## The Fake 41

#### **Chapter 41: Ordinary and Confident**

The topic of 'Shi Xi doesn't raise fish' was talked about by fans, and soon it was on the entertainment charts.

Who didn't like pretty girls?

Although the topic didn't make it onto the hot searches this time, the photo was still a little popular, and it laid a solid foundation for the red carpet style later on.

Shi Xi returned to the set and continued shooting [The Overbearing School Bully Fell In Love With Me].

Today's plot was about the school belle supporting actress being jealous of the female lead and finding someone to beat her up. In the end, the female lead was saved by the male lead.

Shi Xi was already very adept at acting as the vicious supporting actress. She even wanted to do it herself, but was stopped by her subordinates.

Shi Xi's filming went very smoothly. On the other hand, Yun Guanghe and Wen Yao had taken quite a few NGs today, so they weren't in the right mood.

"What's wrong with the two of you?! If you can shoot, then shoot! If you can't shoot, then get lost!" The director bit on his cigarette and was very irritable.

Yun Guanghe quickly apologized, "I'm sorry, Director. I'm in bad shape."

Wen Yao, who was playing the female lead, also lowered her head repeatedly. "I'm sorry."

The director had always had a bad temper. He said angrily, "We'll shoot after you've properly adjusted your mood! Shi Xi, shoot your scenes first!"

Shi Xi looked at the male and female lead worriedly, then walked up to the scene with her head held high.

It seemed that she was the real heaven's favored daughter, the future movie queen!

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With the boost of confidence, Shi Xi's evil female lead acted even better. Her eyes were filled with an aura that looked down on the world, like a proud peacock.

After shooting this scene, Shi Xi was in a good mood.

She knew that the male and female lead were both veteran actors and had always been modest in their studies.

She did not expect that she would surpass their predecessors now.

Life was really so easy!

"It's fine. It's just a few NGs. The director won't take it to heart." Shi Xi even went to comfort Yun Guanghe.

Yun Guanghe sighed. "I'm not worried about this. I'm thinking about the Starlight Award."

Shi Xi: "Starlight Award?"

Yun Guanghe nodded. "I was nominated for the Best Supporting Actor for the Starlight Award. I don't know if I'll win this time."

Shi Xi: "??"

"The few people who were nominated with you aren't as good as you. You should be able to win." Wen Yao also sat down and comforted Yun Guanghe. She sighed and said, "Those who were nominated with me for Best Actress are all seniors in the industry. I'm destined to be an escort."

Shi Xi: "???"

Yun Guanghe quickly said, "You're the youngest Best Actress candidate to date. Those who were nominated with you are all first-rate rookies. It won't be a loss even if you're an escort. Even if you're an escort, I wonder what role you will play in the next drama!"

Shi Xi: "???"

Hearing the two of them speak at Versailles, Shi Xi was speechless.

The two of them were going to the awards ceremony to receive their awards. At the very least, there would be a nomination.

And when she went to the awards ceremony, she just happened to give them a round of applause.

Wonderful!

Too wonderful!

She still thought that she had surpassed these two people?

The clown was actually herself!

Shi Xi was the most miserable.

Hence, when the crew members looked over, they could only see three unhappy actors.

Shi Xi took a deep breath and stood up. "Alright, let's finish shooting today's scenes first."

"Shi Xi is right. Let's finish shooting today's scenes first." Yun Guanghe nodded. "If we're going to accompany them, then we'll accompany them. If worst comes to worst, we'll just get the Best Actor award next year."

Wen Yao smiled. "You're quite confident."

"I'm just ordinary and confident." Yun Guanghe laughed at himself.

The two of them chatted and laughed as they entered the scene, leaving Shi Xi alone on the spot in sorrow.

Shi Xi muttered to herself, "Ordinary and confident. Why is this description of so accurate for me? If I wasn't ordinary, why would I not dare to resist when I became a female supporting actress? If I'm not confident, how can I think that my acting skills are better than the two of them? Isn't life too hard?"

## Chapter 42: Don't Look For Me If You Have Nothing To Do!

Fortunately, Shi Xi had a clear understanding of her own abilities. She quickly recovered from her defeat and began to buy new gowns.

Shi Xi did not like to borrow or rent clothes, so she could only buy new gowns.

Just as she was thinking about which brand of gowns to buy, Tao Yuxuan came looking for her.

Tao Yuxuan: [Leng Qiankun is back. Come to Mei Ye to welcome him tonight.]

Seeing this name, Shi Xi thought to herself, 'Who is this guy?'

'I'm afraid he's not some cannon fodder.'

System: [Leng Qiankun has always liked Shi Xi. He came back this time to marry Shi Xi.]

Shi Xi asked in surprise, "It's me? Why don't I remember?"

System: [To be precise, it's him who has a one-sided love for you. You have a one-sided love for Sheng Yan.]

With that said, Shi Xi finally remembered. "Awoo, I remember now. He's the male supporting actor who has been framing Ning Yu for Shi Xi! Am I right?"

System: [Yes, he's also an important supporting actor!]

Shi Xi asked, "So, I'm going to welcome him tonight?"

System: [Do as you wish. There are no plot points today.]

