

Chapter 191: A hint

There would be a product launch next week as well...

At the thought of this, she realized that she still had tons of tasks at hand.

“Young Master, I am very busy!” Nian Xiaomu seemed to have thought of something. As she stared at the man before her anxiously, she looked like she wanted to take credit for her achievements.

How could she have forgotten about this.

Even though Yu Yuehan had helped her with the collaboration with Shangxin, she had still made a significant contribution for the Yu Corporation and granted him hefty earnings no matter what.

There should be a bonus of some sort, right?

Afraid that Yu Yuehan did not understand her, she burst into a pitiful look again. “Not only am I very busy, I am having a hard time as well. You see that I even have to work overtime on a weekend. How pitiful is that.”

This hint was obvious enough, yeah?

He should empathize with this new employee if he had a conscience.

There was no need for any words of consolation—a little bit of money would be good enough...

Nian Xiaomu stayed seated obediently as she dreamed about this happily; she looked like a little puppy waiting for her owner to feed her some food with those quick-witted eyes of hers.

Yu Yuehan indeed fed her. Literally.

Just like how he had given Xiao Liuliu a piece of meat, he picked up a piece of meat and placed it in her bowl. “Eat more. You will have the energy to work only after you’ve had your fill.”

Nian Xiaomu: “...”

Just like that?

Trying to send her on her way with just a piece of meat?

Even the piece of meat in Xiao Liuliu’s bowl was bigger in size than hers... Wait, pooh! Why was she comparing herself to Xiao Liuliu.

He had actually coaxed her with food—she wasn’t even a child!

“Young Master...”

“Did you change your mind and want to tag along?” As Yu Yuehan lifted Xiao Liuliu into his arms, he took a glance at her.

At that moment, Nian Xiaomu swallowed back the words that were already at the tip of her tongue.

Waving her tiny hands, she said, "Take care, Young Master!"

She waited until the father and daughter pair disappeared through the door. Then, she grabbed her hand, wishing fiercely that she could chop it up.

Prospects.

She was actually intimidated by just a gaze.

What happened to the sacrifices that she had promised herself to make and to being heroic just for the money?

And now, great—she didn't even receive overtime pay for all the work that she had done after office hours. It was extremely tragic!

The depressing feeling in Nian Xiaomu's heart only dispersed a little after she had eaten her fill. She returned to her room just in time for her meeting with Shangxin.

She switched on the computer and went online. After that, she showed Shangxin the run-down for the entire product launch.

"We can only officially announce the spokesperson for Sheng Da Science and Technology at the product launch because the publicity for the early stages have already been released." As Nian Xiaomu explained everything to Shangxin professionally, she noticed that Shangxin seemed to be in a bad mood.

Nian Xiaomu couldn't help but to ask her, "Do you have something on your mind?"

"He has not contacted me yet..." Shangxin's expression turned even uglier when she heard Nian Xiaomu's question. She bit her lips and lowered her head.

News of her accepting the endorsement should have spread.

Based on Tang Yuansi's information network, he had to have heard about it.

She had originally imagined that he would fly into a terrible rage when he learned of this piece of news; he might even rush to her immediately and bring her back to detain her.

However, he had not reacted to the news even though so many days had passed.

It was as if... he did not care about her anymore.

"Tell me, will he ever contact me again?" The rims of Shangxin's eyes turned red as she asked this.

The scene gripped Nian Xiaomu's heart as she watched her.

A great beauty like Shangxin was suddenly weeping in front of her.

Even Nian Xiaomu felt sorry for her, let alone the men.

"Don't worry, the cell phones that were custom-made by Sheng Da Science and Technology will be sent to the Tang Corporation on the day of the product launch. You will know all the answers by then."

Nian Xiaomu consoled her for a while and continued on the topic of work after she noticed that Shangxin was in a better mood.

Nian Xiaomu prepared to go offline only after she had confirmed the arrangements for the product launch with Shangxin's manager.

"Xiao Mumu, do you have anyone whom you are fond of?"

Chapter 192: The person whom she was fond of

The sudden question struck Nian Xiaomu dumb.

"I heard some rumors about you and Young Master Han and couldn't help but learn more about the gossip..." Nian Xiaomu was so alarmed that she bounced up from the chair before Shangxin could finish her sentence.

"That piece of iceberg? Please spare me from this! I don't want to have an early death."

Shangxin was triggered by Nian Xiaomu's exaggerated reaction and laughed out loud. "Is he that bad? Young Master Han is the number one rich young man in City H. In addition, he's handsome and charming—the number of women who wish to marry him are lined up from the start of the street all the way to the end of the street."

