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Chapter 251 Song Zhan "Xiao Zhanzhan"

The next afternoon, Ran Xueyi came back from the set after a long shoot. Currently, she was working with an international film crew and she was almost done with most of her scenes.

As soon as she entered the door, a small shadow pounced on her. At the impact, Ran Xueyi stumbled two steps back before carrying her little attacker.

"Mommy caught a little tiger!" Ran Xueyi hugged the small child in her arms tightly before raining kisses on that small face.

"He he he... Mommy... tickles!"

The child was no longer the attacker and was tickled to laughter.

"Has Zhanzhan been waiting for mommy to come home?" Ran Xueyi put her forehead against the child's and asked.

Xiao Zhanzhan nodded his tiny head and adorably said, "En!"

Ran Xueyi was overwhelmed by his sweetness and cuddled him even more. Her son was already over two years old and could utter several words and communicate with her. Surprisingly, the child was even quicker to learn how to talk and read, which was quite amazing and wonderful considering his age.

Ran Xueyi carried her son inside the manor and saw Jian Yiling glaring at her subordinates while scolding them.

Xiao Zhanzhan saw his favorite aunt being like this and instead of cowering in fear, he let out a peal of giggles as if he was enjoying watching Jian Yiling tearing somebody's head off.

Seeing them approach, Jian Yiling lessened the cold aura around her and patted the child's forehead while scolding him a little bit, "This little baby, are you enjoying yourself right now?"

Xiao Zhanzhan blinked his small but innocent eyes at her.

"Tsk, like mother, like son... He can even act like this." Jian Yiling laughed before sending her people away.

Ran Xueyi wanted to give the small child to an assistant so the two of them could talk. However, as if he had become a tentacle, Xiao Zhanzhan held onto her and did not let go at all.

Ran Xueyi sighed, "Just talk, he's too young to understand what we're talking about anyway."

Jian Yiling nodded and soon, she told Ran Xueyi the plan that night. She and Ran Xueyi would go to the party at a hotel and separate the moment they entered the place and act as if they were mere strangers coming to a place at the same time. Jian Yiling would proceed with her business negotiation with Erik. On the other hand, Ran Xueyi will walk around the place to observe the people in the party and also gather some information.

Ran Xueyi agreed without hesitation to her plans. When she nodded, the little guy also nodded his head seriously as if he could understand what they were talking about.

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Later that night, Ran Xueyi and Jian Yiling dolled up for the party. Since they had to go alone with only a few bodyguards to protect them if anything happens, they naturally couldn't take Xiao Zhanzhan with them.

"Xiao Zhanzhan, come and eat this. Miss Ran will be upset if she hears that you won't eat your meal." The nanny helplessly tried to feed the child, but Xiao Zhanzhan clamped his mouth shut and didn't even talk to her.

He harrumphed and turned away, throwing a tantrum because he was left behind and couldn't see his mother.

At this moment, the nanny could only sit beside the tiny boy and wait for him to get over his rebellious mood so he could eat.

"Ah!" Suddenly, the other nanny beside Nanny A called out in surprise, almost scaring Nanny A.

Nanny B was embarrassed but she still said, "Can I go downstairs and call another nanny to help you here?"

Nanny A glared at her and asked, "What's so urgent that you need to go downstairs and call somebody else?"

"I forgot that tonight is the rerun of the movie I have been waiting to watch! Can I...?"

Nanny A sighed but didn't let her leave, "There's a TV here, why do you need to go down? Just use this to watch. Anyway, the young master also wants to watch his favorite cartoon later."

Nanny B didn't reject this offer. Compared to expending more effort to go downstairs, it might be better to stay there and watch, right?

Hence, the two stayed inside the room and turned on the big TV against the wall. Soon, light from the TV illuminated the room and the two nannies sat down. Song Zhan, who was still rebelling and not eating seemed to have taken interest in the movie they were watching and also sat down beside them.

The screen showed an introduction first to the movie before the main characters showed up. At a glance, one could tell that the movie was not produced by international or world producers since it has an Asian touch to it. It could also be evidenced by the names that were used as well as the culture that was shown inside it.

However, the plot of the movie was truly wonderful. But what made it even more exciting was that the male lead was an extremely handsome man with a tall body and fit figure. The male lead was wearing a soldier's uniform and several badges were attached to the front chest of his coat.

