

My Life 421

Chapter 421: Failure to recognize a great person

Zhang Qi sank into a complete state of panic the moment she saw Shangxin approaching her...

Trembling, she asked, "What did you mean by that sentence just now?"

The emcee beside them moved forward as well and asked excitedly, "Shangxin, was everything that you said just now true? Are you really willing to attend our event? But... the appearance fees that we pay are..."

The host turned awkward for a moment.

Everyone was aware of the value of Shangxin's brand.

One shouldn't expect that she would appear anywhere with an ordinary appearance fee, much less attend an event!

However, a high budget had not been allocated for the publicity expenses for this event.

The moment Zhang Qi heard the two words "appearance fees," she seemed to be clutching her last live-saving straw as she stood up with a whoosh.

"Shangxin, don't get cheated by them. You deserve so much more than to work this event for peanuts. Your status will surely be degraded if you work here!"

After she finished her piece, she secretly felt pleased when she noticed that Shangxin remained silent and did not reply to her.

No one in the entertainment industry would do such a thankless task.

Let's see if Nian Xiaomu would still kneel down obediently and kowtow to her in apology after Shangxin's rejection!

However, even after Zhang Qi had waited for a while, Shangxin did not seem to have any thoughts of rejecting.

Just when Zhang Qi could no longer keep her cool and was about to say something further, Shangxin had already looked at the host and said, "I'm spending personal time today. You don't need to give me any appearance fee. I'll help out for free."

Help out for free...

Just like a clap of thunder, these four words resounded directly in Zhang Qi's head!

Shangxin, being an entertainer who had always been so difficult to book, had actually agreed to work for free.

With Shangxin around, nobody would care about Zhang Qi even if she knelt down and begged Nian Xiaomu to let her onstage, much less ask Nian Xiaomu to kneel down in front of her!

Zhang Qi turned anxious and wanted to speak up when she thought about the penalty fees. Before she could do so, Nian Xiaomu had already taken a step forward and cast a chilly glance at her.

“I have already instructed my secretary to record everything you have said just now. In view of Miss Zhang Qi’s refusal to perform according to the needs of the event, we will provide the necessary evidence to the investors and you shall compensate for the penalty fees accordingly. Wait for our lawyer’s letter!”

BAM!

Zhang Qi’s knees wobbled before she fell right to the ground.

However, Nian Xiaomu did not take another glance at her. Pulling Shangxin with her, she followed the emcee and headed to the event venue.

No one had ever thought that they would bump into Shangxin here.

Furthermore, for the reporters at the event venue, it did not cross their mind that they would be able to snag such major headline in the end. All they did was casually attend a media launch, and they had only been planning to send a wire copy in order to complete the job!

A minor event that only comprised of photo taking and interviews had turned into a live show all of a sudden.

It instantly took over and became headline news on all the media channels!

Nian Xiaomu’s cell phone was swarmed with thankful text messages from President Fang.

He even apologized incessantly for making impertinent remarks to her yesterday.

He had totally turned into a mini-fan of Nian Xiaomu and felt a heartfelt admiration toward her: [I had failed to recognize such a great person like you. Indeed, I will not have to worry about my livelihood whenever I am working with Manager Nian!]

After Nian Xiaomu replied to President Fang’s text messages, she finally lifted her head up and looked at Shangxin, who was giving an interview onstage.

She had lost weight.

From the start, she had not been meaty at all with that tall and slender figure of hers. Now, she looked even more weak and frail.

Her complexion did not appear as great as before either.

Where had she been all this time?

Nian Xiaomu waited at the bottom of the stage. When the interview was over, she walked forward with a coat and draped it around Shangxin.

At the same time, she also instructed the secretary to pass her the red date wine that she had bought.

“You don’t look so good. Drinking this in the winter is good for your body.”

Shangxin did not speak. As she shifted away from the line of sight of the media reporters, she took the drink and drank it silently.

A long while later, she suddenly opened her mouth and asked, "Xiao Mumu, could you come have a drink with me?"

Chapter 422: Was I wrong?

Have a drink...

Nian Xiaomu's eyes sparkled! However, the light in her eyes dimmed soon after.

As she thought about her waist that was still feeling sore and wobbly, she coughed lightly and said, "You don't look so good. Plus, it's been a while since we last met. Let's have a good chat in a cafe instead, shall we?"

As Nian Xiaomu spoke, she tugged Shangxin by the hand and headed out of the event venue.

There were many reporters at the main entrance of the hotel, so they exited from the back entrance.

Just when Nian Xiaomu was about to flag down a cab, Shangxin gave her a tug and said, "My car is parked in the parking lot."

As she said this, she asked Nian Xiaomu to wait for her here while she headed off alone and drove the car over to pick her up.

