

Rebirth Of The Villainess: Young Master Lu's Wicked Wife -

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It had only been three days since Xi Qian moved out from her old home to Su Xiaofei's apartment when her father and stepmother came to QCA to seek her. When her name was summoned to the headmistress's office, Xi Qian gave Su Xiaofei a worried look, knowing what was waiting for her.

'I'm going with you, Qian. I'll make sure that they won't hurt you ever again.' Su Xiaofei said, her eyes darkening.

She had yet to settle the score with Wang Peilan, Xi Qian's stepmother. If it wasn't for that woman, Xi Qian wouldn't suffer such humiliation in the past, and since it was Wang Peilan who paid the homeless man to harass Xi Qian, how could Su Xiaofei let go of this chance to see the woman now?

'Qian, I haven't been a good friend to you, but I promise this time, no one can easily hurt you as long as I'm around.' Su Xiaofei promised in her heart.

When Xi Qian's parents were divorced, she was left behind with her grandmother, as if she was nothing but a burden for them. Somehow, Su Xiaofei could understand why Xi Qian didn't want to owe anyone a favor. It was because she always had to either work hard or pay a heavy price for all the things she received in the past.

Therefore, Xi Qian could only rely on herself.

From the moment Su Xiaofei met Xi Qian, her clothes were always faded and had seen better days. Because of this, when they were younger, Xi Qian was usually targeted by the bullies, and it only stopped when Su Xiaofei beat up some of them. They left Xi Qian alone after that.

When Su Xiaofei and Yun Qingrong found out about Xi Qian's circumstances, they were upset. For one, Xi Qian was only a minor, how could her parents leave her to an elderly who couldn't even take care of herself?

Anyway, it was good that Xi Qian no longer had feelings for her parents, so Su Xiaofei didn't need to be polite to

them. Wasn't it obvious that the only reason they were seeking Xi Qian right now was because they were already aware that Xi Qian had already sold her place and wanted to claim their 'share' from the payout?

Xi Qian walked ahead of Su Xiaofei, pondering what she should do this time. She hadn't seen her father in over a year now and her stepmother, Wang Peilan, obviously despised her. However, remembering that it was Wang Peilan who wanted to harm her during the eve of her birthday, it only soured Xi Qian's mood.

If it wasn't for Wang Peilan's scheme, Su Xiaofei wouldn't need to force herself to beat up that shameless homeless man to save her. Just thinking of what could have happened to her if her best

friend hadn't intervened that night, Xi Qian couldn't help but feel a shiver running down her spine.

Soon, they arrived at the headmistress's office. As soon as Xi Qian opened the door, she saw her father standing behind Wang Peilan, who was seated across from their headmistress.

'Hello, Headmistress. You wanted to see me?' Xi Qian greeted her, while Su Xiaofei went and stood by a wall and crossed her arms around her midsection, eyeing the shameless couple.

After Wang Peilan saw Xi Qian, a hint of disgust appeared on her face.

'Unfilial child! How dare you lie to us?!' She pointed a finger accusingly at Xi Qian, which made the headmistress frown.

'Madam, please calm down. There's no need to raise your voice like this.' Headmistress Yan said in a low voice, but she had this awful look on her face.

How could she not know of Xi Qian's circumstances?

Headmistress Yan had been giving the young woman various pieces of advice regarding balancing her studies and part-time job. Although Xi Qian managed to get a scholarship from the academy, the grade she needed to keep up would be hard to maintain.

When she found out that Xi Qian was taking up part-time jobs to support herself, Headmistress Yan asked her why she didn't ask for her parents' help. It was only now did the older woman finally realize how bad the relationship was between Xi Qian and her

parents, that even an outsider like Wang Peilan could berate and humiliate her like this in front of her father.

Headmistress Yan couldn't help but feel pity for Xi Qian. She was one of the most outstanding students in their academy and no matter how busy Xi Qian was, she was always ready to extend a hand when someone needed help.

As for Wang Peilan, did she think that everyone was stupid?

'She's not even your daughter. Who are you to scold our Qian?' Su Xiaofei's cold tone reached everyone's ears.

As Wang Peilan turned her head to see who dared to provoke her, she was momentarily stunned as she didn't expect that Xi Qian's companion could be this beautiful.

'You... who are you? You don't have a say in our family matters.' Wang Peilan sneered at Su Xiaofei.

'You ask who I am?' Su Xiaofei chuckled darkly before glancing at Xi Qian's father, who remained silent behind his wife. Seeing him reminded Su Xiaofei of how disgusting and cowardly this man was.

He was at his wife's every beck and call. Even when Wang Peilan repeatedly caused trouble for his own daughter, he did nothing to rein his wife and save Xi Qian some face. So why should Su Xiaofei take pity on them?

'I'm Xi Qian's best friend. The person who helped her when she had nothing to eat and paid for her hospital bills when no responsible adults were there to take care of her.. Such things are

her parents' responsibility, but they were never around. Now that her home is already sold and she has money, who would have thought that her so-called parents would suddenly show up claiming that they're family? It's really disappointing, don't you think?'

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Wang Peilan was taken aback, while Xi Qian's father's expression was darkened by Su Xiaofei's words. They had never thought that someone would criticize them and would point out their plans in broad daylight.

Listening to Su Xiaofei's words, Headmistress Yan could conclude that Xi Qian's parents were a pair of shameless couple who only remembered Xi Qian's existence because of money and that they had essentially abandoned her, especially when she needed help.

Headmistress Yan scowled as she thought about it. Indeed, she knew that Xi Qian was close to Su Xiaofei, and it had been a surprise to her when she found out that these two really get along despite the contrast in their attitudes.

One was a gentle mannered child, while the other was an ill-tempered young miss who sought trouble left, right and centre. However, as Su Xiaofei called out Xi Qian's parents for their irresponsible behavior, the old woman was willing to let Su Xiaofei off the hook this time, as long as she didn't go overboard.

‘Xi Qian has indeed sold her place, so what? What does it have anything to do with you? The property was under her name and her grandmother left it to her because neither of her parents even bothered to check on her to see if she was still alive, let alone her welfare.’

