Rebirth Of The Villainess: Young Master Lu's Wicked Wife -

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Su Xiaofei had just finished doing her homework with Xi Qian when she received a message from Yun Xiang, requesting to see her after school. She stared at the message for a moment and took a deep breath.

'Good grief. Did he really need to show up? I guess it wouldn't hurt to see him this time.' She sighed inwardly. She wasn't one to enjoy her enemies' company and would prefer to keep their encounter short.

'What's wrong, Feifei? Do you still have something left to do?' Xi Qian asked when she noticed that Su Xiaofei wasn't moving from her seat to leave the classroom with her.

'Ah, Brother Xiang just messaged me to meet him. I suppose he wanted to talk to me about the request I made during my last visit.' Su Xiaofei replied.

'Then, will you be fine on your own?' Xi Qian asked, knowing that Su Xiaofei had no one to accompany her since she and Lu Qingfreng were busy these days.

Su Xiaofei smiled and picked up her school bag. She would just need to make sure that her meeting with Yun Xiang would be short, as she intended to return home soon. 'What's to worry about, Qian? Brother Xiang is my mother's nephew. Why do I need to be wary of him?'

'Well, you've only met him recently.' Her best friend gave it a good thought. Xi Qian knew that Yun Xiang was her Aunty Qing's nephew, but there was something about the man that was off in her opinion.

It was like she could feel that Yun Xiang had something towards Su Xiaofei, but she just couldn't explain it. Xi Qian only hoped that she was just overthinking and the man wouldn't pose a threat towards her best in the future.

'But, I'm not comfortable leaving you alone with him.' She stated. It wouldn't hurt to remind Feifei to be careful of people she was acquainted with, whether it was a relative or family.

Look, even Su Haoran, Feifei's father, was indifferent towards her. Xi Qian was a person who had lost her

faith in familial ties a long time ago, considering the kind of parents she had. In fact, she trusted Su Xiaofei and Yun Qingrong more than her own family.

It wasn't like Su Xiaofei wanted to be left in his company. She would rather spend her free time trying to annoy Lu Qingfeng than spend her day with Yun Xiang. She still couldn't forget the enmity she felt towards the man.

'I'll be fine.' She would need to establish a connection and build her own network that could be useful for her in the future, and it didn't matter where the help would come from. 'Let's go then, else you would be late.'

As for Yun Xiang's debt, well, there's nothing she could do about him in the meantime, other than being amicable with him since he was part of the Yun family.

Su Xiaofei agreed to meet him in front of the school gates. With Lu Qingfeng busy preparing for middle school inter school basketball competition and Xi Qian preoccupied with her part-time work, she was always left to her devices after school.

Unlike them, she had nothing serious to do, so she used her spare time catching up with the lessons she wasn't able to comprehend before.

When Su Xiaofei reached the school gates, she wasn't surprised to see a black car waiting for her. She saw Yun Xiang leaning against the driver's door, patiently waiting for her arrival. His face lit up the moment he spotted Su Xiaofei leaving the school premises with Xi Qian, who immediately bid goodbye after giving him a nod in greeting.

'Xiao Fei!' He raised a hand to get her attention, but she had already spotted him even before he saw her.

'Brother Xiang.' She gave him a curt nod, which made Yun Xiang uncomfortable, as if Su Xiaofei was keeping him at arm's length.

He couldn't understand. Even if she was only adopted by his Aunty Qing, she was still family. However, it seemed like Su Xiaofei was still not considering him as a relative. Was it because the Yun family was intimidating?

Not that he could blame her. The Yun family was lacking female members, so it was no wonder that when his Aunty Qing was born, the family had doted on her like a treasure. However, with Su Xiaofei, it was only natural for the Yun family to have some reservations about her.

'Brother Xiang, what brings you here?' Su Xiaofei asked, although she had already suspected that he came here to pass her another invitation to visit the Yun Estate.

'Ah, you see, my grandfather wants to invite you again this weekend. Would you be able to come and visit us?' He asked straightforwardly.

Su Xiaofei hummed and rubbed her chin.

'We have a founding ball on Saturday and I will need to discuss it with Mama before I can agree.' She replied.

'Actually, we're extending our invitation to Aunty Qing this time. Grandpa and my uncles want to meet her.'

'Oh?' Su Xiaofei exclaimed as she raised a slender brow. So the old man was now willing to swallow his pride and welcome her mother home?

'I know. I'm also excited to see this reunion.' Yun Xiang scratched his head and looked at Su Xiaofei with a slight blush on his face.

'Alright, I will tell my mother. I'm sure she would be thrilled once she heard the news.' She slightly nodded her head in agreement, which made Yun Xiang smile. At least seeing her being agreeable and gentle like this felt like he was getting closer to her now. Yun Xiang hoped that their relationship would grow, as he felt at ease knowing that she was about to be part of their family.

As they were conversing right outside the academy, it was only natural for them to gain attention, including from Ye Mingyu, who wondered who the man was.

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Seeing their closeness with each other, Ye Mingyu tried to rack her brain, trying to remember who this man was. Based on his appearance, she could tell that he also came from a well-off family. He had this gentleness in his eyes as he looked at Su Xiaofei.

Who could this person be?

The man looked exceptional and capable, and she wondered which family he belonged to. It didn't matter to her if he was already taken, but if she deemed him to be useful, then she should lure him to her side.

Aside from Lu Qingfeng, she couldn't remember any other man who was close to Su Xiaofei in her past life. Although she was aware that this crazy woman was head over heels for Mo Yuchen.

Regardless of who this person was, Ye Mingyu's eyes glinted with mischief. How could she waste this chance of winning over this

man's favor and snatch him from Su Xiaofei's hands? No matter if it was her status, her wealth or her men, Ye Mingyu intended to get everything from Su Xiaofei and leave her with nothing.

The corner of her lips lifted as she walked towards Su Xiaofei, intending to ruin the latter's image in front of this man. Her face immediately changed into one who seemed to be wronged by others as she called out Su Xiaofei's name.

'Su Xiaofei, do you have a moment?' Her face had a hint of uneasiness on it as her lips quivered while looking at Su Xiaofei's face through her thick lashes.