Nanny B was undoubtedly captivated by the man's superior appearance and wanted to scream like a crazy fan. Even Nanny A, who at first wasn't interested, glued her eyes on the TV screen.

The male lead, who was playing the role of a commander, frowned and coldly said to his subordinates, "All troops should remain in their station, wait for my orders to advance!"

The man's voice was extremely cold, colder than the ice from Antarctica. Nanny A and B even wanted to hold their arms from the coldness just like the subordinates in the movie. However, only one person did not show any fear and was not intimidated by the voice.

Song Zhan, nicknamed, Zhazhan, currently has sparkles in his eyes as he stared at the male lead in the TV screen. He clenched his tiny hands and felt his heart beat excitedly. He showed the same excitement and reaction when he received presents from his mother.

Chapter 252 Pimping Business?

Song Zhan's excitement and current thoughts were unknown to everyone's concern. And at this moment, Ran Xueyi, who had no idea what was going on inside her little child's head, was observing the party from the corner where she was standing inconspicuously.

Although she thought that the place where she stood wasn't that eye-catching and a pillar blocked her figure, the people who had seen her walk there still couldn't help but glance her way, wondering where they had seen such a beautiful face.

Standing in a corner while holding the stem of the champagne glass, Ran Xueyi saw Jian Yiling standing at a round table where three other men surrounded it. They seemed to be communicating with each other amiably, but the cold and treacherous glint in the four people's eyes gleamed.

At one glance, one could already tell that these men, including Jian Yiling being the only woman in the group, were no ordinary people.

As if feeling her gaze, Jian Yiling swept her eyes towards her for a brief second. Ran Xueyi caught the meaning in her eyes and she put down the glass she was holding. Like someone who didn't have any care in the world, Ran Xueyi moved her gaze away and started to evaluate and observe the people around her.

She saw some prominent figures from different countries, some bigshots that barely entered the Underworld, and some wealthy business people who also mingled around the party. Aside from them, there were some local stars as well as some idols, singers, and artists who got a chance to step into that world through their connections.

As for their intentions and goals for coming here, Ran Xueyi didn't need to mention it. It was clear that these people who came from an entertainment industry background wanted to use this chance to climb higher from their status by climbing one of these people's beds.

"I never thought I'd see you here. I heard you're quite the clean and neat type who never bend to the unspoken rules. Yet, you're here."

Suddenly, a voice came upon her from her side.

Ran Xueyi glanced and saw a familiar face. "It's a nice evening, Sabrina."

Sabrina, just like Ran Xueyi, is an actress from another country. She amassed several awards and has superb acting skills. However, rumor has it that she had several lovers who supported her to become who she was now.

Sabrina had a mocking expression on her face as she said, "You don't have to hide anything from me. Let's be friends since we're both here for the same goal."

Ran Xueyi insipidly glanced at her but didn't say anything.

Sabrina thought that Ran Xueyi was silently agreeing to her words and stood closer to her. Before Ran Xueyi could say anything, Sabrina Carter glanced at the party before them and said, "Have you decided whom you're going to go with? I know some of them. Although most are not young and don't have a good-looking face that could match yours, they still give more benefits than you can ever think of."

Ran Xueyi glanced at her coldly and wanted to stop her. She was not there with that intention.

However, a flash appeared in her eyes and she nonchalantly said to Sabrina, "I still haven't thought of entering that business. However, if you can tell me more, maybe I can consider."

Sabrina had a surprised expression on her face and stared at Ran Xueyi's face for a few seconds. Seeing that the latter was serious, Sabrina had doubts in her heart. Could it be that Ran Xueyi really didn't climb anyone's bed?

Whether it was the truth or not, Sabrina still thought that as someone who has done this type of business for a few years, she could be a kind senior and give her some guidance.

"That man over there is Director Harison. He's a Brazilian investor and company president of a huge chain company. He's a bit older, being already in his fifties, but don't worry, a friend of mine

said that he could still do it. He also give a lot of benefits to those satisfied him." Sabrina pointed to another man and continued, "That one on his left is Lucas, an Italian fashion designer and brand owner. Currently, his net worth is over hundreds of millions and he mostly hooked with models. The models he slept with naturally appeared in the brand magazine cover and become brand ambassadors for few months."

Ran Xueyi continued to listen to her words and also glanced towards where Sabrina pointed her finger at, seriously memorizing every word and identities of these people.

