

Priceless Baby 21

Priceless Baby's Super Daddy Chapter 21: He Is Extremely Territorial

When Xu Xiyan arrived at the bathroom, she was surprised to find a full set of toiletries already prepared for her, all of which were new.

Woah... you can only find this kind of treatment in a 5-star hotel!

What a super considerate, man...it warms my heart!

It was too bad that he supported Xu Jinshan and Chu Yuhe, putting him on the opposing side. She almost felt like getting a boyfriend like him.

Xu Xiyan also found a tote bag on the bathroom counter with a blue beveled V-neck shirt and a pair of casual jeans inside. At first glance, they looked like ordinary clothes, and their tags had already been removed, so she had no way of knowing their prices.

However, Xu Xiyan had an eye for high fashion. She recognized the brand name "Lord," which was stitched into the clothes' side seams. It was an Italian luxury brand, and their design philosophy was "a low-profile king can do what he wants."

A seemingly simple shirt, but she was sure that it had cost no less than five figures.

Xu Xiyan personally liked Lord's design style. As she tried them on, she found that they fit as if they'd been tailor-made for her.

Xu Xiyan then remembered something. It's no wonder that Elvis's unconventional t-shirt and slacks look so stylish—they are also from the Lord brand.

She stripped off the clothes to take a good bath, putting them on once more after she'd finished. She walked out of the bathroom, feeling refreshed. She passed through the living room and fumbled her way to the dining area, her eyes immediately fixing onto Huo Yunshen where he sat at the table, reading the newspaper.

Xu Xiyan noticed that the furniture in this house was all custom-made...the stoves, dining table, chairs...it was all adjustable to suit the user's needs. Everything could be raised, or lowered enough to be used by someone in a wheelchair.

Xu Xiyan glanced at the kitchen stove, and then at the breakfast that had been neatly arranged on the table. She couldn't help but ask.

"You made breakfast?"

Huo Yunshen lowered his newspaper when he heard her voice. He lifted his cool eyes at her, and smiled slightly. "Yup."

Xu Xiyan was silent, looking at him incredulously. He can cook? He's in a wheelchair, and yet he's still doing his own cooking?

She by no means meant to discriminate against a disabled person. It was just that, judging by his current position and special situation, she thought that he might have hired a caretaker to look after him.

Huo Yunshen looked at her appreciatively. He liked her fresh and simple appearance.

And she was wearing the same brand of clothes as him, except the colors were different. He was sure that she hadn't realized that her clothes and his were a set of matching couple outfits, specially prepared by him.

He gestured toward a chair. "Please sit down."

Xu Xiyan actually wanted to bid him farewell and leave, but for some reason, she walked over to him instead.

The table and chairs were lower than she was used to, but Xu Xiyan was used to tables being slightly lower than average; Ying Bao usually ate at one which sat fairly close to the floor. Xu Xiyan sat down.

"Do you always cook for yourself? Why didn't you hire a caretaker?"

"I don't like strangers coming in and out of my place."

Huo Yunshen was an extremely territorial man, and despised the idea of strangers intruding on his territory. He really didn't like dealing with people at all. Back when he was living abroad, he spent most of his time alone, unless he was filming.

So he had learned to cook for himself. He wasn't a good cook, but he wasn't too bad either.

Xu Xiyan wasn't sure what to say. It didn't feel right to her. Huo Yunshen didn't like strangers coming to his house...so why had he taken her home with him?

Were they no longer strangers?

Think about it. She had stayed overnight, worn his clothes, and slept on his bed. Could it be that he was warming up to her?

Priceless Baby's Super Daddy Chapter 22: That Was Surprisingly Touching

Xu Xiyan looked down at the western-style breakfast on her plate. The food's appearance, itself, was enough to make her drool.

Looking at the nutritious breakfast that had been prepared, Xu Xiyan was surprisingly touched. It had been a long time since anyone had made her breakfast.

She peeked at the guy standing in front of her even though she had been trying hard not to. The more she looked at him, the more handsome he became. Good-looking, well-built...and a talented chef, too. Even though he was disabled, he remained confident and completely independent.

These were traits that she believed all men should possess.

Xu Xiyan used to work as a counselor at a welfare institution for the disabled when she was in a different country. She had met with many people, each dealing with a different kind of disability.

Yet, in each of them, Xu Xiyan found a thirst for life, and vibrant souls that stood against fate. She respected them. Even though they were disabled, their souls were still incredibly strong.

These people's spirits influenced her greatly, encouraging her to always search for the good. They helped her to realize that she had every reason to value her own life and everything that she had been given.