Su Xiaofei and Yun Xiang turned their heads and looked at her with different expressions on their faces. Yun Xiang furrowed his brows, wondering who this young woman was and what she needed from Su Xiaofei, while the latter only gave Ye Mingyu a cold look, knowing what this woman was up to.

'Ye Mingyu, you are still the same. You couldn't wait to ruin my reputation in front of everyone. Alas, let's see if you would be able to ensnare Yun Xiang this time.'

'Is there

something you require from me, Miss Ye? She asked Ye Mingyu, not giving the woman any face as she uttered those words with a very annoyed tone.

Ye Mingyu slightly shivered, not understanding how and when this dumb woman started to grow some backbone to speak like this. She expected Su Xiaofei to be arrogant, but there was something noble and composed about the way Su Xiaofei spoke these days, that she was starting to wonder if this woman was also reborned like her.

No — her mind immediately turned down the possibility. In her past life, Su Xiaofei led a prosperous life until her sudden death, five years after her marriage with Mo Yuchen. Su Xiaofei wouldn't have known that she existed in their previous lives.

However, as Ye Mingyu stared at Su Xiaofei's dark eyes, she felt like she was being devoured by darkness and coldness.

'I-I want to talk about Xiao Li's offence. Can you help her just this once and let her off? I think she's too young to spend her years at the correctional facility.'

A smile ghosted on Su Xiaofei's lips. Ye Mingyu might be talking about Chen Li, but she was subtly implying that it was her fault that Chen Li was about to serve her years at the correctional facility, because she wasn't willing to help her.

But why would Su Xiaofei feel guilty about Chen Li's demise? She had known the damage Chen Li would bring to her in the future. She was merely cutting the bud from its stem before it bloomed.

'Hmm? Why would I help Chen Li? Miss Ye must be forgetting that Chen Li and her family have been kicked out of our household because she stole things from me. Also, why should I be kind to her? She used my name and impersonated me in public. Had she offended many people, wouldn't the blame fall on me

instead? She reasoned out, her voice was calm and imposing at the same time.

Ye Mingyu opened her mouth to argue, but Su Xiaofei stopped her.

'Just recently, you claimed that I am your little sister, Miss Ye. So why did you not ask what I felt about Chen Li's betrayal? She used a counterfeit dress, used my name and pushed the blame on me when she was caught. Is it because you are closer to our cousin and would rather side with her no matter how badly she wronged me?'

By these words, Su Xiaofei had indirectly indicated Ye Mingyu's identity to Yun Xiang. He should know by now who's the pitiful, two-faced young woman in front of them. Su Xiaofei would like to see how Yun Xiang would perceive Ye Mingyu on their first encounter, considering that she had managed to delay their meeting when she saved Master Ouyang's life instead of Ye Mingyu.

Hearing what Su Xiaofei just said, Yun Xiang's expression turned ugly. His eyes narrowed on Ye Mingyu suspiciously. So this was the other daughter of Su Haoran, that bastard. Now that he had met his biao mei 1 and Aunty Qing, it was obvious that he would take their side rather than believe the daughter of the mistress.

'Ye Mingyu, in this lifetime, do you think I would allow you to get anything that you want just because you want it? Do you know how important first impressions are when making a connection with other people?' Su Xiaofei thought when she saw the disgust and irritation in Yun Xiang's eyes.

'Since it was your cousin's fault, why do our Xiaofei need to carry the burden of her wrongdoings? Stealing things from Xiao Fei could be forgiven, but Miss, do you have any idea how grave the offenses of being caught with a counterfeit item and identity theft are? Those aren't offences that could easily be shrugged off by saying sorry.' Yun Xiang said as he thought how shameless this young woman was like her father.

Chapter 143 - Face The Consequence (1)

When one decides to bet, one must accept the possibility of losing. This was what Su Xiaofei was thinking as she observed the encounter between Yun Xiang and Ye Mingyu. In the past, Yun Xiang had humiliated her the same way he was currently humiliating Ye Mingyu.

In her previous life, Yun Xiang was one of Ye Mingyu's biggest supporters. Because he was head over heels for this woman, he was willing to take a bullet to protect her life. However, Su Xiaofei would never allow that to happen again. She intended to use Yun Xiang against Ye Mingyu in this lifetime.

'That isn't my intention.' Ye Mingyu said with teary eyes. 'I just want Xiao Li and my meimei to keep misunderstanding each other like this.' She reasoned out.

'Miss Ye, there's nothing to misunderstand here.' Su Xiaofei gave her a pointed look. 'Chen Li willingly did what she wanted at my expense. She should be thankful that we let her off the hook the first time. If she had done the same thing using your name, I hope you can pretend that it didn't concern you.

'Then... won't you help her?"

Su Xiaofei stared at Ye Mingyu as if this young woman had truly lost her mind, or was she really this shameless? She wanted to laugh at Ye Mingyu's audacity, but she managed to control herself.

'And why would I do that?' She countered. 'Miss Ye must be thinking that just because my mother has an influential family, we can bend the rules and the law in our favor.'

Yun Xiang's face darkened when he heard that. As if the Yun family would ever do something as despicable as that. The Yun family prided themselves as law-abiding citizens of this country and refused to participate in any injustice. Even if Su Xiaofei was the one in Chen Li's place, the Yun family would rather not have anything to do with her.

'That's impossible.' He muttered beside Su Xiaofei.

'We aren't that powerful, Miss Ye. Even if Chen Li is my Mama's niece,

she wouldn't interfere with the law. Please seek a competent lawyer instead. Who knows, maybe he will be able to reduce Chen Li's sentence.' Su Xiaofei lightly said. However, there was an inexplicable coldness in her tone.

Su Xiaofei's words were meant to deliberately pull Ye Mingyu's face down, but the latter wouldn't dare to show it to anyone. If someone would lose her cool, it would be Su Xiaofei, not her. Because every time Su Xiaofei made a fool out of herself, Ye Mingyu would shine brighter.

Since her rebirth, many people considered her as a scholarly and well-mannered child. It was for this reason that she was able to avoid the same poor life that she and her mother had lived in her past life. By becoming a prominent and outstanding figure in her class, many young men pursued her, willing to give her the moon and the stars, as long as she would be pleased with them.

For a long time, she tried to cultivate and preserve her gentle image and talented reputation in public. She wasn't as stupid as these youngsters, who only knew how to chase after their puppy love. Who cared about the feelings of those young men pursuing her? The only thing that mattered to Ye Mingyu was what they could provide for her.