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Shi Xi grasped the crux of the matter and asked, "The plot point that you've been talking about is the main storyline?"

System: [Yes. As long as you don't affect the main storyline, it doesn't matter what you do.]

Shi Xi directly rejected Tao Yuxuan's invitation. [Why should I go to the welcoming banquet? I might as well go back to the hotel and lie down to rest.]

System: ...I should have known earlier that this host doesn't like to socialize.

Tao Yuxuan: [You guys haven't seen each other for a long time. Don't you miss him?]

Shi Xi: [No.]

Tao Yuxuan used her trump card. [Sheng Yan might come too.]

Shi Xi: [Then I don't want to go even more.] She couldn't wait to get away from the male lead.

Tao Yuxuan: [For my sake, come over. I beg you, I'll agree to whatever you want!]

Tao Yuxuan: [Where did you go?]

Tao Yuxuan: [Sister? Are you here?]

After Shi Xi rejected Tao Yuxuan's invitation, Tao Yuxuan started bombarding her with messages and even called her.

However, Shi Xi refused to go. She did not show any mercy at all.

Tao Yuxuan was at a loss. She looked at the stallion man not far away and said, "She's been filming recently and seems to be very busy. She doesn't have the time."

The stallion man's eyes were dark and he seemed to be trapped in the swirling smoke. He crushed the cigarette butt in the ashtray and said in a hoarse voice, "It's alright. I'll go look for her."

The atmosphere around the man was too cold, causing Tao Yuxuan to tremble. She secretly lit a candle for Shi Xi.

'Sister, you can only count on yourself!'

Tao Yuxuan remembered their sisterly relationship and sent a message to Shi Xi. [Leng Qiankun is looking for you. Be careful.]

However, at this time, Shi Xi was already on set and missed Tao Yuxuan's reminder.

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At the airport.

Xie Yunzhou had just returned from a business trip. He looked at the time and started to send a message to Shi Xi. [Where are you?]

After a long while, he still did not receive any messages.

Xie Yunzhou returned to the company first and put his phone aside to handle the work that he had left behind during this period of time.

However, he would look at his phone from time to time.

Even though he had given Shi Xi a special reminder, he wondered why this lass still had not replied to his message yet.

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At the production team.

The director's "call it a day" made the workers cheer.

Shi Xi had already thought it through. She would order spicy hot pot takeout, order a cup of iced milk tea, order a massage lady, and be at ease on the hotel bed.

She picked up her phone.

Xie Yunzhou: [Where are you?]

After Shi Xi saw Xie Yunzhou's message, she no longer had the mood to look at other people's messages. She replied, [The production team just got off work.]

Is something the big boss needs?

If there's anything, don't look for me. I can't help you!

If there's nothing, don't look for me!!

# Chapter 43: The Asura Arena of Xie Yunzhou and Leng Qiankun

It was a pity that Xie Yunzhou could not hear Shi Xi's thoughts. When he saw Shi Xi's reply, the corners of his mouth curled up. [I just got off work. What do you want to eat?]

Shi Xi thought to herself, 'I want to eat spicy hot pot, drink milk tea, and get a massage.'

Hence, Shi Xi mustered up her courage and replied, [Spicy hot pot.]

Only with junk food was her life worth living.

Xie Yunzhou: [I'll go pick you up.]

Shi Xi: "..."

Was this villain boss really that free?

System: [Eh, you're quite familiar with Xie Yunzhou?]

Shi Xi said worriedly, "Yeah, I accidentally saved him last time, and he said that he wanted to treat me to a meal."

System: [If a man treats a woman to a meal, he must be up to no good.]

Shi Xi became even more worried. "Yeah, I was afraid that he would poison me a few times before, so I didn't eat my fill."

If it was in the past, the system might have pitied Shi Xi.

But after being bound to Shi Xi for two days, the system already knew Shi Xi's personality.

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The only reason she didn't eat her fill was because Shi Xi's appetite was too big.

It definitely wasn't because she was afraid of being poisoned.

Shi Xi sighed.

Yun Guanghe yawned and asked, "What are you doing tonight? Are you going to sing?"

Shi Xi looked up. "No, my friend asked me out for dinner."

Yun Guanghe subconsciously said, "Didn't your manager ask you to go on a diet and not have dinner?" When Shi Xi heard the word 'manager,' he looked to the side. She only heaved a sigh of relief when she didn't see Han Chuan. "It's fine. I'm secretly eating. He won't notice," Shi Xi said.

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Yun Guanghe: "...If you want to lose weight, you can go to the second floor of the hotel. There's a gym there. I often get up early to go for a run."

Shi Xi nodded. "I'll go when I have time."

Yun Guanghe did not take Shi Xi's words to heart. He only thought that she was just saying it casually.

However, he was just casually mentioning it.

Shi Xi went back to the hotel first. She put the script back in the hotel and changed into a new set of clothes.

Not long after, Xie Yunzhou's message arrived.

Xie Yunzhou: [I'm at the entrance of the hotel.]

Shi Xi put on her hat and went downstairs.

Although she was not a big star, nor was she going to be a love bean, and there were no rules against dating...

She did not want to be photographed dating a strange man.

Especially with Xie Yunzhou.