There was a friend that she met online a few years ago, Wing, who was also disabled. When she had met him, his mind was flooded with dark thoughts, and he saw everything around him as almost hellish.

After asking him about his mental conditions, Xu Xiyan shared her experiences with him, telling him about the time she spent working at the wellness institution, sending him pictures and encouraging him not to give up.

She succeeded in the end. Wing finally accepted her advice and started to challenge his fate. Even though she later quit being a counselor, and had her account hacked, Wing's story would forever be engraved in her heart.

Two years have passed since then. I wonder if Wing is doing okay...

"What's wrong? Not fancying the breakfast?" The low-pitched voice pulled Xu Xiyan from her memories.

"No, it's nothing. The breakfast is great, thank you." Xu Xiyan smiled apologetically when she'd ceased her daydreaming. She picked up her fork and quickly began eating.

But after a few bites, she looked up.

"I'm actually quite curious," she began. "Why would an award-winning actor like you, who had a good future ahead, suddenly quit?"

She wanted to recover from the way she'd spaced out. She didn't even really expect Huo Yunshen to answer. Yet to her surprise, he responded.

"To be honest...being an award-winning actor is pretty lame."

But the fact was that he had no choice but to give up on his acting dream and return to take over his family business.

Upon hearing his answer, Xu Xiyan nearly choked on her food. She thought she might even slap him.

Does he even realize that most people are only ever able to land second-rate roles for their whole career?

"Being an award-winning actor isn't as glamorous as you'd think," Huo Yun continued half-heartedly. "To this day, the memory that really sticks out is when I was forced to have sex with a woman five years ago. She thought I was some male escort and paid me a mere 500 Yuan. I never met her again after that. I wonder if I was actually scammed by her that night..."

After saying that, Huo Yunshen stared at Xu Xiyan, his dark, cold eyes never leaving hers.

Five years ago...

500 Yuan...

With their gazes still locked, something flickered deep within Xu Xiyan's memory. Something from the past was surfacing.

The sweaty scene from five years ago, the breath and the warmth of a man gone wild. Two strangers, entangled in the dark...

Oh my god... Don't tell me, that the award-winning actor in front of me is the stranger I had sex with? The dimples...of course, the dimples!

Are you serious?! Xu Xiyan began to consider just how powerful human genes can be; even dimples could be passed down from generation to generation.

She thought about Ying Bao, then looked at the man in front of her. Oh my god, those are probably the same deep, charming dimples!

"That....that was you?"

Priceless Baby's Super Daddy Chapter 23: Too Cruel

The fork fell on the table. Xu Xiyan felt sick, as if there was a gun pressing into her.

The first thing Huo Yunshen had asked her when she woke up was whether she remembered who he was. She had been puzzled by the question, but now she knew what was up.

Shit, I'm done! It's true what they say, you reap what you sow!

"You finally remember?" Huo Yunshen narrowed his eyes, his handsome face smiling lightly. Oh, how wonderful it was to be remembered.

"500 yuan was a lot. In romance novels, the woman usually pays the man 100 yuan, so I'm already more than generous. Besides, why should I cheat you? You are a man, and I am a woman. I've never complained, and besides, I gave my first time to you. Dude, you're the one who got lucky, okay?"

Xu Xiyan was eager to get rid of the suspicion of her being a cheater. If he really wanted to get serious about it, asking her to compensate him for his loss, what could she do?

Had she been reading too many romance novels?

Huo Yunshen saw her panicking and decided to tease her.

"Is that so?" he asked. "Why do I have the feeling that I've been swindled? You must have known my identity beforehand and deliberately set up a scandal between us so you could take advantage of my status!"

Xu Xiyan immediately held up three fingers. "I swear! I didn't know you at the time, and I never would have thought of taking advantage of your position. That night was honestly an accident...and if anyone gained anything from it, it was you!"

Xu Xiyan truly felt that she was the unlucky one, not him. What was he talking about?

"Besides," she continued, "if I had really wanted to exploit your stardom, I would already be famous by now, but I'm still a nobody."

She was really suspicious now. He had been kind, helping her to his home. But was it simply so he could settle their accounts?

Huo Yunshen watched her anxious face. It looked as if she was about to cry. He held back his smile, continuing.

"Then why do I feel that I was the one who got short-changed? I'm a movie star, the current president of Yunhai Entertainment, and you're just a... nobody. And did you know? It's all because of you that I had a car accident."

Nani? (1)

All because of her? What did she have to do with the car accident?

