

## Priceless Baby 531

### Chapter 531: Don't Think Of Taking My Child Away

Back then, she had accidentally found out the truth of her birth, that she was not the biological daughter of Xu Jingshan. She had always wanted to know who her biological father was.

However, at this moment, when Chen Yunlu told her what had happened in the past, her relationship with Huo Yunshen became another possibility.

It was something she had never thought about.

Suddenly, Xu Xiyao felt her nose beginning to run and there was a great lump in her throat. Her heart was shivering as if it was cold and freezing all over.

Could Huo Zhen be her biological father?

If this was the case, had she and Huo Yunshen committed... incest?

Not only would they have committed incest, but they had also given birth to their daughter, Ying Bao. What was going to happen to their child in the future?

Chen Yunlu said while observing her expression, "Do you understand now? Because of the scandal between your mother and Yunshen's father, do you think I will accept you as the Huo family daughter-in-law? And, don't think that you can take advantage of your child's heritage and be married to the Huo family just because you've given birth to his child. You can forget about it. As long as I live, I'll never allow you to step through the doors of the Huo family house. After Cherry is discharged, I'll take her back to the Huo family. She shall return to her roots and will be surnamed Huo. As for you, I hope that you can make a clean break from my son as soon as possible. Don't entangle yourself with him anymore. The two of you are not suitable for each other."

When Chen Yunlu said that she was going to take the child away, Xu Xiyao broke out from her bewilderment and said angrily, "No! Nobody can separate me from my daughter. Cherry is my daughter, nobody can take her away."

She had always been worried that this day would come, but she had not expected that it had been manifesting anyway.

She didn't want to be separated from her daughter. Nobody could snatch Ying Bao away.

Ying Bao was her life. Whoever dared to take her away, she would fight him or her with her life.

"You have no say in this. Yunshen is the child's biological father and he has custody of the child. If you do not agree, we can bring this to court when the time comes."

After Chen Yunlu left such ruthless words to Xu Xiyao, she left the hospital feeling very pleased with herself.

The reason why she had dared to say that was because she knew very well that there was nothing that the Huo family couldn't do.

It would be a piece of cake if they wanted to claim full custody of the child.

Behind her, Xu Xiyan froze where she stood. She was clearly basking under the summer sun, but she felt like she was standing in the snowfields of the Arctic glaciers.

It felt so cold that she shivered. Her heart was bleeding inside.

The tears she had fought hard to restrain finally fell.

It was so painful. She didn't want to cry, but she could not help it.

Ying Bao, you're Mommy's life. If Mommy were to lose you, how could she live on?

Huo Yunshen, what are we going to do now?

Is it really inevitable that we bring this matter to court?

Xu Xiyan returned to the ward, feeling quite dispirited.

She did not push the door and enter immediately. She stood outside, looking at the man inside quietly through the glass window on the door.

She saw the wide back of the man as he carefully groomed the child's hair with his fingers. His movements were so gentle, like water.

She was really willing to love such a gentle man with her life. She would care and protect him and shower him with love.

If worse came to worst, even... even if they were half-siblings, so what?

Could she stop following her own heart and not love him?

No.

As for whether they shared a brother-sister relationship, Xu Xiyan would not listen to Chen Yunlu's words and act on hearsay. She only needed to take Huo Yunshen's hair and her own to do a DNA test and the truth would come to light.

But now, all she could feel was chaos in her heart. She was really confused.

Chapter 532: Completely Flustered

Xu Xiyan returned to the ward once again. This time, she had already sorted herself out and touched up her makeup so she would not look like she had cried before.

When Huo Yunshen saw her return, he promptly apologized. "I'm sorry, Jing Xi. I've given you trouble."

Just now when his mother had come, Xu Xiyan could only go outside to avoid her. In any case, Huo Yunshen felt that he had let her feel wronged.

"No, not at all." Xu Xiyan shook her head and forced a bitter smile, but she didn't realize how reluctant and unpleasant her smile was.

Even her eyes were deliberately avoiding his gaze. She did not dare to look him in the eye.

If two people love each other deeply, they would easily catch any subtle changes in their partner in their eyes and movements.

What's more, he had always been a sensitive and delicate man. He could already feel that she was deliberately avoiding him.

Was it because of his mother?

Did her mother say something unpleasant to her before she left?

“Jing Xi, are you okay?”

He reached out to hold her delicate hand and found that her hand was cold, bereft of warmth. “Why is your hand so cold?”

