

Priceless Baby 771

Chapter 771: Degrade Themselves on Purpose

"Oh, I'm so sorry," Miao Ling apologized before running off. "There's no more drink. I'll go order one."

Wan Dao stared at Miao Ling while she left and mumbled, "Who wants your coffee? I don't get why people would try to degrade themselves on purpose."

Every person from top to bottom had gotten the coffee except for Xu Xiyan

It was clear that they arranged for that to happen.

"Come on, it's just a cup of coffee. I'll treat you after the work today has ended," Xu Xiyan said. There was no need for her to be petty about that kind of stuff since it would happen more often in the future.

"It's not that I want the coffee, I just can't stand Xu Xinrou," Wan Dou scolded. "Does she think she can order everyone around because she got the leading role?"

Since Xu Xiyan also played the important role of the female antagonist, Wan Dou felt that she at least should get a better deck chair to rest in.

Yet, most of the makeup artists were busy helping Xu Xinrou with her makeup, and it was clear that they were trying to get on her good side.

Xu Xiyan could not care less about what was happening as she was the one who told the director that she did not need any special consideration.

She did not mind what she was offered and would rather spend her time focusing on her script.

Her job was to go through the script thoroughly and understand her character.

Just as Xu Xiyan was about to read the script, she could not find it anywhere.

"Wan Dou, did you see my script?"

"Isn't it over there... Hey, where is it?"

Wan Dou had no idea where the script went either.

Just as they were looking for the script, a girl walked over and said, "Senior, are you looking for this?"

Xu Xiyan raised her head and realized it was Yang Wenxue, the actress who had the third female lead in the movie. She had the script in her hand.

"Just call me Jing Xi. Yes, that's mine. Thank you."

Xu Xiyan took the script from her.

"Then, I'll call you Sister Jing Xi," Yang Wenxue said. "I really like the character you are going to play. Can you teach me how to express a character's personality?"

Yang Wenxue was like a rookie with no experience and was asking Jing Xi for advice.

Xu Xiyan heard that Yang Wenxue was also a newcomer and was introduced into the movie by the sponsor. She looked like she was a simple and smart girl.

“Go through the script more. Since I'm also new here, I'm trying to understand the character's personality too,” Xu Xiyan said.

“Thank you! I'll come back when I have more questions!” Yang Wenxue smiled and walked away.

Yet, as soon as she turned, her smile disappeared, and hatred could be seen in her eyes.

At the same time, there was a commotion at the door.

Everyone shifted their attention to the commotion and they could see Yi Xiao leading a group of bodyguards onto the set with various things in their hands.

Most of the people knew who Yi Xiao was, Huo Yunshen's personal assistant, a person that could represent Huo Yunshen.

Since Yi Xiao showed up at the set, people guessed that it was an order from Huo Yunshen.

With an order from Yi Xiao, the bodyguards began to place the things they brought around Xu Xiyan.

In just a few minutes, Xu Xiyan was surrounded with a relaxing deck chair, an elegant round small table, a pillow, a mini fan, and a mug with a heart and white rabbit printed on it.

“Yi Xiao, what are these?” Xu Xiyan asked, almost speechless.

Chapter 772: Mr. Huo Is Spoiling His Wife To The Fullest

Everything was set up. Yi Xiao said, “This is the young master's arrangement. He hopes that you'll have a good mood at the studio.”

Wandou's eyes were wide with envy after seeing all the things brought for Jing Xi. Her own boss was really intimate. If his wife was not well treated at the studio, then he would improve it for her. He was really awesome!

The women around them were bursting with envy.

“Wow, Mr. Huo is too intimate!”

“Mr. Huo is really spoiling his wife to the fullest. I'm really impressed with what he has done!”

“I really envy Jing Xi for finding such a good husband!”

Xu Xinrou, who was feeling smug just now, could not laugh anymore. Everyone thought that she had the best treatment in the film crew because she was the first lead female actor.

But now, when compared with Jing Xi...Jing Xi was literally being treated like a princess.

Xu Xinrou was very hateful of Xu Xiyan now. Why could she be treated so meticulously and tenderly by a man?