She had gone abroad. How would she know a damn thing about it?

Xu Xiyan was incredulous. "Because of me? How is that possible?"

Huo Yunshen continued, "I gave you a chance to look for me, but you had forgotten all about it. If you hadn't shirked your responsibilities and left just like that, I wouldn't have gotten into a car accident while rushing to catch you at the airport. You tell me, isn't this all your fault?"

Xu Xiyan was speechless: "..."

His accusation was clear enough. If she hadn't fled after sleeping with him, he wouldn't have had any reason to find her. And if he hadn't looked for her, he wouldn't have gotten into a car accident.

It was because of her that he was now doomed to live with his current condition.

So... if she really thought about it, then it really was all because of her.

After a few seconds of silence, Huo Yunshen looked sad and said, "when you left....do you know how much grief the car accident brought me, for that entire year?"

"..." Xu Xiyan couldn't think of anything to say.

Huo Yunshen remembered how five years ago, he had been a proud, confident, strong and domineering man. Now his pride and confidence had been rolled flat, turned to dust by this confinement to a wheelchair.

In such times of darkness, feelings of self-loathing were inevitable.

That car accident had destroyed Huo Yunshen's sense of pride.

Xu Xiyan had heard Fang Xiaocheng say that after he was severely paralyzed, he could no longer do "it," which meant he could not have children.

For a man who was in his prime, it was as good as a death sentence.

It was just too cruel.

Xu Xiyan could not bear to think about it. What if she had been the one in the car accident? Would she want to commit suicide?

Endnotes:

Nani means "what" in Japanese

Priceless Baby's Super Daddy Chapter 24: I Should Thank Him

"I can't walk, nor can I marry. My family wanted an heir from me, yet I'll die alone. You could never understand my feelings."

Huo Yunshen's words were filled with sorrow. Xu Xiyan started to feel bad about it. It was only under the day's unique circumstances that she did what she did. It wasn't intentional.

"I'm really sorry," she said. "I would never have thought that it would turn out like this. But you really can't put all the blame on me. Weren't you the one who wandered into my room that night?"

Even though Xu Xiyan felt terrible for what happened that night, she never ever once regretted having sex with him. If it wasn't for him, she would never have had Ying Bao.

She should really be thanking him.

Yet when she heard about how his family was expecting an heir from him, the feelings of annoyance and worry began to arise in her heart.

However, under no circumstances could he learn about Ying Bao, about his daughter. If that were to happen, the Huo family would take her by force. It would be the end of Xu Xiyan's world.

Huo Yunshen raised an eyebrow. "So what you're saying is that it was my fault for entering the wrong room? That it was my fault I was forced into having sex with you? That it's pure bad luck for me to end up hurting, both mentally and physically?"

"No, no... That's not what I meant, I just..." Xu Xiyan waved her hands. She felt that no matter how much she explained, nothing would be solved. In the end, she threw down her hands. "Fine, it's my fault. Just tell me your price."

"That's easy," replied Huo Yunshen. "You have to pay back what I've lost. I'll only make you repay what I've lost financially, which is 200 million a year. So, 1 billion should be around the right amount for the damage you've done to me."

"1 billion!" screamed Xu Xiyan. She felt as if she'd been struck by lightning, burning her inside out.

Ha.... Hahahaha... I just came back, and now I'm 1 billion Yuan in debt?! Oh, God, please! Are you trying to kill me?

Now Xu Xiyan started to wonder if she'd been the one to meet a scammer.

"You should know that 1 billion is actually rather low. If we include the amount my value would've increased annually, 1 billion is nearly nothing." His tone was sincere, and yet a flash of wit twinkled behind the brightness of his eyes.

"I don't have the money. I would rather offer my life than pay 1 billion," Xu Xiyan replied. She wanted to kill him with a brick. What had she done in her past life to get such treatment in this one?

"Why would I want your life?" asked Huo Yunshen.

Huo Yunshen's pursed his lips as he tried to think of a solution. "If you can't pay with money, then I can offer you another way to pay off your debt."

"Which is...?"

Huo Yunshen stroked his beard, smiling. "Become my personal assistant. Move in with me and take care of me."

If I can pay off my debt by taking care of his daily activities, then that would be great. It's worth trying.

But...

"I'm fine with taking care of you," said Xu Xiyan. "But a single lady like me living with you would cause some problems. I don't want to be the topic of gossip, and I definitely don't want to be accused of using you for fame or money."

Xu Xiyan was worried about her future. If she wanted to have success in the showbiz, she couldn't be caught having some weird relationship with Huo Yunshen.