Nian Xiaomu only thought of a very important question after she got in the car.

"I had forgotten to ask you this, but why are you here? Previously, I heard that... heard that..." Nian Xiaomu deliberated on whether she should pop the question in a straightforward manner.

In the beginning, she was not aware that Tang Yuansi had gone on a blind date and only pestered Yu Yuehan about it when she could not contact Shangxin.

He couldn't take her pestering and leaked the details out by accident.

However, Shangxin had already disappeared at that point in time.

No one knew where she had gone.

Even Yu Yuehan couldn't track her down either. He could only assure Nian Xiaomu time and again that Shangxin was not an ordinary person and that she would not be in danger.

Nian Xiaomu only heaved a sigh of relief after she heard this.

She didn't expect to see Shangxin at the event venue today...

When Shangxin heard her inquiry, she tightened her grip in the hand that was holding the steering wheel.

A smile appeared on her face instead. Pretending that nothing has happened, she said, "I was in a bad mood earlier and took a trip to visit home. I just came back and was goofing off in the hotel. I certainly hadn't expected that I would coincidentally meet you."

All of a sudden, the car sank into silence for a moment.

Both of their expressions seemed a little peculiar.

Nian Xiaomu was afraid of bringing up Shangxin's sore spot while Shangxin was trying hard to pretend that she was alright.

They reached the cafe in no time.

Due to Shangxin's popularity, she put on a face mask and a baseball cap after she parked her car.

Both of them found a nice seat by the corner.

The moment they sat down, Nian Xiaomu ordered a cup of coffee for herself as well as a cup of hot cocoa for Shangxin.

Shangxin was stunned. With a smile, she said, "You don't let me drink alcohol, and you are banning me from having coffee as well?"

"Your complexion really doesn't look good. Moreover, you dealt with so many reporters just now—drinking some hot cocoa can help you replenish your energy," Nian Xiaomu replied as a matter of course.

Nian Xiaomu instructed the service staff to prepare their orders before Shangxin could protest against it.

Just when Nian Xiaomu was hesitating about whether she should tell Shangxin that she was dating Yu Yuehan, Shangxin spoke up first and asked,

"..."

"Actually, I know in my heart that love cannot be forced. I just don't understand how a person who used to care so much about you can suddenly decide not to care about you anymore..."

Shangxin held the glass of water before her. Due to the constrained emotions within her, her eyes reddened.

She tilted her head up slightly to prevent herself from crying.

Images her witnessing Tang Yuansi going on that blind date flashed past her mind incessantly.

She had originally been certain that she still held a place in his heart.

She was willing to wait for him even if he refused to see her.

When she heard news of him going on a blind date, she had still naively thought that all of the chatter was simply rumor...

However, she couldn't lie to herself anymore when she saw him appear at the restaurant with her own eyes.

It was real. Her Brother Xiaosi did not want her anymore...

Shangxin lowered her head a bit. She was unable to hold back her emotions as huge teardrops fell directly into the glass of water.

Nian Xiaomu's heart ached when she saw Shangxin in this state. Grabbing ahold of Shangxin's hand subconsciously, Nian Xiaomu blurted out, "No, it isn't true that Tang Yuansi no longer cares about you!"

Chapter 423: It was him... It really was him...

After Nian Xiaomu finished her sentence, she bit her lip as a hesitant look fell over her face.

All along, she had not told Shangxin that Tang Yuansi was the one who had saved her that time when she fell into a dangerous situation.

No matter how long ago it had happened, she would never forget that incident.

Nor would she forget the 10 sets of custom-made cell phones produced by Sheng Da Science and Technology. Others might not know, but as the person in charge of the collaboration, she knew very clearly who was currently in possession of those 10 cell phones.

If he really did not care, why did he even bother to do so many things for her?

On the other hand, if Tang Yuansi really cared about Shangxin, why did he push her away time and again?

Plus, there was Yu Yuehan's warning...

There were too many things which she could not figure out.

However, she did not feel good when she saw that Shangxin was depressed and moody because of Tang Yuansi.

Why not talk things out instead of torturing each other like this?!

Nian Xiaomu made up her mind as she raised her head up with a swish.

Shangxin had already snapped back to her senses because of the sentence that Nian Xiaomu had said. With a sparkling gaze, she stared fixedly at her and asked, "Xiao Mumu, what do you mean by that sentence of yours? Are you aware of something that I don't know?"

The service staff served the two drinks to them. However, Shangxin was not in the mood to pay attention to other matters.

As she grabbed Nian Xiaomu's hand forcefully, she spoke in an anxious tone and exclaimed, "Xiao Mumu!"

Both of them had not known each other for very long, and it was regretful that they had not met sooner.

Nian Xiaomu always had an illusory feeling that the both of them had known each other for a very long time.