And as for her, had she been a plaything for men that they could heartlessly abandon anytime?

The more Xu Xiyan showed off here, the more envious and jealous and hateful Xu Xinrou felt. However, there was still one more thing that made her feel even more so.

Yi Xiao gave another order to his men and they gave everyone at the studio a delicious ice cream mousse cake each.

The mousse cake was not just any cake, but a specially customized cake ordered from the most high-end cake shop in Peijing.

Everyone's cake had the same design except for Xu Xiyan's. Hers was a pink heart-shaped cake and the decorations on it were particularly beautiful; its design was especially girlish.

"Yours was personally made by the young master," Yi Xiao whispered to her. Before Xu Xiyan could react, he turned and said to the others, "Please enjoy these cakes. They were bought by Mr. Huo for everyone to enjoy!"

After Yi Xiao finished his words, everyone thanked Huo Yunshen. Everyone felt that it wasn't cake they were eating; they were eating dog food instead. [1]

They all thanked him, but there was also someone who did not appreciate his gesture. Xu Xinrou narrowed her eyes at the mousse cake, sneering inwardly: Isn't this just a rotten piece of cake?

What's so great about it?

Does she think she can win everyone's hearts with just a piece of cake?

How ridiculous.

Xu Xinrou threw her mousse cake into a trash bin nearby. She didn't want to eat Huo Yunshen's dog food!

Then, someone screamed, "Look! See what I've eaten?"

A girl who was one of the extras was holding up a shiny gold coin. Everyone looked towards it. They couldn't believe that the gold coin was from the cake.

Yi Xiao promptly explained, "Please be careful when eating the cake. Every piece of cake has a lucky gold coin and it is made of pure gold. If you get one with the lucky number 7, you will get a jewelry gift from The Blue Gemstone courtesy of Mr. Huo."

No one had expected that there was a surprise hidden in a little cake.

A gift from The Blue Gemstone! Oh my god! What had they almost missed out on?

Before Yi Xiao could even finish his words, everyone at the studio had accelerated their eating speed of their cakes. Soon after, the excited voices came one after another.

"I found one too!"

"I've also found one! My number is 11!"

“I have one too!”

“Mr. Huo is really such a big spender. He is really so awesome!”

“Who has the lucky number 7?”

Everyone was looking for the lucky number 7. Xu Xinrou secretly reached into the trash bin, took out the cake and began to rummage for the gold coin inside.

She had managed to find one, but the number was 2.

In the end, it was Yuan Xiaoyue—a girl who was playing a little palace maiden—who had gotten the lucky number 7. When Yi Xiao presented the gift from The Blue Gemstone to her, Yuan Xiaoyue was so happy that she almost fainted. She ran straight to Xu Xiyan to hug and thank her.

Xu Xiyan herself also found something in her cake, but it was a small glass bottle. She wiped the bottle clean and then opened it. There was a small paper rolled up inside it.

Chapter 773: It's Way Too Blinding

Xu Xiyan opened the note, and there was a sentence written on it.

[The empty bottle shows how much I've missed you. It's just like the air, you can't see it nor touch it, but it's everywhere.]

Xu Xiyan held the empty bottle dearly and smiled.

Huo Yunshen did all of this just to deliver the note to her.

Wan Dou took a peek at the note and was almost blinded by it.

Oh my god! It's so sweet! Wan Dou screamed in her head. Can he be any more romantic?

After putting on the makeup and dress, Xu Xiyan and Xu Xinrou turned into elegant beauties.

It was as if they were beauties of ancient China that had walked out from drawings.

“The Beauty of the World” was a story about Yun Qingchen and Yun Qingge, a story on how two innocent sisters turned into enemies.

Yun Qingchen, the elder sister, fell for the emperor and finally became the woman at his side after a brutal audition.

While the younger sister, Yun Qingge, fell for the general, Huo Zhiliu.

Since Huo Zhiliu had won many wars with his exceptionally strong martial arts, the emperor was afraid of him taking over the throne and stopped giving him food when he was out on a war.

Huo Zhiliu stood his ground for 49 days and died fighting.

Yun Qingge was angry for his death and vowed to take revenge with Huo Zhiliu's kid in her belly. After her son was born, she found her way into the palace for her revenge.

