear: "I asked them to come. I want them to be witness to our happiness."

Qi Liya was so touched by his gesture she found herself unable to speak.

Back when she had been dating Peng Sicheng, Peng Sicheng had concealed their relationship in order to pursue his dream of being a director.

She would never forget how that had felt. She had become Peng Sicheng's clandestine lover, his dirty little secret. That was when their romance began its downward spiral into disappointment and heartbreak.

Her love for him had eventually turned into overwhelming pain. She had been suffocated by the pressure.

Back then, she had not been able to figure out why Peng Sicheng was reluctant to make their relationship public.

Now she understood: Peng Sicheng had never loved her. He had loved only himself.

The reporters who had heard from Director Huang about the marriage proposal began to ask questions. "Director Huang, is it true that you proposed to Ms. Qi Liya? Did she say yes?"

Huang Guoqiang smiled as he raised Qi Liya's hand to show the reporters their interlaced fingers—and the large diamond sparkling on Qi Liya's ring finger.

The reporters were almost blinded by the shiny diamond.

Qi Liya's fears were unfounded; the reporters did not start asking nasty questions. As soon as they saw that the marriage proposal had been a success, they showered the couple with their sincere blessings.

"Director Huang, congratulations on your successful marriage proposal!"

"When's the wedding?"

"Will the wedding be held inside the country, or abroad?"

"Qi Liya, will you remain in showbiz now that you're married?"

Most of the reporters' questions revolved around their marriage, and Huang Guoqiang took it upon himself to

provide simple, concise answers.

Qi Liya stepped forward to answer the question about her career plans post-marriage. “Thank you for your blessings. I may take a break from acting once I’m done shooting ‘Red Sleeved Beauty.’”

Huang Guoqiang was shocked to hear that Qi Liya was actually considering putting her career on hold. He had not expected her to announce to the reporters that she would be taking a break from acting during such a successful point in her career.

He could not help but wonder if she was only taking a break from showbiz because she was marrying him. It was a huge sacrifice.

It was almost unheard of for a successful star to willingly give up their career in order to concentrate on their marriage.

Huang Guoqiang was deeply touched. He pulled Qi Liya closer to him as he said to the reporters, “Whatever she decides, Liya has my full support. Even if she retires from acting, I’ll make enough money for the two of us.”

With that, news of Huang Guoqiang and Qi Liya’s romance and the director’s successful marriage proposal spread like wildfire. It made the headlines of every entertainment news site.

That night, Xu Xiyan hurried back to the set for “Root of Evil.” Just as she walked onto the set, she bumped into the director, Peng Sicheng.

“Hey, Jing Xi, come here. I want to ask you something.”

Peng Sicheng had seen the news, and had spotted Jing Xi standing beside the happy couple in the news footage. He wanted to ask her what she knew about the whirlwind romance.

Xu Xiyan followed the director to the production meeting room. She asked curiously, “What is it, Director Peng?”

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Chapter 505 - His Private Property

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Peng Sicheng paced back and forth, visibly struggling with himself. Finally, he asked, “Were you there when Director Huang proposed?”

“Yeah.”

Xu Xiyan did not know that Peng Sicheng had once been in a romantic relationship with Qi Liya.

“He proposed for real? And Qi Liya agreed? It isn’t some kind of publicity stunt for her new show?” Peng Sicheng asked all three questions in one breath.

Xu Xiyan laughed. “Oh, you’re so funny, Director Peng. Of course it was a real proposal, and yes, she agreed. It isn’t a publicity stunt.”

Peng Sicheng was now visibly upset. He mumbled to himself, “How did she end up with him? What’s so great about Huang Guoqiang, the old fart? She’s a...”

He wanted to say “she’s a flower stuck onto a pile of cow dung, what a waste,” but managed to stop himself just in time.

All this while, Peng Sicheng had subconsciously considered Qi Liya to be his private property.

He had assumed that there had been zero gossip about Qi Liya’s love life since their breakup because she was still pining over him.

He had assumed that all he had to do was beckon to her, and Qi Liya would happily get back together with him.

But he was sure now that Qi Liya had lost her marbles.

Or perhaps she had agreed to Huang Guoqiang's proposal simply because she wanted to spite Peng Sicheng.

That had to be the reason. Why would she agree to marry an old fart who was divorced and had a son who was already 17 years old, if she wasn't trying to spite him?

Xu Xiyan felt that she had to speak up on behalf of Huang Guoqiang. "Director Peng, I think Director Huang is a good man. Do you remember when Huang Yanran, the leading lady in our production, had to take time off? It was a huge problem for you. You asked Director Huang if you could borrow me as a stand-in, remember? And Director Huang agreed to it, just like that. He's a man you can count on when you have a problem that needs fixing."

Peng Sicheng: "..."

He felt like he had just been slapped in the face.

He could not come up with a rebuttal because Xu Xiyan was absolutely right.

He had asked to borrow an actor from Huang Guoqiang, and the director had readily agreed. Peng Sicheng was grateful to Huang Guoqiang for that.

But he hadn't foreseen then that Huang Guoqiang and Qi Liya would eventually end up together.

If he had known that Huang Guoqiang was interested in Qi Liya, he would have chosen to suffer the consequences than ask him for a favor.

Xu Xiyan was completely oblivious to the thoughts racing through Peng Sicheng's mind. She added, "You should have seen Director Huang. It was a truly touching proposal. If you ask me, I think Qi Liya agreed to marry him because of his incredible, one-of-a-kind charisma. They belong together, he absolutely adores Qi—"

Peng Sicheng did not wait for Xu Xiyan to finish. He waved her away and said irritably, “That’s enough. Go get ready, we’ll be shooting the night scenes in a minute.”

“Okay.”

Before Xu Xiyan stepped out of the meeting room, she turned to look at Peng Sicheng and was surprised by his strange behavior. The director was obviously restless: he kept picking up his phone and then putting it down again. Once, he threw the script in his hand against the wall.

Xu Xiyan was confused. What was up with Peng Sicheng?

Why was he in such a bad mood? What, did men suffer from PMS too?

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It was already close to 10 o’clock when Xu Xiyan was finally done shooting her night scenes.

As Xu Xiyan was packing up and getting ready to leave, Ma Haodong walked over to her. “Let’s go, Jing Xi. I’ll drive you.”

Xu Xiyan politely declined his offer. “That’s okay. I drove here today.”

“Can’t you let me do you a favor?” Ma Haodong whined. He wanted to do something nice for her so she would feel obliged to meet with Xiao Yuqian as soon as possible.

Xu Xiyan knew what he was trying to do. She smiled and said, “I want to, but I don’t want my man to get jealous.”

“You mean Ni Yun?” Ma Haodong asked.

Ma Haodong guessed that she was referring to Ni Yun because she had previously told him that the person she loved most was Ni Yun.

Xu Xiyan laughed, but said nothing. She slung her backpack over her shoulder and walked off the set. Ma Haodong chased after her, feeling a little left out. “Hey, when are you going to introduce me to Ni Yun?”

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Chapter 506 - A Major Mistake

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“Seriously, when can you introduce me to Ni Yun? I love his songs, I’m a huge fan. I know the lyrics to all his songs.”

“Maybe next time!”

Xu Xiyan hurried away. It wasn’t yet time to let anyone else know about her relationship with Huo Yunshen.

Outside the set, Ma Haodong caught up with her and pointed towards his flashy sports car. “My car’s parked just over there. You sure you don’t want me to give you a lift?”

“Yes, I’m sure. I have my own car.”

Just then, she received a call from Huo Yunshen: he was waiting for her at the entrance of the studio lot. Xu Xiyan bade goodbye to Ma Haodong. “My man came to pick me up. I have to go now.”

She had actually driven to the set in her Porsche, but she wasn’t about to pass on an opportunity to spend more time with her prince charming. She left her Porsche in the studio lot and walked towards the studio gates.

From afar, she saw Huo Yunshen’s RV parked by the side of the road. Xu Xiyan jogged towards it, her heart bursting with excitement.

She had just opened the door to the front cab and was about to get in when she felt a tap on her shoulder. She turned around: it was Ma Haodong.

“Huh? Why are you here?”

“My car broke down. It won’t start. Can I hitch a ride?”

It was a bluff: there was nothing wrong with his sports car. Ma Haodong was shamelessly asking Xu Xiyan for a free ride because he wanted to see what Ni Yun looked like.

“...”

Xu Xiyan was now caught between a rock and a hard place.

If she agreed, Ma Haodong would discover Huo Yunshen’s identity and her relationship with him.

“If your man can afford such a luxurious RV, I’m sure he must be a really generous, easy going person. I don’t think he’d mind.”

As Xu Xiyan wondered what to do, Ma Haodong boldly slipped past her and stepped into the front cab.

Ma Haodong was fearless and determined: he was going to get into the RV and see who Ni Yun was with his own eyes, come hell or high water.

“Wait, Brother Dong...”

It was too late now to stop him. Xu Xiyan was left with no choice but to enter the car after him and see the whole thing through.

As soon as Ma Haodong got into the front cab, he made his way to the RV section and opened the partition door.

He walked through the doorway. The luxurious furnishings inside the RV amazed him. Then his eyes fell upon the man in the wheelchair, sitting in the middle of the room, and Ma Haodong immediately froze in place.

This wasn’t possible...

Huo Yunshen?

A.K.A. Elvis, the former international film star?

Former CEO of Yunhai Entertainment, and the new Huo Group CEO?

Were Huo Yunshen and Jing Xi in a romantic relationship? For real?

Was Ni Yun, the musical genius he practically worshipped, actually Huo Yunshen? Seriously?

Ma Haodong could only gape openly at the man before him. He could not move; he felt like a character in a kung fu movie who had just been immobilized by a jab to a pressure point.

Huo Yunshen had been reading a book while waiting for Xu Xiyan. When he heard the partition door open, he had assumed that it was Xu Xiyan.

He put down his book and looked up. Ma Haodong was also looking in his direction; their eyes met, sending a mild jolt of surprise through Huo Yunshen.

His superb memory told him that the man in front of him was an actor working with Huayin Entertainment.

He was Ma Haodong, the secondary male lead who shared many scenes with Xu Xiyan in “Root of Evil.”

Huo Yunshen recognized who the man was, but he did not say anything. He merely regarded Ma Haodong silently.

The awkward tension in the air was now thick enough to slice. Ma Haodong began to squirm under Huo Yunshen’s dark, razor-sharp gaze.

Ma Haodong suddenly felt as though he were standing on a bed of nails. He was thoroughly uncomfortable; he could not help feeling like an interloper who had barged into a sacred, forbidden place. This had been a major mistake.

He had never had any dealings with the legendary showbiz king sitting before him, but he knew Huo Yunshen’s character and the way he did things.

Everyone who crossed him always ended up regretting it.

Ma Haodong was overcome with the urge to ask in a meek voice: “Have I offended you in some way, sir?”

Was it too late now to get out of the car?

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Chapter 507 - A Real Doozy

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Just as Ma Haodong was thinking of backing out of the vehicle, Xu Xiyan squeezed in after him and said apologetically, “Sorry, Uncle, my friend’s car broke down. Can he hitch a ride with us?”

Ma Haodong: “...”

He was now seriously contemplating biting off his tongue and offing himself. He deeply regretted lying about his car.

Ma Haodong was in fact overthinking it. Huo Yunshen was nowhere near as terrifying as he imagined him to be.

The real Huo Yunshen was easy to get along with. He was friendly to everyone, so long as they didn’t try to provoke him or test his patience.

He considered a friend of Xu Xiyan’s to be a friend of his.

The forbidding look in Huo Yunshen’s eyes disappeared. He smiled pleasantly as he nonchalantly welcomed Ma Haodong into the RV: “Please, have a seat.”

“...”

Ma Haodong was stunned and flattered at the same time. He remained standing with a star-struck expression on his face; Xu Xiyan had to tap him on the shoulder and lead him over to the sofa to sit down.

The RV was now cruising down the road, but Ma Haodong was still nervous and uneasy. He could not relax. He did not know how to chat with the formidable man before him.

He exchanged a few words with Jing Xi, but spent most of the time listening to Jing Xi chat with Huo Yunshen.

He had seen the way Jing Xi and Huo Yunshen looked at each other, and was now 100% certain that they were in love.

Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen talked about the scenes she had shot for “Root of Evil” earlier that day. She’d had to fight against Ma Haodong—for real—in all of them.

Huo Yunshen was worried that Xu Xiyan would be injured during a fight scene. He looked at Ma Haodong and said, “Mr. Ma, please try to go easy on Jing Xi in the remaining fight scenes. I would be grateful if you would do your best to make sure she’s all right.”

Xu Xiyan’s heart warmed all over when she heard Huo Yunshen try to look out for her.

Ma Haodong nodded. “Yes, of course. You can count on me!”

Jing Xi’s kicks and punches had been on point in every scene so far. Most of the time, Ma Haodong had been the one getting pummeled.

Ma Haodong gave an embarrassed smile. He mustered the courage to ask, “By the way, President Huo—are you really Ni Yun? Did you compose all those pop songs that are all the rage these days?”

Huo Yunshen did not answer. His shimmering eyes looked towards Xu Xiyan, as though asking her: How’d he find out?

Xu Xiyan’s lips tightened apologetically as a helpless look crept over her face. She was saying: I didn’t mean to expose you, I’m so sorry.

Huo Yunshen did not blame her. If Ma Haodong already knew he was Ni Yun, he might as well come clean. “Yes, I’m Ni Yun. But I composed those songs for fun, really.”

He was Ni Yun!

Ma Haodong was now beyond excited. At the same time, he was amazed at the way Huo Yunshen had downplayed his accomplishments.

He was evidently a humble man, despite being the untouchable king of the business world.

Not everyone could achieve that level of humility and generosity.

As the RV continued to cruise along, Ma Haodong could not help marveling at Jing Xi and Huo Yunshen: they were truly an extraordinary couple.

Jing Xi had Huo Yunshen backing her—so why was she painstakingly eking a name out for herself by taking on stunt double roles and small supporting roles?

He could not understand why Xu Xiyan had not made full use of Yunhai Entertainment's resources. After all, her boyfriend was the legendary Huo Yunshen!

Huo Yunshen was the former head of Yunhai Entertainment and the current CEO of the Huo Group. He was a busy, successful businessman, and now he was even making his own music!

Acting was the only thing Ma Haodong was any good at. He felt himself dwindle into insignificance in front of the supernaturally talented man before him. Life wasn't fair!

The RV continued to speed along. Xu Xiyan asked, "Brother Dong, where do you want to get off?"

Ma Haodong looked out the window, and was surprised to see that they were actually passing through Xiao Yuqian's neighborhood. He immediately asked for the car to pull over so he could get off and look for his darling Qianqian.

Unfortunately for him, Xiao Yuqian was working overtime at her company. Just then, the phone she had left on her desk began to ring.

She picked up her phone, saw that it was from Wan Dou, and took the call. "Hello?"

Wan Dou's slightly anxious voice sounded over the phone. "President Xiao, have you checked the news online? There's new gossip about our boss. What should we do? It's a real doozy this time, I'm afraid Ms. Jing Xi might take it badly!"

Chapter 508 - Shocking News

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“What gossip? Let me see.”

Xiao Yuqian ended the call and immediately turned on her computer to check the news sites.

There was a gossip piece about Huo Yunshen, headlined: [Shocking News! Award-winning Actor Huo Yunshen Has A Daughter! (Photos Inside)]

The “shocking news” lived up to its name. The article was forwarded and shared all over the internet in record time. The internet forums were flooded with discussions about it.

[Huo Yunshen already has a daughter? So I guess the earlier gossip about him having a gorgeous wife has to be true, right?]

[This proves that our prince charming can still do it, if you know what I mean. He has a child! All those trolls who kept saying he’s impotent can get lost now.]

[OMG, that little girl in the photos, isn’t that Cherry Baby, the internet child celebrity? I love her!]

[Is that little girl really Huo Yunshen’s daughter?]

[She has to be! Look at her dimples, they’re just like Huo Yunshen’s. Man, those are some crazy powerful genes!]

[The little cutie pie is so pretty! I wonder who the mother is...?]

[OMG, I know our prince charming keeps a low profile, but a daughter, really?! Where’d she come from? This is crazy, I can’t believe it!]

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Xiao Yuqian's face darkened after reading the gossip piece and the internet comments. She was pretty sure the news was fake.

Huo Yunshen had just taken over the reins for the Huo Group and had attracted a lot of public attention because of that. He was the talk of the town.

Xiao Yuqian guessed that someone had noticed the dimples on Cherry Baby and decided to cash in on the current public interest surrounding Huo Yunshen by spinning a sensational clickbait story alleging that the little girl was Huo Yunshen's daughter.

She understood why Wan Dao was so nervous: Jing Xi might see the news and be upset with their boss.

It did not matter whether the news was true or false; the sudden existence of a child always spelled bad news for romantic relationships.

Previously, back when their boss was still part of Yunhai Entertainment, he'd had a professional PR team to help him deal with pesky gossip and rumors.

But their boss had resigned and taken over the Huo Group instead. That meant he would have to assemble a new PR team to help him deal with this new scandal.

Xiao Yuqian immediately forwarded the news to Huo Yunshen and left a voice message: "Boss, what do you think? Do you want me to get a PR team to help you deal with this?"

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The RV had just entered Shengshi Yujing when Huo Yunshen received a link to a website from Xiao Yuqian.

He opened the link, and immediately frowned at what he saw.

He could not believe it: had the media exposed his relationship with Cherry?

How had they discovered Ying Bao's identity?

Xu Xiyan wheeled Huo Yunshen out of the RV and into his apartment.

Once they were inside, she noticed the worried look on Huo Yunshen's face and asked curiously, "What's wrong, Yunshen? Is everything all right?"

"It's nothing. Don't stay up too late, Jing Xi," Huo Yunshen replied simply.

"Okay. Good night."

Xu Xiyan guessed that he had a private matter to deal with. She returned to her own apartment through the crystal door.

Huo Yunshen waited until she had left before entering his study. He immediately called Xiao Yuqian and instructed her not to help him deal with the gossip through Jingyue Entertainment's connections. He would deal with it himself.

After that, he called Yi Xiao. "These are my orders, pass them on: I want a complete clampdown on the gossip. Find out the source of the news, and make sure to blacklist all the media outlets involved."

He was doing this mainly to ensure Ying Bao's personal safety.

He did not want Ying Bao to be exposed to the pressures of public opinion or dangers from the outside world. More importantly, he did not want her to be pulled into the shady world of showbiz. She was too young for that.

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Meanwhile, in Xu Xiyan's apartment...

Xu Xiyan walked out of the shower and flopped onto her bed, feeling refreshed. She was about to call Ying Bao on her phone when her phone suddenly rang.

She looked at the number: it was Qi Liya. Xu Xiyan sat up and took the call. "Hi, Ms. Qi."

"Jing Xi, I have bad news. It's Director Huang. He's in trouble."

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Chapter 509 - Harassment

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Qi Liya briefly explained to Xi Xiyan what had happened: Dr. Xia and the nurse who was his accomplice had been murdered.

Previously, when Xu Xiyan first overheard Dr. Xia and the nurse plotting to sabotage Qi Liya, she had deliberately allowed them to carry on with their plan because she wanted to uncover the actual mastermind hiding behind the scenes.

On the day of Qi Liya's surgery, Dr. Xia had been ready to operate on Qi Liya, confident that no one had caught on to his deceit.

Unfortunately for him, Xu Xiyan had secretly arranged for a few men to hide in the operating room and seize both Dr. Xia and the nurse before they could do anything to Qi Liya.

Qi Liya had not undergone surgery of any kind that day. She had fallen asleep after taking a sleeping pill, and was later told that she had been operated on.

The sham surgery had helped bring Huang Guoqiang and Qi Liya together. Huang Guoqiang had plucked up the courage to propose to Qi Liya, and Qi Liya had seen with her own eyes that the director's love for her was entirely sincere.

After the proposal, Xu Xiyan had informed the two of them of the truth. She had handed the scheming doctor and the nurse over to Huang Guoqiang, along with the recording of the conversation she had overheard.

But just as Huang Guoqiang was getting ready to personally interrogate the doctor and the nurse, they both had been

murdered.

Huang Guoqiang became the primary suspect, and was now in police custody.

“Ms. Qi, don’t worry. I’ll come over to your place now. We’ll discuss this in person.”

This was an unexpected turn of events for Xu Xiyan. She quickly dressed herself and left her apartment.

She was the one person who knew everything that had happened. She hoped she would be able to help prove Huang Guoqiang’s innocence.

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Xu Xiyan hurried over to Qi Liya’s apartment. To her surprise, she saw that the man who had just entered the apartment building before her looked very much like Peng Sicheng, the director for “Root of Evil.”

She stealthily followed him, and saw him knocking on the door of Qi Liya’s apartment.

Inside, Qi Liya ran to open the door. She froze when she saw who was on the other side.

She had been expecting Jing Xi, not Peng Sicheng.

She asked warily, “I wasn’t expecting you...why are you here?”

Peng Sicheng frowned slightly. He said testily, “What, am I not welcome here?”

The Qi Liya he knew was a docile and obedient woman who always stayed up to welcome him home no matter how late he returned after drinking with his clients. She lit the night lamps and kept the dinner warm on the table for him.

Back when they had been dating, she had been extremely obliging and eager to please. She had been a faithful puppy at his beck and call.

But that was the old Qi Liya. They had long since broken up, and Qi Liya no longer wanted to have anything to do with him.

She said frostily, "Sorry, but it's too late in the day for a visit. Please leave, Director Peng!"

She moved to close the door, but Peng Sicheng's hand shot out and grabbed hold of the door, preventing her from shutting it.

"Hey! What do you want? Please leave!"

Peng Sicheng did not want to believe that she was mercilessly turning him away. "Are you sure you'll be able to survive without me? Well, I don't think so! Don't you think it's incredibly stupid of you to give up on me?"

"I don't know where you're getting all these ideas from, Director Peng. All I know is that even after we broke up, the sun has continued to rise for me every morning. The earth is still spinning. I've never heard of anyone not being able to 'survive' just because they broke up with someone."

"But I heard that Huang Guoqiang was arrested for murder. Do you really want to throw your lot in with a murderer?"

This was the main reason Peng Sicheng had come to see Qi Liya. As her ex-boyfriend, he felt that it was his responsibility to remind her not to destroy her own future.

"He didn't kill anyone. I know he's not a murderer. They'll acquit him because he's innocent."

Peng Sicheng's hard, unwavering gaze was making Qi Liya feel uncomfortable. She said firmly, "It's late. Please leave, Director Peng. God knows what kind of gossip the paparazzi will cook up if they snap a photo of us together. I wouldn't want to ruin your career, Director Peng."

Previously, he had been terrified of the potential negative impact Qi Liya would have on his career. He had kept a careful distance from her and pretended she was a complete stranger to him whenever they were out in public.

This time, she had turned the tables on him. She was sweeping him out the door and telling him she didn't want anything to do with him.

Peng Sicheng was suddenly overcome with fear.

He was afraid that Qi Liya had made up her mind. He was afraid that she was no longer waiting for him.

The thought spurred Peng Sicheng into action. He lunged forward and hugged Qi Liya. “Liya, please, stop this silly tantrum. I know you’re just trying to spite me. I get it now. Let’s start over! I promise I won’t let you down this time!”

Xu Xiyao was still watching in the shadows. By this point, she had more or less figured out the relationship between Peng Sicheng, Qi Liya, and Huang Guoqiang. She clucked her tongue: who could have guessed that Director Peng was actually Qi Liya’s ex-boyfriend?

But Qi Liya had already given her heart to Huang Guoqiang. Surely it counted as harassment for the ex-boyfriend to visit her at home and pester her like this...?

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Chapter 510 - Kiss Her Again

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Peng Sicheng had swallowed his pride to beg Qi Liya to get back with him.

Unfortunately for him, he had forgotten that time and distance were sometimes enough to cool the flames of love.

Qi Liya did not want him to touch her. She struggled fiercely to push him away. “Let go of me, Peng Sicheng! It’s over. I’m not foolish enough to give you another chance to hurt me. Let me go!”

“Liya, I’m sorry. I know I was wrong.”

Right after his apology, Peng Sicheng lowered his face towards hers. He was trying to kiss her again.

“Peng Sicheng! You’re out of your mind!”

The smell of alcohol enveloped her. Qi Liya whipped her head to the side to dodge Peng Sicheng’s incoming face. She slapped and pummeled him with her hands, but Peng Sicheng pushed her up against the door. His behavior towards her was becoming increasingly inappropriate.

Peng Sicheng found Qi Liya’s defiant struggling to be inexplicably thrilling. He felt the urge to dominate her. He had been drinking, and the alcohol inside him was like fuel to the fire. He began kissing her neck with feverish excitement.

“Let go of me! Help... someone help me...”

Qi Liya was now scared out of her mind. She shouted desperately for help.

Bam!

She heard a muffled thud, and the man on top of her suddenly froze. In the next second, Peng Sicheng had released her and collapsed to the floor.

Qi Liya was dumbfounded. She turned and saw Jing Xi, holding a fire extinguisher.

Jing Xi had arrived in the nick of time to save her!

“Ms. Qi, are you okay?”

Upon seeing Peng Sicheng sexually harassing Qi Liya, Xu Xiyan had immediately picked up the fire extinguisher next to her and slammed it against the man’s head.

“I’m okay, I’m fine...”

Qi Liya gasped for breath as she pulled the torn neckline of her dress together.

“I had no idea Director Peng was such a disgusting pig!” Xu Xiyan said with heartfelt revulsion as she kicked the man lying on the floor. He did not move. “Uh-oh, crap, is he dead?”

Xu Xiyan quickly knelt and put a finger under Peng Sicheng’s nose. He was still breathing.

She patted her chest in relief: Thank the gods, he was only unconscious. She hadn’t killed him, just knocked him out.

“What do we do now, Jing Xi?”

Qi Liya had been waiting for Jing Xi to come over so they would be able to go to the police station together.

But Peng Sicheng had suddenly showed up, out of the blue, and disrupted their plans. Qi Liya’s thoughts were in a jumble; she did not know what to do.

Xu Xiyan said to Qi Liya, “Ms. Qi, go get changed. I’ll take care of Director Peng.”

“Okay, if you say so.”

Qi Liya had complete trust in Jing Xi. She hurried back into her apartment and changed her clothes.

Xu Xiyan placed her hands under Peng Sicheng's arms and dragged him outside, muttering apologies to him along the way: "So sorry, Director Peng. You'll just have to put up with this."

Xu Xiyan had just finished taking care of Peng Sicheng when Qi Liya walked out of her apartment in a new set of clothes. Xu Xiyan asked her to get in her car, and the two of them sped towards the police station.

Qi Liya was still feeling uneasy. "Jing Xi, where is he?"

Xu Xiyan kept a hand on the steering wheel as she pointed towards the trunk with her other hand. She quirked an eyebrow at Qi Liya. "In the back."

Qi Liya stared. Had Xu Xiyan stuffed Peng Sicheng into the trunk, all on her own?

What was she, the Incredible Hulk?

"What are we going to do with him?"

They couldn't keep him in the trunk forever.

Xu Xiyan had an idea. She asked, "Ms. Qi, do you know where Director Peng lives?"

"Yeah."

"Great, that makes this a lot easier."

Xu Xiyan's plan was to take Peng Sicheng back to his house. He was still the director of her current show, after all; she couldn't just dump him by the side of the road.

After sending Peng Sicheng back home, the two women hurried to the police station to give their witness testimony for Huang Guoqiang's case.

Before heading to the station, Xu Xiyan contacted Huo Yunshen and explained to him what was going on.

She ended her explanation with a request for a favor: would he be able to get someone in the police station to arrange a

meeting with Huang Guoqiang?

Huo Yunshen was extremely efficient. He sent his instructions to Yi Xiao, and before long, everything had been sorted out.

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Chapter 511 - A Scapegoat

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Huo Yunshen had asked his friend in the Public Security Department to put in a word with his men and let Xu Xiyan and Qi Liya see Huang Guoqiang. But that wasn't all; he went a step further and asked his friend to set up a special investigation team to work on the murder case. The sooner the case was solved, the sooner Huang Guoqiang would be cleared of all suspicion.

By the time Xu Xiyan and Qi Liya arrived at the police station, there was already someone waiting at the door to receive them and take their witness testimony. After that, the two women were allowed to meet with Huang Guoqiang.

“Why are the both of you here? Didn't I tell you not to worry?”

Huang Guoqiang seemed to be in good spirits. He was neither panicked nor tired; he seemed entirely at ease.

“Jing Xi got a friend of hers to let us in. I had to see how you were doing.”

The stone Qi Liya had been carrying in her heart finally fell away when she saw Huang Guoqiang.

“Thank you, Jing Xi.”

Huang Guoqiang now had yet another reason to be grateful to Jing Xi. He was thankful for her integrity, kindness, and willingness to help.

“You're more than welcome, Director Huang. Why don't the two of you have a nice long chat? I'll wait outside.”

Xu Xiyan exited the room, leaving the two of them alone.

She was entirely sympathetic towards Huang Guoqiang because she had been in a similar situation. Xu Xiyan had previously been suspected of murdering Jia Qing; back then, she had felt helpless and vulnerable because no one would believe her.

But Huang Guoqiang had not shown the slightest hint of panic or anxiety in front of his beloved. Instead, he had been the one doing the comforting, telling Qi Liya not to worry.

Xu Xiyan was now fully aware of the relationship between Qi Liya and the two directors.

On the way to the police station, Qi Liya had told Xu Xiyan about her past with Peng Sicheng.

Xu Xiyan had been impressed with Qi Liya's emotional fortitude. She knew it couldn't have been easy for Qi Liya to break free from the trauma of her breakup and start over.

Youth was fleeting. It was a waste for a woman to squander her youth on a failed relationship.

Qi Liya had sacrificed the best years of her life to Peng Sicheng, but the director had failed to appreciate her because of his obsession with his career. Xu Xiyan inwardly snorted: whatever, it was Peng Sicheng's loss.

Everything had worked out for the better now. Qi Liya had chosen Huang Guoqiang, a man who truly loved her. It was the right decision.

It was all right for a woman to choose a man she loved and engage in a passionate, fiery romance with him.

But when it was time to think of marriage, a woman had to find someone who loved and understood her. She had to find a man who was willing to give her all of his heart.

Women were like flowers. They blossomed beautifully with tender loving care. They needed to feel appreciated.

Xu Xiyan wished Huang Guoqiang and Qi Liya the very best in life. She hoped that they would be able to find their happy ending.

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As Huang Guoqiang was now suspected of murder, production for “Red Sleeved Beauty” had to be suspended.

The murder case attracted a lot of bad press and negative comments on the internet. Huang Guoqiang was now trapped in a whirlpool of negative feedback; it would be difficult for him to pull himself out of it.

Because production had been suspended, everyone involved in the production was now temporarily on vacation.

Xu Xinrou returned to the Xu residence during her time off.

Her mother, Su Rui, had been paying close attention to the case. As soon as she saw Xu Xinrou, she quickly asked, “How’s the situation?”

“Let’s talk inside.”

Xu Xinrou handed her bag to her mother as they walked into the Xu family villa.

Mother and daughter sat down to talk as soon as they were inside. Su Rui asked nervously, “The police won’t suspect you, will they?”

Xu Xinrou had always discussed all her nefarious schemes with her mother. Together, they had come up with the plan to remove Qi Liya’s womb by faking the need for a surgery.

“They’ll never suspect me. I have it all worked out,” said Xu Xinrou confidently. She had already prepared a scapegoat; her plan was completely foolproof.

Her only regret was that she had failed to sabotage Qi Liya. Her hatred for the actress continued to burn inside her.

“Ugh... it’s all Xu Xiyan’s fault. She keeps getting in your way. If she hadn’t stuck her nose where it doesn’t belong, everything would have gone according to plan,” Su Rui said venomously.

“Hmph! She foiled our plan to teach that Qi wench a lesson, but no matter, she’ll pay for it. That bastard child of the family won’t stay arrogant for long!”

Xu Xinrou's next target for revenge was Xu Xiyan.

It was time to take Xu Xiyan down. Xu Xinrou knew she had to do it ASAP, before Xu Xiyan's new shows began airing on TV. She did not want to risk having Xu Xiyan overshadow her in popularity.

Chapter 512 - A Threatened Abortion

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“Okay, but you should take good care of your body now. Mom has stewed some old hen soup for you so you should drink more later to replenish some nutrients. After all, your son is the key to your high status. After marrying into the Huo family, you shall enjoy endless prosperity and riches.”

Su Rui hoped that the child in Xu Xinrou’s belly would be born to become the next heir of the Huo family.

Two days ago, the Huo family’s second master, Huo Lin, came to visit the Xu family to discuss marriage on behalf of his son, Huo Jingtang.

Xu Jinshan and Su Rui had already agreed to the marriage and thus the Huo family began preparations for the wedding.

It wouldn’t be long before her daughter was married into the wealthiest family in Peijing—the Huo family. By then, Su Rui would become the mother-in-law in a wealthy family.

Both mother and daughter decided to go downstairs. As Xu Xinrou got up, she let out a gasp as she felt a sharp pain flaring from her lower abdomen.

“What’s wrong?” Su Rui was alarmed and quickly held Xu Xinrou steady.

“Mom, my stomach hurts. What’s going on...”

Xu Xinrou stood up gingerly. Su Rui looked behind her and let out a scream, “Oh my god! There’s blood!”

If a pregnant woman is bleeding, it is most likely a symptom of a threatened abortion. Su Rui was very experienced in this aspect and immediately got her daughter to lie down. “Quick! Lie down! Don’t move!”

“Mom... I couldn’t be...”

Xu Xinrou was beginning to be worried. She was worried about the child in her belly. What was she going to do if she could not keep the child?

The child was her biggest bargaining chip for her marriage into the Huo family.

“Everything will be okay, just relax. Don’t panic.”

It was impossible for her not to be panicked. “Mom, how did I become like this?”

Xu Xinrou thought that pregnant women were very resilient. She had observed pregnant actresses who still went on with their movies and advertisement acting gigs, as though the children in their stomachs were super babies and they would not die no matter what.

Yet how could this happen when it came to her? She had just gotten pregnant recently, how could she be bleeding already?

“Your situation is very common with pregnant women. It happened to Mom too when Mom was pregnant with you. I had to lie in bed for a few months to recover the fetus in my tummy before giving birth to you. You’re just like me,” Su Rui explained to ease her daughter from worry.

In fact, it was Xu Xinrou who did not know how to take care of her body. After getting pregnant, she was still having sex with Huo Jingtang, causing her fetus in her belly to become unstable.

Xu Xinrou became even more anxious after listening to her mother. “Then, what should I do? I have to go back to the studio to continue filming. I can’t be lying in bed all the time, can I?”

“You’re having a threatened abortion now and you better listen to your mother’s words and lie down to take care of the baby.

Anyway, didn't I hear that the production of your film has stopped recently? You should take the opportunity to take time off and rest at home. I'll take you to the hospital later and get some medicine to stabilize the fetus from the doctor. Everything will be all right after taking good care of the fetus."

"All right." Xu Xinrou had no choice but to heed her mother's words.

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In the past two days, Xu Xiyan had been busy going places for Huang Guoqiang's sake. She hadn't had the time to look at the news.

It was Fang Xiaocheng who had called her up and told her about the scandal about Ying Bao and Huo Yunshen.

But by the time Xu Xiyan logged onto the internet to browse the news, all related news about the scandal was already gone.

She guessed that it must have been Huo Yunshen who had managed to get his staff to remove the scandal.

Huo Yunshen had saved them a lot of trouble after managing to remove the scandal in time. Xu Xiyan didn't want Ying Bao's identity to be exposed for the time being anyway.

As for Huang Guoqiang's case, the police were currently making an orderly investigation.

Originally, the new drama "Red Sleeved Beauty" was scheduled to be released on the following Monday. But because of this incident, its release had been postponed.

The drama looked like it was about to collapse before it was even released, and the entire production crew was also facing disbandment. It was impossible not to feel anxious about the whole thing.

The failure of a drama meant that the investment received during early production would be all for naught, the most straightforward consequence being the investors' complete loss of their money.

Chapter 513 - Find The Other Woman

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Huo Yunshen had invested in the drama during his tenure as president of Yunhai. Though he was no longer at Yunhai, Yunhai's loss still meant that the Huo Group would suffer damage as well.

However, as Xu Xiyan noticed, Huo Yunshen was very calm and did not seem to be greatly affected by it.

Instead, Chu Yuhe, the president of Juxing Entertainment, was the one who could not take it anymore. He announced through his lawyers and the media that he demanded Huang Guoqiang, the head of the "Red Sleeved Beauty" production, to compensate him for his investment losses.

His actions were no different than adding insult to injury.

The internet was filled with harsh criticism and reprimands. It all condemned Huang Guoqiang, and some people even chastised Qi Liya as well.

Everyone seemed to be skeptical of Huang Guoqiang as a director. They assumed that he was an unethical man and had misused investor funds to support his sugar baby, Qi Liya. Seeing now that he had even committed murder, they all thought that he really deserved punishment.

However, no one had bothered to thoroughly investigate Huang Guoqiang's motives to commit murder.

This was how scary public opinion could be.

On the seventh day after the incident, just when the rumors became rampant and the production crew was on the verge of breaking off, the police swiftly solved the case.

After a thorough investigation, the police crime investigation team locked onto Li Hong, the lover of the deceased Dr. Xia Bin, as the suspect.

Li Hong suffered from recurrent insanity and was heavily suspected of committing the crime.

After a series of interrogations on Li Hong while she was consciously clear in her mind, she finally explained her whole process of committing the crime.

She had always suspected that her husband was having an affair with another woman. She had secretly stalked him many times before but did not manage to find the other woman.

That is, until a few days prior, when she received some anonymous mail. Inside were intimate photos of her husband Xia Bin and the nurse Xiao Liu.

She finally knew who was the third person interfering with their marriage.

With a heart full of hate, she went to the hospital to confront her husband Xia Bin.

When she opened the door of Xia Bin's resting lounge, she saw him and Xiao Liu lying together on the bed.

The sight of them roused her nerves and she lost all sense and rationality under her overwhelming anger. She picked up a sharp scalpel and stabbed her husband and the nurse Xiao Liu to death.

She escaped after the murder. Huang Guoqiang, who was trying to find out the identity of the behind-the-scenes perpetrator who'd harmed Qi Liya, went to find Dr. Xia Bin.

As he opened the door of Dr. Xia Bin's resting lounge, he saw two people lying in a pool of blood. He approached them out of good intention, only wanting to check whether they were dead or alive. Unfortunately, a nurse came in at that time and

saw him, thinking that he had committed the murder and reporting it to the police.

This this was how Huang Guoqiang, who had only wanted to save their lives, became a target of police arrest.

The truth of the whole case was finally brought to light. The police released Huang Guoqiang without charge and published the entire report of the case on their official website.

After the truth had been clarified, the netizens and the public suddenly realized that Huang Guoqiang had been framed all along!

Everyone had misunderstood him!

After Xu Xiyan had helped clarify the murder, she let out a sigh of relief.

If Dr. Xia Bin and the nurse Xiao Liu had not had evil intentions, how could they deserve a consequence such as this?

They only had themselves to blame and they could never escape the consequences of their evil-doing.

Only Xu Xiyan knew that if it weren't for Huo Yunshen's help, the case would not have been solved so quickly.

It was thanks to him this time.

On the day when Huang Guoqiang was released, Xu Xiyan and Qi Liya came to pick him up and sent him back to the studio.

All of the crew and actors had come back and welcomed Huang Guoqiang's return.