Shangxin treated her as a friend, and Nian Xiaomu loved her dearly as well.

Nian Xiaomu paused for a moment before warning her repeatedly, “I can tell you everything, but you must promise me that regardless of what you want to do, you must take good care of yourself. Can you do that?”

“Okay!” Shangxin nodded her head straightforwardly.

She was a very forthright person and would certainly do anything that she promised.

Nian Xiaomu let out a sigh of relief. As she opened her mouth gradually, she related in detail the incident back when Shangxin had been abducted...

“I don’t know why Tang Yuansi saved you, but did not want to let you know about it. However, based on the situation from the other time, I feel that he was really worried about you. He personally went over to look for you without hesitation... This was the reason why I persuaded you against it when you wanted to give up the previous time.”

Nian Xiaomu pursed her lips as she stirred the coffee in her cup gently with a teaspoon.

She had wanted to tell Shangxin all of this the previous time.

However, Yu Yuehan had made it very clear that Tang Yuansi had decided to give Shangxin up; it would not do Shangxin any good if she continued to hold on.

When it came to matters of the heart, outsiders should not interfere with them.

As such, Nian Xiaomu hesitated over doing so...

It had never occurred to her that Shangxin would be in such agony all the while, all because of her hesitation.

If Nian Xiaomu knew that this would be the case, she would rather have let Shangxin know everything right from the start.

Getting together and breaking up were not elements that upset people.

Instead, it was feelings like these—those which you wanted to let go of, but were unable to as well as those which you wanted to hold on tight to, but were also unable to ...

The constant worrying over gains and losses was enough to drive someone crazy!

“It was him... It really was him...” Shangxin sat stumped in her seat.

Numerous images flashed past her mind.

Ever since she was young, all the way until she matured into an adult, no matter where she was, he would always be the first one to rush to her side whenever she encountered danger.

He mentioned that he would always be with her...

However, he had refused to see her after returning to the Tang Family.

She assumed that he had forgotten about the his promises to her.

He had not forgotten about them after all...

He still cared about her.

He had rushed over to save her immediately.

Previously, he was at the scene of her abduction as well. However, why did he choose not to come forward and see her?

Numerous question marks swarmed into Shangxin's mind instantly.

Shangxin rose from her seat swiftly and said, "No, I must clarify everything with him!"

Chapter 424: It's over, it's over!

"Shangxin!" Nian Xiaomu stood up hurriedly and reached out to grab ahold of her.

She was worried that Shangxin would act on impulse and end up hurting herself.

Since Tang Yuansi wasn't willing to let her know back then, even if she were to go now, she would not be able to get anything out of him.

Furthermore, what if Tang Yuansi resorted to saying some hurtful words to deter her from probing further? What would Shangxin do?

When Nian Xiaomu thought about this, she gritted her teeth and said, "I don't feel safe letting you go on your own. I'll accompany you!"

"It's fine. I'm alright." When Shangxin heard her words, she calmed down.

"Ever since he returned to the Tang Family, he has been avoiding me. I've also dealt with all the awful things he has said to me. I'm not that weak."

In the past, she would not believe those words.

Now that she knew that her Brother Xiaosi still cared about her, she would not be fooled all the more!

Shangxin cleaned the tears from her face and broke into a smile.

Then, she suddenly reached out to give Nian Xiaomu a hug and said, "Xiao Mumu, thank you!"

Nian Xiaomu: "..."

Very quickly, Shangxin went off on her own.

Nian Xiaomu was left by herself in the cafe. Watching Shangxin leave, her heart felt rather uneasy.

After thinking about it, she settled the bill, grabbed her handbag, and left.

Then, she hailed a taxi and returned to the Yu Family villa.

Once the butler saw her, he tipped her off immediately and said, "Miss Nian, Young Master is back and is in the living room."

Nian Xiaomu walked into the living room and saw a man sitting on the sofa that was made from authentic leather.

His sturdy body was leaning against the side of the seat with his long legs lazily crossed. Propping his head with one hand, he was reading a magazine.

His side profile was drop-dead gorgeous.

The first two buttons of his shirt were unbuttoned, revealing the honey-colored skin tone of his muscular chest and the reddish streaks caused by her fingernails...

Nian Xiaomu's face flushed red.

As her mind started to flash through the Rated 21 images of events that had occurred between the two of them, her waist started to ache again.

Then, she recalled that he had delivered a present to her at the office.

He better not think that a bouquet of flowers and a box of chocolate would make her forgive him for bullying her!

Nian Xiaomu rolled her animated eyes as she walked over and sat down across from Yu Yuehan.

She imitated his posture and crossed her legs on the sofa, waiting for him to speak first.

However, after a while, Yu Yuehan only looked at her and did not appear to have anything to say. Instead, he reached out toward her and tried to hug her.