"That ranking list certainly does not include his volatile and bad temper. Apart from that face of his, he has got no other merits. Anyone who has had any encounters with him would know..." The amount of bitter complaints seemed to be never ending as Nian Xiaomu talked about Yu Yuehan.

Just as she was gossiping happily, she suddenly felt a wave of cold air from behind.

Right after that, she noticed that there was something wrong with Shangxin's expression.

Before Nian Xiaomu could ask her what had happened, Shangxin sent a message that said [Talk next time] and went offline at lightning speed.

Had she seen a ghost? What a hasty departure.

After she shut down the computer and turned around, she saw Yu Yuehan standing behind her with a darkened face while carrying Xiao Liulu in his arms.

She suddenly froze in the middle of standing up from the chair.

Nian Xiaomu finally understood the meaning behind the final expression on Shangxin's face just before she disconnected from the video call.

Shangxin was obviously wishing her good luck with that look.

Nian Xiaomu had been caught red-handed at the scene of the crime by the president himself while she was talking bad about him behind his back. What should she do?

Before Nian Xiaomu could think of a way to react to this situation, Yu Yuehan had already turned and left with a dark face.

"Young Master..." She ran after him hurriedly when she came back to her senses and tried to explain herself to him.

She saw that he had handed Xiao Liuliu over to the butler just when she reached the living room. After that, he turned around and walked toward the car that was parked at the entrance.

It seemed like he was preparing to head out.

Nian Xiaomu ran forward. Just when she was at a loss on how she should apologize, his gaze swept past her coldly. Then, he entered his car with an expressionless look and instructed the chauffeur to drive off.

He left right in front of her...

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Nian Xiaomu lived in a world of ice and snow for the next few days.

There were a few times when she wanted to find an opportunity to apologize to Yu Yuehan, but eventually, she was left frozen.

The collaboration project with Sheng Da Science and Technology was officially launched right after they signed the endorsement contract with Shangxin.

Nian Xiaomu was kept busy by the projects on hand and did not have time to care about anything else.

“Confirm the guest list again and check if all of them are here already.”

“Someone check if the seats for the press have already been arranged—the exposure to the media representatives for the product launch must not be low...”

“Remember to have someone overlook the site. Inform me if there are any issues...”

Nian Xiaomu was busily running around in circles first thing in the morning on the day of Sheng Da Science and Technology’s product launch.

As she looked at the guests who arrived one after another, she couldn’t help but to search for signs of Yu Yuehan in the crowd.

However, she did not spot him after a round of searching.

He might not be here yet.

Nian Xiaomu curled her lip. She returned backstage to the break room for the staff and poured herself a cup of water.

Just when she was about to drink the water, a colleague who was in charge of the guests rushed in and said, “Supervisor Nian, Shangxin has not arrived yet. I have tried to contact her manager, but my call couldn’t get through.”

“Perhaps she was delayed by traffic. Don’t worry, I have her number. I’ll inquire on your behalf.”

Nian Xiaomu placed the cup down hurriedly and brought up her phone.

The phone call went through immediately, but no one answered the call.

Before she could make a second call, she received a call from Shangxin’s manager.

“Supervisor Nian, bad news. Shangxin has gone missing!”

Chapter 193: What nonsense are you talking about

Yu Corporation.

In the president’s office.

Seated at the work desk, Yu Yuehan was wielding his pen and signing off on the documents in front of him.

When he was done with the documents, his long figure leaned backward, and he rubbed the tired temples of his forehead.

“Young Master, you have worked overtime for several days already. Why don’t you take a rest?” the assistant advised him when he observed that Yu Yuehan did not look so well.

Hearing this, Yu Yuehan’s eyes flickered.

He wanted to reply with something, but a knock on the door interrupted him, and the secretary hurriedly rushed in from outside. “Master Han, we received news from the event location that the Sheng Da Science and Technology product launch is about to commence, but Shangxin is not there yet, and her manager said that Shangxin has gone missing!”

“What did you say?” Yu Yuehan’s eyes narrowed as a dangerous look flashed on his face.

Shangxin was the main highlight of the Sheng Da Science and Technology product launch.

Everyone was curious to find out what was so special about the new product released by Sheng Da Science and Technology that even the usually reclusive Shangxin would agree to endorse it.

It was a piece of hot trending news. The new product from Sheng Da Science and Technology had not been launched yet, but it had already garnered a lot of interest, and the number of pre-orders had skyrocketed...

If Shangxin did not turn up to the product launch today, everyone would surely assume that Shangxin had not agreed to the endorsement deal in the first place and that Sheng Da Science and Technology had been using her name as a gimmick.

There were so many media representatives that it might even cause a traffic accident at the product launch!