Huang Guoqiang was glad to have his name cleared of the crime after so long and he was in a good mood. He reserved a room in Tong Fu House and treated everyone to lunch.

In the private dining room, Xu Xiyan received a phone call from her daughter. At the Jing family house, the little girl had used her smartwatch to send her two voice messages.

She stepped away from the crowd to listen to the voice messages. The messages went like this: ...

Chapter 514 - The Child Is In Trouble

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[Xi Baby, Daddy sent someone to pick Baby up, Baby is going home now!]

[Xi Baby, see you tonight!]

From Ying Bao's messages, it looked like Huo Yunshen had gotten one of his staff members to pick her up. She did not give it much thought, as she thought that her daughter would be safer with Huo Yunshen.

However, barely a few minutes had passed before "Mr. Billion" called her.

"Jing Xi, are you busy? Want to have lunch together?"

"I'm sorry, Director Huang is treating all of us to lunch. We're now at Tong Fu House!"

"I'm also at Tong Fu House having lunch with Ye Xun. I'm at your 12 o'clock direction."

Huo Yunshen had happened to see her standing on the second floor, so he called her up.

Xu Xiyan looked across the huge crystal chandelier at the private dining room on the opposite side. Yi Xiao and some men were outside guarding the room. There was someone waving at her behind the window of the room.

Xu Xiyan shifted her gaze towards the window. Not only was Huo Yunshen inside, but Ye Xun was there too.

Ye Xun shot her a cheeky, devious look before giving her a military salute.

Her second senior was there too?

How did he end up having lunch with Huo Yunshen?

Since when did this guy become good bros with Huo Yunshen?

The phone call was still on. Xu Xiyan asked, “Is Cherry with you guys? Where are you guys planning to go after lunch?”

“Hmm?” Huo Yunshen was obviously surprised. “Cherry is not here with me.”

“What?”

Ying Bao was not with Huo Yunshen?

Xu Xiyan suddenly panicked. “Is she really not with you?”

“No, isn’t Cherry at the Jing family house? I was planning to go pick her up after lunch.”

Ying Bao was not with Huo Yunshen?

She had told her via her smartwatch that her daddy had come to pick her up. What was going on?

A strong ominous premonition flashed across Xu Xiyan’s mind and she felt a bone-chilling fear rising from the soles of her feet. “This is not good... Ying Bao might be in trouble. I have to go now, I need to go back and find her.”

Without saying more, she immediately hung up Huo Yunshen’s call and called Ying Bao on her smartwatch.

While she was waiting for the call to connect, she was already rushing towards the exit of the restaurant.

Huo Yunshen saw Xu Xiyan rushing out of the restaurant. She had told him that Ying Bao might be in trouble so he immediately took off with Ye Xun to catch up with her.

Xu Xiyan wanted to contact Ying Bao to confirm whether she was okay.

However, her smartwatch had been switched off.

If the smartwatch was still turned on, she could still track her with GPS. But since it was turned off, there was nothing she could do.

She decided to call the front desk of Renjing Chinese Medicine Hall but the line was busy. Xu Xiyan then called her grandfather's mobile phone. There was a long wait before the call connected.

“Hello? Grandpa? Is Ying Bao with you?” Her heart almost stopped beating as she asked the question. She held her breath as she waited for his answer.

Jing Huaduo's voice finally came from the other side of the call, sounding quite anxious. “Yanyan, I was about to contact you! I have bad news; the child is gone. A car took her away just now...”

As soon he said that the child was gone, Xu Xiyan was thunderstruck.

Her terrible hunch had turned into reality. Her greatest fear had finally manifested itself.

Someone must have used Huo Yunshen's name to trick the child.

The thought of Ying Bao being caught in unknown danger made her so terrified that she could not breathe. She was worried that the child would encounter people with evil intentions. She was afraid that they would do something unthinkable...

“Okay, okay, I'll get someone to help right away.”

Huo Yunshen and the others had already come out when she was about to turn back to the restaurant to look for them. Yi Xiao had called up the RV and the vehicle was already parked at the restaurant entrance.

“Huo Yunshen... Second Senior...” Xu Xiyan went up to them, looking very worried.

Huo Yunshen furrowed his brow. “What happened? Did something happen to Cherry?”

Chapter 515 - Shocked Out Of Her Wits

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He had never seen Xu Xiyao like this before. She looked so anxious and helpless that he could not help but feel his heart tense up too.

Xu Xiyao had been tensing all over with anxiety. When Huo Yunshen asked her, she could not restrain her tears anymore and let them trickle down her cheeks.

Xu Xiyao was usually a strong woman. Yet at this moment, she was shocked out of her wits and was completely overwhelmed with anxiety. She was so helpless that she looked like she was about to break down.

She didn't know what else to do except shed tears.

“Little Xixi, what happened? Just tell us?”

After hearing that it had something to do with Ying Bao, Ye Xun became very anxious too. He guessed that the child was most likely in trouble.

Huo Yunshen became even more worried as he watched her cry. He handed her a handkerchief and asked her, “Don't cry, Jing Xi. Tell me, what happened? You said Cherry is in trouble. What happened to her?”

“Huo Yunshen...”

She threw herself onto his knees and cried, “Someone tricked Ying Bao with your name and took her away. I suspect that she's been kidnapped.”

That person had impersonated Huo Yunshen to pick up Ying Bao, so the child had been willing to go with him.

Oh, this was all her fault. She hadn't been doing a good job teaching her child to be wary around strangers. Otherwise, this wouldn't have happened.

“Kidnapped?”

Huo Yunshen was surprised. Who would kidnap Ying Bao? Who had used his name and represented him?

“She was playing in front of my grandfather's medicine hall before she was taken away by a car. Before she was taken away, she left me a voice message with her smartwatch. She said that her Daddy had come to pick her up.”

After listening to Xu Xiyan's tearful explanation, Ye Xun swiftly got onto his bike. “Boss, take care of Little Xixi, I'll go to the medicine hall to look for clues,” he said as he put on his helmet.

Ye Xun wanted to find out who had kidnapped Ying Bao, what kind of car the culprit was driving, and which direction the car had gone.

“Okay, let's keep in touch. Report to me immediately if you find anything.”

Ye Xun gestured an “okay” sign then rode off, the engine of his bike roaring away.

Huo Yunshen pulled Xu Xiyan up and said, “Jing Xi, let's get in the car first.”

In the RV, Xu Xiyan clasped her hands together anxiously, looked up at Huo Yunshen with her tearful eyes and pleaded, “Yunshen, I beg you. Please think of something and save Ying Bao, okay?”

She always believed that he was omnipotent. There was nothing that he couldn't do.

She knew that turning to him for help was no mistake.

“Jing Xi, don't be sad. I'm going to order my men to find her now. Believe me, I'm sure we can get our child back.”

“Okay,” Xu Xiyan nodded. She could only rely on him now.

Huo Yunshen quickly summoned Yi Xiao and told him to make arrangements to block all major traffic routes in Peijing. All outbound traffic in the airport, docks, and bus stations were to be thoroughly checked too, lest Ying Bao be taken out of Peijing.

At the same time, he told him to call in a helicopter and have it on standby.

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Ye Xun rode on his high-performance bike and quickly arrived at the Renjing Chinese Medicine Hall.

The first thing he did was question everyone in the medicine hall. He found and questioned the last eyewitness, Xiao Mei, the front desk assistant.

The last time she saw Ying Bao was half an hour ago. Ying Bao was riding on her little bicycle outside the entrance of the medicine hall.

After that, she didn't see the child anymore. Her bicycle was left at the side of the road.

Ye Xun also took footage from the surveillance system. From the footage of the camera outside the medicine hall, he could see Ying Bao playing outside the entrance that morning.

At the last scene, a car came and parked at the side of the road. An unfamiliar man came down from the car and bent over to talk to the child.

After that, Ying Bao got off from her bicycle and said something to her smartwatch.

After standing around for a while, the man opened the door of the car and Ying Bao got into it by herself. Then, the car drove out of sight.

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Chapter 516 - Got Some Leads

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Due to the camera's distance and the scene taking place at the edge of the camera's field of view, the person's face and the license plate number of the car were hardly visible.

The only things that were known were the color of the car and the direction the car had driven off in.

Ye Xun immediately contacted Huo Yunshen to inform him of the newly found clues as he swung back onto his bike. "Boss, I got some leads. It's a black Toyota MPV, heading east from west of Baima Road."

Using the newly obtained leads, Huo Yunshen gave an order to contact the transport department, "Contact the transportation department and tell them to monitor all roads and lock onto the suspected vehicle."

Yi Xiao contacted the transport department. After locking onto the suspected vehicle, the department used an advanced traffic network control system to track the vehicle and send it's driving route data over to them.

The RV sped off down the road. Huo Yunshen had already given a hard order and mobilized all personnel. They were to capture the vehicle no matter what and ensure the safety of the child.

Now he could only pray for Cherry's safety.

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As time passed, everyone became more and more anxious.

Xu Xiyan's face hadn't been dry of tears ever since she'd found out that Ying Bao was lost. She felt extremely terrible and could not stop blaming herself.

"This is all my fault. If only I educated her more often, this would not have happened today. It's all my fault..."

"Don't blame yourself, Jing Xi. It has nothing to do with you. I should be the one apologizing. If I hadn't brought her out in public and caused the scandal, maybe someone wouldn't have used my name to trick her."

What was of the use of saying all this right now?

It wouldn't solve anything if they kept blaming themselves.

"I don't blame you. I just feel like I'm not a good mother." Xu Xiyan was saddened that she had not protected her daughter well.

Huo Yunshen squeezed Xu Xiyan's hand dearly and kept on comforting her. "No, you are a great mother. Don't be sad, I believe there will be news soon."

He felt that she had raised her daughter by herself and had educated her so well. Such a good mother like her was rare in this world.

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The black suspected vehicle drove out of the city as it continued heading east.

In the back seat of the vehicle, Ying Bao looked out at the environment outside. It was totally different than the usual way home.

Moreover, the scenery outside looked more and more desolate. Far behind, the tall buildings were disappearing in the distance.

She cocked her little head to the side and asked puzzlingly, "Uncle, when can Baby meet Daddy?"

The man with a cold expression on his face said to her, "Soon, you will see him soon."

“But Baby remembers that this is not the way home.”

“That’s because we’re taking a detour today,” the man lied to her.

Ying Bao did not ask again but she still had a nagging feeling that something was wrong. She wanted to call her mother but her smartwatch was out of battery.

“Uncle, do you have a mobile phone? Can Baby borrow it to make a call?”

“No,” the man refused her coldly.

The little girl pouted her lips. She was beginning to be unhappy.

Why was Daddy’s staff not being friendly to her?

Under normal circumstances, Ying Bao was not a child who was easily deceived.

But today she had believed the two men in the car because they had come to her with a picture of Huo Yunshen.

Because she saw that it was a photo of Huo Yunshen, she believed that they were sent by her daddy.

She remembered clearly that her daddy’s bodyguards were dressed the same as them. This was how she got tricked.

Halfway through the journey, the man in charge of driving stopped the car by the side of the road and got out of the car.

In the car, Ying Bao could vaguely hear that the man was making a call outside. She could hear his voice saying, “Yes, everything went very smoothly. I’ve already caught the little girl. Yes, we will settle it...”

Ying Bao had a vague feeling that something was wrong. The man said that he had caught a little girl—was he referring to her?

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Chapter 517 - Finally Got Rid Of The Wheelchair

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If it was her Daddy, how could he have told his men to come and capture her?

Ying Bao looked around at the desolate surroundings, and then looked at the cold-faced uncle beside her. The more she thought about it, the more scared she felt.

She missed her mother.

She also missed her grandpa.

She wanted to go home.

She glanced at the safety lock on the car door, then quietly reached out with her little hand, flipped the safety lock and unlocked the door.

The strange uncle next to her did not notice her. She opened the door and tried to escape.

However, before her little feet could touch the ground, she was caught by the strange uncle. He pinned her back in the backseat and she could not move.

The man outside was done with his phone call and got into the car. They continued driving for a while until they reached the seaside.

They had come to a rocky sea cliff. It was a no man's land and there were no signs of civilization.

The strange uncle in the back seat opened the door, preparing to carry Ying Bao out of the car.

Ying Bao took the opportunity to bite the strange uncle hard on his wrist. The pain caused him to release her and she dropped to the ground on her feet and darted off.

“You dare run away?”

She was only four years old. How could her two short legs outrun the two men’s four long legs?

The strange uncle easily caught her within three strides. Ying Bao resisted him, struggling desperately to break free from his grasp.

“You little bastard, I’m going to strangle you if you don’t stay obedient!”

The strange uncle was losing his patience, and the fact that he had just been bitten by her made him even angrier. He gave Ying Bao a few hard slaps on her mouth in anger.

It’s so painful! Ying Bao cried out loud as the man hit her, and her fair little face immediately became red and swollen.

“Bad uncle, you’re all bad uncles...” she sobbed, “I want to go home... I want Mommy...”

The man viciously threatened her, “Damn you, little girl! You’re so noisy! If you continue with your racket, I’ll take your little life!”

“You baddie... I’ll beat you...”

She grabbed a stone from the ground and flung it at the bad uncle, but he kicked her and sent her flying into the air.

Her little body flew for a meter or two before falling heavily onto the ground.

Unfortunately, Ying Bao’s head struck against a rock as she fell. Blood immediately streamed from her head to the ground and she fell unconscious.

The cold-faced man watched the child become motionless as blood flowed out from her head. He said to his partner, “Damn, did I just kick her to death?”

The other man was already taking out some rope and a sack from the trunk. “Even better. We’re supposed to kill her anyway. Put her in the sack!”

The cold-faced man picked Ying Bao up from the ground and put her into the sack. Then the two men filled the sack with plenty of stones before tying it up with a rope.

The two dragged the heavy sack toward the edge of the cliff, intending to throw it into the sea.

The stone filled sack would sink to the bottom of the sea and nobody would discover it. A job easily settled.

“Okay! On the count of three, fling it out to the sea!”

“Okay!”

The two lifted the sack up together. One of them began to shout, “One...Aaahhhh!”

There was a deep boom in the air as the one who was counting was shot in his temple. He released the sack as his body fell over the sea cliff, plunging into the sea.

Before the cold-faced man could react, another booming gunshot echoed in the air.

The cold-faced man let out a groan as his legs buckled to the ground.

The pain caused him to release the sack he had been gripping. He fell to the ground and clutched at his leg in pain.

He looked toward the direction where the bullet had come from with horrified eyes. On the other side, away from the sea cliff, a black figure rushed towards him in staggered footsteps.

It was none other than Huo Yunshen.

When Huo Yunshen had arrived at the sea cliff, he saw two bad guys were about to throw his child into the sea. At that moment of imminent peril and desperation, he had leaped out of his wheelchair and charged forward to save his daughter.

He was finally free of the wheelchair!

He could run freely again!

Chapter 518 - Heartbroken

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Though he was able to walk again, it was not a time to celebrate because there was still something more pressing at hand.

He still had to save his daughter.

He had only one strong notion in his heart. He swore that those who dare harm his daughter would be cut into a thousand pieces and burnt into nothing but ashes!

At this moment, Huo Yunshen was surrounded by a dark murderous aura.

Not only did he have firearms, but he was also a very skilled marksman.

The way he had killed the man with his gun was extremely ruthless.

From so far away, he was able to aim at his target's temples and make a precise kill.

“Cherry...”

Huo Yunshen made his way to the sea cliff. The first thing he did was cut the rope tying the sack and opened it.

After the sack was completely opened, he saw Ying Bao lying unconscious amidst the stones. The wound on her head was still bleeding, soaking her head and her body with fresh blood. There was so much blood all over her that she was almost unrecognizable.

“Cherry!”

Huo Yunshen fell to his knees. The pain was so great in his heart that he could not breathe and tears immediately welled up in his eyes.

He was extremely heartbroken to see his daughter cruelly tortured and severely wounded.

Oh, his daughter, his poor child. Do you know that Dad is so heartbroken to see you suffer such torment?

“Cherry...”

My daughter...

It is Dad's fault for coming so late...

Huo Yunshen was extremely distraught as he watched his daughter's blood-stained body.

At this moment, his eyes and heart were filled with great anger, and there was a cold, murderous look in his bloodshot eyes.

If he had not made it in time, the consequences might have been even more unthinkable.

The two men had the audacity to assault a four-year-old child. Not only had they cruelly harmed her, but they had also intended to throw her into the sea.

What kind of grudge did they have which was so great as to make them this perverse?

Huo Yunshen removed the stones that were pinning the child down and tossed them away, then pulled the child's blood-stained body out of the sack.

He held the child in his arms and pressed his cheek against the child's forehead, feeling very terrible for her. “Baby, you must hang on. Everything will be okay. Dad will save you.”

He carried the child up from the ground and stood. As he turned around, he saw that Xu Xiyan, Yi Xiao and some men were rushing towards him.

“Ying Bao!”

Xu Xiyan immediately burst into tears when she saw that her daughter was covered in blood. “Ying Bao! Oh, please wake up, Ying Bao! Mommy’s here, open your eyes and look at me!”

Ying Bao was dying. Her blood-soaked head hung down lifelessly from her limp little body.

“I’m sorry, Baby. Mommy has come late for you, I shouldn’t have been late... It’s all Mommy’s fault...”

Her daughter was hurt and bleeding profusely. She was so distressed that she was about to break down.

“Baby... Ying Bao... Mommy is here... please wake up...”
Xu Xiyan sobbed uncontrollably as she held onto her daughter’s little hand.

“Please don’t cry, Jing Xi. We should send the child to the hospital right now!” Huo Yunshen said, furrowing his eyebrows deeply.

Just then, there was a loud noise in the sky as a helicopter approached them and quickly landed on the sea cliff.

“Quick! Go to the hospital!”

After ordering Yi Xiao to stay behind to take care of the crime scene, Huo Yunshen carried his daughter and boarded the helicopter with Xu Xiyan. The helicopter then took off, sending the child to the hospital at the fastest speed possible. They could not delay for another second.

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When the helicopter landed on the rooftop of the hospital, Ye Xun had already arranged everything and gotten several hospital staff members to be on standby.

As soon they got off the helicopter, Ye Xun and the medical staff went up to them with a stretcher.

“Daughter, Daughter! Please wake up...”

When Ye Xun pushed the nurse aside and saw the bloody child lying on the stretcher, he was shocked.

How had Ying Bao bled so much?

Was she gravely injured?

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Chapter 519 - The Child Is Dying

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Xu Xiyan had only told him on the phone that Ying Bao had fallen unconscious and had to be sent to the hospital for emergency treatment immediately, but she had not told him that the child was seriously injured.

She was the precious daughter he had lovingly raised and he had been overprotective of her as if she was a delicate little flower. He could never bear to see harm come to her.

But now, she was hurt and her life was in danger!

Ye Xun felt very guilty. He blamed himself for not accompanying his daughter 24/7 and letting her fall into the hands of criminals.

Ye Xun held onto the child's little hand, his heart aching as he called out her name. The doctor patted him on the shoulder. "I'm sorry, please let us through. We're racing against time for her life. If we delay any longer, it may endanger her life."

Alas, under the doctor's persuasion, Ye Xun stepped aside. They all waited outside as the child was wheeled into the emergency room.

"Who did it? Why did they want to torture a child?"

Ye Xun was getting angrier. Other than worrying about the child's condition, he wanted to know who the vicious person was that would not even spare a child.

“One of them is already dead. The other one is still alive, waiting to be interrogated,” Huo Yunshen said, clenching his fists, a murderous look in his eyes.

Judging from the behavior of the kidnappers, these kidnappers were not in for the money.

Why would they want to kill a child for no reason?

This could only mean that they were acting under someone else’s orders.

If he didn’t want to find out who the perpetrator was, he wouldn’t have left one of them alive.

Even if he had obliterated those men, it would still not have been enough to feed his hatred.

“Leave the interrogation to me!”

Ye Xun wanted to interrogate that cruel man personally and then cut him up into pieces.

As long as the picture of the child covered in blood appeared in his mind, he was overcome with self-blame.

Ye Xun clutched his head with his hands in distress. “It’s all my fault. If only I had protected her, she would not have fallen into harm’s way.”

He lowered his hands from his head and punched the wall, bloodying his knuckles.

Then he let go another punch, again and again, staining the white wall with blood.

Xu Xiyan could understand what Ye Xun was feeling. She knew how much he loved Ying Bao, as he had raised her since she was born. Now that the child was injured, he must be blaming everything on himself.

Xu Xiyan could not bear to see him harm himself again and again. She grabbed him from behind and stopped him from punching the wall. “Second Senior, please don’t do this, don’t harm yourself anymore. I don’t blame you, I really don’t. Please don’t blame yourself anymore.”

Huo Yunshen also helped to persuade him, “Ye Xun, it was thanks to your help this time. Otherwise, we wouldn’t have successfully found Cherry.”

If Ye Xun had not hurried back to the medical hall in time to look for leads of the suspected vehicle, they couldn’t have rushed to the seaside in time.

Ye Xun finally calmed down, but his knuckles had already become a bloody pulp after punching the wall.

Xu Xiyan put her grief aside momentarily and went to look for a nurse to help bandage Ye Xun’s hand.

The emergency room was bustling as the doctors and nurses were fighting to save the child’s life. In contrast, the atmosphere outside the emergency room was grave as everyone waited anxiously.

It was unknown how long they had waited, but a nurse finally came out. Xu Xiyan and the others immediately went up to the nurse and asked for news.

“The wounded has lost too much blood and she needs a blood transfusion right away. I’m going to the blood bank to prepare the blood plasma now.”

After the nurse explained this with an expressionless face, she hurried away.

Oh dear, Ying Bao had lost too much blood and needed a blood transfusion!

Everyone’s hearts were trembling with anxiety. There was nothing they could do but pray for the child.

Xu Xiyan could not stop weeping as she muttered to herself, “God, please bless her. Please help Ying Bao overcome her critical condition. As long as the child is safe, I’m willing to sacrifice twenty years from my own life.”

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Chapter 520 - The Child Is Safe Now

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Huo Yunshen held her hand. He was comforting himself too as he comforted her, “She will be okay, everything will be okay for her. Cherry is a strong child, she will be okay.”

After a while, the nurse who had just left for the blood bank came back. She said to Xu Xiyan and the others, “There is insufficient type A blood in the hospital blood bank. Is anyone here type A blood? Anyone?”

Huo Yunshen thought about his blood type, then immediately raised his hand and said, “Yes! My blood is type A! Use mine!”

As long he could save his daughter, he was willing, even if they need to drain all of his blood.

The nurse asked, “What is your relationship to the patient?”

“I’m her father.”

The nurse shook her head. “Immediate family members are not allowed to transfuse blood. Is there anyone else with type A blood?”

Anyone with medical knowledge would know that a blood transfusion between immediate family members was not allowed as it was prone to cause immune diseases.

The fact that he could not transfuse his blood to Ying Bao and he was unable to help her made Huo Yunshen feel even more anxious and helpless.

Coincidentally, in their group, including the assistants and bodyguards, Ye Xun was the only other one with type A blood besides Huo Yunshen.

“I’m type A and have no kinship with the patient. Take mine!” Ye Xun said, standing up as he volunteered to donate blood.

“Good, come with me now!”

The nurse took Ye Xun to the blood collection room.

“Thank you, Second Senior,” Xu Xiyan thanked him from the bottom of her heart.

Ye Xun looked back and a comforting smile drew across his pale face. “You’re welcome. Don’t worry, I won’t let anything happen to Daughter.”

Xu Xiyan watched Ye Xun walking off determinedly and felt very moved.

Thank you, Second Senior!

She thanked him for his selfless dedication for treating Ying Bao as his own.

Xu Xiyan would never forget his kindness until the end of her life.

Huo Yunshen was also very grateful to Ye Xun, appreciating everything he had done for Xu Xiyan and the child.

Time passed. They had collected blood from Ye Xun a total of three times. At last, the lights in the emergency room were extinguished.

The doctor came out of the emergency room. Xu Xiyan and the others flocked around him and asked about the child’s situation.

The doctor took off his surgical mask and said, “Mr. and Mrs. Huo, the child is safe now, thanks to the timely delivery of the child to the hospital and the timely provision of the blood plasma. If her treatment had been delayed even for a few seconds, I’m afraid we could not have done anything to save her.”

Everyone breathed a sigh of relief. The child's life was saved and that was more important than anything else.

"Thank you, thank you, doctor..."

They all thanked the doctor. After that, a nurse wheeled the child out from the operating room, sending her to the children's intensive care unit.

Considering that the child was young and prone to infection, she had to stay in the hospital's sterile ward and under observation for 48 hours.

During those nerve-racking 48 hours, everyone was praying and worrying for the child in their hearts.

Yi Xiao had already arrived at the hospital with his men. They had also brought the young master's electric wheelchair along for him.

Huo Yunshen no longer needed a wheelchair. He could now stand, walk, and run like a normal person.

He knew that it was because of what had happened that day. If it wasn't for the sake of saving his child's life, he would not have been able to rouse his inner potential. He had finally seen the light after living his life in hell for five years.

Since he had recovered his body, he could stand side by side with Xu Xiyan. He now had the ability to protect her, sheltering her from the wind and rain.

He only hoped that his daughter would get better soon. He still had to spend more time with her to make up for those years she had lived without her father's love.

After anxiously waiting for 48 hours, Ying Bao had finally overcome the critical period. Her family could go in and visit her now.

They finally saw the child, still in a coma as she lay on the bed with white gauze wrapped around her head, her little face pale and bloodless.

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Chapter 521 - Extremely Guilty

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Ying Bao was a four-year-old child after all. No matter how precocious she was, she could have never figured out the underhanded tricks of those criminals.

She thought that it was Huo Yunshen who had sent his staff to pick her up and bully her.

Seeing that her daughter had misunderstood Huo Yunshen, Xu Xiyao patiently explained. “Ying Bao, please listen to Mommy. Daddy is not a bad daddy. Those bad uncles were not even sent by Daddy. Someone pretended to be your daddy’s staff and deceived you. You were tricked. Daddy loves you the most and he would never harm you, understand?”

Ying Bao pouted her little mouth, her little eyes staring warily at Huo Yunshen.

Huo Yunshen sighed inwardly. He knew very well that the intimacy he had painstakingly built with the child was completely ruined because of this incident.

If he wanted to re-establish his image in the little girl’s mind, he might need to work even harder.

“Ying Bao, didn’t Mommy tell you before? Next time, if anyone is looking for you and they say that it was Mommy or Mommy’s friends who had sent them, you cannot believe them and you must not go with them, no matter what. And if they say it was Daddy who had sent them, you must not believe them, understand?”

Xu Xiyan took the opportunity to warn her child again and told her not to trust strangers easily.

This incident shall be a painful lesson to her. She hoped that her daughter would not be fooled again in the future.

“Okay,” Ying Bao puffed out her cheeks and looked down, not looking at Huo Yunshen anymore.

After a while, she said, “Mommy, Baby has a headache.”

Ying Bao felt a headache as well as something pulling tight on her scalp. She reached out to scratch at it subconsciously.

Xu Xiyan held down her hand in time and said, “You are injured. There was a hole in your head. The doctor has stitched it up, applied medicine and bandaged it up for you. You mustn’t scratch it now, otherwise, the wound will be infected.”

Ying Bao understood and nodded, not saying anything anymore. She only blinked her large eyes as she held onto her mother’s hand, not wanting to let her go.

Huo Yunshen felt himself suffocating due to the tension in his chest. He said to Xu Xiyan, “I’m going outside for a while, I’ll be back later.”

He knew that Ying Bao wanted Xu Xiyan to be with her now, so he decided to leave the ward and give both mother and daughter alone time together.

“Okay,” Xu Xiyan nodded.

Huo Yunshen went out of the ward and met Ye Xun outside the door. Ye Xun saw him coming out of the ward and asked, “Is the child awake?”

“Yeah. She is with her mother now.”

Huo Yunshen looked somewhat down. After he finished his words, he headed for the hospitals’ smoking room.

Ye Xun had wanted to enter the ward, but he decided to follow Huo Yunshen silently instead.

In the smoking room, Huo Yunshen’s towering body was facing away from the door. His head was lowered and the

expression on his face was not visible, but a great sadness could be felt emanating from him.

Ye Xun walked into the smoking room. Huo Yunshen lifted his head slightly and saw him handing him a cigarette. He did not refuse him and took the cigarette from his hand.

Ye Xun took out a lighter and lit the cigarette for him. He also lit one for himself and took a puff.

The two men silently smoked for a moment before Huo Yunshen let out a deep sigh.

“Why are you sighing? Isn’t Ying Bao already awake?”

“She is, but she’s very resentful of me now. She’s afraid of me.”

Huo Yunshen pressed a hand to his eyes, a pain in his voice, “I think... I’m not a good father.”

He felt very, very remorseful, and extremely guilty.

He blamed himself for not being able to help when his child needed a blood transfusion.

He felt guilty that he was not being responsible enough for his child and had not protected her well.

Ye Xun gently patted his back and said, “Don’t blame yourself, Ying Bao is still temporarily traumatized. After she recovers, she won’t hate you anymore.”

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Chapter 522 - A Weight Off His Chest

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After listening to Ye Xun's words of comfort, Huo Yunshen felt as if a weight had been lifted off his chest.

Ye Xun was right. He still had the chance to rebuild his relationship with Ying Bao.

No matter how long it would take, he would put in an effort to get along with his child.

He lowered his hand and let out a sigh of relief. He thanked Ye Xun sincerely, "Ye Xun, I'm really grateful to you. Thank you."

Ye Xun puffed his cigarette and exhaled smoke. He shifted his posture and then looked at Huo Yunshen, his head lowered. "Don't say that, Boss. I'm your subordinate and it is my honor and duty to serve you. It is you who saved your daughter. You shouldn't blame yourself."

Being able to serve Zeus, the supreme leader of the JS Group, was the glory of Ye Xun's life.

From a hostile enemy to a subservient subordinate, Ye Xun had been slowly won over by Huo Yunshen's character and charisma. He was willing to become his follower.

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In the ward, Xu Xiyan kept her daughter company, chatting with her.

She told Ying Bao everything about how the bad uncles had deceived her and committed the crime. She turned it into a simple and easy-to-understand story for Ying Bao.

After listening to the story, Ying Bao contemplated for a moment. Then, she asked, “The bad things were done by the bad uncles. So, Daddy didn’t become bad?”

“Of course not. Have you forgotten? Daddy is the best daddy in the world. How could he hurt you? He still loves you very much.”

Xu Xiyan patiently explained over and over again, trying to dispel her daughter’s resentment towards Huo Yunshen.

“...” Ying Bao said nothing. She was probably thinking about her mother’s words in her heart.

“Listen, Ying Bao. Mommy is going to tell you a little secret!”

“What little secret?”

Xu Xiyan held Ying Bao’s little face in her hands and gazed into her big and bright eyes. She said to her earnestly, “Didn’t you used to ask Mommy before who your daddy is and who fathered you? Now Mommy can tell you that you’re not a bastard child. Daddy is your biological father and you’re his biological daughter.”

“...”

This secret was not little at all for Ying Bao. It was a very big secret.

Mommy said that I am the biological daughter of Daddy, is this true?

“Mommy, are you lying to Baby?”

Ying Bao still found it hard to believe. If he was really her father, why hadn’t Mommy told her in the first place?

Back then, when Xu Xiyan had first introduced Huo Yunshen as her daddy, Xu Xiyan did not mention that he was her biological father. Ying Bao had misunderstood and thought that it was Uncle Dimples who had given her a special deal and given himself away for free.

“No. Mommy is not lying. Think about the little dimples on your cheeks. Don’t you think they’re the same as Daddy’s dimples? You’ve inherited them from him. Daddy has passed his loveliest dimples to you. With this little pair of dimples, Daddy can find you quickly and accurately no matter where Ying Bao goes. This is the secret mark shared between you and your daddy, understand?”

Ying Bao lifted a chubby little hand and touched her face. She then thought about the dimples on Daddy’s face, finally believing what her mother had said.

That’s right, she was the biological daughter of Daddy. It’s no mistake!

Ying Bao’s spirits improved and she was beginning to show a little excitement. She asked, “Mommy, where is Daddy now?”

She was already looking forward to seeing her biological daddy.

Due to Xu Xiyan’s patient explanation and persuasion, Ying Bao was gradually forgetting her fear of Huo Yunshen and began to accept him again.

Considering that Ying Bao just got out of critical condition, she needed rest. Xu Xiyan gently coaxed her, “You should lie down and sleep. After you wake up, Daddy will come and see you.”

“Okay.”

Ying Bao closed her eyes, falling asleep almost instantly due to her weakness.

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Chapter 523 - Have To Face It Sooner Or Later

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The child looked better in spirit as she slept. There was even a faint smile on her lips.

Xu Xiyan's heart was filled with tenderness. She looked at her daughter lovingly for a moment before lowering her head to kiss the child gently on the cheek.

The child was sleeping soundly when Xu Xiyan's phone vibrated. She picked up her phone and went outside of the ward to answer the call.

It was Qi Liya. She asked Xu Xiyan why she had left without saying anything that day at lunch with the whole production crew.

"I'm sorry, Miss Qi. Please apologize to Director Huang for me. I had an emergency at home that day, so I had to leave," Xu Xiyan briefly explained.

"It's okay, I'm just asking. I have good news for you. Our new drama 'Red Sleeved Beauty' is officially releasing today."

Qi Liya wanted to share this piece of good news with her. Originally the drama was delayed due to Huang Guoqiang's case, but now it was back on schedule for the pilot episode.

"That's great, everything's back to normal after so many ups and downs."

Xu Xiyan truly felt that it was not easy to shoot a drama successfully.

Just like “Red Sleeved Beauty,” “Root of Evil” had also encountered many special circumstances caused by various reasons during the shooting process.

Now that her very first TV series, “Red Sleeved Beauty,” was officially released, it gave her a sense of achievement.

Speaking of “Root of Evil,” Xu Xiyan had taken leave from the production crew. With her daughter being hospitalized for several days, she’d been focused on taking care of her.

While Ying Bao was still asleep, Huo Yunshen returned to the ward, rejoining both mother and daughter.

“Cherry’s asleep?” Huo Yunshen asked, feeling his heart melting as he looked at his daughter’s tender little face.

“Yeah.”

Xu Xiyan turned around and faced him. She asked with concern, “Are you all right?”

She was a bit worried whether Ying Bao’s fear and resentment towards him had pressured him psychologically.

“I’m fine. I just feel sorry for her. If it wasn’t for me, she wouldn’t... sigh...”

Huo Yunshen’s deep and dark eyes were filled with regret. If he had simply not revealed his child’s identity and had hidden and protected her like Xu Xiyan had been doing, then all of this would not have happened.

Xu Xiyan held his hand, and smiled at him as she comforted him, “I’ve already said this before. I don’t blame you at all, not one bit. We still have to face it sooner or later, and it just happened that this had occurred ahead in time. We’ll just have to protect our child better in the future, isn’t that right? Don’t worry, I’ve told her that you’re her biological father and she is very happy. She will not hate you.”

If she was like a typical woman, she would have definitely quarreled with him over her child’s injury. But she did not do so.

This beautiful and intelligent woman had conquered him with her personality and charm, warming his heart with her

kindness and gentleness.

She brought him too much joy and surprise, warmth and inspiration. His life was enriched because of her. His life was complete because of her.

His spirit and soul had long been completely possessed by her.

Huo Yunshen caressed his daughter's little face and said with great gratitude, "Thank you, Jing Xi. I thought that I would be lonely till the end of my life. But you've given me the best daughter in the world and I really don't know how to repay you."

Xu Xiyan looked into his deep eyes and said half-jokingly, "Well, if you can't repay me, then you should marry me!"

"Sure." A vibrant light glimmered in Huo Yunshen's bright and clear eyes. Then he added, "If you don't mind me."

As long she did not mind him, he was willing to devote his life to her. He was willing to give everything to her.

Chapter 524 - Greatest Fortune

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“Why would I? I’m already very grateful that you don’t mind my poor background.”

Whenever Xu Xiyan was with him, she often felt undeserving of him.

She wanted to be better and stronger so she would become qualified to stand side by side with him.

“No, you’re already perfect enough. In my heart, you’re the kindest and the most beautiful woman in the world. It is my greatest fortune to have met you!”

He lifted a hand and held her face gently, as if he wanted to take a good look at her, engraving that perfect image of her in his mind forever.

“Me too.”

It is also my fortune to have met you.

The two gazed at each other, only having each other in their eyes.

At this moment, the whole ward was filled with love and warmth.

The two conversed with each other softly while watching over their daughter. Time passed little by little until they heard a childish voice, “Mommy... Daddy...”

Both Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen were surprised. They lifted their heads at the same time and saw that the little girl on the hospital bed had already woken up.

After sleeping, the kid now looked more energized and her face was not as pale as before. Her large grapes-like eyes rolled around as they moved back and forth between the faces of the two adults.

How happy she was to be able to see her daddy and mommy by her side after opening her eyes!

Huo Yunshen suddenly heard the child call him “Daddy.” He could not believe the pleasant surprise and asked Xu Xiyan, “Did she just call me Daddy?”

“Yup, she just called you that.”

Xu Xiyan smiled, then leaned over to check the child’s condition. “Baby, are you awake?”

Ying Bao nodded.

Huo Yunshen steered his wheelchair towards her and called her softly, “Cherry.”

Ying Bao blinked her big eyes, then stared at Huo Yunshen for a while before saying, “Daddy...”

She was really calling him Daddy!

He thought that the little girl would continue to resent him and had been searching his mind on how he could restore the image his daughter had known him for. Now, he realized that his daughter was really more sensible than the average child and she was able to understand the hardships of an adult.

“Cherry, Daddy is so happy that he can have such a good and lovely daughter like you. Daddy is really so lucky.”

Huo Yunshen was so moved that tears began to well up in his eyes. He was so happy to be able to hear his child call him Daddy again. He felt like crying.

Ying Bao held out a chubby little hand at him. Huo Yunshen took her little hand in his, both father and daughter clenching each other’s hands tightly.

Ying Bao arched her eyebrows as she smiled. “Daddy, Baby is so lucky too. Baby was dreaming about you.”

“Really? What did you dream?”

“Baby dreamt that Daddy could walk again, and Daddy was flying a kite with Baby.”

The child had even dreamed of flying a kite with him. This showed how much she had longed for a father’s love.

Huo Yunshen blinked his teary eyes as he promised her, “Okay, after Cherry is discharged from the hospital, Daddy will fly a kite with you.”

Ying Bao was very happy to hear that, but when she thought of her father’s wheelchair, she asked again anxiously, “But Daddy can’t run and fly a kite in a wheelchair!”

“Yes, I can. Daddy has already learned how to walk. Daddy will never rely on a wheelchair anymore.”

“That’s great.” Wanting to fly a kite with her father as soon as possible, Ying Bao tugged on her mother’s sleeves with her little hand and pleaded, “Mommy, Baby is already feeling okay. Baby can be discharged from the hospital.”

Xu Xiyan caressed her child’s face and persuaded her, “You can’t for the time being. The wound on your head is still not yet healed and you still have to stay in the hospital for treatment. You can only go home after the doctor says that you can leave the hospital.”

“Oh.”

Ying Bao pouted her little mouth, feeling upset after her mother had burst her bubble. She still had to be hospitalized. How much longer would she need to stay in the hospital? It’s so boring!

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Editor’s Note: Huo Yunshen is said to currently be in a wheelchair, though previous chapters describe him as having completely overcome his disability. It’s possible that he still has a limited need for a wheelchair.