Nian Xiaomu pushed his arm away without hesitation.

Enunciating every word clearly and slowly, she said, "I used to think that red roses were beautiful, but now they're ugly to me. I've thrown them away!"

"..." Taken aback, Yu Yuehan lifted his eyes to look at her.

The expression on his face was hard to describe with words.

He parted his lips slightly, preparing to speak, but Nian Xiaomu interrupted him and raised her voice even more loudly this time.

"The chocolates are okay, but I didn't like them that much, so I distributed them among my colleagues."

"..."

"Don't think you can just follow any strategy that you learned from the internet to coax me. It's not so easy to appease the wrath of a goddess!" Nian Xiaomu adjusted herself on the sofa and straightened her back as she glared at Yu Yuehan.

Men cannot be spoiled.

If they are not disciplined properly, they will cause mischief!

The living room suddenly became very silent.

Both of them faced each other, but did not say a word.

It was as if they were having a battle of patience... No, wait. Why was the expression on his face so strange?

Nian Xiaomu felt a chill run down her spine as he continued staring at her with his dark eyes. She lost her cool and demanded, "Yu Yuehan, don't you have some explaining to do?!"

"Yes," Yu Yuehan said slowly, "but I did not send you any flowers or chocolate today."

Chapter 425: There's a murderous spirit!

The most frightening part was the stillness in the room.

Nian Xiaomu sat stumped on the sofa and maintained that same position for a very long time.

Her two eyes were wide open; she seemed to be suspecting that she had suffered an auditory hallucination.

He said that he had not sent her any flowers or chocolate...

In that case, who was the one who had gifted that stuff?

Nian Xiaomu took a glance at Yu Yuehan, who was sitting across from her. As a layer of haze hovered over his handsome face, it was very evident that he was pondering over the same question as well.

Judging from the gaze that he shot toward her, it was as if he had been cuckolded by his wife, yet she still had the cheek to return home in a cocky manner.

Nian Xiaomu: "...!"

Nian Xiaomu very badly wanted to give herself two tight slaps now!

She had originally planned to use the excuse of being unsatisfied with those presents to bargain with him so that she could sleep by herself tonight.

Now what?

She rolled her eyes around twice. As a crafty ray of light flashed past her eyes, a sunken expression appeared on her face as well.

"Yu Yuehan, were you really not the one who had gifted the flowers and chocolate?"

"..." Yu Yuehan did not speak. However, the message that was revealed in his deep and dark eyes had already explained everything.

When Nian Xiaomu saw this, her tiny face scrunched up as she curled her lips in an aggrieved manner.

"You didn't try to placate me when you obviously knew that I was angry!"

"..."

“You didn’t want to give me a single flower stalk and refused to buy me even a single piece of chocolate!”

“...”

“Yu Yuehan, are you still my boyfriend?” Nian Xiaomu howled and blabbered everything in one shot. Following which, she grabbed a bolster pillow and hugged it firmly in her embrace.

She puffed up her cheeks.

“I sent you a text message, but you didn’t reply,” Yu Yuehan replied in an apathetic tone.

To him, a simple sentence like this was already an explanation that was hard to come by.

He did try to soothe her, but she had not replied to his text message.

Nian Xiaomu: “...”

At that time, she was busy with her work and had just learned that someone had hit Xiaoxiao.

“I don’t care! Everyone knows how to say words of concern. You totally did not put in effort to comfort me!”

She dominated the enemy by striking first.

If she was the first one to get angry, Yu Yuehan would forget about the incident where someone tried to woo his girlfriend.

So smart!

As Nian Xiaomu thought of all of this in her mind, she tried to squeeze out an aggrieved look on her face.

She was waiting for him to open his mouth and soothe her.

Yu Yuehan took a glance at the person in front of him, but the ray of dull light in his eyes did not disperse.

He placed his long and slender legs down.

Placing both his hands on his knees to support his weight, he leaned forward slightly and approached her. Following which, he spoke with a pause between every word and asked, “And so, you made me a a cuckold?”

Nian Xiaomu: “...!!”

Young Master Han, why is your way of thinking different from others?

At this point in time, shouldn’t you soothe your girlfriend first?

Nian Xiaomu’s entire body shuddered from his stare, and she said, “I did not!”

Yu Yuehan collected his gaze. He took his cell phone out of his pocket, called his assistant’s number, and ordered, “Head to Manager Nian’s office and throw away the roses there as well as the chocolate!”

Nian Xiaomu: “...”

Why did she feel that there was a murderous spirit inside him?

It was as if she herself was the one that was being thrown into the trash!

