

# CEO's Unexpected Wife by Charlie

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Tim Waldow shook his head mysteriously. "Well, this role won't be played by a starlet"

"Really? You're making us more curious about who this lucky actress is."

The photographer next to the reporter turned the camera to the supporting actresses aside immediately.

Tim took a quick glance at Elaine who hid in the crowd and smiled at the camera. "Well, I'm not going to tell you her name today. Let's keep this as a surprise for now. I will introduce her to you officially when the shooting begins. I assure you that you won't be disappointed."

Barbie was a popular role that had been sympathized with by many readers. Tim effectively aroused the curiosity and expectation of the public.

Elaine, who was standing among the supporting actresses, heaved a sigh of relief at Tim's words.

Her palms were sweating. She had prepared herself to face all the cameras but was still nervous when the reporter asked about Barbie.

Not long after the opening ceremony, the crew held a party at a high-end hotel for celebration.

Elaine was eating with the other supporting actresses at a table, listening quietly when they asked about each other's role in the film.

"Who on earth is going to play the role of Barbie? Why does the director insist on keeping it a secret? I'm so eager to know!"

"I agree. How disappointing that he isn't willing to tell us his decision!"

"Exactly, the shooting is beginning soon. I can't see any point in him doing this!"

A few young actresses started to talk about the casting of Barbie.

"Come on, you're just curious about who the director picked!" A young actor joined the conversation.

One of the actresses sneered and said in a sarcastic tone. "Well, maybe the director picked that actress according to the 'unspoken rule! Otherwise, why isn't he willing to tell the public who she is?"

Her words aroused a more heated discussion.

Elaine, who heard the entire conversation, lowered her head in embarrassment and finished her food in silence, hoping that no one would notice her.

There were already malicious rumors before the director announced the casting. Elaine couldn't imagine how they would comment on her once they knew she was going to play the role of Barbie.

"Hey, why are you so quiet? We're talking about our roles. Which role do you play?"

The actress next to Elaine caught a glimpse of her and asked curiously.

Elaine suddenly found it difficult to breathe as she stuttered in panic, "... My role."

"Come on, don't push her. Not everyone is willing to talk about their roles. It can be embarrassing sometimes." One of the actresses who had been active in the conversation about the "unspoken rule" pretended to be considerate and interrupted Elaine.

She was implying that Elaine's role must be less important than a supporting role. Maybe a servant girl who didn't even have lines.

Thanks to this actress, Elaine didn't have to answer the original question.

"Oh, I'm so sorry. It's okay if you don't want to talk about it. You're so beautiful. I'm sure you'll be able to play roles as important as ours in one or two years."

The young actress who had asked Elaine about her role comforted her, thinking that her part in the movie must be much more significant than Elaine's.

Elaine nodded gently with a smile. "Thanks."

After dinner, Elaine was taken to the lounge where the director, the screenwriter, as well as June, the author of the book, *The Arrival of the Empress*, were waiting for her.

Elaine contained her excitement and walked towards Tim.

Tim also took a step forward. "Elaine, this is the screenwriter, Rachel Hamons, and this is June Jasmine, the author of *The Arrival of the Empress*. Rachel, June, let me introduce to you the actress who is going to play the role of Barbie, Elaine Curd."

Elaine glanced at June quickly and nodded with a smile. "It's such an honor to meet you."

She didn't expect June to be so young and beautiful. June was at eldest 25 years old and had already written such an excellent novel. How cool was that!

"Nice to meet you too."

Rachel and June glanced at Elaine too as they greeted her warmly.

"Well, Elaine, I have something to tell you."

Tim motioned his assistant aside as he spoke.

The assistant handed him a script immediately.

Tim took it over and handed it to Elaine as he spoke to her seriously. "Elaine, the shooting will start tomorrow. Since there won't be your parts for the time being, make full use of your free time and read your lines carefully. Come to the set tomorrow afternoon and see how other actresses act. Learn from them and make sure you're well prepared

for your parts."

Holding the script tightly as if it was the most valuable treasure of hers, Elaine nodded obediently. "Yes, I will."

Tim checked the time on his watch. "Okay, we're done here. You can go back and rest now."

"Okay, see you tomorrow."

Elaine looked at June again before she left, hesitant about whether to ask June for an autograph and a picture

together.

Elaine was too timid for that, so she gave up this chance and left quickly in the end.

"Mr. Waldow, who is this Elaine? Why did you choose her to be Barbie?"

Rachel, the screenwriter, asked in confusion after Elaine left.

Tim, who had been talking with his assistant about work, turned to Rachel. "Why? Are you worried she is one of those silly beauties who are bad at acting? Trust me, I've spent a lot of time and energy selecting the best actress to be Barbie and Elaine is my answer. You can come here and see how she performs with your own eyes when we shoot her parts."

"Does this girl have a company or something as her supporter?" June, who rarely talked, also asked.

Tim raised his eyebrow as he walked to the sofa slowly and sat down. "Actually, a friend of mine who works as a professor at the HY Movie Academy recommended her to me. Her impromptu performance surprised me and from it, I could see her potential, so I decided to give her the role of Barbie. But the Lakey Group, one of our investors, insisted a model named Crystal to play this role."