

Fake Marriage 271

Chapter 271: She Really Has Rather Bad Taste

If there was trouble, Mu Huan had to go to their rescue even if it meant exposing the situation.

Fortunately, things were well with Li Meng — the car had driven out of the car park.

Mu Huan was relieved. As long as they were able to leave the club safely and, after that, make an escape from the car owner's home, there shouldn't be any problem.

Now that Mu Huan was less worried and more relaxed, she was in the mood for good food.

And she ordered lots of it.

When Bao Junyan returned from the washroom, Mu Huan warmly invited him to sit down. "Hubby, Hubby, the food here looks really good!"

Bao Junyan raised an eyebrow at the big shift in her mood. Did having good food make her that happy?

Naturally, Bao Junyan had taken Mu Huan to the best of places for food, and the dishes tasted better than they looked. Mu Huan ate to her heart's content.

At this point, Li Meng sent a message to tell her that they were safe.

They were most fortunate that, after the car owner had left the club, he had picked up a woman and they headed for a hotel. Now they had escaped and were on their way back in a cab.

This news put Mu Huan in an even better mood.

She put away her cell phone and looked at Bao Junyan sweetly. "Hubby, can we get some takeouts for Xiao Meng? The food here is really good!"

It would be such a waste if the two didn't get a taste of this great food!

Bao Junyan replied, however, "Didn't you say she's fat and doesn't want supper?"

Mu Huan: "...!!!"

Freaking hell! She was so happy that she had forgotten what she had just said!

"The food here is just too good! It's such a waste to miss it! Besides, one would only have the energy to lose weight after eating. For sure, she'll eat it if I bring it back for her!"

Bao Junyan gave her a look but did not speak further.

As though trying to prove something to him, Mu Huan took out her cell phone and sent a voice message to Li Meng, "Xiao Meng, Hubby and I just had a really yummy supper. I will get some takeouts for you, so just forget about dieting for today."

When Li Meng heard this message, she understood at once and quickly replied, "Damn! You always have to tempt me when I'm dieting!"

"So do you want to eat it or not?"

“I do! Where would I get the energy to diet otherwise?!” If there was good food, Li Meng wouldn’t miss it for anything.

After listening to her voice message, Mu Huan looked at Bao Junyan and gave him the I-told-you-so look.

Bao Junyan laughed but said nothing still.

After returning to the hotel, Mu Huan took the food to Li Meng.

At the same time, PA Wang had come back to report on his investigation.

“The surveillance system at the club had broken down. The recordings for tonight had been reformatted and couldn’t be salvaged.”

Bao Junyan was not the least bit surprised.

It’s already an established law that when there’s an incident, the surveillance system would break down.

“What happened at the club? Why did they activate all the security officers?” Bao Junyan felt that, somehow, his little wife was hiding something from him.

“Two people had managed to sneak into the club, one disguised as a service staff, the other was a female disguised as a male. According to the Security Supervisor, the two girls could be trying to get into the VIP room, either to track down a celebrity or record some secret footage.”

“Have they been caught?”

“Not yet.”

Bao Junyan narrowed his eyes. With a surveillance system using such advanced technology and with the best security team among all the entertainment clubs in the Imperial Capital, they still didn’t manage to catch anyone.

Did normal idol chasers even have such capability?

PA Wang reported, “Best Actor Liu Changfeng was at the club tonight. This is a picture of him.”

Bao Junyan swept his gaze over the picture and made a disdainful expression. His little wife actually idolized someone like this.

She really had rather bad taste.

Chapter 272: Seeing but Not Exposing (1)

When PA Wang saw that look of disdain on his CEO’s face, he was compelled to say, “Liu Changfeng is the most popular Best Actor awardee in the last two years. Not only is he good-looking, but he’s also got excellent acting skills!”

PA Wang was a fan of Liu Changfeng.

Bao Junyan gave PA Wang a look upon hearing this — one that made PA Wang shudder!

Could it possibly be... could it be that CEO is jealous because Madam idolizes Liu Changfeng?

PA Wang was terrified as though someone had put him at gunpoint. He quickly thought of an excuse and scurried out of the room.

Next door, in the meantime...

Li Meng exclaimed at once, "You and Bao Junyan are fated to be together! You can even run into each other under such circumstances!"

Mu Huan couldn't agree more!

She could hardly believe that she'd run into him while on assignment in the Imperial Capital! And to think that she had even selected his cars for the escape!

"Oh, who is trying to harm your husband? Fiddling with the brakes only means an attempt on his life!"