As for Su Xiaofei, she had naturally saved up enough money to hire someone to investigate this lowly woman. How dare Su Xiaofei covet what was truly hers?

Su Xiaofei's grades in school were pathetic and if it wasn't for Xi Qian and Lu Qingfeng, she would have failed and been expelled from school. She was also stupid and wasn't articulate when speaking with others.

But the Su Xiaofei standing in front of her now seemed to be far different from the Su Xiaofei she investigated. Ye Mingyu tried to seek answers for this sudden change in Su Xiaofei and she had heard about Su Xiaofei's life-threatening situation with Xi Qian, which might have triggered her change.

Still, for Ye Mingyu, the calmer Su Xiaofei was the more unsettled she became, as she somehow wanted Su Xiaofei to lose her temper and attack her. She was also baffled that Su Xiaofei managed to escape from being implicated by Chen Li's scheme.

Chen Li had insisted that the counterfeit dress she had was the one she took from Su Xiaofei's wardrobe, but no one was willing to believe her claims due to Su Xiaofei's status. There was no reason for Su Xiaofei to possess a counterfeit dress, unless of course, if she had deliberately set Chen Li up, knowing that this would happen.

Ye Mingyu didn't believe that Su Xiaofei was capable of it. A stupid woman like her coudn't plan a scheme as intricate as this.

If Su Xiaofei knew what was going on in Ye Mingyu's head, she might have agreed with her. However, that was all in the past, and she wasn't willing to become Ye Mingyu's backdrop for a second time.

'Su Xiaofei, how could you say that? Chen Li is still our cousin...' Ye Mingyu couldn't help but try to paint Su Xiaofei as an unreasonable and vicious person in front of this young master. In any case, now that Su Xiaofei has become smarter, she mustn't take her lightly at all.

Su Xiaofei stared at Ye Mingyu for a moment, heaved a deep sign and gave Yun Xiang a helpless look. She really didn't want to deal with Ye Mingyu anymore. Yun Xiang looked at the other young woman opposite him, with eyes full of disbelief. It didn't make sense to him why Su Xiaofei should feel guilty for whatever that had happened to Chen Li.

'Miss Ye, if you have nothing important to say, just leave. Don't bother Xiao Fei with trivial things such as others' wrongdoings.. Since Chen Li had the guts to commit a crime, she should be ready to face the consequences.'

Chapter 144 - Face The Consequence (2)

It was Saturday afternoon and Lu Qingfeng had dropped by to see Su Xiaofei before they left together to attend the founding ball. He found Su Xiaofei in the garden, having afternoon tea alone while reading a book.

Su Xiaofei lifted her gaze from the book she was reading and smiled upon seeing him.

'You are early today. What brings you here? I thought you would just pick me up later.' She asked, her voice serene with an unexpected hint of happiness in it.

'Did something good happen? You and Aunty Qing seem to be in a good mood today.' Lu Qingfeng replied as he took a seat across from her.

Ever since her rebirth, he could sense that she was becoming calmer and gentler, although her words still retained its incisive and merciless tone when dealing with her enemies. At least now, Su Xiaofei seemed to be happier than their previous lives, when she would always argue with Yun Qingrong and would constantly chase after that bastard Mo Yuchen at every chance.

Lu Qingfeng thought that this was better. He would never want to see her suffer again because of others. While it was true that there were scars a person had to bear for the rest of his life, one shouldn't forget how strong the person was for overcoming the hurt it brought.

He wanted her to slowly release the hatred she was caging in her heart, but he also knew that it wouldn't be that easy. After everything she had suffered and lost in her past life, it wouldn't be easy for Su Xiaofei to let go of her resentments and anger.

'Ah, that's because Mama will be visiting her family with me tomorrow. She's busy preparing what we would bring. No doubt she's excited about it.' Su Xiaofei hummed as she turned to the next page in the book. She had never seen her mother this happy.

'Is that why you were spotted with Yun Xiang the other day?' He asked. He regretted that he wasn't able to accompany Su Xiaofei that day

and chase away that man who had repeatedly humiliated her in the past.

'Oh? I didn't know that such news would circulate this fast.' She replied. Su Xiaofei rarely checked the school forums, but she

supposed she should start paying attention to how others viewed her and Ye Mingyu now.

Lu Qingfeng frowned and didn't bother to explain how he knew. The news of course had recently filled the school's forum. Everyone was wondering whom Su Xiaofei had met the other day. Many had speculated that her betrothal to Mo Yuchen was true and that she was being pursued by another rich young master.

It was only when he named Yun Xiang as Su Xiaofei's maternal cousin did the rumors die about her affair with another man. Of course Lu Qingfeng would use a pseudonym to deal with the rumors that could potentially ruin Su Xiaofei's reputation.

Even in their past lives, no matter how shameful or reckless the issue was, Lu Qingfeng would work in the shadows to make sure that those libelous articles and news were buried where the sun didn't shine, even when she was married to Mo Yuchen. He would never allow anyone to call her names nor accuse her of something she didn't do.

'I suppose you're ready for tonight's ball?' He said, hoping to drop their topic about Yun Xiang. He wasn't sure what Su Xiaofei was planning to do with Yun Xiang, so he couldn't make any move towards the man yet.

'Hmm... the dress is ready, and it's not like I need to put on a lot of makeup. Aunty Liu said that she would do my hair, so I don't need to call for a hairstylist.' Su Xiaofei said, not breaking her attention from the book she was reading.

'It's surprising to hear that you aren't spending your money lavishly this time.' She heard Lu Qingfeng say.

Su Xiaofei frowned as she was reminded of the one hundred million she had yet started to earn. At the rate she was going, she wouldn't be able to raise enough funds to save Bluemedia from Mo Yuchen.

'I'm saving money to invest. I can't just waste my Mama's hard-earned money.' She muttered.

'You want to invest?' Lu Qingfeng raised a slender brow. 'I just invested the one million Grandpa gave me from my last birthday. Would you like some help?'

Su Xiaofei almost dropped her book upon hearing that. Lu Qingfeng was only fifteen at the moment, but he was already given that much money?

'It must be nice to be born with a golden spoon. Even this old lady would take some time to earn that much money from acting alone.'

