

## Priceless Baby 701

### Chapter 701: Actually Recognized Her

With Tang Feimo's company, Ying Bao's fear and resistance towards kindergartens disappeared completely. She even secretly looked forward to going to school with Tang Feimo every day in the future.

Huo Yunshen had settled the admission procedures for his daughter in advance and everything was ready. He only needed to escort his daughter to Liang Lan now and arrange for her orientation.

Ying Bao was joining pre-kindergarten Class 1. The children there were about the same age as Ying Bao. Due to Ying Bao being born later in her birth year, she was considered quite young compared to most of the students in her class.

Liang Lan was a very warm and friendly teacher who was very patient with children. After meeting with Ying Bao, she introduced her to the other children in her class.

Finally, Ying Bao stood in front of the podium and introduced herself.

"Hello everyone, I am your new friend and my name is Huo Yinyin. Nice to meet you all. Thank you," the little girl said as she stood on the stage. After introducing herself, she did not forget to give a bow.

The children applauded her. One of the children had seen her live stream before and actually recognized her. "Huo Yinyin, aren't you the amusing Cherry Baby?"

"Yes!" Ying Bao nodded with a smile.

But most of the children had not seen her live streams and were not familiar with Cherry Baby. They all began to talk at once, "Why is she called Cherry Baby? Why not call herself Banana Baby?"

"I think Dragon Fruit Baby sounds nicer."

"She can also be a durian!"

Err... you have to admire the minds of children. They're really weird.

The couple who had been standing outside the door watching Ying Bao's class laughed, amused by the lovely children.

Ying Bao quickly adapted to the class environment. Liang Lan made repeated assurances to the couple that she would definitely take good care of their child.

She even told them that if they were busy, they didn't have to come pick her up themselves—she could pick up Ying Bao and take her home together with Tang Feimo.

What a thoughtful class teacher. Huo Yunshen and Xu Xiyan were completely relieved to have her looking after Ying Bao.

After observing the class for a moment, the couple felt that there was no need to stay in the school and they could go home first.

Xu Xiyan was more anxious about the “Root of Evil” premiere that she had to attend later. She was running out of time.

After they were out of the experimental primary school, Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen went on their ways. Xu Xiyan got in her company's celebrity van and rushed to the premiere screening.

Huo Yunshen returned to his company for a meeting. The couple had agreed to have dinner together at night later.

While Xu Xiyan was in the celebrity van, she wasted no time and put on her make-up and changed her clothes. Later when the van reached the studios and she got out, the ordinary wife of an upstart had disappeared.

She now wore a pure white dress and had transformed herself into a strikingly elegant woman.

The premiere was being held in Yiyun Studios. A crowd of reporters had gathered outside the studio, armed with cameras with long zoom lenses, waiting for the stars to appear.

The celebrity van stopped. Xu Xiyan lifted her skirt as she got out of the vehicle. Without delay, the reporters began to close in towards her.

Fortunately, Huo Yunshen had arranged many bodyguards for her. They easily controlled and moved the crowd of reporters away.

Though the reporters could not get close to her, they still shot her with a barrage of various questions.

“Jing Xi, can you explain the scandal about your one-night stand five years ago?”

“Jing Xi, is it true that you're in a relationship with the famous virtuoso, Ni Yun?”

“Jing Xi, you're the daughter of the famous violinist Jing Ruyue. Why are you so desperate that you had to resort to becoming a stunt double?”

“Jing Xi, if you're the daughter of Jing Ruyue, then Xu Jinshan is your father and Xu Xinrou is your sister. You have good resources around you, yet you've decided to stay low-key as a substitute actor. Why is that?”

“Jing Xi...”

Chapter 702: Going To Be A Laughing Stock

The reporters had a lot of questions, but Xu Xiyan did not even answer a single one. She lifted her skirt and quickly walked up the stairs.

However, she had probably gone up the stairs too hastily. When she finally reached the top of the stairs, one of her heels slipped off her foot.

Not only did it fall off her foot, but it went tumbling all the way down the steps.

Xu Xiyan had no choice but to stop. She looked back at the disobedient high heel and suddenly felt impending doom.

Damn it, I'm going to be a laughing stock.

Usually on the red carpet, it is common to see female stars having blunders such as tripping themselves or a wardrobe malfunction, and they would end up on the news headlines. But this wasn't a red-carpet event and to lose a shoe there would be very embarrassing.