If she were to have an 'affair' with Yun Guanghe, she would be extremely happy.

Unfortunately, Yun Guanghe was the male lead and was having an 'affair' with Wen Yao.

While she was thinking about all these, Shi Xi had already reached the first floor of the hotel.

Just as she came out of the hotel, Shi Xi saw Xie Yunzhou's car.

She was about to walk over quietly and get into the car.

However, she was stopped.

"Long time no see, Shi Xi Xi." The stallion man walked in front of Shi Xi and smiled evilly. "I was just about to call you when you came out. Do we have a telepathic connection?"

Shi Xi looked at the man in front of her with a shocked expression. "Who are you?"

Leng Qiankun's expression was extremely interesting.

Xie Yunzhou came out of the car and happened to hear Shi Xi's words. His expression was also a little subtle. "Mr. Leng, I heard that you're working overseas. Why? You can't handle it anymore? Have you returned to the country?"

Having been hit with a soft nail, Leng Qiankun looked at Xie Yunzhou and said vaguely, "Naturally, I can't compare to Young Master Xie's glory in the country."

Shi Xi smacked her head. "Leng Qiankun!"

Leng Qiankun smiled. "Why? I've only been gone for a year, and you've already forgotten about me?"

"Haha, how could I forget? I was just joking with you." Shi Xi smiled awkwardly. She thought to herself, 'You've been gone for a year, but the original owner has completely left.'

# Chapter 44: Falling in Love is Like Playing a Court Battle

Shi Xi asked casually, "What are you doing here?"

She remembered that Tao Yuxuan had called earlier and said that it was Leng Qiankun's welcoming banquet today.

But the main character was here.

Then what was Tao Yuxuan welcoming?

The Northwest Wind?

"I heard that you were here, so I came to look for you." Leng Qiankun put one hand in his pocket and smiled. "Want to have a meal together?"

Shi Xi looked at Xie Yunzhou with some embarrassment.

Xie Yunzhou said, "Mr. Leng, Shi Xi and I have an appointment."

Hearing this, Leng Qiankun's gaze fell on Xie Yunzhou again and asked, "Do you know each other?"

Xie Yunzhou chuckled. There was some inexplicable emotion in his eyes that had sunk into the abyss. "Of course we know each other."

Leng Qiankun had already left for a year, so he did not know what had happened in that year.

He had always thought that his love rival was Sheng Yan, but now there was another Xie Yunzhou?

"Well, why don't we eat together?" Shi Xi suggested.

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The two of them said at the same time:

"No!"

"No!"

Their opinions were quite unanimous.

Shi Xi: "..."

She was only one person, so she couldn't be divided into two halves!

"Shi Xi and I made an appointment first." Xie Yunzhou had always been strong-willed and wouldn't give in.

"Oh? Shi Xi Xi, is it because you agreed to have dinner with him that you're not coming to my welcoming banquet?" Leng Qiankun laughed dangerously.

Shi Xi could not help but take a step back.

Leng Qiankun was very handsome.

However, his aura was cold, and people did not like to get close to him.

Xie Yunzhou took a step forward and stood in front of Shi Xi. His gaze was unperturbed. "Is there a problem?"

Leng Qiankun sized up Xie Yunzhou. "This is between Shi Xi and me."

Xie Yunzhou: "Her matter is my matter."

If it were anyone else, Leng Qiankun would have already thrown a punch.

But the person in front of him was Xie Yunzhou, the eldest young master of the Xie family. He was not someone he could easily deal with.

"Oh? You guys are so close?" Leng Qiankun's smile deepened. "But I remember that Shi Xi's fiancé is Sheng Yan."

Hearing Sheng Yan's name, Xie Yunzhou felt angry and irritated.

"Well, Tao Yuxuan said that your welcoming banquet has been rescheduled to tomorrow. I'll go and welcome you tomorrow." Shi Xi stuck her head out and spoke to Leng Qiankun.

"If Shi Xi Xi is free tomorrow, we'll meet again tomorrow." With a step, Leng Qiankun backed down.

Xie Yunzhou was expressionless.

Leng Qiankun then said to Xie Yunzhou, "Young Master Xie, Shi Xi has an allergic constitution. Remember not to let her eat seafood."

This action of showing off that he was more familiar with Shi Xi was very childish in Xie Yunzhou's eyes.

But it also made him jealous.

"She is already so old. She will remember it," Xie Yunzhou retorted vaguely.

He would never like a brainless woman like Shi Xi!

Leng Qiankun watched the two of them leave. He narrowed his eyes and dialed Tao Yuxuan's number.

"What's wrong? Haven't you seen Xi Xi?" Tao Yuxuan said, "I remember she's staying in this hotel!"

"I've seen her." Leng Qiankun asked, "Are Shi Xi and Xie Yunzhou close?"

"They know each other?" Tao Yuxuan was very surprised. After thinking for a while, she said with certainty, "They shouldn't be very close. I've never heard Xi Xi mention it before!"

Leng Qiankun chuckled. "They went to eat together."

"F\*ck!" Tao Yuxuan was shocked.

Leng Qiankun lowered his eyes and said, "I'm going to your place. Tell me everything that happened to Shi Xi after I left."