The only reason she was attending the founding ball was to witness the result of Feng Xue'er's displeasure towards Ye Mingyu. After the rumors of Ye Mingyu's backstabbing incident broke out, it seemed like Cai Lin had started to publicly pursue her after he requested his family to annul his engagement with Feng Xue'er.

Knowing that her best friend had stolen her man, someone as petty as Feng Xue'er would definitely not allow Ye Mingyu to have a smooth sailing stay here in the academy. This was precisely how Su Xiaofei exploited Feng Xue'er's weaknesses.

In the future, even if Feng Xue'er managed to make a name for herself without relying on Ye Mingyu's beautiful face, her hatred towards the latter wouldn't dissipate. The enmity between the ex-best friends wouldn't be easy to mend, given how stubborn Feng Xue'er could be.

Even at this time, Su Xiaofei had no doubt that no matter what excuses Ye Mingyu spouted, Feng Xue'er would believe that she was the one who seduced Cai Lin, and it would never be his fault.

The corner of Su Xiaofei's lips curled up.. She wasn't sure what to expect tonight, but the ball would surely allow everyone to see the difference between her and Ye Mingyu.

Chapter 145 - Odette And Odile (1)

Su Xiaofei stood in front of a full-length mirror. This was already the eighth party dress she had tried on. Because she had gotten used to dressing herself up in her past life as an actress, she thought that it wouldn't be a problem for her to choose the right dress. How wrong she was.

She hadn't expected that she would gain a lot of weight over this short span of time. This white and pink dress was something she had bought for herself a week before Xi Qian's birthday, and before she was reborned, but now, it was unexpectedly tight.

She lowered her gaze and looked at her midsection. Ever since she was reborned, she had started eating more than usual and had never starved herself. Aunty Liu and Lu Qingfeng would make sure that she ate various delicious foods every day, not realizing that she had eaten until she had gained two pounds in just one month.

Now, her original sharp chin was a little rounded, but at least it didn't make her face rounder, otherwise, she'd look like a steamed bun. However, Su Xiaofei honestly thought that she looked healthier compared to the thin and sharp face she used to have in her previous life.

It seemed like it was okay for her to retain this weight, but not to add more. Forget it. Since she had decided to eat more, she should have expected this to happen. She also wasn't willing to give up her new love for food anyway.

Su Xiaofei pulled out another formal dress from her wardrobe, and it was a purple dress that reached her upper knee with a black halter-neck. She groaned as she changed into yet another piece. She kinda envied Lu Qingfeng right now. Being a male seemed more convenient. He just needed to wear a suit and didn't need to worry about what to wear.

An hour later, she went down the stairs and found Lu Qingfeng already dressed, waiting for her with her mother in the living area. Lu Qingfeng casted his eyes

upwards to the descending, his eyes widening in surprise, jaws slacking, seeing her looking more beautiful than usual. It wasn't like he hadn't seen her like this in their previous life, but those were only through magazines and television.

She was breathtaking and thankfully, he would be the one who would accompany her for the night. If it was another man, Lu Qingfeng was sure he would be drowning in vinegar, wanting to be on Su Xiaofei's side.

'Feifei, that looks so good on you.' Yun Qingrong commented upon seeing her daughter's appearance. She rarely saw her daughter dressing up for a formal event and now that she was starting to act more mature, the old woman felt that it wouldn't take long before her baby would leave the nest.

'Thanks, Mama. But I'll give the credit to you. You bought such a wonderful dress, appropriate for tonight's event.'

Well, most of her clothes were bought by Yun Qingrong anyway. This was why Su Xiaofei never bothered to go shopping for a new dress. She was still irked about the one hundred million she had yet to start earning.

Su Xiaofei's black and purple dress hugged her body perfectly, the skirt billowing slightly. The color of her dress paired with her light makeup complimented her pale skin as her dark hair cascaded down her back, framing her face in large loose waves that were curled at the tips.

Her delicate feet touched the floor, the high heels of her shoes making a clicking sound as she walked towards her escort, with a slight blush on her face.

'How do I look?' Su Xiaofei asked nervously, her eyes meeting his enthralled gaze.

If she could be perfectly honest, she was a little shy in front of Lu Qingfeng. Ever since she became aware of his feelings towards her, she couldn't help but notice him more and more each day.

Lu Qingfeng blinked a few times before he managed to pull himself together. His jaws hardened as he shook his head to bring himself back to his senses.

'You are breathtakingly beautiful tonight.' He didn't dare to lie as he took one of her hands in his, raising it to his lips to place a gentle kiss on her knuckles. An act that made Su Xiaofei blush even more than she already had.

'T-thank you.' Su Xiaofei mumbled, feeling like a teenager who was complemented by her crush.

'Damn it, Su Xiaofei. You're already a grown woman. Stop acting like a silly school girl.' She berated herself inwardly.

'Shall we go then?' Lu Qingfeng asked, as he walked around to stand beside her, offering his right arm in the process.

'Wait!' Yun Qingrong exclaimed, stopping the two from leaving. She pulled out her phone and opened the camera app, intending to snap some pictures of them.

'Let me take some of your pictures. It's been a while since you two dressed up like this.'

Which was true. With her busy schedule at work, Yun Qingrong couldn't remember the last time she saw her daughter and Xiao Feng dressed like this.

Su Xiaofei and Lu Qingfeng posed and allowed the older woman to take several shots before Yun Qingrong let them leave.

Lu Qingfeng gave Su Xiaofei a questioning look, but Su Xiaofei only shrugged. As long as her mother was satisfied and happy, then it didn't matter what she requested from her. Yun Qingrong was more emotional these days, but she used to be hard to read for Su Xiaofei in her past life.

After getting ready and bidding goodbye to Yun Qingrong and Aunty Liu, the two set out. Tonight, the founding ball of Qiying City Academy will be held at one of the five-star hotels in the city.. Most of the students would obviously attend, as this was one of the rare times they could show off their family's wealth and influence to the other attendees of the ball.

Chapter 146 - Odette And Odile (2)

When they arrived, they saw that many people had already arrived at the venue. People in decadent outfits were chatting in groups, talking in low voices appropriate for their social status. Those who weren't as wealthy and significant tried to make acquaintances and connections as they conversed lively regarding mundane current affairs in Qiying City.