The reporters on both sides caught a rare sight of an actor's blooper and began to snap away.

Xu Xiyan was at a loss whether to run down barefoot for her shoe or continue walking barefoot up the stairs. Either way, she was definitely going to be a laughing stock no matter what she did.

Just as she was hard pressed with worry, a tall white figure appeared in the crowd. The man wore a silver mask and a white tuxedo. Before anyone realized what was going on, he had already bent over to pick up the high heel from the ground and then went up the steps.

The reporters were very sharp-eyed and many of them had recognized the man's outfit—it was exactly how Ni Yun had dressed at Xue Yating's concert that night.

"It's Ni Yun!"

"It's really Ni Yun! Ni Yun has actually come!"

"Is he going to help her put on her shoe? How gallant!"

"It seems their relationship is real! Quick! Photograph them!"

Under the spotlight, Huo Yunshen, who was disguised as Ni Yun, walked up to the woman standing at the top of the stairs and got down before her on one knee.

He let Xu Xiyan hold onto his shoulder to steady herself, then helped put on her high-heel.

The reporters captured every meticulous and thoughtful gesture the man made for her. Many of the female reporters began to envy Jing Xi that she was able to have Ni Yun as a boyfriend and the main point was that Ni Yun was really intimate.

Originally, the reporters were focused on Jing Xi's blunder of losing her shoe. But now, all their attention was shifted towards Ni Yun's gallant and heroic act of saving a beauty in distress.

After the man helped Xu Xiyan put on her high heel, he stood up and naturally offered his arm.

Xu Xiyan saw his gesture and understood it. She reached out and took his arm.

Both of them looked like a couple regardless of their height or fashion.

To those who were uninformed and watching this scene, there was really a feeling that the couple was about to enter a church for their wedding.

They walked into the studio together, turning away the paparazzi and reporters behind them.

Privately, Xu Xiyan patted her chest and said in relief, "Luckily you've come, otherwise I was going to be a big laughing stock today. Hey, I thought you said you had a meeting to attend? Why did you come?"

"How can a meeting be more important than your premiere?"

Huo Yunshen looked down at her bright and beautiful eyes with a light smile on his face.

Originally, he was going to go for the meeting, but he had changed his mind at the last second and decided to accompany Xu Xiyan to the premiere.

This was the first film Xu Xiyan starred in. How could he not come support her?

At the premiere, the director of "Root of Evil" and several major actors were invited for a short live interview before the screening.

Huo Yunshen escorted Xu Xiyan into the theater. After she got onto the stage, he went to find a seat in the audience and sat down.

Inadvertently, Huo Yunshen saw Mo Yutian sitting two seats away from him.

He narrowed his dark eyes. Why is he here?

Mo Yutian had noticed that a man in a white suit and mask had escorted Jing Xi, and that man was just sitting two seats away from him.

Chapter 703: A Wild Desire To Dominate

While Huo Yunshen was guessing Mo Yutian's intentions, Mo Yutian was also guessing his identity.

He had watched the video of Jing Xi's concert performance that went viral a few days ago. He recalled that the guest artist who had performed for the opening of the concert was called Ni Yun.

Right now, the man near him was dressed exactly like Ni Yun had been that day. Could it be that Ni Yun himself had come?

There was also a scandal about Jing Xi and Ni Yun's relationship spreading on the internet. Mo Yutian could not afford to be indifferent about it.

Huo Yunshen was already a tough opponent to him. And now, Ni Yun had come.

Looks like it was fated that he was not going to get Jing Xi without a fight.

Men are born with an extraordinary desire to possess and conquer. The harder the predicament, the more they would not give up.

Mo Yutian would not give up easily at the moment. Jing Xi had completely aroused his wild desire to dominate.

So what if she was already married?

He was the boss of the Dark Zone. Their code was: whatever they desired, there is only one way to have it, and that is to plunder.

The two men stared each other down, sparks flying between them.

The host of the interview session was Yao Hong—who was famous in the emcee world. Yao Hong had always been known for her sharp questions and all the shows she had hosted had particularly high ratings.

Today she represented the vast audience and asked Jing Xi live at the scene, "Jing Xi, your popularity is rising higher and higher lately and you're ranked first in the trending search list. How did you do it?"

Xu Xiyao knew that there was no script for an on-the-spot interview. All questions from the emcees were random and they would ask whatever questions they desired.

