

FMH Marriage 1611

Chapter 1611: I'm Head Over Heels For You

Director Martin was well-informed about the Chinese culture. He could tell that Ning Xi's method of brewing tea was rather professional.

It was supposed to be a common scene, but Ning Xi's tea brewing movements carried artistic and classical nuances as well as demonstrating the clash of both Western and Eastern cultures. This was what Martin was hoping for!

Even though the scene was going way over time, Martin did not yell "Cut". Instead, he made the cameraman continue and was not going to omit any scenes out from this footage.

"Xi, you're doing really great!"

The director went up to hug Ning Xi after the scene, his praises sounding more genuine this time around.

"Have you learned how to brew tea before?"

Ning Xi was thrilled that she was recognized by an international director like Martin. "A little, but I'm not really an expert at it. It's acceptable enough to be on camera only, I suppose."

"Not at all! I think you're much better than many professionals! You're skillful!"

Director Martin looked earnestly, he then gazed silently at Ning Xi with some thoughts ruminating in his head.

He had intended for a Chinese actress just to boost the sales of the movie in China, but he did not expect this girl to be this spectacular.

Would three minutes be too little to feature her?

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The scene went on smoothly, and soon the next was up.

Ning Xi only had two scenes. If things went well, she could leave by tomorrow...

The next scene was a fighting scene between her and Orlando. The director had hired a professional martial arts director to choreograph the fight.

Orlando seemed to have been training with the martial arts director as he was used to the movements already. Nevertheless, Ning Xi, of course, picked it up very quickly.

When Ning Xi and Orlando were rehearsing, they started with slow movements, but they soon became faster as they got more familiar with the steps.

Orlando's attitude towards Ning Xi changed after he saw her in her acting outfit. He was really gentle and patient towards her as if he was afraid to hurt her.

Ning Xi was a little disgusted by his doting attitude. She was very experienced after all, so of course, she knew what he was trying to do.

Was this guy... trying to flirt with her?

Rumor had it that Orlando liked Asian girls. Hmm, it seemed like it was true.

However, Orlando was quite a gentleman. While he was suspected to be flirting in the name of acting, he never used any suggestive language or did anything overboard to her.

“Alright, everyone in position! We’re starting the next scene!” Director Martin informed everyone.

Orlando then spoke to Ning Xi affectionately, “Don’t worry. We can slow down the tempo later, so you don’t have to worry about not being able to follow...”

“Thank you, Senior Orlando!” Ning Xi acknowledged obediently.

Orlando smiled as his desire to protect her was content.

“Action!”

The shoot started.

Orlando was facing Ning Xi in a forest.

This scene depicted Orlando stealing the treasure map and Ning Xi stopping him.

The moment the director snapped the clapboard, the gentle-looking classic beauty acted like a different person. She lashed out at Orlando sharply with a strong kick and a determined attitude.

The white inner side of her cheongsam flew together with her swift steps.

When they were practicing, they had just been getting used to the movements. Orlando was taking this first take as a chance to practice too, so he did not expect such a drastic change when she was filming. She was like a walking killing machine.

Without waiting for his reaction, she was attacking him fiercer than ever, being far from cute at all. In fact, she was terrifying.

At the last moment, Ning Xi stepped on Orlando, taking the treasure map back while looking at him coldly.

Orlando was lying on the dried leaves, studying the girl’s terrifying expression charmingly. He mumbled, “Oh baby, I’m head over heels for you!”

Ning Xi was speechless.

That line did not exist!

This guy was not fond of Asian girls. He was a straight up masochist!

Chapter 1612: Director’s Invitation

“Good take!”

The director said after a while.

Not just Orlando, even Ning Xi was stunned when she heard the director.

Was she mistaken? Did he just declare “good take” instead of “take two”?

Whatever! Maybe the director felt that Orlando’s impromptu line was sufficient!

It was good for them that it had passed naturally.

Ning Xi quickly took her foot off Orlando. Then, she extended her hand to him and apologized, “I’m really sorry, Senior Orlando. Did I hurt you anywhere?”

Orlando looked as if the Empress herself had just arrived. He quickly clasped Ning Xi’s hand. “Of course not, my dear. You’re too gentle! You should be rougher! Let me feel the pain!”

Ning Xi was speechless.