Seeing her staring so seriously at the people she recommended to her, Sabrina was pleased. Though she never had a conflict with Ran Xueyi, she still envied the latter's talent that was being praised from left to right. As an actress, Sabrina didn't want to see another actress to outshine her and steal the spotlight.

Sabrina continued to give the information and tell the identities of the people she could recognize. As for those she was not familiar with, she could still tell who they are to Ran Xueyi to give the sense of being knowledgeable.

After running out of people to introduce to her and feeling her mouth slightly dry, Sabrina sighed and disappointedly said, "Unfortunately, there aren't that many younger successful men. I wouldn't have forced myself to climb all these men's beds if there were many. But Estelle, you can definitely find someone who will take you and keep you with your face."

Ran Xueyi turned her head to stare at her. Sabrina Carter was a tall woman with a height of 178 cm and an international face, it wouldn't be weird if there were more people who would fall for her due to her looks. However, Sabrina's path was different from what Ran Xueyi took. Sabrina took the easy way out and quickly got what she wanted. But perhaps, because of the stress it put on her body, her looks didn't quite match her age.

Sabrina was only two years older than Ran Xueyi, who was twenty-five. However, standing next to Ran Xueyi, the former looked as if she was ten years older than her.

Ran Xueyi, who was named by the other with her international stage name, Estelle, didn't know what to say to her. Up until now, she wasn't really considering what Sabrina has offered to her. She just wanted to use the other's knowledge through her connection to snoop around and know the identities of other people in the party.

As for climbing another person's bed... that didn't even cross her mind.

Naturally, she could see through what Sabrina was thinking about. She probably thought that Ran Xueyi was an easy target to fool and trick.

Sabrina still didn't get a response from Ran Xueyi and was a bit annoyed by her lack of interest even after she had run her saliva dry.

"Well, what do you think, Estelle?" Sabrina asked persistently, "I can go to them and ask them to take you in. I might not be as popular as you are, but I still have more connections than you. In just a night, you can have more projects coming for you."

Sabrina stared at the beautiful man next to her, almost feeling that she secured the bag. Estelle might be at the peak of her career as an actress, but how many people could remain standing in their peak? Sabrina felt that her offer was extremely appealing and no sane person inside their circle would refuse it.

After all, who would be crazy enough to refuse such a good opportunity to earn more money? Besides, how many people in the entertainment industry stayed clean? Ran Xueyi was only starting to get the fame everyone wanted after grabbing the Best Actress award from a prominent award show internationally. Even then, nobody knew if she would still be able to get anything in the future if she ended up offending someone.

Ran Xueyi lifted the corner of her lips and tilted her head to the side. She showed a faint smile and said, "Aren't you tired of the pimping business?"

Sabrina's expression changed when she heard her mocking tone.

"Pimping business?"

Ran Xueyi nodded, "What you're doing isn't exactly different from those brothels out there. You're even acting like a good hostess selling girls to your clients."

Sabrina was almost about to explode hearing her words. "Are you crazy! Estelle, you might not know this but I know several people who can bring you down! I even humbled myself to help you not spoil your career, but you can't even be a bit grateful?"

Ran Xueyi could only laugh upon hearing these. Does she really think she'd fall for her tricks?

Stepping closer enough that she could whisper into Sabrina's ear, Ran Xueyi coldly said, "You're humbling yourself enough so you could make me sleep with someone then get the video out of it so you can blackmail me? Say, do you think I'm stupid or are you stupid?"

Sabrina didn't think that Ran Xueyi could see through her intentions and she couldn't stop herself from stepping back a few steps. However, her dress was a bit longer and had a long train, with her stepping backward, her balance was disrupted and she fell to her back.

Sabrina tried to grab onto something to stop her fall, but she could only grab the table cloth covering the round table next to her and pulled the stuff on top of it.

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By the time the clinking sound of glass falling and breaking on the ground sounded, the surrounding people looked in that direction but only saw Sabrina lying unceremoniously on the ground with the liquid from the glasses spilled on her, looking pitiful and messy.

Nobody saw Ran Xueyi walking towards the crowd without even looking back.

Chapter 253 Hying To Boost Their Career?

Jian Yiling was almost done talking to Erik and the others when she saw Ran Xueyi walking to the backdoor. She paused her words before she continued smiling, acting as if nothing happened.

Where is she going? Jian Yiling wondered.