The first day of recording was a test session, where the two sisters were praying for their wishes to come true at the Water Lantern Festival.

Yun Qingchen wished that she could get into the palace and become the woman at the emperor's side.

Yun Qingge wished that Huo Zhiliu could win his fight and come back to marry her.

Xu Xiyan was so into character that Yun Qingge looked like a teenage girl who was witty and beautiful with a hint of cunning. Her character was much more attractive than the plain and normal Yun Qingchen.

To Huang Guoqiang's surprise, the first scene was successful in one shot.

The first day was a huge success.

After the work had ended for the day, Xu Xiyan got a message from Huo Yunshen saying that he was waiting outside.

Xu Xiyan changed and went to look for Huo Yunshen while asking Wan Dou to leave with the van first.

She sat in Huo Yunshen's car and said, "Didn't I tell you that you don't need to come and pick me every day?"

Xu Xiyan knew that Huo Yunshen had many things to do and did not want to wear him out.

"I'll come when I'm free. I only feel safe when I can see you."

Huo Yunshen never felt tired from it. To him, fetching his wife off her work was the happiest thing in the world.

"Are you afraid that I will run away with another dude?" Xu Xiyan joked.

"Of course not! There's no way you could escape my claws."

Huo Yunshen bent over and helped her with her seatbelt before kissing her.

It was as if the kiss was the fuel Huo Yunshen needed, as he started the engine right after.

On their way back home, Xu Xiyan got a call from Fang Xiaocheng and mumbled, "Why is Orange calling me? Does she want to go shopping together?"

Chapter 774: His Situation Was Particularly Serious

When the call was connected, Fang Xiaocheng's weak and anxious voice came from the other side of the call. "Yanyan, help... help me... and Dazhi..."

Xu Xiyan felt her heart jump in shock. She hurriedly asked her, "What happened? Where are you guys? Tell me now!"

"I..."

No more sound came from the other end. Xu Xiyao was confused and flustered. "What should we do, Dear? Orange and Dazhi seem to be in trouble. She was asking me for help but there was no more sound before she could finish her words."

"Is the call over?"

"No."

The call had not been hung up yet and the other party was no longer speaking, which was why it was very worrying.

Huo Yunshen immediately pulled the car over to the side of the road and used a call locator device to locate Fang Xiaocheng and Wang Dazhi, then immediately sped off to their location.

When Huo Yunshen and Xu Xiyao arrived at the destination, they saw a serious traffic accident in front of them. Many people were surrounding and watching the scene.

One of the pedestrians had already reported the accident to the police. The police and ambulances were currently doing everything in their power to hurry to the scene.

Xu Xiyao squeezed her way through the crowd and saw a terrible scene.

The semi-old pickup truck had collided with a large truck. The truck was turned on its side and its driver hung out from the broken windshield, covered in blood.

The front of the small pickup truck had hit a stone block on the side of the road and was completely deformed. Its driver was stuck in the cab, but he had protected the passenger beside him with the greatest ability with the side of his body. Both of them had fallen unconscious.

Xu Xiyao recognized that they were Wang Dazhi and Fang Xiaocheng, and felt her heart freeze. She did not expect them to suffer a car accident, and not to mention such a serious one.

Fang Xiaocheng must have mustered the last of her strength to make a phone call to her.

"Orange... Dazhi..."

Xu Xiyao's tears fell. She didn't know what to do with the situation before her eyes.

She wanted to rescue them, but they were stuck in the front of the car and it was difficult to get them out.

Huo Yunshen did not recommend that she tamper with the accident scene, so as not to cause a second injury to the victims. The best thing they could do now was to wait for the ambulance.

Through the broken car window, Xu Xiyao placed a finger in front of Fang Xiaocheng's nose and confirmed that she was still breathing and alive. Xu Xiyao called Fang Xiaocheng's name over and over again. She seemed to be awake.

She opened her eyes weakly and recognized Xu Xiyao, then called out to her, "Yanyao..."

Xu Xiyao took Fang Xiaocheng's hand and encouraged her, "Hang in there, Orange! The ambulance is coming soon!"