What the heck was that about, being rougher and making him feel pain?

Was he truly a masochist?

“That’s great then! Thank you so much! I’m glad to have worked with you! I hope there’ll be chances of us being in a similar scene again in the future!” Ning Xi bowed. After that, she also went to thank the other actors and working crew.

After this scene, she would be done.

Xiao Tao returned to her senses from her Bro Xi’s extremely cool scene, then she realized that Bro Xi was done!

Sis Zhizhi had mentioned it would take a few days if things went well, but it seemed like it had gone a bit too well... She was done in just a day! Oh, how regretful!

Not only was the scenery there great, there were a lot of hot guys too!

Orlando live up to the nickname “The Elf” that his fans had christened him. He was so charming and charismatic!

Orlando could not stand it anymore when Ning Xi was bidding farewell to everyone, so he went up to Martin and begged him, “Oh, my dear director! I made a mistake just now, didn’t I?”

Let me redo it again!

The director was thinking about something seriously. He waved his hand impatiently. “Orlando, that scene has passed. Please don’t disturb me.”

He then went to the camera to look at the footage.

Orlando looked at the director dreadfully.

After bidding farewell to the actors and staff, Ning Xi went up to the director. “Director Martin, I’m honored to have worked with you. Albeit it being a short time, I’ve learned a lot...”

She wrapped up the small talk. "If there's nothing else you need me for, I'll be leaving tomorrow."

The accommodation was free for her after all, so it was considered a public resource and it would not be right if she continued staying after finishing her scenes.

Director Martin peeled his eyes away from the footages and looked at the girl. He said seriously, "Dear Xi, I have a request. Your acting today is really good. There's no issue at all, but I hope you can stay for a few more days! Three days... No, two days. Is that okay?"

Ning Xi thought about it. Maybe there would be some other parts that she would be needed in. For example, if they changed the script, then her role would be affected too.

Since the director had asked her and she had some free time too, Ning Xi did not reject him and agreed, "No problem. Of course, I'll be at the hotel. Just contact me whenever you need me!"

Martin breathed a sigh of relief. "Thank you very much!"

Chapter 1613: It'll Surely Be Wonderful

After they wrapped up, Director Martin looked for the scriptwriter. "Charles, please come to my room after you're done here! Bring the script!"

Charles, who was smoking at the moment, looked like he expected this and he flashed an OK sign.

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In the hotel room, Martin was pacing back and forth. The second Charles entered, he went straight to the point. "Buddy, I want to add some scenes for Xi. What do you think?"

Charles gave Martin a high five and spoke in Mandarin to him, "Great minds think alike."

Martin shared his idea excitedly, "One action scene is too little! Xi moves really well and adds to the effect..."

Charles gave it some thought, then he interrupted, "But... Buddy, remember that if you add too many scenes, something's gotta give and you'll have to cut some others out!"

Movies had very strict restrictions in terms of timing; just one scene could cost a lot of money and any extra seconds were precious.

Martin was struggling because of this issue too, but he looked determined. "Charles, don't you think the marvelous nature here would pair better with Xi's strong classic Oriental vibe rather than some chilly special effects? I know that it's risky, but I believe in my judgment!"

Charles shrugged. "Okay, if you insist but actually, I think so too! Alright, let's talk about the new scenes. How long do you want them to be?"

"Ten minutes! No... 15 minutes!" Martin exclaimed in excitement.

Appearing for 15 minutes in a movie that was full of special effects added up to almost as much screen time as the female secondary lead! Even one of the main casts, Tony, only had just above ten minutes of screen time.

Charles then replied, "If that's the case, I suggest we add another romantic element between her and Orlando..."

Before Charles could finish his sentence... Bang! A large-sized man charged in like a typhoon and hugged Charles. "Oh baby, I love you! You're my angel!"

Charles pushed him away helplessly. "Orlando, don't thank me. I think Martin thought about it too. If not, he wouldn't have retained the scene where you made a mistake just now..."

Orlando was about to go and bear hug Martin but the man avoided him and looked gravely at him. "Orlando, I know that she's your type..."

Orlando interrupted him with a serious expression. "Oh no! My dear, she's not just my type! She's my queen!"

Martin was speechless for a few seconds before he reminded, "I have to warn you again. You know me. No relationships between members of a film crew. Avoid any scandal! You'd better be careful!"