After saying that, he did not care whether Tao Yuxuan agreed or not and hung up the phone.

Tao Yuxuan looked at the disconnected phone and gritted her teeth.

Each and every one of them fell in love like they were having a court battle!

# Chapter 45: How Can You Become a Boyfriend Like This?

However, no matter how hard she gritted her teeth, Tao Yuxuan could only respectfully welcome Leng Qiankun's arrival and report everything that had happened in the past year to him in detail.

Especially what had happened in the past month.

The true daughter had returned home, Shi Xi had left home, and there were all sorts of rumors at the banquet...

Tao Yuxuan felt that in this palace battle scene, she was like a little eunuch by the emperor's side.

She was so tired.

"So, that Ning Yu provoked Shi Xi Xi and made her unhappy?" Leng Qiankun tapped the armrest of the sofa with his index finger.

Tao Yuxuan said, "I think so. Ever since that Ning Yu returned, Xi Xi seems to have changed."

In a sense, Tao Yuxuan was quite right.

Leng Qiankun's lips curled into a sinister smile. "Ning Yu, she sounds very old-fashioned and boring."

Tao Yuxuan and Leng Qiankun had grown up together and she knew his habits very well. When Leng Qiankun smiled, she knew that something bad was going to happen.

Ning Yu was most likely going to be unlucky.

Tao Yuxuan hurriedly said, "Xi Xi told me not to target Ning Yu."

"Don't worry, I won't go too far." Leng Qiankun smiled. "I'll think of a way to get Ning Yu to come to my welcoming banquet tomorrow."

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Tao Yuxuan: '...He really treats me like a little eunuch.'

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At this moment, Shi Xi had already boarded Xie Yunzhou's car and arrived at a small shop with spicy hot pot.

The shop was newly opened and was clean and tidy.

Shi Xi picked a lot of dishes that she liked and went to get a can of iced Cola.

Xie Yunzhou looked at the ingredients in front of him and then looked at Shi Xi. He could only accept his fate.

He had flown back and was physically and mentally exhausted. He only wanted to see Shi Xi and was not hungry at all. He randomly picked some dishes and asked the restaurant to make some spicy food.

After sitting down, Shi Xi still felt a little incredulous and stared at Xie Yunzhou.

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"Why are you staring at me?" Xie Yunzhou asked directly, "Is there something on my face?"

"No, I thought President Xie would not eat these." Shi Xi really could not imagine how Xie Yunzhou would eat the spicy and fragrant hotpot with her.

Just like how she couldn't imagine how the baldy Sheng Yan would look like.

Xie Yunzhou smiled and said, "I'm also a human. Why wouldn't I eat them?"

When the spicy hot pot filled with chili was served, Xie Yunzhou's smile disappeared.

He remembered that he had said 'slightly spicy'.

Just as Xie Yunzhou was about to ask the restaurant, he saw that Shi Xi's spicy hot pot was filled with chili.

Xie Yunzhou fell into silence.

Could this really be eaten?

In his early years, he often worked overtime, ate irregularly, and often drank alcohol. He had a stomachache.

Although he was much better now, looking at the large number of chilies, his heart still palpitated.

Shi Xi went to get the cutlery and even served Xie Yunzhou some rice.

"You like spicy food?" Xie Yunzhou looked at Shi Xi's actions and faintly felt a stomachache.

"It's okay. I'm not picky." Shi Xi asked, "You can't eat spicy food, right?"

"Of course I can." Xie Yunzhou smiled gently, not showing any signs of a stomach ache.

Looking at the chili in front of him, Xie Yunzhou was ready to go to the hospital.

The price of eating together with Shi Xi was too high.

But Shi Xi did not give him a chance to eat spicy food.

Shi Xi had just eaten a few mouthfuls when she put down her chopsticks with a pale face and covered her stomach.

Xie Yunzhou was thinking about how to use his chopsticks when he realized something was wrong. "What's wrong with you?"

The girl in front of him had a pale face and her forehead was covered in cold sweat. She gritted her teeth and could not say a word.

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At the hospital.

After the doctor hung up the IV for Shi Xi. He lectured Xie Yunzhou, "Her body is weak. She can't eat spicy food, eat cold food, or catch a cold during her menstrual period. How can you be her boyfriend like this?"

## Chapter 46: He Did Not Seem Like a Normal Friend

Xie Yunzhou's heart was filled with Shi Xi. He did not care about the way the doctor addressed him and asked, "How is she now?"

"Just hang the IV. Don't eat anything recklessly in the future," the doctor reminded him. "Remember to pay the money."

Xie Yunzhou went to pay the medical fees and returned to the ward.

Shi Xi was half lying on the hospital bed. Her complexion was much better than before.

Seeing Xie Yunzhou come in, Shi Xi said embarrassedly, "I'm sorry. I didn't expect that I couldn't eat spicy food."

She even got herself into the hospital.

Xie Yunzhou no longer had the energy to be angry. He said, "I can't eat spicy food either."

Shi Xi: "..."

So Xie Yunzhou was just showing off just now, right?!

"Are you hungry?" Shi Xi suddenly asked.