Su Xiaofei was really annoyed with Xi Qian’s parents. Even when she had met them in the past, they looked at Xi Qian as if she was a stain and a mistake they had made in their lives. Xi Qian never asked them to give birth to her.

Why was it that a child had to suffer just because their parents had them without even seriously considering if they were ready to raise a child and to be responsible for them? As for Xi Qian, why did she have to endure the sufferings while her parents were living leisurely somewhere else?

‘As for you, Mr. Xi, you should be thankful that Xi Qian isn’t suing you for neglecting her. What would the Dragon Emissary

do if we file a complaint against you?’ Su Xiaofei’s whole body was trembling from rage.

‘Feifei...’ Xi Qian looked at her best friend with worry. Her eyes stung with tears as she remembered the hardships she had to endure in the past and how she felt betrayed by her own parents.

‘Do you know that abandoning a minor is punishable by law? Then to even put her in harm’s way by paying a stranger to harass her...? Madam, you really have the guts to dare to harm our Qian.’

Wang Peilan panicked when she heard those words.

Impossible! How did this young woman find out it was her?!

‘Su Xiaofei, what are you trying to say?’ Headmistress Yan narrowed her eyes dangerously. ‘Are you aware that this is a serious accusation?’

‘E-en! You have to be lying! I have no idea what the hell are you talking about! It’s understandable that you are still young, but you can’t slander anyone like this!’ Wang Peilan stuttered, although her heartbeat had already picked up and sweat started to form at the side of her face, despite the room being air-conditioned.

Su Xiaofei chuckled darkly and sighed. Did Wang Peilan think she could easily threaten her with empty words? She, who had experienced a harsher verbal war against other people in her past life?

‘If Madam feels like she’s being wronged, please, do sue me for libel.’ She patted her chest lightly, giving the other woman a mocking smile. ‘In return, we will also file cases against you and your husband. Do you think Su Xiaofei, the granddaughter of the esteemed General Yun, would turn a blind eye while Xi Qian is being bullied by her stepmother?’

Wang Peilan’s face turned ashen. Did this young woman say that she was the granddaughter of a military general? Since when did this pathetic stepdaughter of hers gain such a strong backing like this? She had seen Su Xiaofei in the past, and although she knew

that this young woman was an heiress, she never thought that she had such an outstanding background.

Su Xiaofei wasn't really planning to drag the Yun family in this, however, as the villainess everyone deemed her to be, how can she not take advantage of the resources she had at her disposal?

Even when Xi Qian was working as a private nurse in Su Xiaofei's previous life, this pair of shameless couples continued to bother her, asking her for money.

'You are such a shameless girl! Why are you slandering us like this? We only came to see Xi Qian and to find out where she currently lives. She moved out from her place without informing anyone.' Wang Peilan countered. She refused to back down in front of Su Xiaofei.

It didn't matter what this young woman said, so long as they would be able to persuade Xi Qian to give them the money they wanted. Xi Qian obviously hated arguing with anyone, especially with her parents, so in order to avoid trouble, she would always give in to her elders.

It was just that Wang Peilan hadn't expected that Xi Qian would refuse them today.

'I troubled Headmistress Yan today. I'm deeply sorry.' Xi Qian gave Headmistress Yan a polite bow before turning to her father and stepmother.

'Sorry, Dad. It's true, I already sold the place, and I've moved out to give way for the company to start their preparation. As for the

money, it's mine alone. You can contest it in court, however, don't expect that I will back down. I will sue you and Mom for neglecting my needs over the years.' She said in a cold voice.

If she didn't make a stand today, she knew this would happen again.

'I will also sue Aunt Peilan for instigating to harm me. We have collected the evidence to prove this accusation.. I hope Aunt Peilan is also ready to serve jail time, away from my little brother and sister in the future.'

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Xi Yang, Xi Qian's father, had a dark overcast look on his face as he heard his daughter's words. He had never thought that one day, this little girl would grow some backbone and defy him in front of other people. He wanted a son, but his ex-wife gave birth to a useless daughter instead, this was why he never cared about this estranged daughter of his.

He was furiously berating this useless daughter of his inwardly as he held back the urge to slap her for her impertinence. However, with the headmistress around, he couldn't afford to act recklessly.

Besides that, it seemed that his wife's scheme had been discovered. What would his employer think if this issue came to light? He had a perfect reputation he'd been trying to preserve in the company, hoping that it would help him receive a promotion anytime soon. However, if Xi Qian and her friend decided to sue

him and his wife, all of his efforts would be for nothing and if it were made public, he would be utterly shamed.

This only meant that he had no way out!

‘Fine. Do whatever you want, but don’t expect anything from me from now on.’ He said, intending to leave.

Xi Qian scoffed and looked away. Father? Did she ever have one growing up? Parental love was something unknown for someone like her, who had been abandoned by her own parents.

‘Rest assured, Mr. Xi. All love and familial ties between us will be lost after this meeting. Please don’t bother to show yourself in front of me in the future.’

She couldn’t believe that she could finally muster the courage to chase them away after years of abuse. As for her mother, Xi Qian knew that she wouldn’t try to scam her like these two, but would act pitifully for her to give her money.

‘But dear!’ Wang Peilan exclaimed. How could they just leave without gaining anything in return?

Xi Yang shot his wife a fierce glare, stopping her from saying anything that could be used against them.

How can he ignore the blatant threat from his daughter? He could only hope that this daughter of his wouldn’t bother them in the future.

Wang Peilan couldn't do anything but scowl and shot Xi Qian and Su Xiaofei a disgusted look as she stood up from her seat. She really couldn't stand Xi Qian's existence. Although she was happy that Xi Qian wouldn't have anything to do with them, she still felt that the money she earned from selling her mothers-in-law's property should be theirs.

They left at once, not bothering to keep up pretenses of their 'care' for Xi Qian anymore. Su Xiaofei glared behind their backs. Xi Qian might be letting them off like this, but she wouldn't. Xi Qian tried to hold out as hard as she could and tried to survive without relying on her useless parents. If Wang Peilan thought that she would be safe after this, then she was gravely mistaken.

'I'm sorry again, Headmistress Yan. I didn't expect that they would come here to confront me.' Xi Qian apologized once again.

Headmistress Yan sighed and rubbed her temple.

'Say, was what Su Xiaofei said just now true? Your stepmother hired someone to attack you?'