Orlando declared, "I swear to God! I'll only go for her after we're done filming!"

While Martin knew that Orlando was a flirt, he was relieved that Orlando still maintained that level of professionalism within him after all.

Since the director was not angry anymore, he nudged the scriptwriter who was more easygoing, grinning suggestively, "Hey, dear Charles, what do you think about adding a sex scene? It'll surely be wonderful!"

Chapter 1614: Please Accept My Love For You

Orlando's request was immediately rejected by the director.

The final decision was to go with an ambiguous direction. Despite Orlando's keen interest in this mysterious Asian woman, King Xiang had dreams, yet the Goddess was not in the mood. The falling flowers pine for love, but the heartless brook ripples on [1].

Unfortunately, the point was that it was only Orlando's wishful thinking.

He imagined the way those cold and expressionless eyes would look at him disdainfully. He suddenly felt excited. To be rejected heartlessly by the queen felt remarkably moving too!

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After Ning Xi returned to the hotel, she first reported the situation to Ling Zhizhi.

"Sis Zhizhi, today's shoot went pretty well. The two scenes are already done, but the director told me to stay for another two days because there might be some follow-ups that would need me!"

On the other end of the phone, Ling Zhizhi paused for a while when she heard this, but she did not say much. "Okay, got it."

Usually, they would not ask the artistes to remain with the crew after the shoot was done. Besides, Ning Xi's scenes would not have huge effects added to them, so there would not be any possibilities of changes unless... she had some scenes added later on.

However, this was a Hollywood film crew, after all. It was already a good thing if a Chinese artistes's scenes were not deleted off. Many artistes had followed through and were on-site for quite a few months, yet in the end, the edits left them with only a few shots. It was impossible for such a situation to add on scenes.

Ling Zhizhi dared not to be sure, so she did not say anything. Instead, she let Ning Xi continue waiting.

Ning Xi had just finished her shower and was lying on a deck chair on the balcony. The cool breeze was swaying the plants like a lullaby when suddenly there was a low and raspy singing voice, full of emotions that came from below...

“You satiate me with the taste of love

Like the night in the silence of the forest

Like the mountain, swollen in the throes of spring

Like the carefree, wandering in the rain

Like the feverish storm in the desert

Like the gentle and calm turquoise sea...”

Xiao Tao ran out of the room in an instant. “Ah... How pleasant to hear! This... This sounds like Orlando's voice!”

Before Orlando entered the acting industry, he had been a singer. His voice was very alluring and he had once held the title of the prince of love songs. Now on such a beautiful night, with such a beautiful scenery, he was singing this love song so passionately. It was enough to make all of the girls fall into the river of love...

Xiao Tao did not even bother with her face mask anymore. She removed it, then excitedly leaned over the railing to look down and excitedly cried out, “Ah! Bro Xi! It really is Orlando!”

At that moment, Orlando was standing under a rack of Japanese roses. Behind him was the gleaming lake surface. With his head of blonde hair and his blue eyes, he looked full of emotions as he peered up to Ning Xi's direction to sing. It was practically a romantic scene that only existed in old movies...

“Let me dedicate my life to you

Let me submerge into your smile

Let me die in your arms

Let me forever be by your side

Please accept my love for you...”

When she heard this, Xiao Tao suddenly came back to her senses from being drunk on the music. She covered her mouth in aghast. “Ah... Oh my God! Or-Orlando, what was the meaning of this?”

He was standing below Bro Xi’s balcony to sing a love song and it was even... a love song with such lyrics...

Even though Orlando was singing in English, this song was incredibly popular. It was well-known in China too, so Xiao Tao was also very familiar with it and she understood all of the lyrics.

Ning Xi looked down and coincidentally her eyes met with Orlando’s deeply emotional ones.

Ning Xi was speechless. She thought that even if Orlando felt anything towards her, he would not express it during the filming, yet now...

Ning Xi pinched between her brows. She was fretting about what to do with this situation when she heard Orlando’s phone ring from downstairs.

At the same time, the window opposite opened. Ning Xi vaguely saw through the shadows of the tree that the person holding up the phone and angrily berating Orlando was Director Martin.

“Orlando! What did I tell you?!”