“I'm really fine, Uncle.”

Xu Xiyan retracted her hand absently and replied as if nothing had happened, “My hand is cold because I've suddenly received an audition notice from ROSUE. I was so nervous that my hand grew cold.”

Huo Yunshen's first reaction to her response was that she was lying.

As the behind-the-scenes boss of Jingyue Entertainment, Huo Yunshen knew Xu Xiyan's advertising contract and arrangements like the back of his hand. He knew that ROSUE's audition had already been confirmed long ago and she only needed to participate in the audition on time tomorrow.

So when he heard her say that she had suddenly received an audition notice and became nervous because of it, he knew that she was purely lying.

Was she lying to hide something?

Instead of exposing her lies, Huo Yunshen took her little hand again and held it tightly in his. He said to her sincerely, “Jing Xi, tell me the truth. Is something bothering you? Don't hide it from me. If there are any problems, we should solve them together.”

What Huo Yunshen didn't want the most was a wall between them.

He hoped that they could trust each other and face all difficulties together.

His dry and warm hand wrapped around her cold hand. His warmth was quickly passed to her, melting even the ice in her heart.

Even though he was not good at expressing himself, even though he was shy and reserved, he still loved her as much as she loved him.

Xu Xiyan persuaded herself in her heart for a moment before finally having the courage to look him in the eye.

As she looked into his deep and clear eyes, Xu Xiyan knew that he had extraordinary insight. Even though she had deliberately hidden her troubles from him, he had still managed to notice it.

Instead of making him restless from guessing about her troubles, why not just reveal the problem and tell him the truth?

“Huo Yunshen, I have no other ideas, but I only have one request. Please don't separate me from my daughter. You should know what Ying Bao means to me. I can't live without my daughter. Without her, I might not be able to live on.”

Xu Xiyan felt her heart aching as she turned to look at her daughter's little sleeping face.

Despite having composed herself just now, she was once again being overwhelmed by her sorrow.

Tears swirled in her eyes. She lifted an arm and wiped her tears with her sleeve.

Originally, Xu Xiyan was fine. Why did she suddenly say such a thing?

Moreover, she had cried.

In his mind, Xu Xiyan had always been a strong woman and she rarely shed tears. But now, she was crying.

Upon seeing her tears, he was completely flustered, feeling very distressed in his heart.

Until this moment, Huo Yunshen hadn't realized the seriousness of the problem, and could only vaguely guess what had happened.

Chapter 533: His Promise

If he had guessed it right, Xu Xiyan's sorrow had definitely been caused by his unreasonable mother.

Needless to say, his mother had probably told Xu Xiyan that she wanted the child returned to the Huo family.

How could his mother say that?

Even though Ying Bao had the blood of the Huo family, the Huo family still had no right to force mother and child to separate from each other.

“Jing Xi, did my mother come to you and tell you something?”

Xu Xiyan didn't speak. She only nodded, shedding her tears quietly.

Huo Yunshen didn't want his mother to affect his relationship with Xu Xiyan. He continued, “Jing Xi, no matter what my mother has said, you should not take it to heart. If she said things like wanting custody of the child, you don't have to be afraid. I won't let anyone break you off from Cherry.”

“Are you serious? What if your mother went to court for the child's custody? What should we do?”

“Don't worry, I won't let it happen.”

Huo Yunshen took out a handkerchief and wiped the tears away from her face. He comforted her, “No matter who tries to take the child away, they'll have to step over my dead body first.”

With his assurance, Xu Xiyan felt a little comforted and her heart was calming down.

But there was still something that she wanted to find out indirectly: she wanted to know how important she was in Huo Yunshen's heart?

"I know you won't separate me and Cherry, but after all, Cherry has the blood of the Huo family and she still will have to return to the Huo family sooner or later. If there's such a day, what can I do to stop it? What's more, your mother said that we may be half-siblings. I..."

"What? Half-siblings?"

Huo Yunshen was astonished by his mother. In order to separate him and Xu Xiyan, she had actually made up such a ridiculous story. She was simply infuriating. "Don't listen to her blathering, it's all nonsense."

"She showed me past photos of your dad and my mother."

Xu Xiyan told him about the relationship between her mother and his father. Huo Yunshen finally knew that the first love that lived in his father's heart was Xu Xiyan's mother.

"Impossible. We do not share any blood relationship. Back then, a scandal about my father had broken out but it got under control. Still, my mother took me away from home because of the scandal. Later, when I asked my father myself, he said that he had been framed. He did not have an affair with anyone. Therefore, there was no such thing as him having illegitimate children."