Xi Qian bit her lip and nodded. A week after the incident, Lu Qingfeng had come to her and Su Xiaofei, showing them a recording of the homeless man meeting Wang Peilan a couple of blocks away from her workplace.

'Then, do you want to report this to the authorities? I know that you don't have any legal guardian that could help you.'

Headmistress Yan asked worriedly.

‘Thank you, Miss Yan, but I would rather not report her. As you’ve seen today, my Aunt Peilan would only shrug off the accusation and might say that her meeting with that man was nothing but a coincidence. She’s someone who can twist the truth in her favor.’ She responded.

Xi Qian couldn’t help but remember the memories of her past. At that time, she felt like she had no one. She was always hungry for attention, which was why she strived to become a better student to attain reputation and recognition from others.

It was only when she met Su Xiaofei that she started to feel that she wasn’t alone anymore. Even Lu Qingfeng’s existence had somewhat grown on her.

The older woman could only nod in understanding, but she would be sure to keep in touch with Xi Qian, just in case something happened to her. She turned her attention to the resident troublemaker of their academy.

Su Xiaofei straightened her back, feeling the intense glare the headmistress was throwing her way. Ah, she shouldn’t have forgotten that Headmistress Yan was here with them. The old woman was probably not pleased with what she witnessed today.

‘Miss Su, what you’ve done earlier was quite disappointing. I wouldn’t condone such an attitude here. Do you realize what you’ve done this time?’ Headmistress Yan questioned her.

‘Yes, Headmistress Yan. This won’t happen again.’ Su Xiaofei lowered her head, but her eyes weren’t showing any hint of regret.

‘It’s good that you know. In the future, you should try to avoid confronting your elders like this. Although I understand that you’ve only acted that way to protect Xi Qian, it’s not good to create discord with other families.’ The older woman reminded her.

Seeing that she wouldn’t be able to get away without agreeing, Su Xiaofei conceded. She still had other ways to deal with that couple anyway and Headmistress Yan didn’t need to find out what they were.

‘I understand, Headmistress. Thank you for your concern.’ She said, before excusing herself and Xi Qian from the office.

Once they stepped out and closed the door behind them, Xi Qian unexpectedly engulfed Su Xiaofei in a tight embrace and cried silently.. Su Xiaofei could only awkwardly pat her friend’s shoulder in an attempt to reassure her that everything would be alright.

Chapter 204 – To Become A Queen Maker (1)

It was Saturday and after a delay on Fang Yi’s part, Su Xiaofei was finally ready to step into Bluemedia on her own. Just the other week, her uncle needed to postpone her visit as something urgent popped up and he had to attend to it.

Aunty Liu had prepared Su Xiaofei’s lunchbox and waited for her to come down for breakfast, but after an hour of waiting, Su Xiaofei still hadn’t come down to start her day. The old woman

called her to wake up earlier, but Su Xiaofei kept mumbling about needing another five minutes. When Auntie Liu heard her asking for five minutes for the third time, she started to doubt that her young miss had truly grown up.

It was okay for Su Xiaofei to dilly dally for the past few days as her exams were over, but this was a different matter.

‘Feifei, if you don’t get up this instance, I’ll give your mother a call and cancel your trip.’ Auntie Liu frowned.

Su Xiaofei shot her eyes wide open right then and sat up. She then slid out of her bed and ran towards her bathroom in a hurry.

Actually, she went to bed early last night, however, how was she supposed to know that Qiao Yuhan would give her a video call before she managed to sleep? She wouldn’t admit it to anyone, but she was starting to miss her adorable little brother.

In her past life, because she had met Qiao Yuhan a little late and only found out about their relationship at the end of her life, she didn’t have the opportunity to experience being an elder sister who spoils her brother. Now that they were given this chance, Su Xiaofei wanted to try to become a better sister for Qiao Yuhan, regardless if he knew they were siblings or not.

Seeing that her young miss was finally on the move, Auntie Liu shook her head and sighed. Apparently, some things would remain the same. While Su Xiaofei was still in the bathroom, she took the clothes she

wanted to wear from her closet and grabbed a pair of comfy flat shoes. Since Su Xiaofei would visit her mother's company, there was no doubt that she would be on her feet most of the time.

Once Su Xiaofei was done and had dressed properly, she took another look in the mirror to ensure that she looked presentable. She was wearing a casual white sleeveless blouse with a blue lace ribbon on it. The skirt she was wearing reached her upper knees and had a small slit on the side to give her room to move. Her long hair was combed neatly and was tied in a ponytail, with a few strands left loose to frame her face.

She devoured her breakfast in under five minutes and hurriedly called her two bodyguards for them to leave. Zhang Lan and Zhang Ling were a pair of siblings who used to work under Lu Qingfeng. However, since the stabbing incident, Lu Qingfeng took the responsibility of providing her with capable bodyguards that could cater her needs and demands at the same time.

'Good morning, Miss. The car is ready.' Zhang Lan said. She was the older of the two sisters and had a more serious demeanor compared to her younger sister.

'Am I going to be late?' Su Xiaofei asked as she hurriedly slid inside the car while the Zhang siblings took the front seats.

'Don't worry, Miss. I already found a route where we could avoid the traffic jam. We should be able to arrive on time.' Zhang Ling said with a wide smile. If Zhang Lan was the cold moon, Zhang Ling was the bright sun.

'Great! You two are the best!'

Su Xiaofei was impressed by how capable and efficient these two were. Unlike her previous bodyguards who didn't even bother to look after her and helped an outsider to harm her, the Zhang siblings knew how to do their job well without neglecting her opinions.

Zhang Lan didn't waste time and started driving, following the route her sister had set earlier. This saved them a lot of time as they were able to avoid the congested roads leading to Guangshang.

Meanwhile, Su Xiaofei sat at the back seat, reading the reference materials her Uncle Fang gave to her to study. By understanding the basics, it would be easier for her to understand how every department worked together.

When they arrived at the commercial district in Guangshang, where Bluemedia was, Su Xiaofei noticed that it hadn't changed much from what she remembered. Well, at least she wouldn't need to stumble and meet Mo Yuchen here, as Golden Star was located in Shenjing. Now that he had become a director there, he could rarely be seen at Qiyong City, which lessened his chance to meet Ye Mingyu.