"Piece of cake. You can move in next door."

When Huo Yunshen had bought this house in secret, he had also bought the house on the other side of the road, and the houses next to him for some peace and quiet.

He had given her a choice, and now he began to pressure her, insisting that she make a decision in that instance.

"It's either you give me 1 billion Yuan or move in next door. Choose."

"Move in! I'll move in!"

Xu Xiyan definitely wasn't stupid enough to pay the 1 billion Yuan debt.

Priceless Baby's Super Daddy Chapter 25: I Will Be Responsible Until The End, Deal?

Huo Yunshen was satisfied. His thin lips formed a smile, a charming light glimmering deep within his eyes.

He had taken the long way around, and it had worked: she had fallen into his trap.

Xu Xiyan, don't even think of trying to escape, you just can't!

"But I can't take care of you forever," she said.

Xu Xiyan didn't know that this was a setup, but she wasn't stupid. She thought quickly.

"I will take care of you until you can stand up again. Once you can walk again, you will release me from my 1-billion-Yuan debt to you. How about that?"

When Xu Xiyan had worked with welfare institutions for the disabled, she had seen many patients with disabilities similar to Huo Yunshen's, and they had all eventually regained the ability to walk.

As long as he was willing to cooperate, she was confident that she would be able to help him walk again, and return to him the sense of normalcy that he'd lost.

I'm such a clever girl.

Huo Yunshen rubbed his chin. "Well, it's not impossible."

That means it's possible, then!

Xu Xiyan exhaled, gently sighing. As long as he didn't ask for money, and as long as there was a time limit in place, everything would be easy to negotiate.

"But what if you go missing again like you did five years ago?" asked Huo Yunshen. "What should I do?"

Xu Xiyan swore on her honor. "Don't worry! I won't do it again. I will be responsible for you until you recover."

"What if I remain a cripple for life?"

"I'll be responsible for it until the end, deal?"

Xu Xiyan had decided to go all out. The worst-case scenario was that she would have to take care of him for life, but would that be the worst thing? He was Ying Bao's father after all!

"Deal."

This was exactly what Huo Yunshen was after. His efforts had paid off.

In order to bind her to her word, Huo Yunshen took out a contract he had prepared in advance, and asked her to sign it. Xu Xiyan's heart sank when she saw it.

Had he prepared everything in advance? Had he always known that she would sign?

Xu Xiyan signed the contract uneasily.

From that moment on, Huo Yunshen was her creditor, and she was his caretaker.

Oh Bodhisattva, oh Jesus, oh all the gods, please bless me! Please help him recover!

In order to stay in touch, Huo Yunshen asked Xu Xiyan to exchange phone numbers with him.

"I want to be able to reach you 24/7," he said.

"Okay, no problem."

Xu Xiyan nodded as she made this promise. When she received her phone, she noticed that it was fully charged, and sighed to herself.

He's really considerate, even charging my phone for me. What a true dreamboat!

As she was saving his number, a reminder of her schedule popped up on the screen.

"Aaaaah!" she yelled. "I'm finished!"

"What happened?"

Xu Xiyao stood up, looking very anxious. "I forgot, I have something important today. I have to go now."

She was annoyed with herself. She had allowed her plans to be derailed, all because of this handsome guy.

"Let me get my driver to take you," said Huo Yunshen. "Then I'll help you move in when you're done with your business."

Huo Yunshen called Yi Xiao to prepare the car, and then arranged for a few more members of his staff to drive over together to help Xu Xiyao move into the house next door.

Xu Xiyao wanted to take a breather, but Huo Yunshen obviously wanted her to move in immediately.

Why are men so impatient?

Xu Xiyao quickly tried to negotiate.

"No! I need a few days to prepare. I still have some things to deal with. I'll move in when I'm ready, okay?"

"All right, then." Huo Yunshen obliged her.

It's not like she can escape, anyway.

Yi Xiao soon arrived, parking the car below the apartment, grumbling inwardly.

Young master's mood is very unpredictable nowadays. Since that false alarm at the airport, he's become even more bad-tempered!

His master had arranged for him to go settle some business the night before. When he came back, Huo Yunshen was in a car, which sped off before Yi Xiao could even reach it. Yi Xiao had been quite confused, and chased them like a madman, but he couldn't get it to stop.

Later, Yi Xiao heard from his colleagues that they had caught a female robber that night, and the young master had taken her to his residence.

Yi Xiao didn't believe it.

He was determined not to believe it.

Priceless Baby's Super Daddy Chapter 26: Where Did She Come From?