"He didn't say, but from the looks of it, I think he probably has an idea."

Li Meng tut-tutted. "Living a regal life is indeed like what they make it out to be in the movies. There are all sorts of ways to assassinate a person."

"Well, whatever position in life a person is in, he will have his own troubles."

"Aye..." Li Meng sighed again.

"Alright, stop sighing now and eat your food while it's hot. It won't be as good cold. This restaurant serves really good food!" Mu Huan hurried her to take her meal.

As Li Meng ate, she suddenly thought of something. She took out her cell phone and took a few really enticing shots of the food and sent them to Wu Xingye.

"Are you eating instant noodles? Look at my sumptuous dinner!"

Wu Xingye had been busy all day and now he was starving. Initially, the instant noodles smelled heavenly and he couldn't wait to eat it. But now that he'd seen the pictures of the food that Li Meng had sent over... He turned once again to look at the instant noodles. Suddenly, he didn't feel like eating anymore.

If there was nothing to compare, then there would be no harm done!

He replied to the message with an emoticon of a murderous expression.

When Li Meng saw this, she was ecstatic and held up her cell phone to show Mu Huan.

Mu Huan smiled and said, "Why do you provoke him like that?"

"You have no idea how he had provoked me today!" Li Meng told her about what happened in the boot.

At this point, Wu Xingye sent Mu Huan a message.

"You have to get me something just as tasty. Otherwise, you'll have to buy me dinner for one whole month!"

Mu Huan: "...!"

Li Meng provoked him and he took it out on her! Did she look like an easy pushover?

However, seeing as it were that he had been both physically and emotionally traumatized today, she'd let it go!

She made a video call to Wu Xingye and, once she got through, said, "Come over quickly if you want to have some, it won't be as good once it gets cold."

Right after she spoke...

Li Meng and Wu Xingye said at the same time...

"Can he come over here to eat?"

"Can I go over to eat?"

"I think Bao Junyan must have come to the Imperial Capital for a business trip because he knew we were taking a trip here. He had wanted to take me sightseeing tomorrow but I declined, as at that point I was worried about you two. He wasn't happy about it, but now we've accomplished our mission, you can come over. I'll tell Bao Junyan that you are wooing Xiao Meng and came to look for us when you found out we came here. This way, you two can have fun by yourselves tomorrow and I will go sightseeing with my Hubby. We can all meet up for dinner tomorrow night and take a ride home in his car afterward."

After she had said this, Wu Xingye immediately protested, "Previously, didn't we agree that I'd pretend to be her boyfriend? Why has that turned into a suitor now? It was bad enough having to be a boyfriend, and now I've been demoted!"

Chapter 273: Seeing but Not Exposing (2)

Li Meng immediately retorted, "Bad enough, my ass! If it's bad for anyone, it's for me!"

"I thought about it more and found that suitor would probably be more suitable. In any case, are you coming over or not?" Mu Huan asked.

"Of course I am! Why wouldn't I? I'd be a fool to miss good food!"

"Fine. Well then, I'll leave you two to it, I'm going back to my room." Mu Huan picked up her belongings and got ready to go.

Li Meng waved at Mu Huan without even bothering to look up. She was more concerned with eating some of the food before Wu Xingye turned up.

After Mu Huan left, Li Meng suddenly thought as she ate that when Wu Xingye turns up later... there would be only the two of them... in the middle of the night... in a room...

Instantly, she felt hot and bothered.

Her face reddened!

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Bao Junyan was just heading for a shower when Mu Huan returned to the room.

She sighed the moment she got in. "Aye, indeed, plans can never keep up with the changes."

"What happened?"

"Wu Xingye is wooing Xiao Meng and has just turned up, knowing that we are here on a trip. He's even staying in Express Inn just opposite. He insisted on joining us tomorrow. But he's obviously here because of Xiao Meng, and if I stuck around with them, I'd just be playing gooseberry and that would be awkward!"

She did not wait for Bao Junyan to respond but walked up to him immediately and put her arms around his, saying, "Hubby, are you busy tomorrow? May I tag along? Otherwise, I'd be bored alone."

She wanted to be with Bao Junyan, chiefly because of what had happened today. Although she probably would be of no real help to him, now that his life was in danger and the enemy seemed to have a good understanding of him, she felt that this was too dangerous!

If she were by his side at a critical time, perhaps there might be a chance for her to do something.

Bao Junyan looked at her, his expression deepening as he replied, "I'm not busy."

"That's great! Hubby, you're the best!" Mu Huan said sweetly.