Yun Qingrong, being the president of Bluemedia, naturally wouldn't come down to receive her daughter in person. Instead, she passed the responsibility to orient Su Xiaofei to Fang Yi, who had a better understanding and relationship with their employees.

A middle-aged woman came and introduced herself as Wan An, Fang Yi's secretary. She spoke in a professional tone to Su Xiaofei,

but there was a hint of gentleness in it. Su Xiaofei supposed that this woman knew who she was and accompanied her to Fang Yi's office.

'Miss Su, although President Yun informed us of your visit, I regret to tell you that not many have been informed of it.' Wan An politely said.

'Oh, no worries, Miss Wan. I don't want to disturb anyone's work and only came here to observe. There's no need to give me any special treatment.' Su Xiaofei smiled in return, making Wan An hold her breath as she stared at her.

Wan An had seen many beautiful young women and celebrities in the past, but something about Su Xiaofei's look reminded her of the Goddess Qingyue of the Golden Star Entertainment.. With her unique beauty, it was a pity that this young woman wasn't planning to enter showbiz.

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Su Xiaofei turned her head and glanced at Wan An as she found the woman staring at her face. She had opted not to put on makeup today because she was in a rush and was hoping that her dark circles weren't noticeable at the moment. She had no idea that Wan An was thinking about how she resembled Bai Qingyue so much.

Su Xiaofei looked around and noticed that there weren't many people at the lobby. People come and go and unlike the previous

company she was signed with, Su Xiaofei could see that the employees of Bluemedia were all professionals, seeing that they didn't bother to stop to chit-chat with one another.

The place was decorated with a modern and minimalist theme, and while Bluemedia had been in the entertainment industry for over a decade, they had only produced one queen in their long history. Even now, they didn't have a top star they could brag about to everyone.

Most of the talents of Bluemedia were second and third tier stars in the industry and while some had their own strengths and talents, they have yet to receive a break that could allow them to transcend to a first tier status. At most, there were only three first tier bankable stars in Bluemedia.

In her previous life, Su Xiaofei managed to become a B-rated actress with a few music albums under her name. If there was something Ye Mingyu and Bai Qingyue didn't have, it was the ability to sing well on stage, like Su Xiaofei. However, during her fifth year in the industry, her vocal cords had been injured in an incident that Ye Mingyu instigated. Since then, Su Xiaofei hadn't been able to reach the notes she used to hit.

In order for Bluemedia to develop, the management needed to take some risk to expand the company. Not only did they need to raise the worth of their talents, but they also needed to keep up with the pace of their competitors.

As Su Xiaofei walked into the company with

the Zhang siblings, they spotted a group of new recruits and talents waiting for the elevator. Since Su Xiaofei didn't want any special treatment for her observation period, she decided to mingle with the rest for a better perspective.

When Wan An appeared with a beautiful young woman next to her, these five new recruits turned their heads and scrutinized Su Xiaofei. Other young women would lower their heads in shame, but Su Xiaofei only arched a single brow at them, daring them to say something.

They were young and inexperienced, so it's natural that they would feel threatened when another person with outstanding looks and talent appeared from nowhere.

'Ms. Wan, is this your new recruit? Or is she one of those talents VP Fang poached from somewhere?' Li Jing, one of the agents of Bluemedia, asked Wan An. He had a curious look on his face as he looked at Su Xiaofei.

'Something like that.' Wan An frowned. She really didn't like and didn't get along with Li Jing as he could be atrocious at times. 'She will eventually join our company, so I'm giving her a tour.'

A gleam of light flashed in Li Jing's eyes and his smile slightly faltered, while the young women behind him had different reactions upon hearing what Wan An just said. Some frowned and thought that Su Xiaofei only managed to enter the company through the backdoor.

Su Xiaofei smiled and regarded Li Jing. She slightly regretted that she didn't get involved with Bluemedia in her previous life, so her knowledge of her mother's company was limited.

Among these new recruits, someone piqued her attention, though. This young woman was younger than what Su Xiaofei remembered, but she certainly looked familiar. It could be said that the moment Su Xiaofei saw her, she felt a feeling of the fox grieving when the rabbit died.

Xiao Rufeng. In Su Xiaofei's past life, she was a struggling actress with many controversies attached to her name. Despite being a beauty and having an impeccable talent for acting, Xiao Rufeng was repeatedly slandered on social media for various reasons.

A video of her slapping her own younger sister in a private event circulated, and she was painted as a vicious woman. However, how can Su Xiaofei not see that it was merely a ploy by Xiao Rufeng's younger half-sister to ruin her?

The Xiao family was a big shot in Shenjing and Xiao Rufeng was known as the black sheep of the family. Like Su Xiaofei, Xiao Rufeng didn't mince her words and didn't care for what people said about her. She was always transparent whether she liked a person or not.

Alas, being the public's number one enemy wasn't a good thing for an actress like Xiao Rufeng. Not only was she blacklisted in the entertainment industry due to false accusations of drugs and tax evasion, but she was disowned by the Xiao family. This eventually allowed her younger sister, Xiao Yunyao to become the sole heir to the Xiao family fortune.

‘Hi! Are you a trainee too?’ Su Xiaofei greeted Xiao Rufeng with a gentle smile on her face. The glint in her eyes indicated that she just stumbled on a valuable pawn she could utilize in the future.

Xiao Rufeng was taken aback, as she didn’t expect anyone would talk to her. Then, she saw Su Xiaofei smiling at her.

‘Y-yes.’ She muttered. Although Xiao Rufeng had an unrivaled potential when it comes to acting, her socializing skills were lacking due to the constant pressure she received from her family and from constantly being compared to Xiao Yunyao.

The group then entered the elevator. Li Jing was asking Wan An some questions, but she decided to ignore him. Meanwhile, Xiao Rufeng felt uncomfortable standing next to Su Xiaofei.

‘Miss Wan, is it possible for me to see how the training is conducted?’ Su Xiaofei suddenly asked, wanting to see more of the new recruits of Bluemedia.