“I beg you... save Dazhi...”

After Fang Xiaocheng struggled to finish these five words, she fell unconscious again.

Wang Dazhi's situation was particularly serious. His body was stuck in the front of his pickup truck. From his position, one could tell that when the car accident happened and the truck and the pickup truck collided, he had turned the wheel sharply so the truck would hit the side of his pickup truck where he was sitting—all to protect Fang Xiaocheng who was sitting on the passenger side.

In the end, when their pickup truck veered from the road towards a stone block, he had used his body to protect Fang Xiaocheng just before the collision.

Xu Xiyan looked at her two best friends suffering in their misfortunes. Other than being sad and tearful, she could do nothing to help them. She was full of anxiety and self-blame inside.

How could this happen?

The young couple had been in love for eight years and they were about to enter a happy married life. How could God play such a big joke on them now?

After waiting for a short while, all the ambulances and police cars and rescue vehicles arrived.

It was confirmed that the driver of the larger truck had died on the spot. The two victims in the small pickup truck only suffered different degrees of injuries.

They used tractors to pull the vehicles apart and cut the front of the pickup truck with steel pliers. Finally, Fang Xiaocheng and Wang Dazhi were rescued, they were immediately sent to the hospital.

Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen also followed the ambulance to the hospital.

Chapter 775: Guessed It

Both the victims were sent to the ER right away. Luckily, Fang Xiaocheng had only scratched her head.

Xu Xiyan was with Fang Xiaocheng the whole time until she woke up.

“How are you feeling?” Xu Xiyan asked.

The first thing Fang Xiaocheng did was grab Xu Xiyan's hand and ask, “Yanyan, where's Dazhi?”

“They are still operating on him, don't worry... Get some rest.”

There was no way Fang Xiaocheng would not be worried, Wang Dazhi used his body to shield her from danger.

She tried to get up and said, “I want to go to him.”

“Calm down! There's nothing you can do even if you go there,” Xu Xiyan stopped her.

“But I'm so worried about him...”

Tears began to roll down Fang Xiaocheng's cheeks.

“Dazhi will be fine. The doctor will definitely save him. We just have to wait.”

But not long after, a nurse came in and said, “Fang Xiaocheng, your boyfriend is awake. He wishes to see you one last time. Can you get up?”

One last time... Fang Xiaocheng cried as she guessed what was happening.

With Xu Xiyan's help, Fang Xiaocheng went to where Dazhi was at.

Wang Dazhi lay on the bed. The doctors did their best to pull him back from death's doorstep, but his vitals were falling, and he wished to see Fang Xiaocheng one last time.

“Dazhi...” Fang Xiaocheng called out to his name as she grabbed his hands.

“I'm sorry,” Wang Dazhi said as he looked at the girl that was in tears and shaking. “It looks like I can't stay by your side anymore... Please live on... And remember... I'll always love you...”

It was as if he was telling his will before he pulled his hands away.

He did not close his eyes, he did not want to. There were so many things and regrets that were left behind.

The doctors and nurses shook their heads as the line on the monitor turned straight.

“Dazhi! Please! I can't live without you...” Fang Xiaocheng cried as she looked at the man she loved die with his eyes open.

She could not believe that Dazhi had left the world.

Xu Xiyan kept encouraging her while she sat on the floor crying. That was the only thing Xu Xiyan could do.

The doctors put a white sheet over Wang Dazhi, separating him and Fang Xiaocheng into two different worlds.

Because of his death, Fang Xiaocheng fainted in Xu Xiyan's arms.

She kept crying after she woke up and Xu Xiyan could only comfort her. “You have to stay strong, for the child in your belly.”

It was the child that Wang Dazhi used his life to protect.

Chapter 776: In Case She Had Any Suicidal Thoughts

Now, she and her child were fine but Dazhi was gone. Gone forever.

Because of the impact Dazhi's death had on her, Fang Xiaocheng was not in good shape now.

Next, Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen took over the matter and help inform Dazhi's parents. They also helped them arrange Dazhi's funeral.

Wang Dazhi's parents were honest villagers and the death of their son had a very big impact on them. Their son had passed away before them and the elderly couple was very sad.