Erik suddenly asked, "Miss Jian, do you have time later tonight?"

Jian Yiling turned her attention to him and answered, "I have some matters to attend to later. However, I might have some time tomorrow for lunch."

"Perfect then. I will see you tomorrow!"

Jian Yiling couldn't even be bothered talking to a playboy like Erik and tried to talk to other people instead. She didn't want to be involved with the man even a bit longer, however, tomorrow's lunch

was an inevitable matter. She still had to feel up the situation around the Alecan family and see whether it was worthwhile working with them.

As the night became deeper, Ran Xueyi, who disappeared from the party, was standing outside the balcony. The night breeze was especially cold but peaceful. It was perfect for someone to sober up if they drank a few glasses of alcohol.

Though not drunk and didn't drink more than needed, Ran Xueyi felt that since she got the information she wanted from Sabrina, she might as well stay outside and stop putting on a fake smile.

"Ngghh..."

"Shh! Don't be so loud, what if somebody hears us?"

"I don't care, isn't this why you pulled me outside?"

Two voices sounded outside. By the sound of their breathy and raspy voice, Ran Xueyi could almost tell what the two were up to. However, she was standing alone on the balcony, where could these two be?

Looking down the balcony, the two couples were hiding in the dark. Two figures overlapped each other's bodies and their clothes were somewhat messy. Ran Xueyi was slightly embarrassed for peeping and wanted to act as if she didn't see anything. She stood up straight and looked away.

Wait... isn't that the producer of a movie she was considering, Producer Johnson, and the male lead actor for that movie, Robert Morgan?

Although Ran Xueyi knew that the world no longer views a very conservative view in life and accepts every sexuality, it was still a shock to see two men to be doing that activity out in the open. Besides, the two were always against each other, quarreling in front of everyone. If Ran Xueyi didn't see their intimate action just now, she might have believed their hatred for each other.

Turns out that they are actually lovers.

As if she opened a surprise present, Ran Xueyi was rendered speechless and didn't know what to do. Thinking about it, she remembered doing something similar like this. Was it three years ago?

Thinking of how bold she acted at that time towards Song Yu Han, a cloud of spring appeared on her cheeks and her eyes blinked several times.

Just as she was thinking about leaving, she heard a voice come from behind her.

"Oh, there's already someone on the balcony?"

Ran Xueyi turned around when she heard the voice and a handsome face appeared.

"William..."

The man named William was a co-actor she acted together with in another movie. He was another main lead that appeared there. Coincidentally, he was her male lead at that time.

"What are you doing out here, Estelle? There are drinks and a party going inside, why stay here alone?" William didn't notice the apprehensive expression on Ran Xueyi's face and stride towards her.

Ran Xueyi moved to the side, putting an appropriate amount of distance between them. "I like being alone here."

Her silent meaning was: Stay away from me!

William stared at her with mirth in his eyes, "Being alone is too lonely... Why don't I accompany you here?"

Ran Xueyi smiled at him and refused, "Being alone isn't too lonely. I like being alone. Besides, I don't think you merely want to accompany me here to enjoy the night breeze and moon, right?"

As if on cue, a click sounded somewhere and Ran Xueyi turned in that direction. She ended up seeing a man holding a camera in his hand with the lens pointed towards them.

She raised an eyebrow and turned to William, who shrugged his shoulders unperturbed that she found out his intentions.

William chuckled, "We once acted together. Can't you at least help a dear friend to have an easy career?"

Ran Xueyi, however, did not listen to him and walked towards the paparazzi that worked with William.

Seeing her getting closer, the paparazzi got anxious and shook. However, he stood there and waited for her to come even closer. William already told him that he could take several pictures with him and Estelle as the main focus, and use it for a new topic.

For him, getting a new topic to talk about would give him a more solid position in the company he was working under and also get the money William handed to him. As for William, he just needed these few stills to boost his new TV drama that was about to be released.

It was a win-win situation.

Ran Xueyi put her slender and fair hand out with the palm facing upward. "Give it to me," said Ran Xueyi.

The paparazzi obviously didn't want to surrender his camera to her and held onto it tighter.

William stepped closer and said, "Let it go... We're both working in the entertainment industry. Hype one's film comes very naturally to us. Can't you just let this one time go?"

Ran Xueyi insipidly said, "If I let this one go, there will be another followed by others. Besides, it's not my fault you can't hype yourself the right way and still need other's help to boost your career."