At this time, as she was confronted by Yao Hong's question, she smiled and said, "Thanks to the support of the audience. If nobody searched for me on the internet, I could not be first on the rankings."

Yao Hong asked again, "Can you tell us about something? Are you really in a relationship with the famous musician, Ni Yun?"

"I wish it was true. If I were to pursue him now, I don't know if I'd still have the chance," Xu Xiyao gave a witty reply, causing the emcee and the audience to burst into laughter.

It could only be said that Jing Xi's emotional intelligence was high. The way she had answered the questions was very clever, deliberately steering the people's curiosity about her love life away.

When she said this, her eyes furtively glanced sideways towards the man in white below the stage.

In the audience, Huo Yunshen felt warm and fuzzy in his heart. He said to her inwardly:

You don't have to pursue me, I'm bound to you in his lifetime.

Meanwhile, Mo Yutian could not help but turn his head and glance at the man next to him. He sneered smugly at him inwardly.

Jing Xi is already married to Huo Yunshen, no?

Where is Ni Yun going to get the chance?

However, at this time, there was no way Mo Yutian could know that the man before his eyes was the same person he was despising, Huo Yunshen.

In his eyes, he only saw them both as two separate love rivals—love rival "A" and love rival "B."

The host continued to ask Jing Xi more questions, but they were answered ambiguously. In the end, she did not manage to get any substantial information out of Jing Xi, then moved on to interview the first and second male leads.

After the interview ended, the premiere screening officially began.

Xu Xiyao and the other main actors took their seats, and the film began to play on the screen.

"Root of Evil" was a police thriller-action film that focused on the contest between justice and evil, ethics and morality.

The content of the story was compact and rich. The plot was flexible, and the story was told in a suspenseful and exciting way with interlocking story-lines.

The film unfolded in a suspenseful scene. The male and female leads relied on their wisdom to engage the serial killer in a battle of wit and courage, and there were also quite a few thought-provoking scenes.

The film ended after 1 hour and 40 minutes but the audience and the critics were still yearning for more. Many of them were in tears especially at the plot twist in the last scene of the story.

#### Chapter 704: An Arrogant Display Of Challenge

Director Peng Sicheng had perfectly demonstrated his directing standards with his talents, reaching a new level compared to his previous works.

After the premiere, Xu Xiyan prepared to leave. At this moment, someone blocked her way.

Xu Xiyan looked up and met a pair of dark eyes. The eyes were clearly smiling, but somehow she felt a chill running up her spine.

"Mr. Mo?"

Xu Xiyan had not noticed Mo Yutian's presence all this while. She was very surprised meeting up with him at this time.

"Are you going home? My car's already here. Let me send you back?"

Mo Yutian bowed slightly and extended an arm to the side, pointing at a stretch limousine at the entrance of the studios.

"No, thank you. I'm waiting for my friend."

Xu Xiyan politely refused his kindness. Right now, she must always remember that she was already a married young woman. She must not mess around with other men and create a misunderstanding with her husband.

In the face of Mo Yutian, she had secretly realized his intentions. Was he trying to pursue her?

She felt that Mo Yutian shouldn't waste time on her as she couldn't give him any promises. In this life, no one could separate her and Huo Yunshen.

Just as Mo Yutian was about to say something, a man in a white tuxedo and mask ambled over, going straight towards Jing Xi's side without even looking at him. Jing Xi naturally took the man's arm and bade him goodbye.

Just like that, Jing Xi was taken away by the other man. Anger surfaced in Mo Yutian's dark eyes. He beckoned to his men and ordered them, "Keep an eye on that man, and... if it is necessary..."

Mo Yutian drew two fingers across his throat.

"Yes, sir!"

His men immediately understood his gesture and got into their cars to give chase to their targets.

Mo Yutian wanted to eliminate all love rivals that posed as a threat to him. He did not care to eliminate them under fair means. All he wanted was the result.

As Huo Yunshen was driving on the road, he noticed a few cars trailing behind them. They were closing in behind them urgently and they did not even care to keep themselves inconspicuous.

This was probably the sloppiest car chase he had ever seen. But, according to his instincts, he could tell that the cars behind them were definitely not the paparazzi.

After ruling out that possibility, then there was only one other possibility: this wasn't an amateur car chase—this was an arrogant display of challenge.

Huo Yunshen guessed a possibility inwardly. Could they be Mo Yutian's men?