“What about Wen Yadaï?” Yu Yuehan’s voice grew more stern.

Wen Yadaï was the person in charge of the initial promotional work for Sheng Da’s product launch.

“Manager Wen had taken a flight last night to travel overseas to discuss a deal. The person in charge of the product launch for Sheng Da Science and Technology was Supervisor Nian.”

Nian Xiaomu...

When Yu Yuehan heard this name, his brows knitted together.

In his mind, he recalled the moment where she had been dissing him in front of her computer.

She might as well have put on a stand-up comedy monologue performance.

“Supervisor Nian already arrived at the event location a while ago. She should be doing her best to contact Shangxin now. However, if Shangxin still does not appear, then the product launch...” The secretary could not go on.

The public relations proposal could be amended, but what kind of reactions would Shangxin’s fans have, and how would the media report about this...

All these factors were not within their control.

“I got it. Go and inform Nian Xiaomu that she is to take charge of the event location and wait for my updates,” Yu Yuehan shifted his gaze and spoke calmly.

Afterward, he dialed Tang Yuansi’s number.

“Did you take Shangxin away?”

The person on the other end of the line was taken aback by what he heard, but replied quickly, “What nonsense are you talking about?”

Hearing this, Yu Yuehan’s heart sank a little.

His expression turned serious as he explained, “Today is the product launch for Sheng Da Science and Technology’s new product. Shangxin should be at the event location, but she has gone missing. Even her manager does not know where she is.”

“...”

“If she wasn’t taken away by you, then I suspect that she might have had an accident.”

“...”

There was a long silence on the other end of the call after Yu Yuehan spoke.

It lasted so long that it felt like the other person had hung up the phone.

After a while, the line was actually disconnected without a word.

Yu Yuehan: “...”

Tang Yuansi was obviously very worried, yet he had the nerve to say that he did not care about her?

Yu Yuehan tossed his cell phone on the work desk and turned to instruct his assistant, “Go and find out where Shangxin is. You must get to the bottom of the matter before the product launch starts!”

Chapter 194: Joy and vexation

Once the assistant left, Yu Yuehan reached for his jacket and stepped out of his office.

He got into his car and headed straight to the venue of the product launch.

The collaboration between Sheng Da Science and Technology and the Yu Corporation had garnered a lot of attention within the industry when the two companies first signed a partnership agreement.

This was one of the largest investment projects of the year for the Yu Corporation.

Today was the first promotional activity for the project. An hour before the start of the event, the venue was already jam-packed with people.

Seated in the front row of the product launch were prominent guests from the industry.

Behind them were media representatives from various organizations.

Surrounding them were Shangxin's fans and members of the public.

The power of Shangxin's appeal to her fans had always been explosive.

At that moment, the event had not yet started, but the massive crowd of fans had already filled up the inside and the outside of the venue. They were holding up banners and light sticks, eagerly awaiting her arrival.

From the outside, it appeared that everything was in order. What no one could tell was that the main star of the event had vanished.

Yu Yuehan circled the place and stopped the car in the car park behind the backstage area.

After parking the car, he walked toward the backstage area of the event location.

News of Shangxin's disappearance had already spread among the staff.

The atmosphere backstage was tense and heavy.

Yu Yuehan had imagined walking into a scene of chaos, but surprisingly, although everyone appeared worried, there was no panic among them.

Instead, they were carrying out their tasks in an orderly manner...

"Supervisor Nian is full of vigor. When she found out about the problem, she stepped up and took charge of the backstage operations. The other staff only managed to keep calm because of her encouragement," the person in charge of the location explained to Yu Yuehan.

Hearing this, Yu Yuehan's eyes flickered.

His dark gaze swept across the backstage area before he recognized a familiar figure near the stage.

She was clad in her work attire with her hair tied into a ponytail.

Her appearance was simple and clean-cut, but she exuded an aura of confidence and efficiency.

In her hand was a walkie-talkie, and she was passing instructions through it.

She was not seized with helplessness or sobbing from fear like he had expected.

Nian Xiaomu felt something odd and turned around suddenly to look behind her.

When she saw Yu Yuehan standing at the entrance of the backstage area, she was so taken aback that she could not even speak. She only stared blankly in the direction of the entrance at that god-like man.

Ever since that time she had been caught red-handed speaking ill about him, she had not really encountered him.

It felt like he had become even more frigid.

Besides that air of nobility, he also seemed very distant and unapproachable.

However, what was strange was that just a second ago, Nian Xiaomu had felt extremely anxious and fretful about Shangxin's disappearance. Yet, the moment he appeared, the panic in her heart suddenly calmed down.

There was only a slight urge to cry.