The students attending the ball were required to wear a brooch that signified their year level, which meant that Su Xiaofei and Ye Mingyu should have a rose brooch on their dresses. This would help the staff and waiters to identify those who are of age and would be allowed to have alcoholic drinks, which means only those with rose brooches on their clothes would be entertained if they ask for a drink.

When the other guests saw Su Xiaofei arriving with Lu Qingfeng, some came to greet her. Some girls tried to get close to Su Xiaofei, hoping that they would be able to ask her a favor once they all graduated from the academy. Still, there were still some that would only sneer upon seeing her, not willing to even get close to her.

'Schoolmate Su is getting more and more beautiful each day. I dare say that she might be crowned as the Queen Fairy of the Night this year.'

'Oh my goodness, you look stunning tonight!'

'The same goes to you.' Su Xiaofei's right eye winked.

'Right. This formal dress is particularly stunning. Which brand is it from?'

'Ah, I didn't check the tag, but my mother bought this a long time ago.'

Despite the tedious talks she was entertaining, she kept a slight smile on her face without showing any hint of boredom. It was only when Lu Qingfeng dragged her away, did Su Xiaofei sigh in relief.

Her eyes swept around the crowd, and she could neither see Ye Mingyu and Feng Xue'er anywhere. There was no way those two would miss being here tonight.

Suddenly, there were murmurs in the crowd as someone arrived and entered the banquet hall. Su Xiaofei released Lu Qingfeng's arm and took a champagne

flute from a passing waiter, her eyes never leaving the entrance.

'Who is it?' She heard Lu Qingfeng ask, but she didn't need to answer because he was able to see it himself.

Ye Mingyu arrived, dressed in a pristine white princess dress, with Cai Lin as her partner. This was enough to erupt another round of gossiping amongst the students of the academy. Still, Feng Xue'er was nowhere to be found.

In Su Xiaofei's opinion, the dress Ye Mingyu was wearing tonight looked remarkable, but it lacked elegance and originality. In fact, compared to the original dress Ye Mingyu wore in her previous life, Su Xiaofei deemed that Ye Mingyu's dress tonight was inferior.

The color scheme and details looked plain, as if it was intentionally half done by Feng Xue'er. The dress was able to emphasize Ye Mingyu's slender waist, while her long skirt was designed to be billowing as much as possible.

It didn't look heavy, but compared to Feng Xue'er's original masterpiece, this one couldn't hold a candle. There was no way Ye Mingyu would be able to win the title 'Queen Fairy of the Night' in that half-made dress.

So it wasn't really surprising when some vicious young misses started to criticize her.

'Oh my, look at her dress. Is she really serious about wearing such a dress here? Did she think she's now a disney princess just because she managed to snatch Cai Lin from her own friend?'

'Heh. She really wore a white dress. Is this really Su Xiaofei's Da Jie? Is Ye Mingyu trying to portray herself as a princess or a fairy in such an outfit?'

'Well, now that you've mentioned it, Su Xiaofei's dress isn't as flashy as Ye Mingyu, but it's dark color scheme really compliments her complexion.'

'Hmm... these two look like Odette and Odile. One is trying to be innocent, sweet and guileless, while the other one is shamelessly bewitching and proud. If I were to choose who looked better tonight, I'll say I prefer Su Xiaofei. Her outfit simple, straightforward and elegant at the same time. Ye Mingyu is trying to portray an innocent and delicate look while Su Xiaofei looked stunning being dark and sensual. Who would have thought that a haughty missy like Su Xiaofei would be able to change like this?'

Perhaps it was Ye Mingyu's first time wearing such a dress, she beamed a wide smile, as if she had no doubt she would be crowned as the most beautiful one tonight. The gold and white number, with a slight corset and a massive skirt, swished around as she walked around happily with Cai Lin as if Feng Xue'er didn't exist for her.

However, the smile on her face didn't last long. It seemed like she was finally aware that people were whispering about her, as her expression darkened into one filled with displeasure as she gripped her skirt.

'Is this how you plan to seek revenge, Feng Xue'er? Now that Cai Lin is willing to get rid of you, you couldn't wait to cause Ye Mingyu's fall?' Su Xiaofei smirked and hid her evil smile behind her glass, not knowing Lu Qingfeng was watching her.

'Xiao Feng, don't you need to go and greet your classmates?' She asked when she noticed that Lu Qingfeng remained next to her.

'Hn. they'll be fine without me. I'm not sure about you, though. What have you done this time?'? Lu Qingfeng narrowed his eyes suspiciously on her.

'Hey! What made you think I did something? Can't you have some faith in me?' Su Xiaofei countered, feigning offence.

'Su Xiaofei not scheming against others is indeed a suspicious one. Since Feng Xue'er had been breathing down your neck and Ye Mingyu kept on obstructing your way, would our Xiaofei really let them off the hook easily?' He pointed out.

Su Xiaofei scoffed at that and finished her drink.. Since Lu Qingfeng had practically saw through her. Su Xiaofei wasn't the only one who had been paying attention to Ye Mingyu. In fact, Feng Xue'er's cousin, Feng Yumeng was also at the ball, glaring daggers at Ye Mingyu. Feng Xue'er and Feng Yumeng grew up together and although people occasionally see them argue with each other, their bond was as good as real siblings.

When Ye Mingyu first came to QCA and befriended Feng Xue'er, the cousins rarely saw nor talked to each other. It was okay for Feng Yumeng because she knew how hard it was for Feng Xue'er to connect with anyone, thus, she supported her cousin in befriending the newcomer.

However, who would have thought that Ye Mingyu would betray her cousin in just over a month after they met each other? Feng Xue'er had been preoccupied with making the dress that was inspired by her new muse, not knowing that Ye Mingyu was meeting Cai Lin behind her back.

When the rumors about the two started circulating around the academy, Feng Yumeng confronted her cousin.

'That's absurd, Xiao Meng. Yu'er doesn't even know Cai Lin.'
Feng Xue'er laughed, but it was obvious to Feng Yumeng that she was putting up a strong front.

'But Xue'er, I have also seen them meeting behind the basketball stadium during lunchbreak. At first, I thought you asked Ye Mingyu for a favor to deliver something to Cai Lin, but the second and third time, I knew then that Ye Mingyu is meeting him at will.'