Nian Xiaomu felt a shiver go down her spine as she watched him hang up the call. Before he could open his mouth and ask her about her opinion, she echoed along in a haste, "Yes! It should have been thrown away a long time ago. I don't even like those things. I thought that you were the one who had gifted me those things, so I couldn't bear to part with them. Otherwise, I would have thrown them away right from the start!"

She raised her hands obediently and vowed, "I kept them because I really thought that you were the sender. I swear!"

A guessing game should not be played if the issue was something that could be explained with just a sentence.

Misunderstandings could not be tolerated when it comes to matters of the heart.

When Yu Yuehan heard that, the chilliness in his eyes disappeared; only a trace of complex light remained as he took a sideways glance at her.

"So the flowers that I have given you looked very ugly?"

"The chocolates I sent were so-so as well?"

Chapter 426: Engagement

"Strategies from the internet are too crappy. They won't appease a goddess..."

As soon as Yu Yuehan spoke, Nian shivered until the sides of her lips started to quiver!

Before he could react, she had already pounced into his arms and clung to him like a koala around his waist.

Looking up from his arms, she gave him a peck on the chin.

Seeing that he was still pulling a long face, she gave him another kiss on the face.

"It was only a misunderstanding. I was only joking with you just now. You don't need to give me any presents. Even if you just say a few sweet nothings to me, I will be very happy!" As Nian Xiaomu cooed, she imitated the way that Xiao Liuliu would bury her head in Yu Yuehan's chest.

Her way of trying to act cute was too funny.

Yu Yuehan lowered his gaze at the person rubbing against him. His gaze grew deeper and the sexy lump in his throat started to quiver.

He knew full well that he should not keep seeking pleasure from her all the time. He had always been proud of his own self-control, but when it came to Nian Xiaomu, he was powerless.

He reached out to scoop her up and turned to go upstairs.

Nian Xiaomu spaced out for a few seconds before snapping back to her senses.

She quickly yanked his collar and exclaimed, "Wait a second, Yu Yuehan!"

"..." Ignored.

"I really have something to say! It's a serious matter!" Nian Xiaomu shouted out anxiously.

Yu Yuehan assumed that she was just trying to come up with an excuse. She had been putting on an act like this every night, so he continued walking.

Nian Xiaomu wrapped her arms around his neck and said, "I met Shangxin today!"

"..."

Yu Yuehan stopped in his tracks and looked down at her.

Nian Xiaomu hurriedly explained, "There was a situation at the event location today. The original entertainer that the company booked refused to go onstage, but Shangxin appeared and resolved the problem for me. She wasn't looking too good, so I... that's why I..."

Nian Xiaomu sneaked a glance at Yu Yuehan and hesitated over how to tell him that she had revealed everything that he had told her not to say.

Nian Xiaomu got down from his arms and returned to sit down on the sofa.

She looked at Yu Yuehan and pouted at him, then gestured for him to sit down across from her.

Pursing her lips, she said, "Yu Yuehan, I feel that if there is a misunderstanding between two people, avoiding each other will not help matters. Do you agree with me?"

"..."

"It's true that Tang Yuansi still cares about Shangxin, so nothing will come out of that blind date. I think that the blind date was only set up to deceive Shangxin and make her give up on him."

Nian Xiaomu made a reasonable deduction.

Hearing her analysis, Yu Yuehan raised his eyebrows at how she could see through the issue so thoroughly.

"Although I don't know what is making Tang Yuansi reject Shangxin, as Shangxin's good friend, I cannot just sit back and see her wallow in misery over Tang Yuansi and not tell her the truth."

When Nian Xiaomu finished speaking, she dropped her head and tugged at her shirt with guilt before muttering, "Alright, I'm done confessing. Scold me if you want to."

Closing her eyes to brace herself, she waited a while, but did not hear his voice.

Just as she was about to open her eyes, a big and warm hand pressed against her head and gently rubbed it.

Looking up in shock, Nian Xiaomu's eyes met with Yu Yuehan's deep gaze.

“You didn’t do anything wrong. You don’t need to apologize.”

Taken aback, Nian Xiaomu said, “Before this you...”

“The past is over, and the present is now,” Yu Yuehan replied as a flash of light flickered in his dark eyes.

“But Shangxin now knows that it was Tang Yuansi who had rescued her previously, and she went to look for him...” Before Nian Xiaomu could finish what she wanted to say, she saw the butler walking in from outside.

“Young Master, we just received news that President Tang is getting engaged!”

Chapter 427: The last bit of persistence

At the main entrance of the Tang Family villa.

The sky was gradually turning dark.

The weather had turned cooler these past few days. Bits of snow floated in the air and were accompanied by the chilly winter wind; it was a bone-chilling kind of cold.

Shangxin wrapped her coat tightly around herself as she stared fixedly at the main entrance in front of her.