It was akin to the joy and vexation that a lost puppy would feel after suddenly being reunited with her owner.

When she realized what she was thinking, she silently muttered "No way!" in her heart.

She wasn't a puppy!

Suppressing the frenzy inside her, she walked up to Yu Yuehan and explained the current situation.

"I have prepared an emergency proposal for the product launch today. Even if Shangxin does not turn up, we can still sort of cover it up with this. It's Shangxin's safety that I'm worried about. She has been looking forward to today's product launch and even told me yesterday that she would definitely arrive early. She wouldn't be absent without a valid reason. Young Master, could you..."

Before Nian Xiaomu could finish what she wanted to say, a big hand suddenly patted her head.

The palm was warm, heavy, and filled with a sense of security.

Chapter 195: The best proposal

The things that she wanted to say slipped out of her mind all of a sudden; instead, she stared at him blankly.

His deep and soulful eyes exuded a calm and quiet force.

Was this... killing by a death touch to the head?

Or was he consoling her?

Before Nian Xiaomu could return to her senses from her overwhelming emotions, the hand that was resting on her head exerted some force and pushed her head aside. With raised eyebrows, he looked at the assistant who was walking toward them from behind Nian Xiaomu.

Nian Xiaomu: "..."

Was he blaming her for blocking the way just now?

What was there to be emotional about—she had seriously been blind!

“Young Master, we have investigated. From the records on Shangxin’s CCTV, she left home at the scheduled time this morning. However, she was hauled into a minivan by the roadside the moment she exited her apartment building. It can be confirmed that someone abducted her!” the assistant walked forward with quick steps and reported hurriedly.

He was breathing heavily—it seemed that he ran all the way here without stopping to rest.

“President Tang has already tracked the whereabouts of the minivan and is now on the way to look for Shangxin. He wanted me to convey this message to Young Master: Shangxin cares a lot about this endorsement event. He hopes that you can think of a way to stall for time until he finds Shangxin!”

The influence of the Tang Family in City H was second only to the Yu Family.

With Tang Yuansi around, they would not be very useful even if they headed over there now.

It could now be confirmed that Shangxin had been kidnapped.

Not only would sales of Sheng Da Science and Technology’s new product be affected, Shangxin’s reputation was at stake as well if something went wrong with the product launch.

Although Tang Yuansi did not give a hoot about the product launch, he cared a lot about Shangxin’s reputation.

There were so many fans present at the scene—the consequences would be unthinkable if any problems arose!

As such, it did not matter what the objective of the other party was; they might be targeting Shangxin herself or even the product launch, but the best plan now was to stabilize the current situation and wait for Shangxin to appear.

Yu Yuehan understood Tang Yuansi’s thoughts very quickly. With dull eyes, he twisted his head and looked at Nian Xiaomu.

“You are the overall person in charge for the event today. Do you have any methods to stall for time?”

“...”

Nian Xiaomu had been distracted ever since the appearance of the assistant.

A bunch of question marks were revolving about in her brain.

Her eyes widened, especially when she heard that Tang Yuansi had actually went out to look for Shangxin personally.

At last, she came back to her senses and met Yu Yuehan’s annoyed gaze. She replied hurriedly, “We can push the unimportant segments of the product launch forward. I remember that there is a lucky draw activity—that should be able to stall for around half an hour of the time.”

Yu Yuehan muttered to himself for a few seconds before he instructed in an apathetic manner, “Expand the scale of the lucky draw and try to delay for an hour.”

“I’ll go arrange it right away!”

Aware that this was the only thing that she could do to help Shangxin, Nian Xiaomu turned around without any hesitation and walked toward the employees at work.

She changed the lineup of the product launch at the last minute.

When the time was up, she sent the host on her way to announce the commencement of the product launch as usual...

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At the other end of the city.

A black minivan stopped in front of a bar that only operated at night.

As the doors to the van opened, a few men clad in black t-shirts with bright tattoos on their arms carried an unconscious young lady and covertly made their way into the bar through the back door.

Lights lit up on the originally dark bar counter the moment they entered the establishment.

These few men did not stop in their steps and carried the lady directly into a private room that was located at the most interior area of the bar.

Someone was already seated on the sofa when the doors to the private room flung open.

He seemed to have frequented places of entertainment all year round due to the extremely fair complexion of his face.

In addition, the dark circles under his eyes had turned yellowish, and a wretched look seeped through his eyes.

Chapter 196: I can be yours too

“Young Master Lin, we have brought her over!” Appearing to be claiming credit for something, a few men with tattoos spoke up. They carried the lady and brought her over to Lin Chao.

When Lin Chao heard this, he lifted his head up in excitement.