Orlando looked guilty as he was yelled at. “I just promised you... but... She’s too cute, I could not help it! My dear Martin, if you’ve ever been in love with a lady, you’ll definitely understand what I mean...”

“Shut up! Immediately leave that place!”

Chapter 1615: Separating An Affectionate Couple

“Shut up! Immediately leave that place!” Martin’s yell was so loud that even Ning Xi could hear him from the opposite end.

As Ning Xi listened to the two people bickering, she felt helpless.

Orlando looked towards Ning Xi as he was reluctant to leave, then he muttered to Martin through the phone, “Martin, do you know that you’re now like a father separating an affectionate couple, and ruining his daughter’s romantic life?!”

Martin was speechless. He really wanted to beat that joker up right then and there!

Following the scolding, Orlando finally left while he turned back with every step to look at her.

Soon after he had left, Ning Xi’s phone rang. It was Director Martin calling.

From the other end of the phone, Martin sighed weakly, “Xi, I’m really sorry. That fellow is too rude. I hope he didn’t cause any disturbance for you. Just ignore him!”

“Cough... It’s fine...”

Thankfully, this entire area had been sealed off, so there were no outsiders. There was no huge impact on her.

Martin continued to say, "There's one more thing. Initially, I wanted to wait until it was prepared before I told you, but I should just tell you about it now. I've already discussed with the scriptwriter and I want to add scenes for you. We'll try our best to firm up the concrete content that we'll be adding as soon as possible, so I'll have to trouble you to wait for a few more days."

When she heard Martin's words, Ning Xi was instantly stunned. "Add more scenes?"

"Yes, your performance was excellent today. I believe that you'll be a little surprise for the audience."

Based on what he was saying, it seemed like the additional scenes were also more than just a few seconds.

Ning Xi quickly calmed herself down. "Director Martin, thank you! I'm really thankful for your confidence!"

"No, this is what you deserve. Oh, your scenes... Apart from adding fight scenes, there'll also be a romantic connection with Orlando, but don't you worry. It's just more to the direction of an ambiguous romance!" Martin especially explained.

"Okay, I've got it. Thank you, Director. I'll perform well! Thank you for your trust and the opportunity!"

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Ning Xi still did not know how to react until she had hung up. Not only were fight scenes added, but there was even an added romantic plot line with one of the important characters?

Xiao Tao had immediately forgotten about Orlando and was attracted by the words "add more scenes".

"What, what? What additional scenes? Bro Xi! Did the Director say that he's adding scenes for you?"

"Probably yes."

"That's great!" Xiao Tao was so excited that she was frantic. "Let me report this good news to Sis Zhizhi!"

After Ling Zhizhi received Xiao Tao's phone call, she did not expect for her prediction to come true. She immediately ordered Ning Xi to cooperate fully, then she told them both not to reveal this news to outsiders by all means.

After all, this was just the director's words and it had yet to be confirmed. Besides, even if it was, there was no certainty that the scenes would be deleted later on or not. If they revealed this now, and the scenes later got deleted, they would inevitably be seen as intentionally lying to hype things up.

Now, Ning Xi was being watched by numerous people, she had to always be careful.

“Got it, Sis Zhizhi. Also... there’s one more thing...” Xiao Tao looked a little hesitantly at Ning Xi. She was not sure whether she should mention Orlando.

Ning Xi was having a headache too, but she felt that there was a need to inform Ling Zhizhi, so she just nodded at Xiao Tao.

Then Xiao Tao started, “Sis Zhizhi, Orlando seems to... seems to be interested in our Bro Xi... Earlier this evening, he was serenading Bro Xi with a love song downstairs, but he was scolded and chased away by Director Martin. Oh, Sis Zhizhi, do you know how handsome and charming Orlando is? He sings so well and he even looks like he really likes our Bro Xi...”

Chapter 1616: Reluctant To Part

Xiao Tao was clearly reporting about her work, yet she had suddenly gone off topic as she spoke.

Ling Zhizhi did not know whether to laugh or cry when she heard about this from the other end of the phone. After all, they were talking about Ning Xi’s image. When it came to things like these, when she had first decided to manage Ning Xi, she was already prepared for such things. Ning Xi had always been careful and watched her own speech and behavior, very much a role model.

However, she did not expect this. Nothing had happened with the artistes in the country, yet when she joined the Hollywood crew, something had happened...