Bao Junyan smiled and kept silent.

He did not ask much, to Mu Huan's relief. After all, the more she said to him, the more likely it would be that she'd give herself away.

Noticing that she had so obviously relaxed, Bao Junyan looked at her with deep fondness.

He was a savvy person who could always tell when Mu Huan was trying to hide something from him. But he would act as though he knew nothing and would not expose her or pursue the matter.

Everyone has their own little secrets.

He trusted her character.

Today, for example; she obviously did not want him to know that she was at the club, but when she saw that he was in danger, she had dashed out without a second thought to warn him.

In the process, she had exposed what she wanted to conceal.

This was good enough for him.

Suddenly, Mu Huan felt herself being lifted off her feet.

Mu Huan: "..."

This man!

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The next day, Bao Junyan asked her where she'd like to go, for he didn't have to work all day.

Mu Huan had thought that he'd have at least a thing or two on his schedule and had not expected him to have kept the day clear to spend with her. She was elated as all the possibilities flashed through her mind.

But when she suddenly thought of what had happened yesterday, she said, "Let's not go out."

It was crowded and busy outside, it was too risky!

"What's the matter?" She was so excited just a second ago, and now she had suddenly become subdued.

"Someone's after your life..." Mu Huan felt that he didn't really care that much about his own life. Someone had sabotaged his car yesterday, and he had been this close to getting into an accident, but he seemed nonchalant!

Chapter 274: Happiness Comes Too Suddenly (1)

So this was what worried her. Bao Junyan felt warm and fuzzy inside as he reached out to tousle her hair. "It's been dealt with."

"What?" Mu Huan widened her eyes in surprise. Already dealt with?

He had dealt with the enemy last night?

Did he need to be...

This amazing!

That look of surprise was very cute on her. Bao Junyan couldn't stop himself from lowering his head to plant a kiss on her.

Mu Huan: "..."

"We can go wherever we want today." The fact that she hid so many things from him simply meant that they weren't close enough. Hence, their relationship needed more nurturing.

"Happiness comes too suddenly, I'm a little stunned! Let me think for a bit!" All these years, Mu Huan had had to shoulder a heavy burden and never had the time to have fun.

Even this time around, while she was out taking a fun trip, she had to worry about her mission and how best to complete it safely. There was a lot of planning, a lot of scenarios going back and forth in her head before implementation.

Now that the mission had been completed successfully and she was free, and, on top of this, she had his company for a leisurely time, it truly felt like a sudden arrival of happiness, and it caught her by surprise.

Also, so many fun places that she had wanted to visit flashed past her mind that she didn't know which one to pick.

Bao Junyan reached out and drew her into his embrace. He said in a pampering tone, "There's no need to be this stunned. We'll have lots of opportunities in the future."

Mu Huan looked at him, full of hope that this would indeed be the case.

“Let’s have breakfast for a start! We can think of where to go after that! We’ll go for a yummy breakfast!”

Bao Junyan: “...”

His wife seemed to love food.

“Fine, let’s first go to Yun Ding Xuan for breakfast, then.”

Mu Huan’s eyes sparkled at once. “That really, really famous Yun Ding Xuan in the Imperial Capital?”

“Uh-huh.”

“Wow!” Mu Huan felt on top of the world!

“But don’t they only take reservations? I heard that a reservation a month in advance is required!” A breakfast place that was this popular must serve really good breakfast! To think that one had to make reservations a month in advance just to have breakfast!

“We don’t have to.”

Mu Huan remarked, “Why wouldn’t we? Don’t tell me Yun Ding Xuan belongs to you?”

“Uh-huh.”

Mu Huan: “...!!!”

Freaking hell! It really belonged to her husband!

“Can we bring Xiao Meng and Xingye? On our way here, when Xiao Meng was checking out the recommendations for Yun Ding Xuan, she was already salivating!” Whenever there was good food, Mu Huan would think of the other two. She wanted them to have a share of her blessings when it came to good food.

Mu Huan had always been wholehearted toward her friends, and once upon a time, she treated Lin Qingya the same way. She would think of her whenever there was something good to share, whereas Lin Qingya felt that Mu Huan was but giving alms from a lofty position.

Bao Junyan thought that she was too good to her friends. She thought of them over supper last night, and today, they were the first thing on her mind again.

Although he didn’t feel too good about it, he obliged. “Sure.”

It was a rare chance that she asked anything of him.

“Oh! Hubby, I love you very much!” Mu Huan took his face in her hands and gave him a few pecks.