Chapter 525 - His Most Beloved Baby

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“Well if you’re bored, why doesn’t Daddy tell you a story?”

Huo Yunshen had brought a storybook in advance and showed it to the child. Ying Bao’s eyes lit up at the beautiful picture book. She said excitedly, “Okay! Baby wants to listen to Daddy’s story.”

Huo Yunshen proceeded to tell a story to the child as Xu Xiyan quietly sat beside them.

Seeing that both father and daughter were getting along well, Xu Xiyan felt very grateful. She hoped that they could be safe and happy every single day in the future.

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In a dark basement, the wounded kidnapper knelt on the ground, his hands bound.

Ye Xun and Yi Xiao came over with some men, approaching the criminal. Ye Xun raised his pistol, aiming it in between the cold-faced man’s eyebrows.

“Speak! Who do you work for?”

No matter how much he asked, the cold-faced man refused to budge and remained indifferent.

Since he was not speaking up, there was no need for manners. Ye Xun clenched his fist and delivered a hard and ruthless punch to the cold-faced man.

Despite being beaten up, with bruises all over his face and a bloody mouth, the man still refused to talk.

Ye Xun still had other ways to deal with such a stubborn criminal. He went up to him and stepped on the back of the man's leg.

He stepped hard on his leg and pressed the muzzle of the gun against the man's temple. He said through gritted teeth, "If you won't talk, I'll kill you!"

The face of the criminal contorted at the pain. "Don't kill me... Please don't kill me... don't shoot..."

As Ye Xun slightly lifted the muzzle of the gun, the cunning man took the chance to shove Ye Xun away with his shoulder, trying to escape.

How could he escape just like that?

Yi Xiao and the others, who were outside the door, stopped him and kicked him back inside before beating him up madly.

"Don't beat me... Don't beat me... I'll talk..."

The man proceeded to explain his reason for abducting the child, blood spilling from his mouth as he spoke.

Even if he had confessed, it didn't mean that he got to live. What he and his partner had done was really cruel.

Ye Xun lowered the muzzle of the gun back toward him. He fired several shots at the criminal's legs, arms and his heart.

The cold-faced man instantly fell to the ground, blood gushing from his mouth. His body twitched a few times before he died on the spot with his eyes wide open.

Death by gunshot was simply too lenient. Ye Xun resented that he could not slice him into million pieces and obliterate his existence.

Who had told him to harm his most beloved baby?

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On the second day of Ying Bao's hospitalization, Ye Xun came to the ward to visit the little girl.

“Daughter, are you feeling better now?” Ye Xun asked as he stroked the little girl’s head lovingly.

Ying Bao lifted her little face at him and responded obediently, “Baby is already well!”

“That’s great. What a good girl.”

Ye Xun reached out to squeeze the child’s cheek. Ying Bao noticed the gauze bandage around his hand and asked, “Uncle Tree-Leaf, what happened to your hand?”

He had gotten the injury on the back of his hand when he punched the wall two days before. Ye Xun withdrew his hand, smiled and told her, “It’s nothing. It’s just a little injury.”

Ying Bao furrowed her little brow, and said, with frustration in her voice, “How could you get injured, Uncle Tree-Leaf? You’re already a big adult but you’re still worrying. Sigh...”

The child spoke just like an adult. Everyone in the ward was amused by her words and laughed out loud.

Ye Xun held the child’s hand in his, stroking it as he thought gratefully:

Fortunately, Ying Bao was saved. How boring would our lives be without this happy little bean?

Just then, while Ye Xun was keeping Ying Bao company, someone barged into the ward.

Just by listening to the hasty clatter of footsteps, he could already guess who had come.

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Chapter 526 - My Dear Baby

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“Hey-hey-hey...” Huo Sanyan shot herself towards the hospital bed. Her face was full of anxiety. “Have I come too late? I only got word in the morning, so I came over right away. Is my eldest niece already feeling better?”

Ye Xun turned and glared at her. “Hey, be gentle and don’t scare the child.”

“Oh, oh, sorry!” Huo Sanyan clasped her hands together apologetically.

She turned to look at the little girl on the bed. She smiled as she greeted her, “Hi, my dear baby. Do you know who I am?”

“Auntie Three-Eyes,” Ying Bao replied, spritely and surely.

Huo Sanyan put on a very serious expression as she corrected her, “No, no, I’m not just any auntie. I’m your ‘gugu.’ You should call me ‘gugu,’ understand?”

Ying Bao did not understand. She cocked her head and asked, “What’s a ‘gugu?’”

“Erm... it means that your father and I have the same mother, and when your father gave birth to you, you’re my biological niece because of our blood relationship. So you should call me ‘gugu,’ understand?”

Huo Sanyan was having a hard time explaining and the little girl still wore a blank expression on her face. Huo Sanyan was

beginning to become flustered.

Xu Xiyan felt that Huo Sanyan's explanation was too complicated and decided to help. "Baby, do you remember how to sing that nursery rhyme? What do you call Daddy's sisters in Chinese?"

The little girl recalled the nursery rhyme and recited it to herself in her heart before finally getting it. "Baby remembers now! Daddy's sisters are called 'gugu' in Chinese. Auntie Sanyan is Daddy's sister, so she is my 'gugu.'"

The child finally understood and Huo Sanyan was very happy. She caressed the child's little face as she praised, "Oh my, my big niece is so smart and clever. How adorable!"

After coaxing the child, Huo Sanyan turned to look at Xu Xiyan, then at Huo Yunshen. She said in a reprimanding tone, "What should I say about you two? Don't you think the both of you are being overly secretive about the child? I had no idea the child was already this grown up. If it wasn't for this incident, we would never have known that the two of you already have a child. Seriously, my lovely eldest niece suffered so much grievance for nothing because of this."

Before, Huo Sanyan thought that Huo Yunshen was trying to please his parents by taking Ying Bao back to the Huo family house and showing them the child. She thought that it was for their father's sake that her brother had lied to everyone and said that the child was his daughter.

But now, she finally knew the truth, and it was great. She was really happy for her brother.

"Sis, for the time being I hope you will not expose Ying Bao to the public for her safety's sake."

Huo Yunshen had to remind his sister as a precaution. Otherwise, she would definitely tell the good news to the rest of the Huo family with that big mouth of hers.

Huo Sanyan nodded at him fervently. "Yeah, yeah, I know. Don't worry, I didn't tell anyone except for mom."

Huo Yunshen: "..."

He really felt like questioning Huo Three-Mouths: did she really want to ruin her brother's life?

So that busybody had already told their mother about it. How would his mother react if she found out that Ying Bao was Xu Xiyan's and his child?

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Before leaving, Ye Xun told Huo Yunshen and Xu Xiyan everything the criminal had told him during the interrogation.

The two kidnappers who had kidnapped Ying Bao were identified. They were formerly internal employees of Yunhai Entertainment.

A few months ago, they had committed theft of the company's public property, stealing a great amount of it. They had been ruthlessly fired by Huo Yunshen and then turned over to the authorities.

Therefore, the two men held a grudge against Huo Yunshen and kidnapped Ying Bao as their revenge after learning that she was his daughter.

After the truth was clarified to Huo Yunshen, he began to blame himself even more.

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Chapter 527 - Confessed With All His Heart

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It was all his fault. It was all because of his incompetence in handling the situation that his daughter had been abducted.

The truth was, after he had fired the two employees and turned them over to the authorities, he had no idea that Huo Jingtang had bribed them as soon they were released.

Huo Jingtang was looking to take advantage of the two men's vengefulness and had employed them himself.

Even if the truth of the incident was exposed after they'd been used to deal with Huo Yunshen, nobody would suspect that he was behind it.

Huo Yunshen returned to the ward. Ying Bao was asleep. Xu Xiyan noticed that he was looking a bit troubled. She asked, "Uncle, are you all right?"

"I'm all right." Huo Yunshen shook his head, then curved his lips lightly into a faint smile. He didn't want to affect Xu Xiyan with his negative emotions.

"What did Second Senior say?"

Just now, Xu Xiyan had seen Yi Xiao come to see Huo Yunshen. The two men had stepped outside to talk, as if they were deliberately hiding something from her. She wondered whether the topic of their conversation had anything to do with Ying Bao's kidnapping.

Huo Yunshen knew that the more he tried to hide the matter, the more curious she would become. He decided that he might as well tell her the truth, “Jing Xi, what if I told you that I had indirectly caused the child’s abduction? Would you blame me?”

He then proceeded to tell Xu Xiyan all possible causes of the incident. After listening, Xu Xiyan smiled and said, “How could I blame you? You were only being a responsible leader of your company and you’re right for punishing them. It was obvious that the two men were holding a grudge against you and that’s why they harmed Ying Bao.”

“Thank you for understanding.”

Huo Yunshen looked down, away from her, thinking for a moment. Then he lifted his head and said, “Jing Xi, if... if you and the child will be in constant risk of danger because of me, are you still willing to be with me?”

Huo Yunshen was thinking about his plans in the long run.

If his identity as the supreme leader of the JS group was exposed one day, he was afraid that the dangers he would face would be unthinkable.

Those from the Dark Zone, the survivors of exterminated terrorist groups, and the relatives of those who were killed as mission targets...

Danger may come from everywhere.

When that time came, how was he going to protect his most beloved family?

“You’re so stupid!” Xu Xiyan held his hand and looked into his eyes. She said to him very seriously, “I will follow you no matter where you go. I don’t care what kind of dangers are there. I’m not afraid.”

She pressed her hand to his chest, over his heart, as if she was swearing an oath to the gods. “Even if it was a place full of peril, or even in death or hell, as long as you’re there, I’ll be there too. Huo Yunshen, in this lifetime, I will be with you no matter what.”

In front of Huo Yunshen, Xu Xiyan cast all her reservations and pride aside and solemnly confessed to him once again. She just wanted to let her prince charming know what was in her heart.

As long she could be with him, why fear the storm?

“...”

Tears began to well up in Huo Yunshen’s eyes. He was so moved that he was lost for words.

Xu Xiyan was very faithful to him. He could never repay her kindness in this lifetime no matter what he did.

If he didn’t know how to cherish such a loving and faithful woman like her, he deserved to go to hell.

“Jing Xi, I don’t know what to say. I just want you to know that—my life is yours.”

He lifted her hand to his lips and gently kissed it.

The atmosphere was just right. Flames of passion danced in Huo Yunshen’s charming eyes as he lifted them to gaze at her affectionately. His hand gently held her face as he said to her with deep affection, “Jing Xi, I love you.”

He confessed with all his heart.

“You said that you love me? I don’t believe it. How much do you actually love me? How deep is your love?”

Huo Yunshen couldn’t help but arch his charming eyes and smile as he listened to Xu Xiyan’s question.

Indeed, girls who fall in love are so cute and silly.

He clearly loved her very much and his heart belonged to her. But despite being around him for so long, she could not feel it and still wanted him to say it to her.

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Chapter 528 - Driven By Passion

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“Perhaps my love for you is so vast that I couldn’t even figure out how much.”

Their hearts stirred as they gazed into each other’s eyes, beating faster and faster.

She wanted to know how deep his love was. Finally, Huo Yunshen slid his hand to the back of her head, pulled her close and planted a long and passionate kiss on her lips.

He was a practical man who always preferred to express his heart through action.

Driven by passion, Huo Yunshen pulled her little face close and planted a kiss on her thick and succulent lips.

He had only wanted to kiss her lightly, but after pressing his thin lips onto hers, Huo Yunshen found that he could not control himself.

Perhaps he had restrained and accumulated too much love in his heart, and now he felt like desiring more.

Xu Xiyan widened her eyes, staring at his up close as their lips were locked together. She felt both shock and joy at the same time.

When she was overwhelmed by his fierce but tender kisses, she slowly closed her eyes and enjoyed his love with her heart.

His kisses were getting stronger and stronger and she felt like she was being completely enveloped by him. His kisses were so strong that he could have swallowed her.

When both of them were kissing affectionately, someone knocked on the door. Their moment of passion in the ward was interrupted.

Flustered, they quickly separated from each other and turned their heads toward the door at the same time. They saw Chen Yunlu standing at the door.

Huo Yunshen steeled himself and said, “Mom, why are you here?”

Chen Yunlu crossed her arms, tilting her chin up slightly. Her discriminating eyes looked Xu Xiyan up and down.

She didn’t have to search her brain to figure out that the mother of her beloved granddaughter was Jing Xi.

The daughter of Jing Ruyue had given birth to a child with her son. This was not a slap to her face; it was more like her face was being ruthlessly stomped on the ground.

“I’m here to see my eldest granddaughter of course!”

Chen Yunlu walked straight in, automatically ignoring Xu Xiyan’s existence. She stood next to Huo Yunshen and looked at the child on the hospital bed.

“How is my granddaughter?”

No matter how bad Chen Yunlu’s opinion of Xu Xiyan was, the child was still her biological granddaughter and she adored her very much. When she had learned that the child was injured, she became very distressed.

“She’s much better. She looks more spirited today than yesterday,” Huo Yunshen replied.

“That’s good, I’m glad to hear that.”

Chen Yunlu let out a sigh as she sat down on the bed. “What’s going on lately? First, your father, then your grandfather, and now, it’s Cherry’s turn to be hospitalized. Why is there so much misfortune in the Huo family?”

“Mom, don’t be so pessimistic. Just look at Dad, he just miraculously woke up from a coma, and nothing serious will happen to Grandpa for the moment. Cherry will be fine too. They will all be fine, don’t worry.”

As Huo Yunshen comforted his mother, Xu Xiyan could only listen to them quietly in the room. It was so awkward being treated like air.

She made a hand gesture to Huo Yunshen that she wanted to go out for a breather and she would be right back. Huo Yunshen nodded at her.

After Xu Xiyan left the ward, Chen Yunlu no longer glanced at her from the corner of her eyes. There was disappointment in her voice. “Yunshen, tell me honestly. What’s going on with the two of you?”

At first, Chen Yunlu thought the both of them had just known each other. She thought that Jing Xi was intending to exploit Huo Yunshen’s status.

She really didn’t expect that the woman had given birth to his child in secret. How sly.

But there was something that she could not figure out. Ying Bao was already four years old. When had that woman hooked up with her son?

“Mom, I’ve told you about us. I will marry her no matter what. We’re both already together, so don’t mind us anymore.”

Huo Yunshen didn’t want his mother to interfere and ruin his relationship with Xu Xiyan.

“Don’t mind you? I’m your mother. Who is going to mind you if not me? I don’t object to whoever you’re going to marry, but why do you have to choose her?”

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Chapter 529 - Not On Good Terms In The First Place

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Chen Yunlu was angry. She would feel really unhappy inside if the daughter of Jing Ruyue were to become her daughter-in-law.

“What’s wrong with her? She doesn’t mind your son being a cripple and she doesn’t covet your son’s status. She painstakingly gave birth to a child alone so your son would still have a legacy. Mom, just put yourself in my shoes and think—don’t you think a good girl like her is hard to find in this world?”

Huo Yunshen had already set his mind on Xu Xiyan anyway. He would marry no other than her in his lifetime.

“I know, but I’m just feeling displeased. Whenever I think of her mother, I will...”

Chen Yunlu couldn’t describe how displeased she was.

“Mom, you should respect the dead. Auntie Jing has already been gone for more than ten years. You should let go of your grudges against her. Besides, why should the younger generation bear the grudges of the older generation? Don’t you wish to see your next generation living a happy life?”

“...”

Chen Yunlu was speechless.

It wasn’t that she couldn’t understand those reasonings. It was just that she couldn’t let go of her grudges.

It was just like a thorn in her heart. It hurt whenever it was tampered with and it was difficult to root it out.

In the end, Chen Yunlu was still stubborn. “In any case, I will only recognize my own granddaughter. I’m taking her back to the Huo family house after she is discharged from the hospital. I don’t want the blood of our Huo family to stray outside.”

“I know, Mom. You should go home now!”

Huo Yunshen would bring the child back to the Huo family. He would finalize his marriage plans with Xu Xiyan after settling recent affairs, and bring both mother and daughter home as legitimate wife and daughter.

Huo Yunshen herded his mother out of the ward. When Chen Yunlu came to the door, she realized something was amiss. “Yunshen, where’s your wheelchair? You can walk again?”

“Yeah.”

“That’s great!”

Chen Yunlu felt this was great news. Her son who had been disabled for five years actually stood up again.

Chen Yunlu left the ward in a pleasant mood. But when she got out to the corridor, she met Xu Xiyan who was waiting outside the ward.

Their eyes met. They glared at each other as if they were born enemies.

Chen Yunlu gave a scornful look and Xu Xiyan behaved like a stranger in front of her. Neither of them greeted the other.

They were not on good terms in the first place anyway. There was no way Xu Xiyan was going to act humble in front of Chen Yunlu.

Even if she had backed down 10,000 steps, she would not accommodate her just because she was Huo Yunshen’s mother and would not even act against her will just to please her if she were to be with Huo Yunshen in the future.

She believed that a harmonious relationship between mother and daughter-in-law could not be forced.

Chen Yunlu let out a long sigh, feeling contempt for Jing Xi inside. She looked up and down at Jing Xi. There was nothing impressive about her. She looked like a floozy—just like her mother.

Especially that attitude of hers; her lack of morals was nothing new.

But if she thought about it, Jing Ruyue had passed away when Jing Xi was still young. It was no wonder that Jing Xi was so rude now because Jing Ruyue had not been around to discipline her daughter.

At this time, Chen Yunlu put on an air of an elder and spoke, sounding displeased. “Jing Xi, come with me. I have something to say to you.”

Xu Xiyan narrowed her eyes and said coldly, “What is it that you can’t tell me here?”

Jing Xi broke yet another virtue. One more point off for disrespecting elders, Chen Yunlu thought.

Chen Yunlu sneered at her disdainfully, “If you don’t mind someone else eavesdropping on your mother’s past, I don’t mind telling you here at this very spot.”

Her mother was suddenly mentioned. Xu Xiyan scrunched up her delicate eyebrows and asked, “What do you want to say?”

“Hmph,” Chen Yunlu snorted. She crossed her arms and began to walk out of the hospital.

Xu Xiyan didn’t know what Chen Yunlu had up her sleeve, but curiosity urged her to catch up with her.

They came out to a relatively secluded place in the hospital garden.

Chen Yunlu stopped in her tracks, and stood firmly for a while before turning around on her heels to face Jing Xi. She raised her chin at her slightly, showing off her air and superiority of a lady of a wealthy family.

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Chapter 530 - Half-Siblings?

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Xu Xiyang stopped a few feet in front of Chen Yunlu as she caught up with her. She asked, “All right, what do you want to say? Why did you suddenly mention my mother?”

Chen Yunlu took a quick glance around. When she saw no one was around, she said, “Jing Xi, do you know why Yunshen’s father suddenly had a stroke this time?”

Xu Xiyang stared suspiciously at her. She threw the question back to her, “How would I know?”

Chen Yunlu fixed her dark eyes at her and said, word by word, “It’s because of your mother.”

It was because of her mother?

How could that be?

Xu Xiyang seemed to have heard a joke. She said noncommittally, “My mother has been dead for many years. Don’t tell me Mr. Huo Zhen’s stroke was caused by my mother’s ghost?”

“I know you will not believe it, but that’s the truth. If it weren’t for this case, I wouldn’t be telling you about our family’s scandal.”

After Xu Xiyang listened to Chen Yunlu’s explanation about the past, she became confused for a moment.

Wait, let me get this straight...

Chen Yunlu said that her mother, Jing Ruyue, had had a relationship with Huo Zhen, and the two had an unforgettable

first-love relationship.

One of the entries in the diary Jing Ruyue left behind was about breaking up with her first love “H” due to a misunderstanding. If what Chen Yunlu said was true, was “H” referring to Huo Zhen?

After learning about their relationship, Xu Xiyan finally understood. It easily explained why Chen Yunlu had always had disdain for her.

But she never guessed that her mother would turn out to be Huo Zhen’s first love.

Back to the topic about the cause of Huo Zhen’s sudden stroke, Chen Yunlu had found a photo on the ground in Huo Zhen’s office.

“This is the photo I found that time.”

Chen Yunlu had brought the photo with her. She took it out and handed it to Xu Xiyan.

Xu Xiyan took the photo from her. The photo was old and yellowed. It had been taken many years ago, but the image was still very clear.

The man and woman in disheveled clothes in the photo were indeed Huo Zhen and Jing Ruyue.

Upon suddenly seeing a disgraceful photo of her mother from the past, Xu Xiyan’s mind was completely filled with befuddlement. She felt like she had received a heavy punch to her head.

After a long while, she returned to her senses and asked, “Who gave this photo to him?”

“How should I know?”

Chen Yunlu did not know who had given the photo to Huo Zhen, but she was certain that Huo Zhen had had a stroke after seeing the photo.

Xu Xiyan was silent for a while before speaking again. “All of this is in the past. What are you trying to gain by telling all of this to me now?”

Xu Xiyan believed that Chen Yunlu would not show her the photo for no reason. She must have her purpose.

“Yes, I know it was the past. The reason why I brought the photo to you is that I want you to understand what kind of relationship your mother and Yunshen’s father shared in the past. Your mother was involved with Yunshen’s father. Do you think it is appropriate that you continue to get entangled with Yunshen?”

Chen Yunlu was impassive as she questioned Xu Xiyan.

“ ... ”

Xu Xiyan was beginning to feel confused. She had always been clear-minded but her mind was so foggy now. She didn’t know what to say.

She had already figured out Chen Yunlu’s intentions. It was clear that she was trying to indirectly persuade her to leave Huo Yunshen.

Seeing that Xu Xiyan was no longer talking, Chen Yunlu assumed her words had taken effect. She continued to strike while the iron was hot. “Have you ever thought that if they were really together that time, you and Yunshen might be half-siblings? Do you really want a disgusting relationship with him?”

Half-siblings?

Her words came like thunder. Xu Xiyan’s heart felt as if it had been struck by lightning.

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Chapter 531 - Don't Think Of Taking My Child Away

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Back then, she had accidentally found out the truth of her birth, that she was not the biological daughter of Xu Jingshan. She had always wanted to know who her biological father was.

However, at this moment, when Chen Yunlu told her what had happened in the past, her relationship with Huo Yunshen became another possibility.

It was something she had never thought about.

Suddenly, Xu Xiyan felt her nose beginning to run and there was a great lump in her throat. Her heart was shivering as if it was cold and freezing all over.

Could Huo Zhen be her biological father?

If this was the case, had she and Huo Yunshen committed... incest?

Not only would they have committed incest, but they had also given birth to their daughter, Ying Bao. What was going to happen to their child in the future?

Chen Yunlu said while observing her expression, "Do you understand now? Because of the scandal between your mother and Yunshen's father, do you think I will accept you as the Huo family daughter-in-law? And, don't think that you can take advantage of your child's heritage and be married to the Huo family just because you've given birth to his child. You can forget about it. As long as I live, I'll never allow you to

step through the doors of the Huo family house. After Cherry is discharged, I'll take her back to the Huo family. She shall return to her roots and will be surnamed Huo. As for you, I hope that you can make a clean break from my son as soon as possible. Don't entangle yourself with him anymore. The two of you are not suitable for each other."

When Chen Yunlu said that she was going to take the child away, Xu Xiyan broke out from her bewilderment and said angrily, "No! Nobody can separate me from my daughter. Cherry is my daughter, nobody can take her away."

She had always been worried that this day would come, but she had not expected that it had been manifesting anyway.

She didn't want to be separated from her daughter. Nobody could snatch Ying Bao away.

Ying Bao was her life. Whoever dared to take her away, she would fight him or her with her life.

"You have no say in this. Yunshen is the child's biological father and he has custody of the child. If you do not agree, we can bring this to court when the time comes."

After Chen Yunlu left such ruthless words to Xu Xiyan, she left the hospital feeling very pleased with herself.

The reason why she had dared to say that was because she knew very well that there was nothing that the Huo family couldn't do.

It would be a piece of cake if they wanted to claim full custody of the child.

Behind her, Xu Xiyan froze where she stood. She was clearly basking under the summer sun, but she felt like she was standing in the snowfields of the Arctic glaciers.

It felt so cold that she shivered. Her heart was bleeding inside.

The tears she had fought hard to restrain finally fell.

It was so painful. She didn't want to cry, but she could not help it.

Ying Bao, you're Mommy's life. If Mommy were to lose you, how could she live on?

Huo Yunshen, what are we going to do now?

Is it really inevitable that we bring this matter to court?

Xu Xiyan returned to the ward, feeling quite dispirited.

She did not push the door and enter immediately. She stood outside, looking at the man inside quietly through the glass window on the door.

She saw the wide back of the man as he carefully groomed the child's hair with his fingers. His movements were so gentle, like water.

She was really willing to love such a gentle man with her life. She would care and protect him and shower him with love.

If worse came to worst, even... even if they were half-siblings, so what?

Could she stop following her own heart and not love him?

No.

As for whether they shared a brother-sister relationship, Xu Xiyan would not listen to Chen Yunlu's words and act on hearsay. She only needed to take Huo Yunshen's hair and her own to do a DNA test and the truth would come to light.

But now, all she could feel was chaos in her heart. She was really confused.

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Chapter 532 - Completely Flustered

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Xu Xiyan returned to the ward once again. This time, she had already sorted herself out and touched up her makeup so she would not look like she had cried before.

When Huo Yunshen saw her return, he promptly apologized. "I'm sorry, Jing Xi. I've given you trouble."

Just now when his mother had come, Xu Xiyan could only go outside to avoid her. In any case, Huo Yunshen felt that he had let her feel wronged.

"No, not at all." Xu Xiyan shook her head and forced a bitter smile, but she didn't realize how reluctant and unpleasant her smile was.

Even her eyes were deliberately avoiding his gaze. She did not dare to look him in the eye.

If two people love each other deeply, they would easily catch any subtle changes in their partner in their eyes and movements.

What's more, he had always been a sensitive and delicate man. He could already feel that she was deliberately avoiding him.

Was it because of his mother?

Did her mother say something unpleasant to her before she left?

"Jing Xi, are you okay?"

He reached out to hold her delicate hand and found that her hand was cold, bereft of warmth. “Why is your hand so cold?”

“I’m really fine, Uncle.”

Xu Xiyan retracted her hand absently and replied as if nothing had happened, “My hand is cold because I’ve suddenly received an audition notice from ROSUE. I was so nervous that my hand grew cold.”

Huo Yunshen’s first reaction to her response was that she was lying.

As the behind-the-scenes boss of Jingyue Entertainment, Huo Yunshen knew Xu Xiyan’s advertising contract and arrangements like the back of his hand. He knew that ROSUE’s audition had already been confirmed long ago and she only needed to participate in the audition on time tomorrow.

So when he heard her say that she had suddenly received an audition notice and became nervous because of it, he knew that she was purely lying.

Was she lying to hide something?

Instead of exposing her lies, Huo Yunshen took her little hand again and held it tightly in his. He said to her sincerely, “Jing Xi, tell me the truth. Is something bothering you? Don’t hide it from me. If there are any problems, we should solve them together.”

What Huo Yunshen didn’t want the most was a wall between them.

He hoped that they could trust each other and face all difficulties together.

His dry and warm hand wrapped around her cold hand. His warmth was quickly passed to her, melting even the ice in her heart.

Even though he was not good at expressing himself, even though he was shy and reserved, he still loved her as much as she loved him.

Xu Xiyan persuaded herself in her heart for a moment before finally having the courage to look him in the eye.

As she looked into his deep and clear eyes, Xu Xiyan knew that he had extraordinary insight. Even though she had deliberately hidden her troubles from him, he had still managed to notice it.

Instead of making him restless from guessing about her troubles, why not just reveal the problem and tell him the truth?

“Huo Yunshen, I have no other ideas, but I only have one request. Please don’t separate me from my daughter. You should know what Ying Bao means to me. I can’t live without my daughter. Without her, I might not be able to live on.”

Xu Xiyan felt her heart aching as she turned to look at her daughter’s little sleeping face.

Despite having composed herself just now, she was once again being overwhelmed by her sorrow.

Tears swirled in her eyes. She lifted an arm and wiped her tears with her sleeve.

Originally, Xu Xiyan was fine. Why did she suddenly say such a thing?

Moreover, she had cried.

In his mind, Xu Xiyan had always been a strong woman and she rarely shed tears. But now, she was crying.

Upon seeing her tears, he was completely flustered, feeling very distressed in his heart.

Until this moment, Huo Yunshen hadn’t realized the seriousness of the problem, and could only vaguely guess what had happened.

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Chapter 533 - His Promise

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If he had guessed it right, Xu Xiyan's sorrow had definitely been caused by his unreasonable mother.

Needless to say, his mother had probably told Xu Xiyan that she wanted the child returned to the Huo family.

How could his mother say that?

Even though Ying Bao had the blood of the Huo family, the Huo family still had no right to force mother and child to separate from each other.

“Jing Xi, did my mother come to you and tell you something?”

Xu Xiyan didn't speak. She only nodded, shedding her tears quietly.

Huo Yunshen didn't want his mother to affect his relationship with Xu Xiyan. He continued, “Jing Xi, no matter what my mother has said, you should not take it to heart. If she said things like wanting custody of the child, you don't have to be afraid. I won't let anyone break you off from Cherry.”

“Are you serious? What if your mother went to court for the child's custody? What should we do?”

“Don't worry, I won't let it happen.”

Huo Yunshen took out a handkerchief and wiped the tears away from her face. He comforted her, “No matter who tries to take the child away, they'll have to step over my dead body first.”

With his assurance, Xu Xiyan felt a little comforted and her heart was calming down.

But there was still something that she wanted to find out indirectly: she wanted to know how important she was in Huo Yunshen's heart?

"I know you won't separate me and Cherry, but after all, Cherry has the blood of the Huo family and she still will have to return to the Huo family sooner or later. If there's such a day, what can I do to stop it? What's more, your mother said that we may be half-siblings. I..."

"What? Half-siblings?"

Huo Yunshen was astonished by his mother. In order to separate him and Xu Xiyan, she had actually made up such a ridiculous story. She was simply infuriating. "Don't listen to her blathering, it's all nonsense."

"She showed me past photos of your dad and my mother."

Xu Xiyan told him about the relationship between her mother and his father. Huo Yunshen finally knew that the first love that lived in his father's heart was Xu Xiyan's mother.

"Impossible. We do not share any blood relationship. Back then, a scandal about my father had broken out but it got under control. Still, my mother took me away from home because of the scandal. Later, when I asked my father myself, he said that he had been framed. He did not have an affair with anyone. Therefore, there was no such thing as him having illegitimate children."

So that's the truth!

After listening to his explanation, Xu Xiyan finally understood. Her mother's scandals in the past must have been caused by Xu Jinshan's maliciousness.

"This is all because of Xu Jinshan. If it wasn't for him, my mother wouldn't have died that year," Xu Xiyan said resentfully.

"Don't worry. I won't let Xu Jinshan get away with it. I will help avenge you!" Huo Yunshen said with a steadfast look in

his eyes. Back in those years, he had misjudged him and his family and had unknowingly contributed to his wicked deeds.

Now that he had clearly seen their true colors, he would not continue to let them go unpunished.

If he could push them up to the top, he could also push them down to hell.

After settling his child and lover, Huo Yunshen's next goal was to help Xu Xiyan have her revenge and fulfill her wish.

“All right, I shall look forward to seeing what will become of them.”

With Huo Yunshen's support, Xu Xiyan felt her confidence returning in full force.

She had thought that the day she would bring down Xu Jinshan, Chu Yuhe and the others was still far off. Now, with Huo Yunshen's help, she estimated the day she would have her revenge was not far away.

“All right, don't think about unhappy things anymore. Just remember that you're the child's mother. Even if your child returns to the Huo family, you will go back with her.”

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Chapter 534 - Prepare For It Carefully

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Huo Yunshen believed that her fears were superfluous but he did not blame her. If someone were to be blamed, it should be his mother who had always over-complicated things.

When he told Xu Xiyao that she would return to the Huo family with her daughter, Xu Xiyao's heart brimmed with joy. She continued, testing him. "Well, you're right, but I... but I'm just your life assistant... If I were to return to the Huo family with you, they would definitely gossip about me. I don't want anyone to talk nonsense about me..."

It was true that the two of them had already confessed and made their feelings for each other clear, but it was still just that particular detail that didn't make it all feel quite right.

Huo Yunshen understood her worries. He comforted her, "No, that won't happen. I'm taking my wife and child home. Who would dare to say anything about that?"

What did he say?

Wife?

It seemed that this was the first time she heard him say the word.

Xu Xiyao felt a bit excited and yet confused at the same time by what he said. It was just that she wasn't sure when she could be officially called a "wife."

He hadn't even proposed to her yet!

In fact, Huo Yunshen had already considered Xu Xiyan's worries.

He had said since long ago that, as long as his health was restored and he was able to stand up again, he would propose to her.

But a marriage proposal would not be as simple as confessing his feelings. He had to spend more time to prepare for it carefully.

At least, he had to wait for his daughter to recover and be discharged from the hospital first.

In the ward, Huo Yunshen held both of her hands, gazing unblinkingly into her eyes. Her eyelashes were wet and her eyes were still red. After crying, she looked like a peach after the rain. She looked especially attractive.

He felt himself being pulled towards her. He couldn't help but feel like kissing her again.

His thin lips closed in on her. Their breaths overlapped. He was about to kiss her.

Suddenly...

The little girl on the hospital bed woke up and saw her parents were about to kiss. She cried out, "Daddy! Mommy!"

"..."

Their daughter was awake!

The two jerked away from each other as if they'd been electrocuted. Their hearts thumped like thunder in their chests as they quickly straightened their clothes and hair.

How embarrassing it was to be seen kissing each other passionately by their daughter. They had to be careful next time and not engage in such intimate acts in front of the child.

After Xu Xiyan smoothed out her hair and calmed her trembling heartbeats, she turned around and asked the child, "Baby, you're awake?"

"Yup." Ying Bao nodded, then pouted her little mouth. She was beginning to look a bit unhappy. "Daddy, Mommy, why

were you two playing a kissing game without me? Baby wants a kiss too.”

Xu Xiyan’s face was as red as an overripe tomato. After her daughter said that, it became even redder.

“You were asleep just now. Now you can play with us. This is Mommy’s.”

She planted a big kiss that made a loud popping noise on her daughter’s left cheek. Huo Yunshen kissed her on her right cheek. “And this is Daddy’s.”

“Mmm.”

Ying Bao smiled happily after getting her sweet kisses.

“Now tell Mommy, are you feeling hungry? Do you want to eat something?” Xu Xiyan asked.

“Baby is hungry. Baby wanna eat Mommy’s homemade roasted chicken drumstick.”

“Err...” Xu Xiyan was at a loss as to whether to cry or laugh.

“You can’t eat chicken drumsticks now. Uncle Doctor said that you can only eat something light. Mommy will go back and make you some porridge, okay? After you’re discharged from the hospital, Mommy will roast chicken drumsticks for you, all right?”

“Okay.”

Since the little girl was not allowed to eat chicken drumsticks, she could only eat porridge now.

Xu Xiyan turned to Huo Yunshen and said to him, “I’ll go back now and make some porridge for her. Can you stay here and look after her?”

“No problem, I’ll take care of her.”

Taking care of his daughter was his unshirkable responsibility.

After Xu Xiyan left, only Huo Yunshen and the little girl were left in the ward.

“Wait here, Cherry. Daddy is going to get some warm water to wash your face, okay?”

“Okie,” Ying Bao promised him obediently.

Huo Yunshen went to the bathroom in the ward to get warm water. When he came back, he saw that Ying Bao had climbed up from the bed, and was standing and bouncing happily on it.

Chapter 535 - A Big And Soft Meat Cushion

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The child was already restless after getting better. But what she didn't realize at all was the consequences of jumping on a small and narrow hospital bed.

Not only was it bad for her head injury, but it was easy to slip and fall from the bed.

Seeing that Ying Bao was jumping near the edge of the bed and in danger of falling off anytime, Huo Yunshen dropped the water basin from his hands. His heart almost leaped out to his throat. "Cherry, watch out!"

Ying Bao kept on bouncing until she suddenly lost her footing. Her little body instantly fell towards the ground.

"Aaah!"

Seeing that his daughter was in imminent danger and was about to fall to the ground, Huo Yunshen rushed forward and dove toward the ground, sliding his body under her in time. He finally succeeded in catching her daughter.

Ying Bao did not fall to the ground but instead fell onto a big and soft meat cushion. Her little hands clenched tight onto her father's clothes as she lay on top of his chest.

Huo Yunshen looked up and asked his daughter anxiously, "Cherry, are you okay? Are you hurt?"

"Baby is okay! Daddy caught Baby! Daddy is so awesome!"

Ying Bao got up and sat on Huo Yunshen's stomach, clapping her hands happily.

Just now she had seen that her daddy was as fast as lightning. Oh yes, her daddy was really awesome!

“All right, go back to your bed, Ying Bao.”

Huo Yunshen breathed a sigh of relief, glad that his daughter was fine. What was he going to do if she cracked her head again?

Ying Bao shook her little head. She pointed at her own cheek and said, “Baby doesn’t want to. Daddy hasn’t kissed Baby yet.”

So, there was more to it. It turned out that she wanted a kiss.

Huo Yunshen sat up, pulled his daughter close and planted two big kisses on her cheeks. “Is this enough?”

“Mmm hmm!” Ying Bao was really happy. After her wish was fulfilled, she stood up from his stomach and began to climb back onto the hospital bed.

Huo Yunshen helped lift the child up to her bed by supporting her at her feet, then picked himself up from the ground and tucked the child into bed.

After that, he turned around to pick up the water basin from the ground, and went back to the bed to wash the child’s face.

“Daddy, Baby’s head no longer hurts. Can Baby leave the hospital and go home?” Ying Bao said happily.

“Yeah, you’ll be able to soon enough.”

“Great! Baby wants to get discharged from the hospital and go home and hang out with Daddy and Mommy every day.”

“I’m sure you will.”

Huo Yunshen felt that, since his daughter was getting better now, he should step up on his plans for a marriage proposal.

Giving his child a complete family was what he needed to do next.

In order to give Xu Xiyan a surprise, he said to Ying Bao, “Baby, Daddy is planning to give Mommy a big surprise. Can you help Daddy temporarily keep it a secret?”

“Okay, sure! Baby won’t tell Mommy.” Ying Bao nodded like a little chick feeding on grains on the ground, then she blinked her big eyes and said, “Daddy, what kind of big surprise are you giving to Mommy?”

“This is our secret.”

Huo Yunshen temporarily kept it a secret and only whispered it into the little girl’s ear. After listening to his secret, a happy smile appeared on Ying Bao’s face.

Great! Daddy is going to propose to Mommy. This is really wonderful!

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After the porridge was done, Xu Xiyan brought it to the hospital.

Her daughter had already woken up. She was listening to Huo Yunshen’s story.

The little girl was listening to him very intently, her large obsidian eyes fixed onto Huo Yunshen unblinkingly. She was rubbing her chin too as she relished his story.

Xu Xiyan quietly walked in and placed the thermos jar on the bedside table.

Huo Yunshen noticed that she had come and paused his story. “Cherry, Xi Baby has brought you some delicious food. Daddy will continue the story after you’ve eaten, okay?”

“Okay,” Ying Bao agreed cheerfully. She turned to look at Xu Xiyan and smiled at her like a flower.

Xu Xiyan scooped some porridge into a bowl. She saw her daughter grinning at her stupidly. “What’s up Ying Bao? Why are you smiling so happily?”

Chapter 536 - Look How Pleased You Are

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“Can’t tell you. It’s a secret between me and Daddy.”

Ying Bao covered her little mouth, her eyes arching into little crescent moons as she smiled.