So that's the truth!

After listening to his explanation, Xu Xiyan finally understood. Her mother's scandals in the past must have been caused by Xu Jinshan's maliciousness.

"This is all because of Xu Jinshan. If it wasn't for him, my mother wouldn't have died that year," Xu Xiyan said resentfully.

"Don't worry. I won't let Xu Jinshan get away with it. I will help avenge you!" Huo Yunshen said with a steadfast look in his eyes. Back in those years, he had misjudged him and his family and had unknowingly contributed to his wicked deeds.

Now that he had clearly seen their true colors, he would not continue to let them go unpunished.

If he could push them up to the top, he could also push them down to hell.

After settling his child and lover, Huo Yunshen's next goal was to help Xu Xiyan have her revenge and fulfill her wish.

"All right, I shall look forward to seeing what will become of them."

With Huo Yunshen's support, Xu Xiyan felt her confidence returning in full force.

She had thought that the day she would bring down Xu Jinshan, Chu Yuhe and the others was still far off. Now, with Huo Yunshen's help, she estimated the day she would have her revenge was not far away.

“All right, don't think about unhappy things anymore. Just remember that you're the child's mother. Even if your child returns to the Huo family, you will go back with her.”

Chapter 534: Prepare For It Carefully

Huo Yunshen believed that her fears were superfluous but he did not blame her. If someone were to be blamed, it should be his mother who had always over-complicated things.

When he told Xu Xiyan that she would return to the Huo family with her daughter, Xu Xiyan's heart brimmed with joy. She continued, testing him. “Well, you're right, but I... but I'm just your life assistant... If I were to return to the Huo family with you, they would definitely gossip about me. I don't want anyone to talk nonsense about me...”

It was true that the two of them had already confessed and made their feelings for each other clear, but it was still just that particular detail that didn't make it all feel quite right.

Huo Yunshen understood her worries. He comforted her, “No, that won't happen. I'm taking my wife and child home. Who would dare to say anything about that?”

What did he say?

Wife?

It seemed that this was the first time she heard him say the word.

Xu Xiyan felt a bit excited and yet confused at the same time by what he said. It was just that she wasn't sure when she could be officially called a “wife.”

He hadn't even proposed to her yet!

In fact, Huo Yunshen had already considered Xu Xiyan's worries.

He had said since long ago that, as long his health was restored and he was able to stand up again, he would propose to her.

But a marriage proposal would not be as simple as confessing his feelings. He had to spend more time to prepare for it carefully.

At least, he had to wait for his daughter to recover and be discharged from the hospital first.

In the ward, Huo Yunshen held both of her hands, gazing unblinkingly into her eyes. Her eyelashes were wet and her eyes were still red. After crying, she looked like a peach after the rain. She looked especially attractive.

He felt himself being pulled towards her. He couldn't help but feel like kissing her again.

His thin lips closed in on her. Their breaths overlapped. He was about to kiss her.

Suddenly...

The little girl on the hospital bed woke up and saw her parents were about to kiss. She cried out, "Daddy! Mommy!"

Their daughter was awake!

The two jerked away from each other as if they'd been electrocuted. Their hearts thumped like thunder in their chests as they quickly straightened their clothes and hair.

How embarrassing it was to be seen kissing each other passionately by their daughter. They had to be careful next time and not engage in such intimate acts in front of the child.

After Xu Xiyan smoothed out her hair and calmed her trembling heartbeats, she turned around and asked the child, "Baby, you're awake?"

"Yup." Ying Bao nodded, then pouted her little mouth. She was beginning to look a bit unhappy. "Daddy, Mommy, why were you two playing a kissing game without me? Baby wants a kiss too."

Xu Xiyan's face was as red as an overripe tomato. After her daughter said that, it became even redder.

"You were asleep just now. Now you can play with us. This is Mommy's."

She planted a big kiss that made a loud popping noise on her daughter's left cheek. Huo Yunshen kissed her on her right cheek. "And this is Daddy's."

"Mmm."

Ying Bao smiled happily after getting her sweet kisses.

"Now tell Mommy, are you feeling hungry? Do you want to eat something?" Xu Xiyan asked.

"Baby is hungry. Baby wanna eat Mommy's homemade roasted chicken drumstick."