Recently, Mo Yutian had interfered in many business fields in Peijing with his arrogant behavior. He had taken over any businesses that opposed him, magnifying his power and dominance. He was an unstoppable force.

If this was the case, then they'd better brace themselves.

"Sit tight, dear!"

Huo Yunshen turned sharply at Xu Xiyao and glanced at her for a brief moment. His eyes told her that there might be a situation.

Xu Xiyao also noticed the trailing vehicles closing in tight behind them through the rearview mirror. She grabbed onto the passenger assist handle and said, "Okay, I'm ready."

Huo Yunshen began to turn the steering wheel sharply, maneuvering the car to the other side of the crossroad with a beautifully executed drift.

He had to shake those pesky men off their tail!

He weaved the car in and out between the lanes and he was driving so fast that it felt as if the car could fly off the road any moment.

Xu Xiyao always knew Huo Yunshen as a particularly steady driver, so steady that it was even fine not to wear a seat belt in his car. But today, he had broken a new speed record with his driving.

She had never imagined that his driving skills were so professional. He had even executed a few tricks with his speed driving.

Originally, they were going to the Memory Western Restaurant for dinner. But now, Huo Yunshen drove away from the busy urban areas towards the outskirts of the city

Huo Yunshen slowed down the car slightly. As expected, the cars behind caught up to them in the no man's land ahead and surrounded Huo Yunshen's car.

Chapter 705: Going On A Killing Spree Like That

Huo Yunshen took off his seat belt and put on some music on the car radio. He leaned over and covered Xu Xiyan's eyes with an eye mask, then kissed her on the lips. "Close your eyes and take a rest for a while now, Dear. I'll be back soon."

"Okay, please be careful."

She listened to him and waited in the car obediently. She knew that he was going to deal with the group of men outside.

He must not want her to see a bloody scene.

But they had come in about seven or eight cars, and about four or five men got out from each car.

In terms of numbers, he was fighting against very heavy odds.

Xu Xiyan didn't want Huo Yunshen to be injured. She secretly decided that at the same time she contacted Yi Xiao for back up, she would not sit idly by. If necessary, she would get out of the car and fight alongside Huo Yunshen.

After Huo Yunshen got out of the car, about thirty men quickly surrounded him.

His eyes darkened as he stared at them icily. He said to them coldly, "Who are you people?"

A leader among them said to him arrogantly, "Your killers."

"You were sent by Mo Yutian?" Huo Yunshen asked again.

No one answered, but just by looking at their wicked eyes and arrogant attitudes, he could tell that they were working under an employer.

The leader spat and stepped one foot up onto the bumper of a car and said, "If you know him, come crawl underneath my legs. I might let a dog such as you live!"

The others laughed wildly. They saw Huo Yunshen as a weak and helpless little sheep.

Huo Yunshen's gaze became icier as the men continued to laugh madly. A dark, ominous aura gradually seeped out of him, enveloping his body with a terrifying chill.

He had become something completely different from his usual gentle self. Now, darkness draped around him just like Satan, a premonition that a bloodbath was about to come.

Those men had no idea they were to meet their doom today.

A sharp blade appeared in Huo Yunshen's right hand. The leader of the men was still laughing when he saw a shadow flashing before him, and his smile froze on his face. A long and thin wound had appeared across his neck. His throat was cut and he was no longer breathing.

"Thump!" The man collapsed to the ground, sending dust flying upward.

The other men were shocked and terrified at what they saw. Their leader was... dead in an instant.

"Anyone else want to try?" Huo Yunshen asked grimly.

The men looked at each other. No one dared to challenge him alone. Then, one of them mustered a little courage and shouted out, "Attack him together!"

In the blink of an eye, the men charged towards Huo Yunshen like a swarm of bees out of their nest, closing in on him from all directions.

Huo Yunshen unleashed his wrath, as though once again his glory as the fighter who had single-handedly taken down the Tiwana mafia gang a few years ago was returning to him.

He lay waste to them no matter if they came one by one or two by two.

There was no stopping him.

When Yi Xiao arrived at the scene with back up, no men were left standing and the field was already littered with corpses.

However, Huo Yunshen himself was clean and unstained with blood.

It had been a long time since Yi Xiao had seen his young master unleashing his wrath and going on a killing spree like that.