“We just need to manage ourselves well and not leave anything for them to gossip about. As for Orlando, Director Martin is famous for being strict, so the director will constrain him on set.”

As for what happened after they finished shooting, Ning Xi would leave the crew, and Orlando would complete his scenes and return to his home country. When that happened, the two would naturally not cross paths again.

After she finished the call with Ling Zhizhi, Ning Xi felt much more assured. Indeed, she just needed to make it through this period of time with the filming crew.

Besides, with men like Orlando, their passion came just as quickly as they faded.

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Two days after that, the new script was rushed out after the scriptwriter worked overtime for nights in a row.

After Ning Xi read it, she was surprised. Her weight in the plot... was even heavier than she had imagined!

When she found out about this news, Ling Zhizhi immediately helped her adjust her upcoming travel arrangements and emptied her schedule.

Even if it were to be deleted in the end, such an opportunity was simply too rare. They had to fight for it even if it was just a sliver of hope.

“Sis Zhizhi, has there been news from Director Jiang’s side?” Ning Xi had initially already told herself not to think about it. However, she still could not help but ask.

“There are rumors that say it could be Fang Xiaowen, but for now there hasn’t been any confirmed news from officials. I’ll immediately let you know,” answered Ling Zhizhi.

“Okay, thank you, Sis Zhizhi!”

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Time flew by. Ning Xi’s time with the filming crew went smoothly. With Director Martin’s presence right there, at least, Orlando restrained himself.

In a blink of an eye, tomorrow would be the shoot for her last scene.

Orlando walked up to Ning Xi as he looked bashful. “Xi, I really wished this movie wouldn’t end, and that we could continue shooting it...”

Ning Xi beamed diplomatically. “We have a saying in China. It says that all good things come to an end. If we’re fated, we’ll definitely have more opportunities of working together again but during this period of time, thank you, Senior Orlando, for watching out for me!”

It was probably because of the rumors about Orlando possibly being masochistic, Ning Xi privately tried her best to uphold a gentle and obedient image, but from what she had seen, it did not seem to have much effect on him.

Not only did the feverish way Orlando stared at her not diminish, it had instead become even fierier with time...

“Xi, I’m really afraid that I won’t be able to film tomorrow’s scene.” Orlando looked at the gun in his hand with sorrow.

Tomorrow’s scene would be the one where Orlando killed Ning Xi with a gun himself...

Because of this ending, Orlando had hugged the scriptwriter Charles and cried many times. He even wanted to request for his character to be killed by Ning Xi. He said that he would not be able to kill Ning Xi even if it was just an act.

Ning Xi’s gaze unintentionally fell onto the gun in Orlando’s hand, then her brows raised. They could not help but stay on the firearm for a few more seconds.

When Orlando saw her piqued interest, he immediately introduced it to her enthusiastically, “This is a Beretta 92F! The king among guns! The body itself uses aviation aluminum alloy...”

Probably because men were naturally more interested in guns, Orlando had rambled on and on to Ning Xi for a long time, then he said, “This is fake, but it’s been crafted to look very real! You’ll be using guns for your scenes tomorrow too. Come, let me teach you how to hold a gun!”

Chapter 1617: I’ll Kill This Romance Myself

Ning Xi still had to maintain her weak and little bunny-like image, so she obviously could not say that she was used to playing with such things. Thus, she said innocently, "Thank you, Senior."

Once Orlando heard her, he gladly and diligently taught Ning Xi the way to hold the gun and pull the trigger in detail as well as the trick to making the movement look even more graceful.

"Orlando, prepare for the next scene!" The director shouted from not too far away, his voice brimming with a warning.

During the filming period, so long as Orlando stuck close to Ning Xi for more than five minutes, he would immediately receive a "friendly greeting" from Martin.

Orlando looked resentfully at the hammer that was separating the affectionate couple, then he carefully put the gun into Ning Xi's hand. "Do you like it? You can take it back to play with it. Just return it to me at tomorrow's shoot! Martin let me familiarize with the way to hold the gun, so I'm already very skilled!"

Ning Xi initially wanted to say that there was no need, that she had no interest in a fake gun. Besides, she did not have many scenes of her using the gun. It was just a single shot, so she did not need to practice. However, once she met with his twinkling eyes that were bright as gems and full of anticipation...