Then, without waiting for the man to react, she hurriedly took out her cell phone and called Li Meng. “Xiao Meng, hurry and wake up, my Hubby’s taking us to breakfast at Yun Ding Xuan!”

“What? Breakfast at Yun Ding Xuan! Wait for us, we’ll be right there!”

Mu Huan was stunned. “Wu Xingye?”

“Uh-huh.”

“Why are you answering Xiao Meng’s cell phone? Are you with her right now?”

Chapter 275: Happiness Comes Too Suddenly (2)

“Uh-huh. This room is huge and there are so much good food and great wine, so I didn’t go back last night.” It could have been the comfortable environment or something, but Wu Xingye didn’t feel like returning to his own hotel last night. So he found an excuse and played games with Li Meng until it was late, then spent the night on the sofa.

But even the sofa was more comfortable than the bed in his hotel room!

Indeed, having money is a good thing!

“Freaking hell! Wu Xingye, are you tired of living?!” Mu Huan felt that even if they were good friends, there was a gender difference. How could he spend the night in Xiao Meng’s room!

“I slept on the sofa, don’t misunderstand!”

“So what even if you slept on the sofa?! If you sully Xiao Meng’s reputation, I’ll kill you!”

“Fine, fine! Let’s not talk about this! I’ll wake Xiao Meng up, let’s not keep your husband waiting!” Wu Xingye hung up after saying this.

“Freaking hell! I’ll have to give it to this Wu Xingye!” Mu Huan looked at her cell phone. The line had gone dead. A part of her felt like beating up Wu Xingye.

“Stop cursing and swearing.” Bao Junyan reached out and pinched her tiny face.

So unbecoming of a gentle lady to be cursing and swearing!

Mu Huan: “...”

This Wu Xingye had shocked her so much that she had forgotten that her husband was next to her!

“I... I was just too shocked. They aren’t even dating, how could Wu Xingye and Xiao Meng sleep in the same room!” Mu Huan tried very hard to salvage her image.

“Didn’t you say that Wu Xingye likes Xiao Meng and is trying to woo her? How is he going to progress if he doesn’t try to get close?” Bao Junyan, on the contrary, thought that Wu Xingye was not doing too badly. Would one expect the woman to take the initiative instead of the man?

Mu Huan: “...!!!”

In the meantime, next door...

Wu Xingye looked at Li Meng’s tiny face as she slept. Strangely, his gaze fell on her ruby lips. His throat was parched for some reason.

He suddenly snapped back as he realized what he was thinking. He reached out to pinch Li Meng’s face hard, saying, “Wake up, hurry up!”

The pain from the pinch woke the girl up. The furious girl swung a fist at him. “Wu Xingye, are you tired of living?!”

Wu Xingye dodged her punch and said, “Mu Huan’s husband is taking us to breakfast at Yun Ding Xuan! Hurry up, get up right now and get changed! Don’t make them wait!”

“What breakfast? Your grandaunt here isn’t interested. Today, your grandaunt here will...” Before she could finish what she was saying, she suddenly seemed to have realized something. “Did you say breakfast at Yun Ding Xuan?”

That Yun Ding Xuan with the legendary steamed shrimp dumplings that were so good they brought people to their knees... that Yun Ding Xuan with the breakfast you had to book a month ahead for?

“Uh-huh!”

“Right away, I’ll be ready in five minutes!” Li Meng jumped out of bed and ran to the washroom.

Being a foodie, to her, nothing was more important than great food!

Ten minutes later, Li Meng and Wu Xingye appeared before Bao Junyan.

Mu Huan glared fiercely at Wu Xingye.

He pretended not to have noticed that angry stare.

“God Bao, I’m forever grateful! You’re my forever idol!” Li Meng had long heard about the delicious breakfast of Yun Ding Xuan. She had always wanted to try it, but because it was expensive, and on top of that, she had to make reservations, she had never had the chance.

This sudden opportunity made available by God Bao was unexpected. This happiness came too suddenly!

When Bao Junyan saw how excited Li Meng was, he realized the true meaning of birds of a feather. His wife loved to eat, and so did her friends.

And just as they got ready to leave, Long Feiting suddenly appeared at their doorstep.

“Uncle Bao must be going for breakfast, right? Since I haven’t had any, take me along!”

Chapter 276: Stirring the Maiden’s Heart (1)

Bao Junyan: “...”

After clearing his schedule to spend time with his wife, it was bad enough that he had to take her two good friends along to breakfast. But who was Long Feiting?

He was at odds with Mu Huan and yet he had to take the guy to breakfast with them?