The security guard beside her was taking great pains to persuade her as he said, “Miss, President Tang is really not at home right now. It would be useless even if I let you in! The weather is so cold that you might catch a cold if you continue to stand here...”

When Shangxin heard what he said, she lifted her head up slightly and revealed the delicate smile beneath her scarf.

As she pulled out a smile from the corner of her mouth, she nodded at the security guard to show her appreciation.

“Thank you, but you don’t need to worry about me. Since he is not at home, I will continue to stand here and wait until he is back.”

After Shangxin finished her piece, she dove both of her hands into her pockets and continued to wait patiently.

The Tang Family had not been the greatest family in City H before they fetched Tang Yuansi home.

It was all due to Tang Yuansi’s appearance; he was the one who had pushed this declining family back into the public spotlight.

The ray of light in Shangxin’s eyes shone brighter when she thought of this.

Her Brother Xiaosi had been very smart ever since he was young.

Whenever the both of them were together, he was always able to guess what was on her mind even if she did not say anything...

However, he was truly a boring egg.

She always talked nonstop in front of him just to appease him and make him happy.

When she was young, she felt most happy when she saw his laugh as a result of her amusing actions.

Just like that, she had thought that they would continue to be happy together. However, the relationship between the both of them gradually changed...

Shangxin seemed to have thought of something as she lifted her head up and looked at the huge metal gate in front of her.

She had been here numerous times.

Ever since he was brought back to the Tang Family, she had come here to look for him very frequently.

However, he was either not around or was simply unwilling to see her every time that she was here.

She had frequently waited an entire day for him.

In the end, she would leave in disappointment...

Because she had been disappointed so many times, even she herself started to doubt and wondered if he had long forgotten about her.

However, reality had told her that he hadn't!

He was the first to rush to her side when she met with danger.

Even if he refused to see her, she knew that he still cared for her!

The sky was gradually turning dark.

After standing in the frost and snow for a long time, her face had turned red from the gusts of wind that blew across her face. However, her body was still standing in a straight and upright manner as she waited patiently.

Finally, a black car emerged and drove toward the direction of where she was.

With just a single glance, Shangxin noticed Tang Yuansi, who sat in the backseat, when the car was just drawing close to her.

The expression in his eyes subtly changed when he saw her. Following which, he said something to the chauffeur, then the car headed directly toward the villa without stopping.

"Brother Xiaosi...!" Shangxin shouted as she watched the car drive past her.

However, Tang Yuansi did not react in the slightest bit; it was as if he had not seen her at all.

In the blink of an eye, the car entered the villa.

Anxious, she wanted to follow and come in, but was stopped by the security guard.

"Miss, you saw it as well. President Tang does not want to see you. I might lose my job if I let you in!"

This wasn't the first time the security guard saw her coming here to wait for Tang Yuans. Even though he pitied her, there was nothing he could do.

"The sky has already darkened, and the snow seems to be falling heavier and heavier. You should go back now!"

However, Shangxin continued to stand there stubbornly despite the kind advice from the security guard and replied, "I am not leaving! Head in and tell Tang Yuansi that if he does not come and see me, I will stand here the entire night—as long as it takes until he meets me!"

She must see him today!

"This..." Since the security guard was unable to persuade her, he could only turn around, head in, and report.

Soon after, he came out again and shook his head at her.

Chapter 428: She wasn't on her own

Tang Yuansi was not willing to see her...

When Shangxin received this message, her body went weak, but very quickly, she found her balance.

Biting her lip, she stubbornly stood rooted to the ground.

The snow fell more heavily in the night.

As the cold wind blew past her, it stung like blades cutting through her skin.

As her head and shoulders were covered with snowflakes, her frail and slender figure that was standing in the snow blended in with the white background.

The security guard walked out a few times and tried to persuade her to leave, but gave up when she still refused to relent.

Night fell.

The Tang Family villa was still brightly lit.

It was a stark contrast compared to the bleak scene outside.

As the butler headed outside with a bowl of ginger soup in his hands, he caught sight of Tang Yuansi, blocked by a door, and also standing in the snow just a hundred meters away from Shangxin.

The butler quickened his steps and pleaded, "Young Master, your body cannot take the cold. Please drink up the ginger soup and come back to the living room!"

Tang Yuansi did not budge at all.

Even his gaze remained fixated on Shangxin.

Seeing her figure in the frosty wind, green veins popped up on Tang Yuansi's hands as he balled up his fists.

He had to hold himself back to prevent himself from going over and hugging her in his arms.

Hearing the butler's words, his eyes lit up as he glanced over at the bowl of ginger soup in the butler's hands.

"Send it over to her."

"What?" the butler exclaimed in shock. He soon regained his composure and asked, "But Young Master...?"