"Err..." Xu Xiyan was at a loss as to whether to cry or laugh. "You can't eat chicken drumsticks now. Uncle Doctor said that you can only eat something light. Mommy will go back and make you some porridge, okay? After you're discharged from the hospital, Mommy will roast chicken drumsticks for you, all right?"

"Okay."

Since the little girl was not allowed to eat chicken drumsticks, she could only eat porridge now.

Xu Xiyan turned to Huo Yunshen and said to him, "I'll go back now and make some porridge for her. Can you stay here and look after her?"

"No problem, I'll take care of her."

Taking care of his daughter was his unshirkable responsibility.

After Xu Xiyan left, only Huo Yunshen and the little girl were left in the ward.

"Wait here, Cherry. Daddy is going to get some warm water to wash your face, okay?"

"Okie," Ying Bao promised him obediently.

Huo Yunshen went to the bathroom in the ward to get warm water. When he came back, he saw that Ying Bao had climbed up from the bed, and was standing and bouncing happily on it.

Chapter 535: A Big And Soft Meat Cushion

The child was already restless after getting better. But what she didn't realize at all was the consequences of jumping on a small and narrow hospital bed.

Not only was it bad for her head injury, but it was easy to slip and fall from the bed.

Seeing that Ying Bao was jumping near the edge of the bed and in danger of falling off anytime, Huo Yunshen dropped the water basin from his hands. His heart almost leaped out to his throat. "Cherry, watch out!"

Ying Bao kept on bouncing until she suddenly lost her footing. Her little body instantly fell towards the ground.

"Aaah!"

Seeing that his daughter was in imminent danger and was about to fall to the ground, Huo Yunshen rushed forward and dove toward the ground, sliding his body under her in time. He finally succeeded in catching her daughter.

Ying Bao did not fall to the ground but instead fell onto a big and soft meat cushion. Her little hands clenched tight onto her father's clothes as she lay on top of his chest.

Huo Yunshen looked up and asked his daughter anxiously, "Cherry, are you okay? Are you hurt?"

"Baby is okay! Daddy caught Baby! Daddy is so awesome!"

Ying Bao got up and sat on Huo Yunshen's stomach, clapping her hands happily.

Just now she had seen that her daddy was as fast as lightning. Oh yes, her daddy was really awesome!

"All right, go back to your bed, Ying Bao."

Huo Yunshen breathed a sigh of relief, glad that his daughter was fine. What was he going to do if she cracked her head again?

Ying Bao shook her little head. She pointed at her own cheek and said, "Baby doesn't want to. Daddy hasn't kissed Baby yet."

So, there was more to it. It turned out that she wanted a kiss.

Huo Yunshen sat up, pulled his daughter close and planted two big kisses on her cheeks. "Is this enough?"

"Mmm hmm!" Ying Bao was really happy. After her wish was fulfilled, she stood up from his stomach and began to climb back onto the hospital bed.

Huo Yunshen helped lift the child up to her bed by supporting her at her feet, then picked himself up from the ground and tucked the child into bed.

After that, he turned around to pick up the water basin from the ground, and went back to the bed to wash the child's face.

"Daddy, Baby's head no longer hurts. Can Baby leave the hospital and go home?" Ying Bao said happily.

"Yeah, you'll be able to soon enough."

"Great! Baby wants to get discharged from the hospital and go home and hang out with Daddy and Mommy every day."

"I'm sure you will."

Huo Yunshen felt that, since his daughter was getting better now, he should step up on his plans for a marriage proposal.

Giving his child a complete family was what he needed to do next.

In order to give Xu Xiyan a surprise, he said to Ying Bao, "Baby, Daddy is planning to give Mommy a big surprise. Can you help Daddy temporarily keep it a secret?"

"Okay, sure! Baby won't tell Mommy." Ying Bao nodded like a little chick feeding on grains on the ground, then she blinked her big eyes and said, "Daddy, what kind of big surprise are you giving to Mommy?"

"This is our secret."

Huo Yunshen temporarily kept it a secret and only whispered it into the little girl's ear. After listening to his secret, a happy smile appeared on Ying Bao's face.

Great! Daddy is going to propose to Mommy. This is really wonderful!

After the porridge was done, Xu Xiyan brought it to the hospital.

Her daughter had already woken up. She was listening to Huo Yunshen's story.

The little girl was listening to him very intently, her large obsidian eyes fixed onto Huo Yunshen unblinkingly. She was rubbing her chin too as she relished his story.

Xu Xiyan quietly walked in and placed the thermos jar on the bedside table.