Was this kid nuts?

Mu Huan, too, thought that Long Feiting was nuts. He bullied her relentlessly, and now he had the audacity to ask her husband to take him out to breakfast?!

Bao Junyan looked at Long Feiting and said, "Your father is asking you to go home for breakfast, hurry along and go home now!"

His words reminded Mu Huan of the internet buzz phrase, and she couldn't help but burst out laughing.

Li Meng, too, thought of the same thing and laughed.

Bao Junyan: "..."

He had no idea what they were laughing about.

Long Feiting: "..."

He hadn't expected the stern and normally stone-faced Bao Junyan to ridicule others with an internet buzz phrase. So it seemed that getting married had changed him!

"My father hasn't asked me to go home for breakfast. But he did hear that you're here and has asked me to buy you a meal as an apology for what happened previously. So, take me with you. You do the inviting and I'll pick up the tab!"

He couldn't wait to show Mu Huan what he knew.

Bao Junyan: "..."

Bao Junyan picked up the phone and dialed Mr. Long, asking if he still wanted his son. Otherwise, he'd throw the boy out.

And why would Mr. Long not want his precious son? Immediately, the man called Long Feiting and made the boy return home.

"Still not leaving? Your father is really asking you to go home for dinner!" Mu Huan raised an eyebrow at Long Feiting. There was provocation in her eyes, for she knew he was out to create trouble for her. But he should really have thought about the backing that she had and whom he was dealing with!

With the backing she had, there was no chance for him to stir trouble!

Long Feiting returned her look of provocation with a meaningful smile and said, "It's too bad my dad has asked me to go home and I can't have breakfast with Uncle and Aunt Bao. I'll see you at school then, Aunt Bao!"

Forget it, just tolerate it! In any case, Bao Junyan was around so there was nothing that guy could do to her.

Things could wait until they go back to school!

Mu Huan narrowed her eyes subtly. The deliberate manner in which he said he'd see her back at school was obvious. He was brewing trouble for her again, wasn't he?

How would Bao Junyan miss something that even Mu Huan could see? His expression darkened.

If the Long family was doing nothing to discipline this child, then it was time for him to cease being cordial.

At Yun Ding Xuan...

“Wow! The food is so good, it’s bringing me to tears!” Li Meng just had a bite of the legendary Crystal Shrimp Dumpling that was the restaurant’s signature dish. It tasted so good, she almost cried.

“Uh-huh, it’s really good! Super good!” Mu Huan had never tasted shrimp dumplings that were so fabulous!

Using the same ingredients for the same dish, the chef here could make it taste so drastically different from elsewhere!

It was no wonder they were number one!

“This is the peak of my life!” Wu Xingye’s expression reflected nothing short of contentment.

Bao Junyan: “...”

Eating with them seemed to always improve one’s appetite.

“I wish I could marry the chef here! That way, I’ll get to eat all these delicacies every day!” Li Meng exclaimed.

“Forget it. If you marry the chef here, his life would be hell and he’d never be able to churn out this sort of good food again!” Wu Xingye was almost begging her to drop the idea and spare the man.

Li Meng glared at him. If it weren’t for Bao Junyan’s presence, she would have walloped the guy.

“Honestly, I used to have the ambition of marrying a good chef!” Mu Huan said without thinking in reply to Li Meng’s remark.

Because she used to go hungry as a child, she had an abnormal obsession with food. Hence, at one point, she’d dreamed of marrying a great chef so that she could have good food every day!

Chapter 277: Stirring the Maiden’s Heart (2)

After Mu Huan said this, she suddenly realized something. She turned to look at Bao Junyan, as though feeling a need to explain something.

“I’m no chef, but if there’s a chef whose food you crave, we can hire him. If you marry a chef, you can enjoy only the delicacies made by one person. You married me though, so you can eat all the delicacies in the world.”

On this note, Bao Junyan smiled as he handed her a custard bun.

Mu Huan: “...!!!”

That would stir any young girl’s heart!

Li Meng: “...!!!”

No wonder everyone wants to marry a rich person! One could eat every delicacy in the world!

Wu Xingye: “...!!!”

With the existence of men like Bao Junyan, life would be hell for all other ordinary men!

With people like him around, who would be able to snag a girl?!

When there's a means of comparison, someone's bound to be damaged! And now, Wu Xingye felt damaged beyond repair in Bao Junyan's presence! Hence, after breakfast, he quickly left with Li Meng.

Bao Junyan was pleased with Wu Xingye's show of tact.