Feng Xue'er's face changed after that, but she refused to comment on it. There was no reason for Feng Yumeng to lie to her. She had known her cousin since they were young and indeed, Ye Mingyu looked suspicious lately. But Feng Xue'er thought that she was just worried about Su Xiaofei again.

When Cai Lin left Ye Mingyu to greet his other acquaintances, Su Xiaofei was talking to one of Xi Qian's friends from another class who was looking for her.

'Oh, don't apologize, Schoolmate Su. I was kinda expecting that Xi Qian wouldn't be here tonight. She really

doesn't like attending events like this. Even when I invited her to my birthday party, she had politely declined. The other young woman smiled.

It was at this moment that Ye Mingyu turned around, and her eyes lit up upon seeing Su Xiaofei. She sauntered towards Su Xiaofei and called her name.

'Miss Ye, you keep on seeking me these days. I hope you're not planning to waste my time again and actually have something important to tell me this time.' Su Xiaofei gave her a head to toe look.

'Wow, your dress looks good. It must have cost you a fortune.'
She added with mockery in her tone.

'Also, Schoolmate Ye. It's rude to intrude. Miss Su and I are in the middle of a conversation.'

The other young misses eavesdropping on their conversation snickered. Who amongst them hadn't heard that this dress came from Feng Xue'er herself.

Ye Mingyu was taken aback. She hadn't said anything and yet Su Xiaofei had already turned her down.

'She's really something. Isn't it obvious that Su Xiaofei doesn't want to have anything to do with her? Why does she keep on bugging her?'

'Perhaps it wasn't enough for Ye Mingyu to ruin the marriage of Su Xiaofei's parents.'

'Shameless, and now she has also targeted Feng Xue'er.'

'She seduced Cai Lin and deliberately used Feng Xue'er. That's really disturbing.'

'We shouldn't be surprised, considering the kind of mother has.'

Their ill-intentioned laughter reached Ye Mingyu's ears, and her face burned with shame. It only made her envy and despise Su Xiaofei more. She could see the ridicule in those young women's eyes, and she couldn't understand why they were standing up for Su Xiaofei when it's clear that she was a horrible and arrogant person.

But what she didn't know was that these young women didn't care one bit about Su Xiaofei, but naturally hated illegitimate children like Ye Mingyu. For these young women, their existence was a threat to their position in their family and their chance of inheritance.

Ye Mingyu decided to ignore them.

'Miss Su, can we talk? I have something to say to you.' She then glanced at Su Xiaofei's companion, 'in private, if it's possible.'

'If you have something to say, you can say it here. As you can see, I'm quite busy right now.' Su Xiaofei refused to accept her request.

What? Ye Mingyu can't tolerate being criticized in public now? Su Xiaofei inwardly scoffed. Perhaps it might be because of Ye Mingyu's inexperience, or Su Xiaofei was just too dumb to have easily fallen for Ye Mingyu's tricks in her past life.

'You're too cruel. How could you say such things to your own sister?' Ye Mingyu's eyes brimmed with tears as she looked at Su Xiaofei. She clasped her hands and slightly trembled, behaving as if she was being harassed by Su Xiaofei.

For some attendees, it might look like Su Xiaofei was the one who wronged Ye Mingyu, but for the young women around them, it only made them annoyed with Ye Mingyu's acting. Seeing her like this, they all hated her even more and gritted their teeth.

'Such a two-faced witch! In front of young men, she's gentle and delicate, but when it comes to us... Ye Mingyu really knows how to play her cards well.' Someone pointed out.

Su Xiaofei didn't dare to give Ye Mingyu a face and allowed their other schoolmates to criticize her. She lowered her head and concealed the loath in her eyes.

'Ye Mingyu, how does it feel being the one hated by everyone? In the past, I was the one who kept trying to create trouble for you, but I was only shooting my own foot back then. This time, the one who'll be making a fool out of herself would be you and not me.. So you better be ready for more in the future.'

Chapter 148 - Feng Yumeng (2)

When Feng Yumeng overheard Ye Mingyu's argument with Su Xiaofei and the other women, she immediately went to confront that shameless woman herself. Su Xiaofei had spotted her coming their way and her lips curled into a slight smile.

'So you are really my Da Jie? What do you expect me to do then? Do you want me to welcome you with open arms and hold a welcome party for you? Alas, even if I did hold one, you can't possibly wear this expensive dress you are wearing, right? Young Misses shouldn't repeat their clothes.' Su Xiaofei said, indicating that even if Ye Mingyu proved that she was the eldest miss of the Su family, she still had nothing compared to her.

'Oh, or perhaps you would befriend yet another innocent woman and steal her fiancé in the process.' She snickered, while Ye Mingyu's face blanched upon hearing it and the other women's ears perked up when Su Xiaofei raised this issue.

They all wanted to know what kind of lies Ye Mingyu would spout this time, considering there had been a lot of pictures online showing her intimate she was with Cai Lin.

'I-I didn't do such a thing! Why would I steal a friend's fiancé? That's ridiculous!' Ye Mingyu blurted out.

Su Xiaofei hummed and looked at her with a pair of chilling eyes. When Ye Mingyu seduced her husband, Mo Yuchen, this good sister of hers had no qualms about it in her past life. Instead, Ye Mingyu deemed it as an achievement as she bragged about how foolish Su Xiaofei was.

'So it's not my Da Jie's fault?' Su Xiaofei was referring to her as her sister with a mocking tone. 'Right. How could it be your fault that Cai Lin fell in love with you. When you look so pretty like this, perhaps it is just natural for men to fall for your charm.'

It might sound like Su Xiaofei was praising Ye Mingyu's beauty, but in actual fact, she was telling Ye Mingyu that because of her recklessness

in getting along well with so many young men, she would also naturally attract the scorn of those young women who had been ignored by their crushes because of Ye Mingyu.

'I-It's nothing like that!' Ye Mingyu murmured, hoping someone would stand up for her and protect her. 'Cai Lin is just a friend.'

'May I ask what kind of friend he is, then? You always bring him something to eat for lunch, laugh at his corny jokes and even go on dates in public during weekends. While you were laughing and enjoying Cai Lin's company, do you have any idea how difficult it was for Xue'er to stay calm?'