The insurance company had paid them the death benefit for their son's death. The old couple took the money and their son's ashes and returned to their hometown.

From then on, there would be no one like Wang Dazhi in Peijing anymore.

In order to take care of Fang Xiaocheng, Xu Xiyan especially took a few days off to accompany her in the Blueberry Community.

The impact Dazhi's death had on Fang Xiaocheng was too great. She had fallen into a serious depression and she would do nothing but weep all day.

In their residence at the Blueberry Community, she could still see traces of Wang Dazhi everywhere. Living here would only make Fang Xiaocheng miss him and become sadder by the day.

Fang Xiaocheng was hopelessly infatuated with Dazhi. They had loved each other for so many years. How could she forget about him just like that?

Xu Xiyan was very worried that Fang Xiaocheng was going to have suicidal thoughts if she continued to live here. Besides, she was not going to have peace of mind by leaving a pregnant woman alone here.

She remembered the other apartment unit opposite of the one she and Huo Yunshen were living now, the one Yi Xiao would occasionally stay at. Xu Xiyan and her husband decided to vacate one of the empty rooms there and let Fang Xiaocheng live in there so they could look after her more easily.

Xu Xiyan could not take too many days off from her shoot. She knew she would be worrying about Fang Xiaocheng after she returned for her shoot, so she decided to ask Yi Xiao to help look after Fang Xiaocheng in case she had any suicidal thoughts.

Yi Xiao was happy to help and readily agreed to it. He could treat her as a new fellow housemate.

When Fang Xiaocheng had first moved in, there were basically no interactions between her and Yi Xiao.

In order to fulfill his responsibility of her "guardian," Yi Xiao secretly installed several pinhole cameras in their apartment.

He had installed the cameras not because he wanted to spy on her, but to remain aware of her situation at all times so he could stop her in time in case she tried to take her own life.

As long as there was time every day, watching the surveillance cameras had become Yi Xiao's daily job.

Most of the time, he would see the girl sitting alone by the window, staring blankly out of it. If not, she would be weeping by herself silently.

Yi Xiao also understood some of the affairs between Fang Xiaocheng and her boyfriend. He knew that they have been together for 8 years and their relationship had been very stable. They had already reached the point of purchasing a house for marriage and even had an unborn child. Nobody had expected that her boyfriend would die in a car accident, leaving her and their unborn child.

At this time, Yi Xiao's heart was full of pity and sympathy for this lovely girl.

He hoped that she could recover from her grief soon!

On this day, he had just returned from his shopping. Before entering the apartment, he saw Fang Xiaocheng going to the kitchen via the surveillance app in his mobile phone.

She picked up a sharp fruit knife, staring blankly at its gleaming blade.

When Yi Xiao saw this scene, his heart lurched. He thought that she was having dark thoughts and was about to do something stupid.

He immediately dumped his shopping bags to the ground and opened the door to enter the house. The first thing he did was to rush into the kitchen, grab her and snatch the fruit knife from her hand.

“Miss Fang, don't do anything stupid!” Yi Xiao called out to her worriedly.

He thought that she was about to commit suicide?

Fang Xiaocheng was being held by him from behind so tightly that she could not move her arms. She could only turn her head around and said, “Assistant Yi, I was not trying to take my life, I just... wanted to eat some fruit.”

Chapter 777: Get Her Fill of Punishing

Fang Xiaocheng had gone to the kitchen because she was hungry.

She noticed the apples in the basket and got a fruit knife.

Yi Xiao realized that he misunderstood the situation and quickly let Fang Xiaocheng go as he scratched his head.

“I'm sorry, it's my mistake.”

“It's okay. Sorry for worrying you.”

Fang Xiaocheng forced a smile on her pale face, a smile uglier than crying.

Yi Xiao could feel an indescribable pain in his heart as he saw the smile. It was a hint of sympathizing.

He could feel how thin Fang Xiaocheng had become when he hugged her and could not believe that she was a pregnant woman.

“Are you hungry?” Yi Xiao guessed.

“Yes,” Fang Xiaocheng nodded, but it was the baby in her belly that was hungry.

“Wait here, I'll whip something up for you.”