Huo Yunshen noticed that she had come and paused his story. "Cherry, Xi Baby has brought you some delicious food. Daddy will continue the story after you've eaten, okay?"

"Okay," Ying Bao agreed cheerfully. She turned to look at Xu Xiyan and smiled at her like a flower.

Xu Xiyan scooped some porridge into a bowl. She saw her daughter grinning at her stupidly. "What's up Ying Bao? Why are you smiling so happily?"

Chapter 536: Look How Pleased You Are

"Can't tell you. It's a secret between me and Daddy."

Ying Bao covered her little mouth, her eyes arching into little crescent moons as she smiled.

"Okay then, you should protect your secret well and make sure nobody knows about it. Come, Mommy will feed you now."

Huo Yunshen helped by adjusting the bed higher and putting the bed table up. Xu Xiyan placed the bowl of porridge on top of it and began to feed Ying Bao porridge with a spoon.

While they were feeding Ying Bao, Fang Xiaocheng came to visit and brought some fruit for them.

She had always treated and loved Ying Bao like her own daughter. When she saw the little girl, she questioned her non-stop out of concern. "Oh my little Cherry, are you feeling better? Do you know that while you were staying in the hospital these past few days, Orange Mommy did not sleep well? I was so worried about you every day."

"Orange Mommy, Baby is feeling much better! You don't have to worry about Baby anymore. Baby only needs Daddy to worry about me."

Ying Bao was bubbling with pride as she talked about her daddy. It was as if she was showing off that she also has a daddy.

Fang Xiaocheng gently squeezed her cheeks and said with a smile, "Hahaha, yeah I know that you already have a daddy. Just look how pleased you are!"

Xu Xiyan noticed that Fang Xiaocheng had come alone today. She asked, "Where's Dazhi? Is he not with you?"

In Xu Xiyan's impression, Fang Xiaocheng and Wang Dazhi were inseparable as though they were Siamese twins. They were always together wherever they went. It was rare to see them go about their business separately.

"He has something up at his company and he was busy, so I came alone. Anyway, I have a favor to ask you."

"What's up?"

"Leave Ying Bao in Mr. Huo's care later and accompany me for a trip to town. I want to shop for a ring."

When Fang Xiaocheng said this, two faint blushes appeared on her face. She looked like a shy girl who is in love.

After hearing that she wanted to go shopping for a ring, Xu Xiyan understood. The young couple must have been planning to get married and their joyous day was not far off.

"Sure! I'll go with you," Xu Xiyan readily agreed. Fang Xiaocheng was the most important BFF in her life and naturally she was obliged to fully support her for her big day.

After Ying Bao finished her porridge, she hurriedly urged her mother, "Xi Baby, don't worry about Baby. You should quickly go shopping with Orange Mommy for her ring!"

Xu Xiyan wiped the child's mouth and said, "Okay, then you have to listen to your daddy!"

"Mmm hmm." Ying Bao nodded.

"Don't worry, just leave Cherry to me."

Not only did Huo Yunshen take over the responsibility of taking care of his daughter, but he also took out a card for them. "Miss Fang, if you want to buy a ring, I have a limited-edition VIP discount card for The Blue Gemstone. You can enjoy a discount of 99% off using this card."

A limited-edition VIP discount card for The Blue Gemstone?

Enjoy a 99% off discount?

What kind of business concept was this?

If ordinary members were to buy jewelry from the shop, they could only enjoy a maximum discount of 5% off.

Now they had a 99% off discount. Wasn't this a steal?

Xu Xiyan was surprised, but quickly remembered that The Blue Gemstone was a very famous luxury brand in the jewelry industry. It was a jewelry brand founded by Huo Yunshen's second sister, Huo Erqi.

Therefore, it wasn't surprising that Huo Yunshen had a limited-edition VIP discount card.

"Ooh, thank you so much, Mr. Huo. This card will help me and Dazhi save a lot of money."

Fang Xiaocheng took the card from him gratefully. She was really happy.

She and Dazhi had already discussed beforehand. Dazhi had told her to go to the jewelry store first and select a suitable size for the ring that she liked, then he would pick up the bill later.

Generally, a good diamond ring cost over ten thousand Yuan, and it was no small expense. But with a 99% off discount card, one could pick a very nice ring for just a few thousand Yuan. How could Fang Xiaocheng not be happy?

Chapter 537: Locked Onto Their Target

After Fang Xiaocheng dragged Xu Xiyan away, the two remaining occupants of the hospital room happily high-fived each other.