“Okay then, you should protect your secret well and make sure nobody knows about it. Come, Mommy will feed you now.”

Huo Yunshen helped by adjusting the bed higher and putting the bed table up. Xu Xiyan placed the bowl of porridge on top of it and began to feed Ying Bao porridge with a spoon.

While they were feeding Ying Bao, Fang Xiaocheng came to visit and brought some fruit for them.

She had always treated and loved Ying Bao like her own daughter. When she saw the little girl, she questioned her non-stop out of concern. “Oh my little Cherry, are you feeling better? Do you know that while you were staying in the hospital these past few days, Orange Mommy did not sleep well? I was so worried about you every day.”

“Orange Mommy, Baby is feeling much better! You don’t have to worry about Baby anymore. Baby only needs Daddy to worry about me.”

Ying Bao was bubbling with pride as she talked about her daddy. It was as if she was showing off that she also has a daddy.

Fang Xiaocheng gently squeezed her cheeks and said with a smile, “Hahaha, yeah I know that you already have a daddy.

Just look how pleased you are!”

Xu Xiyan noticed that Fang Xiaocheng had come alone today. She asked, “Where’s Dazhi? Is he not with you?”

In Xu Xiyan’s impression, Fang Xiaocheng and Wang Dazhi were inseparable as though they were Siamese twins. They were always together wherever they went. It was rare to see them go about their business separately.

“He has something up at his company and he was busy, so I came alone. Anyway, I have a favor to ask you.”

“What’s up?”

“Leave Ying Bao in Mr. Huo’s care later and accompany me for a trip to town. I want to shop for a ring.”

When Fang Xiaocheng said this, two faint blushes appeared on her face. She looked like a shy girl who is in love.

After hearing that she wanted to go shopping for a ring, Xu Xiyan understood. The young couple must have been planning to get married and their joyous day was not far off.

“Sure! I’ll go with you,” Xu Xiyan readily agreed. Fang Xiaocheng was the most important BFF in her life and naturally she was obliged to fully support her for her big day.

After Ying Bao finished her porridge, she hurriedly urged her mother, “Xi Baby, don’t worry about Baby. You should quickly go shopping with Orange Mommy for her ring!”

Xu Xiyan wiped the child’s mouth and said, “Okay, then you have to listen to your daddy!”

“Mmm hmm.” Ying Bao nodded.

“Don’t worry, just leave Cherry to me.”

Not only did Huo Yunshen take over the responsibility of taking care of his daughter, but he also took out a card for them. “Miss Fang, if you want to buy a ring, I have a limited-edition VIP discount card for The Blue Gemstone. You can enjoy a discount of 99% off using this card.”

A limited-edition VIP discount card for The Blue Gemstone?

Enjoy a 99% off discount?

What kind of business concept was this?

If ordinary members were to buy jewelry from the shop, they could only enjoy a maximum discount of 5% off.

Now they had a 99% off discount. Wasn't this a steal?

Xu Xiyan was surprised, but quickly remembered that The Blue Gemstone was a very famous luxury brand in the jewelry industry. It was a jewelry brand founded by Huo Yunshen's second sister, Huo Erqi.

Therefore, it wasn't surprising that Huo Yunshen had a limited-edition VIP discount card.

“Ooh, thank you so much, Mr. Huo. This card will help me and Dazhi save a lot of money.”

Fang Xiaocheng took the card from him gratefully. She was really happy.

She and Dazhi had already discussed beforehand. Dazhi had told her to go to the jewelry store first and select a suitable size for the ring that she liked, then he would pick up the bill later.

Generally, a good diamond ring cost over ten thousand Yuan, and it was no small expense. But with a 99% off discount card, one could pick a very nice ring for just a few thousand Yuan. How could Fang Xiaocheng not be happy?

Chapter 537 - Locked Onto Their Target

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After Fang Xiaocheng dragged Xu Xiyan away, the two remaining occupants of the hospital room happily high-fived each other.

“Yay! Xi baby won’t be able to guess the surprise Daddy prepared for her.”

“Yup. It’s not a surprise if she can guess what it is!”

This was all part of Huo Yunshen’s plan. He had arranged everything—including Fang Xiaocheng’s “sudden urge” to get Xu Xiyan to help her choose a ring.

Under normal circumstances, Fang Xiaocheng would never have gone to The Blue Gemstone to pick out a ring: the store was much too expensive for her. Huo Yunshen had therefore cunningly lured them to the store with a 99% discount card. He needed them in the store to implement the next step of his plan.

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After leaving the hospital, the two women made a beeline for the The Blue Gemstone’s flagship store, the most famous jewelry store in the city.

As soon as she walked into the luxurious store, Xu Xiyan was almost blinded by all the dazzling jewelry on display.

The Blue Gemstone’s flagship store was the largest, grandest jewelry store in all of Peijing. It was divided into two sections.

The simpler, more generic jewelry designs were displayed on the first floor of the outer section.

Further inside, there was a staircase leading to a second floor that looked out over the first floor. The lavish jewelry in this section rivaled that of palace museums; the diamonds here were bigger and much more expensive.

The two women looked at the shiny, dazzling rings in the glass displays. The diamonds that were smaller than one carat had five figure price tags; the bigger ones started at six figures.

Holy smokes—they would never have dared set foot in this store if it weren't for the 99% off discount card.

“Oh my god, they're so beautiful...” whispered Xu Xiyan as she looked at the rings.

The rings designed by Huo Erqi were stylish and exquisite. They were absolutely stunning to look at.

“They're beautiful, all right—but they're also frickin' expensive!”

Fang Xiaocheng could not help swearing as she counted the long string of zeros on the price tag.

If it had been up to her, she would have gone to one of the cheaper jewelry chain stores. She would never have had the courage to enter a high-class luxury store like The Blue Gemstone.

The two women could not tear their eyes away from the jewelry before them. It was part of their feminine nature to be attracted to anything that glittered and sparkled. A pretty store attendant walked up to them and said, “Welcome. How may I help you today?”

“We'll look around on our own, thanks.”

Fang Xiaocheng did not like having store attendants hovering around her. She grabbed Xu Xiyan's hand and pulled her further into the store.

They toured the store, checking all the displays. When they were done, the two women had been dazzled by so many rings

they were seeing stars. The rings were all beautiful—and outrageously expensive.

“See anything you like?” Xu Xiyan asked.

“They’re all lovely, but...”

Fang Xiaocheng pouted. Even with a 99% discount, she could not afford any of them. Dammit!

Xu Xiyan knew that Fang Xiaocheng was thinking about the prices. She helpfully suggested, “Why don’t we go look at the other stores?”

“Nah, we should stay and look around!”

Fang Xiaocheng wasn’t there to choose a ring for herself, not really. She was on a mission given to her by Huo Yunshen, and she knew she had to stick to the plan.

She looked up and said nonchalantly to the store attendant, “Excuse me, hi—do you have a five carat diamond ring?”

Pffft...

Xu Xiyan had to stop herself from laughing out loud. She had to hand it to Fang Xiaocheng: the woman knew how to act like she was loaded with money.

The pretty store attendant was visibly stunned. She stared at the two women before her: they were dressed simply in inexpensive clothes, and did not seem at all like the type who would be able to afford a five carat diamond ring.

But the store attendants working at The Blue Gemstone were extremely professional. They attended to each and every one of their customers with equal respect, no matter what they looked like. And this was no ordinary customer—it was Jing Xi, the actress.

Unbeknownst to Xu Xiyan, as soon as she had stepped into the jewelry store, the store attendants had all received their orders and immediately locked onto their target.

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Chapter 538 - Love Forever

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The store attendant led them up the central staircase, to the special exhibition hall on the second floor.

There was a stand-alone glass display in the special exhibition hall. The attendant removed the red silk cloth covering it, and smiled as she introduced the ring inside, “This is one of the rings in our store with a diamond bigger than five carats. It has a special name: ‘Love Forever.’ Please, have a look.”

As soon as she laid eyes on the diamond ring, Xu Xiyan was taken with the ring’s unique five-claw design.

The flawless diamond rested upon a platinum ring, nestled securely within the clutches of five tiny claws. It shone like a brilliant star.

The ring was absolutely gorgeous. No one could resist its dazzling beauty.

Fang Xiaocheng was also gawking at the ring. She pulled Xu Xiyan closer as she asked, “Yanyan, what about this one? Do you think it’s pretty?”

“It’s lovely. It’s beautiful. This has to be the most stunning, most unique ring I’ve ever seen...” Xu Xiyan had plastered herself over the display and was now staring at the ring, transfixed. It was love at first sight.

“Want to try it?” asked Fang Xiaocheng.

“Me? You should be the one trying it, not me!”

Xu Xiyan hadn’t forgotten that she was only there to help Fang Xiaocheng choose a ring.

“I don’t want to try it. You try it. I think it’ll look very nice on you.”

“...” Xu Xiyan was sorely tempted.

Just as the two women were drooling over the ring, there was a sudden commotion on the first floor. Two new customers had just walked into the store.

Xu Xiyan and Fang Xiaocheng walked curiously over to the second floor balcony to see what was going on. They looked out over the railing and saw that Xu Xinrou and Huo Jingtang had just entered the store.

Xu Xinrou was wearing a white ankle-length dress; she looked like a white lotus, pure and innocent. She had a hand around Huo Jingtang’s arm. The two of them looked like a sweet couple who were madly in love with each other.

Xu Xinrou had originally planned to stay quietly at home to protect her baby, but she had already promised Huo Jingtang some time ago that she would go out with him and choose a ring on this day. She had therefore gotten dressed and left the safety of her home, unable to resist the temptation of shopping for her own ring.

But as fate would have it, she had spotted one of the people she hated most as soon as she stepped into The Blue Gemstone—Xu Xiyan.

Why was she here?

Huo Jingtang had also spotted Jing Xi. He exchanged a pointed look with Xu Xinrou.

“Ugh, it’s that disgusting couple again. Forget them, we should concentrate on what we’re here for,” said Fang Xiaocheng. She pulled Xu Xiyan back to the display and said to the store attendant, “Can we try this ring?”

“Oh no, let’s not try it.”

Xu Xiyan stealthily gave a warning tug on Fang Xiaocheng’s sleeves. She was afraid that they would somehow damage the ring if they tried it. They would never be able to afford it.

The seven zeros on the price tag were enough to make anyone choke on their spit. 80 million for a ring? Any sane person would think twice before asking to try it!

“It’ll be fine. We’re already here, it’ll be such a waste not to try it on. Come on, it’s not like it’s going to kill anyone,” Fang Xiaocheng said reassuringly. She pointed at the ring and said boldly, “Please take that ring out so my friend here can try it. Thanks.”

Xu Xiyan: “...”

With the way Fang Xiaocheng was behaving, anyone who didn’t know better would think she owned the place!

The store attendant was about to take the ring out of the display when Xu Xinrou’s voice rang out across the store. “Jingtang, that’s the ring I was talking about! ‘Love Forever!’ I want to try it.”

“Okay, sure.” Huo Jingtang led Xu Xinrou to the glass display on the second floor. He pointedly ignored Xu Xiyan as he said to the store attendant, “Get the ring out, and give it to my fiancée so she can try it.”

It was an order, not a request. Huo Jingtang felt he had the right to order the attendants around because the jewelry store belonged to his sister.

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Chapter 539 - Awkward

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Huo Jingtang introduced Xu Xinrou as his fiancé publicly, and it made her lift her head as high as she could while glaring at Xu Xiyan.

It was as if she was telling Xu Xiyan to piss off.

The shop assistant was in a pinch. Technically, she should give Fang Xiancheng and Xu Xiyan the ring as they had asked for it first. But the other party was one of the Huo family's young masters, and there was no way she could afford offending him.

“Hey, we chose the ring first, we should be the one to try it on first!” Fang Xiaocheng scolded when she noticed that the shop assistant had no idea what to do.

“Don't tell me you're planning to buy that?” Xu Xinrou mocked. “That alone costs 8 billion, can you even afford that? If you can't then don't even bother trying it. You won't be able to pay for it if you break it!”

“Why you little...!” Fang Xiaocheng was about to argue with Xu Xinrou but was stopped by Xu Xiyan.

Xu Xiyan did not want to see Fang Xiaocheng fighting with Xu Xinrou over a ring, Xu Xinrou wasn't even worth the fight.

“Let her try it first,” Xu Xiyan smiled. “She's a huge star in showbiz now, and we should show our respect to our senior.”

“...” Xu Xinrou could not find any words to reply. She had no idea why her skin would tingle every time Xu Xiyan opened her mouth. It was as if Xu Xiyan had just called her old or something.

The shop assistant took out the ring and placed it in front of Xu Xinrou.

Xu Xinrou looked at the ring, and her eyes lit up. “Love Forever” was way too beautiful.

She loved the design and the meaning behind the ring.

She’d even come to check on the ring when she was about to marry Chu Yuhe.

And now she finally had the chance to buy it.

Xu Xinrou took the ring out and tried to put it on her ring finger.

But the ring was too small, and it would not fit no matter how hard she tried. The only finger that she could fit the ring on was her pinky.

“This is way too small!” Xu Xinrou shouted out of frustration. “Is there a bigger size?”

Fang Xiaocheng hugged her arms as a smile appeared on her face. It’s not the ring that’s small, your finger is just too thick for it!

“My apologies, but there’s only one Love Forever in the entire world,” the shop assistant said.

The whole situation became awkward. Xu Xinrou had only looked at the ring before, and this was her first time trying it on. She had no idea that the ring would not fit her ring finger.

“Can you make it bigger? I can pay for the extra fees,” Xu Xinrou said.

“Again, my apologies, but we cannot provide any alterations to this ring. May I suggest you try another ring?”

Xu Xinrou turned to look at Huo Jingtang anxiously, hoping that he could do something.

“One moment, I’ll make a call,” Huo Jingtang said and took out his phone to call Huo Erqi.

Huo Jingtang went out to make the call and left Xu Xinrou in the store staring at her beloved ring.

It was just too beautiful.

It was at that moment when Fang Xiaocheng suddenly said,
“Can we try the ring now?”

“Of course,” the shop assistant replied and turned to Xu
Xinrou. “Miss, I’m sorry, but can you please remove the ring
for this young lady?”

Chapter 540 - Mock Her on Purpose

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If not for the shop assistant, there was no way that Xu Xinrou would have taken the ring off.

Xu Xiyao extended her pale left hand and let the shop assistant help put the ring on. Out of everyone's expectation, the ring fit perfectly on her ring finger, as if the ring was specifically made for her.

Xu Xiyao looked at the ring on her finger and could not help but exhale.

Choosing a ring was like choosing a partner. If it was not a match, then it would never work out.

Xu Xinrou stared at Xu Xiyao as she put the ring on, her heart filled with jealousy.

"It's beautiful! It was as if the ring was made for you!" Fang Xiaocheng exhaled. "Now I do really believe in Cinderella's story! Only Cinderella could wear the glass shoe, not some vile old sister."

"..." Xu Xinrou stared at Fang Xiaocheng. She's doing that on purpose, right?

It clearly meant that Xu Xinrou was like Cinderella's sisters who could not put on the glass shoe.

Xu Xinrou was already filled with rage but could not do anything.

She could only wait for Huo Jingtang to return.

Huo Jingtang returned a few minutes later and said, “Don’t worry, everything has been settled. The manager will come out later.”

Huo Jingtang had already called Huo Erqi, telling her that his fiancé was trying on a ring and wanted to alter the size.

Just as Xu Xiyan was trying on the ring, a man in a suit rushed over and smiled. “May I know which one of you is Mrs. Huo?”

From the nametag he was wearing, he was the manager that went by the name Liu.

He must’ve rushed over as soon as he got a call from Huo Erqi.

“It’s me!” Xu Xinrou replied almost instantly.

“One moment,” Mr. Liu said as he checked the photo on his phone. “My apologies, but you’re not the Mrs. Huo I’m looking for.”

“Not me? Then who else?”

Mr. Liu looked at Fang Xiaocheng then at Xu Xiyan and smiled.

“You must be Mrs. Huo,” Mr. Liu greeted.

Xu Xiyan stood still and had no idea what was going on as she began to wonder if the manager had some sort of eye problem.

“Mrs. Huo? Her? There’s no way it’s her. I’m Mrs. Huo!” Xu Xinrou scolded.

“Mr. Liu, didn’t your boss call you just now?” Huo Jingtang asked as he was starting to lose his composure.

“She did,” the manager replied. “She told me to look for a Mrs. Huo that goes by the name Jing Xi.”

All of them were rendered speechless instantly.

“Miss Jing Xi, may I see your identification please,” Mr. Liu said.

Wait, what? Xu Xiyan looked at the manager with a dumbfounded expression. What’s going on?

“One sec!” Fang Xiaocheng replied as she noticed Xu Xiyan’s mind was still blank. She quickly took out Xu Xiyan’s ID from her purse and handed it over to Mr. Liu.

Chapter 541 - A Huge Surprise

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“Congratulations, Mrs. Huo,” Mr. Liu said after verifying Xu Xiyan’s identity. “Mr. Huo has specifically ordered this Forever Love for you. The 5.21 Karat diamond on the ring represents the love that he has for you.”

Xu Xiyan eyes instantly widened as soon as she heard the manager’s words.

It was unbelievable that the Mrs. Huo he meant was actually her.

Did Huo Yunshen order this ring for me? Xu Xiyan pondered.

Even Xu Xinrou and Huo Jingtang were both in shock, especially Xu Xinrou, whose eyes almost popped out from her head.

Xu Xinrou turned to Huo Jingtang and asked, “You bought that ring for her?”

“Of course not! It wasn’t me!”

Huo Jingtang knew that the “Mr. Huo” that the manager had referred to was Huo Yunshen.

“Please excuse me, I need to make a call,” Xu Xiyan said, as she was worried that it might be a scam.

Since the price of the ring was extraordinary high, and since Huo Jingtang had gone out to make a call, she was worried that it was a trap set by Huo Jingtang.

Huo Jingtang might call her a thief as soon as she stepped out of the shop.

Xu Xiyan thought of the worst case scenario and picked up her phone to call Huo Yunshen.

“Jing Xi? Hello,” Huo Yunshen’s voice came from the other side of the phone after two seconds.

“Uncle, it’s me. The Forever Love...”

“Do you like it? Does it fit?”

It really was him who bought me the ring? Xu Xiyan said in her head. Without telling me? What the heck?

Even though there were many questions in her head, Xu Xiyan couldn’t help but feel like the happiest woman in the world.

Just as a gush of sweetness rushed through her heart, a swarm of emotions and sadness also rose.

Xu Xiyan couldn’t help but recall how much both of them had to go through to reach where they were now.

She had finally captured his heart and spring had finally arrived.

The surprise was too big. She had her hands over her mouth and tears of happiness began to roll down her cheeks as she stared at the ring.

“Yes, I love it! Thank you!” Xu Xiyan finally replied after she wiped her tears away.

After Xu Xiyan had hung up, Fang Xiaocheng patted her shoulder and said, “Yanyan, your wish finally came true.”

That was right, Xu Xiyan’s wish was to have Huo Yunshen love her as much as she loved him.

And now, her wish had finally come true.

All the time that was spent waiting and every pain that she’d gone through...it was all worth it.

All for this one day, this one moment.

Tears also rolled down Fang Xiaocheng’s cheeks as her friend had finally found her happiness.

Her best friend ever since they were children, a girl that grew up in pain.

She had finally found a man who was willing to love her wholeheartedly and Fang Xiaocheng wished for their forever happiness.

“Thank you, Mr. Liu,” Xu Xiyan said after confirming that it was Huo Yunshen who had bought her the ring. “I’ll take the ring off now...”

Endnotes

“521,” the specification for the ring’s karats, has the same pronunciation as “I love you” in Chinese.

Chapter 542 - A Slap to Her Face

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Xu Xiyan wanted to take the ring off and put it back into the ring box, but the manager thought that she was refusing to take the ring.

“Don’t worry, Mrs. Huo, you can leave with the ring on your finger,” Mr. Liu said.

“...” Xu Xiyan was dumbfounded. Are you telling me to leave with an 8 billion yuan ring on my finger? Without a receipt or anything? The Huos sure are a bunch of bold people, huh?

Since Xu Xinrou was standing near Xu Xiyan, she could make out that it was Huo Yunshen on the other side of the phone.

It was as if she was slapped in the face by the fact.

It was Huo Yunshen who had taken the ring she loved and gave it to the person she hated the most.

The anger and hatred that she was feeling at that moment almost made her bleed from her eyes.

And now she had to look at Xu Xiyan differently. She’d never thought that Xu Xiyan had the nerve to become acquainted with Huo Yunshen.

An 8 billion yuan ring, just like that? Xu Xinrou scolded in her head. Are they married? Married before me?

Fang Xiaocheng never thought that they would meet the little bitch.

And when she looked at Xu Xinrou's expression worsening every second, her heart fluttered.

It was clear that Xu Xinrou loved that ring very much and thought that Huo Jingtang could get it for her, but in the end, the ring ended up on Xu Xiyan's finger.

Even if Fang Xiaocheng wasn't the one who got the ring, she was still proud of what had happened.

"Yanyan, I never thought that Mr. Huo loved you this much," Fang Xiaocheng said while holding Xu Xiyan's hand. "He bought the 8 billion yuan ring without blinking and didn't even tell you. Isn't that romantic?"

Everything was also beyond Xu Xiyan's expectation. She'd never thought that the shy and depressed Huo Yunshen would give her such a big surprise.

There was no way that Xu Xiyan could stand still in face of such a romantic man.

"Mr. Huo is a very profound person, unlike someone who looks impressive but is actually worthless," Xu Xiyan said since the chance for her to bite back wouldn't come by easily.

The remark was for Huo Jingtang for being selfish and evil.

"..." Huo Jingtang's expression instantly darkened as he understood that Xu Xiyan was talking about him.

Huo Jingtang vowed to punish the girl in front of him for disgracing him.

What he'd never expected was for Huo Erqi to side with Huo Yunshen.

But in truth, who wouldn't?

How could he not think of the outcome if he thought of how he tried to take over Yunhai Entertainment by force?

All Huo Yunshen's three sisters loved their little brother very much. There was no way that they would help Huo Jingtang when he tried to hurt Huo Yunshen.

"But don't you think this ring is too big?" Xu Xiyan said, turning to Fang Xiaocheng. "Won't it attract too much

attention?”

“It’s not really that big. All I can say is that Mr. Huo is good at choosing. 521 means ‘I love you.’ I dare to say that even someone with a huge load of money could not even get the ring off your hand. They could only sit still and stare in envy and jealousy.”

Chapter 543 - Aren't You Asking for the Impossible?

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Every word that Fang Xiaocheng and Xu Xiyan had said was targeted at a certain someone.

“Let’s go, let’s not waste any more time here,” Xu Xiyan said as she wanted to see Huo Yunshen. The sooner, the better.

“All right, let’s go,” Fang Xiaocheng agreed.

“...” Xu Xinrou looked at both of them, and her eyes were already all red as if they would bleed at any moment.

She blamed it all on Huo Jingtang for being humiliated in front of other people.

“Jingtang, what should we do now?” Xu Xinrou asked with a cute voice. “I really want that ring...”

“How about we look for other rings? You can choose any bigger ring that you like.”

“I don’t want those! I want that ring!”

Xu Xinrou would never admit that she’d lost to Xu Xiyan.

“Miss Jing Xi, please wait,” Huo Jingtang said as he stopped Xu Xiyan.

“What do you want now?” Xu Xiyan asked.

“Name your price.”

“I don’t really get what you mean.”

“How much do you need for the ring?”

“This ring is already mine, why should I sell it to you?” Xu Xiyan asked as she looked at Huo Jingtang in awe.

“Because my fiancé wants it,” Huo Jingtang replied without any expression.

“Seriously?” Xu Xiyan scolded as she sneaked a peek at Xu Xinrou, unable to believe that there were people in the world who thought they could get anything with money. “So what you mean is that you will get whatever your fiancé wants for her? So if she wants to go to hell, you would also fulfill her wish, right?”

“Don’t get too overboard!” Xu Xinrou shouted. She hated Xu Xiyan’s wit the most. How she wished that one day she could tear Xu Xiyan’s head off her body/

“...” Huo Jingtang took a deep breath as he tried to calm his anger down.

This was his first time that anyone had even dared to mock him.

Even if the woman in front of him was smiling sweetly, her words were like needles pricking at them.

“What’s overboard? Let me tell you this, I will never give away anything that belongs to me!”

Xu Xiyan knew Xu Xinrou too well. Every since they were little, Xu Xinrou would always take away anything that belonged to Xu Xiyan, even if she hated that thing.

Xu Xiyan glared at Xu Xinrou and Huo Jingtang before pulling Fang Xiaocheng towards the stairs.

Xu Xinrou ran in front of them and stopped them from leaving.

“You better give me that ring, or I’ll spread your nudes online!” Xu Xinrou warned. “You know what will happen if I do that, right?”

Chapter 544 - : Miscarriage

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Xu Xiyang frowned as she could not believe that Xu Xinrou would threaten her for the ring.

What Xu Xinrou was doing was no different than robbery in broad daylight.

Xu Xiyang did not even flinch at her words as Fang Xiaocheng said, “Why don’t you take a look at yourself. If you dare to do that, then I will spread your sex tape with Li Dazhuang at the resort online. Let’s see who will suffer more loss then.”

“What did you just say?” Xu Xinrou looked at Fang Xiaocheng.

“My boyfriend and I happened to be there when you were having fun with Li Dazhuang. I thought that if we did not break out our phone and record everything, the world might never get to see your greatest performance.”

“Are you trying to coerce me?” Xu Xinrou scolded. Her trip with Li Dazhuang was a well-kept secret, and she’d never thought that someone would still notice them.

If Fang Xiaocheng did tape them and put it online, the outcome would be devastating.

“That’s right!” Fang Xiaocheng warned. “You better not get in our way or I could post the video with just one click from my phone.”

“...” Xu Xinrou was rendered speechless. Not only did her threat not work, but in return, she was being threatened.

“Are you finished?” Xu Xiyang asked coldly. “If so then please let us pass. There’s a good Chinese saying that goes by ‘a good

dog never blocks the way.”

Xu Xiyan tried to slip past Xu Xinrou, but the latter moved sideways to block her path again and scolded, “Who are you calling a dog? Let me be clear, Xu Xiyan, you better take our offer while you still can!”

“Oh really?” Xu Xiyan laughed. “Then let me tell you this. A worn shoe will always be worn out, even when its sole or bottom is changed.”

Xu Xinrou was completely angered by Xu Xiyan’s comment and raised her hand, wanting to slap Xu Xiyan.

Yet before she could even do so, Xu Xiyan grabbed her hand and returned a slap out of natural reflexes.

The strength of the slap was enough to put Xu Xinrou out of balance, and she fell down the stairs.

Xu Xinrou screamed as she fell, and Huo Jingtang tried to pull her back but was too late and could only look at her rolling down the stairs.

Huo Jingtang quickly rushed down and picked her up while calling her name. “Xinrou! Xinrou!”

One of the shop assistants noticed that Xu Xinrou’s white dress was stained with blood, and even the floor was dyed red.

“Oh no! Miss Xu is bleeding!”

“Could it be...a miscarriage?”

“Hurry up and call the ambulance!”

Xu Xinrou also noticed something was wrong with her child. She grabbed Huo Jingtang by his shirt and pleaded, “Jingtang, save my child and me...”

Chapter 545 - It's Going to be Rough

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Huo Jingtang quickly picked Xu Xinrou up and shot a cold stare towards Xu Xiyan.

“If anything happens to Xinrou and the child, both of you are dead!” Huo Jingtang scolded before he left.

No one had even had the faintest idea that Xu Xinrou was pregnant.

No one had expected that she would have a miscarriage after she fell down the stairs.

Xu Xiyan and Fang Xiaocheng looked at each other while they cursed in their heads.

“What now, Yanyan?” Fang Xiaocheng asked worriedly. “If Xu Xinrou does really have a miscarriage, she’ll definitely blame it on you.”

“I also have no idea. I’m the one who hit her, everyone here witnessed that. It’s going to be rough.”

She thought she was having a great day when she received the ring from Huo Yunshen, but now because of Xu Xinrou, everything went sideways.

She quickly took out her phone, searched for Mr. Billion and said, “I’ll call my dearest hubby first.”

Fang Xiaocheng instantly shivered from how Xu Xiyan addressed Huo Yunshen. She has a hunch that the feeling would return quite frequently in the future.

“Uncle...” Xu Xiyan said as soon as the call went through.
“I’m in trouble, again...”

“Calm down, what’s wrong?” Huo Yunshen asked.

Xu Xiyan explained a short version of everything that had happened to Huo Yunshen, and he said, “Don’t worry, I’m here for you. Come back now, let me handle the rest.”

“Okay.”

Xu Xiyan felt better as soon as she hung up the call. This proved that it would always be better to have someone backing you up.

“I’m sorry, Orange,” Xu Xiyan apologized as she suddenly remembered why they were out in the first place. “I was supposed to choose a ring for you, and I got mine in the end.”

“Don’t worry, I’m not in a big hurry.”

“How about we look around a little longer?”

“No need for that. I don’t think I’ll be buying my ring here. Even if I have the 99% discount, I still couldn’t afford it.”

“Then let’s check the other shop.”

“I think you better go back first. It’s not safe to walk around with 8 billion yuan on your finger.”

Fang Xiaocheng actually wanted for Xu Xiyan to go back to her family earlier

“All right,” Xu Xiyan said. “Then let me know when you need me to help you choose your ring.”

“Okay.”

Xu Xiyan saw Fang Xiaocheng off and rushed to the hospital where Ying Bao was staying.

On her way to the hospital, she kept wondering how she should address Huo Yunshen.

Boyfriend or fiancé...

Xu Xiyan lightly slapped her reddened face a few times and took a deep breath to calm herself down.

At that moment, she looked like a 16 or 17 years old girl
deeply in love.

Chapter 546 - I Want You For Sure

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After taking a deep breath, Xu Xiyan knocked on the door twice and pushed it open.

Ying Bao was sleeping soundly while Huo Yunshen sat by the bed with a laptop on his leg while he worked on some business-related work.

He heard the knock, stopped what he was doing and raised his head.

He quickly closed his laptop as he noticed that it was Xu Xiyan who walked in. "You're here."

Xu Xiyan's heart skipped a beat as their eyes met. She stared at him quietly as if she wanted to engrave the picture of her prince charming into her mind.

The man kept smiling as he also returned a calm and affectionate stare.

"Uncle, explain this," Xu Xiyan said as she pointed to the ring on her left hand.

It was still the same as before, the natural and warm conversation.

She did not even greet or address him with the flirtatious way that she'd thought of.

"I have to apologize for that, I should not have worried too much," Huo Yunshen said without any shyness. "I should've given that to you earlier and told you that you're my woman and I want you to stay by my side forever."

“There’s nothing to apologize for, I’m so happy right now,” Xu Xiyan said as tears of happiness began to roll down her cheeks.

Now that their relationship was stable, it was as if a heavy burden was lifted from their bodies.

“Jing Xi, come here,” Huo Yunshen said with his arms wide open, waiting for a hug like a little kid.

Xu Xiyan put everything down and rushed into his arms.

The man hugged her tightly, tighter than ever. It was as if he was trying to push her into his body and into his whole life.

He kissed her hair and slowly made his way down to her eyes where he sucked her tears dry.

With his hands slightly lifting her head, he moved his lips down to her nose and finally their lips locked as if two magnets were stuck together as they began to kiss wildly.

The room was quiet as the warmth from their affection slowly heated the room up.

The two people were expressing their love and longing through their kiss.

It was a beautiful scene that people would want to keep forever.

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Yet a whole different scene was happening in the same hospital but different room.

Xu Xinrou was diagnosed to have miscarried her child.

Even though Huo Jingtang had gotten her to the hospital as soon as he could, they were still too late.

She lay on the bed. Her face was pale, and her body was weak, yet the hatred in her eyes wasn’t gone.

“Jing Xi! It was all her!” Xu Xinrou scolded. “If not for her, I would’ve never fallen down those stairs, and my child would still be alive!”

She thought of her lost child and her hatred intensified.

She blamed it all on Xu Xiyan, believing that all of the misfortune that happened that day was because of Xu Xiyan.

But she never thought that she was to blame the most. The child inside her was already weak, and if she'd listened to the doctor and rested at home, or if she did not stop Xu Xiyan just because of jealousy, her child would've survived.

The evils that she'd brought upon herself were to blame the most.

Chapter 547 - Married for the Benefits

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Yet amid her sadness, Xu Xinrou knew that she had to find a way to make Huo Jingtang stay.

Since they got married just for the benefits. Huo Jingtang was willing to marry her because of the child inside her

“Jingtang... My...” Xu Xinrou sobbed. “My child is gone...”

“Don’t worry about it, you have to take care of your body first.”

Huo Jingtang wasn’t as angry as he had been at the ring shop. He’d already calmed down.

Now that he thought about it, Xu Xinrou and he had gotten together because they could benefit from it. He’d never really had any feelings for her.

And since the child in her body wasn’t even his, the whole incident had nothing to do with him anymore.

“Jingtang, you have to take revenge for me!” Xu Xinrou scolded. “We’ll let that bitch suffer!”

“I’ll do what I can.”

Huo Jingtang’s tone sounded like he didn’t care anymore.

Even Huo Jingtang felt that Xu Xiyan wasn’t to blame for everything. It was Xu Xinrou who had tried to snatch the ring from Xu Xiyan and fell down the stairs because of it.

If Xu Xinrou had chosen another like Huo Jingtang suggested, none of that would’ve happened.

“Jingtang... Now that my child is gone... What about our marriage?” Xu Xinrou asked, trying to test Huo Jingtang.

“We’ll talk about it later.”

Huo Jingtang was clear on his intention. Since the child was gone, the only reason for their marriage was gone.

Huo Jingtang never really had the intention of marrying her. There was no way he really wanted to marry a woman that had slept with so many different men.

It would be bad if people started to call him a person who took back a public toilet.

Now that the child was gone, it was the right time to call off the marriage.

He already had Yunhai Entertainment in his hands, and he could think of another way to take over the family.

Huo Jingtang could still achieve his goals without Xu Xinrou.

“Get some rest, I’ve already called your family to come over,” Huo Jingtang said. “I still have an important meeting, I’ll take my leave now.”

Huo Jingtang believed that he’d already done his best by taking Xu Xinrou to the hospital and left after settling everything.

“Jingtang! Don’t go... Please...”

Yet no matter how much Xu Xinrou begged, Huo Jingtang never turned his head back.

It was only then that Xu Xinrou realized how cruel of a person Huo Jingtang could be.

She had helped him to take over the company, and now he pushed her away when she was of no use to him anymore.

She thought that after she’d ditched Chu Yuhe and got together with Huo Jingtang, she could marry into the Huo family and live a luxurious life.

But in the end, it was all for nothing.

Xu Xinrou never liked losing. Angered by the fact that she lost, she threw everything on her table to the floor.

Wen Li opened the door as the things fell onto the floor and was shocked by it.

“Xinrou, please calm down...”

“Wen Li...” Xu Xinrou saw Wen Li coming in and cried even harder.

“Don’t cry...” Wen Li said. “What just happened? You weren’t hurt, were you? What’s with the miscarriage? When did you become pregnant?”

“How did you know about that?” Xu Xinrou asked.

Chapter 548 - Unable to Clear Her Name

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Xu Xinrou had only told Wen Li that she was in the hospital. She never told her about the miscarriage.

“It’s already on the news!” Wen Li said. “Everyone knows about it!”

“What news?”

“Haven’t you seen it?” Wen Li said as she took out her phone and showed Xu Xinrou.

The news about Xu Xinrou’s miscarriage was already spread all over the entertainment business. It was one of the biggest headlines.

Yet the content of the news wasn’t authentic. The news mentioned that Xu Xinrou never told the crew about her pregnancy and it led to her getting into an accident which led to the miscarriage.

Yet in truth, she fell down the stairs because of a slap from Xu Xiyan.

“This isn’t true! This is a lie!” Xu Xinrou scolded as she grabbed Wen Li by her arm. “This was all because of Jing Xi. She’s the one who did this to me!”

“I get it. Please calm down now,” Wen Li said. She knew that Xu Xinrou hated Xu Xiyan and she would do anything to blame everything on her.

“Do you think I’m lying? She’s the one who pushed me down the stairs!”

Xu Xinrou finally got the backlash of trying to frame others every time.

“I do believe you, but the news is telling a different story.”

Yet in Wen Li’s heart, she actually believed what the news was saying. There was no way that the news would even mess up the time and venue.

“It must be Jing Xi! She must’ve paid the news to report a fake story! All to cover up what she really did to me!” Xu Xinrou scolded as her mind started to crumble into chaos. “Hurry up and tell the press the truth about this incident! It was all Jing Xi’s doing! She did it for revenge! This time, I will make her lose everything!”

“All right. But right now, you have to take care of your weak body first,” Wen Li said, as she cared about Xu Xinrou’s health. “We can take care of this matter next time, okay?”

“What next time!” Xu Xinrou scolded. “Don’t you get it? There’s no next time! Jingtang has left me now that my child is gone! What do you even know? You’re just a useless bitch! Leave me! Don’t ever bother me again!”

Xu Xinrou was letting all her rage out on Wen Li.

Wen Li had been cleaning up Xu Xinrou’s mess ever since the beginning. She was always worried about Xu Xinrou’s well-being, and now she was being humiliated by Xu Xinrou just because Xu Xinrou had failed.

“Since I’m just a useless bitch, then I guess our working relationship is over,” Wen Li said and turned to leave. “Go and look for someone that’s more suitable for you. I quit!”

After Wen Li had left, Xu Xinrou finally realized what it meant for her to leave.

Not only had she lost a capable person, but she also let a person who knew all her darkest secrets go wild.

She finally realized that Wen Li must never leave her.

Xu Xinrou climbed out of bed despite her weak body and chased after Wen Li.

Chapter 549 - : Passionately in Love

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“Wen Li, come back...” Xu Xinrou cried.

Yet no matter how much she called out, Wen Li never turned back.

The door of the elevator closed just as Xu Xinrou got to it, and she could only take the stairs

Yet because she tried to run down the stairs, she slipped and fell down.

The stairs at the hospital were much higher than the ring shop. Xu Xinrou fell down the stairs like a sack of beans.

She hit the wall, bounced off of it and roll down another floor.

When she finally stopped, her head was bleeding, dying the stairs and her body with blood.

She did not faint from it, but she could feel the pain throughout her body and couldn't move.

“Help... help...” Xu Xinrou shouted weakly.

Before she could even react, a group of reporters rushed out from nowhere and snapped pictures of her.

Xu Xinrou was sent straight into the ER for the second time. The second fall had caused her uterus to bleed too much. To save her life, they could only remove it.

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Ying Bao woke up the next morning, and the first thing she saw was her parents sleeping beside her.

They rested their heads on their arms on different sides of the bed, yet they were holding hands tightly in the middle of the bed.

Ying Bao was very happy to see this sight. It was her wish to have her parents sleeping beside her, and now her wish had come true.

Ying Bao also wanted to hold hands with her parents. With a chuckle. She gripped her fists and shoved them quietly into her parents' hands.

Yet the slight movement was enough to wake Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen.

"Baby, are you awake?" Xu Xiyan asked, noticing the extra little fists under their hands.

"Yup. Daddy, mummy, good morning!" the little girl greeted happily.

"Morning, baby."

"Good morning, Cherry."

Huo Yunshen gripped both of their hands tightly in his as if he was protecting them.

The feeling of having the whole family together was heartwarming. Xu Xiyan looked at her child, then at the man opposite her and smiled.