Yi Xiao picked the stuff up from the floor and went into the kitchen with his sleeves rolled up.

Fang Xiaocheng stood at the door and watched as Yi Xiao cooked. He reminded her of Wang Dazhi.

Fang Xiaocheng did not know how to cook, and it was always Wang Dazhi who was in charge of that part. He would always cook her food when she was hungry or brought back food from the restaurant.

There was no way that she wouldn't be sad when such a fine man had just left her.

Her eyes were filled with tears again as soon as she thought of Wang Dazhi.

As the tears masked her sight, she thought she was looking at the man that would do anything for her.

Fang Xiaocheng understood that it would be hard for her to forget about Wang Dazhi.

Ever since Fang Xiaocheng moved to Shengshi Yujing, Xu Xiyan would go to her place whenever she had free time. Ying Bao would sometimes accompany her mother to make Fang Xiaocheng feel better.

Xu Xiyan thought that the only way to help Fang Xiaocheng was to find her something to do and shift her attention.

Since Fang Xiaocheng always wanted to be a scriptwriter, Xu Xiyan gave Fang Xiaocheng the novel she wrote, "Deep in the Stars," for script writing.

With the help of her friends, Fang Xiaocheng got better by the day. She started to live a better life for the baby in her belly.

With Fang Xiaocheng back on her feet again, Xu Xiyan was finally relieved enough to go back to the set.

The recording finally reached the climax of the whole movie.

The sisters finally met each other again in the palace. Yun Qingchen had already become an Imperial Concubine while Yun Qingge was trying to get closer to the emperor. Yun Qingchen tried to get her sister to let her revenge go by talking to her.

Yet, Yun Qingge was not the kind girl that she once was. She got to the place that she was by sacrificing many things.

Xu Xiyan believed that Yun Qingge was a character that was specifically written for her, especially the part where she fought with Yun Qingchen.

It was a satisfying arguing scene.

In the scene that they were shooting, Yun Qingge would pull on Yun Qingchen's hair and slap her before kicking her into a bush of thorny roses.

After the first try, Huang Guoqiang stopped the shoot and shouted, "Jing Xi! That's not vicious enough! You should have more hate in your eyes! Again!"

Chapter 778: Deliberately Pressuring Her

"Oh. Okay, understood, Director."

Xu Xiyan rubbed her hands and was itching to go again. When the second take began, she had the right look in her eyes that looked venomous to the bone.

She grabbed Yun Qingchen's hair and gave several hard slaps to her face and there was a stupefied look in Xu Xinrou's eyes as Xu Xiyan walloped her. When it was time for Xu Xiyan to kick her, Xu Xinrou had shielded herself with her arms in panic. The Director cried out to stop the take.

“What's the matter, Xinrou? Are you not in good condition to act today?”

Xu Xinrou herself was a famous list star; she could not stand being bullied. “No, Director. Jing Xi was hitting me for real instead of faking it.”

She was right for not faking it!

It was not Xu Xiyan who was taking advantage of the shoot to have her revenge against Xu Xinrou, but it was Huang Guoqiang who was taking advantage of the shoot to vent his anger.

He had already found out the truth of something. That is, back then when Qi Liya had accidentally fallen while doing wire work, it was Xu Xinrou who had directed someone to tamper with it.

It was all because of Xu Xinrou's desire to ascend into stardom that she would do anything to drag others down while doing so. She had already reached the point of harming someone's life. If he didn't teach her a good lesson now, he would be doing Qi Liya a disservice.

For the sake of his precious Yaya and as long as there were scenes where the first female lead was abused, Huang Guoqiang would make sure that he would do a dozen more retakes.

So one could say that you could offend anyone, but do not simply offend the director. Once you've offended the director, there's no way you could get away with it without suffering the consequences.

On the third take, Xu Xiyan's lines, expression, movements and other aspects were done well. But when it was Xu Xinrou's turn, she began to lose her focus.

“Sorry, Director. I... I forgot my lines!”

She had not deliberately forgotten her lines—she had forgotten them for real.

Xu Xinrou was so frustrated that she felt like crying. Her face was about to become swollen like a sponge cake if Xu Xiyan were to beat her some more. Finally, when it was her turn to say her lines after withstanding the beatings, she forgot them.