"Yay! Xi baby won't be able to guess the surprise Daddy prepared for her."

"Yup. It's not a surprise if she can guess what it is!"

This was all part of Huo Yunshen's plan. He had arranged everything—including Fang Xiaocheng's "sudden urge" to get Xu Xiyan to help her choose a ring.

Under normal circumstances, Fang Xiaocheng would never have gone to The Blue Gemstone to pick out a ring: the store was much too expensive for her. Huo Yunshen had therefore cunningly lured them to the store with a 99% discount card. He needed them in the store to implement the next step of his plan.

After leaving the hospital, the two women made a beeline for the The Blue Gemstone's flagship store, the most famous jewelry store in the city.

As soon as she walked into the luxurious store, Xu Xiyao was almost blinded by all the dazzling jewelry on display.

The Blue Gemstone's flagship store was the largest, grandest jewelry store in all of Beijing. It was divided into two sections.

The simpler, more generic jewelry designs were displayed on the first floor of the outer section.

Further inside, there was a staircase leading to a second floor that looked out over the first floor. The lavish jewelry in this section rivaled that of palace museums; the diamonds here were bigger and much more expensive.

The two women looked at the shiny, dazzling rings in the glass displays. The diamonds that were smaller than one carat had five figure price tags; the bigger ones started at six figures.

Holy smokes—they would never have dared set foot in this store if it weren't for the 99% off discount card.

"Oh my god, they're so beautiful..." whispered Xu Xiyao as she looked at the rings.

The rings designed by Huo Erqi were stylish and exquisite. They were absolutely stunning to look at.

"They're beautiful, all right—but they're also frickin' expensive!"

Fang Xiaocheng could not help swearing as she counted the long string of zeros on the price tag.

If it had been up to her, she would have gone to one of the cheaper jewelry chain stores. She would never have had the courage to enter a high-class luxury store like The Blue Gemstone.

The two women could not tear their eyes away from the jewelry before them. It was part of their feminine nature to be attracted to anything that glittered and sparkled. A pretty store attendant walked up to them and said, "Welcome. How may I help you today?"

"We'll look around on our own, thanks."

Fang Xiaocheng did not like having store attendants hovering around her. She grabbed Xu Xiyao's hand and pulled her further into the store.

They toured the store, checking all the displays. When they were done, the two women had been dazzled by so many rings they were seeing stars. The rings were all beautiful—and outrageously expensive.

"See anything you like?" Xu Xiyao asked.

"They're all lovely, but..."

Fang Xiaocheng pouted. Even with a 99% discount, she could not afford any of them. Dammit!

Xu Xiyao knew that Fang Xiaocheng was thinking about the prices. She helpfully suggested, "Why don't we go look at the other stores?"

"Nah, we should stay and look around!"

Fang Xiaocheng wasn't there to choose a ring for herself, not really. She was on a mission given to her by Huo Yunshen, and she knew she had to stick to the plan.

She looked up and said nonchalantly to the store attendant, "Excuse me, hi—do you have a five carat diamond ring?"

Pffft...

Xu Xiyan had to stop herself from laughing out loud. She had to hand it to Fang Xiaocheng: the woman knew how to act like she was loaded with money.

The pretty store attendant was visibly stunned. She stared at the two women before her: they were dressed simply in inexpensive clothes, and did not seem at all like the type who would be able to afford a five carat diamond ring.

But the store attendants working at The Blue Gemstone were extremely professional. They attended to each and every one of their customers with equal respect, no matter what they looked like. And this was no ordinary customer—it was Jing Xi, the actress.

Unbeknownst to Xu Xiyan, as soon as she had stepped into the jewelry store, the store attendants had all received their orders and immediately locked onto their target.

The store attendant led them up the central staircase, to the special exhibition hall on the second floor.

There was a stand-alone glass display in the special exhibition hall. The attendant removed the red silk cloth covering it, and smiled as she introduced the ring inside, "This is one of the rings in our store with a diamond bigger than five carats. It has a special name: 'Love Forever.' Please, have a look."

As soon as she laid eyes on the diamond ring, Xu Xiyan was taken with the ring's unique five-claw design.

The flawless diamond rested upon a platinum ring, nestled securely within the clutches of five tiny claws. It shone like a brilliant star.

The ring was absolutely gorgeous. No one could resist its dazzling beauty.

Fang Xiaocheng was also gawking at the ring. She pulled Xu Xiyan closer as she asked, "Yanyan, what about this one? Do you think it's pretty?"