William frowned, "Is it your company or your manager? I can talk to them and negotiate a price."

In their circle, one can hype another actor if both agencies agreed to it. William intended to do that if Ran Xueyi still didn't want to cooperate.

Ran Xueyi indifferently said, "No, someone at home won't agree."

Once the pictures were released, her fans would undeniably think that they were in a real relationship since she and William worked together in a movie a year ago. Some might get angry and some might protest while a minimal part of her fans will congratulate her. However, that wasn't what Ran Xueyi was worried about.

p What if Song Yu Han saw that picture and thought that she was cheating on him?

Even if it wasn't true, Ran Xueyi wouldn't allow that to happen. She didn't want to grow any doubts in his heart.

William pursed his lips at her words. However, Ran Xueyi could no longer wait for him to say something.

She turned towards the paparazzi again and said, "Last offer, five times."

The paparazzi didn't even glance at William, who had a surprise and upset expression. He handed the camera to Ran Xueyi and only left when their transaction was done.

William sighed when he saw the bright smile on the paparazzi's lips as if he had just won a jackpot. Well, it wasn't that far from the truth since he earned 300,000 dollars in just a night.

"If you do this next time, it won't end with just me paying." Ran Xueyi stared at him and coldly added, "I hope we don't ever meet each other again, William."

Ran Xueyi turned around and stepped out of the balcony, entering the party where the hustle and bustle was. After leaving a stunned William on the balcony, Ran Xueyi went to the restroom and put the camera in the sink while turning on the water.

Soon, the camera was no longer working. But just in case, Ran Xueyi broke the memory chip into two before throwing it in the toilet bowl, flushing it to who knows where.

While she was washing her hands, Jian Yiling entered the restroom and only spoke to her when there were only the two of them inside.

"You alright?" Jian Yiling closed the door and locked it.

Ran Xueyi nodded, "Just met two acquaintances."

"More like you messed around with them," Jian Yiling laughed teasingly.

"Are you done with the matter with Erik?"

"Nope... He offered to have lunch with me tomorrow." Jian Yiling saw the broken camera in the sink and frowned, "What happened? Another paparazzi making trouble with you? Isn't this the seventh time this month?!"

"Get used to it... Your best friend is a Superstar, what do you expect?" Ran Xueyi leaned against the sink. "Tell me if you want me to go with you tomorrow. I still have time to come with you if you want"

Jian Yiling shook her head and said, "Look after Xiao Zhan instead. I can take care of my side. Anyway, I'm done here so we can go now."

Ran Xueyi nodded and the two came out of the restroom. Just like how they entered, the two left as if they were strangers meeting inside the restroom.

Unfortunately, the two of them didn't notice that at the other end of the corridor, a pair of dark eyes followed them. The figure shrouded by the shadows turned around and disappeared.

Chapter 254 Throwing Tantrums

The moment they made a turn, Ran Xueyi, who was very sensitive to people's stares and lenses, shivered and stopped in her tracks. Due to her accumulated years of being in the entertainment industry, she was able to gain an ability to sense if someone were to look at her or take pictures of her.

Actors, idols, singers, and other types of stars also have this. The intensity of their sensitivity towards the feeling of being stared at naturally matched the amount of paparazzi and other people looking at you. On the other hand, ordinary citizens who are not working in the entertainment industry also have this sensation.

"What's wrong? Did you forget something?" Jian Yiling didn't feel what Ran Xueyi sensed and could only ask.

Ran Xueyi shook her head and said, "It's nothing. I'm just feeling a bit tired."

Was it another paparazzi?

Jian Yiling clicked her tongue, "Tch, that's why I told you to have your day off early. You've been shooting all this time, can't your manager at least give you some slack?"

Ran Xueyi only stared at her indifferently, not acquiescing to her words nor refusing. There will be another magazine cover photoshoot this week. Perhaps, she could take the time after shooting the magazine cover to take a few days to rest?

When the two came home, Ran Xueyi washed up first in her room before stepping inside her son's room, which was just next to hers. She saw the little boy sleeping tightly and peacefully in his bed while the two nannies were talking in hushed tones on the side.

Seeing Ran Xueyi enter the room, the two nannies greeted her first before reporting the young master's activity and condition before going to sleep. They also didn't forget to mention that he threw a tantrum before calming down.