He could not be bothered with anything else. Walking up, he brushed the young lady’s hair away; he nearly turned cross-eyed when he was sure that she was one whom he had yearned day and night for.

“Oh, Shangxin. So what if you were so arrogant? You still landed in my hands in the end!” Lin Chao was so thrilled that he squinted his eyes.

He had mentioned it a long time ago that Shangxin could only sign endorsement deals for his company.

If he could not have her, nobody else could!

He must have the last laugh!

Lin Chao felt his heart soften as he stared at the dainty beauty in front of him.

He used to feel that Shangxin was exceptionally beautiful when he observed her from afar in the past. In addition, with her air of arrogance which hinted that nobody was a compatible match for her, it was easy to ignite a man's desire to conquer her.

He realized that not only was she beautiful, she also looked exceptionally fresh and pure now that he looked at her up close.

A wave of clean and pure aura seeped through her entire body—it felt like a patch of grassland right after it rained.

It made it so that a person couldn't help but have the urge to protect her...

And to love her dearly...

"What did you guys do to her?" Lin Chao looked at her from top to bottom. He lifted his head and asked while restraining his small internal thoughts.

The group of them explained hurriedly, "She was struggling too much, so we were afraid that there would be an accident and decided to knock her out. Young Master Lin, don't worry—she will be awake soon!"

While he was speaking, a man with tattoos walked forward. He took something unknown and put in under her nose. A moment later, Shangxin knitted her eyebrows and coughed lightly.

She slowly regained her consciousness.

She was still dizzy as she tried to make sense of her current location as well as the people before her.

The next second, she seemed to have recalled the scenario from before she fainted and sat upright on the sofa while supporting her body.

She stared vigilantly at the people before her.

"Who are you people?"

As she spoke, she dove her hands into her pocket and wanted to take her cell phone out. However, she realized that her cell phone was missing.

She had most likely dropped it in the minivan during the previous struggle.

This place seemed like a soundproof private room; it was unlikely that the people outside could hear her if she screamed.

Had she been... kidnapped?

A wave of panic flashed past Shangxin's eyes. Very quickly, she forced herself to calm down.

She lifted her head up and stared at the few people who stood before her.

She did not have any recollection of these completely unfamiliar faces.

She only had a slight impression of the man who stood at the very front; she seemed to have seen him somewhere before, but could not remember it now...

“Shangxin, don’t be afraid. I will not hurt you—I just had some matters which I needed to discuss with you. I guarantee that you will be able to leave this place safe and sound if you cooperate with me.” As Lin Chao spoke, he motioned to the people around him.

Immediately, someone walked forward with a box in hand and opened it up.

The box was filled to the brim with cash; there seemed to be a light bulb installed in it that emitted sparkling rays of light.

It was permeated with temptation!

The corners of Lin Chao’s lips rose, and he revealed a proud smile when he saw Shangxin’s startled face.

As he had mentioned, everyone loves money.

There must have been a misunderstanding when Shangxin rejected him the previous time; now that there were so many bills of cash before her, would there still be anything that could not be negotiated?

Lin Chao took out a contract and threw it on top of the box that was filled with bills. “This money is all yours as long as you sign this contract.”

“...”

“If you want, I can be yours too!” As Lin Chao continued speaking, his eyes had already formed into a single line from all the perverted squinting. Reaching out, he prepared to touch her chest.

However, Shangxin had already lowered her head and bit his arm before he could touch her.

Just like a pig that was being slaughtered, a shriek erupted from Lin Chao’s mouth immediately.

“AHHH!!!”

Chapter 197: It is all over. I am here with you.

Never in his mind had Lin Chao expected that the woman who appeared to be so weak and delicate would be so fierce when she was pissed!

He was ruthlessly bitten by her because he had been careless for just a slight moment. Before he could return to his senses in time, she gave him a kick to the crotch!

He was in so much pain from these two continuous attacks that he could no longer produce any sound.

His face had turned a maroon-red in an instant; holding his dick, he rolled about on the floor.

He shouted at the people around him in hysteria, “Why are all of you still frozen there? Capture her immediately!”

Shangxin had practically used up all her energy on these two attacks just now.

She immediately propped up her body and crawled up from the sofa when she noticed that Lin Chao was still immersed in pain. Then, she ran toward the door of the private room.

However, she realized that the door was locked when she forcefully tugged at the handle of the door.

“Trying to make a run for it after beating me up? No damn way!”

Her heart sank. The moment she turned around, she saw Lin Chao getting up from the floor while swearing at the same time.

The few men with tattoos around him looked in her direction as well.

She could neither get out of the room nor find her cell phone.

Shangxin was like a bird that was trapped in a cage; she could not run away at all.