"It's lovely. It's beautiful. This has to be the most stunning, most unique ring I've ever seen..." Xu Xiyan had plastered herself over the display and was now staring at the ring, transfixed. It was love at first sight.

"Want to try it?" asked Fang Xiaocheng.

"Me? You should be the one trying it, not me!"

Xu Xiyan hadn't forgotten that she was only there to help Fang Xiaocheng choose a ring.

"I don't want to try it. You try it. I think it'll look very nice on you."

"..." Xu Xiyan was sorely tempted.

Just as the two women were drooling over the ring, there was a sudden commotion on the first floor. Two new customers had just walked into the store.

Xu Xiyan and Fang Xiaocheng walked curiously over to the second floor balcony to see what was going on. They looked out over the railing and saw that Xu Xinrou and Huo Jingtang had just entered the store.

Xu Xinrou was wearing a white ankle-length dress; she looked like a white lotus, pure and innocent. She had a hand around Huo Jingtang's arm. The two of them looked like a sweet couple who were madly in love with each other.

Xu Xinrou had originally planned to stay quietly at home to protect her baby, but she had already promised Huo Jingtang some time ago that she would go out with him and choose a ring on this day. She had therefore gotten dressed and left the safety of her home, unable to resist the temptation of shopping for her own ring. Find authorized novels in Webnovel, faster updates, better experience, Please click for visiting.

But as fate would have it, she had spotted one of the people she hated most as soon as she stepped into The Blue Gemstone—Xu Xiyan.

Why was she here?

Huo Jingtang had also spotted Jing Xi. He exchanged a pointed look with Xu Xinrou.

"Ugh, it's that disgusting couple again. Forget them, we should concentrate on what we're here for," said Fang Xiaocheng. She pulled Xu Xiyan back to the display and said to the store attendant, "Can we try this ring?"

"Oh no, let's not try it."

Xu Xiyan stealthily gave a warning tug on Fang Xiaocheng's sleeves. She was afraid that they would somehow damage the ring if they tried it. They would never be able to afford it.

The seven zeros on the price tag were enough to make anyone choke on their spit. 80 million for a ring? Any sane person would think twice before asking to try it!

"It'll be fine. We're already here, it'll be such a waste not to try it on. Come on, it's not like it's going to kill anyone," Fang Xiaocheng said reassuringly. She pointed at the ring and said boldly, "Please take that ring out so my friend here can try it. Thanks."

Xu Xiyan: "..."

With the way Fang Xiaocheng was behaving, anyone who didn't know better would think she owned the place!

The store attendant was about to take the ring out of the display when Xu Xinrou's voice rang out across the store. "Jingtang, that's the ring I was talking about! 'Love Forever!' I want to try it."

"Okay, sure." Huo Jingtang led Xu Xinrou to the glass display on the second floor. He pointedly ignored Xu Xiyan as he said to the store attendant, "Get the ring out, and give it to my fiancée so she can try it."

It was an order, not a request. Huo Jingtang felt he had the right to order the attendants around because the jewelry store belonged to his sister.

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#### Chapter 539: Awkward

Huo Jingtang introduced Xu Xinrou as his fiancé publicly, and it made her lift her head as high as she could while glaring at Xu Xiyuan.

It was as if she was telling Xu Xiyuan to piss off.

The shop assistant was in a pinch. Technically, she should give Fang Xiancheng and Xu Xiyuan the ring as they had asked for it first. But the other party was one of the Huo family's young masters, and there was no way she could afford offending him.

"Hey, we chose the ring first, we should be the one to try it on first!" Fang Xiaocheng scolded when she noticed that the shop assistant had no idea what to do.

"Don't tell me you're planning to buy that?" Xu Xinrou mocked. "That alone costs 8 billion, can you even afford that? If you can't then don't even bother trying it. You won't be able to pay for it if you break it!"

"Why you little...!" Fang Xiaocheng was about to argue with Xu Xinrou but was stopped by Xu Xiyuan.

Xu Xiyuan did not want to see Fang Xiaocheng fighting with Xu Xinrou over a ring, Xu Xinrou wasn't even worth the fight.

"Let her try it first," Xu Xiyuan smiled. "She's a huge star in showbiz now, and we should show our respect to our senior."

"..." Xu Xinrou could not find any words to reply. She had no idea why her skin would tingle every time Xu Xiyuan opened her mouth. It was as if Xu Xiyuan had just called her old or something.