It seemed that his fighting techniques had not become rusty at all. He was fast, precise, and vicious. Many of those men had met a quick death, not even a sliver of life was left in them.

Though the scene was not gory, it was still very horrible. The air was thick and heavy with death.

This was what would happen if one offended Zeus!

He would not easily unleash his strength, but once he did, it would be a catastrophe.

"Young Master, I'll take over from here."

Yi Xiao came forward to him deferentially and handed him a clean wet towel. Huo Yunshen took the towel and wiped his hands with it. The gloom between his eyebrows gradually faded and he began to calm himself, retracting his figurative battle thorns back into his body.

He said nothing and left Yi Xiao to clean up the scene, returning to his car and starting the engine.

Chapter 706: Fight Him To The Death

On the way back, Xu Xiyan secretly took off her eye mask, turned at Huo Yunshen and stared at him unblinkingly.

"What's wrong?" Huo Yunshen asked, flicking his eyes at her for a quick moment.

Xu Xiyan chuckled. She couldn't help but praise him, "I realized that you're not that simple, Dear!"

"Oh?"

"Quick, tell me, which department in the JS group are you from? You're really incredible!"

Xu Xiyao's delicate face flushed in excitement. Her eyes were sparkling with hearts, brimming with admiration for him.

She had taken a peek just now. At first, she was worried about him and she was afraid that he was going to be overwhelmed by his enemies. But after watching him fight those men skillfully and killing them effortlessly, she was relieved.

"Headquarters."

In short, Huo Yunshen really did not dare to tell Xu Xiyao that he was Zeus. He was afraid that she would lose sleep worrying about him.

"No wonder! You must be really strong to be able to get into headquarters!"

Xu Xiyao felt that it was also a good thing that Huo Yunshen was a member of the JS group.

If her uncle knew that they were all in the same organization, he would definitely not object to their relationship! Haha!

Meanwhile, at the Blackwater Manor.

In the luxurious villa, a man came in with a frown on his face. He tossed his suit jacket on the sofa, then sat down and loosened his tie.

His assistant, Reid, came over to him with his body slightly bowed. He reported to him, "Sir, none of the men dispatched survived."

"What?" Mo Yutian raised his eyebrows, a little incredulous.

How could all those men he had sent fail to deal with that man?

Who was that person who was so powerful?

Mo Yutian propped his chin on one hand as he fell deep into thought. He was thinking about Jing Xi, and also about the people around her who could potentially be love rivals.

As long as there were potential suitors around Jing Xi, Mo Yutian would find a way to remove them one by one.

Since he could not remove Huo Yunshen for the time being, he just had to get rid of that mysterious musician Ni Yun first!

"Go investigate again. I want to find out Ni Yun's identity."

"Yes, Sir!" Reid obeyed and left the living room.

Mo Yutian was the only one left in the vast living room. He fell into thought for a while, then bent over to roll up his right pant leg.

The pant leg rolled up, gradually revealing a prosthetic leg. He removed the prosthetic leg and moved the stump of his leg around, cooling it off in the open air.

His right leg was amputated from the knee. He had to install a prosthetic in place of the missing leg.

Mo Yutian would sigh deeply whenever he saw his prosthetic leg. He was a perfectionist, but now, he was not even perfect himself.

That time, in the beginning, he had painfully lost his brother and his leg. His life had fallen into darkness and despair.

Later, he had no choice but to accept reality. He had relied on crutches every day until he went for rehabilitation training, took Jing Xi's advice, and accepted the installation of a prosthetic leg. Then, he was able to move freely like a normal person.

In the past few years, his heart was filled with hatred and vengefulness. The only motivation for his recovery was revenge.

His goal in life was to find Zeus and fight him to the death, destroy the JS group and push him down to hell.

But now, there was one more goal in his life—he had to have Jing Xi.

Mo Yutian began to ponder. How could he get close to Jing Xi?

The premiere of "Root of Evil" was a complete success and the date for the official release was confirmed.

On October 12th, the movie was released nationwide.

After "Root of Evil" was released, it easily broke one billion at the box office in just two days, becoming one of the best films of the year.

For Peng Sicheng, it was another milestone for him in his career as a film director.

Chapter 707: Just The Perfect Opportunity To Try Something Else

He had made this movie in half a year and for the purpose to win this year's Golden Goose Award. He was very confident in his work and he was also grateful to all the actors who had participated in it.