Even Yi Xiao, himself, found it hard to get into the young master's mansion, and suddenly the young master says that he'd brought back a female thief? There was no way he would believe that.

Just as he was finishing seeking the truth behind the rumors, the young master came out from the mansion with a lady. Yi Xiao stared at them, his mouth wide open. Oh my god! Are you serious?

The young master is indeed with a girl... Wait...

Why does that girl look so familiar?

Xu Xiyao?

Isn't that Xu Xiyan?

Because of what had happened to the young master, Yi Xiao was fully aware of the background of Xu Xiyan and the Xu family.

Just one peek was enough for Yi Xiao to recognize Xu Xiyan. He was speechless. Where did she come from?

Even with the power of the whole JS Corporation, the young master couldn't find her.

For five godforsaken years!

What in the world must have happened to her, that she would come to him herself?

Don't tell me that she was the thief...?

Upon noticing that Huo Yunshen and Xu Xiyan were walking towards the car, Yi Xiao quickly stepped out and greeted them.

"Young Master."

"Yi Xiao, please send Miss Xu home."

She really is Xu Xiyan. Thank god the young master has finally found her...

"At your service," replied Yi Xiao, opening the door for Xu Xiyan.

Yi Xiao glanced quickly at the young master before he left. Finally, the coldness in his face was gone. It was like the first moments of Spring.

Ha... Finally, a new chapter has begun.

Xu Xiyan requested that Yi Xiao drive her to Lanmei.

Upon Xu Xiyan's arrival at Fang Xiaocheng's house, she entered and was quickly tackled by her cute little girl, who hugged her leg tightly.

"Xi baby! Where have you been? I was so worried! Were you caught by some bad guy? Did someone bully you?"

With her little head slightly lifted, Ying Bao barraged Xu Xiyan with various questions, obviously concerned.

After changing into her slippers, Xu Xiyan picked Ying Bao up, planting a big kiss on her face.

"Nope. Xi baby is the strongest in the world. No one would dare to bully me."

Ying Bao hugged her mother's neck tightly. "Then where were you last night? Why did you come back so late?"

"Errr..." stammered Xu Xiyan, unable to explain that she had been staying with Bao's father. "I was discussing a script with a really big director last night."

As soon as Xu Xiyan finished that sentence, Fang Xiaocheng entered from another room.

"No one would discuss a script without prior preparations these days, you know? The kid was worried about you the whole night, and here you are lying to her! You should never lie to a child. You know that, right?"

"I... I'm not lying to her!"

Xu Xiyan stared at Fang Xiaocheng, wordlessly asking her to help provide some cover.

I'm lying for her own sake, all right?

Fang Xiaocheng ignored this silent signal, taking Ying Bao from her.

"Cherry Baby, let Aunt Orange tell you something. Xi Baby did not go to discuss a script last night. She was actually out fighting bad guys. a real superhero!"

Xu Xiyan was speechless and uncertain, watching Fang Xiaocheng.

Sister, are you sure it's good to lie like this? Weren't you the one who told me not to lie...and now here you are enjoying this little fiction.

The cute little girl believed what Fang Xiaocheng said, searching her face innocently. "Then, did she defeat them?"

"Of course she did. All the bad guys were beaten up very badly by Xi baby."

Fang Xiaocheng face formed a serious expression.

After hearing that, Ying Bao looked at her mum with newfound respect, clapping her little hands.

"Wonderful! Wonderful! Xi baby is so strong! Oh, I admire you!"

After praising Xu Xiyan, the cute little girl even threw her a big kiss.

"..."

Priceless Baby's Super Daddy Chapter 27: Beautifully Done

Xu Xiyan rubbed at her nose, uncertain of what she should feel. She was worried that all of their silly jokes would be bad for Ying Bao's upbringing, her education.

They moved from the entrance hall into the house. Fang Xiaocheng immediately began to busy herself with her chores. She did not ask where Xu Xiyan had really been for the entire night.

Xu Xiyan couldn't help but ask.

"Orange...aren't you worried about me? I didn't come back last night."

"Not one bit, and let me say, you really full of surprises."

Xu Xiyan wasn't sure how to respond. "..."

"See for yourself!" Fang Xiaocheng said, handing over the newspaper. Xu Xiyan took a look at it, and was shocked by the headlines.

The report read: "President of Entertainment Company Violently Attacked."

Pfft...

After reading it, Xu Xiyan couldn't help but to snort, laughing. She hadn't expected Chu Yuhe to be front-page news after getting stabbed by her.