Before the butler could finish what he wanted to say, Tang Yuansi's cold gaze stopped him from saying any more. Carrying the soup in his hands, he headed toward to the main door and walked up to Shangxin.

"Miss Shangxin, it's too cold and you've been standing here for so long. How can your body take it? I got the kitchen to prepare this bowl of ginger soup. Please drink it up!" As the butler spoke, he passed the soup to her.

Since Shangxin had been standing for too long, her body was a bit stiff.

As she looked at the butler and the piping hot soup in front of her, her heart skipped a beat.

"Who asked you to send it? It was Brother Xiaosi, right?"

Since he still cared about her, why wouldn't he come out to see her...?

The very next second, the butler explained, "Young Master was worn out from work and is already sleeping. This ginger soup is from me. Young Master doesn't know about it."

Upon hearing this, Shangxin's smile froze on her face.

When she looked at the ginger soup again, it was more like a mockery.

Stepping back, she tightened her fists as her eyes welled up with tears.

Afraid to let anyone see her this way, she turned away and said, "I'm not drinking it. Take it away."

"Miss Shangxin..." The butler could not persuade her further because she had already turned around, refusing to listen.

The butler let out a long sigh as he carried the soup in his hands.

It wasn't the first time this had happened.

It obviously broke Young Master's heart to see Shangxin this way, but he would not meet with her.

He would stand and watch her for as long as she stayed outside. Every time after this, he would fall sick for a few days.

The butler's face was filled with heartache for his young master.

However, he could not persuade either of them to give up, so he could only carry the soup back into the house.

Even without the butler's update, Tang Yuansi had already seen what had happened outside.

When she heard that it wasn't him who had instructed the butler to deliver the ginger soup, her eyes were brimming with tears on her frozen little face...

Every bit of this scene pierced through his heart like a dagger.

How he longed to hold her in his arms. He would brush off the snowflakes on her head, hold her hand with his, and give her some warmth.

How he wished he could...

Yet, it filled his heart to be able to look at her from afar even if there was nothing he could do.

Chapter 429: The deep, unspeakable love

The butler returned back to his side in no time and said worryingly, "Young Master, the problem still will not be resolved if we continue to allow her to stand there. I heard from the security guard that Miss Shangxin said that she will not leave unless she sees you today."

In his entire life, the butler had never seen a girl who had as much determination as Shangxin.

She was still waiting for that person without any complaints even when she had suffered numerous blows and had frequently been given the cold shoulder.

The butler did not doubt her at all when she said that she would continue to stand there for the entire night...

Tang Yuansi stayed silent for a very long while.

All of a sudden, he turned around and headed toward the garage.

He was getting ready to leave the Tang Family villa and drive away by car.

As long as he wasn't at home, she would get the message that no matter how long she waited, it would come to no avail.

"Young Master, it's getting late. Where are you heading to? It's too cold outside, and your body can't take the chill..." The butler rushed up and followed him anxiously, but the car drove away in just the blink of an eye.

It drove out of the main entrance.

The determination in Shangxin's eyes remained unwavering as the headlights of the car shone on her pale face.

She was really planning on standing here throughout the night...

What exactly had happened that made her want to see him today, no matter what?

Tang Yuansi's eyes narrowed. He only hesitated for a second before he stepped on the accelerator and prepared to leave.

It had never crossed Shangxin's mind that she would see him at that moment.

He did not bring his chauffeur along and was driving by himself instead.

His gaze toward her looked so cold and detached; it was so cold that it was as if she were a complete stranger to him...

This chilly attitude of his was completely different from the man that Nian Xiaomu had mentioned, the one who had been so concerned about her.

Shangxin knitted her eyebrows. Seemingly agitated, she turned around suddenly and threw herself in front of his car!

Screech!

Tang Yuansi stepped on the brakes almost instantly.

However, due to the inertia of the car, it still skidded forward a little.

Shangxin fell butt first upon the ground!

"Xiao Xinxin..." Tang Yuansi's face turned ghastly pale in a split second as he gripped the steering wheel with both of his hands.

With no time to care about other matters, he reached out, unbuckled his seat belt, and immediately dashed out of the car.

He went to the front of the car and carried her in his arms. Following which, he shouted at the security guards at the gate, "Why are you still standing there? Call an ambulance now!"

A hand tugged on the sleeve of his shirt the moment he finished his words.

She was holding onto it with a lot of force; it was as if she were afraid that the man before her was simply a part of her hallucination.

Choking with emotion, she said, "I am fine..."

"..."

The more concerned one was, the more confusion one would be thrown in.

Tang Yuansi only noticed at this moment that the area where she had fallen was a distance away from the front of the car.

He did not bump into her with his car; she had merely fallen on her own.