The two of them had ordered so many things just now, but almost none of them had eaten.

"What do you want to eat?" Xie Yunzhou asked.

"Barbecue-"

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Just as Shi Xi was about to order, Xie Yunzhou interrupted her.

"I'll ask the doctor what you can eat."

Shi Xi: "???"

She didn't want to eat the nutritious and tasteless food recommended by the doctor!

However, this was not something she could decide.

Half an hour later, the food from Qingshui Restaurant was packed and sent over.

It was either stir-fried or sweet and sour.

Shi Xi ate sweet and sour fish while thinking about her spicy hotpot.

As expected, nothing good happened when she was with the villain!

After the two bags were hung up, Shi Xi had recovered most of her strength.

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"I'll send you back to the hotel." Xie Yunzhou looked at the girl in front of him and asked, "Can you stand up?"

Shi Xi's face turned slightly red. "Yes, it doesn't hurt anymore."

When her stomach started to hurt, Xie Yunzhou was the one who carried her directly into the car. After she was sent to the hospital, Xie Yunzhou was the one who carried her all the way to the emergency room.

Although Xie Yunzhou's body smelled quite nice...

But she had legs, so she could walk on her own!

Shi Xi got down from the hospital bed. Just as she was about to get up, her legs went soft and she fell into Xie Yunzhou's arms.

Xie Yunzhou was helpless and carried her in his arms. "If you can't do it, then so be it. I'll carry you out."

It wasn't like he couldn't carry her.

The girl was so light.

She should eat more.

After sending Shi Xi back to the hotel, Xie Yunzhou sent her back to her room before he left with peace of mind.

It was only after Xie Yunzhou left that the system appeared. [You and Xie Yunzhou are quite close!]

"I saved him once, and he saved me once. Let's call it even." Shi Xi thought that if she had ordered takeout and eaten in the hotel room, no one would have noticed her even if she died.

Oh right, she still had the system, so she could still make calls.

However, the system said, [He even sent you to bed. This doesn't seem like a normal friend.]

Shi XI: "Do you have any friends? Do you know what normal friends do?"

The system said stubbornly: [Of course I have friends!]

"Oh? Is it some female main quest system? Or is it a male secondary quest system?" Shi Xi took the opportunity to ask.

The system calmed down. [Don't even think about getting information from me! Do your own thing, I naturally have a way to protect you from being fed to the fish.]

Shi Xi followed the system's train of thought and said in horror: "Don't tell me you want me to seduce Xie Yunzhou so that he won't be willing to kill me?"

System: [That's not a bad idea. It's just that we don't know how to seduce him, so we can only follow the system.]

Shi Xi sucked in a breath of cold air. "No! I don't want to be with the person who wants to kill me!"

She would never like that villain, Xie Yunzhou, who loved to feed people to the fish!

System: [Don't worry, I'm an upright system, I won't betray you.]

Shi Xi: "Really?"

The system was silent.

#### Chapter 47: Fight! Fight!

Shi Xi had nothing to say about the system's silence.

This was probably the system.

After filming the whole day and accompanying Xie Yunzhou at night, Shi Xi was already very tired and went to bed.

After a day of sleepiness, Shi Xi had a dream at night.

She dreamed that she was taken to a luxurious yacht.

The sea breeze blew, and the stars twinkled.

She was not in the mood to appreciate these things. The man not far away just waved his hand casually, and his men walked over and threw her into the sea.

Shi Xi opened her eyes, as if she could still feel the helplessness in the dream.

It was just a dream. Besides, the plot point of sinking the river to feed the fish had not arrived yet.

Shi Xi washed up listlessly and went to the production team.

Her life on the set was more interesting and lively than being in contact with the people in the main group — mainly, to be alive.

When she was with the main group, she felt that she would feed the fish in the next second.

After work, Shi Xi was very tired and took a taxi to Mei Ye.

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If possible, she really wanted to go back to the hotel and lie down.

She did not want to go to Mei Ye to welcome Leng Qiankun.

She was afraid that she would have a stroke.

On the way, Shi Xi received a WeChat message from Tao Yuxuan.

Tao Yuxuan: [F\*ck, when are you coming? We have a match here!]

Shi Xi: [?]

Tao Yuxuan: [Leng Qiankun and Ning Yu are playing cards.]

Shi Xi: [???]

Tao Yuxuan directly recorded a video and sent it over.

They had already arrived at Mei Ye's private room and were playing in twos and threes.

After Leng Qiankun saw Ning Yu, he said a few words, and the two of them began to play cards.

Shi Xi: [Any bets?]

Tao Yuxuan: [100,000 yuan per round. Ning Yu has already lost 500,000 yuan.]

Shi Xi opened the video again and looked at Ning Yu in the video.

Ning Yu's appearance was extremely clear, like a snow lotus on an iceberg. It made one want to get close, but not dare to touch it.

It was as if you would get hurt by her and freeze your hands.

Ning Yu was playing cards with Leng Qiankun at the moment. The chips in front of her had been removed layer by layer.

Tao Yuxuan sent another message, reporting their battle results: [Ning Yu lost another 200,000!]

Tao Yuxuan sighed: [Your parents gave her a lot of money!]