Huo Yunshen also looked at her, yet his affectionate gaze made Xu Xiyan blush.

Neither of them really slept for the whole night, as they were kissing most of the time.

Neither of them felt tired as the night was too short. Before they could find themselves to separate from each other, the sun was already rising.

This was how a couple that was passionately in love with each other was supposed to behave.

“Mummy, can I leave the hospital today?”

The little girl’s voice cut through their eye contact.

Xu Xiyan rubbed Ying Bao’s cheeks and said, “Not yet, little one. You still have to stay for two more days until the injury on your head is healed.”

“ ... ”

The cute little girl puffed her cheeks up as she felt a little disappointed. She did not want to stay at the hospital any longer as there was nothing for her to do.

“Then can you help me blow on it and let it heal faster?” Ying Bao begged so she could leave the hospital earlier.

Chapter 550 - God Will Take Care of the Evil-Doers

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Every time Ying Bao hurt herself, Xu Xiyan would blow on her wounds to give the little kid a feeling that it would heal faster.

But it was different this time. A part of Ying Bao's skull had a crack on it, and it almost damaged her brain.

"All right, I'll blow on it for you. But you have to listen to me, okay?"

"Okay."

Xu Xiyan blew on the little girl's head as the little girl tilted her head and said, "I feel better, it doesn't hurt anymore.

Huo Yunshen looked at his child and felt hurt inside. He knew that she was bored from staying at the hospital for so long.

"Cherry, your mummy has an audition later," Huo Yunshen said. "Why don't I call Chengcheng and Feimo over to play with you?"

"Yay! Daddy, faster call them!" Ying Bao clapped happily and turned to her mother. "Mummy should hurry up to the audition, I can take care of myself."

Xu Xiyan was relieved that Huo Yunshen was by Ying Bao's side. She helped her daughter to clean herself.

"Here, take these with you," Huo Yunshen said and handed Xu Xiyan a paper bag.

“What’s in there?” Xu Xiyan opened the bag and noticed that there was a white dress and a few documents inside.

“It might help you with your audition.”

Xu Xiyan could smell a faint aroma from the dress. She opened the documents and realized they were all about the audition with ROSUE company.

“Thank you,” Xu Xiyan said and kissed Huo Yunshen on his cheek before she left.

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Xu Xinrou woke up the next day as her parents were sitting by her side.

“Rourou, how are you feeling?” Su Lei asked, her eyes reddened from excessive crying.

“Dad... Mum...” Xu Xinrou saw her parents and tried to get up, but a sudden pain from her stomach pulled her back to the bed.

“You should keep your movement to a minimum,” Su Lei said while pushing her down. “You just came out from surgery, it’s best if you do not move too much.”

“Mum... My child...”

Xu Xinrou regretted not listening to her mother and insisting on going out.

“Forget about the child, you just had your uterus removed...” Su Lei said without thinking before Xu Jinshan kicked her in her leg, signaling her to not tell their child now.

“Mum, what did you said? My uterus was removed?”

“No, you heard it wrong. Your uterus wasn’t removed but the bleeding was too much.”

“Dad, tell me the truth, did they take away my uterus?”

There was no other explanation for the pain in her stomach.

“Rourou, please calm down. We had to do that or else you might’ve died,” Xu Jinshan said.

“Why? Why did they take it away? Who gave them the right!”

Xu Xinrou was furious as she tried to get out from the bed.

“Rourou, please, don’t move. It’ll be bad if the bleeding occurs again!” Su Lei tried to push her daughter down as she turned to her husband for help.

Xu Jinshan looked at her daughter who used to be proud of herself going insane. He had no other choice but to bite his lip and slap her.

Chapter 551 - Retribution

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The slap was hard, and Xu Xinrou looked at her father.

Her father had never even raised a finger to her, and it was the first time he'd hit her.

Xu Xinrou's eyes were filled with tears as she questioned her father." Dad, what was that for?"

"Can't you just quiet down?" Xu Jinshan scolded. "Take a look at yourself, are you still my daughter? It's just a child! It's just a uterus! What's there to cry about? Since when did my daughter become such a useless person?"

"Dad..." Xu Xinrou cried even harder.

"This is your retribution!"

Xu Jinshang sighed. The past few days for the Xu family weren't actually good.

First, he'd almost lost his job.

He thought that he could become the best director by using Huo Jintang, yet before any of his movies debuted, all of them were called back by some related departments.

His company, Jinshan Entertainment, was already on the right track, but all of the shareholders suddenly withdrew their shares and turned it into a blank shell.

Then his wife, who loved to play mahjong, was caught by the police for excessive gambling and was locked behind bars for 15 days with no chance of bail.

His wife was released just two days ago, and now his daughter had gotten herself into an accident which had cost her her

child, her uterus, and most importantly, Huo Jingtang.

Their future in Peijing seemed bleak.

It was all retribution for what they'd done in the past.

Xu Xinrou had kicked Xu Xiyan down the stairs in the past, and now she fell down the stairs, twice.

She tried to frame Qi Liya and tried to have her uterus removed. Yet, not only did Qi Liya still have her uterus, but she had also found her true love.

And now, justice had caught up, and Xu Xinrou was the one who had her uterus cut out.

The past few days were probably the worst for Xu Xinrou.

All because of a ring.

A ring that brought her a bloody lesson.

Xu Jinshan always believed that someone was pulling strings behind everything that had happened to his family.

But no matter how much money he spent, how many P.I.'s He hired, he never found out that it was Huo Yunshen.

Huo Yunshen was seeking justice for the woman he loved.

He wanted to let the Xu family taste every pain that Xu Xiyan had felt being tortured by them.

And it was only the beginning.

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The documents and dress from Huo Yunshen helped Xu Xiyan greatly.

Xu Xiyan read through the files and decided to start preparing.

She only realized that most of the people who came to the audition were famous actresses once she'd reached the audition site.

She noticed that Yang Qiong was sitting at the other corner with the role celebrity from Huayin Entertainment, Ning Xin.

If Xu Xiyan was right, Ning Xin was Xiao Yuqian's half-sister from the other mother. Her name was Xiao Yuxing, but she

had changed her name after she entered the entertainment business.

Xu Xiyao remembered that Xiao Yuqian wasn't close with her sister, and Xu Xiyao had never liked her one bit.

Chapter 552 - Filled With Sarcasm

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Yang Qiong and Ning Xin sat together, talking about the audition as if they were besties.

Yang Qiong noticed that Xu Xiyan was standing in the crowd, and she nudged Ning Xin and said, “Hey, tell me my eyes are okay. Is that Jing Xi?”

“It is!” Ning Xin exclaimed as she followed Yang Qiong’s finger and saw Xu Xiyan sitting alone on the other side. “Is she here for the audition too?”

Even if Ning Xin did not follow the news intentionally, she also knew who the newcomer who just rose to fame was from her friends.

What was more was that Xu Xiyan had a scandal with Ma Haodong.

Xu Xiyan wore a plain grey hoodie without any accessories while every other person who was there for the audition wore glamorous clothes and jewelry.

“There’s no way she’s here for the audition. Look, she looks like a beggar!” Yang Qiong said sarcastically. “She must’ve come to the wrong place. ROSUE would only hire celebrities that are in the spotlight, there’s no way that they’ve invited a nobody.

Yang Qiong had hated Xu Xiyan ever since she took the leading female role for “Root of Evil” away from her.

“Maybe they invited her because of her sudden fame,” Ning Xin speculated.

“Impossible! She’s just a newcomer, and she only had a minor role in a drama that just started running.”

Yang Qiong still found it hard to believe that Xu Xiyan had risen to fame. She thought that Xu Xiyan must’ve found her way to the audition through her own connections.

“Maybe she has someone helping her.”

“That must be it. Or else how could she land the role for ‘Red Sleeved Beauty?’ With her pretty face, she could charm her way by sleeping with the directors.”

Yang Qiong believed that the reason for Xu Xiyan’s fame was because she’d slept with directors, since people had said that Xu Xiyan had a good relationship with Huang Guoqiang and Peng Sicheng.

Xu Xiyan had heard everything that Yang Qiong had said but remained silent, acting as if she hadn’t heard them.

Xu Xiyan had learned how to control her emotions and would never do the harsh thing again.

It was her company who had gotten her a chance at the audition. Xu Xiyan thought that it was Xiao Yuqian who had secured her a spot.

But in truth, it was the boss who was behind everything. Huo Yunshen had secured that spot for her.

Huo Yunshen wanted to help his woman in her career. It was normal for him to give her the best.

The present actresses were called into the audition room one by one, and even Yang Qiong and Xing Nin went in.

After a few minutes, Xing Nin came out while crossing her arms with Yang Qiong’s and said, “Yang Qiong, you’ll definitely get the part! Your score is the highest at the moment! I even saw An Xianming nodding at your performance!”

“I think so too. I think there’s no need for the audition to continue.”

Yang Qiong was so certain that she’d gotten the part because she’d already gotten the confirmation from her uncle, Yang Biao, in the audition room.

Chapter 553 - Unexpected

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Yang Qiong's uncle had given her a thumbs up, telling her that the role was set to be hers from the beginning.

As they walked past Xu Xiyan, Yang Qiong intentionally said, "Xing Nin, let's go shopping. The audition is over."

After the two had left, Xu Xiyan stood up and checked her number.

Even though she was specially invited to the audition and had to wait for everyone else to finish their auditions first, there was no way that the audition would end without her.

Yang Biao and the others had already started packing their stuff in the audition room as An Xianming asked, "Yang Biao, is that all? Are there any other people whom I haven't auditioned?"

"Nope, that should be all."

"But I checked the list, and there's still an actress named Jing Xi. Is she not here yet?"

An Xianming remembered Xu Xiyan because Elvis had specifically told him about her a few days before.

An Xianming had worked with Elvis in a few films, and they had a good relationship in private. If Xu Xiyan was someone who Elvis referred, An Xianming had to check how good that girl really was.

Yet, even after the audition had ended, Xu Xiyan was nowhere to be found.

“Maybe she’s absent,” Yang Biao said, never putting in mind someone who got into the audition through introductions from some higher-ups.

“I’m here!” Xu Xiyan suddenly shouted as she ran into the audition room. “Can I have a shot at the audition?”

“...” Yang Biao frowned, unable to believe the nerve Xu Xiyan had.

No matter how much Yang Biao tried to stop her from auditioning, it was An Xianming who gave her a chance in the end.

Xu Xiyan began to prepare for her performance.

She’d chosen the theme song for Cinderella, A Golden Childhood.

As the music began, Xu Xiyan sat on the floor and raised her head up slowly. Her ragged clothes and pained expression fully expressed the character she was playing, Cinderella.

As the music continued to play, Xu Xiyan danced around the floor in her own choreography.

With the music playing in the room, the staff members who were watching Xu Xiyan’s dance thought that were really looking at the real Cinderella who was wandering endlessly, waiting for something.

Cinderella looked at a castle that was far away, at the prince that she’d longed for. But because of her poor status and ragged clothes, she did not walk towards the castle.

Until she flapped her hood and a butterfly flew out, which was then followed by many other butterflies.

The butterflies must’ve been attracted by something as they flew towards a tree and Cinderella followed closely behind them.

The butterflies stopped at a white dress that was hanging on the tree. Cinderella had finally found herself a beautiful dress. She stood on her toes and took the dress down as she danced happily.

She went behind the tree and came out with the beautiful dress replacing the grey hoodie.

She slightly picked up a side of her dress and danced with the butterflies circling around her.

The sadness on her face was replaced by a happy smile, a huge contrast to what was shown before she'd found the dress.

She'd become a beautiful princess and ran towards the castle.

The music ended, and the performance came to an end as Xu Xiyuan bowed and thanked the audience.

It was only then that An Xianming, Lin Lan, and the others woke up from the fairytale. They looked at each other and nodded in agreement.

Xu Xiyuan's performance was off the charts.

An Xianming could not believe what he'd just seen.

He wondered how long had it been since he'd found an actress who had could take them to another world.

Chapter 554 - A Perfect Counter

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An Xianming thought that Xu Xiyan had outperformed every other actress that auditioned before her.

It was as if she was a star that shone brighter than every other star.

No other actress could even be compared to Xu Xiyan's talent.

It was as if Xu Xiyan was a dark horse that launched a perfect counter. She stood out in front of every other actress that was in the spotlight and became the international spokesperson for ROSUE.

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After Xu Xiyan got the spot, she changed back into her grey hoodie and left ROSUE happily.

Coincidentally, she met Xue Yating just outside of ROSUE.

Xue Yating was there to meet up with another person. But when she learned that Xu Xiyan had just finished her audition nearby, she quickly changed her mind and looked for Xu Xiyan.

“Since your audition has ended, you have the time to go out with me, right?” Xue Yating asked as she grabbed Xu Xiyan's hand and rested her head on Xu Xiyan's shoulder. “Can you go shopping with me? Pretty please?”

“Fine. It's just because you're too cute to refuse.”

Yay!” Xue Yating laughed. “Sister is the best!”

Xue Yating dragged Xu Xiyan to a huge mall nearby.

They went straight to the third floor which was selling women's clothing and went into Xue Yating's favorite shop, MiuMiu.

Xue Yating wanted to go to the bathroom and asked Xu Xiyan to wait for her inside the shop.

As she waited for Xue Yating, Xu Xiyan browsed through the clothes when two other girls walked into the shop.

"Ning Xin, this is it! This is the shop that I like the most!" Yang Qiong said.

She wanted to choose a skirt that she could wear to lunch with An Xianming so that she could impress him.

Yet as soon as they entered the shop, Ning Xin also noticed that Xu Xiyan was in there too and said, "Hey, isn't that Jing Xi? Is she planning to buy something too?"

Yang Qiong still had no idea that her spot as the spokesperson had been taken by Xu Xiyan. Her uncle, Yang Biao, still hoped to try and get her back into the game during lunch and had not told her yet.

"Could she even afford anything here? One piece of clothing here could easily cost six figures," Yang Qiong scolded. "There's no way a pauper like her could afford anything here."

Xu Xiyan thought that she heard someone familiar behind her and turned around only to see that Yang Qiong and Xing Nin were weirdly looking at her.

It was as if they were asking why a poor person like her would look around in such a shop.

Xu Xiyan did not want any beef with them and continued to look around the shop.

Just as she wanted to take a yellow dress, Yang Qiong suddenly rushed over and snatched it away from her.

"I like this one!" Yang Qiong said.

So what? Xu Xiyan scolded in her head. I don't even like it.

Xu Xiyan turned around and looked at another light blue dress. But Yang Qiong rushed over once again and took the dress away.

“I like this too,” she announced.

Chapter 555 - Setting a Trap for Her

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Xu Xiyan did not reply. She smiled at Yang Qiong and tried to take another shirt off the rack.

Just as she'd expected, anything she touched would be taken away by Yang Qiong.

Xu Xiyan looked at Yang Qiong who had a pile of clothes in her arms as if she was a shop assistant and smiled.

“Since Miss Yang likes these clothes so much, why don't you take all of them?” Xu Xiyan said and called the shop assistant over. “This young lady wants all of these clothes, can you help her out?”

“...” Yang Qiong looked at Xu Xiyan dumbfounded as the shop assistant took the clothes over and started to count them one by one.

Yang Qiong started to panic as she never wanted that much clothes. She was only trying to make a joke out of Xu Xiyan.

She quickly extended her hand to stop the shop assistant and said, “Wait, I don't need all of them.”

“Come on, Miss Yang, don't be embarrassed,” Xu Xiyan said as she grabbed Yang Qiong's hand. “How would you able to sleep at night if you did not buy all of these clothes after all the time spent choosing them? They won't even cost you anything since your pay is quite high.”

Xu Xiyan was pretending to care about Yang Qiong on the outside, but in reality, she'd already set a trap for her.

What? I thought you liked all of them? Xu Xiyan laughed in her head. Why not empty your wallet for them then?

“Miss, the total is 2.5 million,” the shop assistant said.

“Wow! What a lucky number!” Xu Xiyan exclaimed. “Hurry up and pack them, the young lady here is already eager to pay for them.

“...” Yang Qiong looked at Xu Xiyan as the rage in her heart was building.

“What’s wrong?” Xu Xiyan asked as she noticed Yang Qiong wasn’t going to take her wallet out. “Could it be that you don’t have enough cash? Why don’t you swipe your card then? Everyone has a card these days, right? What card are you holding? Platinum? Or is it diamond? Don’t tell me that you don’t even have a debit card on you?”

Angered by Xu Xiyan’s comment, Yang Qiong took out her card, slammed it on the table and scolded, “Who said I don’t have one?”

“Here, 250 plus four zeros,” Xu Xiyan said as she took the card and handed it to the cashier.

The cashier swiped the card, but it showed that the limit on the card was only enough to pay for one shirt.

“I’m sorry, Miss Yang,” the cashier said as she returned the card. “Do you have another card you could use? I’m afraid the limit on this card isn’t enough to pay for all these clothes.”

“...” It was so embarrassing that Yang Qiong wanted to find a hole and jump into it.

She quickly turned to Ning Xin for help, as she did not want to lose her pride in front of the newcomer.

“I’m sorry,” Ning Xin said. “I left my unlimited card at home.”

Ning Xin came from a rich family, yet she had come out with a different bag today and left all her cards in the other bag.

Out of options, Yang Qiong took out her phone and called her assistant, “Hey, I’m at the MiuMiu in Central Mall, bring some

cash over... Yes, I need it.”

Yang Qiong ended her call and looked at Xu Xiyan. It was at this time that Xue Yating came out from the bathroom and went into the shop.

Xue Yating scanned the shop to locate where Xu Xiyan was at and began to look for some clothes. She didn't even dare to bother wondering who Yang Qiong and Ning Xin were.

Yang Qiong couldn't be happier when Xue Yating came in, as she thought her savior was here.

Chapter 556 - Still Unwilling to Give Up

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Yang Qiong was acquainted with Xue Yating, and she knew that Xue Yating was the daughter of the Industrial Lord, Xue Zhengrong. Xue Yating was one of the richest and well-known young ladies in all of Peijing.

She still remembered that she had sat next to Xue Yating when they were at a charity dinner.

It meant that they were acquainted.

If she could befriend Xue Yating, she could use her to get out of the tricky situation.

“Hi!” Yang Qiong greeted as soon as she stopped in front of Xue Yating. “Are you here to buy some clothes too?”

“What’s the newest addition here?” Xue Yating asked as she raised her head.

Xue Yating thought that Yang Qiong was one of the shop assistants.

“Miss Xue, don’t you remember me? It’s me, Yang Qiong!”

“Yang Qiong? Which Yang Qiong?”

Xue Yating had completely forgotten who she was.

“We sat together at the charity dinner, remember?” Yang Qiong said as she tried to hide the awkward situation.

“Oh,” Xue Yating replied without any emotion,

Xue Yating chose a set of clothes and took it off the rack. It was a fitted women's suit on top with wide trousers on the bottom.

"Wow! What a pretty set of clothes! It really suits you!" Yang Qiong exclaimed, not willing to give up just yet.

"You're right, it is pretty. And it's not even expensive, only 300 thousand!"

300,000 and Xue Yating thought that it was cheap. She really did come from a rich family.

Just as Yang Qiong was thinking about how to get close to Xue Yating, Xue Yating walked up to Xu Xiyan and said, "Sis, why don't you try this on."

Xu Xiyan had never expected that Xue Yating would choose a set of clothes for her and declined, "It's okay, Tingting, I have enough clothes as of right now."

Xu Xiyan still wasn't used to being treated by others, and she also wasn't used to be going out wearing clothes that cost 300,000 yuan.

"It's okay, I didn't tell you to buy it," Xue yating insisted with a cute voice and pushed Xu Xiyan into the fitting room. "Just wear it for me, okay?"

Yang Qiong and Ning Xin were already dumbfounded by what they had just witnessed. There was no way they could have foreseen that the clothes Xue Yating had chosen were for Xu Xiyan. They looked close, as if they were best friends.

Xue Yating was famous for rejecting people as many tried to befriend her for her money.

They wondered how Xu Xiyan had gotten so close with Xue Yating.

"Miss Xue, how do you know Jing Xi?" Yang Qiong asked out of curiosity.

"Oh, by chance. She's my big sister now," Xue Yating replied with a proud face.

Yang Qiong had no idea how to express the emotion that she was feeling anymore. Xue Yating couldn't even remember a top star like her and yet she had befriended a newcomer, and she even called the newcomer her sister.

Just as Xu Xiyan was trying on the clothes, Xue Yating took out her Black Gold card and paid for it.

Yang Qiong saw the worldwide limited card and swallowed her saliva as she stared at it enviously.

Even if she worked hard every day, she would never have enough money to apply for that card.

Xu Xiyan walked out of the fitting room, and everyone was stunned by how she looked in the outfit.

Chapter 557 - A Seductive Hint

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Xu Xiyan had been like a person who had just arrived in the big city from the countryside when she was in her ragged hoodie. But the feeling was instantly gone after she'd changed into the new set of clothes. Not only did the clothes outline her perfect body, but they also gave her a charming vibe.

Xue Yating eyes shone as she held her thumb up and exclaimed, "Wow, sis! You really are the perfect model for any clothes! Everything looks great on you! Did they actually know you were coming and specially make them for you?"

"I'll go take it off, give me a moment," Xu Xiyan said. She'd already checked the price of the clothes, and there was no way she was going to buy 300,000 yuan worth of clothes.

"Don't, I've already paid for it. Treat it as a present from me for our 100 day anniversary!" Xue Yating pulled Xu Xiyan back and stopped her.

Xu Xiyan couldn't help but laugh in her head. This little brat, making up such an excuse just because she wants to buy me something.

"I don't need it, Tingting. I don't think I can pull off such expensive clothing."

"It really suits you! I won't call you my sister anymore if you take it off!"

"Fine, fine!" Xu Xiyan said. "Then, I treat this as an endorsement from you. I'll wear it to the ROSUE new product launch event next month."

“Yay! You’re the best! Come on, let’s go for lunch. I have someone I want you to meet,” Xue Yating said and dragged Xu Xiyan away.

Yang Qiong’s eyes were following them the whole time as if they would pop out at any moment.

“Don’t get intoxicated by your small success!” Yang Qiong scolded.

Ning Xin noticed that Xu Xiyan had mentioned something about a ROSUE launch event and asked, “Wait, is Jing Xi also invited to the ROSUE product launch event?”

“So what if she is! Let her come, I’ll show her who’s the better actress then!”

Yang Qiong did not believe that Xu Xiyan was invited to the launch event. There was no way she could believe it, as she thought Xu Xiyan never even had a shot at the audition.

Even if Xu Xiyan really did get into the launch event through her connection, she would only play a minor role in it.

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ROSUE’s manager, Yang Biao, had already booked a private lunch at Huayue Hotel’s Mudan Dining Suite.

The CEO, Lin Lan, had left the suite early because he had an urgent matter to attend to. This left Yang Biao and Yang Qiong the perfect venue to continue with their plan.

Yang Biao was talking with An Xianming at the table as the door to the suite suddenly opened and in came Yang Qiong, who was wearing a sexy dress.

“Qiongqiong,” Yang Biao said as he sat her between himself and An Xianming. “Pour some drinks for Mr. An here.”

“Sorry for being late,” Yang Qiong said. “I’ll drink three cups now as my apologies.”

Yang Qiong poured three cups of Chinese white wine for herself and drank them all in one go.

“What a good drinker you are!” An Xianming said.

They started to eat as Yang Qiong and Yang Biao kept praising An Xianming's work.

It was as if Yang Qiong had suddenly become a huge fan of An Xianming.

Yang Qiong suddenly rested her head on An Xianming's shoulder as if she was drunk. It was a seductive hint, and every man knew what Yang Qiong was trying to do.

An Xianming understood the hidden rules of the entertainment business. Many women tried to get into bed with him. But An Xianming was a man of ethics, a man who would not accept women easily. What was more was that he already had a person that he held dearly.

Chapter 558 - Shocked at Their Relationship

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Yang Qiong and Yang Biao noticed that An Xianming wasn't going to fall for Yang Qiong's honey trap and decided to up their game, pouring as many glasses of wine as they could for An Xianming.

After a few glasses of high concentration white wine, An Xianming felt a little drunk and he held his head up with his hand.

"Mr. An, are you alright?" Yang Qiong asked.

"I'm fine, just a little dizzy. I don't think I can drink any more wine."

"Mr. An, I think you're drunk," Yang Biao said. "Why don't I let Qiongqiogn take you upstairs to rest for a while, I've already prepared the room."

"It's okay, I still have a meeting with someone here," An Xianming said as he got up and took his smartphone and keys. "Thank you for the meal, I'll take my leave now."

An Xianming tried to get to the door but he could feel his legs not listening to him.

Yang Qiong quickly got up, helped An Xianming to his feet by placing his arms around her and said, "Let me help you."

"Fine, can you please take me to the Herb Dining Suite?" An Xianming said after he noticed he could not push Yang Qiong away.

Yang Qiong also wanted to know who An Xianming was meeting.

As soon as she opened the door to the Herb Dining Suite, all she could do was stare at the two people who were sitting in there. Not in her wildest dream could she have ever imagined that it would be Xue Yating and Xu Xiyan.

Yang Qiong would not have been surprised if Xue Yating was acquainted with An Xianming since she came from a huge and wealthy family.

But what about Xu Xiyan?

I should've guessed why Jing Xi would get close to Xue Yating, Yang Qiong scolded in her head. It's because Xue Yating is acquainted with most of the powerful people in Peijing!

If Xu Xiyan did manage to get close to An Xianming, it meant that Yang Qiong could lose her spot as the ambassador for ROSUE.

Xu Xiyan had once taken the leading female role for "Root of Evil" away from her, and now the newcomer was about to take the ambassador role away from her too. There was no way that Yang Qiong could regain her pride if that happened.

Yang Qiong helped An Xianming into the suite as Xue Yating got up from her seat, her smile long gone.

Xue Yating could feel the bitterness in her heart when she saw An Xianming in another woman's arm.

"Thank you, Miss Yang," An Xianming said as he pulled himself away. "This is the room."

This is the room, you can leave now, was what An Xianming was trying to say.

Yet Yang Qiong did not leave immediately and asked, "Mr. An, I had no idea that you were going to meet Xue Yating and Jing Xi here, what is your relationship with them?"

But before An Xianming could reply, Xue Yating pulled An Xianming to her side and said, "You're Miss Yang, am I right? An Xianming is my uncle. Please leave him alone."

An Xianming couldn't help but smile at what Xue Yating had just said. Am I her possession now?

“Your... your uncle?”

Yang Qiong pointed at both of them with a face full of shock. One is Xue, and the other was An, how are they supposed to be related?

Chapter 559 - Don't Mind Her Getting Close

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Yang Qiong still couldn't believe Xue Yating, as she should've had the same last name as An Xianming.

Even Xu Xiyan was rendered speechless in her seat.

Xue Yating had told Xu Xiyan that she would be bringing her to meet with someone but never told her who it was. There was no way that Xu Xiyan could have expected An Xianming to walk through the door.

What was more was that they were both uncle and niece from Xue Yating's father's side.

"That's right, he's my uncle!"

Xue Yating had her arms around An Xianming's waist, what she would always do when she was still a kid.

"..." Even though Yang Qiong had an uncle like Yang Biao, she still thought that having an uncle like An Xianming would be better.

"I kind of drank too much and had Miss Yang escort me here," An Xianming said as he tried to hide his laughter and rubbed Xue Yating's head. "Listen to me okay, Tingting? Stop making a scene."

Xue Yating let An Xianming go, looked at Yang Qiong and said, "Now that he's here, you can leave now."

Xue Yating never noticed that she viewed anyone who got close to An Xianming as her enemy.

The situation was very awkward for Yang Qiong as she was sent off immediately, yet she couldn't find any reason to stay and could only leave the Herb Dining Suite.

As soon as she closed the door, she couldn't hide her envy and jealousy anymore, as another feeling started to rise up. It was the feeling of danger.

With the relationship Xue Yating and An Xianming had, they could easily take the ambassador spot away from her and give it to Xu Xiyan.

She did not want to lose just like that.

And even if she did lose, she would drag Xu Xiyan and Xue Yating down with her.

She had to do something.

She suddenly noticed a waiter was pushing a tray of food towards the Herb Dining Suite and had an idea.

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Xu Xiyan was sitting quietly opposite Xue Yating and An Xianming as they talked to each other intimately.

Xu Xiyan could feel her skin crawl after she'd heard the whole story about An Xianming.

He and his parents were separated in an accident when he was a child and he was taken in by the Xue family. That was how he and Xue Zhengrong became brothers.

Before he found his parents, he went by the name Xue Xianming, Xue Yating's uncle by name.

Xue Yating had been close to her uncle ever since she was born. An Xianming was the one who took care of her until she was 18 years old.

An Xianming suddenly left the Xue family for a whole seven years without telling them the reason.

It was not long before when ROSUE invited him to come back to become their advertisement director.

And Xue Yating was happy for that, as she could finally meet her uncle that she had been longing for the past seven years.

Even though An Xianming was more mature than he'd been seven years ago, and had changed his last name, the Xue Yating's dependency on him never changed.

Xue Yating made a vow to herself to not let An Xianming leave Peijing ever again.

“Uncle, please don't ever leave again, okay?” Xue Yating begged as she had her arms around him and rested her head on his shoulder.

It was as if she was back to when she was a kid.

An Xianming hated it when women tried to get close to him, but he never despised Xue Yating for doing so as if it was natural for her to take such actions.

“I'm still not sure about that yet,” An Xianming said.

Xue Yating suddenly remembered why she'd brought Xu Xiyan over and said, “Right, uncle, this is my best friend, Jing Xi. She's a really good actress...”

Chapter 560 - Drugged

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Xue Yating was too happy to have finally met her uncle and almost forgot to introduce Xu Xiyan.

As they were talking, waiters began to serve foods one by one until they finally served a tall jug of coconut water on the table.

Xue Yating looked at the jug and asked, “Did you guys make a mistake? We did not order this coconut water.”

“We’re having a summer promotion at the moment, and this is on the house. Please, enjoy,” the waiter said.

Xue Yating did not suspect anything and asked the waiter to pour the coconut water for them.

An Xianming placed the cup in front of him and said, “I can’t drink anymore, you guys drink it.”

Xu Xiyan and Xue Yating began to drink the water while eating.

Xu Xiyan was intently listening to Xue Yating and An Xianming’s conversation while they ate.

After she’d gulped down a cup of the coconut water, she began to feel something was off. Her body was heating up as her mind was going blank.

Xu Xiyan wondered why it felt like she was drinking alcohol instead of coconut water.

Then she suddenly remembered that it was the same feeling she had five years ago when Chu Yuhe drugged her. Could it be, we were drugged?

Xu Xiyan raised her head and noticed Xue Yating was drinking the water too. Without any hesitation, Xu Xiyan knocked the glass out of her hand.

Xue Yating was surprised as the glass broke on the floor.

“Sis, what...”

“The water... I think it was tampered with... Don’t drink...”

Xu Xiyan could feel every inch of her body heating up. The drug was stronger than what Xu Xiyan had imagined.

Xue Yating noticed that something was off about Xu Xiyan as her face reddened and her breathing became faster.

Xu Xiyan was falling out of her chair, and Xue Yating quickly rushed over to help her up.

“Uncle, what should we do? Is she poisoned?” Xue Yating asked as she set Xu Xiyan down on the couch next to the table.

“No, she might be drugged.”

“What? Then what should we do?”

“Normally, either we dunk her in an ice bath, or we find a man for her.”

“Why do we need a man? Aren’t you a man too? Hurry up and save her.”

Xue Yating couldn’t understand why they needed a man to cure Xu Xiyan.

Even though she was born into a wealthy family, she was as pure as a piece of white paper.

The Xue family had over-protected her, and she had no idea how cruel the world could be.

“Me? There’s no way I can save her...” An Xianming rejected. There was no way he was going to touch another woman when the one he loved was right in front of him. “Does she have a boyfriend? We should contact him!”

“Oh, right!”

Xue Yating instantly thought of Huo Yunshen and quickly took out her phone. She told Huo Yunshen about the situation

that Xu Xiyan was in.

The man on the other side of the phone quickly asked for the address and rushed over to the hotel.

Chapter 561 - Wrapped Tightly Around Him

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At the same time, Yang Qiong and Yang Biao were eating their food happily in the Mudan Dining Suite.

“How good is the drug?” Yang Qiong asked.

“I got it through a special connection from a foreign country, even doctors could not do anything against it,” Yang Biao said, taking a sip of his wine. “As soon as they drink it, they will be so horny that they couldn’t even make out who their parents are.”

“And when they are having fun, we’ll have our men jump in!”

“That’s right, and with that, we’ll have a hold over An Xianming, Then all of his advertisements, and his leading roles in the future will be yours.”

Yang Qiong had a cunning smile on her face as soon as she heard what her uncle had said. Not only could she have An Xianming in her pocket, but she could also ruin Xue Yating and Xu Xiyan’s future.

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The wind blew as an engine roared through the night highway.

A black motorcycle was dashing through the traffic like a flash of lightning.

The man stopped his bike in front of Huayue Hotel and rushed straight towards the herb Dining Suite.

He did not even waste a second as soon as he got Xue Yating's call. He handed Ying Bao over to Ye Xun and borrowed his bike.

He kicked the door to the suite open and couldn't believe what he was looking at.

Xue Yating was sitting over An Xianming as she tried to kiss him. An Xianming was pushing Xue Yating away as much as he could.

Xu Xiyan lay on the couch as she twisted her body. She'd already ripped her button-down shirt open, her bra and chest in full view.

Huo Yunshen had thought of every situation that Xu Xiyan could be in, except for this.

"Mr. An..." Huo Yunshen said as he rushed in.

"Elvis? Why are you here?" An Xianming asked in surprise.

"I'm here for my girl."

Jing Xi is his girlfriend? An Xianming couldn't believe his ears. Huo Yunshen never told him about his relationship with Xu Xiyan when he introduced her to him.

"What's going on here?" Huo Yunshen asked, not even sparing a minute to greet his old friend.

"They were both drugged, hurry up and take your girlfriend away."

An Xianming was about to lose his struggle with the woman in his arms.

Huo Yunshen did not hesitate as he covered Xu Xiyan's body and picked her up.

As soon as he had his arms over her, Xu Xiyan wrapped herself tightly over him like an octopus.

It was as if they were back to five years ago and it made Huo Yunshen excited.

Huo Yunshen was about to walk out of the room when Yi Xiao arrived with a few of his men.

Huo Yunshen ordered Yi Xiao to get An Xianming and Xue Yating to a safe place.

And before he left, he ordered, “Find out who is responsible for this! I’ll make him regret ever doing this!”

“Yes, sir!”

The temperature in the back of the RV continued to rise.

As soon as Huo Yunshen set Xu Xiyan down on the couch, she had her arms all over him again.

Her body was as hot as fire. As soon as she touched the cold body of the man in front of her, every inch of her body became excited.

Chapter 562 - The Couple Finally Became One

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Xu Xiyan wasn't able to think clearly anymore and could only wrap herself around the man in front of her.

Her face was red, her skin slightly pink from the heat.

Xu Xiyan kept whining in pain as she wriggled around.

Huo Yunshen was hurt by the scene of the woman he loved being in pain. He really wanted to know who was responsible for drugging her and making her like that.

Xu Xiyan pressed her lips against his and kissed him wildly.

It was the same as what had happened five years ago, even worse.

The whole situation was completely beyond Huo Yunshen's expectation. He was holding back until they finally got married, who could've thought that Xu Xiyan would be drugged.

Their kiss slowly became faster as time passed.

Yet kisses weren't enough to help Xu Xiyan with the urge she was having, she wanted more. Because the drug inside her body was too strong, she could feel a huge void inside her.

Huo Yunshen pushed her down on the couch, locked her arms with his hands and said, "Jing Xi, just a little while longer... Just hold on a little longer."

At least until they reached a hospital or their home.

But there was no way Xu Xiyan could wait that long.

It felt like her body was being bitten by millions of ants, and she was suffering.

Tears started to fill Xu Xiyan's eyes as she began to cry.

As soon as Huo Yunshen saw that his woman was crying, his heart softened.

“Jing Xi, my girl, please don't cry...”

Huo Yunshen could feel his heart breaking.

It was his duty as a man to not let her cry.

There was no way Xu Xiyan could stand until they reached the hospital.

The most important thing to do at that time was to help calm Xu Xiyan down.

He wiped the tears off her cheeks and hugged her tightly.

Even he was aroused by Xu Xiyan's constant aggression, and he wanted her more than she wanted him,

“Jing Xi, I'm also pained by this... If this is what God wants, then let us recall what we did five years ago...”

Huo Yunshen turned to his driver and ordered, “Do not stop without my order.”

He closed the door between him and the driver, turning the back of the van into a private space.

“Jing Xi, I love you. I'll give you anything you want.”

Five years, Huo Yunshen had never touched any woman for the past five years.

He was more nervous, more excited than ever, afraid that he might hurt her if he was too eager.

As they turned the van into their home and the couch into their bed, both of them merged into one.

“My love, I'll give you everything I've got.”

Huo Yunshen finally expressed all of the love that he had been saving for the past five years onto Xu Xiyan.

Their lips locked as Xu Xiyan could finally feel the heat inside her body leaving.

It was as if they were the only people left in the world.

The best thing in the world has always been being loved when loving, being cared for when caring.

Chapter 563 - Pay for Your Sins

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On the other side, soon after Yi Xiao had asked his men to move An Xianming and Xue Yating to another location, the door to the suite was kicked open and in came a few men with cameras.

They snapped a ton of shots the instant they came in and realized something was off.

“Take them down!” Yi Xiao ordered.

All of Yi Xiao’s men sprung into action and held everyone who came in on the ground.

Yi Xiao looked at them from above and asked, “Who sent you?”

“No one!” one of the paparazzi said.

“Lying are we?” Yi Xiao smirked and signaled his men to beat them up.

“I’ll speak... I’ll speak...” one of the paparazzi begged with blood on his face. “It was Yang Qiong who told us that she’d drugged An Xianming. She paid us to take photos of him having fun.”

“Yang Qiong you said?”

“And Yang Biao. They are waiting for us at the Mudan Suite.”

What nerve! Yi Xiao scolded in his head. They dare to stay and wait?

Yi Xiao quickly ordered his men to go and capture Yang Biao and Yang Qiong.

Both of them were waiting in the Mudan Suite after they'd finish their meal.

Yang Qiong looked at her watch and asked, "The drug should've worked by now, what's taking them so long?"

The door suddenly flew open, and both of them looked at the people who came in at the same time, realizing they weren't the people they'd sent over to the Herb Suite.

"Who are you guys? What the hell are you doing?"

Huo Yunshen's men did not respond to Yang Biao's question and dragged them to the Herb Suite.

Yang Biao and Yang Qiong went into the Herb Suite and couldn't find An Xianming anywhere, while the people they'd sent were lying on the ground not moving an inch.

Yang Qiong raised her head and realized who was sitting on the chair as a chill went down her spine.

Everyone in the entertainment business knew that everything Yi Xiao did was under Huo Yunshen's command.

There were only two people that people in the entertainment business should never offend. One was Huo Yunshen, the other was Yi Xiao.

"Yang Qiong, Yang Biao! Do you know who you guys have offended?" Yi Xiao asked as he slapped the table.

Yang Qiong and Yang Biao jumped as they were puzzled as to why Yi Xiao was there.

"Aren't you mistaking something, Mr. Yi? Why did you drag us here? What's going on in here?" Yang Biao asked.