Ran Xueyi thanked the nannies sincerely, "Thank you, Nanny A and Nanny B. I'll watch over him tonight, the two of you can go back to your rooms and rest."

Nanny A nodded, "Then, we will rest now, Miss. If you need anything, just call us using the bell."

Ran Xueyi sent the nannies away before moving to bed. She sat on the edge, watching the breathing of the little one go up and down at a steady pace. She thought that Xiao Zhanzhan had tired himself to sleep and wanted to lay beside him. However, as she was about to lay her upper body down the soft cushion of the bed, she saw that the pair of moe eyes of her son was wide awake.

"Did I wake you, darling?" Ran Xueyi immediately sat up straight. "Sorry, Mommy must have moved a bit strongly and woke you up, right?"

Xiao Zhanzhan, however, stared straight at her without blinking. He was clearly mad and unhappy with her.

Xiao Zhanzhan didn't say a word and only stared at her.

Ran Xueyi felt sorrowful being stared at her son, who was definitely still upset for not bringing him with her tonight. But how could she bring him there after what happened tonight?

"Mommy, do you not like Xiao Zhanzhan anymore?" the tiny child spoke with his soft and childish voice.

Ran Xueyi felt her heart thump and she quickly said, "How can I not like you? Xiao Zhanzhan, mommy will never dislike you. You will always be number one in mommy's heart."

The child pouted and complained, "But you didn't bring me out to play."

Ran Xueyi leaned and patted him on the head, softly saying, "Mommy has work to do earlier. Xiao Zhanzhan is too little to be there."

"But auntie also left with you... She's smaller than you but how can she go with you?"

Ran Xueyi choked. Jian Yiling was indeed not as tall as her. At least she had an average height of 159 cm (5'2). Xiao Zhanzhan mentioning this to her almost gave her a heart attack. Thankfully, Jian Yiling was not here and didn't hear his words, or else, that auntie will surely smack his tiny bottoms to a peachy, red color.

Ran Xueyi did not want to continue this topic and said, "Mommy is so sad today. I met two people who wanted to do bad things to mommy, but Xiao Zhanzhan did not even kiss mommy when he saw me."

Xiao Zhanzhan's eyes wavered.

"Mommy is so tired, but Xiao Zhanzhan scolded me today. Xiao Zhanzhan is so fierce, mommy is scared... I need kisses from Baobei."

Finally, the grief and anger that Xiao Zhanzhan was feeling that night melted when he saw Ran Xueyi covering her face with her hands, appearing like she was crying herself to tears.

A tiny, soft hand fell on Ran Xueyi's hair. He imitated the way Ran Xueyi would usually pacify and comfort him when he cried.

Ran Xueyi intended to pretend to cry so that the little boy would stop being angry at her, but when she felt his soft hand landing on her hair and back, as if the dam inside her could no longer hold back the water rushing forward, her eyes shed tears and slipped down her cheeks.

The little boy suddenly declared, "Mommy, Xiao Zhanzhan is not angry anymore. Baobei will be good and give kisses to mommy everyday!"

Ran Xueyi was absolutely warmed up by his declaration and wiped away from her tears.

She gathered his tiny body to hug him and let the little child kiss her while thinking how blessed she was to have given birth to a child like Xiao Zhanzhan!

On the other hand, Xiao Zhanzhan, who finally comforted his mother and gave her kisses, frowned.

His mommy just told him that she met two bad people outside, how could he not worry!

As expected, he needed to grow stronger and taller faster so he could protect her!

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The next day, Ran Xueyi stayed inside the manor until lunch was over before she headed straight to the contract signing for the magazine cover.

This time, however, she was not alone.

Perhaps because of what Ran Xueyi said last night, Xiao Zhanzhan threw another tantrum and refused to eat unless she took her with him.

Ran Xueyi initially wanted to scold him since it was not good to use his meals to get what he wanted. However, she also thought that she could use this chance for Xiao Zhanzhan to watch her work.

Adelle, her manager, was surprised to see the pair come over.

"You brought the young master out?" Adelle smiled at the small child, but the latter ignored her presence and jumped inside the car quickly as if he was afraid that his mommy would leave him in the manor again. "What's wrong with him? He looked as if he's about to fight a big monster."

Ran Xueyi glanced at her son and didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

Geez, could someone tell her when did her son become so overprotective?

Ran Xueyi followed Xiao Zhanzhan inside the car and sat beside him. Adelle also hopped into the car and was about to take the seat next to her when she saw the little cub's eyes glaring at her.