It was hard to refuse such kindness. Ning Xi could only nod and accept the gun. "Thank you!"

In this period of time, she had explicitly and implicitly indicated her rejection. She had even vaguely revealed that she already had someone she liked, yet the other person was so completely immersed in his blazing emotions that were about to set himself on fire that he had not even heard her...

Thankfully, they were going to complete the shoot tomorrow...

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At night, she returned to the office after finishing her work.

After she showered, Ning Xi gave Lu Tingxiao a call.

At this moment, the Lu Corporation's building was still brightly lit. In the meeting room, the tedious and intense memories made everyone's faces tensed with fatigue.

Amidst the cold and still air, there was suddenly the sound of a phone ringing.

Lu Tingxiao looked at the caller ID, then unexpectedly raised his hand and interrupted the higher management staff that was reporting to him, "Meeting time-out."

Everyone exchanged looks. How important was this call that it could have the boss interrupt the meeting at such a time?

"Is that even a question? One look at the boss's expression and you'd know!"

"Thank you, Lady Boss, for your saving grace..."

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“Hello?” Lu Tingxiao walked to a quiet part of the balcony.

“I miss you so much...”

When he heard the girl’s voice from the other end of the phone, the man’s expression instantly softened. “I’ll get Cheng Feng to book the earliest flight ticket.”

Ning Xi obviously knew that Lu Tingxiao was really busy during this period of time, but just because of her single casual sentence, he wanted to immediately rush over...

Sigh, she must have saved the world in her past life to deserve him.

Ning Xi quickly said, “No need! I’m just calling to tell you that my last scene is tomorrow. I can go home the day after tomorrow!”

“Send me your itinerary. I’ll go pick you up.”

“Mmm!”

Ning Xi was about to speak intimately with Lu Tingxiao when there was suddenly singing from downstairs outside her window. “You satiate me with the taste of love, like the night in the silence of the forest, like the mountain swollen with the throes of spring...”

Ning Xi was dreading this. She almost forgot that a certain person would randomly go crazy and start a concert. “Cough, one of our main leads was a singer. He likes to sing when he’s bored...”

“Let me forever be by your side. Please accept my love for you, my dear Xi, my most beloved Xi...”

Ning Xi was alarmed now. Damn! This guy had actually changed the lyrics!

Lu Tingxiao was speechless.

Ning Xi replied, “Boss, don’t worry, I’ll kill this myself!”

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The next day, at the filming venue.

Last night, Ning Xi had to miserably explain the whole situation to Lu Tingxiao for a long time. The first thing she did after coming over to the filming crew was to focus on the preparation. She strived to be done within one take.

On the other hand, Orlando had decided that today he had to make a few bad takes!

Yet, when it was time for the shoot, Orlando was stupefied...

Chapter 1618: Aroused Beyond Redemption

Today’s filming location was a steep cliff with a magnificent landscape.

Initially, Ning Xi's tragic ending was to die from Orlando's gunshot, but after Martin and Charles had discussed, they finally decided to arrange for an open ending of her being shot by the gun, then falling off the cliff. The cliff-hanger would not explicitly state whether Ning Xi lived or died.

When Martin had come up with this suggestion, Charles had surprisingly understood him.

This movie could very likely have sequels. If the first movie proved that Ning Xi's character received a great response, then there was a huge possibility that Martin would let her continue shooting the sequels.

When Ning Xi had received the altered script at the start, she had already thought of this too. Even if it was not to evade Orlando, she had to give it her all today.

“3, 2, 1, action!”

With the clack of the clapperboard, the shoot began.

Right from the start, Orlando had intentionally slipped up with the thought of spending more time with Ning Xi. He had been in the entertainment industry for a long time, so to make bad takes without leaving any traces was a piece of cake for him.

Yet, when the shoot had officially begun, Orlando's entire being was stupefied...

The instant the director had yelled “Cut”, not too far away from where Ning Xi held the gun and fought with all the extras, it was as if she was possessed by something horrifying.

Initially, her scene was designed simply, yet the way she expressed her persona, she transformed it into something else. That bedazzling marksmanship, that explosively cool action of holding the gun, that chilly gaze that made one so excited that they could tremble... It was like she was really a heartless assassin...