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Wan An looked at Su Xiaofei’s smiling face and didn’t have the heart to deny her boss’s daughter. Anyway, Fang Yi was still not in his office as he was stuck in a meeting for another hour. She didn’t think it would hurt if Su Xiaofei checked out how the company trained the recruits before meeting him later.

‘Sure. I’ll notify Boss Fang that we will be late for the meeting.’ She agreed with Su Xiaofei’s request, while the Zhang Sibling’s

checked the elevator and its occupants for any signs of danger with their gazes.

‘Miss Wan, you still have to introduce this little lady to me.’ Li Jing said, unimpressed that he was being ignored by Wan An.

Wan An shot him a glare and huffed, clearly showing her dissatisfaction with him.

‘Hello, Mister. You can call me Xiao Fei. I’ll be troubling you today.’ Su Xiaofei chose to introduce herself instead, much to Wan An’s relief.

Wan An had no idea how to introduce Su Xiaofei, as the younger woman had requested to keep her identity unknown as much as possible.

While most knew that Yun Qingrong had a daughter, this daughter of hers rarely showed herself in public events and occasions, which was why even Li Jing, who had been a talent agent in the company for a few years, had never seen Su Xiaofei before.

‘Hello. I’m Li Jing. I’m a talent agent here at Bluemedia. Do you want to become a star too, Xiao Fei?’ Li Jing asked Su Xiaofei. He had assumed that like Xiao Rufeng, Su Xiaofei’s family name was Xiao too.

Su Xiaofei hummed and cupped her chin while she kept her small purse hooked on her arm.

‘It does sound profitable, Mr. Li. But not as much as being a business owner instead.’ She commented.

Li Jing laughed at that.

‘That depends on what kind of business you are running, Xiao Fei. But if you want to become a star, it also requires talent. A beautiful face is as good as a flower vase if you can’t offer

anything to the audience.’

‘Is that so?’ Su Xiaofei raised a brow at him, startling Li Jing.

Li Jing thought that this young lady was naive, but it seemed that VP Fang had found an interesting recruit this time. Not only did Xiao Fei have a pretty face, but she was also perceptive of other people and could remain calm under pressure.

‘En. You need to at least know how to sing, dance, and act. You might also be required to learn how to play a few musical instruments.’ He continued. No matter how beautiful Xiao Fei’s face was, it would never be enough to make it in showbiz.

Of course, Su Xiaofei knew about this. She and Ye Mingyu started in the industry when both of them were eighteen. They were both scouted by Top Tier Entertainment and had undergone various training sessions to polish their skills. Being a star wasn’t as easy as counting one, two, or three. Li Jing didn’t need to give her a lecture about it.

However, in this lifetime, Su Xiaofei wasn’t interested in becoming an actress anymore. She only wanted to earn a lot of money and lead a happy life with her mother. Also, she was sure that being an actress wasn’t the only career she could pursue.

As the future CEO of Bluemedia in a few years, Su Xiaofei intended to become a Queen maker. She had decided to take Xiao Rufeng under her wing and raise her to become a Queen who could topple the other Queens produced by their competitors. She wanted to make Ye Mingyue and Bai Qingyue bow down in defeat by using Xiao Rufeng.

When they arrived at the training room, they found the other recruits of two other talent agents waiting for them before they could start. There were about twenty-five recruits ranging from the age of seventeen to twenty years old waiting for them. Su Xiaofei couldn't recognize them and assumed that she was lucky to be able to meet Xiao Rufeng this time.

Naturally, Su Xiaofei gained a lot of attention because of her looks, and the two bodyguards who were trailing behind her. Seeing her, they obviously had mixed feelings.

She looked like a young miss from a wealthy family, but why did she want to become a star like them? They wondered. With this kind of look, it wouldn't be hard for her to be noticed by the big boss.

They were all good-looking people, but compared to this beautiful young lady, they all felt like they would become a backdrop when standing next to her. Her appearance can be considered top notch. She was currently not wearing any makeup, her clothes were simple too, but she still looked stunning in everyone's eyes.

'Miss, are you sure you'll be alright here? I need to go upstairs and check the Boss's itinerary. I'll be back soon, I promise.' Wan

An asked Su Xiaofei, once the latter had taken a seat, and pulled out her phone to inform her mother and Lu Qingfeng that she was at Bluemedia now.

Next to her, Xiao Rufeng also took a seat. The young woman was wondering why Su Xiaofei was receiving such special treatment from an employee of Bluemedia.

‘Miss Wan is worrying too much. I’m sure the teacher wouldn’t mind me being here. I’ll be here whenever you are ready to pick me up.’ Su Xiaofei politely replied.

Wan An nodded and went to the supervising teacher of the class. She informed Fan Jian, the voice instructor, that Xiao Fei would be joining her class upon VP Fang’s request, without revealing Su Xiaofei’s real identity.

Fan Jian nodded and glanced at the newbie joining her class today. This wasn’t new at all. Everyone knew that their VP Fang had a habit of poaching anyone with potential to become a star if he met them outside.. However, he had never poached someone as striking as this young woman.

Chapter 207 – Birth Of A Star (1)

There was something familiar about Su Xiaofei’s face, but Fan Jian couldn’t point it out. She felt like she had seen Su Xiaofei’s face somewhere, but she couldn’t remember where. As Su Xiaofei turned her head and smiled at Xiao Rufeng, Fan Jian finally realized why she felt such familiarity.

Fan Jian had been working in the industry for several years now and when Bai Qingyue was around twenty-five years old, she had worked as her private vocal coach to improve her singing skill. This Su Xiaofei reminded her of Bai Qingyue's younger years in the industry, although the two gave off different impressions.

While Bai Qingyue was known for her gentleness and ethereal beauty, making it easy for her to get along with anyone whom she met, Su Xiaofei had this impression of a young queen who had come to see her subjects, smiling as if she didn't care about what others thought of her presence.

It was clear that she was getting a lot of scrutinizing looks from others, but she acted like she couldn't be bothered by any of it. Because Su Xiaofei had arrived with Wan An, everyone thought she had connections inside.

When Wan An left, the recruits went to their seats and waited for the class to start. Fan Jian stood in front next to the piano and regarded everyone with a serious expression on her face.

'I see that we have a new face joining us today.' She said, eyeing Su Xiaofei.