"You two tried to drug An Xianming and his friend and even paid these people to snap photos of them to have something over them. These people have already told me everything!"

Yang Qiong and Yang Biao were already drenched in cold sweat, as Yi Xiao had already learned of their plan.

They had nothing to say.

They knew that Yunhai Entertainment was the moral pillar of the entertainment business, and Huo Yunshen never liked the things they were doing. He was trying to purge the entertainment business.

Yang Qiong knew that her career was already in jeopardy and blamed everything on her uncle.

Chapter 564 - Want to Have Her

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“This has nothing to do with me!” Yang Qiong screamed. “It was all my uncle’s idea! He was the one who drugged them, and I haven’t had the slightest idea about it!”

“You little brat!” Yang Biao bit back. “What nonsense are you spouting? Wasn’t all of this your plan? I was only helping you, how dare you put the blame on me!”

“I know you care about me, uncle, but you shouldn’t have done this! I already told you not to do it, and yet you wouldn’t listen!”

“You really are a monster!”

Yang Biao had finally become the advertising manager for ROSUE, his career was going great. And yet because of what he did for Yang Qiong, he’d offended Huo Yunshen. There was no way that he could continue his life in Peijing after what he’d done.

“Stop arguing!” Yi Xiao scolded. “You should always think of the consequences before taking any actions! Both of you are to blame for what has happened today! Let them have a taste of their own medicine!”

Some of Huo Yunshen’s men grabbed Yang Qiong and her uncle, took the jug of coconut water from the table and forced them to drink it.

Both of them were thrown onto the ground as Yang Qiong tried to make herself throw up but failed to do so.

Yang Biao's face was pale as a paper. He knew that the drug he got from another country had no cure.

Unless he made out with a woman.

In just a few seconds he could feel the drug starting to take effect as the temperature in his body began to rise.

His mind was going insane as he looked for women to express his desire, and the only woman near him was his niece.

He knew perfectly well that he shouldn't be doing that, but he couldn't control his body as he reached towards her.

Yang Qiong was also under the effect of the drug and couldn't care less who it was.

Even if Yang Biao had not gone for her, she would've had to look for another man.

Both of them started to make out in front of the public without giving a care as to how others looked at them.

The paparazzi were all shocked by the scene they were looking at as Yi Xiao kicked them and ordered them to take pictures.

They were all afraid of being beaten again and started to shoot photos and videos of Yang Biao and Yang Qiong.

The scene was gruesome. A call came through Yi Xiao's phone, and he left the dining suite.

It was the people he'd order to send An Xianming and Xue Yating back.

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An Xianming and Xue yating were brought to a mansion right next to the Jade Lake.

Huo Yunshen's men helped them out of the car as An Xianming carried Xue Yating into the mansion.

He let Xue Yating down on the bed as he was pained from looking at the unconscious woman.

He had to knock her out because Xue Yating had completely lost her mind.

He did not want to hurt her.

He touched her face gently as he took a deep breath, wondering what he should do next.

He had fallen in love with his step-niece, a girl that he'd looked after ever since she was a kid.

He had been hiding his true feeling for the past few years. It was hard for him to not even think of her.

And now that he'd finally met her after he had returned, he couldn't hold his feeling down much longer.

Chapter 565 - Tried to Restrain Himself

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An Xianming looked at Xue Yating's smooth skin and red lips.

He could feel himself swallowing his own saliva as if a beast was trying to break free from inside him.

He knew that he must not continue, but he wanted to have her so much.

"It's so hot..." Xue Yating whined. She'd woken up and was moving around like a kitten as she called out An Xianming's name.

Xue Yating had no idea that the man in front of her was An Xianming, but in her mind, she only could think of him.

He had a precious spot in her heart, as she would always seek his help whenever she was in trouble.

An Xianming looked at the pain that she was in as his heart skipped a beat.

"Tingting, what should I do with you?"

An Xianming couldn't decide as he was still fighting with his inner demons.

But in the end, he still lost.

Even the man with the strongest willpower will fall for such passion and affection.

An Xianming finally lost his control under her faint sounds.

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The sun was rising as Huo Yunshen's RV drove near the Jade Lake.

Xu Xiyan was already sound asleep in Huo Yunshen's arm.

Huo Yunshen ordered his driver to stop the vehicle. He put on his clothes and covered Xu Xiyan with a blanket before leaving the van to get on the yacht that was stopping beside the lake.

The yacht drove straight towards the Qingyun Residence that was located on the small island in the middle of the huge lake.

Huo Yunshen carried Xu Xiyan into the bathroom. He helped her shower, dried her hair and rested her on the bed.

Xu Xiyan finally woke up around noon.

She felt like she had been just run over by a trailer. Her body was in pain and she found it hard to move her body.

She opened her eyes to an unfamiliar scene and a man's arm under her head.

She could feel that she had her back to a man. Xu Xiyan thought of something, and she could feel a chill running down her spine.

Who is the man behind me? Who did I sleep with?

Xu Xiyan recalled what had happened at Huoyue Hotel the previous night.

She'd drunk a cup of coconut water and was drugged.

And she couldn't remember anything after that.

Wait, is it An Xianming? Don't tell me Tingting put us together...

Xu Xiyan could feel herself breaking apart.

She wanted to give both her heart and her body only to Huo Yunshen, no one else. She did not want to do anything that would hurt him.

The guilt and uneasiness in her heart broke her.

She wouldn't even dare to look back and tried to separate herself from the man behind her.

Just as she got away, she was pulled back onto the bed.

“Jing Xi...” the man called, woken up by Xu Xiyan’s slight movement.

Xu Xiyan was stunned as her eyes widened, unable to believe the voice that she’d just heard.

It sounded like Huo Yunshen.

“Uncle?” Xu Xiyan asked, but still did not turn her head to confirm who it was.

“Jing Xi, you’re finally awake...” Huo Yunshen whispered as he rested his head on her shoulder.

The same gentle yet attractive voice echoed through her ears and into her heart.

“Uncle, it really is you?”

Chapter 566 - Finally Became His

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It really was Huo Yunshen.

Xu Xiyan was drowned by surprise. Not only s had she not betrayed Huo Yunshen, she had even made out with him.

“Who else could it be?” Huo Yunshen asked.

“But, I thought... I’m not dreaming, am I?” Xu Xiyan said as tears of happiness rolled down her cheeks.

“It’s not a dream,” Huo Yunshen affirmed as he turned her around to take a good look at her face. “Jing Xi, you finally became mine.”

With his arms around her, he looked at her with eyes that were filled with affection. He raised one of her hands up and bit her finger gently.

Xu Xiyan could feel a slight pain, which meant that it was real. Everything that had happened the night before was real.

She finally became his.

Xu Xiyan cried as tears rolled down like sun shining on a lake.

She was always his after their incident five years ago. She’d never gotten into bed with any other man. She only had him.

It was as if Huo Yunshen was slightly punched in his chest as he saw Xu Xiyan cry.

He leaned over and kissed her tears dry.

“Did you know? Yesterday it was like five years ago. Ever since that happened, I wasn’t able to forget you,” Huo Yunshen said as he kissed her. “You have been in my heart for five years, like a deeply rooted tree. You were my only light when I fell into darkness. I wouldn’t have made it if not for you...”

They were words that he’d been holding back and they hit every corner of Xu Xiyan’s heart.

They made her happy and they made her want him more.

He reached out his hands and placed them on her face as her fingers traced his face.

“I was the same too,” Xu Xiyan said. “Even though I didn’t know who you were five years ago, I gave birth to Ying Bao. Every time I see her face I am reminded of you, I would even dream of you all the time. I never thought that I would meet you after I came back, or that I would even fall for you. Uncle... I always thought that you never got close to me because you didn’t like me...”

“You silly, of course I cared for you, or else why would I even wait for you? Worried for you? I cared for you more than you could even imagine,” Huo Yunshen said as he touched Xu Xiyan’s nose with his. “Jing Xi, are you still going to call me that?”

“Huh?”

“Are you still going to call me uncle until I become old?”

“I...” Xu Xiyan was used to calling him uncle.

“Darling?” Xu Xiyan finally asked after a moment of thinking, but it was kind of disgusting, and she decided to call him what she really wanted. “Husband...”

“That’s more like it, my wife...”

The man began to express his love to the woman through action.

Chapter 567 - Met the Person She Wanted to Meet

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Xu Xiyan had a long and perfect sleep. The sun was already setting when she woke up.

Her phone had been switched off the whole time, and she had no idea what was going on in the outside world. She looked to her side and found that Huo Yunshen had already gotten up.

She sat up from the bed and looked at herself.

Hickies were planted all over her body.

A pink robe had been placed at the side of the bed. She put the robe on, cleaned herself up and went to find Huo Yunshen.

She walked around Qingyun Residence and realized where she was.

She came here the previous time for rehearsal. But since she'd gone straight to the recording room, she hadn't had the chance to have a look at the villa.

Xu Xiyan walked past a quiet hallway, where flowers were placed on the sides.

As the wind blew the bell that was hung outside the window rang.

She reached her hand out and touched the bell. Her heart was as light as the wind as she hurried her pace.

She was happy. All she wanted at that moment was to meet the person she wanted to meet.

She noticed a person in a white shirt and thought that it was Huo Yunshen.

She jogged quietly to his back, had her hands over his eyes and asked, “Hubby, guess who am I?”

The person pulled her hands away, turned to look at her and said, “Hubby? You’re going to make me blush if you call me that...”

“...” Xu Xiyan instantly froze.

The person was not Huo Yunshen but Mu Chenguang instead.

It was only their second meeting after they’d collaborated on the music video.

“Mr. Mu...” Xu Xiyan laughed awkwardly. “Why are you here?”

“Bro asked me to come and talk about the new song,” Mu Chenguang said as he scanned Xu Xiyan who only wore a robe. “I never thought that you were hiding such perfect curves under your thin body. What did bro feed you? Are your boobs real?”

Mu Chenguang stretched his hand and tried to poke Xu Xiyan’s chest. Xu Xiyan shielded herself with one arm and slapped Mu Chenguang with the other.

“Ouch!” Mu Chenguang yelled as he held his face as Xu Xiyan stared at him angrily.

It was at that moment that Huo Yunshen came out with a tray in his hands.

He saw Xu Xiyan slap Mu Chenguang and asked, “What’s wrong?”

Xu Xiyan took the tray from him, put it down on the table and said, “Ask him yourself!”

“You came at the right time, bro!” Mu Chenguang said. “Or else your wife might have killed me! Look! She slapped my pretty face!”

“And why did she do that?”

“I was just trying to check if her boobs were real or not...”

Huo Yunshen stared at him. “I’ve already checked them, and they are real! Don’t ever do something like this again or I’ll cut off your hands!”

Chapter 568 - My Eyes Are Burning

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With that, he pulled Jing Xi onto his lap and said earnestly, “Wifey, remember this: the next time you meet a dirty perv like him, don’t hit him with your hands. It would kill me to see you injuring your lovely hands. You should kick him instead, viciously, with everything you’ve got. If he ends up buying the farm, that’s fine, I’ll handle it.”

As soon as he heard that, Mu Chenguang put his hands to his head and shouted, “Are you friggin’ serious?!”

He hadn’t expected Huo Yunshen to turn into such a scary person after falling in love—apparently everyone else was cannon fodder to him if it meant protecting his “wifey.”

“Hahaha...”

Xu Xiyao burst into laughter. She was feeling all warm and fuzzy inside; being pampered by her prince charming was even better than she imagined.

“Hungry?” asked Huo Yunshen, tilting his head.

Xu Xiyao nodded. With his chopsticks, Huo Yunshen selected the choicest piece of meat from the dishes he had prepared and lifted it towards her mouth. “Here, eat this.”

Xu Xiyao opened her mouth and obediently ate it.

Beside them, Mu Chenguang gaped openly at what he was seeing. He was sure Huo Yunshen had never done anything like that with a woman, any woman.

Huo Yunshen had always seemed like a stoic, impassive man immune to love—but here he was, feeding his girlfriend.

Mu Chenguang found it difficult to reconcile the Huo Yunshen before him with the Huo Yunshen he knew. He clucked his tongue and asked, “Bro, didn’t you prepare all these dishes for me?”

When he had first arrived, Huo Yunshen had asked him whether he’d had his dinner. Mu Chenguang had said no, and yet...

“Nope. I don’t have anything for you. I made all these specifically for Jing Xi.”

Pfffft...

Mu Chenguang could feel an aneurysm coming on. “Bro, why’d you ask me to come? I thought you wanted to discuss a new song, but now it looks like you just want someone to watch you scatter dog food. Feeding each other in broad daylight? Seriously? Have a heart for us single dogs!”

“Shut up, you talk too much. Go do a sound check. Scram.”

Huo Yunshen tossed the music score and lyrics onto Mu Chenguang’s face.

Mu Chenguang resigned himself to his fate. He gathered the papers and walked off, protesting loudly as he went. “Next time you toss something into my super handsome uber cool face, I’ll raise hell with the both of you. I mean it, I can throw a tantrum at the drop of a hat. You just wait, I’ll get a girlfriend and make the both of you go green with envy... hmmph...”

Xu Xiyan watched Mu Chenguang’s retreating back, unable to decide whether to roll her eyes or be amused. The man who usually looked so serious and mature evidently had the reasoning skills of a petulant little boy.

Mu Chenguang was such a weirdo. Xu Xiyan couldn’t help but wonder what kind of woman would get together with him.

Xu Xiyan laughed. She asked Huo Yunshen, “He’s so funny. Why didn’t I notice he’s such a goof?”

“That’s because he pretends to be deep and profound most of the time. Don’t be fooled by him now, he can be quite the lady-killer when he puts his mind to it.”

“Hahaha, you think he’ll be able to charm me with his methods? There’s only one man in the whole wide world who can sweep me off my feet.”

Xu Xiyao smiled as she held Huo Yunshen’s face in her hands. She lowered her head and gave him a quick peck on the lips.

She had been swept off her feet by Huo Yunshen and was now fully under his spell. She would remain in his thrall for the rest of her life.

She had only just pulled away from his lips when Huo Yunshen’s large, sturdy hand clasped the back of her head and pressed her towards him once more. Their lips met for a second time.

Huo Yunshen was supposed to be feeding her, but somewhere along the way it had turned into a make-out session.

The last rays from the setting sun enveloped the both of them, gilding them with a warm golden glow.

Huo Yunshen and Xu Xiyao were madly in love. They were inseparable. They wanted only to spend every minute of every day together, and shower each other with love.

Mu Chenguang realized he had forgotten to ask Huo Yunshen something, and turned back to look for him—only to be greeted with the sight of the two lovebirds kissing under the pergola.

Mu Chenguang immediately covered his eyes. Dammit, he thought, my eyes are burning!

He knew he had to stop being a ‘single dog.’ He had to get a nice, wholesome lady to be his girlfriend ASAP—then he’d be able to kiss her, hug her, and lift her in the air every day.

He swore to himself that he was going to return all the dog food he had been forced to swallow today.

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Chapter 569 - Always Trying To Cop A Feel

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Yup, Mu Chenguang thought to himself, I'll get a girlfriend and sprinkle dog food all around. This is going to be my new goal for the rest of the year, I better write it down in my trusty notebook.

Xu Xiyan was now entirely satisfied: she'd had her meal fed to her by her prince charming, and then engaged in a passionate make-out session with him. As she basked in the afterglow, Xu Xiyan suddenly thought of Ying Bao in the hospital. Unease shot through her.

"Hubby, who's watching our kid?"

She was afraid that Huo Yunshen had handed their daughter over to Chen Yunlu. What if Chen Yunlu hid Ying Bao away? She would be entirely helpless then.

"Ye Xun's watching her. Don't worry, he won't let anything happen to her," replied Huo Yunshen. Ye Xun was now the only person he trusted to watch over Ying Bao.

"Okay."

Xu Xiyan was reassured. Ye Xun was willing to give his life for Ying Bao; his love and concern for the little girl was the real deal. Xu Xiyan knew she could trust him with her daughter.

"So, what next? Are you going to discuss your new song with Mu Chenguang? Are you writing a new song?"

His previous song, “Perhaps,” had only been released not too long ago. Xu Xiyan was worried it would be too exhausting for him to immediately begin planning a new song.

“Yes. I want to write a special song.”

“Great! I’m looking forward to it.”

Xu Xiyan had gone all starry-eyed; she looked at Huo Yunshen with pure, unadulterated worship in her gaze as she wondered what his new song was going to be about.

In actual fact, Huo Yunshen was writing a special song for the most special person in his life.

Xu Xiyan would get to hear it on the day of his marriage proposal...

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Over in Ying Bao’s hospital room...

The usual silence was broken by the joyful laughter of children.

Tang Feimo and Lu Qiancheng were in the hospital room, imitating various animals to entertain Ying Bao, who was squealing with laughter.

“Cherry, can you tell what this is?”

Tang Feimo raised an arm, bent his wrist forward, and placed his other hand behind him. He began walking, poking his bent wrist forward every few steps.

Ying Bao figured it out at once. “It’s an ostrich.”

“Bingo! You got it.”

Tang Feimo gave her a thumbs up.

Lu Qiancheng didn’t want to be outdone. He hastily edged Tang Feimo aside and said, “My turn! I’ll act, you guess.”

Lu Qiancheng put his fingers together and placed them on top of his head. “Guess what this is?”

Ying Bao felt this was a little too easy. “It’s a little white wabbit!”

“What?” Lu Qiancheng pretended he hadn’t heard her correctly. “It’s not a little white mousey.”

Tang Feimo said in disgust, “Cherry said ‘a little white rabbit.’ Are you deaf?”

Ying Bao nodded vigorously. That was what she had said: a little white rabbit.

“Well, she didn’t say it clearly. There’s nothing wrong with my ears,” Lu Qiancheng explained with a deadpan face.

“But I heard what she said. How do you explain that? I heard her correctly, so why didn’t you?” Tang Feimo asked.

“That’s because... because you’re standing closer to her than I am.”

Lu Qiancheng came up with the lame excuse because he didn’t know how to answer the question.

“Fine.” Tang Feimo turned and took Ying Bao’s tiny hand. He said, “Cherry, let’s play by ourselves, just the two of us. I don’t want to play with him, he obviously has problems understanding normal speech.”

Lu Qiancheng: “...”

Lu Qiancheng was frustrated; in his opinion, Tang Feimo had become increasingly insolent towards him ever since Cherry Baby joined them.

The adults found the interaction between the children to be highly amusing. Ye Xun stood by the window, watching the children with his arms crossed. The corners of his mouth lifted as he listened to their joyous laughter.

Beside him, Huo Sanyan had stealthily rested her head upon his shoulder. She said wistfully, “I’m so envious of the children. Look at them, so happy and carefree.”

Ye Xun wholeheartedly agreed. Suddenly, he realized she was leaning against him and shook his shoulder. “Hey! Keep your distance! Why are you always clinging to me? Stop that!”

Ye Xun was at his wits’ end. There seemed to be no way for him to have a normal interaction with Huo Sanyan, not when

the woman was always trying to cop a feel.

Chapter 570 - Hidden Wound

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Instead of obeying him, Huo Sanyan tightened her grip on his arm and snuggled even closer. “Oh, don’t be so stingy! I’m just borrowing your shoulder for a few minutes! Yours is the only shoulder I want. If any other man tried to offer me their shoulder, I’d laugh in their faces!”

“ ... ”

Ye Xun was speechless. Huo Sanyan seemed to think that it was a great honor for Ye Xun to have her leaning against his shoulder. The woman was utterly shameless. She was beyond help.

After failing to shake her off, Ye Xun was now filled with numb resignation. Huo Sanyan was persistent and clingy, and there was nothing he could do about it.

“Admit it! You’re hopelessly in love with me, aren’t you?”

Huo Sanyan was convinced that Ye Xun was just playing hard to get. In her opinion, he was obviously head over heels in love with her, but didn’t want to admit it because he was too shy.

Ye Xun: “ ... ”

Where was this woman getting her self-confidence from?

He no longer had the words to describe what he was feeling.

He was quite sure there was no one more narcissistic and shameless than Huo Sanyan in the entire world.

After a long moment, Ye Xun let out a faint sigh. “Honestly, I have nothing more to say to you.”

Huo Sanyan refused to believe him. She racked her brains for something to talk about. “Oh, we can always talk about something else. What was your childhood like? Were you as happy as these kids?”

Ye Xun: “...”

Ye Xun’s expression darkened at the sudden question about his childhood. Once again, he was overwhelmed by an emotion that went beyond description.

Unlike the children playing before him, his childhood had been far from happy.

The deepest recesses of his memory were filled with war and gunfire.

His home had been destroyed. Separated from the rest of their relatives, he and his mother had been forced to wander in the streets, homeless.

He would never forget the torturous days spent among gunshots, starving and freezing as he hid in gloomy bomb shelters.

He would never forget the horrific price his mother had paid to protect him. She had been caught by Dark Zone mercenaries, who proceeded to gang-rape her before killing her.

That year, at the tender age of 8, he had watched with his own eyes as the cruel and ugly world slaughtered his mother.

He had been too young to do anything. Back then, the only thing he could do was clench his jaw and etch his mother’s final words into his mind.

“Live on. Live a good life, and look for your little sister.”

His younger sister was only 5 years old at the time, and had been separated from them in all the chaos and confusion.

He had done whatever had been necessary to survive the war. He had latched onto life with a single conviction in his heart:

he had to live so he would be able to avenge his family and fellow countrymen one day.

And he had to find his younger sister.

Years later, Ye Xun was now a member of the JS mercenary group, and had participated in many battles against Dark Zone.

Six years ago, under the leadership of Zeus, they had reclaimed the hinterland that had been taken over by Dark Zone. They had also killed Long Luo, the younger brother of Long Xiao, head of Dark Zone.

That was why Long Xiao had put out a 5 billion yuan bounty on Zeus.

The men working in Dark Zone were sinister and cruel. Nothing was too evil for them. They frequently engaged in terrorism, and often instigated war between countries to cash in on the sale of military weapons.

Ye Xun hoped that the JS group would one day be able to excise the cancerous tumor that was Dark Zone from the face of the earth, and bring back world peace.

He had never stopped walking the path of vengeance, but he still hadn't found his younger sister, after all these years.

He wasn't even sure if she was still alive. They had been caught in a war, after all—it was entirely possible that she had died a long time ago.

The story of his childhood was a hidden wound he kept deep within him. He had never told anyone about it.

Looking at the woman leaning against his shoulder, Ye Xun let out a small sigh. He was envious of Huo Sanyan sometimes.

He was envious of her happy childhood, her loving family, and her simple, carefree life.

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Chapter 571 - Sexy

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During Ying Bao's stay in the hospital, the winds of change began to blow through the entertainment industry.

The previous gossip about Ying Bao's father had been bumped off the radar by news about Xu Xinrou's miscarriage.

News of her miscarriage triggered a chain reaction: it was soon followed by news of Huo Jingtang breaking up with her, rumors that Chu Yuhe was the real father of the child she had lost, and other such scandalous gossip. There seemed to be no end to it.

In the fallout, Xu Xinrou was kicked off the production for "Red Sleeved Beauty."

For the first time in her career, she had been written out of a show.

In the show, her character, Meng Zhaoyi, was given a tragic ending. She was banished to the Cold Palace where she lived out the rest of her miserable existence in isolation, as punishment for her evil deeds.

Some speculated that Xu Xinrou had been "iced." Others were of the opinion that Xu Xinrou's career would never recover from this blow.

Xu Xinrou lay on her hospital bed, convinced that there was no one more miserable than she was right now. She had lost her child, lost the man backing her, and had even missed out on the audition for ROSUE.

Little did she know that a good friend of hers would soon be accompanying her in her fall from grace.

On the second day of Yang Qiong's audition, news of her inappropriate relationship with her uncle began to circulate on the internet.

All the media outlets were sharing the scandalous, revolting news of Yang Qiong and Yang Bin's illicit sexual relations in a private hotel room.

Yang Qiong, who had a reputation for being an A-list Kung Fu Actress, was mercilessly roasted in the online forums.

[Ugh, she turned out to be another casting couch whore. I was naïve enough to think she earned her status and reputation with her acting skills!]

[WTF, she did it with her own uncle? That's incest! Has she no shame?!]

[The entertainment industry should blacklist Yang Qiong. She doesn't deserve any acting roles.]

[Gross! Gross! Gross!]

[Her uncle is just as bad. What a disgusting pair!]

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After that, Yang Qiong's dirty laundry was exposed in quick succession: her casting couch roles, her diva-like behavior on set, the way she bullied newcomers, and so on and so forth.

Her scandals were enough to kill her career for good.

As a result of all the negative press surrounding her, the companies she had celebrity endorsement deals with asked to break off their contracts with her. They also demanded compensation for the damage done to their brand images.

Yang Qiong's talent agency could do nothing for her. Instead of helping her put out the fire with a PR team, the agency announced that Yang Qiong was responsible for her own actions: she would have to deal with the consequences herself because the company had nothing to do with it.

That meant that Yang Qiong had been "iced."

If she wanted to make a comeback in the future, she would have to undergo plastic surgery so no one would recognize her.

When Xu Xiyan saw the news, she let out a whoop of satisfaction.

Serves her right!

Yang Qiong had gone to extreme lengths for her revenge, but had ended up destroying her own future.

Xu Xiyan learned from this incident that Huo Yunshen was no ordinary “overprotective hubby.” Her enemies would have to think twice before attempting to cross her now!

Xu Xiyan walked into the kitchen, dressed only in Huo Yunshen’s shirt. Huo Yunshen’s back was turned towards her; he was busy preparing breakfast. She walked over to him and hugged him from behind.

“Thank you, hubby. I’m grateful for everything you do for me.”

Her gratitude was heartfelt and sincere. He had quietly assisted her whenever she needed help, without telling her about it, and she owed her peaceful, carefree life to him.

Huo Yunshen put down the kitchen utensil in his hand and turned around. He held her shoulders and kept her at arm’s length as he looked her over.

She was dressed only in a man’s shirt that hung loose upon her like a nightgown, leaving her curvy figure underneath to the imagination. It was extremely sexy and suggestive.

“Dressed so sexy so early in the morning? Are you trying to hint at something?”

“Hint at something? This is an open invitation!”

“Good, you catch on quick.”

Huo Yunshen gave her a quick peck on the lips before scooping her up in his arms and carrying her bridal-style to the bedroom.

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Chapter 572 - Artificial

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Now that their ship appeared to be sailing smoothly towards a dazzling future, Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen finally had the time to enjoy each other's company without worrying what was going on in the outside world.

As for the rest of the people in showbiz, there was now some good news to balance out the previous torrent of scandals.

For example, the first half of "Red Sleeved Beauty" had shattered the previous record for highest viewer ratings.

As the story unfolded, viewers became increasingly invested in Xu Xiyan's character, the palace maiden, Yao Yue.

"Majestic Land," the theme song for "Red Sleeved Beauty," quickly spread throughout the internet. Soon, almost everyone had listened to it.

Many people were surprised to find that Ni Yun had composed the melody for "Majestic Land." This was his first time composing a classical-style melody.

It was a masterpiece!

They were also surprised to learn that the lyrics were by Jing Xi. The universally praised classical-style theme song for the show was a duet sung by Jing Xi and Ni Yun.

Thanks to the song, the show's audience and Ni Yun's fans now knew that Jing Xi had a lovely singing voice. In fact, her voice and Ni Yun's complemented each other perfectly.

She had previously acted in Ni Yun's MV, and now she had contributed her singing voice to his song. Her talent won over the hearts of many on the internet.

Ni Yun's fans were amazed and curious at the same time: what was Jing Xi's relationship with their idol Ni Yun?

In a previous interview, Jing Xi had admitted that her prince charming was Ni Yun. Were the rumors true?

A good theme song was always a boost to the popularity of a show; the ratings for "Red Sleeved Beauty" continued to climb as the list of glowing reviews grew ever longer.

After Xu Xinrou had been dropped from the production, Director Huang Guoqiang invited the famous A-list actress Ning Xin to join the show for the next arc of palace politics.

On the day it was announced that Ning Xin would be joining the production, she accepted an interview request from a reporter.

The reporter asked in the interview: "Ning Xin, I heard that you and Yang Qiong are close. Are you aware of her recent scandals?"

Ning Xin smiled pleasantly. "I think there's been a misunderstanding. Yang Qiong isn't a friend of mine, just an acquaintance. I met her during an audition once, but that was it. I don't really know her. As for her recent news, I think it's such a pity. That's all I have to say. Thank you."

Yang Qiong was her friend, but Ning Xin had chosen to distance herself from her as soon as she was in trouble. It was human nature.

Show business was chaotic, shady, and nebulous. Most people in showbiz chose to protect themselves at all costs—no one was dumb enough to willingly step into a puddle of filthy water.

Even so, everyone now knew that Ning Xin was a fair-weather friend. Her "friendship" with Yang Qiong had been entirely artificial.

But all the news paled in comparison to the best news of all: the darling angel Ying Bao was finally going to be discharged from the hospital!

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It was now time for Ying Bao to leave the hospital and go home.

Ying Bao's great-grandfather, Jing Huaduo, Ye Xun, Huo Sanyan, Fang Xiaocheng, Wang Dazhi, Lu Qiancheng, and Tang Feimo had all come to the hospital to celebrate her recovery.

The gauze on the little girl's head had already been removed. The doctor had given her one final checkup and confirmed that she was now healthy enough to go home.

Xu Xiyan had dressed her daughter in a cheery little red dress and arranged her hair into tiny space buns atop her head, tied with cherry ornament hair elastics. The little girl was in good spirits, and looked it.

The adorable little girl looked at the adults in the room, who were all smiling and clapping happily. She said joyfully, "Wow, I must be the happiest, luckiest little girl in the whole wide world!"

Xu Xiyan had to suppress a laugh: her daughter was too easily satisfied.

She had evidently forgotten how much she had suffered. She had almost died!

Xu Xiyan kissed her daughter's tiny face, her heart filled with tender happiness.

She was glad Ying Bao was still with her; her daughter was her beacon of hope.

Chapter 573 - Piggyback Ride

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“Come, darling, put on your shoes. Let’s go home.”

Ying Bao was sitting on the edge of the bed. Xu Xiyan helped her daughter put on her tiny leather shoes.

Jing Huaduo had been feeling guilty all this time for losing sight of Ying Bao on the day of her kidnapping. He said kindly, “Ying Bao, how about I carry you?”

Ying Bao pursed her tiny lips together. She looked him over and shook her head. “I don’t want Great-grandpa to carry me. You’re an old man, your bones break easily. They may break if you carry me.”

“Haha... oh, you...”

Jing Huaduo did not know whether to laugh or be offended. He hadn’t expected the little girl to remember the things he had told her!

Ye Xun opened his arms and asked, “My sweet little daughter, how about a hug?”

Again, the little girl shook her head. She said seriously, “Uncle Tree-Leaf, you should go hug Auntie Sanyan instead. Don’t keep her waiting!”

“...”

What was she talking about?

The little kid was already trying to match-make the adults around her. Surely it wasn’t a good idea to encourage

something like that?

Ye Xun blushed a bright red as the other adults in the room burst into laughter.

Huo Sanyan's heart overflowed with love for her little niece. What a thoughtful, considerate child! How wonderful of the little girl to try to get certain "benefits" for her aunt!

Tang Feimo squeezed past the adults and volunteered himself. "Little Cherry, let me give you a piggyback ride!"

He smiled, revealing his small perfect teeth. His handsome little face glowed with excitement.

He could hardly wait to carry his little bride on his back, the way grooms traditionally carried their brides on their wedding day.

"Why do you want to give me a piggyback ride?"

"Because you're my little bride!" Tang Feimo answered matter-of-factly.

Cherry cocked her head as she considered Tang Feimo's small back. She suddenly asked, "Feimo, when did you become the piggy, Zhu Bajie? I know Zhu Bajie gave his bride a piggyback ride!"

Tang Feimo: "..."

Oh well. For his adorable little bride, he was willing to become the pig, Zhu Bajie.

"I don't mind being Zhu Bajie this time. So do you want me to give you a piggyback ride?" Tang Feimo turned his head to ask.

"I don't want that. I want Feimo to stay handsome forever." Ying Bao extended her tiny hand towards Huo Yunshen. "I want Daddy to carry me!"

Huo Yunshen stepped forward with open arms and hugged his daughter. "All right, you're coming home with Daddy."

"Okay. Let's go home."

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Back in Shengshi Yujing, in Xu Xiyan's apartment...

Ying Bao followed Xu Xiyan into the living room. She stood in the middle of the room, cocked her head to the side, and asked her mother: "Xi baby, can I live here now? Is this a dream?"

As a result of her kidnapping, Ying Bao had found her real father, and could now live with both her mommy and daddy. For a small child like her, it was as though Christmas had come early.

But she had to confirm it with her mother because she knew firsthand that happiness wasn't easy to come by.

Xu Xiyan pinched her daughter's tiny cheeks. "Of course this isn't a dream, darling. You can live here now. And you can use both apartments!"

"That's great! Now I can be with Mommy forever!"

The cute little girl skipped happily to the crystal door. She opened the door and said excitedly, "Xi baby, I'm going to find Daddy."

She waited for Xu Xiyan to give her permission before running through the doorway to Huo Yunshen's apartment, shouting "Daddy!" as she went.

Huo Yunshen heard his daughter's voice. He emerged from one of the bedrooms and waved to her. "Daddy's here. Come here, Cherry."

Ying Bao ran happily towards Huo Yunshen, who pointed to the bedroom he had just come out of and said, "Look at the room Daddy prepared for you. Do you like it?"

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Chapter 574 - No Longer An Illegitimate Child

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Huo Yunshen had prepared a princess-themed room for Ying Bao. The room had been decorated entirely in warm pastel colors, and was equipped with a full set of matching furniture.

The ceiling had been specially decorated with star-shaped nightlights of different sizes. At night, with the nightlights on, the ceiling would be transformed into a starry sky.

Huo Yunshen had carefully picked out everything in the room for Ying Bao, from the Minnie bed sheets and the decorative lamps to the toys and the storybooks on the colorful bookshelves.

Ying Bao's jaw dropped when she entered the room.

Wow, what a beautiful room!

It was covered in her favorite colors, and she absolutely adored the Minnie patterns.

It was the prettiest room she had ever seen. Surely only a beautiful princess was worthy of living in it?

“Wow~ It's just as pretty as a princess's room in a fairy tale. I love it.”

Ying Bao skipped around the room, unable to contain her excitement. “Daddy, are you sure I'm allowed to stay in such a pretty room?”

Huo Yunshen nodded, smiling. “Yup.” He tapped her on her little nose as he said indulgently, “I prepared this just for my beautiful little princess.”

“Yay! Long live Daddy!”

Ying Bao planted a kiss on Huo Yunshen’s cheek, and then ran joyfully to the child-sized bed. She took off her shoes, climbed onto the bed, and began playing with a teddy bear.

Huo Yunshen’s heart almost melted into a puddle of warm goo when he saw how happy his daughter was.

Whenever he thought of how she had missed out on a father’s love for the last 4 years, Huo Yunshen was seized with the urge to give her the best of everything in the entire world.

That evening, Xu Xiyan made dinner, and the family of three sat at the dining table together to eat.

Ying Bao was elated; her father and mother were taking turns adding food to her plate. She picked up her tiny spoon and began wolfing down her food; everything seemed extra delicious.

She said in between mouthfuls of food, “I want to sleep with Daddy and Mommy tonight. I want Daddy to tell me a bedtime story.”

Huo Yunshen nodded. “Okay, sure. It’s a promise.”

It was such a simple request. His daughter was so easily satisfied!

The three of them finished their dinner, showered, and climbed into bed.

Huo Yunshen lay on Ying Bao’s left, while Xu Xiyan lay on her right. Ying Bao lay between them, enveloped in happiness. She couldn’t stop smiling.

She wanted to tell all the other children in the world that she was no longer an illegitimate child. She had a Daddy and a Mommy. She had a family.

Huo Yunshen finished his bedtime story, only to discover that Ying Bao was already asleep. He could see the dimples on her cheeks—she had gone to sleep with a smile on her face.

She wasn’t the only one asleep; her mother, too, had dozed off.

Huo Yunshen's cheeks dimpled as he watched the two of them sleep peacefully. His heart was now whole and complete.

He felt like the king of the world now that Xu Xiyan and his daughter were in his life. They meant everything to him.

One was his queen, while the other was his little princess. They were his greatest treasures.

He leaned over and kissed his little princess on the forehead. After that, he kissed his queen on the lips. He turned off the lights and settled back into bed with them.

He closed his eyes and followed his queen and princess into dreamland.

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It was a new day.

Ying Bao opened her eyes and saw that she was still snuggled between her father and mother. This made her very happy.

She turned her head to the left and right to plant a kiss on her parents' cheeks. It was so much fun for her to do this in secret!

Soon enough, the two adults in bed woke up. They kissed Ying Bao on her cheeks as they greeted her: "Good morning, darling."

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Chapter 575 - Passionate Morning Make-out Session

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“Good morning, Mommy. Good morning, Daddy. Good morning, sun. Good morning, little flower. Good morning, little bear. Good morning...”

The little girl was so excited she rattled off a long string of Good Mornings.

“Okay, time to get up. I’ll get your clothes for you.”

Xu Xiyan got out of bed to get the clothes for her husband and daughter.

Huo Yunshen pulled his daughter into his arms. He tousled her hair and said, “Cherry, let’s have a teeth-brushing contest. We’ll see who finishes brushing their teeth first, okay?”

“Okay. But I already know I’ll win!”

Ying Bao slipped out of bed, put on her tiny slippers, and ran happily to the bathroom.

When he saw that their daughter had left the room, Huo Yunshen’s deep, dark eyes immediately turned into sultry bedroom eyes. He called for Xu Xiyan in a seductive voice: “Wifey~ Come here!”

His voice was just too sexy to resist.

Xu Xiyan’s body trembled all over. She turned to look at him: he was lying on his side, his head propped up on a hand. He was staring at her hungrily.

What was he thinking, striking such a sexy pose so early in the morning? Was he getting out of bed or what?

“What is it? Aren’t you getting up? We’ll be late.”

Xu Xiyan laid his clothes on the bed. She had to hurry over to the set, and she knew he had a company meeting at his office that morning.

“I don’t have the energy to get up.”

Huo Yunshen’s cheeks dimpled as he suppressed a smile.

He sat up—and then collapsed onto the bed. He was showing her that he truly didn’t have the energy to get up.

Xu Xiyan felt like laughing. She hadn’t expected Huo Yunshen to be so childish. Was he trying to find an excuse to sleep in?

She knew exactly how to deal with someone who didn’t want to get out of bed. She immediately pulled the blanket off of him, thinking: Hah, let’s see if you can sleep in now!

As soon as the blanket was gone, she was greeted with the sight of his long legs and sexy black briefs. She almost forgot to breathe.

The sight was too much for her. Xu Xiyan’s cheeks grew warm as she quickly looked away.

Huo Yunshen saw that she was momentarily stunned. He seized the opportunity to grab hold of her and pull her into his arms.

Xu Xiyan was caught off-guard; she gave a surprised shout as she fell on top of him. In the next second he had flipped their positions and was now kissing her ruthlessly.

After their passionate morning make-out session, Xu Xiyan had to catch her breath and wait for the room to stop spinning. “This means we’re living together even though we aren’t married, right? It’ll be a huge scandal if this gets out.”

“Why? We already have a daughter. It’s only natural for a man to sleep with his wife,” said Huo Yunshen matter-of-factly.

Xu Xiyan's cherry red lips pouted as she said coyly, "Who's your wife?"

Deep down, she was feeling all warm and fuzzy because he had called her his wife.