One of the most noteworthy actors was Jing Xi. She had given an outstanding performance in the movie and showed no signs of unsureness or pretentiousness that a newcomer actor would usually show. It could be said that her performance had greatly enriched the film.

In all fairness, her acting skills were much better than Huang Yanran.

To celebrate the success of "Root of Evil," Director Peng Sicheng treated everyone to a feast. He had something in mind, so he went to look for Jing Xi to talk to her privately.

Xu Xiyan did not know why the director was looking for her. "Director Peng, is something the matter?"

"Mm-hmm." Peng Sicheng was holding a cigarette between his fingers. He took a puff, then exhaled out white smoke. "It's nothing important. I heard that you have a very good relationship with Qi Liya, right?"

"Yeah!" Xu Xiyan nodded. She was wondering why Peng Sicheng was asking about Qi Liya?

They had broken up for many years, and it hadn't been easy for Qi Liya to finally find her true love. Was he still not willing to let her go?

Peng Sicheng looked helpless as he said, "Can you help ask her out for me? I need to talk to her."

Back then when Huang Guoqiang got himself into trouble, Peng Sicheng had gone to look for Qi Liya that evening. He didn't know who had knocked him unconscious that time, otherwise, he would definitely still have the chance to redeem Qi Liya.

Now, it was no longer easy for Peng Sicheng to meet up with Qi Liya. She had already moved out of her apartment, and he didn't know where she had moved to.

"If you have something for her, you can just tell me directly. I'll inform her on your behalf."

Between the two directors, Xu Xiyan would naturally stand at Huang Guoqiang and Qi Liya's side.

Since Qi Liya's relationship with him was already in the past and she had chosen to stay with Huang Guoqiang and even moved away to hide from him, Xu Xiyan could not help Peng Sicheng with anything that would separate the couple.

Peng Sicheng asked, "Do you know where she lives? Can you tell me her address?"

Qi Liya had told her before to ignore Peng Sicheng if he tried to ask anything about her and never reveal her whereabouts and place of residence.

Xu Xiyan cocked her head as she smiled at him. "Oh, I'm so sorry, Director Peng. I have no idea where Sister Qi is living now. How about the next time I see her, I'll ask her on your behalf?"

"Forget it. Please help tell her that the day after tomorrow is my birthday and I'll be waiting for her at the usual place at 7 o'clock in the evening. I'll stay there until I see her."

"Oh! Happy birthday in advance, Director Peng! I'll pass your message to her," Xu Xiyan promised him, but she was only responsible for conveying his message. There was no guarantee that Qi Liya would be there!

Peng Sicheng's birthday also happened to be the first day of shooting of the movie "Those Beautiful Bygone Days."

As the boss of Jinxi Studio, Xu Xiyan was obliged to attend the first-day blessing ceremony.

However, the ceremony was private and they had not announced it to the public or media; it was a very simple ceremony anyway. Only the main creative staff and several main actors were invited to the studios to hold the small ceremony.

After the ceremony, the makeup artist began to put on make-up for Ma Haodong and Qi Liya in preparation for a costume test photoshoot.

Xu Xiyan accompanied Qi Liya, watching the makeup artist put make-up on her. She laughed, "Sister Qi, I hope the both of you great gods would not mind our little temple here."

Qi Liya couldn't move her head as she had to sit still, so she glanced at Xu Xiyan sideways and said, "What are you talking about? I like this movie very much and this role is something I've never tried

before. You know I've been acting in historical palace dramas every day and I've had enough of it. This movie was just the perfect opportunity for me to try something else."

#### Chapter 708: Make A Complete Break

"I see. I heard that you and Director Huang are preparing for the wedding. Is it true?" Xu Xiyan asked.

Upon mentioning the wedding, Qi Liya's lips curved up automatically. "Yeah, it is confirmed. We might go to the Maldives and hold a simple seaside wedding."

"Wow! I think that's so romantic."

"Oh right, Jing Xi, I was wondering if you're willing to be my bridesmaid?"

"Of course I'm willing! I would be honored to be your bridesmaid!"

Xu Xiyan reckoned that she was going to be busy. Not only had she promised Qi Liya to be her bridesmaid, but she had also promised to become one for Fang Xiaocheng too.

After settling the subject of being her bridesmaid, Xu Xiyan remembered Peng Sicheng's request. "Hey, Sister Qi, there's something I have to tell you."

"What is it?"