Su Xiaofei immediately stood up and introduced herself. She had heard a lot of things about Fan Jian in her past life, but unfortunately, she never had the chance to be acquainted with this renowned voice coach.

'Hello, Teacher Fan. I'm Xiao Fei. I'll be joining your class for today.'

Fan Jian's brows shot up upon hearing Su Xiaofei's words. Did this mean that this young lady hadn't signed the contract yet? However, the senior executives were quite strict when it came to their new recruits.

Because of the persisting problem of trainees leaving their company once

they gained enough popularity, the management made sure that they would all be legally liable and bound for a limited time to the company.

Those under eighteen were also required to have their parent's approval and to sign a waiver to make sure that they wouldn't easily break from their contracts. So Su Xiaofei's presence today confused Fan Jian. However, since VP Fang had given his approval, President Yun must also be aware of it.

'Okay. Take a seat and pay attention to our class. I will not repeat myself, so you all better make sure to take notes and practice on your own later.' Fan Jian said, glancing at Su Xiaofei with unconcealed curiosity in her eyes.

Being beautiful in showbiz was one thing, but one couldn't stay long if she's merely relying on her face alone. One needed to be competent and have the skills to be able to flourish in the industry. While it's true that Su Xiaofei had a unique face that could easily distinguish her from the crowd, it could only give her a good first impression.

As Fan Jian thought of this, the young lady wasn't bothered by what she and the others thought of her at the moment. If these young recruits could easily be intimidated by a stranger like her and couldn't break past their limits, then they better pack up their things and go home.

Su Xiaofei wasn't interested in nurturing talents that would only focus on others and not on improving themselves. This would only mean that they were wasting Bluemedia's resources!

It was hard to find a valuable diamond in a pile of dirt anyway.

The class started with a recap of their previous lesson. While others thought that Su Xiaofei would have a hard time understanding their lesson, she had already understood what Fan Jian was teaching the moment she heard the recap. She had once prided herself to sing very well, however, when one incident ruined her vocal cords, Su Xiaofei had unwillingly given up on singing.

Whether she still had this ability, Su Xiaofei wasn't sure herself. Since her rebirth, she had never sung a song in fear that it would only disappoint her.

As the others started to sing following the tune of the piano, Su Xiaofei was lost in her own thoughts. Xiao Rufeng glanced at her worriedly, pondering if Su Xiaofei was indeed having trouble with their lesson.

It didn't take long before Fan Jian noticed that Su Xiaofei wasn't paying attention in her class. Although Su Xiaofei was brought in

by Wan An and hadn't signed a contract yet, Fan Jian didn't like her class to be taken lightly by others.

Fan Jian scowled as she glanced at Su Xiaofei and her fingers suddenly stopped hitting the keys of the piano. Her sudden halt surprised everyone, knowing that she would only act like this only when she was displeased by something.

Everyone then followed Fan Jian's gaze and saw that their coach was staring at the newbie. It was only then that Su Xiaofei realized everyone's eyes were on her.

'Xiao Fei seems like she couldn't follow our lesson. Since you are new here, won't you show us what you know so far? Can you sing for us?' Fan Jian suggested, clearly wanting to test this new recruit who was receiving special treatment from VP Fang. She wanted to know what else Su Xiaofei could offer aside from her beautiful countenance.

'I'm not that good at singing, as I still have so much to learn. So I hope Teacher Fan can forgive me if I make a mistake today.' Su Xiaofei replied and rose from her seat. She then went and stood in front of the class, a calm and relaxed expression on her face. No hint of nervousness could be seen on her.

'Can you play any musical instrument?' Fan Jian asked.

'I can play the piano decently..' Su Xiaofei smiled in response.

‘Then take my place and play something for us. I would also like to hear your voice at the same time.’ The teacher requested, not giving Su Xiaofei any chance to deny her.

Su Xiaofei slightly tilted her head on one side, wondering if Fan Jian was displeased with her. Indeed, she had somehow spaced out earlier. Playing an instrument and singing while playing an instrument wasn’t an easy feat for a newbie, but not for her.

Most people that play piano and sing simultaneously do not sing extraordinarily difficult pieces and most of the time, they would choose to play a piece that they were very familiar with.

Su Xiaofei didn’t say anything but did as she was told. She sat in front of the piano, her fingers hovering over the black and white keys as she racked her mind for a piece that wasn’t too complicated and wouldn’t leave anything suspicious behind.

The sound of the piano began to flow. The music came out as a haunting melody, and Su Xiaofei began to sing softly.

I feel just like a reverie - reverie

And when you’re gone, I feel lonesome

I miss your epiphanies

You must think I’m lonely

Save me from the darkling night

Will you hold me tight and not go entrancing

Save me from the darkling interlude

I know you think I'm screwed

As she let the last note of the piano die with the last word from the verse of the song, the tune picked up the tempo as Su Xiaofei continued to sing.

And I wonder now if I ever really were in love before

Well, how wrong I was

This man loves me, this man loves me

And all of his love is forever mine.

Fan Jian stared wide-eyed at Su Xiaofei in shock. Throughout her long years in the industry, she had only met a couple of people who had impeccable range when it comes to singing, and Su Xiaofei was the youngest of them all. She had never expected that this young lady in front of her had such a great voice that could rarely be found in showbiz.

Not only was

she rendered speechless by Su Xiaofei's short performance, even the other new recruits and the three talent agents of Bluemedia, who were seated at the back were awed. Their jaws dropped as she continued to sing, feeling as if they were witnessing a performance by a professional.

Once the song concluded and Su Xiaofei turned her attention to Fan Jian, she was curious what the older woman thought of her

performance. This was one of the hit songs she had in her past life, although this song was supposed to be sung with another person.

‘Teacher Fan?’

Li Jing hurriedly went and whispered something to Fan Jian as they glanced at Su Xiaofei’s direction.

‘Xiao Fei, have you considered joining Bluemedia?’ Li Jing asked as if he just stumbled upon a precious stone that only needed to be polished. ‘Did VP Fang invite you here to observe? I see now that you have great potential!’

Meanwhile, Fan Jian remained silent. She opened her mouth to say something, but nothing came out. Su Xiaofei’s performance had really caught her off guard, and she couldn’t help but agree with Li Jing’s opinion. If Su Xiaofei truly joins Bluemedia, there’s a huge chance that she would be able to shine brightly in the industry.