Ying Bao was close at hand, oblivious to their conversation, and Fang Xiaocheng combed her hair, laughing as she explained.

"To tell you the truth, I was worried about you. I was afraid that the Chu guy would do something to you. I tried to call you but the calls wouldn't get through, so I figured that your phone had run out of battery."

"I worried for the whole night" she continued. "I was about to go to the police when I saw the news. I was so relieved. Now, I only have two words for you: Beautifully. Done."

"Thank you..."

With this news, Xu Xiyan felt happy enough to launch herself into the sky. Haha...

"Don't be too happy yet! What if Chu Yuhe files a report and the police come after you?"

Fang Xiaocheng suspected that Chu Yuhe was probably not going to let Xu Xiyan off easily. After all, he had been injured in this incident. Xu Xiyan would be in big trouble if Chu Yuhe was able to take her to court over it.

"Come for me? I was only defending myself. He wouldn't dare call the police."

Xu Xiyan was unperturbed. Chu Yuhe had been stabbed in the butt. It must have been humiliating for him. He wouldn't dare call the police, not unless he was willing to face the jeering of the public.

She wondered how he was going to explain it to Xu Xinrou. How embarrassing!

"I hope you're right. If Chu dares to call the police, I will be the first to give him a piece of my mind," said Fang Xiaocheng with righteous indignation. "I'll be your witness and tell the police that he was the one who started it. Do you have any plans today? Wanna take Ying Bao for a day out?"

"No, I don't have time today." Xu Xiyan had almost forgotten that she had work lined up. "I landed a gig as a stunt double and I have to go soon."

"F*cking workaholic."

She's just returned from abroad and she's already busy as a bee. Is she that desperate?

"What can I do? I have a kid to feed. I'm just trying to be strong and independent."

The betrayals and abuse Xu Xiyan had endured five years ago had taught Xu Xiyan not to rely on anyone, especially not on a man.

She decided that she would never again rely on men to survive. She wanted to work hard, become rich, and get everything that she wanted.

She and Ying Bao could survive on the revenue from their livestream channel, but it wasn't enough to merely survive. She would have to earn more money if she wanted to buy a house of her own in

Peijing. And the sense of security that would come with a permanent home would be well worth it; she and Ying Bao would no longer have to move from place to place.

"Well, all right," said Fang Xiaocheng. "Let me drive you."

Though Fang Xiaocheng didn't approve of Xu Xiyan working so hard, she was her best friend, and wanted to drive her.

When they arrived at the set, Xu Xiyan entrusted Ying Bao to Fang Xiaocheng's care. Xu Xiyan went in as the both of them waited in the car.

She was on the set of a police drama film called "The Root of Evil," and she soon found the stage manager, Mr. Xing, and introduced herself.

Mr. Xing glanced over her papers and looked her up and down.

What a fragile-looking beauty. Is she up to the task of performing as a stunt double for the role of a police woman?

"Can you do it? You're so thin!"

Mr. Xing looked doubtful...

Priceless Baby's Super Daddy Chapter 28: An Outstanding Actress

Mr. Xing was suspicious of Xu Xiyan's abilities. When they had contacted her, her data showed that she was a master of Wing Chun, kickboxing and Sanda. That was the reason they agreed to use her as the double.

Xu Xiyan understood that they were suspicious of her abilities, especially because of her overly feminine dress.

But she was already there; she wouldn't take no for an answer. Xu Xiyan would do whatever it took to secure the role.

Without a second thought, she threw Mr. Xing over the table and pinned him down.

"So, am I capable enough to play the character?"

"Yes! Of course!" he said, shocked. "That's more than enough!"

The throw had been so clean and precise, Mr. Xing didn't even have time to react.

After Xu Xiyan let him go, Mr. Xing said, "fill in the form, and then go change your clothes."

On the form, Xu Xiyan wrote Jing Xi under the "name" section.

That would be her stage name. The family name Jing was her mother's. From that day onward, the entertainment industry would know her by that name: Jing Xi.

Free from the Xu family, she would represent herself from then on. Any success or failure would be of no concern to the Xu family, just as the glory or decline of the Xu family would be of no interest to her.

After completing the form, Xu Xiyan changed into the dark uniform of a policewoman.

Everything about her changed as she let go of every last bit of her strong, elegant aura.

The staff was stunned by her look, thinking why would an outstanding actress like her remain a mere double? What a pity!

In the scene where Xu Xiyan would be playing a double, the heroine would be chasing after a wanted fugitive. She would have to jump from an abandoned house onto the roof of a car, and then roll to the ground from there.