Su Xiaofei glanced at Feng Yumeng who joined their little group, giving Ye Mingyu a piece of her mind. She really didn't need to do much against Ye Mingyu, aside from setting up circumstances that would show how blackhearted this beautiful fairy was.

'W-what do you mean by that, Yumeng?' Ye Mingyu was startled to find Feng Yumeng here. Of course she knew who Feng Yumeng was and how close she was with her cousin. She had also met her a couple of times before.

'Yumeng? Since when have we become so close that you dare to call me by my given name, Miss Ye?' Feng Xue'er's cousin sneered at her.

Feng Yumeng was normally calm and soft-spoken, contrasting Feng Xue'er, but she also had her limits and would not sit back if and when she was being wronged by others. She glared at Ye Mingyu with a chilly pair of eyes, as if she was reining her anger, but also itching to give Ye Mingyu a good beating. She really felt like Ye Mingyu had used her cousin and had betrayed Feng Xue'er in the end.

'You showed up tonight clinging on Cai Lin's arm. What else could this mean? Three days ago, he sent a proposal to annul his engagement with Xue'er. How could you be innocent when it turned out like this? Xue'er may have said it was fine, but it's not really fine for the rest of the Feng family! Because of you, the Cai family offended us! If you have any remaining sense of shame, Miss Ye, please stay away from Xue'er!

'N-no... this is all just a misunderstanding, Miss Feng. Please believe me!'

'Misunderstanding? What is there to misunderstand? Even if you say that you aren't in a relationship with Cai Lin, it doesn't mean he feels the same. The fact that he wants to annul his engagement with Xue'er only means that he wants to pursue you! Do you even know what people were saying about Xue'er because of you? She couldn't even be here because she has been crying non stop ever since we were notified of the annulment of their engagement!

'En, I think Miss Feng's words are right and make a lot of sense. If Cai Lin doesn't have feelings for Ye Mingyu, he won't try to get rid of Feng Xue'er.'

'When Chen Li stole from me and impersonated me in public, you also claimed that it was just a misunderstanding between us. Miss Ye, don't you know any other reasoning aside from this? I'm getting bored of hearing this excuse from you.'

Su Xiaofei yawned behind her hand and excused herself. She didn't need to be here. Her job was already done when she staged this confrontation between Ye Mingyu and Feng Yumeng. It didn't matter if Feng Xue'er wasn't here to play her role, because Feng Yumeng had been a good substitute tonight.

Ye Mingyu really needed to up her game if she really want to beat this villainess.

'Da Jie, let's talk some other time, okay? But I do hope you remind Papa to sign those divorce papers already. Mama and the Yun family are starting to get restless these days..' She said as her parting words, expecting that Ye Mingyu would relay her warning to Su Haoran.

As Su Xiaofei left, Ye Mingyu could only endure the humiliation that Su Xiaofei brought unto her. As much as she wanted to flee, she couldn't leave without offending Feng Yumeng more. After much discomposure, Ye Mingyu who had always maintained a calm mask finally cracked. She repeatedly cursed Su Xiaofei in her heart and wanted nothing but ripped the young woman apart.

While Ye Mingyu was suffering under the pressure of the other young misses, Su Xiaofei was humming amusedly as she walked around the banquet hall, trying to find where Lu Qingfeng was.

When Xi Qian's friend came to talk to her, Lu Qingfeng had excused himself to receive an important phone call. It had been at least twenty minutes since he left, but he didn't return.

Su Xiaofei found him in one of the vacant rooms near the banquet hall, which were prepared by the hotel staff for attendees who wanted to take a rest from socializing. It seemed like Lu Qingfeng was still on a phone call.

Standing in the dimly lit room, half of his handsome face was hidden. There was a hint of coldness in his eyes, which slightly took Su Xiaofei by surprise.

However, as soon as he heard footsteps and saw Su Xioafei coming his way, he immediately bid goodbye to the person on the other end of the line. It reminded her of the twenty-five-year-old Lu Qingfeng, who had managed to find her on her deathbed.

His handsome face that looked as if it was meticulously perfected by the deities above looked distressed. His eyebrows furrowed together, as he exuded a cold and distant aura that would effectively repel other people from approaching him.

Su Xiaofei wondered if something was bothering him. He had this distant look in his eyes, which could make one think that he was yearning for someone.

In her previous life, unless there was something important at the Lu Corporation that needed his immediate attention, during his training and succession years, this young man would make time to spend with her.

Furthermore, a month before her wedding with

Mo Yuchen, Lu Qingfeng would get involved in an assassination attempt on his life and would fall into a coma which would last for three years. It was for this reason that after her first year of marriage with Mo Yuchen, her life turned worse as she had no one to help and protect her, leaving Su Xiaofei desperate and helpless.

Lu Qingfeng would turn sixteen soon, and in five years he might be facing the same situation again.

'Is there anything I can do to stop it from happening?' Su Xiaofei asked herself. She certainly didn't want him to suffer any misfortune.

A normal person would make a move and wait to see what would happen, but for smart people. They would make a move and predict several possibilities ahead of its outcome. She had to slowly scheme and set traps for her to utilize in the future.

'Sorry, that was an overseas phone call. Grandpa assigned me to an international project and I have to oversee it remotely.'

His voice was cool and low, but it sounded as refreshing as spring water for Su Xiaofei. As Lu Qingfeng got older, it seemed that he was truly becoming a man that could charm many women in the future. Soon, she might even need to compete to get his attention, but she was worrying about nothing, for she was the only woman Lu Qingfeng had set eyes on the moment they met for the first time.

Su Xiaofei smiled and took a seat on one of the black leather couches next to the floor-to-ceiling glass window that allowed the guest to see a magnificent view of Qiying City at night.

'No need to explain. I understand how busy you can be.' She chuckled.

Because Lu Corporation was such an outstanding and huge company with many subsidiaries, it was important for Chairman Lu to train Lu Qingfeng from a very young age. This only meant that Su Xiaofei should get used to seeing the young man less these days.

'What brings you here?' She heard Lu Qingfeng asked, taking a seat at the opposite end of the couch she was seated on.

'Just trying to find some peace. The frogs are unusually noisy tonight.' She replied.

Seeing Ye Mingyu doing things exactly like she did in her previous life, she was determined to ensure that the one who would be stabbed deeply by Ye Mingyu were the people closest to the young woman. From what she had experienced before her death, Su Xiaofei learned that she needed to get stronger, because weak people could easily be trampled and stepped on like a bug.