Su Xiaofei had amazing control over her notes, whether they were high or low. Moreover, her singing could move people. Her voice that was clear and mellow at the same time was similar to that of a Songbird diva.

Su Xiaofei regarded Li Jing and politely declined his offer.

‘Thanking Mr. Li for his compliment, but I’m not interested in pursuing a career in acting or singing.’

‘You are still young, Xiao Fei. Why don’t you look around and join the other classes? I see now why VP Fang has poached you to

join Bluemedia. Not only do you have the looks, but you also have the potential to become a star.’

How could Li Jing ignore Su Xiaofei anymore after hearing such a marvelous performance from her? If Bluemedia could produce her as a singing diva, they would surely be able to reduce the gap between themselves and their competitors.

‘What do you think, Teacher Fan?’ Li Jing tried to bring Fan Jian to their conversation.

‘Her voice is great, but she needs a lot of polishing before she becomes a diva.’ Fan Jian didn’t have any bad blood with Su Xiaofei, and she also thought Bluemedia would gain a lot if they were able to sign this young woman to their company.

Su Xiaofei had a slender figure, a pretty face and a great voice, so how could the other recruits not feel threatened by her? With this kind of face and innate talent, she had already stood out from the other recruits.

Except for Xiao Rufeng, who still had yet to recover from her surprise over hearing Su Xiaofei’s voice, the other recruits had decided to keep an eye on Su Xiaofei’s future performance. Singing wasn’t the only thing they had to learn before they could debut in the industry, anyway.

‘You are Xiao Fei, right? I just want to say that I really admire your voice. I’ve been attending Miss Fan’s class for some time now and this is the first time I’ve seen her openly compliment someone.’ Xiao Rufeng told Su Xiaofei when the latter came back to her seat.

‘Is that so?’ Su Xiaofei was amused that she only needed to sing to be able for Xiao Rufeng to talk to her.

‘Then would you like me to teach you?’ She suggested. ‘I can teach you a few tricks and techniques to improve your singing, no matter if you cannot hit the high notes right now. Anyone can learn to hit the high notes without straining their voice.. It just takes some practice and the right singing techniques. And I promise that if you learn to hit those high notes without straining, you’ll be amazed at how far you can expand your vocal range’

Chapter 209 – Obstructing Bai Qingyue (1)

Xiao Rufeng was taken aback by Su Xiaofei’s willingness to help her. Most of the new recruits here were competitive and not many were willing to help each other in fear that they would lose their chance to debut, but here Su Xiaofei was, eagerly offering help to her.

Xiao Rufeng didn’t know how to feel about it. She was also aware that schemes disguised behind the veil of help were also prevalent in the industry. It was for this reason that she had kept her distance with her fellow recruits.

‘A-are you sure?’ She asked Su Xiaofei curiously. This newbie was clearly something, as she had easily taken the spotlight on her first day.

‘Of course. Since I’m not interested in becoming a star, wouldn’t it be better if someone fills my shoes just in case?’ Su Xiaofei

replied confidently. So long as Xiao Rufeng would be able to defeat Ye Mingyu and Bai Qingyue in the future, then she wouldn't mind investing some time and money on Xiao Rufeng.

However, even before Xiao Rufeng could reply, the class had resumed.

Su Xiaofei remained at the training area and paid attention to how Fan Jian taught. She supposed Bluemedia was lucky to have recruited a great vocal coach like Fan Jian. Although Fan Jian was strict, her way of teaching wasn't complicated and it was easy to understand.

When Wan An came back, it was almost time to end the class. She saw Su Xiaofei bid goodbye to one of the recruits and went towards her.

'I hope I didn't make you wait for too long, Miss Wan.' Su Xiaofei said.

'Oh, no.' Wan An smiled awkwardly. She should be the one saying that to their boss's daughter instead.

Since Fang Yi was in a meeting earlier, she also had to receive his phone calls for him. She hadn't expected that answering the calls would take so much of her time that she had almost forgotten about Su Xiaofei waiting in the training room.

Li Jing didn't have the chance to catch Su Xiaofei and convince her to sign a

contract with them, as she already left the training room with Wan An and her two bodyguards, leaving everyone baffled by her.

Su Xiaofei then met Fang Yi at his office.

‘Ah, Xiaofei. You are here. I’m sorry that you had to wait earlier.’
He sighed, clearly bothered by something.

‘It’s okay, Uncle. Did something happen?’ She asked.

Based on the timeline in her previous life, Su Xiaofei supposed that Bai Qingyue had already received the invitation to audition for the lead role of the ‘The Poisonous Concubine’. However, since she was aware that Bai Qingyue would leave Bluemedia in favor of Golden Star’s historical TV drama, Su Xiaofei wondered if she could avoid the loss her mother and the Bluemedia would receive by obstructing Bai Qingyue’s way.

The corner of her lips curled up into a devilish smile, stunning not only Fang Yi, but also his secretary.

‘Dear Mother, since you specifically made it hard for me in the past. I would gladly return the favor now.’

‘It’s nothing serious, Feifei.’ Fang Yi sighed and leaned on his seat.

‘Is this about The Poisonous Concubine you and Mama have been working on?’ Su Xiaofei asked, eager to know how the project was going.

‘Did your mother tell you about it?’ Fang Yi seemed surprised that Su Xiaofei was interested in their big project.

Su Xiaofei only shrugged, not willing to say anything that may be used against her. Yun Qingrong hadn’t told her anything, so this was why she needed to fish out information from Fang Yi instead.

‘We invited Miss Bai Qingyue to take up the lead role for The Poisonous Concubine, but her team was asking for a higher talent fee.’

Su Xiaofei raised a slender brow at that. She wasn’t really surprised by such demands because Bai Qingyue was already considered a queen, and it was normal for her team to demand more, especially from a lesser known company like Bluemedia.

‘Uncle Fang, were they asking too much? Do you really need to have Bai Qingyue for the series to be successful?’ She asked.

Fang Yi considered her question, and knew that what she said made sense. However, he wasn’t the only person who could decide for the lead role.