The director wanted the scene to be more impactful. So he had requested that the actress not equip herself with any safety wires. In light of the risk, the lead actress, Huang Yanran, proposed the idea of using a double instead.

As the camera began recording, Xu Xiyan ran from the far end of the house, jumping off the eaves, landing on the car, and rolling onto the ground. The scene was shot in its entirety, just one take.

But her face had been captured by the camera. With a double, this should never happen.

The director requested to reshoot the scene. Once again, Xu Xiyan performed all the moves brilliantly, but this time she did not act with the proper timing, and thus another take was necessary.

On the third take, she adjusted her angle and timing, completing even more dangerous moves, while avoiding having her face captured. Finally, the director was happy with the shot, shouting "cut!"

There were only two scenes that required Xu Xiyan to act as a double. After completing both of the scenes, she took a bottle of water and claimed the day's pay. When she returned to Fang Xiaocheng's car, she was greeted by Ying Bao's crying face.

"What's the matter, Ying Bao?"

Xu Xiyan set aside the water and picked her daughter up.

Ying Bao kept wiping her face with her tiny hand. Her face was covered with tears. She stammered, sniffing.

"Xi baby is working too hard...Xi baby jumped down from a very high place, what am I going to do if you injure yourself? My poor Xi baby...why can't she get a double herself...?"

So she had seen the whole thing...

No wonder she was worried, watching me fall from the building.

Xu Xiyan wiped Ying Bao's tears, comfortng her.

"I'm a double, you know. Have you forgotten that Xi baby is actually a superhero in disguise? Xi baby will be fine."

"Don't you dare say you're fine," interjected Fang Xiaocheng. "Look, you're bleeding."

Fang Xiaocheng sighed, grabbing Xu Xiyan's arm and helping clean the infected area with a clean wet towel. After applying two band-aids, Fang Xiaocheng said, "you have to get that sterilized a bit better when we get back!"

Xu Xiyan was used to being tough.

"It's fine," she replied softly. "It's just a scratch, it'll heal soon."

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It was nothing. She had broken three broken ribs before, and they eventually healed. This was practically just a bruise.

For her, it was all in a day's work.

"Do you have to do these double jobs?" asked Fang Xiaocheng. "They're so dangerous."

"Well, there's going to be an audition for supporting actors this afternoon. If I'm selected, I can officially join the cast."

Ugh... this girl can't be helped.

But Fang Xiaocheng saw the excitement on Xu Xiyan's face, and couldn't bear to rain on her parade.

"Well, good luck."

It was nearing noon when the gig ended. For lunch, Xu Xiyan and Fang Xiaocheng took Ying Bao to a nice, quiet hotel downtown.

Xu Xiyan went to the bathroom, and when she came back, she accidentally entered the wrong private room.

As she opened the door, she saw two people, a bearded middle-aged man and a beautiful woman, sitting inside and having their meals.

The man and the woman seemed intimate towards each other, but seeing that Xu Xiyan had intruded, they quickly separated and pretended to look nonchalant.

Oh f*ck, what's going on?

Realizing her mistake, Xu Xiyan apologized, but as she spoke, she recognized the woman as the famous actress from Zstan, Qi Liya.

Xu Xiyan had seen several of Qi Liya's performances in Chinese historical palace dramas. She admired her acting skills and had learned a lot from her. It was a rare opportunity to encounter her favorite actress and, of course, she didn't want to miss the chance to get her autograph.

"I'm sorry, but...are you Qi Liya?" Xu Xiyan stood in the doorway uncertainly. "I've watched several of your shows and I love all your performances. Could I...trouble you for an autograph?"

Xu Xiyan was like a starstruck groupie, smiling gleefully as Qi Liya approached.

Qi Liya had no choice but to take out a pen and sign her an autograph.

When Qi Liya had finished, Xu Xiyan spoke once more.

"Miss Qi Liya, you look even beautiful in person than on screen. Can we have a photo together?"

Qi Liya was reluctant, but still agreed to take a group photo. After the photo was taken, she immediately spoke a word of caution.

"I hope you will not share our photo onto the Internet. I don't want it to cause any unnecessary misunderstandings..."

"No problem, I won't. I will keep it to myself."

Xu Xiyan put away her mobile phone and when she turned to leave, she glanced at the bearded man next to Qi Liya.

He looked so familiar, but she could not put her finger on it.

The bearded man looked cold for the entire time. Could it have been that his mood was destroyed by Xu Xiyan's intrusion?