He looked toward Mu Huan and asked, "Have you decided where to go?"

Mu Huan thought for a bit and replied, "Let's go to West Street Hutong! It's got an antique flavor and there's lots of good food there! We can eat and sightsee!"

Bao Junyan replied, "The food there is not that great. Let's go to the Forbidden City to sightsee. I'll take you to Ma's Private Restaurant tonight.

The Forbidden City was worth a trip.

As a foodie, Mu Huan of course knew what a big name Ma's Private Restaurant was. She nodded immediately.

She'd go anywhere with good food!

However...

"How would Hubby know that the food at West Street Hutong is not that great?" He didn't look like the sort who would go to hot tourist spots.

"I grew up in the Imperial Capital."

"Why did you spend your childhood here?" Wasn't the Bao family Yun Cheng's wealthiest family?

"Dad is from the Imperial Capital. At the time, he had gone to Yun Cheng to develop his business for Mom's sake. Eventually, because my maternal grandad was posted back to the Imperial Capital, everyone came here."

"Oh..." Mu Huan knew very little about Bao Junyan. Hence, given that they were on this topic, she was most curious. She continued, "And how did you end up going back to Yun Cheng and even hosting a blind date banquet there?"

"Because I had some disagreements with Grandad, and I didn't want the constant nagging." Many of the companies held under Bao Junyan's name, and even the Bao Group's headquarters, were located in the Imperial Capital. After what happened, they were all moved to Yun Cheng.

"What sort of disagreement?" Mu Huan was like a curious cat, wanting to know everything.

"He wanted me to undertake other things that I had no interest in."

"Like what other things?" Wasn't it good just being a rich man? Why was his grandfather making him do other things?!

Bao Junyan answered, "Things that I didn't like."

Mu Huan: "..."

Of course they were things he didn't fancy! But she wanted to know what exactly these were.

"And so you..." Mu Huan wanted to ask more.

Bao Junyan got up onto his feet, however, and said, "If you want to sightsee, we should go now. It's a resting day today and it's going to be crowded. If we went late, we'd only get to see other human beings."

There had always been huge tourist crowds at the Forbidden City, and it was only made worse by the fact that it was a Sunday.

Seeing that he didn't want to elaborate, Mu Huan did not persist.

"If we're going to the Forbidden City, I want to change into something more retro so that I'll look pretty in photos!" After all, Mu Huan was a young girl. Of course she'd want to take pretty pictures of herself when out on a fun trip.

"Okay." Bao Junyan turned around to instruct PA Wang to contact the photographer.

When Mu Huan heard this, she quickly grabbed and stopped him. "Why are you getting a photographer?! You can take pictures of me!"

They were only out on a fun trip — there was no need to mobilize those sorts of resources.

Bao Junyan was slightly taken aback. He didn't like his own pictures being taken, and neither had he ever taken pictures for other people

Chapter 278: Stirring the Maiden's Heart (3)

Mu Huan really liked the Republican style. Hence, she had brought along a cheongsam. Bao Junyan would not let her put on thick makeup, but he had never said anything about light makeup. Furthermore, if one were to wear such costumes, how could they not put on some makeup to match the look? Hence, after she got changed, she quickly put on some makeup to complete the look.

She then looked at herself from various angles in the mirror and walked out only when she felt that everything was in place.

Bao Junyan was on the phone when she walked out. When he heard her coming out, he looked up in reflex. What he saw made him forget what he was about to say.

After getting married, Mu Huan had always dressed demurely. Most of what she wore were pastel suits. At school, apart from the sailor type suits, she had always been in sportswear. She had never worn anything like what she was wearing now.

Hence, in Bao Junyan's mind, his wife was a delicate cutesy girl.

He had never associated her with the words mature and enchanting, but now, apart from these terms, he had no other way to describe her!

He had never seen anyone who could turn an ordinary cheongsam into something this mesmerizing!

“What do you think, Hubby? Isn’t it pretty! Wearing something like this to take pictures in an ancient location would surely bring the pictures to life!” she chirped prettily.

After he had snapped back to his senses, he hung up the call and strode toward her. Reaching out with his long arm, he drew her into his embrace and said, “If you’re going to wear this, let’s not go out.”

Wearing this, she only made him feel like staying in the hotel room.

He would not let anyone else see her like this! It was for his eyes only!

Mu Huan: “...!!!”

It was such a rare chance for them to come out for some fun — how could they just stay in the hotel?! And wasn’t he a bit old fashioned?! She couldn’t even wear a cheongsam?! Did that mean that in the future, she had to keep herself wrapped up so that only her eyes were showing?