Adelle: "..."

In the end, she had to go down and sit beside the driver with the mother and son pair sitting closely next to each other in the backseat.

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When Ran Xueyi arrived at the photoshoot site, the photographer was still talking with the prop team and brand stylist.

However, it seems that it wasn't a peaceful conversation seeing how they all looked as if they drank a bitter pill this morning.

"What happened?" Adelle saw a staff member walking and pulled them to ask.

The staff member saw Ran Xueyi standing beside Adelle and his eyes sparkled brightly. He answered, "The photographer and the brand stylist are fighting. The brand suddenly wanted to add a

slight change to the theme. However, the prop team didn't have the time to get what they wanted for the theme."

Ran Xueyi briefly glanced at them before asking, "Why haven't I been informed about this?"

Adelle also nodded, "If there's a change in the theme, shouldn't they inform us first?"

The staff member scratched his forehead and shrugged, "I don't know... I'm just a staff member here."

Ran Xueyi didn't care about it and asked in the end, "What theme did they decide to add?"

This was the main point. Ran Xueyi didn't have any problem if they suddenly wanted to change the theme for the magazine cover. However, if they wanted to force another actor or model to stand beside her and do some intimate poses then, Ran Xueyi could only refuse to do the photoshoot and talk to them to stick to the first theme.

The staff member heard the new theme from the brand stylist so he could answer Ran Xueyi's question with confidence.

"A pair theme... They needed a child to shoot the cover with you but the prop team didn't have time to pick a suitable child actor to shoot with you."

Ran Xueyi and Adelle turned to stare at each other.

Xiao Zhanzhan coincidentally popped his head out behind Ran Xueyi and blinked his eyes.

Chapter 255 Little Fairy In The Studio!

The staff member halted in his words when he saw an adorable head popping out behind Ran Xueyi. The child looked small and cute, but no one can deny that he looked handsome at first glance with his big brown eyes, tiny lips, and tall nose. More than that, he looked a bit familiar.

But where could he have seen the child?

The staff member blinked, "This is..."

"My son," Ran Xueyi truthfully said.

Upon hearing this, the staff member almost fainted from the shock.

WHAT! Estelle has a child?!

This was shocking news!

Although there were many international actresses who already came out of the box and announced that they were expecting pregnancy or have already given birth to a healthy child, however, that was before and after. Besides, some already introduced their partner's name or marriage to the public.

However, Estelle, the rising A-list actress who received three awards in two different prestigious awarding ceremonies, just said that the child in front of him is her child!

What to do? He felt like he had just found out a secret he should erase from his memory. On the other hand, he was also a fan of Ran Xueyi and could hear his heart shattering when he thought of his idol being together with anyone.

The staff member sighed deeply. Thankfully, he wasn't a godly fan who would go crazy though he still dealt with a heavy damage in his heart upon hearing the news.

"Oh, you're here, Estelle!" The photographer noticed Ran Xueyi's group standing in the studio.

Ran Xueyi smiled at the staff member before stepping to the side to approach the photographer.

"Good morning. I heard there's a change in the theme?" Ran Xueyi directly said.

The photographer realized that Ran Xueyi probably heard of it from a staff member and also didn't hide it. He nodded and said, "That's right. Fend* initially wanted to shoot a solo cover for you. However, the brand suddenly decided to change their mind during yesterday's meeting."

He continued to tell her: "The new theme will still comprise the previous one. Just that there's a little addition of a child to shoot with you. The theme is a pair theme of a mother and child."

The brand stylist heard them discussing this and also added, "There hasn't been a cover with a child in it in our brand. The marketing admin thought that the brand shouldn't limit themselves with the usual image. They also wanted to show that even mothers can wear the product."

Ran Xueyi became stunned when she heard this.

It was truly a change if Fend* decided to shoot the theme like this.

The brand stylist was afraid that Ran Xueyi would refuse the change of theme so he quickly added, "Of course, the brand will not force you if you don't want to shoot it. However, if you do the front cover for the brand, they will revise the contract and give you a higher base fee per hour."

The previous commission negotiated with Ran Xueyi was only 37,000 dollars base fee per hour. Now, the revised contract that was drafted yesterday was 50,000 dollars. This amount was surely bigger than the previous brand ambassadors in the past. And Ran Xueyi's one-time payment should be around 3 to 5 million dollars.