In fact, Ning Xi's marksmanship was so shocking. Yesterday, he had just taught her a little with other things in mind and his tips definitely would not have brought her to this level.

Even though this was the first shoot, and they had not run through the script at all previously, Ning Xi could actually take the lead to immerse everyone into the act. Even Orlando, who had planned to do bad takes, felt his body involuntarily cooperate with the girl's entangled hits. He kicked the gun in her hand away, then from ten steps away, he raised the gun to aim at her heart. His face was a mix of love and hatred...

At this moment, he had forgotten everything, forgotten that he was Orlando, forgotten that he had initially wanted to do a bad take. As he watched the girl before him, he completely entered into the world of the lead character, Randy...

This mysterious girl who aroused him beyond redemption was, unfortunately, his enemy...

Compared to Orlando's mixed and struggling expression, Ning Xi was just a murder weapon who had been trained since she was young. She did not have any feelings. Even if she was faced with death, there was still nothing in her eyes.

Ning Xi looked at Orlando. The corner of her eye fell on the gun in his hand. In the next second, her gaze turned sharp. Her indifferent expression that was initially completely immersed in her act indistinctly wavered...

That gun...

Bam! At this moment, Orlando shut his eyes and finally pulled the trigger.

The instant Orlando pulled the trigger, his initially shut eyes instantly widened with fright. In fact, he was immediately confounded out of his act by the sound of the gunshot.

What was happening!?

This was just a fake gun. Why would it make such a sound?! Also, that feeling when he pulled the trigger did not feel quite right...

It was not just Orlando. Everyone at the scene was mindblown too. Martin, Charles, and all of the crew members were a mess. All of them looked alarmed as they ran towards the direction where the girl had fallen.

“Oh! Oh my God!”

“Oh my God! That’s a real gun!”

“F, U, C, K! What’s happening!”

“Xi! Ning Xi! How are you?”

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Chapter 1619: That Person Is...

At the hospital, outside the ward.

Orlando’s beautiful blonde hair had been ruffled until it was messy. His clothes were wrinkled too, and one of his shoes had even gone missing. At this moment, his face was full of panic.

Apart from Orlando, there was also the director, the producer, the scriptwriter, the props master, and Xiao Tao outside the ward...

“Orlando! You’d better give me an explanation! What happened!?” Martin was as irritable as an angered lion at that moment.

“Martin! I don’t know! I really don’t know... I don’t know how it became a real gun!” Orlando looked pained as he buried his head. Until now, his fingers were still trembling.

Martin stared straight at this man before him. From his expression, he did not look like he was pretending...

However, Martin's expression did not soften at all. "You don't know?! That gun has been with you all this while. How could you not know?"

Orlando was distracted right then. He buried his head and only a while later he stammered, "It was... was with me... but it wasn't with me throughout. I... Yesterday, I gave the gun to Xi... to let her take it back to practice. She returned it to me this morning..."

When Xiao Tao, who was crying until her eyes were about to swell into peaches, heard this, she sobbed and sniffled as she said, "Director, Teacher Orlando did indeed give the gun to Bro Xi last night. The next day it was I who returned it to Teacher Orlando..."

"Did it pass through anyone else's hands in between?" Martin immediately asked.

Xiao Tao shook her head. "I don't think so!"

"Damn it..." Martin was so annoyed that he cursed under his breath.

The hotel was sealed. Apart from the filming crew, outsiders could not enter. What kind of person could change the gun without anyone noticing? And the person wanted them to do this?

Earlier, the scene had been chaotic. Ning Xi wore a red costume as well, so they could not see where she had actually gotten injured.

Right then, the doctor was still doing a check-up on her inside the room. They were not sure what the situation was either.

Ning Xi was the most popular artiste under China's most capable management company, Glory World Entertainment right now. Furthermore, Glory World Entertainment was a company under the Lu Corporation. If something happened to Ning Xi when she was in his crew...

Even if this matter did not startle Mr. Lu, they would definitely be faced with huge trouble...

China was very strict with gun management, so he had pulled some strings and sent her to this extremely hidden private hospital. If they had sent her to another hospital, once they saw it was a gun wound, even the police force would be alarmed...

"Why isn't Xi out yet...?" Orlando kept anxiously looking towards the ward.

"Orlando, you go back and wait in the hotel. I hope that you're clear that you're still a suspect!" Martin said coldly.