The shop assistant took out the ring and placed it in front of Xu Xinrou.

Xu Xinrou looked at the ring, and her eyes lit up. "Love Forever" was way too beautiful.

She loved the design and the meaning behind the ring.

She'd even come to check on the ring when she was about to marry Chu Yuhe.

And now she finally had the chance to buy it.

Xu Xinrou took the ring out and tried to put it on her ring finger.

But the ring was too small, and it would not fit no matter how hard she tried. The only finger that she could fit the ring on was her pinky.

"This is way too small!" Xu Xinrou shouted out of frustration. "Is there a bigger size?"

Fang Xiaocheng hugged her arms as a smile appeared on her face. It's not the ring that's small, your finger is just too thick for it!

“My apologies, but there's only one Love Forever in the entire world,” the shop assistant said.

The whole situation became awkward. Xu Xinrou had only looked at the ring before, and this was her first time trying it on. She had no idea that the ring would not fit her ring finger.

“Can you make it bigger? I can pay for the extra fees,” Xu Xinrou said.

“Again, my apologies, but we cannot provide any alterations to this ring. May I suggest you try another ring?”

Xu Xinrou turned to look at Huo Jingtang anxiously, hoping that he could do something.

“One moment, I'll make a call,” Huo Jingtang said and took out his phone to call Huo Erqi.

Huo Jingtang went out to make the call and left Xu Xinrou in the store staring at her beloved ring.

It was just too beautiful.

It was at that moment when Fang Xiaocheng suddenly said, “Can we try the ring now?”

“Of course,” the shop assistant replied and turned to Xu Xinrou. “Miss, I'm sorry, but can you please remove the ring for this young lady?”

Chapter 540: Mock Her on Purpose

If not for the shop assistant, there was no way that Xu Xinrou would have taken the ring off.

Xu Xiyan extended her pale left hand and let the shop assistant help put the ring on. Out of everyone's expectation, the ring fit perfectly on her ring finger, as if the ring was specifically made for her.

Xu Xiyan looked at the ring on her finger and could not help but exhale.

Choosing a ring was like choosing a partner. If it was not a match, then it would never work out.

Xu Xinrou stared at Xu Xiyan as she put the ring on, her heart filled with jealousy.

“It's beautiful! It was as if the ring was made for you!” Fang Xiaocheng exhaled. “Now I do really believe in Cinderella's story! Only Cinderella could wear the glass shoe, not some vile old sister.”

“...” Xu Xinrou stared at Fang Xiaocheng. She's doing that on purpose, right?

It clearly meant that Xu Xinrou was like Cinderella's sisters who could not put on the glass shoe.

Xu Xinrou was already filled with rage but could not do anything.

She could only wait for Huo Jingtang to return.

Huo Jingtang returned a few minutes later and said, “Don't worry, everything has been settled. The manager will come out later.”

Huo Jingtang had already called Huo Erqi, telling her that his fiancé was trying on a ring and wanted to alter the size.

Just as Xu Xiyan was trying on the ring, a man in a suit rushed over and smiled. "May I know which one of you is Mrs. Huo?"

From the nametag he was wearing, he was the manager that went by the name Liu.

He must've rushed over as soon as he got a call from Huo Erqi.

"It's me!" Xu Xinrou replied almost instantly.

"One moment," Mr. Liu said as he checked the photo on his phone. "My apologies, but you're not the Mrs. Huo I'm looking for."

"Not me? Then who else?"

Mr. Liu looked at Fang Xiaocheng then at Xu Xiyan and smiled.

"You must be Mrs. Huo," Mr. Liu greeted.

Xu Xiyan stood still and had no idea what was going on as she began to wonder if the manager had some sort of eye problem.

"Mrs. Huo? Her? There's no way it's her. I'm Mrs. Huo!" Xu Xinrou scolded.

"Mr. Liu, didn't your boss call you just now?" Huo Jingtang asked as he was starting to lose his composure.

"She did," the manager replied. "She told me to look for a Mrs. Huo that goes by the name Jing Xi."

All of them were rendered speechless instantly.

"Miss Jing Xi, may I see your identification please," Mr. Liu said.

Wait, what? Xu Xiyan looked at the manager with a dumbfounded expression. What's going on?

"One sec!" Fang Xiaocheng replied as she noticed Xu Xiyan's mind was still blank. She quickly took out Xu Xiyan's ID from her purse and handed it over to Mr. Liu.