She was so afraid that her entire body was pasted snugly on the wall beside the door. At the same time, a person’s face floated around unceasingly in her mind.

The face from when he was a kid to when he was an adult, then the face when he was an adult back to when he was a kid...

She still remembered that she loved to play in the backyard of his house when she was young.

There was a flowering shrub with long leaves, and they could hide in there to play hide-and-seek.

Once, she hid in the flowering shrub on purpose when she saw that Tang Yuansi was on his way over to look for her; she wanted to surprise him from behind after he walked past her.

However, someone shouted at him, and he left before he had the chance to walk forward.

Her reaction was a little slow at that time—she only came back to her senses and wanted to go after him after she saw that his back had disappeared from view.

In a hurry, she was caught by the overflowing branches and leaves of the flowering shrub.

The more anxious she became while trying to struggle free, the tighter she was entangled.

In the end, she was so tightly trapped that she could no longer move, so she cried out loud.

However, she was in a very secluded area; no one else was there except for her. Due to both pain and fear, her voice had become so hoarse from all the shouting that she could not utter a single word.

Just when she was worried that she would die in that spot, Tang Yuansi, who had just left, suddenly appeared before her again.

Just like a figment of her imagination, he appeared before her...

On that day, the orange rays from the dusk sun spilled onto his slightly frail shadow. In her eyes, he looked like a god from above even though he was still young and did not have a tall and strong figure.

Stepping through the rays, he walked to her step by step.

Then, he lifted her up from the flowering shrub.

He was a little anxious in his movements, and she felt slight pain from his actions. He cupped both his hands around her terrified face, used the most gentle voice she had ever heard to comfort her, and said, "Xiao Xinxin, it is all over. I am here with you."

It is all over. I am here with you.

This was the most touching sentence she had ever heard in her entire life.

Grabbing the hem of his shirt pitifully, she cried out loud, "Brother Xiaosi, will you continue to stay with me in the future?"

"Yes." He patted her head with his hands that were full of warmth and said with resolution, "I will definitely appear by your side if you are ever in danger."

"..."

Being the young girl that she was, she was so terror-stricken that she had actually forgotten everything that had happened. However, she still remembered that sentence which he had said.

Those childhood memories had stayed in her mind all this time.

However, the person that was engraved in her heart did not want to see her ever again.

Shangxin's eyes reddened as she grabbed the wall with force.

As she looked at Lin Chao, who was advancing toward her, she resisted her fear with great difficulty and controlled her body to prevent it from trembling.

Where are you, Brother Xiaosi...

Chapter 198: He had been keeping watch over her all this while

"Be obedient and sign the contract, then apologize to yo daddy. Perhaps yo daddy might consider forgiving you." With a wretched look, Lin Chao walked forward and tugged at the tie that looped around his neck.

One could guess what his next step would be just by looking at his expression.

"Don't come any closer to me. Otherwise, I won't let you get away with this!" Shangxin came back to her senses. She growled at him when she saw that Lin Chao was inching closer and closer to her.

Her dauntless attacks on Lin Chao just now had made him suffer quite a bit.

Now that he heard her words of warning, he grew timid and stopped in his tracks subconsciously.

When he recovered from his shock, he realized that he had actually been intimidated by a woman and spat in anger.

He motioned his subordinates around him with a look. "Capture her. Just watch how I am going to lecture her today!"

“Young Master, we agreed on this before we brought her over...” The group of men who stood behind Lin Chao were a little hesitant when they heard his instructions. Lowering their voices, they reminded him, “We heard that Shangxin does not come from a simple background—many big shots had bad endings after they landed in her hands. We are all a little apprehensive about this.”

“Cowards! Since none of you dare to lay your hands on her, I’ll do it myself!” Lin Chao’s lecherous eyes narrowed. Unable to contain it any longer, he rubbed his palms and approached Shangxin.

He did not believe that a woman like her would be any threat to him.

Why would she still show her face in public and work as a model if she really had such a powerful background?

Looking at her figure and that pretty face, there was an 80% chance that she was being kept as a mistress by some rich man.

Once he had had a taste of her and taught her a good lesson, he would give her a greater sum of money and make her his possession. What would be the issue by then?

Lust filled Lin Chao’s heart and he walked to Shangxin, mocking her with smirk. Just when she was about to push him away, he took a step in advance and grabbed her arm.

“My little darling, yo daddy will give you all my love. Haha!” Lin Chao was about to pull her into his embrace when the alarm outside rang.

Did someone barge into the bar?

Before he had time to return to his senses, Shangxin had already aimed for his feet and gave him a kick. After that, she shook him off and shrank into a corner.