This never happened before if the brand stylist was being honest. The highest paid brand ambassador only received 2 to 3 million and only one actor from another foreign country received 4 million as the brand's main face.

Of course, Ran Xueyi's salary this time was not only due to her rising career, but because of the change of themes. The theme will be quite controversial since Estelle's private life was never flaunted in public. If she shot this magazine cover with a child, it would probably cause headline news or people to question the brand's intention as well as Ran Xueyi.

However, Ran Xueyi wasn't too worried about that.

Actually, she thought that the brand theme this time was really amazing and suited her taste so much.

After all, she was not only an actress and a woman, she's a mother now.

"I'm alright with the theme. I think it's very thoughtful. I will go through this shoot," Ran Xueyi nodded with conviction. She knew it would cause some heat in discussion after the cover was released, but she just wanted to challenge herself and also let people get used to this reality.

Superstars and idols are humans too. They also have a life to live...

"Wonderful!" The brand stylist exclaimed in delight, "We should shoot the cover now then."

The photographer frowned and didn't think that Ran Xueyi would actually accept the change. However, he was glad that his time wasn't wasted to convince someone to shoot the cover.

If it were some other actress or singer, they might show a bit of hesitation until they pull out of the photoshoot entirely. They don't want to be in headlines and smeared with any type of rumor.

However, it seems that Ran Xueyi was not like any other actresses or singers who vainfully held their image together.

The prop team, who disappeared when Ran Xueyi discussed the matter with the two, arrived while panting. When he was asked by the brand stylist, he shook his head and said, "There's no child actor available. Only a few who lived nearby could spare some time but they can only come later this afternoon or tomorrow."

Hearing this, the photographer glared at the brand stylist and grumbled, "This is why you should have told us about the change in theme before the actual shoot!"

The brand stylist was humiliated but his hands were tied. It really is their fault anyway.

Just when everyone thought that the photoshoot that day will be postponed until tomorrow, a small child walked towards Ran Xueyi and pulled the hem of her shirt.

Looking back, Ran Xueyi saw Xiao Zhanzhan blinking his doe-eyes at her, seemingly asking what's taking them so long.

Ran Xueyi's heart skipped a beat and glanced at her manager, Adelle.

Adelle saw her looking at her and intended to pull the child away. However, who knew that Xiao Zhanzhan would put his arms around Ran Xueyi's leg and never let go.

The prop team, photographer, and brand stylist, all saw this and they looked at each other.

The photographer never saw such a clingy and cute Little Fairy, wondering where he came from.

The brand stylist was also thinking like this but he was even more curious if the Little Fairy knew Ran Xueyi.

Among the three, only the prop team thought that his ancestor has answered his prayer.

There's a child!

Now they can shoot the cover!

"Er this child... Estelle, do you know him? Coincidentally, we don't have a child actor who can shoot the cover with you..." the prop team's meaning was too clear.

Have the child shoot the cover with you!

When hearing the prop team's words, the brand stylist and photographer, woke up from their daze after meeting a Little Fairy in the studio. They all expectantly stared at Ran Xueyi.

Sadly, Ran Xueyi shook her head and said, "I'm sorry but he can't."

The brand stylist said, "Is it because of his parents? We can talk to them and also pay them!"

The child was very in line with the image they wanted to show in the cover. Other child actors or children who would be hired to shoot the cover will show nervousness and cry in the studio. Just thinking of the hassle they had to go through by hiring another child and persuading them to take a pose, the brand stylist wanted to smash his head.

However, the Little Fairy was different.

Even when he stood in front of them, three tall men, Little Fairy didn't even flinch and enchanted them with his innocence.

And the key point was... it seems that the Little Fairy was attached towards Ran Xueyi.

Ran Xueyi naturally knew what these men wanted. However, she couldn't allow it.

"I'm sorry, but he really can't do it," Ran Xueyi could only apologize to them.

If she let her son's face show in the magazine cover and let everyone pay attention to him, she would really fail as a mother.

As someone who lived most of her years as an actress and entertainer, Ran Xueyi was even more clearer than anyone else about how things work in the entertainment industry. In their world, there are too many layers. Two commonly seen layers were the sparkling luxury it publicly showed, and the dark and filthy side that was hidden but not a completely secret side of it.

Another thing was... Ran Xueyi really didn't want her son to end up like her.