However, his heartbeat was out of sync. His heart had never pounded as fast as it was in this moment. It was a suffocating feeling, as if something was squeezing tightly around his heart and making him unable to breathe.

Due to the worry he felt, an anger that could not be retrained rose in his chest as well.

Reaching out, he shook her shoulders and asked, "Do you want to kill yourself? Did you think about the consequences if I had not braked in time?!"

After Tang Yuansi was done yelling, he released his grip on her. Turning around, he prepared to take his leave.

Shangxin grabbed ahold of his arm forcefully and asked, "Would you care if I really wanted to kill myself?"

"..." Tang Yuansi paused in his steps.

Unconsciously, he had clenched his hands into balled up fists and did not answer her as he pursed his thin lips tightly.

Shangxin walked forward to face him. Putting on a stubborn look, she stared fixedly at him and said, "I know everything. You were the one who saved me the other time. Why do you have to push me away when you obviously care about me?"

The tears that she had tried so hard to restrain trickled down from her eyes.

Shangxin reached out and wiped her tears away in a straightforward manner. Following which, she stared at him with her pair of beautiful and sparkling eyes.

"Tang Yuansi, is it so hard for you to admit that you like me?"

Chapter 430: I like her, she's the only one I like

"..." It had never crossed Tang Yuansi's mind that this was the only reason why she was here for him.

She had already known everything.

The gaze in his eyes dimmed while the nerves in his body tightened, just like a bowstring that was stretched taut.

He didn't remember when he had started to develop a fondness toward her.

He only remembered that she had always been in his heart from the first time that he saw her.

At that point in time, he had just been an uncommunicative and parentless orphan from the orphanage.

Other people felt that he was antisocial and gradually started to drift away from him.

While the both of them were obviously from two different worlds, she was the only one who would always find excuses to go to the orphanage and look for him.

She would accompany him in the rundown library and would usually hang around that place for the entire day.

Both of them became siblings in name after he was adopted.

She stuck around him more often and surrounded him the entire time, trying her best to amuse him...

At that point in time, she was still very young, and her little brain couldn't think of any good jokes. As such, he would always laugh out loud whenever she finished her story-telling, just to act in concert with her.

He would feel very content upon seeing the sweet smile on her face...

He, too, had once thought that the both of them would continue to live in bliss together.

They were both childhood friends, both young and innocent.

Plus, he thought that he could watch over her forever...

Tang Yuansi collected his gaze and hid the surging emotions in his eyes. Just when he wanted to say something, the cell phone in her bag rang.

She did not answer the call. The phone stopped ringing, then continued to ring once more.

It seemed like there was some sort of emergency.

After it rang a few more times, Shangxin took a glance at Tang Yuansi, who had stayed silent the entire time. Lowering her head, she dug her phone out.

She reached out and answered the phone when she realized that it was a call from her manager.

"Shangxin, look at the latest news. President Tang is getting engaged!" the anxious voice of her manager sounded from the other end of the phone call.

"..." Shangxin stared blankly.

She took a glance at Tang Yuansi, who was standing in front of her.

It was as if she couldn't believe what she had just heard.

A long while later, she finally snapped back to her senses and opened up the news application on her phone.

The headline that had just been published was still fresh from the oven: [Breaking! The newly minted Madam President of the Tang Corporation revealed! They will be engaged very soon!]

A few photos were attached below the striking headline as well.

She had seen the woman in the photo before.

It was the woman who had gone on a blind date with him the other day.

However, the two of them were not wearing the same clothes from the blind date in the photos.

In other words, this meant that the two of them still kept in contact with each other after the first date...

Shangxin trembled all over. As she raised up the cell phone in her hand, she turned the screen around to face Tang Yuansi and asked, "Is this real?"

"..."

Tang Yuansi swept his gaze at the news on the screen. All he did was frown without explaining.

The silence meant that he was admitting to it.

Shangxin loosened her grip, and the cell phone fell to the ground. As she retreated backward with unsteady steps, she lifted her head up. Forcing her tears back, she asked, "What am I then? What about those promises that you made to me?"

He promised that he would always be with her.

He promised that he would never release his grip on her no matter what happened.

He promised that it did not matter when, but he would always appear if she met with any danger...

She remembered everything that he had promised.

However, he had forgotten about them...

Tang Yuansi stared at her. A long while later, he slowly said, "I told you from the start that the both of us could never be together, that it would be best for both sides if you let go early."

This single sentence seemed to have exhausted all the energy within him.

He bypassed her and got ready to leave the moment he finished his sentence.

Just as he took his first step away, Shangxin's voice sounded from behind him, "Did you think that I would be baited by this fake news?"

She walked in front of him to face him and stared at him with a burning gaze.

"You wanted me to let go, right? Very well. Accompany me for one night, and I promise you that I will let go after you have served me until I am satisfied!"