"You are. You already accepted my ring, you can't back out now."

As soon as he finished saying that, Huo Yunshen captured her lips once again.

He knew what she was worried about, and had made the necessary arrangements.

He wanted to make her his lawfully wedded wife. He wanted her to use his surname.

He wanted her name to appear on his marriage certificate. She would be his Mrs. Huo, for the rest of their lives.

Right when the two of them were making out once again, their daughter ran into the room to tell her father that she had finished brushing her teeth.

She cocked her head curiously at the sight of her father on top of her mother. "Huh? Daddy, Xi baby, what are you two doing?"

As soon as they heard Ying Bao's voice, Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen immediately flew apart, as though electrified. They adjusted their clothes and hair, flustered.

Xu Xiyan quickly calmed her ragged breathing and racing heart. She explained awkwardly, "Darling, we weren't doing anything."

Chapter 576 - Simple Things

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Instead of trying to cover it up like Xu Xiyan, Huo Yunshen pulled his daughter over and said seriously, “Daddy and Mommy were kissing. You’ll have a little brother soon.”

“Really? Mommy will have a little brother if Daddy kisses her?”

As soon as she heard she was going to get a little brother, Ying Bao’s eyes lit up with excitement. She could hardly wait for her mother to give her a little brother so they would be able to play together.

Huo Yunshen nodded. “Yup, that’s right.”

Ying Bao was overjoyed. She urged him, “Then you have to keep kissing Mommy! I want to see my little brother soon. I want to play games with him. I want to teach him to sing!”

“...”

Xu Xiyan facepalmed. She wished Huo Yunshen would stop putting ideas into their daughter’s head—she wasn’t ready for a second child, not yet!

After breakfast, Huo Yunshen and Ying Bao walked Xu Xiyan to the door.

“Don’t worry, I’ll keep an eye on our daughter.”

“Okay.” Xu Xiyan bade goodbye to her husband and daughter.

Huo Yunshen was actively taking on the responsibility of looking after his daughter because he wanted to make up for lost time.

When he showed up at the Huo Group office building with Ying Bao in tow, the entire company exploded into gossipy chatter.

The rumors of Cherry Baby being his daughter had been the talk of town for some time, but no one had been able to prove it.

But today, they all saw with their own eyes that their president had brought his little darling princess with him to work, and the adorable little girl was none other than Cherry Baby, the net celebrity!

The dimples on the little girl's cheeks were an exact copy of Huo Yunshen's. She was really Huo Yunshen's daughter!

Now that the gossip had turned out to be true, the second question on everyone's mind was: Who was the child's mother?

Was it Rabbit Mommy, the woman wearing the pink rabbit mascot costume in their live streams?

This was Ying Bao's first visit to her father's company. She took in the tall building, the beautiful interior, and exclaimed, "Wow...My daddy is really rich!"

"Yeah. You and your mommy won't have to work hard to make money any more. Daddy will give you the best of everything."

Huo Yunshen tousled the little girl's hair as he asked, "So what do you want? Tell Daddy."

Ying Bao cocked her head to the side and thought about it. Suddenly, her eyes lit up. "Oh, I want a big kite! The kind with a long tail."

Children were always wishing for such simple things!

Huo Yunshen suddenly remembered that he had promised his daughter he would fly a kite with her when he was able to walk again.

He said to her now, "All right. Daddy will give you a big kite with a long tail. We'll go fly it this afternoon. Is that okay?"

“Yes! I’m so happy!”

Huo Yunshen took his daughter to the president’s floor. There was a small playground on that floor, built in accordance to his orders.

The playground was equipped with everything a child could ask for. Ying Bao would be able to spend her time happily playing inside.

Not wanting Ying Bao to feel lonely, he selected several of his employee’s children, all around Ying Bao’s age, to play with her inside.

This way, his daughter wouldn’t feel bored when he was working.

Ying Bao loved her father’s company. Not only was it big and beautiful, there was also an indoor playground, and plenty of other children playing with her. It was so much fun.

While they were playing together, a child named Niu Niu asked Ying Bao, “Cherry, which kindergarten do you go to?”

Ying Bao shook her head. “I’m not in kindergarten.”

Niu Niu asked, “Why not? We’re all in kindergarten, so why aren’t you?”

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Chapter 577 - Filled With Envy

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“Kindergarten is bad.”

Ying Bao had given it some thought, but she could not overcome her fear.

Just the thought of her horrific experience at the E country kindergarten was enough to make her recoil in horror.

“No, our kindergarten is really fun! We play a lot of fun games every day, and they give us snacks to eat,” Niu Niu said proudly.

Another little girl added, “Yeah, they even taught us how to paint and make things. Niu Niu, let’s play the Woodman game!”

And with that, Niu Niu ran off to play with the other children who were also in kindergarten.

Ying Bao sat on the slide and watched them play together, her heart filled with envy.

It was clear now that not being in kindergarten made her different from everyone else. Niu Niu and the other children were able to sing the same nursery songs they had learned in kindergarten, and they knew the same dances and games. When they began talking about their kindergartens, Ying Bao couldn’t get a word in because she didn’t know what they were talking about.

When his meeting was over, Huo Yunshen walked out of his office to look for his daughter. He saw her sitting alone on a

swing; she wasn't playing with the other children.

"Cherry, come here."

Ying Bao heard her father call for her. She immediately jumped off the swing and ran to her father, flinging herself into his arms and hugging him tight.

"Daddy~"

She sounded upset.

Huo Yunshen wondered what was wrong. He asked patiently, "What happened? Cherry? Why weren't you playing with the other girls?"

Ying Bao shook her head, her eyes filled with indignant tears. Before she could say anything, the tears rolled down her cheeks.

Huo Yunshen scooped his daughter up and carried her into his office. He shut the door and asked, "What happened? You can tell Daddy. Did someone bully you?"

"No..." Ying Bao shook her head and rubbed her eyes with the back of her tiny, pudgy hands. She pouted as she said, "They're all in kindergarten, so they play together. They don't want me to join them."

Oh, was Ying Bao having trouble fitting in with the other kids because she wasn't attending kindergarten?

Huo Yunshen looked at his daughter's tiny, innocent face, his heart filled with tender sympathy. He didn't want his daughter to turn into a lonely outcast.

He hoped she would have a happy, carefree childhood, like the other kids her age.

He didn't know how much schooling Ying Bao had received overseas, but he knew that in this country, every little boy and little girl her age would be starting their second year of kindergarten in September.

Perhaps it was time to send Ying Bao to school and let her receive a normal education, like all the other children. This

would make it easier for her to fit in with the rest of society and make more friends.

Huo Yunshen discussed this with his daughter. “Cherry, what do you think about going to kindergarten? This way you’ll get to be good friends with the other girls and play with them. How about it?”

“No, I don’t want to go to kindergarten.”

Ying Bao kept shaking her head. She looked deeply unhappy.

She didn’t want to go to kindergarten. Not in the slightest.

“Why? Isn’t it nice to go to school?”

Huo Yunshen wondered why his daughter was reacting so badly to the idea of going to kindergarten.

“No it isn’t, there are bad aunties in kindergarten who will bully me. I don’t want to go to kindergarten.”

Ying Bao had become anxious and sullen.

She snuggled against her father’s chest and put her arms around him, hugging him tight.

Huo Yunshen was deeply shocked by what his daughter had said. Had Ying Bao been hurt in kindergarten before this?

“Okay, don’t be scared, Daddy’s here. I’ll catch all the bad aunties so they won’t be able to bully you ever again.”

Huo Yunshen comforted his daughter as he moved over to the office pantry and brought out an assortment of delicious snacks and drinks for her.

Chapter 578 - His Heart Ached Terribly

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The delicious food helped to calm Ying Bao's nerves. She ate the food happily.

Huo Yunshen wanted to find out what had happened to Ying Bao in E country. He called Xu Xiyan, but she didn't answer—she was probably in the middle of a shoot.

He called Ye Xun next, and learned from him that Ying Bao had previously been abused by her kindergarten teachers when she was living in E country.

The experience had been traumatizing for Ying Bao, and caused her to be extremely hostile towards the idea of going to school.

Once Huo Yunshen understood what had happened, his heart ached terribly for his daughter. He couldn't imagine what it must have felt like for the little girl to suffer such cruel abuse.

Poking children with needles, stuffing their mouths with wasabi, spanking them, yelling at them... how was it possible for teachers to be so evil?

How could they not know that even the slightest wound to a child's psyche was enough to leave an indelible mark for the rest of their lives?

Huo Yunshen's heart bled for his daughter. But his sorrow soon gave way to anger. "A place with teachers like that doesn't deserve to be a kindergarten. It should be razed to the ground!"

Ye Xun replied, “Us JS mercenaries have already done that. The teachers who were abusing the kids have gotten the punishment they deserve.”

After ending the call, Huo Yunshen decided upon his next step: he would give his daughter psychological counseling whenever possible to reduce her fear of kindergartens, ASAP. He had to make sure Ying Bao would be okay with a new environment.

He instructed Yi Xiao to contact the best psychologist available, and also to look up all the kindergartens in Peijing with excellent reputations and track records. He would handpick a suitable kindergarten for his daughter.

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Over at the studio lot in the eastern suburbs...

They were now shooting a tense scene for “Root of Evil.”

The policewoman in the story was in hot pursuit of W, a serial killer. W had suffered a serious injury and fled into a welfare home.

The policewoman stealthily followed after him. His trail led her to a door, where she stopped.

The sight of the dilapidated door triggered something within her. She was reminded of her childhood memories.

After her parents had died, her brother, too, had died to save her. She had been sent to a welfare home after that.

The policewoman entered the room where W lived, which happened to be the same room she had lived in when she was a young girl. Inside, she was shocked to find a photo of her and her brother.

This was the turning point in the movie: what would the policewoman do now, once she realized that the brother she missed was actually the serial killer she was trying to catch?

What would her reaction be, once she discovered the truth behind her brother’s serial killings?

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Once their scenes for the day were done, Xu Xiyan and Ma Haodong walked off the sound stage together.

Ma Haodong was now back to his normal self. He patted Xu Xiyan on the shoulder and said, “You were amazing back there. I was so close to tears, I couldn’t help thinking how wonderful it would be if you were my little sister.”

Xu Xiyan had poured her heart and soul into her acting just now. She had been in complete emotional sync with her character. The tears in her eyes were real; she hadn’t been faking them.

It had taken a while for her to get herself out of character and back into reality. “Oh, really? Thanks. Keep flattering me, go on, I think I’m going to fall in love with myself any minute now.”

“Hahaha...” Ma Haodong laughed, amused by her joke. They got their things and left the set together.

Along the way, the two of them talked about “Root of Evil.” They both felt that the suspense and mystery aspects of the movie were especially gripping, complementing the character’s emotional scenes. It was a good movie.

As they continued to chat, they suddenly heard someone call Ma Haodong’s name. The two of them stopped and turned towards the direction of the voice.

It was Ning Xin. She was dressed in an expensive-looking floral dress; Xu Xiyan could tell that she was going for the “sweet, lovely girl-next-door” look.

Chapter 579 - How Fake

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“Ning Xin, why are you here? Aren’t you supposed to be at Hengdian Studios?” asked Ma Haodong, a little surprised.

Both Ma Haodong and Ning Xin were part of Huayin Entertainment. He hadn’t expected to bump into her here, because he had heard that Ning Xin was shooting an idol drama at Hengdian Studios.

“Brother Haodong, I see you haven’t been keeping up with my news. My Hengdian show already wrapped up last week. Now I’m part of ‘Red Sleeved Beauty’,” explained Ning Xin with a smile.

Ma Haodong nodded in reply. “Oh, I see.”

Xu Xiyan was still standing next to Ma Haodong. She hadn’t said anything, but Ning Xin was keenly aware of her; she had seen her walking with Ma Haodong, laughing and joking with him. Ning Xin didn’t like that. Not one bit.

But Ning Xin didn’t let her resentment show on her face. She allowed her gaze to fall naturally upon Jing Xi before asking tentatively, “Oh, is this your girlfriend?”

“She’s not my girlfriend. Don’t misunderstand,” explained Ma Haodong.

He introduced Jing Xi. “Let me introduce you to my friend: this is Jing Xi, we’re currently in the same production.”

Ning Xin suddenly realized who Jing Xi was. “Oh, so this is Jing Xi, the newcomer who was rumored to be in a relationship with you.”

Ma Haodong nodded. He introduced Ning Xin. “Jing Xi, this is my junior sister apprentice, Ning Xin. She’s also part of Huayin Entertainment, like me.”

Ning Xin hated it when Ma Haodong introduced her as his “junior sister apprentice,” but she let it go. There was nothing she could do about it.

Several years ago, Ma Haodong had had his heart broken when Xiao Yuqian disappeared. Ning Xin had seized the chance to try to get him on the rebound—to no avail. In the end, she had to settle for the role of his confidante in order to stay by his side and continue being friends with him.

She had to give up on any romantic possibilities with him because that was the only way she would be able to meet him without making him uncomfortable.

“Good day, Ms. Ning.”

Xu Xiyan’s greeting was perfectly civil. Deep down, however, she was filled with disgust. She couldn’t stand how fake Ning Xin was being.

They had already met several days ago, during the audition for ROSUE. Ning Xin and Yang Qiong had even mocked her openly—and now she was pretending this was their first meeting? What a load of crock!

Now that they had gotten the introductions over with, Ning Xin said, “Brother Haodong, are you free tonight? We haven’t seen each other in ages, we should have dinner together!”

Ma Haodong was, in fact, free that night. “Sure. I was just about to go for dinner. We’ll have dinner together.” He turned to Xu Xiyan. “Jing Xi, you should come with us too!”

Xu Xiyan was reluctant to have dinner with Ning Xin. Eating at the same table with someone she didn’t get along with was bound to give her an upset stomach.

She was racking her brain for a suitable excuse when her phone began to ring. She got out her phone and saw that it was from Orange.

“Sorry, I have to take this call.”

Fang Xiaocheng informed Xu Xiyan over the phone that it was Chinese Valentine's Day. She had set up a flower stall at the city's central square, but she needed help because there were just too many customers.

Xu Xiyan was elated; this was the excuse she was looking for. She would rather help her friend sell flowers than have dinner with Ning Xin.

After ending the call, Xu Xiyan smiled pleasantly as she said, "Sorry, I have to go meet a friend now, so if you'll excuse me... Have a nice dinner, bye!"

"All right. Do you want me to drive you?" Ma Haodong asked courteously.

"That's okay, I drove here."

Xu Xiyan waved goodbye to them.

Xu Xiyan had forgotten it was Chinese Valentine's Day; she would never have realized what day it was if it hadn't been for Fang Xiaocheng's phone call.

Fang Xiaocheng had repeatedly reminded her over the phone to put on her pink Rabbit Mommy mascot suit to hide her identity.

Before hurrying over to the city center, Xu Xiyan called Huo Yunshen to inform him of her plans. After that, she went home to get her bunny suit.

The city's central square was packed with people.

Xu Xiyan immediately spotted Fang Xiaocheng because she was wearing her Orange full-face mask. The massive Orange head bobbing up and down among the crowd was difficult to miss.

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Chapter 578 A Visit from Eason

Ella sent Sum a message on WeChat, “Mr. Sum, I’m not feeling very well today. May I file for a leave?”

The moment Sum saw her message, he called, “What happened? Do you need me to take you to the hospital?”

At Sum’s concern, Ella took a deep breath and replied, “Thanks, but that would be unnecessary. I’ve taken some painkillers. I might feel better after some rest.” A full night’s sleep would be the best medicine for her.

“Fine. Get some rest and don’t worry about the company.” Hearing such considerate words made Ella feel warm despite her discomfort.

“Okay, I know.”

“If you are feeling better tonight, would you like to come to the Fang Group anniversary party with me? I need a companion.” Locking the door of his apartment, Sum headed towards the parking lot.

Attend the Fang Group anniversary party? As his companion? “I probably shouldn’t... Sum, nasty rumors have been spreading in the company since I became your personal assistant...” Although Ella had always kept an appropriate distance from Sum, she still heard a lot of rumors about the both of them.

Sum grinned, “Ella, a clean hand needs no washing. Why bother yourself about this nonsense?” In truth, he would be pleased if something happened between him and Ella.

At Sum’s words, Ella stopped worrying. She thought it would be awkward if she refused him and said, “Okay then.”

“Okay. I’ll call you when I get off work tonight. Have a good rest, and remember to call me if anything happens.” His phone would be on 24/7 for her.

“Thanks, Mr. Sum.” Ella gratefully replied as she lay in bed.

“Don’t be so polite. We’re schoolmates. Well, I should go to work now.”

Ella nodded as Sum’s soft voice floated by, “Drive safely.”

Before she could put away her phone, it rang again as soon as the call ended.

She didn’t even have the strength to open her eyes. She just wanted to sleep. Thinking it was Sum again, she slid the green button without looking at the phone, “Sum, what’s the

“You’re my wife in name only, on paper only. My heart and love will never be yours.”

Edward made it clear to Daisy that she was nothing to him. They were both victims of family greed — the marriage was arranged for them.

Six years passed. She remained quiet, gaining a reputation in the army as a tough-as-nails colonel. When she walked into his life again, Edward fell in love with this woman...

for helping my wife out earlier. This is the money you gave her. The password is the last 6 digits of the card number.”

Samuel realized Eason had given Ella money when he had the dinner with her last night. He became skeptical when she volunteered to pay the bill.

During Ella’s pregnancy, Samuel had given her an unlimited credit card that she never used.

She supported herself with the money she saved as an actress.

As a spoiled girl, she knew little about financing. She soon ran out of money with her careless spending.

It wasn’t until the baby was born that Samuel discovered she had spent all of her money and started using his money. A few days ago, he found out that the card he gave her hadn’t been used for a couple of weeks.

When Ella paid a 300 thousand bill last night, he realized that someone must have given her a sum of money, so she stopped using the card.

As for the source of the money? Samuel had found out this morning.

He was relieved when he realized it was Eason who had given Ella the money. At least she didn't borrow money from other men, or let them take care of her.

Though she was working in Sum's company, she earned her wages through hard work.

Eason went straight to Samuel's office as soon as he got off the plane. It was evident that he came to confront him.

Chapter 581 - Mr. Cherry vs Rabbit Mommy

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Xu Xiyan was speechless. Why were they trying to match-make her in their video for Chinese Valentine's Day?

After the little girl finished making her wish, she blinked her large, lively eyes as she asked: [Aunt Orange, will the handsome uncle show up?]

Aunt Orange put a finger to her forehead in mock concentration: [Yup, he's here.]

Cherry Baby: [How will he find my mommy?]

Aunt Orange: [Maybe he'll sing a song, and your mommy will know it's him when she hears it.]

The broadcast ended. At the same time, the beautiful melody began to play once again; it seemed to be the opening to a song.

Once the prelude ended, a deep, irresistibly alluring voice began to sing, loud enough to carry across the night sky.

[How long is two thousand days and nights?

They're gone within a finger snap

If it means you'll be by my side

I can wait forever...]

As soon as she heard the singing voice, Xu Xiyan felt as though she had been struck by an invisible bolt of lightning. All the cells in her body trembled in excitement in the wake of the electric current that coursed through her.

Why did that voice sound like Huo Yunshen's?

Xu Xiyan and the people around her began to look around to see where the voice was coming from.

The massive square had turned into an open-air concert hall. The beautiful music carried across the square to every corner. It seeped into the deepest recesses of everyone's hearts.

A hot air balloon decorated with heart-shaped balloons and star-shaped nightlights descended from the sky, floating slowly into view.

Everyone could clearly see now that there was a man sitting in the hot air balloon, dressed in a black tuxedo and bow tie. He was singing with heartfelt emotion into a microphone.

No one could see his face, because he had put on a cherry-shaped full-face mascot mask.

This was a clever move by him. This way, no one would be able to recognize him.

But Xu Xiyan had recognized his singing voice, and knew it was Huo Yunshen underneath the Mr. Cherry disguise.

He was singing a new song, a song she had never heard before.

Once she was certain it was Huo Yunshen, Xu Xiyan was struck with a thought that was too incredible for her to believe: Was this all part of Huo Yunshen's plan?

Was he proposing to her?

The hot air balloon basket touched the ground as the song reached its climax. Mr. Cherry looked directly at Rabbit Mommy, standing amidst the flower bouquets, and sang to her.

[You ask me how much I love you.

My love for you increases

With every passing second

As long as time goes on

My love is forever...]

This was a new song Huo Yunshen had written especially for Xu Xiyan. The name of the song was “Passionately Devoted to You.”

The lyrics were his answer to the question Xu Xiyan had previously put to him: How much did he love her?

Although he had answered her with his lyrics, it wasn't enough for him. He was now going to tell her, in person, what he felt for her.

Mr. Cherry said slowly into the microphone, “Rabbit Mommy, forgive me for being late. I wanted to surprise you, and after thinking long and hard about it, this clichéd method was the only idea I could come up with.”

“Perhaps you think that I'm being very old-fashioned, that I can't keep up with the times, but that's okay. The important thing is: I want to answer your question in person.”

“You once asked me how much I love you. This is my answer.”

“Rabbit Mommy, I love you. I fell in love with you a long time ago—you'll never guess when or where. ”

“Back then, I didn't have the courage or confidence to confess my feelings for you, because you're absolutely perfect in every way. But I never stopped thinking about you. I never stopped loving you.”

“You rescued me from hell. You gave me the courage to live on. You lit the way to my future for me.”

“You brought happiness into my life. You complete my world.”

“I can no longer live without you in my life.”

“You've become part of my heart, my bones, my blood, and my soul.”

“Now, I have something to ask you.”

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Chapter 582 - Operation Mascot Proposal

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The scene on the advertising display had changed to a live shot of Mr. Cherry and Rabbit Mommy.

It was only then that Xu Xiyan realized that everything had been planned from the beginning From Fang Xiaocheng asking for her help, to the song that her man had sung and to the confession that was happening at the moment.

All of this for a surprise.

Xu Xiyan was really surprised by it. She was excited as she had been waiting for this moment for a very long time.

Her relationship with Huo Yunshen was a weird one. She made out with him five years ago and gave birth to Ying Bao in secret. She had a secret crush on him five years later and finally got the diamond ring from him.

All three of them finally lived together, and she had sex with him because she was drugged...

Everything happened so naturally that it made her think that life would go on weirdly. She'd never expected that her man would surprise her with a proposal in front of everyone else.

She suddenly remembered a line that Lin Zixia had spoken in "A Chinese Oddessy."

"The person I've longed for is the greatest hero of all time. He'll one day come to me in golden armor riding on a rainbow cloud."

Lin Zixia had guessed the beginning but wasn't able to get a happy ending. Yet Xu Xiyan finally got her happy ending.

The person Xu Xiyan had longed for was also a great man; even though he used to be in a wheelchair and did not have golden armor, he was the perfect person to her.

Huo Yunshen wanted to ask her a question.

Witnessed by thousands of people, Mr. Cherry approached her step by step.

He stopped a meter in front of her and kneeled on the floor.

He raised his head and spoke through a microphone, "My beautiful lady, I would like to ask you to marry me, to build a family together, to raise our child together, and to live through every sunrise and sunset together. Will you marry me?"

He finally proposed to her.

He finally proposed to her officially.

Tears filled Xu Xiyan's eyes as she looked at the man who was kneeling in front of her.

She had her fluffy hands over her bunny head and had no idea how to express her feelings anymore.

Her heart was filled with happiness as tears kept flowing down.

Xu Xiyan wasn't the only one who was touched by Huo Yunshen as girls all around the plaza admired Xu Xiyan.

"Mr. Cherry is such a romantic person!"

"If someone were to propose to me like this, I would definitely agree! Why is Bunny Mommy hesitating?"

"Is she thinking of refusing him?"

Since Xu Xiyan remained silent, Fang Xiaocheng nudged her and said, "Yanyan, hurry up and accept him!"

"Accept him!" the crowd also shouted. "Marry him!"

"Are you willing to marry me?" Mr. Cherry asked again, sincerely. "And let me take care of you for the rest of your life?"

Xu Xiyan took a deep breath and nodded over and over again.

Of course, I do! Xu Xiyan thought. Even if you asked me a thousand times, the answer would always be the same.

She was willing to give herself to him and live the rest of her life with him.

The crowd clapped as Mr. Cherry got up and offered his left hand to Bunny Mommy.

Chapter 583 - Another Surprise

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Bunny Mommy rested her fluffy hand on Mr. Cherry's palm. He pulled her over and hugged her tightly.

Since they were both wearing costumes, they weren't able to kiss. They could only hug each other to express their happiness.

The picture on the advertising display was showing the smiles of Mr. Cherry and Bunny Mommy.

Ying Bao suddenly appeared and forced herself into the middle of her parents as she smiled happily.

Even Fang Xiaocheng teared up, as her best friend had finally found her happiness.

Operation Mascot Proposal was a huge success.

As he hid his identity through a costume, Huo Yunshen announced to the whole world that he'd found the woman he loved.

Huo Yunshen led Xu Xiyan into the hot air balloon, and they slowly rose into the sky.

"Hubby, when did you prepare all of this? Why didn't you even tell me?"

"I wanted it to be a surprise."

"I'm surprised!" Xu Xiyan exclaimed as she suddenly thought of the song he'd just sung. "What was the song just now? It was my first time hearing it."

“The song’s name is ‘Passionately Devoted to You.’ I wrote it for you.”

Passionately Devoted to You, Xu Xiyan thought. Xu Xiyan...
Huo Yunshen...[1]

“You put our name in it, right?” Xu Xiyan exclaimed as she kept repeating the name of the song in her head.

“Yup,” Huo Yunshen said as he rubbed her head.

Xu Xiyan suddenly remembered the song that topped the chart “Maybe,” and her eyes widened as she said, “I get it now! The song ‘Maybe’ also uses our last name![2]”

“Yes.”

“Why didn’t I notice it sooner?”

Huo Yunshen had already expressed his feelings towards her in the song “Maybe,” but she never thought much about it.

If she were able to understand the meaning behind the title, she could’ve express her feelings back earlier.

But lucky enough they were still able to be together after many twists and turns.

As the hot air balloon flew over the Jade Lake, Huo Yunshen revealed another surprise for her.

Lightings on the dark lake were arranged into a sentence.

[Xi, I’ll always love you forever!]

Both of them had already taken off their heavy costume as they looked at each other face.

The pretty guy looked at the girl gently with his black eyes.

Xu Xiyan never stopped crying as tears fell like diamonds dropping.

She hugged him tightly as she saw the words on the lake and said, “I never thought you could be so romantic. It’s out of my expectations!”

“Is this romantic? I’m not really sure. All I know is that I’m willing to try anything for you.”

If not for her, there was no need for him to be so romantic.

Because of her, he was willing to think hard and do things that could make her happy.

Endnotes

[1] The romanization of “Passionately Devoted to You” in Chinese is “xu ni yi wang qing shen.”

[2] The romanization of “Maybe” in Chinese is “huo xu.”

Chapter 584 - Kissing Each Other

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“Thank you. Thank you for everything you’ve done for me. I’m so happy,” Xu Xiyan said as she rested her head on Huo Yunshen’s shoulder.

“If you really want to thank me, then give me something better.”

“What... hey...”

As soon as she raised her head, the man lowered his and kissed her.

Huo Yunshen had already regained his self-confidence, daring to love unlike before.

Both of them sat in the hot air balloon as they hugged and kissed each other.

They landed on the island in the center of the Jade Lake.

The Qingyun Residence was decorated with warm lighting as soft music played in the background. The aromas from the flowers intensified the romantic atmosphere at the villa.

Huo Yunshen led Xu Xiyan by her hand into the residence where a candlelight dinner had already been prepared in the garden.

He sat her down and served her the food that he’d prepared.

Xu Xiyan took a bite of the steak and exclaimed, “Hubby! This is really good!”

“I can cook for you every day if you like it.”

“Looks like I can eat something good everyday then!”

Huo Yunshen looked at Xu Xiyan with his attractive eyes, took out a box from behind his back like magic and said, “This is for you. Open it.”

“Really? There’s more?”

Xu Xiyan took the box from him and guessed that it was filled with roses as that was the trend.

But she held her hands over her mouth after she opened the box.

She’d never thought that her mother’s violin, Artemis, would be lying still in the box.

“I thought Artemis was with Xue Yating? How did you…”

Xu Xiyan had made a deal with Xue Yating that she would return the violin after Xu Xiyan had finished helping her perform.

“That’s right. If I’d known sooner that this violin meant so much to you, I could’ve got it back earlier,” Huo Yunshen apologized.

He’d heard about the violin and the fact that Xu Xiyan was playing in Xue Yating’s place for the violin from Xue Yating herself.

Xue Yating was willing to give the violin back earlier as their engagement gift so that Xu Xiyan could stop playing in her place.

“No, I just… I don’t even know how to thank you.”

Xu Xiyan was too happy that she had finally gotten back her mother’s belonging.

“You should thank Xue Yating too. As for me, you can repay me by spending the night in bed with me. If you think that’s not enough, then a few nights should suffice,” Huo Yunshen teased without a change in his expression.

Xu Xiyan blushed as she laughed, “Hubby, I think you’re more daring than you used to be.”

“Well, because you weren’t mine back then.”

That was the truth. He was scared that he might scare her away if he spoke without refrain.

But everything was different now. She had become his woman; he could say anything he had in mind.

Chapter 585 - I Want You

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Xu Xiyan laughed sweetly at his words.

She liked the depressed Huo Yunshen then, but she also liked the confident Huo Yunshen now.

As the dinner was coming to an end, Huo Yunshen snapped his fingers, and the music changed into elegant waltz music.

He got up from his seat, walked to Xu Xiyan and extended his right hand while he bowed slightly.

“May I have a dance with the beautiful and cute Miss Jing?”

He still remembered how Xu Xiyan had danced like a goddess in Vikio Bar while they were in Estan.

The only regret he had was not being able to dance with her. Since he could walk again, he wanted to make up for that.

“It’ll be my pleasure,” Xu Xiyan smiled as she rested her hand on his as her heart beat excitedly.

He slowly pulled Xu Xiyan up and into his arms.

Their bodies were as close as they could be as they danced to the elegant waltz.

The clear moonlight shone on them as they held each other in the quiet night, appreciating each other as they danced.

Maybe it was because of the dance, or maybe because of their affection, but as Huo Yunshen smelt the faint aroma from Xu Xiyan’s hair, his heart started to beat faster.

He lowered his head and kissed her like he was drunk.

He could still taste the faint sweetness from the red wine on Xu Xiyan's lip, and it made Huo Yunshen's every cell tingle.

Xu Xiyan began to shake from the kiss as parts of her body that his hands had gone through burned.

Huo Yunshen pinned her against the wall as the kisses intensified.

"Jing Xi, I want you..." Huo Yunshen whispered beside her ear.

With his actions becoming bolder, she couldn't reply.

She laced her fingers with his and allowed him to do whatever he wanted.

Only the two of them remained at the Qingyun Residence as they became one under the moonlight in the garden.

They moved places a couple of times, going to every corner of the house, whether it be the hallway or the living room, leaving traces of their love.

It was only when the sun rose that they returned to the bedroom and slept in each other's arms.

Xu Xiyan slept with a smile on her face, a smile of happiness.

Only from Huo Yunshen was she able to taste that happiness.

The time with Huo Yunshen would always be the best.

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The best feeling is to be able to sleep in the arms of the people you love and wake up there

To be more precise, Xu Xiyan was awoken by Huo Yunshen's kisses. She could feel a slight tingle on her body, and it woke her up. As she opened her eyes, Huo Yunshen was planting hickies on her chest.

"Hey! Hey! Hey! Hubby! What are you doing?" Xu Xiyan scolded as she stopped him just in time. "I have a shooting for ROSUE today, someone might see it!"

"Who dares to look at you? I'll gouge their eyes out!" Huo Yunshen said as he continued what he was doing.

Chapter 586 - Kissed Her

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Huo Yunshen finally let Xu Xiyan go after he'd had his fill. Xu Xiyan climbed out of bed and navigated her aching body to the washroom.

She stood in front of the mirror as she brushed her teeth as Huo Yunshen came in and hugged her from the back before he began brushing his.

They looked at each other through the mirror without hiding any affections towards each other.

Huo Yunshen grabbed Xu Xiyan by her face and turned her towards him as he kissed her while their mouths were filled with toothpaste.

In the end, both of them had eaten quite a bit of toothpaste before they separated their lips.

"Hey, can't you control yourself a little?" Xu Xiyan scolded.

"Nope," Huo Yunshen said as he pushed her into the shower.

"Let me wash your body."

"I can wash it myself!"

"Let me."

"No!"

"Yes! Serving my wife is my life motto!"

"You really are like Ying Bao, getting your way with words. You used to use this method on other girls too, right?"

"I swear to god I've only done this to two girls."

"And who's that?" Xu Xiyan asked.

“One is little cherry, and the other is big cherry.”

A satisfying answer.

Xu Xiyan was already wet from top to bottom as she was still in her sleeping gown. She looked like a very attractive cherry.

Huo Yunshen closed in on Xu Xiyan, bit her ear and said, “Big cherry is attractive. Want to bite.”

“Hey, show some restraint...”

“Oh, this is just the beginning.”

“...” Xu Xiyan had a feeling that it would be dangerous to shower with him, and everything that happened later proved her right.

Her head was spinning as she walked out of the shower. Huo Yunshen carried her out and helped blow her hair dry.

He’d already prepared dresses that she could wear to the advertisement shoot and helped her put them on.

“If this continues, I might not be able to take care of myself anymore,” Xu Xiyan said.

“Don’t worry, I can take care of you.”

You better not... Xu Xiyan thought. She wasn’t the type of person who would live under someone as she wanted to lead an independent life.

Xu Xiyan quickly finished the breakfast that Huo Yunshen had prepared and rushed to ROSUE.

Huo Yunshen went to fetch their daughter and took care of a few important bits of work.

Xu Xiyan talked briefly with An Xianming at ROSUE, and they went straight into the shoot.

Xu Xiyan did not question An Xianming about the night they were drugged. She’d already learned it from the news that Yang Qiong and her uncle were the ones behind it. But since then, the news of them performing incest had led to Yang Qiong being let go from her company.

Xue Yating came to the shooting site during the shoot. She was there to find An Xianming but decided to wait because he was busy.

She sat quietly until the morning session ended.

An Xianming kept praising Xu Xiyan's for her performance and told everyone to take a 10-minute break. He turned around and noticed Xue Yating was waiting at the side.

Chapter 587 - Finally Got What You Wanted

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Xue Yating stood up and said, "Uncle, are you done? Do you have some time now? I have something to ask you."

"What's that?" An Xianming asked without changing his expression.

"How did I leave Huayue Hotel that night?"

An Xianming could feel his heart beating a little fast as he recalled the night where Xue Yating clung onto him.

He regretted what he did that night after the news of what Yang Qiong and Yang Biao had surfaced.

He was afraid of what the public would say if they were found out.

He wouldn't mind being scolded by the people, but he did not want to hurt Xue Yating one bit.

He pressed his finger against his temple and said, "You left there on your own, don't you remember?"

"On my own?"

"Yup," An Xianming nodded. "I have to get back to work, we'll talk later."

An Xianming patted her shoulder and left.

"Hey, wait..."

Xue Yating stood still as question marks filled her head. No matter how hard she tried to recall, she couldn't remember

how she'd left the hotel.

She'd woken up the next day in a mansion without any idea where she was or who she'd had sex with.

She wanted to look for answers from her uncle, but he didn't even have the time for her.

Looking at his back, she frowned as she still had many things she wanted to say to him.

She also had a feeling that her uncle was leaving her as if he wasn't planning to return to the Xue family.

Xu Xiyan noticed Xue Yating had come earlier, but did not have the time to talk to her.

Now that she had her break, she walked up to Xue Yating.

"Tingting, hey."

"Sis! Done with your shooting?"

"A part of it, there's more after the break," Xu Xiyan said as she sat down beside Xue Yating. "Oh, I still have to thank you for calling Huo Yunshen that night, or else I would've been in trouble. I also got the violin from him, thank you so much."

It was Xue Yating who had called Huo Yunshen that night, and it helped Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen become one.

Yet Xue Yating herself didn't even know who she had slept with.

"I heard that Mr. Huo proposed to you!" Xue Yating said.

"Congrats! You finally got what you wanted."

"Thank you," Xu Xiyan smiled.

Both of them talked until the assistant director told Xu Xiyan the break was over.

"We'll talk next time, okay?" Xu Xiyan said.

"Okay. Don't forget about the music festival in D city next month."

"I won't."

Even though Xu Xiyan had gotten her hands on Artemis, she still intended to help Xue Yating until the end since she'd

promised.

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The noon session was changed to an outdoor shoot as Xu Xiyao followed An Xianming and the crew to another location.

They arrived at Peijing Wetland Forest Park, a place that was filled with an elegant and fresh natural ecosystem.

The shooting went on smoothly and they finished earlier than they'd imagined.

An Xianming took a look at his wristwatch and said, "All right, Jing Xi, your part is done now. It's time for you to fly freely. You can go to your Mr. Huo now."

Xu Xiyao was stunned. She couldn't understand what An Xianming was implying.

Chapter 588 - Sidetracked

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“Look over there,” An Xianming said as he pointed at a kite that flew high in the blue sky.

Xu Xiyan followed the thread of the kite and noticed that a man in a black shirt and a kid in a red shirt were standing on the grassland.

With her 20/20 vision, Xu Xiyan instantly recognized Ying Bao, and the man in the black shirt could only be Huo Yunshen.

She quickly understood why An Xianming had suddenly changed the schedule; it was all for Huo Yunshen.

“Thank you, then I’ll take my leave now,” Xu Xiyan said as she bowed and ran off towards the kite.

An Xianming sighed at the sight of the girl running towards her man, his heart filled with envy.

He envied the fact that they each could be with the person they loved.

His phone rang, and An Xianming lowered his head. It was Xue Yating who was calling. He did not pick up the call. All he did was look at the name on the screen until the call ended and the screen went black.

He hated himself for not having the right and the courage to love.

He really wondered what the possibilities between him and Xue Yating were.

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The closer Xu Xiyan got to the grassland, the faster her heart beat.

Huo Yunshen stood among the grass, tall and steady, with a back that seemed invincible.

She ran towards him as her footsteps became lighter and lighter as if she was running on the air.

She initially wanted to sneak up behind him and cover his eyes.

But her daughter noticed her as soon as she got close.

“Xi Baby!” the little girl shouted with a cute voice and ran towards Xu Xiyan.

“So here you are, my little girl,” Xu Xiyan said as she slowed down and hugged her daughter, scooping her up.

“Yup, I’m flying the kite with daddy. Look at how high my kite is flying!” Ying Bao said as she turned and pointed at the kite that looked like a butterfly with a long tail.

“I see it! It really is high!”

Ying Bao jumped down from her mother’s arms, ran towards her father and said, “Daddy! Look! Xi Baby is here!”

Huo Yunshen was pulling on the string of the kite as he raised his head and looked at it. He heard her daughter and turned to see the woman he loved was already right in front of him.

Their eyes met, and they smiled.

He handed the string to her and said, “Here, do you want to fly it?”

Xu Xiyan raised her head, looked at the kite that was flying high and said, “But I don’t know how to fly it.””

“No worries, I can teach you.”

Xu Xiyan took over the string under Huo Yunshen’s encouragement.

“Like this...” Huo Yunshen said as he hugged her from behind, rested his head on her shoulder and began to teach her

when to pull and when to release the string. “Slowly release it...”