Shi Xi corrected: [Those are her biological parents.]

Tao Yuxuan: [Hurry up and come, don't miss the good show! I think Ning Yu is about to cry from losing. Leng Qiankun is really impatient. He actually started the game without waiting for you.]

Shi Xi thought to herself, 'The good show hasn't started yet.'

'How can the female lead lose money?'

'What a pity for this bunch of cannon fodder. I hope that when I arrive, you guys will still be smiling.'

This was the first time Shi Xi wanted to rush to the female lead's side to see how she would slap others' faces.

However, she was too late.

Shi Xi stepped into the seductive private room and noticed that the room was very quiet.

Everyone was holding their breaths, afraid that they would make a ruckus.

Among the silence, Shi Xi's footsteps were especially obvious.

Everyone looked over.

Shi Xi was already used to being stared at by others. At this moment, she only smiled and said apologetically, "Sorry, there was a bit of traffic on the road. I'm late."

"It's not late, it's not late. We've only just arrived." Tao Yuxuan hurriedly livened up the atmosphere and said, "Oh right, shall we sing? Or play dice?"

The others also chimed in at the same time. "I'll order some songs. What do you guys want to sing?"

"I'll go and order some wine."

"I'll go and smoke a cigarette."

"I..."

In the midst of this chaos, Ning Yu, who was sitting in front of the card table, shattered these fake excuses with her faint voice.

"Oh? You don't want to continue playing cards?"

The girl's voice was cold. Although there was a faint smile on her face, that smile did not reach her eyes. It was like a snow lotus blooming on an ice cliff.

"Continue, continue." Leng Qiankun gritted his teeth and said these two words.

Ning Yu slightly raised her long eyelashes and threw the cards in her hand back. She said, "But you have no more chips."

Everyone's eyes fell on the card table.

The two of them had a few stacks of chips each, but now, they were all in front of Ning Yu.

Even Shi Xi, who had just arrived, could tell that Ning Yu had won a big victory.

The female lead!!

"Let's not continue. Shi Xi is here. Let's go sing," someone advised.

Tao Yuxuan also said, "Yeah, it's rare for Xi Xi to come out. Let's not play cards anymore."

Ning Yu leaned against the back of the chair, her eyes shallow. "I'll do whatever I want."

Anyway, the person who wanted to teach her a lesson had already lost all his chips.

"Go get more chips!" Leng Qiankun's eyes were dark.

He had never lost so miserably before!

He wanted to win it back!

"Xi Xi, persuade Leng Qiankun. He's been losing." Tao Yuxuan walked to Shi Xi's side and whispered to her about the situation just now.

Shi Xi sighed. "I can't talk him out of this."

Shi Xi thought to herself: 'Fight! Fight!'

# Chapter 48: I Congratulate You On Becoming Rich!

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Shi Xi did not feel sorry for Leng Qiankun at all.

Since he dared to set a trap for the female protagonist, he should be prepared to be taught a lesson.

As for the relationship between the original owner and Leng Qiankun, it was worthless to her.

Shi Xi did not try to persuade him, but Tao Yuxuan did. "Leng Qiankun, Xi Xi will be leaving soon. Do you think playing cards or accompanying Xi Xi is more important?"

Leng Qiankun looked at Shi Xi and saw that there was no disdain in her eyes. He then walked out of his gambling state. "I'm sorry, Shi Xi Xi. I've made a fool of myself."

He was still winning money at the beginning and was still able to control the game.

But later on, it was as if he had fallen into a whirlpool of h\*ll and was unable to walk out.

He had wanted to vent his anger for Shi Xi, but he had become a joke.

Shi Xi: "...I just arrived and didn't see anything."

What a joke. What did she do wrong?

Tao Yuxuan used this as a ladder and hurriedly said, "It's nothing. Let's sing!"

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Ning Yu picked up a chip and knocked on the table, reminding him, "I hope Mr. Leng doesn't forget to pay the money you lost."

Someone immediately said, "It's just for fun. Ning Yu, don't go too far!"

"Oh? If I lose, will you ask me for money?" Ning Yu's eyes were filled with disdain. "Or do you guys often use a few million to play?"

Leng Qiankun gritted his teeth. "Don't worry, I'll give you every cent I lost!"

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"Everyone is here to welcome Leng Qiankun. Let's forget about what happened just now." Tao Yuxuan and Leng Qiankun were good friends, so she naturally spoke up for Leng Qiankun,

Ning Yu smiled. "You said you were going to forget about it so easily, but it cost me 5 million."

Tao Yuxuan straightened her back with Shi Xi by her side. "Ning Yu, you just returned to the Shi family. There's no need for you to make enemies with so many people, right? Aren't you afraid that the Shi family will hate you? If it were Shi Xi, she would never take this money."

Another person stood out and seemed to be upholding justice. "Why don't we just pay Miss Ning Yu 1 million based on the money we lost at the beginning?"

They were all speaking up for Leng Qiankun.

Ning Yu sat in front of the mahjong table calmly with a faint smile on her face, but her eyes were dark and cold.

This group of people really wanted to bully her alone!

Ning Yu was about to say something when she suddenly saw Shi Xi and asked, "Shi Xi, if you won 5 million dollars, would you also forget about it?"