She was so terrified that she curled up into a ball.

Smash!!

A loud bang could be heard.

The next moment, the doors to the private room were kicked open from outside.

A bunch of black shadows emerged and entered the room.

Shangxin nearly burst into tears. With a slip of her tongue, she said, “Brother Xiaosi...”

The next second, she looked closely at the person before her; she was taken aback when she realized that it was a stranger.

A few bodyguards followed closely behind.

They subdued Lin Chao and his men in just a few moves.

Shangxin’s manager, who was the last person and followed from behind, rushed up to Shangxin the moment she saw her. “Shangxin, how are you? Are you alright?”

“...”

Shangxin widened her eyes. Staring blankly at the people before her, her tears suddenly trickled down without any warning.

She threw herself into her manager's embrace and bawled loudly.

Everyone present assumed that she was in tears because she was in shock. However, only her manager, who was hugging her, knew the real reason behind her tears—it was because she did not see a certain someone...

Shangxin seemed to be preoccupied with her thoughts from the moment she left the bar to the moment she boarded the car.

She looked like a startled bunny; her eyes were red from all the crying.

Her private van sped to the location where Sheng Da Science and Technology was holding the product launch. However, nobody had taken any notice of the black luxury vehicle that was parked silently at the roadside across from the bar.

The windows to the car were tightly shut, and a young man sat in the driver's seat.

His handsome face seemed to be a little pale, and he was grabbing onto the steering wheel with great force.

When he saw Shangxin with eyes red from crying at a distance just inches away from him, his expression that looked calm all the time suddenly cracked; he nearly could not control himself and wanted to rush out of the car just to pull her into his embrace.

He wanted to let her know that he was right by her side!

Chapter 199: Which one was the real her

The dim light fell on his face. Dressed in a white suit, he appeared exceptionally scholarly and gentle. However, the redness that colored the underside of his eyes revealed the worry and heartbreak that he was going through.

Just when he reached for the handle of the door and was about to push the car door open, the cell phone in his pocket suddenly chimed.

It was a text message.

It contained simply-worded sentences: [She's fine now. I'm taking her to the event location. The ones who appeared are her usual bodyguards, so it did not arouse her suspicions.]

After reading the text message on the phone, Tang Yuansi slowly released his grip on the handle of the car door.

As if he had used up all the strength in his body, he threw himself against the backrest of the car seat.

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On the other end.

At the Sheng Da Science and Technology product launch.

Yu Yuehan stood backstage, his gaze following Nian Xiaomu around as she scurried from one point to another.

He maintained his posture and did not move for a long time.

There was a bit of something stirring in his calm eyes.

The warmth in his palm had dissipated, but the feeling of touching her head had not gone away.

He thought about her silky long hair and dazed look. She had stared blankly at him like a kitty looking at the person clearing her litter. All that was missing was her tearfully pouncing into his arms and wagging her tail at him.

At this moment though, she carried herself very professionally.

Weaving through the other staffers, she directed everyone to undertake their tasks in a systematic manner.

Which one was the real her? He could not differentiate.

“Young Master, we just received a call that Shangxin is fine and that she is on her way to the event location now!” The assistant ran excitedly to Yu Yuehan with his phone in his hand.

He had not lowered his volume when he spoke, so everyone backstage heard him loud and clear.

After that, everyone could not help but cheer.

The backup plan could only reduce the negative impact of Shangxin’s absence. For the product launch to achieve the optimal effect, Shangxin would need to make an appearance.

When Nian Xiaomu heard that Shangxin was alright, she heaved a big sigh of relief. At the next moment, the person in charge of the venue walked over to her.

“Supervisor Nian, we have already shifted forward every possible program event. If there are no other events that can be used on stage, then we don’t have time to wait for Shangxin!”

At those words, the relaxed atmosphere in the backstage area became tense again.

There was half an hour more to go.

As long as they had another half an hour, then when Shangxin arrived, the product launch would still proceed as planned.

Feverish with anxiety like ants on a hot pan, the person in charge added, “The young master of Sheng Da Science and Technology is here today and is already seated in the VIP zone. If Shangxin does not turn up during the introduction of the new product...”

“I’ll introduce it!” Nian Xiaomu decided to give it her all and raised her head with gusto.

“I’m the main supervisor for this product launch, so I am very familiar with the product’s functions and unique selling points. I am able to substitute for Shangxin for the beginning of the introduction of the cell phone. When Shangxin arrives, get her to take over from me immediately.”

As Nian Xiaomu spoke, she turned toward the stage.

“Young Master, you should be seated as well,” the assistant gently reminded him from the side.

As the main partner of this collaboration, Yu Yuehan should have been seated in the VIP zone.