It was rare to see Huang Guoqiang not flare his temper. Instead, he said patiently to her, “Oh, don't worry, Xinrou. Take it easy and look at your script again. After you've memorized them, we will continue.”

Xu Xiyan could not help but cast a side glance at Huang Guoqiang. What a crafty man! Is he letting her look at her script again, or is he looking for an excuse to teach her a lesson?

Xu Xinrou wasted no time and read her lines again, then returned to her position. “I'm ready now, Director. We can continue.”

On the fourth take, Xu Xiyan grabbed her hair and hit her face until her hands were numb. When it was Xu Xinrou's turn to speak her lines, she remembered them and spoke them all. Although she got them right, her lines were completely wrong; they were not even the lines for this scene.

Huang Guoqiang asked nonchalantly as he unscrewed the cap of his drinking bottle and took a sip of tea, “Xinrou, what's wrong with you recently? Are you under too much pressure?”

“I'm sorry, Director. I probably didn't get enough rest.”

Xu Xinrou could not explain her grievances and also could not give him a specific reason. Since the LK commercial shoot, she had become forgetful.

She did not give "The Sweet Angel" perfume much thought, and she didn't know that it was the perfume that had caused her forgetfulness.

Instead, she attributed the cause of the problem to Jing Xi. She discovered that as long she had a scene with Jing Xi, there would be a chance as high as 99% that she would forget her lines.

That woman was going all out in her performance. She must have been the one who was deliberately pressuring her.

Finally, after twelve takes, the face-slapping scene was passed just barely by the director. It was thanks to her assistant Mou Ling, who had helped her cheat by writing her lines on a large board so she would pass.

After the shoot, Xu Xinrou's face was already swollen like a sponge cake. Mou Ling asked her, "Sister Xinrou, what happened to you today? Did you forget to read the script? Do you want me to help you with your lines?"

"No need!" Xu Xinrou snatched the script from Mou Ling's hand. She was in a very bad mood.

Xu Xinrou glanced outside and saw Jing Xi chatting and laughing away happily with the director and the other crew members. She felt an indescribable hatred that seeped into her very bones.

Chapter 779: The Two Bitches

It felt like Xu Xiyan was the main actress of the whole movie, and Xu Xinrou was the supporting role.

While they were resting, Yang Wenxue started to talk with Xu Xinrou.

At first, Xu Xinrou did not want to talk to her because she seemed close with Xu Xiyan. Xu Xinrou had no interest in people who tried to get on every person's good side.

Yet Yang Xuewen was not as simple as she looked.

"Seriously, you're an list actress, why do you keep letting that newcomer get the better of you?" Yang Xuewen asked Xu Xinrou. "Are you going to stand still and let her take your spot?"

"What are you trying to say?" Xu Xinrou asked curiously.

She thought that Yang Xuewen was Xu Xiyan's friend and was surprised that she would say something like that.

"It's just unfair. You should get back at her for taking your place!"

Of course, Xu Xinrou wanted to punish Xu Xiyan. She even dreamt of choking her at night.

She thought that she would have the chance to take her revenge on Xu Xiyan when the shooting began.

But, it was the other way around. Xu Xinrou was the one getting the worse treatment.

Xu Xinrou stared at the new actress who was introduced into the set by the sponsor, wondering if she was trying to get something out of them fighting.

“Why do you even care?” Xu Xinrou asked, hugging her arms.

“I'm just the same as you. I don't like how cocky she is,” Yang Xuewen said as she stared at Xu Xiyan.

“I thought you were very close with her?”

“Impossible!” Yang Xuewen scolded as she grabbed Xu Xinrou's hands. “I think it's time you know who I really am. I was the main actress for “Root of Evil,” and I'm supposed to be the ambassador for ROSUE...”

Her life had been ruined by Xu Xiyan and Huo Yunshen.

“You!”

Xu Xinrou was surprised as she finally realized who Yang Xuewen was.

“That's right.” Yang Xuewen smiled cunningly.

Yang Xuewen's real name was Yang Qiong.