Xu Xiyan admitted that she wasn't a good student as she got a little sidetracked, especially when she was in the man's arms, feeling his warm breath and listening to his gentle voice. It made her feel like there were a lot of kittens jumping in her heart and it made her heart itch.

She couldn't hold her urge and turned to look at Huo Yunshen. Huo Yunshen took the chance and kissed her.

Xu Xiyan frowned and scolded, “Hey! The kid is watching!”

Chapter 589 - How 'Bout Another One?

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Ying Bao witnessed her parents' kiss, and she clapped happily.

“Yay!” Ying Bao cheered. “Mummy will give me a baby brother soon! I’m gonna have a baby brother!”

“...” Xu Xiyan blushed and stared at Huo Yunshen. “See what you’ve done now? She’ll keep asking for this every day!”

“I don’t think it’s a bad idea. Why don’t we have another child together?”

Huo Yunshen really did have this intention. He wanted another child, so he could take care of him from the time he was an infant.

Yet Xu Xiyan had no plan to do so. Since she had finally gotten together with Huo Yunshen, she wanted more alone time with him.

“Together? No, thanks!” Xu Xiyan pouted as she jumped out of his arms, dragging the string with her.

Huo Yunshen chased after her and pushed her onto the grass.

He tickled her and asked, “Oh, really? Then who do you want to have a child with? Speak the truth!”

“Stop it!” Xu Xiyan laughed. “With you! Satisfied?”

“No, it’s not convincing enough.”

Huo Yunshen hugged her tightly as he stared at her.

“It’s real! From the bottom of my heart! I’m telling the truth!”
Xu Xiyan said as she raised her arm.

“All right, then we’ll have to see your performance tonight.”

Huo Yunshen slightly released his grip as he made a clear implication.

Xu Xiyan could not escape his affection as they lay on the grass and looked at each other romantically.

Ying Bao jumped around them happily.

She was happy because of the intimacy between her parents.

Just as Huo Yunshen was about to kiss Xu Xiyan, Ying Bao jumped onto them suddenly.

“Daddy, Mommy, I also want a hug...”

“Okay, come here.”

The two adults finally stopped what they were doing and hugged the little girl between them while they kissed her on her cheeks.

Ying Bao lay in the middle of her parents. She turned around and rested her head on their palms as she swung her legs.

Then she suddenly pointed at the kite and said, “Not good! My kite is falling down!”

The two adults quickly got up and saw the kite was coming down at high speed.

“No worries, I’ll roll the string back,” Huo Yunshen said as he picked the string up and rolled it back.

Xu Xiyan waited until the string was straight again before she took it from his hands and said, “Let me! I’m sure I can fly it higher than before!”

“Yay! Hurry up!” Ying Bao urged.

It might have been that the master had not taught the student well, or that the student wasn’t paying attention at all, but the kite would just not fly. It would just float at a low altitude.

Yet Xu Xiyan kept on trying. There was no way that she could be defeated by such an easy task.

“Mommy, it’s so low! I can almost catch it,” Ying Bao said as she tried to catch the kite with her hands.

Even after Xu Xiyan was drenched in sweat, the kite still wouldn’t fly. Flying a kite looked easy but making it fly high was a hard task for Xu Xiyan.

Chapter 590 - Love Rival

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After trying for more than 10 times, Xu Xiyan finally handed the string over to Huo Yunshen as she gasped, “Hubby, can you help me?”

“Sure thing, call me master.”

“Mushter...” Xu Xiyan joked.

Huo Yunshen put Ying Bao down and took the kite.

He rubbed Xu Xiyan’s head and said, “Good, good.”

Huo Yunshen began to run with the kite and let it go as Xu Xiyan and Ying Bao chased after it.

Huo Yunshen flew the kite like he was born for it as the kite rose higher and higher.

Even though he was only flying a kite, it still made Xu Xiyan marvel at his capabilities.

“Wow! Mushter is so good!” Xu Xiyan said like a young maiden madly in love.

“Daddy! You’re so good at it!” Ying Bao also said.

Huo Yunshen looked at the smile on their face as an indescribable feeling of satisfaction filled his heart.

Even though the kite was light, it looked like it could catch the most precious thing on earth to him.

They spent the whole evening happily. Xu Xiyan rested on the picnic mat. She ate some fruit as she looked at Huo Yunshen drawing with Ying Bao.

Huo Yunshen's phone suddenly rang. Xu Xiyan took a peek at his phone and noticed who the caller was. The name "Shixue" was written on it.

Shixue? Could it be the pop queen of western music who sang at the last Olympics? Could it be Tang Shixue? Xu Xiyan thought. Why is she calling him?

Huo Yunshen had already made it clear that he and Tang Shixue were only friends. Xu Xiyan didn't think much about it and told Huo Yunshen that he had a call. Maybe because he was quite far away from her, Huo Yunshen did not hear her.

After the ringing stopped, a voice message popped up.

Out of curiosity, Xu Xiyan tapped the phone and accidentally played the voice message.

[Yunshen, how are you? Since you did not pick up my call, I want to tell you that I've returned to Zstan. I'm going to continue my career here so I can stay by your side and I won't ever leave you again.]

What and what? What does she mean to stay by his side and not leave? Xu Xiyan was stunned.

Her sixth sense told her that Tang Shixue had returned to Zstan for Huo Yunshen.

She would abandon her chance to develop in foreign countries and would rather stay.

If not for love, what other reasons are there for a person to make such a sacrifice.

Xu Xiyan frowned, as her rival had appeared.

Yet she wasn't afraid. They were already engaged. Even if Tang Shixue were to return, it wouldn't change how they felt for each other.

Xu Xiyan was sure that Huo Yunshen would never betray her.

After Huo Yunshen played with his daughter for some time, he led her back to the mat and said, "Let's have a rest. What do you want to eat?"

“Daddy, I want juice,” Ying Bao said as she stretched her empty hands out.

Huo Yunshen took a juice box from the food container and inserted the straw before giving it to Ying Bao.

He turned to Xu Xiyan and asked, “Do you want some?”

“No!”

One word was enough for Huo Yunshen to hear something was wrong. He looked at her and noticed that she wasn't looking at them as she played on her phone.

The sensitive man knew that his woman wasn't happy about something, but had no idea what had upset her.

Chapter 591 - His Woman is Jealous

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“What’s wrong?” Huo Yunshen said as he popped open a box of apple juice and handed it over to Xu Xiyan. Xu Xiyan just looked at it but didn’t take it.

Something’s wrong! Huo Yunshen’s instincts told him in his head.

Huo Yunshen moved towards her back and hugged her waist from behind. He touched her ear with his nose and asked again, “What’s going on?”

Xu Xiyan threw his phone to him and said, “Your old lover is coming back, you should be happy, right?”

What old lover? What am I supposed to be happy about? Huo Yunshen looked at her stunned.

He unlocked his phone and noticed a missed call and a voice message. They were both from Tang Shixue, and he instantly knew what was up.

“Are you jealous of Tang Shixue?” Huo Yunshen smiled. He was happy, as it meant that Xu Xiyan really cared about him.

“Who said I’m jealous? Hand me the juice!”

Xu Xiyan took the juice from him and chugged it.

“Yeah, I can hear the jealousy in your voice,” Huo Yunshen laughed.

“So what if I’m jealous? You’re my man now, and I don’t like you to have any intimate relationships with other girls! If you

cheat on me, then I... then I'll take Ying Bao, and you won't ever find us again!"

Xu Xiyan pulled Ying Bao over and hugged her.

She felt kind of uneasy because Huo Yunshen was fully healed and because he was an outstanding person.

Maybe because she had been betrayed by Chu Yuhe five years ago, she was afraid that she'd be betrayed again.

"Do you doubt me?" Huo Yunshen laughed and pulled her over. "Aren't you aware of how I'm treating you right now?"

"I know, but... she's the pop queen, and you're the musical genius. You two go well together. Even your mother likes her, and she might even ask you to marry her once she's back."

Xu Xiyan couldn't help but recall what Chen Yunlu had told her when they were at the hospital.

Chen Yunlu did not approve of them being together, and it would be hard on their marriage.

She did not want to separate from either Ying Bao or Huo Yunshen.

"You're right, I should get married," Huo Yunshen said.

What does he mean? Xu Xiyan did not like what Huo Yunshen had just said. Could it be that he wouldn't mind marrying Tang Shixue?

They did not continue their conversation as Ying Bao was falling asleep. They had to get her home.

Xu Xiyan was still unhappy on their way home but did not show it on her face.

They returned to Shengshi Yujing. After Huo Yunshen had put Ying Bao to bed, he went out to look for Xu Xiyan.

Xu Xiyan was packing stuff that they had used at the picnic on the table. Huo Yunshen walked over, hugged her from the back and kissed her.

"Hey! I'm packing! Don't disturb me!" Xu Xiyan scolded and avoided his kiss.

Huo Yunshen knew that she was still angry. He had to clear up the misunderstanding as soon as possible.

“Calm down, my wife, please?” Huo Yunshen said as he wrapped his warm arms around her waist.

“I’m not angry!”

You call that not angry?

Chapter 592 - His Sweet Talk is Just Way Too Sweet

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Huo Yunshen pulled Xu Xiyan over, stared into her eyes and explained, “My wife, you have to believe me. If I wanted to be with Tang Shixue, wouldn’t I stay single until now? I can assure you that no matter who comes into our lives, they will never affect our relationship. I only have one girlfriend, one wife, one partner... and that’s you.”

“Really? What if Tang Shixue came back and tries to win you over? There’s no way such a talented person would let you go,” Xu Xiyan said as her anger slowly died down. It was not that she was prickly, but she couldn’t control her own feelings.

A person would definitely become more sensitive when they were in a relationship. Any small thing could spark a fight.

“Don’t worry, I’ve always treated her as my younger sister. Plus, now I’ve got a serious disease. It’s called ‘Unable to leave Jing Xi’s side chronic disease.’ You’re my only cure.”

Xu Xiyan couldn’t help but agree that her man really knew how to sweet talk. He could always cheer her up with his words.

She wasn’t angry anymore but instead was happy.

As long as he cared about her and respected her, other people wouldn’t matter anymore.

“You and your sweet mouth,” Xu Xiyan said as she poked his forehead.

“I’m also good at something else,” Huo Yunshen said as he pulled her head closer and kissed her.

Xu Xiyan was forced to kiss him until her body was almost worn out.

She pushed him away and gasped, “Hey, our daughter will see us.”

“No worries, Ying Bao is sound asleep,” Huo Yunshen said, not giving her any chance to refuse.

Huo Yunshen swept the things on the table to the floor and pushed her down on the table.

“It’s cold!” Xu Xiyan shrieked. She had her back on the cold ceramic glazed table, making her shiver.

Huo Yunshen was afraid she might get sick and moved her to the couch.

Their relationship deepened after a night of fun. They had their breakfast the next morning, and Huo Yunshen asked Ye Xun to help take care of Ying Bao.

“Let’s go out later,” Huo Yunshen said to Xu Xiyan.

“Where are we going?” Xu Xiyan asked, not knowing where the man wanted to go.

“You’ll know when we get there. I’ll go get the car, come down when I message you.”

Huo Yunshen kissed Xu Xiyan on her forehead and left.

Xu Xiyan wore a plain T-shirt and a pair of jeans. She thought that maybe her prince charming was taking her out on a date and changed her clothes.

After Huo Yunshen messaged her, she took her bag and walked out the door.

Huo Yunshen was sitting on the fancy sports car. He saw a girl with perfect curves walking out the building but did not realize it was Xu Xiyan at first.

He was really shocked when he noticed that it was her.

She'd changed into a beige one-piece dress. The skirt was a milk white color with a flower pattern on it. The dress was made of thin cloth, and her body could almost be seen under it.

She even had slight make-up on and had pulled her hair back. Her perfect curves in full view, it was as if she was Artemis herself.

Words are just not enough

I hope so too ☐

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“Did you change your clothes?” he asked.

“Yup. How is it?”

“It's good, but... aren't you cold in that?” Huo Yunshen asked as he swallowed his saliva.

What he had intended to say was that she was showing too much cleavage. Almost half of her chest could be seen. There was no way that Huo Yunshen would let her wear that out and let other men stare at her.

“It's not cold at all. Even if I was cold, this dress matches your shirt,” Xu Xiyan smiled.

Huo Yunshen wore an ironed white button-down, and it perfectly outlined his tall and muscular body. With his perfect facial features, people could say that he was a living hormone.

Huo Yunshen got down from the car, and Xu Xiyan thought he was going to open the door for her. But to her surprise, he pulled her back into the house by her shoulder.

“You should change into something else. I'm afraid that you might get sick.”

Every time Huo Yunshen lowered his head to peek at her body, he had the urge to rip her dress apart. The more he thought of it, the more he was sure that he could not let her go out dressed like that.

“It’s really okay. I thought we were in a hurry? Let’s go!”

Xu Xiyan still could not understand what the man thought until they went back into the house and she was pinned at the door by him.

She recalled the fun they’d had last night as she pushed his head away and said, “Hey! Are we still going out or not?”

“You are seducing me with that dress, right? How do you expect me to go out with you looking like this?” Huo Yunshen said as he bent over and bit her earlobe. “You’re just way too sexy, and it makes me want to... rip it open!”

In just a few seconds, the beautiful dress was torn to pieces by the man.

It was another battle until the man was satisfied and carried Xu Xiyan into the changing room.

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Xu Xiyan was stunned by them, wondering when he had prepared all of them.

Huo Yunshen chose a new set of clothes for her. It was a light purple top with a bowknot on it, and a slim A-line skirt. The outfit was pretty, but at the same time wasn’t too revealing.

Huo Yunshen also changed into a light purple button-down. Both of them stood in front of the mirror, and they really looked like a couple.

“All right, we can leave now.”

Huo Yunshen guided Xu Xiyan out with his arm over her chest.

Xu Xiyan finally understood what he was trying to do and it made her laugh. She had a few other dresses that were also

revealing, and she wondered if Huo Yunshen would rip every piece apart whenever she wore one.

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Chapter 593 - Seducing Him

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Chapter 594 - Uncover Old Scars

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“Don’t worry, I’ve brought them.”

Not only had Huo Yunshen brought his own household register, but he had also brought along Xu Xiyan’s. He had already prepared all the documents and other necessities and also researched where to register their marriage.

He took her little hand, interlocked his fingers with hers, and took her into the Civil Affairs Bureau.

The bureau was usually overcrowded, but now it was empty as the whole place had been reserved by Huo Yunshen. The bureau would only be serving them at this time.

The process of registering their marriage was very convenient and went very smoothly without a hitch. After taking photos for their marriage certificate, they said their oaths under the national flag, vowing to become a pair of faithful lovers who would never give up on each other.

“Won’t you regret marrying me?” Huo Yunshen asked softly in her ear.

Xu Xiyan said, leaning her head on his shoulder, “I’m fine as long as you don’t regret it.”

How could she regret it?

This was what she had always wanted. It was her wish to be his wife and have her name written in the spouse field on his household register.

Now her wish had finally come true. Xu Xiyan's heart was filled with indescribable joy the moment they received their marriage certificate. How she wished that she could announce to the world that she was already married.

From this day on, August 16th would be their wedding anniversary every year.

Huo Yunshen was equally moved. He kept kissing Xu Xiyan on the back of her hand. "Jing Xi, do you know how long I've waited for this day?"

He had waited for a long time before finally making her his one and only legal wife. He felt extremely lucky.

"I've waited for a long time too, dear."

Xu Xiyan wrapped her arms around Huo Yunshen's neck and kissed him.

After kissing him passionately, Xu Xiyan smiled at him and said, "From now on, we must be honest with each other. We shall not deceive or hurt each other. We must be faithful to each other, okay?"

She was being very cautious towards her relationship because she had been heartbroken before. She would openly discuss anything in advance to avoid further misunderstandings and complications in the future.

"Okay," he promised. He then closed in to kiss her but Xu Xiyan pressed a hand to his chest to stop him. "Prove your sincerity to me and tell me how many girlfriends you've dated before. Confess honestly to me."

Xu Xiyan knew very little about Huo Yunshen's past. She wanted to take this opportunity to know more about him.

Huo Yunshen rubbed his chin as he thought for a while, then answered her solemnly, "There is only one."

"Who?" Xu Xiyan asked vigilantly.

"Why, the silly and oblivious girl who is right in front of me."

Huo Yunshen took her face in his hands and gave her a big and forceful kiss.

Xu Xiyan was stunned after being kissed by him. Did he mean that he had never dated anyone, and she was his first girlfriend?

So who was Tang Shixue?

“So, what about you? Who have you dated before?” Huo Yunshen threw the question back to her reciprocally.

“I was blind back then when I fell in love with a scumbag.”

Xu Xiyan looked up at him with watery eyes. She felt she was obliged to tell him about her past. Though she didn't want to bring up the past and uncover her old scars, she still had to be honest with Huo Yunshen.

“You know that person. He is Chu Yuhe. Five years ago, he was the one who had joined hands with Xu Xinrou and drugged me, wanting to send me to Mr. Li of Lianzhong as a gift...”

“He really is a scumbag!”

Huo Yunshen also felt that Chu Yuhe was a big scumbag. How could he ever deserve Xu Xiyan?

How could he have the right to become Xu Xiyan's lover?

“I should be glad that Chu Yuhe was so blind. If it wasn't for him, how could I have possibly met you?”

Huo Yunshen pulled Xu Xiyan into his arms lovingly. “Don't worry, I won't easily forgive those who've harmed you. They will all suffer the consequences.”

“Yeah, I believe it.”

Chapter 595 - Turned Out That Her Fears Had Manifested

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The two left the Civil Affairs Bureau and went back to their car. Xu Xiyan asked, “What are we going to do next?”

“First, let’s do something that I had always wanted to do. As for later plans, we’ll just go with the flow.”

What Huo Yunshen had always wanted to do was to become a normal man who could accompany his woman to go shopping and for a date, and do everything that men and women in love would do.

The two donned flu masks and sunglasses, then went shopping.

He accompanied her to several popular streets in Peijing, then accompanied her to watch a romantic movie.

At noon, they went to the Memory Western Restaurant to have a meal. After that, they went to the amusement park in the afternoon. He was spending all of his time on her.

Xu Xiyan felt really happy and lucky. This was the life she wanted. A happy life with her lover, where she could spend every second and minute of her life with him.

They spent the whole day having a great time. In the afternoon, the two went to the supermarket and bought a lot of groceries, then returned to Shengshi Yujing in the evening.

Huo Yunshen parked his car in a nearby parking lot. He carried two large bags of groceries as he headed back to his apartment with Xu Xiyan.

When they were about to arrive at their apartment, Xu Xiyan realized that she had left her mobile phone in the car. “Go ahead first, dear. I’m going back to the car for my phone.”

“Okay.”

Huo Yunshen headed back to the apartment with the groceries as Xu Xiyan turned back to look for her mobile phone in the car.

When she came back, she saw Huo Yunshen standing in front of their apartment. He was talking to a woman.

The woman was facing away from Xu Xiyan and she could only see her backside. The woman was wearing an expensive looking dress and had dressed herself very delicately. Her long wavy hair was highlighted with purple. She looked very fashionable.

The closer Xu Xiyan approached them, the more suspicious she felt. That woman... could she be Tang Shixue?

When Xu Xiyan caught a glimpse of her profile, her suspicions were finally confirmed. If she wasn’t her, then who was she?

She had returned to Zstan, and the first thing she did was to look for Huo Yunshen?

It turned out that her fears had manifested in the end. What was she going to do now?

Should she go straight up to her and say hello? Or pretend not to see her and hide?

The conversation between the two passed into her ears faintly.

“I really didn’t think that you could walk again. It’s a miracle.”

Tang Shixue saw the man standing in front of her with her own eyes. She could not describe how shocked she was. She had thought that he would be bound to his wheelchair for life.

“Yeah, I didn’t think that I would be able to walk again either.”

Huo Yunshen was very grateful to Xu Xiyan and Ying Bao that he was able to stand up again. Without their encouragement, he wouldn't be standing now today.

The man who could walk again looked vigorous and dashing once again, like he always used to look.

His devilishly handsome looks showed off a charm that only a sturdy mature man could have. He looked even more irresistible than ever.

Tang Shixue couldn't help but be reminded of the past. She once relied on her brother's relationship with Huo Yunshen to seize the rare and well-timed opportunity to get to know him. She thought that she would be the only woman by his side.

She had done a lot of foolish things because of him. She had gotten herself depressed and drunk over him, developed a smoking habit, gotten a tattoo, cried till dawn... and even cut her wrist.

She had also done a lot of things that hurt him, but he had always chosen to forgive her. She knew that he had done it out of respect for her dead brother.

When she had learned of his car accident five years ago, she was both sad and gleeful. She thought that his car accident was his karma for not wanting her.

She had not contacted him for several years because she wanted to wait for him to become desperate enough due to his misfortune. Then when she appeared again, he would come to rely on her and accept her.

She had already met him once when she had first returned to Zstan during the Olympics season. Now she thought that the time was right and so she came to him, but she did not expect that he would already be able to walk again!

Chapter 596 - Began to Stir Again Foolishly

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When Tang Shixue saw that he had returned to full health, her heart—which she had been hiding from him—began to stir again foolishly.

She loved him like she always had before. For so many years, she hadn't found anyone else except him.

It was just like Huo Yunshen's mother had told her before: Huo Yunshen needed a woman who was considerate and caring towards him, and she happened to be very suitable for him.

Back then, when she had returned to Zstan for the Olympics, she felt Huo Yunshen's attitude towards her was friendlier than she'd expected and she was moved. At least, he still cared about her, right?

“That's great, Yunshen. I'm really happy for you.”

Tang Shixue noticed the grocery bags he was carrying. “I didn't know that you lived here until I asked your mother. Do you usually not return and live at the Huo family house?” she asked.

“Well, I still go back there sometimes.”

“Can I come into your house and look around?” Tang Shixue asked. She always knew that Huo Yunshen was a very solitary person and that he preferred to live alone.

She took advantage of her brother's close relationship with him to become the only woman who could step into his

territory. She was very proud of this privilege.

“Sure, welcome,” Huo Yunshen said simply as he invited Tang Shixue to enter the house.

It was true that he did not like others to come into his house, but this was Tang Shixue, the sister of his good bro, Tang Shiguang. He could not refuse her.

He had never given much thought to it. He had always regarded Tang Shixue like his own sister. Back when Tang Shiguang had taken a bullet for him and lost his life, he had requested that he take care of his sister. He was obliged to fulfill his wish and do his best to take care of her.

Seeing that her man had welcomed another woman into his house, Xu Xiyan could no longer keep herself calm and quickly followed them.

Huo Yunshen opened the apartment door. The first thing to do before entering someone’s house is to leave your shoes outside and change into indoor shoes. When Tang Shixue was looking to change into indoor shoes, she noticed a pair of very cute rabbit slippers on the ground. They were slippers for women.

As her first reaction, she thought: Huo Yunshen has a woman?

But his mother had not said anything about Huo Yunshen having a woman by his side. By default, she had wondered, if Huo Yunshen was wheelchair bound for many years, who would be willing to become his woman?

On second thought, maybe Huo Yunshen had bought it for her in advance. He knew that she had returned to Zstan, so he had probably prepared the slippers for her first.

Huo Yunshen bent down to pick up the rabbit slippers. She thought that he was picking them up for her. Unfortunately, he placed the rabbit slippers on the shoe rack and gave her a pair of disposable ones.

The rabbit slippers... were not for her?

Could it be... Huo Yunshen has a woman of his own for real?

Back then, she had read about the scandal about Elvis’ wife as well as the one about his illegitimate child. She thought that

those scandals were deliberately fabricated by the entertainment circle and she hadn't believed them at all.

But now, she had no choice but to accept reality.

Tang Shixue changed into the disposable slippers reluctantly, feeling somewhat downhearted. She even felt a bit jealous of the owner of the rabbit slippers.

Huo Yunshen went into the house first to put the groceries in the kitchen, then came out to entertain Tang Shixue, "Would you like some tea? Or coffee?"

"Tea is fine."

Huo Yunshen went off to make some tea. Tang Shixue began to look around the house, but she didn't look like she did so; she might as well have been searching for clues of a woman living in this house rather than actually exploring the house.

However, she did not find anything. Except for the pair of rabbit slippers, she found nothing that suggested a woman was living in Huo Yunshen's residence.

Maybe she was overthinking it. Maybe he had no woman of his own at all. Maybe it was his sister who always came over?

Xu Xiyan did not enter the house. She stood outside the door and pondered for a while, then turned and made her way to Ye Xun's apartment.

After Ye Xun opened the door for her, Xu Xiyan went in and discovered that his apartment was noisy and messy...

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Chapter 597 - He's Going To Be Snatched Away

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After Ye Xun opened the door for her, Xu Xiyan went in and discovered that his apartment was noisy and messy. The music was so loud that the house was almost shaking. She also spotted a table full of snacks.

Huo Sanyan and Ying Bao were facing the TV screen, dancing along to the performance of a K-pop girl band.

All members of the girl band wore sexy bunny suits, striking seductive poses from time to time as they showed off their long slender legs. They looked outrageous.

Xu Xiyan looked at Ye Xun incredulously. “You guys were letting her watch that?”

What was she going to do if her daughter was corrupted?

Ye Xun quickly picked up the remote and turned off the TV. Huo Sanyan protested, “Hey, why did you turn it off? We were having so much fun dancing here!”

Ying Bao cried out in frustration as well, “Uncle Tree-Leaf! Turn it back on! Turn it back!”

“Okay, that’s enough, Daughter. Now, look who’s here?”

Ye Xun winked at Ying Bao. Ying Bao turned and saw that her mother had come. She was very happy. “Xi Baby, you’ve come just in time! Come dance with Baby!”

Huo Sanyan turned around and realized that Xu Xiyan was standing next to Ye Xun. She scratched her head embarrassingly. “Jing Xi, when did you get here?”

“Just now.”

Xu Xiyan was very grateful that they had willingly taken care of her child and it wouldn't be right to complain. She said to Ying Bao, beckoning her, “Baby, don't dance anymore. Someone is going to snatch your daddy away. Let's not dance, okay?”

Ying Bao was puzzled. “Who is going to snatch Daddy away?”

Xu Xiyan licked her lips, then said, “Well, she's a pretty auntie.”

The little girl looked as though she had seen her arch-nemesis. Panicked, she said, “Xi Baby, what are you doing? Why didn't you protect daddy?”

In her mind, her daddy was just like the fictional character from “Journey to the West,” Tang Sanzang. He was a monk with fair and tender skin and every demon wanted to eat his flesh. She thought that her daddy was especially sought-after by everyone just like how every demon sought after Tang Sanzang's flesh.

Within a second, the little girl's joyful mood transformed into anxiety. She took Xu Xiyan's hand and said, “Come on, let's go find Daddy before anyone snatches him away.”

Xu Xiyan turned and waved at Ye Xun and Huo Sanyan. “You guys go ahead with your business, I'm leaving with the child now. Thanks for taking care of the child for me.”

Huo Sanyan thought Xu Xiyan was joking when she mentioned “pretty auntie” to Ying Bao just now. She laughed, “Jing Xi, make more food for dinner tonight. We are coming over to scrounge a free meal off you.”

“Okay, I will,” Xu Xiyan promised. She and Huo Yunshen had bought enough groceries in the first place and she had planned to call them over for dinner anyways.

After Xu Xiyan and Ying Bao left, Ye Xun reprimanded Huo Sanyan scornfully, “How could you be so shameless and laid back? Don't you feel shameful for freeloading off someone's cooking every day?”

Huo Sanyan put on a look of exaggerated surprise and dumbfoundedness. “What is there to be shameful about? Aren’t you expecting someone to cook for you too?”

“It doesn’t matter if I don’t cook. But the main point here is you. Aren’t you ashamed as a woman? You should at least learn to cook. If we are to be together in the future, we can’t be scrounging free meals off other people.”

Ye Xun couldn’t help but think about their future. He was sick with worry for having a woman like Huo Sanyan by his side.

Huo Sanyan’s brain was not usually sharp, but at this moment, she managed to extract important information out of his words.

She had heard Ye Xun actually say “if we are to be together in the future.” Does this mean that he had accepted her?

Huo Sanyan was so happy. She grabbed his waist and said excitedly, “Husband, do you mean that you’re willing to be with me? You’re willing to let me be your girlfriend?”

Ye Xun lowered his head, eyed the woman at his waist and sighed. He felt like surrendering to his fate.

Perhaps Huo Sanyan really had been sent by God as his punishment. He could not get rid of this woman no matter what he did, so he could only accept her reluctantly.

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Chapter 598 - Curious About Her Identity

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“That depends on your performance. With your current attitude, you’re still thousands of miles away from meeting my standards for a girlfriend.”

Since he was willing to give her a chance, Huo Sanyan was so happy. She sincerely vowed, “Just tell me, what do you look for in a girlfriend? I’m willing to do anything for you as long as you ask for it.”

Ye Xun glanced around the messy house. It looked like a war field. “First, she must know how to tidy the house.”

“Sooo easy!”

Huo Sanyan released him and pulled up her sleeves, preparing to go all out.

After taking Ying Bao away, Xu Xiyan left the child in front of Huo Yunshen’s apartment. She left her to knock on the door while she returned to her own apartment.

Someone was knocking on the door outside. Huo Yunshen got up from the sofa. “Please excuse me, I’m going to get the door.”

It was Ying Bao who appeared at the door. The little girl tilted her little face up, smiled and waved her little chubby hand at him. “Hello, Daddy.”

“Baby, you’re back.”

Huo Yunshen picked his daughter up and looked around outside. Xu Xiyan wasn’t at the door. Strange. Where did she

go looking for her mobile phone? Had she not found it yet?

He took his daughter back into the house. Tang Shixue turned and saw Huo Yunshen returning with a little cute girl in his arms. Her eyes were filled with indescribable shock and surprise.

The scandal about him having a daughter was true after all?

Tang Shixue struggled to maintain the smile on her face. She could only try her best to keep her composure. “Yunshen, you really have a daughter? Is she the one?”

At first glance, she was very fond of the little girl because she was so cute. She couldn't help but feel like stroking her head.

But as thought of the child belonging to Huo Yunshen and another woman flashed across her mind, she felt unwell.

She had missed out on so much all those years not staying by Huo Yunshen's side.

“Yup, her name is Cherry,” Huo Yunshen answered, his voice indifferent. He said to his daughter, “Baby, say hello to Auntie.”

Ying Bao immediately pouted her little mouth when she saw Tang Shixue, looking unhappy. So, there really was a pretty auntie who wanted to snatch her daddy away.

Say hello to her? No way she was going to do that!

Huo Yunshen hadn't expected that the child would not only be unwilling to cooperate, but that she would also be very cold to his guest. He could only explain awkwardly, “Sorry, my daughter is a little timid. She's not comfortable around strangers.”

“It's all right.” Tang Shixue shook her head, then asked again, “Where's her mother? Who is she?”

Tang Shixue was very curious about this matter. She wanted to know who the woman was who had swept away Huo Yunshen's heart long ago?

As Huo Yunshen was about to answer, the little girl interjected unexpectedly, “My mommy is the most beautiful and the

kindest and the cutest girl in the world. My daddy loves my mommy very much. You have no chance, Auntie.”

“ ... ”

Tang Shixue’s face turned white, and then red in hearing the child’s words. She felt so awkward that she didn’t know what to say.

Is that so?

She was even more curious about her identity.

Huo Yunshen was amused by her daughter’s naughtiness. He pinched her little nose and took her to the sofa. “Come, let’s see where your mommy went?”

Mommy went home. Ying Bao knew that, but she did not say it. Her eyes were full of hostility as she continued to glare at the pretty auntie in front of her.

She wanted to protect her daddy for her mommy so the pretty auntie would not snatch him away.

Huo Yunshen sent a text message to Xu Xiyan, asking her whether she had found her mobile phone and when was she coming back, as there was a guest in the house.

Next door, Xu Xiyan replied to his text message and told him that she was returning now. Then she slid herself off from the sofa lazily, walked out of her apartment and rang the doorbell of Huo Yunshen’s apartment.

Ying Bao went over to open the door for her mother. As soon she opened the door, she immediately grabbed her mother’s hand and dragged her into the house.

Chapter 599 - Somewhat Unreconciled

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Xu Xiyan entered the living room. Seeing that she had returned, Huo Yunshen said to Tang Shixue, “She’s back.”

Tang Shixue turned and saw the little girl holding onto a woman’s hand. The woman looked less than twenty years old—she looked very young. Her delicate facial features were prominent and she looked a bit biracial. In short, she was an extremely beautiful woman.

When Tang Shixue first saw her, she thought that she looked very familiar. She thought carefully for a while, then finally figured out where she had seen her before.

She had seen her in the music video of one of the songs in Huo Yunshen’s new album. She was the heroine of the MV who had co-starred with Mu Chenguang.

Never had she expected that she was the woman who Huo Yunshen liked!

“Let me make the introductions.” Huo Yunshen stood up and introduced the two women to each other. “Shixue, this is my wife, Jing Xi. Jing Xi, this is Tang Shixue, my friend.”

Wife?

The word “wife” came like an axe, chopping into Tang Shixue’s heart. Her heart was bursting with pain.

One was his wife, the other was his friend. It was such a big difference.

“Hello, Miss Tang.”

Xu Xiyan came over and placed one hand onto Huo Yunshen's shoulder naturally. She extended her other hand for a handshake with Tang Shixue.

"Hello." Tang Shixue forced a smile while, in truth, her heart was bleeding inside.

She was late. Another woman had taken her place.

Tang Shixue felt somewhat unreconciled in her heart. Originally, the title of "Mrs. Huo" was supposed to be hers.

At this time, Huo Yunshen's cell phone rang. He excused himself and went outside to the balcony to answer the call.

After Xu Xiyan had made her acquaintance with Tang Shixue, she poised herself as the mistress of the house and invited Tang Shixue to sit down. "Please have a seat, Miss Tang. I've heard all of your songs and they're all really good. You're the queen of western love songs. You're really amazing."

"Thank you, I've listened to your performance with Yunshen. You sing very well too," Tang Shixue replied. It wasn't clear whether she was being sincere or not. Her real implications were very difficult to identify.

After that, there was an awkward silence as there was nothing else to talk about. Xu Xiyan couldn't find a suitable topic for their conversation. Even Ying Bao thought that adults were so boring in their conversation.

She didn't like the pretty auntie. She hoped that the pretty auntie would leave as quickly as possible. She nestled herself in her mother's arms, patted her little belly and said, "Mommy, Baby is hungry."

"Oh, you're hungry? Then I'm going to cook now."

Xu Xiyan stroked the child on her head, then stood up and said, "Miss Tang, I'm going to cook dinner. Stay with us for dinner tonight?"

How could she stay?

Stay and become a third wheel?

"No, I should go back."

Tang Shixue stood up and prepared to leave. “Please tell Yunshen that I’m leaving. I’ll be off now.”

Xu Xiyan escorted Tang Shixue to the door, then came back into the house. Huo Yunshen was already done with his phone call. He asked, “Shixue left?”

“Yeah. I wanted to get her to stay for dinner, but she didn’t want to.” Xu Xiyan spread her hands and shrugged.

It seemed to Xu Xiyan that Tang Shixue may have seen the intimate interactions between her and Huo Yunshen and had retreated out of bitterness. It was a good thing too as it saved her a lot of trouble.

“It’s okay, don’t mind her.” He embraced Xu Xiyan spontaneously, led her to the sofa and sat her down, then massaged her shoulders. “You and Cherry must be hungry now, I’ll go make dinner.”

“Let me do it.”

“No, as long as I’m here, you should enjoy your life comfortably as Mrs. Huo.”

In order for Huo Yunshen to spoil his wife, the first thing he had to make sure was not to let his wife’s beautiful fingers wear out from chores.

Chapter 600 - Very Biased In His Treatment

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Huo Yunshen was done making dinner. Xu Xiyan proceeded to call up the two professional meal scroungers to tell them to come over.

They had a great time having dinner together. After Ying Bao had fallen asleep, the four adults decided to play a video game together.

The group, headed by Yun Qing, consisted of himself, Gongzi Yaoyue, Yiye Zhiqiu, The Official Little Cutie, as well as Dongxie Xidu. The five combined to form a team of god-like warriors. In the online game “The Royal Alliance,” it could be said that they were unstoppable and invincible.

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The next day, Xu Xiyan went to finish her shoot for the final part of the ROSUE commercial.

There were both indoor and outdoor scenes for the ROSUE commercial. The crew had spent three days shooting the commercial under Director An Xianming’s leadership and finally, it was finished.

Recently, news about Huo Yunshen had spread throughout Peijing. Journalists from various media outlets were competing to report headline news about his independence from his wheelchair and his glorious re-emergence as the handsome and charming movie king.

Some people said that Huo Yunshen was a legend. After being paralyzed for five years, he was able to walk again due to his

sheer determination.

Though he had abandoned Yunhai Entertainment, he had ushered in an even more brilliant life for himself.

As news about Huo Yunshen was being reported, news about Huo Jingtang eventually cropped up too. However, the two brothers of the Huo family each had very different circumstances from each other.

It all started when Xu Xinrou had first signed with Yunhai Entertainment. Since joining the company, she had directly snatched Qi Liya's resources away. Even her assistant Xiao Ke had been taken away from her by Xu Xinrou.

Yunhai Entertainment now had no place for Qi Liya. Shortly after the announcement of her retirement, she also announced that she had canceled her contract with Yunhai Entertainment.

After she had lifted her contract, a large number of actors and artists followed suit by canceling their contracts with Yunhai Entertainment one after another.

The reason was that many of the actors were dissatisfied with the company's arrangements. Whenever there were good resources, they would be snatched away. This was something that had never happened before while Huo Yunshen was still in office.

Huo Jingtang had arranged the best resources for Xu Xinrou and the team she was cultivating, which caused the dissatisfaction of many people.

The entertainment industry was once again in a turmoil and the recent artist disputes in Yunhai Entertainment were very serious. The media was spreading news about Yunhai Entertainment all over the place, reporting that Yunhai had gone from bad to worse under the leadership of Huo Jingtang.

Not only was Huo Jingtang being harsh to his artists, but he was also being very biased in his treatment of them. He had failed to safeguard the resources of many senior artists and caused them to complain in private.

Such negative news had a great negative impact on the development of Yunhai Entertainment, causing their stocks to

plummet severely. Huo Jingtang himself was also suffering the reprimands of the shareholders and his days at the company were difficult.

At the same time, the big boss behind Jingyue Entertainment finally showed off his prowess. Not only had he bought an entire skyscraper as their headquarters, but he had also accepted a large number of artists.

Most of these artists had come from Yunhai Entertainment.

Xu Xiyan saw many familiar faces in Jingyue Entertainment. They included Qi Liya, Lin Huaijin, and some other big shot actors.

She had to say that the big boss behind the scenes was really a big deal. He had managed to dig up so many treasures and let Jingyue Entertainment grow from a small company of ten people to a strong company of nearly one hundred people, and it was still expanding.

What surprised Xu Xiyan the most was that she met Tang Shixue in the company.

“Miss Tang, how did you come to sign up with... Jingyue Entertainment?”

Xu Xiyan was really curious. She just couldn't figure out Tang Shixue's reasons for signing up with this company. Considering Tang Shixue's status and her world-famous reputation, wasn't it very illogical of her to join a small company like Jingyue?

“Since I've returned to Zstan, I have to start everything from scratch. So I had to find a reliable company to sign up with, of course.”

She did not tell Xu Xiyan that it was because of Huo Yunshen.

All the artists and singers who were signed under Jingyue Entertainment had signed a confidentiality agreement with the company—they were not to reveal the identity of the behind-the-scenes boss.

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