"It's about Director Peng. He insisted that I tell you that today is his birthday and he will be waiting for you at the usual spot at 7 o'clock in the evening. He said he would wait there until you come."

"Okay, got it."

Qi Liya was indifferent with her reply as if she had just heard something unimportant. If Jing Xi hadn't told her about Director Peng, she would not have remembered that today was his birthday.

She had removed the man from her life long ago, and everything related to him was no longer important to her.

And he said that he would be waiting for her at the usual spot and he would not leave until he sees her?

It used to be her who had been waiting for him at that spot. Whenever she waited there, she would only be met with heartbreak and disappointment. Now it was finally him who was waiting for her at that spot. She should at least let him get a taste of what it felt like waiting for someone!

Qi Liya's makeup was done. As the stylist was fixing her hair for her, she called out to Jing Xi, "Jing Xi, if you have time tonight, could you accompany me there?"

Qi Liya decided to make a complete break with Peng Sicheng, but she did not dare to go there alone to see him.

She hoped that Jing Xi could accompany her. Jing Xi was skilled in martial arts and she could protect her when the time came.

"Okay, I will accompany you tonight," Xu Xiyan agreed.

It didn't take long for Qi Liya to have her makeup done and herself dressed. She had completely transformed into a different person; it was simply hard to recognize her.

Qi Liya was actually already in her early thirties. But right now, after wearing a blue and white school uniform and having her hair tied up into a ponytail, she did not look anything like her age. She had completely become a teenage high school girl.

The first male lead Ma Haodong had also changed into his costume and got a make-over. When he showed himself in front of everyone, Xu Xiyan could not help but snicker at him.

Ma Haodong scratched his head as he looked down at his oversized school uniform. He asked puzzlingly, "What are you laughing at? Do I look weird?"

"No, you're not weird at all. I just didn't think you would look so cute acting as a young and tender schoolboy!"

Ma Haodong: "..."

She actually used the word cute to describe him? Was she sure?

The usual Ma Haodong was a careless young master of a rich family. Every day, he would fix his hair into a stylish hairstyle and dress very fashionably.

But today, after donning a school uniform with his hair hanging limply over his forehead, he had completely transformed into a sweet schoolboy. He looked really cute.

Not to mention that when he and Qi Liya stood in front of the camera, the two of them looked well matched for each other and were very suitable for their character roles.

After the costume test photoshoot, the crew began a test shoot, which also usually takes place on the first day of shooting.

Xu Xiyan, who was the boss, stayed at the set to observe them while waiting for Qi Liya as well.

The shoot was done at about 6 in the evening and Xu Xiyan and Qi Liya left the set of "Those Beautiful Bygone Days" together. Despite the fact that it was going to be 7 pm, Qi Liya was not anxious about the time at all. She had even taken Xu Xiyan to go shopping and to have a meal together first.

Chapter 709: Wanted to Start Again with Her

Xu Xiyan and Qi Liya finished their dinner around 9 and hailed a taxi to the Musical Fountain at East Lake.

It was the place where Peng Sicheng and Qi Liya usually had their date at.

There were many sweet memories there, but there were also tears of sadness. Qi Liya stood near the fountain, yet the sadness she once had was gone. She was unusually calm like it was her first time going to that place.

She raised her head and looked at the bench that she usually sat at. A man was waiting there for her.

Qi Liya instantly recognized Peng Sicheng. She exchanged looks with Xu Xiyan and walked towards him.

Peng Sicheng was already waiting at the bench from 6 and had been waiting for more than 2 hours.

He was nervous during the two hours since he still had many things to do, being a director and all.

Peng Sicheng thought about leaving, but he did say that he would wait for her.

As time passed by, Peng Sicheng finally learned the feeling of waiting for other people.

He looked at his watch, and it was almost 10.

Just as he was about to get up and leave, he noticed Qi Liya standing not far away from him. His heart throbbed as her hair and dress danced to the wind.

The girl that really moved his heart was still the same girl he'd fallen for.

Peng Sicheng looked at the girl and walked towards her with a bouquet of flowers in his hands.

"Liya, you're finally here," Peng Sicheng said as he gave her the flowers. "This is for you."

Qi Liya took the flowers and did not say anything.

"I'm really sorry about what happened last time..." Peng Sicheng said. "The truth is, I want to start over with you again."

What even gave you the idea I would want that? Qi Liya smirked in her head.