Xu Xinrou guessed that Yang Qiong had her face changed and joined the movie just to take her revenge on Xu Xiyan.

She acted like she was a newcomer, but in reality, she was trying to learn more about Xu Xiyan.

Her appearance meant that Xu Xinrou did not have to walk down the revenge road alone anymore.

“This is a huge surprise!”

Xu Xinrou and Yang Qiong were like two bitches looking for the same trouble, and they finally met.

“You have to remember this, I'm on your side!” Yang Qiong said. “It's all because of Huo Yunshen that she can act the way she does now. You should find someone to support you too so that you can get to the same level as her.”

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Yang Qiong had a backer too; that was why she could afford to have a complete plastic surgery make-over and start a new life.

After listening to Yang Qiong's words, Xu Xinrou felt that her method was feasible. “What you said makes sense, but in my current situation, where am I going to find someone to back me in a short time?”

Yang Qiong's eyes arched slightly. She leaned in to whisper in her ear, “If you trust me, I can introduce some to you.”

Xu Xinrou was tempted. Right now, she had a desperate lack of support. She hoped to have a dozen of them to back her so that she could walk proud and tall again.

After the two reached an agreement privately, Yang Qiong became her middleman and introduced some men with powerful connections to Xu Xinrou for a dinner date.

In a short time, Xu Xinrou got to know a few sugar daddies one after another. Among them, there were three of them who stood out: a rich businessman, a director, and a senior government official.

The rich businessman who made a fortune from coal mining, Mei Xiangdao, sponsored her in exchange for her being his mistress, giving her unlimited wealth to spend lavishly.

Hua Zhenghong, who had become famous for his porn directing, was also a well-known director. Right now, he had moved on to literary works. After Xu Xinrou hooked up with him, he arranged a good film for her to play in.

Lastly, the senior government official, Ma Shangfeng, was a very powerful person. He had great authority in the entire Peijing regime.

Xu Xinrou took advantage of him to specially deal with Huo Yunshen. Huo Yunshen was only a businessman. How could a businessman like him go against someone with great power in the government?

The senior government official had repeatedly abused his powers, stopping several large project investments of the Huo Group, resulting in countless losses for them.

Looking at Huo Yunshen suffering such misfortunes, Xu Xinrou was secretly gloating inside.

The Xu Xinrou today was a different person. She could now also thrive without relying on Mo Yutian.

At the film studio, she had risen several levels in status. She was just like a big-shot actor with several assistants entertaining her.

Whenever she was not shooting "The Beauty of the World," she would participate in her sugar daddy's film "Fireworks." Her goal was to become an award-winning movie queen by the end of the year and stomp that bitch Jing Xi under her feet.

At the studios, Xu Xiyan and Xu Xinrou would stay away from each other. But when they were filming a scene together, they often clashed with each other.

Xu Xiyan was becoming more and more fond of life in the current production. She especially liked shooting scenes with the first female lead. There was really nothing bad about being in the same production as Xu Xinrou and it was nice to have a free punching bag too.

While the shoot for "The Beauty of the World" was going on, Huang Guoqiang's other film, "Landscape," had begun production too. Soon, in the next few days, Xu Xiyan would join the production and start shooting the film in secret.

She read today's news and saw a report about the Huo Group suffering several consecutive losses. Their project was forced to run aground due to auditing problems and other issues.

Xu Xiyan was very worried. During a break at her shoot, she gave Huo Yunshen a call. "I've read the news, Dear. What is going on?"

“Don't worry, it's nothing. I will deal with them,” Huo Yunshen assured his wife.

Recently, the problems faced by the Huo Group was caused by an auditing problem and they had been ordered to stop by relevant departments.

He had ordered his staff to investigate, and it turned out that there was an official with the surname Ma who had given the order to stop their project.

After checking Ma Shangfeng's background, he found that he and the senior government official did not share any connections or grudges between them. Why was he constantly giving him trouble?

Could it be Mo Yutian who had secretly arranged someone to deal with him?

Whatever Ma Shangfeng's intentions were, Huo Yunshen had already contacted a friend working in central authority. His friend just happened to be the head of the department Ma Shangfeng was working for. As soon he went into action, the problems would be solved.