For a moment, everyone's eyes fell on Shi Xi.

Ning Yu looked at Shi Xi leisurely.

It wasn't that she lacked 5 million, but she didn't want to go along with these people's wishes.

She would be even more satisfied if she could make them spend some money and teach them a lesson.

No one wanted to be disturbed all day long.

Tao Yuxuan tugged at Shi Xi's sleeve, motioning for her to speak up for Leng Qiankun.

Shi Xi sighed in her heart.

She did not want to put in a good word for Leng Qiankun at all!

Looking at the situation, she knew that Leng Qiankun deserved it.

"Ahem." Shi Xi looked up and smiled faintly. "Sister Ning Yu, for my sake, how about a 20% discount?"

Everyone: ??!!

Why wasn't Shi Xi shouting at Ning Yu?!

Was she doing taichi-

A 20% discount?!

A 20% discount for 5 million, 4 million.

That was not a small amount!

Most of the people present could fork out 4 million yuan, but no one was willing to spend it in vain.

Ning Yu did not expect to hear such an answer. Her mood instantly brightened. "Sure, let's call it 4 million yuan. Mr. Leng, how will you pay? Will it be a check or a transfer?"

Leng Qiankun wrote a check expressionlessly and said, "5 million yuan. There's no need for a discount."

Ning Yu took the check and looked at the amount on it. She smiled and said, "By the way, I heard that today is your welcoming banquet. I even bought a gift for you."

As she spoke, Ning Yu opened the bag she brought with her. Inside was a golden music box.

"Thank you." It was not easy for Leng Qiankun to remain calm and thank her.

"I heard this song and thought it was very auspicious, so I wanted to give it to you." When Ning Yu smiled, the distance between them became much closer.

Shi Xi, who was not far away, felt that something was not right.

Ning Yu opened the music box.

The lucky cat in the music box began to spin, and then music began to play:

"I congratulate you on becoming rich!"

"I congratulate you on being wonderful!

"Please invite the best over..."

#### **Chapter 49: Had Arrived**

By the time Ning Yu left, everyone's expressions were filled with emotions.

Shi Xi walked forward and closed the music box.

Leng Qiankun slammed the card table heavily, causing the stack of chips on the table to fall to the ground.

This time, even Tao Yuxuan did not dare to speak.

The others wanted to leave but did not dare to speak. They could only look at Shi Xi as if they were asking for help.

Shi Xi said helplessly, "Let's disperse for today. I'll make it up for everyone next time."

This voice was like a heavenly voice, saving everyone from suffering.

However, Leng Qiankun said, "Since we're already here, let's not do it again."

His welcoming banquet had been pushed from yesterday to today, and it was still in such a state today.

Everyone stopped in their tracks again.

Shi Xi looked at Leng Qiankun. "I have something to say to you."

Leng Qiankun pursed his lips and sat back down. He turned his head around.

Tao Yuxuan waved her hand, telling the others to leave quickly.

Everyone hurriedly ran away, afraid that if they were a second late, they would not be able to escape.

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Shi Xi sat opposite him and asked, "You set up a trap today to win Ning Yu's money?"

Although it was a question, Shi Xi used an affirmative tone.

Leng Qiankun said angrily, "If she dares to bully you, I will not let her have it easy!"

Shi Xi looked at Tao Yuxuan. "I remember that I told you that Ning Yu didn't bully me. I told you not to target her."

The girl's tone was calm, and her eyes were different from before.

"I told Leng Qiankun..." Tao Yuxuan felt as if she had been taught a lesson for doing something wrong.

"One should take responsibility for what one does. This time, I underestimated Ning Yu. I admit defeat." Leng Qiankun's eyes were fierce. "I will never let her off next time!"

Shi Xi leaned against the back of her chair and played with the music box.

She didn't expect Ning Yu to send a music box over.

Shi Xi flipped through the music box and saw the price tag below.

598 yuan.

Such a broken music box still cost 600 yuan?

How many times could she eat spicy hotpot?

"Shi Xi Xi, are you worried about me?" Leng Qiankun had already walked out of the dilemma of losing money.

He had only lost 5 million yuan, which was not much to him.

What he cared about was losing face in front of Shi Xi.

However, if he could make Shi Xi worry about him, Leng Qiankun felt that losing money was nothing.

"No, I'm worried about Ning Yu." Shi Xi raised her eyes and said seriously, "I don't know what kind of rumors are spreading outside, but Ning Yu and I have never bullied each other.

"I hope that you guys don't use the banner of 'standing up for me' to do something that makes me unhappy."

At this point, Shi Xi looked at Tao Yuxuan again.

She would never believe that Tao Yuxuan did not interfere in today's matter!

These two people have always been good partners for 'you to kill and set fire to others while I destroy the evidence'.

The true cannon fodder duo.

"Well, I haven't done anything recently." Tao Yuxuan looked away guiltily.

She was the one who had tricked Ning Yu into coming here today.

Shi Xi looked at Leng Qiankun again.

Leng Qiankun lowered his eyes. When he raised his head again, a sinister look appeared in his eyes. "But I can't tolerate you being bullied by others! If it weren't for her, you would still be the heiress of the Shi family! You would still be the princess in everyone's hearts!"