Yet, he had stayed backstage all this time to keep Nian Xiaomu company.

Hearing this, Yu Yuehan raised his eyebrow. Watching that person walk toward the stage, he shifted his gaze and headed to the VIP zone.

A large commotion broke out as he was seated.

The onlookers and media tried to take photographs of him, but the security guards at the venue stopped them.

Yu Yuehan sat expressionlessly in his seat, unbothered by what was going on around him until he heard the emcee announce that the next event in the program was the introduction of the new product.

Chapter 200: Nian Xiaomu, your guts have grown bigger!

The crowd at the product launch fell silent all of a sudden.

The next second, there were fans who shouted Shangxin’s name.

Based on the planned flow of the program, Shangxin should have been the one walking down the runway personally to introduce the new product during the product launch.

This was supposed to be the main highlight of today’s product launch.

However, when the emcee was done with her speech, the person who walked out from the other end of the stage wasn’t Shangxin, whom everyone had eagerly been anticipating.

Instead, Nian Xiaomu walked out with a microphone in her hand.

A gasp erupted from the crowd at that instant.

Nian Xiaomu’s body was slightly frozen; she was so nervous that perspiration formed on her palms.

Taking a deep breath, she pushed down the panicky feeling in her heart and continued to make her way toward the center of the stage.

Soon, someone realized that even though the person on stage wasn’t Shangxin, this person was so beautiful that she blinded the eyes of everyone present.

Her simple attire could not conceal her extraordinary aura.

Under the confused gazes of the crowd, she took firm, confident steps and walked to the center of the stage.

She could almost hear the crowd below the stage draw in their breaths the very moment she lifted up her head.

“Hello everyone, I am the head supervisor of today’s product launch, Nian Xiaomu.” Nian Xiaomu put on a fitting smile. When blinking her pair of quick-witted eyes, she seemed to have the ability to attract someone and steal their soul from their body. “Shangxin is currently backstage preparing for tonight’s long anticipated runway walk. I am here to introduce today’s products on her behalf.”

The fans below the stage finally quieted down the moment they heard that Shangxin would be onstage in no time.

Nian Xiaomu held the microphone in her hand and kept her tensed up feelings under control. In a calm and unperturbed manner, she introduced the product specifications and their strong points, all of which she had memorized one by one.

When she made it to the interesting segment of the introduction, she even took the extra step of bringing up the mobile phone on display and demonstrating its new functions.

Gradually, everyone’s attention was entirely focused on the mobile phone that she was holding.

It seemed like the situation was well under control, but Nian Xiaomu was the only one who knew that the original speech written for the introduction of the new product had already reached its end.

However, the emcee had not given any form of indication for Nian Xiaomu to stop yet—this meant that Shangxin had not reached the venue.

Nian Xiaomu had to think of something now to try to stall for time.

What to do? What to do?

She couldn’t possibly start a solo comedy set by herself, right?

As Nian Xiaomu gazed down at the guests below the stage, her heart instantly jumped into her throat—she noticed that the crowd was a little restless because she did not have anything else to say on the stage.

She scanned her gaze past the VIPs sitting in the front row; her eyes lit up when she suddenly noticed Yu Yuehan, who sat in the zone for VIPs!

Got it!

“Today’s product launch is the beginning of many future collaborations between the Yu Corporation and Sheng Da Science and Technology. We are also very honored to have invited Young Master Han to attend our product launch. Next up, shall we invite Young Master Han onstage to say a few words?”

Yu Yuehan was the most honorable Young Master in City H as well as the Prince Charming of millions of women.

He had a net worth of more than 100 billion and was even better looking than the most popular male celebrities; his strong aura was filled with so much grandeur that he was like a deity from above.

Even if he was invited to just stand on the stage and do nothing, he would have the ability to control the crowd—much less inviting him up for a few words!

As expected, the crowd stirred and grew excited the moment Nian Xiaomu finished her sentence.

“Young Master Han! Young Master Han!”

Nian Xiaomu shifted her gaze. At that moment, she realized that in contrast to the excitement of the crowd, the man who had been called upon had a very gloomy expression on his face—it resembled the calm before a storm. He took a look at her faintly and slowly.

Even the people around him couldn't help it and drew in a deep breath when they heard what Nian Xiaomu said.

They seemed to be in disbelief that Yu Yuehan would actually give a speech at such a small scale product launch.

When they noticed that he did not move his body, they glanced toward Nian Xiaomu in doubt.

Nian Xiaomu was burning with anxiety and looked at the man below the stage with a pleading expression: Young Master, saving a life earns more merit than building a seven-floor pagoda—do you have the heart to witness my demise?