But she couldn’t say these things aloud. The only thing she dared to say was, “I’ll get changed right away!”

Bao Junyan felt a little regretful hearing that she was going to change, but he did promise her that he’d take her sightseeing.

He whispered, “In the future, you must wear these dresses for my eyes only.”

Mu Huan: “...!!!”

How did wearing a prim and proper cheongsam end up like this with him!

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Having such a rare opportunity to come out for some fun, Mu Huan did not feel like wearing what she normally wore for the pictures that she wanted to take. Alas, the cheongsam was out. Just as she was feeling downright gloomy, she suddenly thought of Li Meng who was recently obsessed with Han Dynasty costumes. When she bought a set of these, she had also gotten one for Mu Huan and gave it to her just before the trip, saying that they could use them to take pretty pictures.

Hence, she hurriedly took out the costume and changed into it.

After Bao Junyan saw her in the period costume, he had a somewhat indescribable expression on his face.

Didn’t she feel that... this was a little hard to place...?

Mu Huan could tell what he was thinking.

She quickly said, “It’s getting late. Didn’t you say that there’ll be a crowd if we get there late? I’ll do my makeup in the car to save time! I’ll definitely look good after the makeup!”

One would definitely have to have the right hairdo with this costume to look good!

She didn’t have time to complete her makeup now, but once she did, and with the right hairstyle, she was sure he’d be amazed!!

Seeing that she was well-covered up in this costume, Bao Junyan didn't make any further comments.

After they got into the car, he started to go through some urgent documents.

Mu Huan started to do her makeup.

She was an expert at makeup, and with her naturally good looks, it didn't take her long to finish.

"Hubby, look at me, look at me, tell me what you think!" she called out, asking him to take a look.

Once he looked at her, he definitely couldn't help but react differently from before!

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Bao Junyan stopped writing and turned to look. At once, he was stunned. That was certainly his little wife, but she looked completely different from before. She was no longer hard to place and was like a beauty from the ancient days!

He suddenly realized the truth of the saying that a woman who knows how to put on makeup is better than one who gets plastic surgery.

"What do you think? I look like a goddess from the heavens, right?!" Mu Huan said smugly.

PA Wang: "..."

Madam, I know you're good-looking, but is it really advisable to be this narcissistic?

PA Wang thought that his CEO would be speechless like himself.

Alas...

"Prettier than a goddess from the heavens."

PA Wang: "...!!!"

Did he hear right?! Did he really hear right?! Was that what his CEO said?

His CEO was capable of saying such things?

You're prettier than a goddess from the heavens!

Did his cold-as-steel CEO just make such a flattering remark?!

Mu Huan instantly grinned from ear-to-ear and said, "I knew my Hubby has good taste!"

Bao Junyan smiled faintly as he looked at her with tender fondness.

With his affirmation, Mu Huan picked up the mirror prettily and looked into it. She suddenly exclaimed, "Hubby, how I envy you!"

"Hmmm?" Bao Junyan lifted his gaze and looked toward her. Envy him? What was there to envy?

"I envy you for having married such a pretty wife!"

Bao Junyan: "..."

PA Wang: "...!!!"

Madam, if you continue to indulge in this narcissism, your gentle and demure image will go down the drain.

At the Forbidden City...

Being around Bao Junyan made Mu Huan feel as though hard work was useless. Because no matter how much hard work one put in, it would never catch up to talent. Bao Junyan had never taken photographs for others, but the first time he did, and it was of her, every one of those pictures turned out like a blockbuster! And they all turned out to be exactly like what Mu Huan wanted!

"You really have never taken pictures for anyone? Not even ex-girlfriends?" He was so good at it, she could almost believe that he had been trained by an ex-girlfriend!

"Never."

Mu Huan raised an eyebrow; disbelief was written all over her face.

The disbelief soon gave way to a most sheepish and endearing look, when pressured by Bao Junyan's impassive glance.

"Hubby is indeed talented, mastering everything so quickly!"

Bao Junyan: "..."

This little imp, how quickly she switches.

After Mu Huan looked through the pictures, she realized that Bao Junyan wasn't in any of them. Hence, she said, "Come, Hubby, let me take a few pictures of you!"

"There's no need." Bao Junyan did not like being photographed.

"What do you mean, there's no need? One should take pictures when one is young and handsome, and not wait until one is old — even if you wanted to take pictures then, you would never be as good-looking!" Mu Huan picked up her cell phone and snapped a few pictures as she said this.