After all, if he were a director, seen spending time alone with an actress, news about their scandal might spread if he wasn't careful.

Xu Xiyan had no idea that the bearded man was a director, and she certainly hadn't thought that a chance encounter like this would bring her any unexpected surprises.

After lunch, Xu Xiyan rushed over to the audition venue and let Fang Xiaocheng return home with Ying Bao.

The audition was for a drama called "Red Sleeved Beauty," a new Chinese historical palace drama produced by the industry-famous director, Huang Guoqiang, and his personal team of professionals.

There were rumors that Qi Liya was Huang Guoqiang's favourite lead actress, and Xu Xiyan wondered whether Qi Liya would star in this drama.

But Xu Xiyan didn't really care who was chosen as the female lead--she would be auditioning for a minor role, a character who was a palace maiden with just a few lines in the script.

Although there wasn't much screen time for that character, a role was a role.

And what she was truly interested wasn't the part, but the prowess of the director, Huang Guoqiang.

He was a genius, incredibly well-respected in the world of directors. Any actor who participated in his films—even as a greenhorn—had the chance of becoming famous.

So this audition was a crucial opportunity. If Xu Xiyan could seize it, it would likely to bring her near unimaginable gains.

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Xu Xiyan thought she was late when she arrived at the Oriental Mansion Hotel, but the mass-audition was far more crowded than she had imagined. Many were still lined up, awaiting their turn.

After locating the crew, Xu Xiyan obtained her audition number. No. 222. Ha! What luck!

Young men and women were waiting in the hallway, like thousands of soldiers and horses trying to cross a wooden bridge.

All the people at the hotel had registered online, and passed through the first elimination round. They were all at the same level as Xu Xiyan.

The good thing about this audition was that it was entirely open and fair. The lead actress, and the supporting actresses, would all be chosen from this audition. That was the reason that Xu Xiyan wasn't worried that someone would get a free pass.

Just when she was about to look for a seat, a group of people emerged from the hallway. They were led by a woman in stylish clothes and sunglasses. Every step she took was graceful and elegant.

By her side was her assistant, her manager, and a few bodyguards. It wasn't hard to guess from the lineup that she was famous.

As expected, a few people recognized her and the hall was suddenly filled with chattering and hushed conversation.

"That's Xu Xinrou! It really is Xu Xinrou!"

"Even Xu Xinrou came to the audition?"

"I heard that she came for the leading role."

"Wow! What a shock! Maybe we ought to give up on auditioning for the lead, altogether. It will definitely be hers. I've seen all her shows, her acting is top-notch! I'm a huge fan!"

"Yeah, me too! Let's go and ask for an autograph!"

"Let's go!"

Most of the people seeking an autograph were greenhorns. It was normal to see them drooling over their favorite celebrities.

Xu Xiyan cursed under her breath. She realized that the one in the spotlight was her half-sister, Xu Xinrou.

After five years, Xu Xinrou had changed drastically.

People from everywhere now cheered her on, and her fans worshipped her. She had all the glamour, all the fame. She had most definitely attained the rank of a star celebrity.

Xu Xiyan had no intention of talking with Xu Xinrou. She spotted an empty chair, but as she began walking toward it, Xu Xinrou noticed Xu Xiyan moving through the crowd.

Xu Xinrou took off her sunglasses and stared at Xu Xiyan curiously, as if she thought she had mistaken a stranger for someone she knew.

It's impossible, Xu Xiyan would never come to a mass-audition like this.

But after a few moments of staring, she finally confirmed that the elegant woman in the crowd, whose beauty had no need for makeup, was really Xu Xiyan.

After signing a few autographs, Xu Xinrou began moving toward where Xu Xiyan was sitting, in a corner that was quite far from the main audition hall. She was alone.

As Xu Xiyan noticed the approaching shadow, she lifted her head and saw that it was Xu Xinrou, her face hidden hypocritically beneath heavy makeup.

Huh. Even though she's prettier, everything about her still feels so fake.

"It's Yanyan, right? Is it really you? I'm not mistaken, right?"

Xu Xinrou still had no idea that Xu Xiyan knew of her relationship with Chu Yuhe, and so she maintained the act of a kind-hearted sister.

"Yanyan, when did you come back? Why didn't you come home?"

Blocked by the bodyguards, the crowd was unable to hear what they were talking about. Everyone must have thought that Xu Xiyan was asking for Xu Xinrou's autograph, that she was just another huge fan.

Xu Xiyan returned a cool smile. "And here I thought you'd all forgotten about me! Is there even a place left for me in that house?"