Lu Qingfeng said no more as they enjoyed the companionable silence between them, allowing their minds to wander off, each with their own thoughts.

Su Xiaofei looked at the casual attitude that the young, handsome youth next to her was wearing. Lu Qingfeng, this young man, was actually a little strange and different from the Lu Qingfeng she remembered from her past life.

She thought that this young man was a little shrewd and mysterious. He was still cold and indifferent with others, but towards her, he was a little attentive.

Also, Lu Qingfeng used to share his deepest thoughts with her, but ever since her rebirth, the young man had also somewhat changed. She sometimes thought that she was looking at a different person. Unlike other young men his age, Lu Qingfeng was confident and fearless.

It was different from Mo Yuchen's arrogance and Yun Xiang's cautiousness towards other people. As such, Su Xiaofei couldn't help but differentiate superiority and inferiority.

'Looking at me like this, Su Xiaofei, are you going to confess to me now?' Lu Qingfeng teased her, when he found her staring at him as if she was checking him out.

'Little boy, grow up a little more. I might actually consider you..' Su Xiaofei laughed before looking away, but because of this, she failed to see the sudden change in his eyes.

Chapter 150 - Grow Up A Little More (2)

When the two returned to the banquet hall, the other students had already taken the dance floor. Applause echoed through the banquet hall as the speaker stepped down from the podium, indicating that the party had officially started.

Instead of joining the others, they found a seat in a corner. Lu Qingfeng had just given Su Xiaofei a plate of sweets when he was found and dragged away by his teammates from the basketball team.

Su Xiaofei smiled at them and didn't bother Lu Qingfeng when he silently asked her for help.

'Come on, there's someone who wants to meet you.' One of his teammates said. 'You should really socialize more and meet a lot of girls.'

'It's bothersome. I'm not interested.'

Su Xiaofei didn't comment, but oddly, the thought of Lu Qingfeng having an unknown woman that wasn't her by his side, bothered her. She had this uneasiness in her heart. She shook her head in an attempt to clear her thoughts away. There's no reason for her to monopolize Lu Qingfeng's attention.

Wasn't it because of her that he had led a lonely life in her previous life? How could she let that happen today?

Su Xiaofei knew that he should probably meet and consider another woman, but it just didn't sit well with her.

'You're becoming more selfish and unreasonable, Su Xioafei.' She berated herself inwardly.

There's nothing else that could be done by now. She was certainly too young to consider dating and marriage at this point, as she still had a lot of things to figure out. Lu Qingfeng was also too young to worry about such things.

Lu Qingfeng sighed, but he politely declined his teammates' request. There was no way in hell he would choose another woman in front of Su Xiaofei. Not in their past lives, and certainly not today nor in the future.

His teammates left in disappointment as they failed to convince Lu Qingfeng to join the group of girls that were excited to see him. Alas, without the star of their team, how would they be

able to face them?

Just as soon as they left, Song Yiran came and smiled brightly towards Su Xiaofei.

'Could I have the honor of dancing to this song with this beautiful young lady?'

Perhaps the bright lights within the banquet hall made Song Yiran look exceptionally dashing tonight.

Su Xiaofei raised a slender brow, but didn't budge from her seat. Compared to Lu Qingfeng's cold countenance, Song Yiran's aura was very warm and welcoming.

Obviously, Lu Qingfeng wasn't pleased with Song Yiran's appearance. He was Su Xiaofei's escort, and yet he hadn't had the chance to dance with her yet. There was no way he would allow another man to snatch her away from him yet again. Also, how can he not know the interest Song Yiran had towards her?

'Feifei, considering I came with you, won't you give me your first dance?' He asked, taking Su Xiaofei's attention away from the other man.

Su Xiaofei blinked and turned to face him. She could see that he was somewhat upset because of Song Yiran. She briefly thought that she had no idea what Lu Qingfeng looked like when he was jealous. Seeing him like this, she thought that perhaps that this was just the tip of the iceberg.

'Huh? You two haven't danced yet? What were you doing earlier?' Song Yiran laughed.

'Okay, I think I should let Lu Qingfeng have your first dance then. I'll see you around, Classmate Su.' He said before winking at Su Xiaofei.

The young woman scoffed and allowed Lu Qingfeng to take her hand, leading her to the dance floor. Surprisingly, even after not being able to dance for a long time since she became crippled in her previous life, her body was able to move naturally with Lu Qingfeng's lead. She was a little worried that she might step on Lu Qingfeng's foot, but it never happened.

Other attendees stopped to stare at the pair. Unlike some other young students' lack of skills, Lu Qingfeng and Su Xiaofei danced as if they had done this for a long time as they were focused on each other's movements, eyes fixated on each other.

They moved in sync, in time with the music, and Su Xiaofei had no trouble keeping up with Lu Qingfeng's pace as the beat of the rhythm progressed faster. The couple continued to dance, ignoring the other pairs, and maneuvered around the increasing number of occupants on the dance floor.

By this time, they naturally attracted the judges for tonight's Queen Fairy of the Night as well as Ye Mingyu, who had managed to shrug Feng Yumeng out of her hair. She had this confused expression on her face and wondered if this was yet another difference between her and Su Xiaofei.

Because Su Xiaofei was raised as an heiress, it was only natural that Yun Qingrong would try to provide her with the best education she could get, including the etiquette of a proper young miss in the upper circle.

Ye Mingyu gritted her teeth and grasped her billowing skirt tighter. She couldn't see Cai Lin anywhere and no one wanted to accompany her after her confrontation with Su Xiaofei and Feng Yumeng earlier.

Initially, Ye Mingyu wanted to kick Su Xiaofei off the pedestal and make others ignore her with her brilliance. Su Xiaofei was supposed to be a foolish villainess who was harboring hatred towards her.

It should be easy to provoke Su Xiaofei, as she was known for her bad temper, together with Ye Mingyu's? alluring face, it should be easy to annoy Su Xiaofei, but why was she the one getting the shorter end of the stick then?

She was the one who kept losing face, making a fool out of herself. The more she thought about it, the more she hated Su Xiaofei.

Now, Su Xiaofei even wanted to take away the title 'Queen Fairy of the Night' from her?!