It would be too much of a pity to not have a keepsake of such a beautiful face!

Bao Junyan: "..."

"Wow! My Hubby is certainly handsome, without the need to pose. Even with a stone-cold face, you make people want to pounce on you!" Mu Huan exclaimed.

"We'll go, then?" Bao Junyan had never liked crowded places, and they had spent all day in a crowded place.

Especially when his wife was dressed up so prettily, she was like a beam of light, attracting attention wherever they went.

Mu Huan twitched her mouth and said, "But we haven't covered all of the Forbidden City!"

"Hurry up, then."

Mu Huan: "..."

He called this coming out to have fun? And what about Ma's Private Restaurant, where he had promised to take her? And now he wanted to return to the hotel!

"No! I want to do a proper sightseeing. We'll take it slow!" Whatever it was, she had her mind set on Ma's Private Restaurant!

Bao Junyan: "..."

Where was the promised obedience?

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In the end, Mu Huan did have dinner at Ma's Private Restaurant, but Bao Junyan did not get to see her in a cheongsam, for after dinner and by the time they drove back to Yun Cheng from the Imperial Capital, it was well after 1 am and Mu Huan was already sleeping like a log.

Knowing that she had class the next morning, Bao Junyan did not disturb her and carried her back to the room while he went on to clear his backlog of work for the day.

The next day at Yun University...

Mu Huan had had fun, good food, and a good sleep the day before. And given that they had accomplished their mission successfully, she was about to be 300 thousand richer. She was in a good mood indeed.

However, when she walked into the classroom and was confronted by Long Feiting's sinister smile, a good half of her high spirits immediately dissipated.

There will always be annoying flies in this world!

After Mu Huan had found herself a seat, Long Feiting got up and walked toward her.

Then he sat down next to her.

"Mu Huan, let me show you something."

"I'm not looking!"

"If you won't look, I'll show it to Bao Junyan instead!"

Mu Huan immediately glared at him and said, "Long Feiting, can't you just live your own life and leave me alone? Do you think that I don't know a hundred and eight ways to kill you without leaving a trail?"

"I know you do," Long Feiting said sincerely.

"Well then, hurry up and scram as far as you can!"

"But I believe even more that you wouldn't dare!"

Mu Huan: "...!!!"

"It's not that I don't dare, I..."

“You don’t wish to dirty your own hands, I know,” Long Feiting said with that smug know-it-all expression.

Mu Huan: “...”

After a while...

“Big Brother Long, Young Master Long, Ancestor Long, take it that I’m begging you. I’m begging you to give me a safe out and allow me to get a proper education and improve with each day, okay?” Mu Huan had always been a person who was able to bend and stretch.

“Your plea is too insincere. You have to be sincere when you’re begging someone,” Long Feiting said, then hummed.

She had had the guts to injure him with a knife and inject him with that sort of tranquilizer, and now she wanted him to let her go just because she said so? Dream on!

“How would you like me to beg? Show me a model.” If putting on an act could get her a stable career after college, she was willing to satisfy his arrogance and frustrated ego.

“You’ll have to kneel down and cling to my leg in front of everyone, then beg the Young Master Long to forgive you! And you will get up only when I decide to forgive you!” Long Feiting came up with a condition that he knew she would never accept.

“I might as well have you killed — that would be a much happier way!” Mu Huan suddenly turned icy.

“Come on, then, I’m right here, you can try and kill me!” Long Feiting raised an eyebrow.

Mu Huan glared at him, chanting repeatedly that murder was a crime before she could suppress that murderous urge.

“What exactly do you want?!”

“First of all, just take a look at this good thing in my hand. Knowing about my bargaining chip could help you in deciding how you would want to counterattack, after all.” Long Feiting made a come hither gesture at her, persuading her to come closer.

Mu Huan twitched her mouth.

If Long Feiting were a thoroughly-rotten egg, at least she could torture him viciously, but unfortunately, he wasn’t completely bad, and he came from a strong background. She couldn’t bring herself to be completely ruthless!

“Hurry up and look! If you miss this chance, I may not show it to you after!”

Mu Huan had no choice but to lower her head and look.

As she did so, her expression changed at once!

Seeing the sudden change, Long Feiting was smugly satisfied. At least his efforts paid off!

“Mu Huan, what do you think will happen if I show these to Bao Junyan?”

“I’ll kill you before you can even do that!” Mu Huan replied maliciously.

Long Feiting was not the least afraid. On the contrary, he was amused. “This is interesting!”