"...Wake up, you'll die before your time is up." Shi Xi had been a chuunibyou for a long time.

If it weren't for the fact that they were both supporting characters, she wouldn't have wasted her breath.

"But what I want has never been these illusory identities and flattery." Shi Xi chuckled, her eyes shining with a brilliant light. "I'm not the true daughter of the Shi family, I'm not as perfect as you think. My personality is spoiled, I'm greedy, afraid of trouble, and my personality is cold."

The girl's voice was sweet and soft. When she spoke of her weaknesses, it was as if she was calmly narrating someone else.

Shi Xi tilted her head and smiled. "Losing the identity of the Shi family's daughter doesn't affect me much."

"The 'opinions of others' and 'Shi Xi's downfall' that you all care about are worthless in my eyes."

"What I want in my heart is to live a free and happy life so that the people around me can be happy."

"I don't want to be a puppet."

## Chapter 50: Then I Really Don't Mind At All

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After Shi Xi finished her sentence, she looked at the two of them quietly.

"Then what do you want?" Leng Qiankun lowered his head and spoke in a light voice.

Shi Xi: "Hmm?"

Leng Qiankun's voice was too soft, so she didn't hear him clearly.

"Then what do you want?" Leng Qiankun raised his head and repeated the question with a gloomy look in his eyes.

Shi Xi thought about it and muttered to herself, "What do I want?"

There was no need to think about it at all!

She only wanted to live!

Tao Yuxuan did not care about Leng Qiankun's thoughts at the moment. She simply said, "Xi Xi, Ning Yu's appearance has robbed you of all your hard work over the past eighteen years. The Shi family should have at least some shares for you! Moreover, I heard that the Sheng family and the Shi family are preparing an engagement party. They might be planning to marry Ning Yu to Sheng Yan! Don't you mind?"

Shi Xi thought to herself, 'I really don't mind at all!'

"Engagement banquet?" Shi Xi came back to her senses. "Did they send the invitation?"

"Not yet." Tao Yuxuan shook her head and gritted her teeth. "But you're not at the Shi family right now. The reason why the Shi family is so eager to prepare must be for that little hoof Ning Yu!"

Shi Xi: "..." She really hoped that it was for Ning Yu.

"They're helping me and Sheng Yan prepare for the engagement banquet," Shi Xi said helplessly. "Don't you know to tell me in advance if there's such a thing?"

Tao Yuxuan was instantly stunned. She rubbed her head in embarrassment. "Isn't that... isn't it because I'm afraid that you'll be sad?"

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After saying that, Tao Yuxuan looked at Leng Qiankun.

Shi Xi was no longer sad. It was time for the other one to be heartbroken.

Everyone knew that Leng Qiankun liked Shi Xi, but now that Shi Xi was about to get engaged to Sheng Yan, wouldn't he be heartbroken to death?

At this moment, Leng Qiankun pursed his lips tightly. His gaze was so cold that no one could tell what he was thinking.

"Alright, don't provoke Ning Yu if you have nothing to do in the future." Shi Xi stood up and took the music box with her. "I'll take this with me."

Leng Qiankun was angry that he had stayed here.

Tao Yuxuan said subconsciously, "I'll send you off."

"I'll take a taxi myself." After Shi Xi declined politely, she glanced at Leng Qiankun and said to Tao Yuxuan in a low voice, "Watch him."

Tao Yuxuan nodded.

Shi Xi took the music box and left, not noticing the bug in it at all.

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At the back door of Mei Ye, a black Santana was parked in an inconspicuous spot.

In the car, the two of them had already listened to the entire conversation in the private room.

"The music box has fallen into Shi Xi's hands." Cheng Yue looked at Ning Yu. "What should we do?"

Ning Yu leaned against the back of her chair and said calmly, "I'll go to the Leng Residence tonight to take a look."

Cheng Yue said anxiously, "It's too dangerous."

Ning Yu's clear and shallow eyes narrowed slightly. There was a determination as cold as ice in her eyes. "No matter how dangerous it is, we have to go."

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Shi Xi brought the music box back to the hotel and put it by the bed to listen to the music. She was in a good mood.

She didn't have any direct conflict with the female lead today!

Happy!

Shi Xi took a shower and was about to lie down on the bed to play games when the door was knocked open.

Han Chuan came in, frowned at Shi Xi, and went to open the fridge door.

Shi Xi said, "Do you want to drink something? There doesn't seem to be anything in the fridge."

Han Chuan only counted Shi Xi's face mask and asked, "How many days have you not put on a face mask?!"

Shi Xi took a deep breath.

Han Chuan took out the puffs again. "You still want to eat this?!"

Shi Xi took a few steps back and gripped the door handle tightly.

"Still want to run?" Han Chuan frowned and took out the puffs. "Sit down."

Shi Xi stood beside him. "I'll stand."

Han Chuan sat on the sofa and looked up at Shi Xi. "You want me to look up at you?"

"Looking up means looking up into the distance. Looking up means looking up." Shi Xi corrected him. "You used the wrong word."

Han Chuan was expressionless.

Shi Xi sat down obediently.