Orlando looked defeated. "I will, but please let me first confirm Xi's condition!"

At this moment, the ward door was opened. A doctor dressed in a white gown walked out.

"Doctor, how's she?" A group of people surrounded the doctor frantically.

Just as Martin was worriedly trying to confirm Ning Xi's condition with the doctor, there was suddenly the sound of footsteps from the hallway behind them.

Martin's face instantly fell.

How was there someone here? He had clearly ordered for the hospital to seal off this floor.

They saw that this man was followed by a subordinate who looked like his assistant. As if the frost on him had come from a world of ice and snow, his entire body emitted a terrifying presence...

When he saw who had come, Martin felt his heart thump like a bullet train. He muttered to himself that this was no good.

Chapter 1620: Personally Come Over and Kill The Romance

Lu... Lu Tingxiao...

How could this be?

The CEO of the Lu Corporation, America's Wall Street legend, the legend of China's business world...

He kept an extremely low profile and rarely revealed himself on public occasions. Martin could recognize him because there was once when they had met each other at a cocktail party. The other person did not seem to be as unreasonable as the rumors said. In fact, he seemed to be very interested in the entertainment industry and had very professional insight. He had chatted with him about many professional issues...

"Leo..." Martin nervously called out his English name.

Martin almost did not dare to recognize him because the man before him right now was much more different than the one he had met that day.

"How's she?" Lu Tingxiao's gaze did not stay on Martin at all. Instead, he looked towards the doctor directly akin to a sharp blade.

Martin had thought that he was lucky, yet he did not expect what he worried most about had happened. He had really come for Ning Xi!

The CEO had actually personally appeared for a subsidiary company's employee!

The doctor felt a shiver travel up his spine just by looking at his terrifying aura. After the man appeared, he instantly assumed a position of control. The doctor quickly ditched Martin and turned to him to answer, "She's fine. Luckily, it's just a bruise."

"A bruise?"

"Really just a bruise? Are you sure?" On the side, Orlando could not help but butt in.

"Yes, the bullet didn't hit any vital organs. It hit her shoulder," the doctor answered matter-of-factly.

When he heard the doctor's words, Martin looked like he had escaped death by a close shave. His back was already slick with sweat.

Immediately, Martin's eyes were filled with disbelief. Orlando's gun had been aimed right at Ning Xi's heart. If it had hit her, everything would have definitely pointed to disaster.

However, at this second, he suddenly remembered that before Orlando had pulled the trigger, Ning Xi seemed to have very quickly shifted. Could she have noticed that something was not right then and had intentionally evaded it?

In such a situation at that moment then, how did she notice that something was off and had even accurately evaded her vital parts?

Orlando did not have the mood to care about who this person who suddenly appeared was. The moment the doctor finished, he immediately barged into the ward impatiently. "Xi!"

Lu Tingxiao's gaze paused for a second on Orlando before he swiftly walked into the ward as well.

Martin had yet to completely understand what was going on. He could only restlessly follow them in...

Inside the ward.

Ning Xi was lying on the sick bed, her wound already treated. She had also changed into a patient's gown and appeared like she was in an alright state except that she was a little pale.

"Xi, are you okay? I'm so sorry! Really so sorry... I really didn't know that gun was real... I'd rather the bullet hit me... Hit me thousands of times to take on all the pain you suffered for you..." Orlando said. Just as he was about to emotionally hold Ning Xi's hand, for some reason, he suddenly felt a chill shudder up his spine, so he withdrew his hand midway.

When Ning Xi saw Orlando, she was about to say something but from the corner of her eye, she looked past Orlando and got a proper look at the man behind him. She excitedly said and almost jumped as she did, "Dea... Boss!"

She dangerously corrected herself.

Lu Tingxiao frowned as he walked over with his long legs to hold her down. His tone was extremely cold. "Don't move!"

"Boss! Why are you here!?" Oh! My dear! I miss you so much!

"I was passing by on my business trip, then I heard about you." Because the entire ward was filled with the film crew at the moment, Lu Tingxiao simply said so.

In reality, it was after he had received the call from Ning Xi yesterday that he had already booked a flight ticket to rush over that day. He was worried that the wife's hand would get hurt from killing the romance, so he wanted to personally go over and do it for her.