‘Uncle, why don’t you hold a usual audition? I’m pretty sure you would be able to find a capable actress who could portray the role without breaking the bank.’ Su Xiaofei suggested.

‘That’s also what I think, Xiaofei.’

Hearing her suggestion strengthened Fang Yi’s resolve to raise this suggestion in their next meeting. He really thought that Bai Qingyue’s team was asking too much. While it’s true that this was

a major TV series project for Bluemedia, they were making unreasonable demands.

‘Don’t worry, Uncle. Everything would be fine. I’m sure that you would be able to find a decent actress who fits the role.’ Su Xiaofei reassured him.

Bai Qingyue should lose the lead role to another person in order for Bluemedia to avoid losses because of her. As for the actress that could replace Bai Qingyue, Su Xiaofei already had a person in mind. She just needed to find that person’s whereabouts.

‘Now that the male lead role is taken, we just need to fill the title role and the second male lead before the preparation for the shoot could start.’ Fang Yi commented as he looked at the list on top of his desk.

‘The second male lead role is still open?’ Su Xiaofei asked in surprise. Qin Muyao should have taken the role. Did something change again? Why was Qin Muyao facing the scandal a year earlier from the original timeline?

‘Qin Muyao has auditioned for the role and actually chosen it, but the recent scandal against him has thrown everything and his career in peril. His management has recently forfeited his contract. It’s a pity that the industry would lose a talented person like him.’

Su Xiaofei narrowed her eyes on that. Indeed, something had changed again. The scandal about Qin Muyao should happen a year from now, but why did it happen earlier than the original timeline?

She lowered her head and considered the things she had done so far. There was nothing that could directly connect her to Qin Muyao and the things she had changed since her rebirth shouldn't be enough to change the course of the events in Qin Muyao's life.

Qin Muyao was twenty-one years old right now, and he was popular for the young adult TV drama he starred in. However, when his girlfriend fell pregnant and gave birth to a baby girl a year from now, Qin Muyao had refused to take responsibility and wasn't willing to admit that he had fathered his girlfriend's child.

Because of this, he was subjected to public scrutiny and hatred. His endorsements and projects were all pulled out and given to other people. Despite this, Qin Muyao still vehemently refused to admit that he was responsible for his ex-girlfriend and her child.

With his ex-girlfriend's family's influence, he was pressured and was forced to leave the entertainment industry. The fame and bright future that was waiting for him was gone in just the blink of an eye.

Five years later, the said ex-girlfriend would confess that she had wronged Qin Muyao, and he wasn't the father of her child. However, such admission was already too late as he had lost not only his life, but also all the chances to clear his name.

This scandal had forever tainted his name and wouldn't be easily forgotten by the public. Qin Muyao, whose reputation had been

tarnished severely by the scandal and had lost face to see his own family, was found dead in his apartment. He had apparently hanged himself.

Su Xiaofei didn't take pity on Qin Muyao, but she hated people like his ex-girlfriend. That shameless woman had accused the wrong person, ruined his name in public, and yet acted like she never did anything bad after her admission. She only admitted it because the

real father of the child had come out and was eager to fight with her in court for their daughter's custody.

'So Qin Muyao is technically free from any agency now?' She asked Fang Yi.

'In a sense, yes. There isn't any agency who's willing to take him in because of the recent scandal.'

'Uncle Fang, since I want to follow in my Mama's footsteps, would you please allow me to recruit Qin Muyao for Bluemedia? I'll be the one responsible for him.' Su Xiaofei requested.

The man looked at her in disbelief, wondering if he had heard her right.

'But Feifei, the issue about him is very serious. Even his previous management wasn't able to protect him from it.'

‘That’s because they were afraid of offending his ex-girlfriend’ family. I believe that there’s still a chance to save his name and career, only if we are willing to make an effort to do it.’

Fang Yi stared at her and considered their options. Su Xiaofei was only supposed to make an observation at Bluemedia to familiarize herself first, but now, she was asking to become a manager. He wasn’t sure if Yun Qingrong would agree to her daughter’s request, given how serious the matter about Qin Muyao was.

‘Feifei, I cannot give you an answer right now. You should discuss this with your mother instead.’ He answered her truthfully.

Fang Yi could sense that Su Xiaofei was serious, but her inexperience was enough to make one decline her request. Even if they managed to clear Qin Muyao’s name, it would also mean that they would offend his ex-girlfriend’s family.

‘Alright. I will inform Mama, but I hope that Uncle Fang will support me in the future.’ Su Xiaofei smiled before their inspection started.

Fang Yi visited each department with Su Xiaofei following behind him. While he received reports from each department head, the other employees couldn’t help but glance at the pretty young woman who was tailing him.

‘Chief, who’s that woman with VP Fang? Is she a new assistant here?’ Someone asked the design department’s head.

‘Who knows? She doesn’t look like she’s his daughter.’ The department head answered.

‘Eh? I heard VP Fang didn’t have any children with his deceased wife, so who is that?’

Su Xiaofei didn’t mind the stares she was receiving and observed with a polite smile on her face. However, her mind was already thinking of several ways to strike a deal with her mother.

In order for her to save Qin Muyao, she needed to lay out a foolproof plan as soon as possible. Each passing minute would only let him sink deeper into the quicksand waiting to devour his entirety. Perhaps she should meet this person first before doing anything.

Su Xiaofei needed to see if Qin Muyao was worth the trouble. She needed to make sure that he would become a star that could bring her lots of money in the future.

Once she and Fang Yi were done, she received a message from Lu Qingfeng that said that he was treating her for dinner and that it was almost time for them to meet Mo Yuan in person, hinting that it was almost time to proceed with their plan.

‘Uncle Fang, if there’s nothing else, can I leave now? Xiao Feng is waiting for me.’

The man gave her a knowing look and smiled.

‘You and Xiao Feng are spending a lot of time together lately, aren’t you?’ He replied in a teasing tone.

How can he not notice that the younger man was in love with Su Xiaofei? The way Lu Qingfeng looked at Su Xiaofei was the look

he used to have when he was looking at his wife when she was still alive.

‘Why, of course, we’ve known each since we were kids.. Isn’t it natural for us to hang out with each other?’ Su Xiaofei responded, before bidding him and Wan An goodbye, hurriedly running to meet Lu Qingfeng.