"With your fame and status, you can have any woman you want," Qi Liya said calmly. "Why are you coming back to me when you have so many other women around you?"

It was true that many women were getting ready to get laid with Peng Sicheng because of what he could provide them with. Yet none of them were able to win his heart.

Peng Sicheng thought that she was just angry at him, that was why he brought his game.

He took out a round box and kneeled in front of Qi Liya.

He opened the box, and there was an eye-catching diamond ring in it.

"Liya, I know that you're still angry at me and I've caused you so much trouble, but I'm a different man now," Peng Sicheng said. "I swear to God I will treat you better and love you like a real treasure."

Peng Sicheng believed that a diamond ring could move any girl's heart. He smiled as he noticed Qi Liya staring at the ring in awe.

Xu Xiyan was hiding around a corner and saw the whole thing. She was wondering what reaction Qi Liya would give.

Chapter 710: Without Looking Back

Qi Liya was quite surprised. She did not expect him to suddenly propose to her.

She looked down at the ring and suddenly recalled her past self.

She had waited for so many years for this. But now, she decided not to wait anymore. When her heart for him had completely died, the ring finally showed itself. How ironic.

So what if he was proposing to her?

Right now, she only had Huang Guoqiang in her heart.

In order to make a complete break with the past, Qi Liya took the diamond ring from the box. It looked quite big and heavy. It must be very expensive!

Seeing that she had taken the ring out of the box, Peng Sicheng became excited. He thought that she agreed. "Liya, do you accept my proposal?"

"How could I?"

Qi Liya raised the ring, turning it about in her fingers. She chuckled, "The ring is very pretty, but in my eyes, it is just an ordinary stone. You owe me a debt in the past. Now, this ring should be regarded as compensation to me."

After finishing her words, she faced the East Lake and swung her arm, flinging the ring far into the lake.

The ring was so small that it made no ripple when it fell into the water. Peng Sicheng widened his eyes after seeing her throwing his tens-of-million-dollar ring away. "Liya, why did you throw it away?"

"You've given it to me and I have the right to dispose of it. I only wanted to tell you that we are completely over by throwing it away. Our scores are settled now and we no longer owe anything to each other. From now on, we'll go on with our own separate lives and we'll have nothing to do with each other anymore!"

After Qi Liya finished her words, she immediately turned and walked away without looking back. When she passed the trash can, she threw the flower bouquet into it.

"..." Peng Sicheng could not describe his feelings at the moment. Her rejection was a huge blow to him and he felt very defeated.

She had discarded his ring and flowers as well as his male ego. He had become completely worthless in her eyes.

He could already feel that her heart no longer yearned for him. This time, her heart had changed and there was not even room for persuasion.

Qi Liya returned and left East Lake together with Xu Xiyuan.

On the way back, Xu Xiyuan joked, "Sister Qi, I was nervous when I saw Director Peng proposing to you just now. I was afraid that you would accept him and then I would end up being murdered by Director Huang."

Qi Liya, who was sitting in the passenger seat, laughed. "Do you really think that I would accept him? What kind of person would I become? And for a person like him, who does he think he is? If Chu Yuhe were to come back and propose to you, would you accept him?"

"Of course not."

They were both sensible women. How could they let scumbags like them break their hearts for the second time?

Xu Xiyan laughed, "I realized that you're really ruthless. You directly threw Director Peng's ring away. That was like a direct slap to his face."

"Yup. I hoped that slap would wake him up and make him realize what a fool he is."

Right now, Qi Liya had nothing more to ask for. She only wished to finish her shoot for "Those Beautiful Bygone Days" peacefully, and then have a smooth marriage with Huang Guoqiang and live a happy life.

No one could influence her otherwise or become her obstacle.

After a busy day, Xu Xiyan came home late in the night. She entered the house quietly and tried her best not to make any noise.

The lights in the house were all lit up; they must've been left on for her. Xu Xiyan felt warm and fuzzy inside at the sight of the warm and well-lit house.

No matter how late she would come home, there would be someone leaving the lights on for her. It was really great.

Xu Xiyan walked into the house. She did not see Huo Yunshen in the living room. There were dishes of food covered with a glass cover on the dining table. He seemed to have left dinner for her.

Xu Xiyan went into their bedroom but she didn't see anyone there. Then she went into Ying Bao's princess room and saw that the child was already asleep.

Where did Huo Yunshen go?