

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

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While Xi Qian's entrance exam was already over, Su Xiaofei had been spending most of her time reviewing as hers was fast approaching. She barely had time to keep up with what was happening around her, and refused to be distracted by the unwanted rumors circulating around Ye Mingyu.

As she buried her head in one of the books Lu Qingfeng lent for her to use, Su Xiaofei sighed and glanced at the stack of books that she had yet to touch. No wonder Lu Qingfeng could be so smart at his young age. He read books more than anyone else Su Xiaofei knew in her lifetime.

As she was pondering how to finish her studies on time, Auntie Liu announced her arrival and brought in a tray of snacks for Su Xiaofei.

'Don't stress yourself too much, Feifei. Even if you couldn't remember everything, it's enough that you understand most of the concepts of your lessons.' The old woman told her as Su Xiaofei straightened up in her seat.

'If Mama can do it, then so can I!' She declared with confidence to Auntie Liu.

Since she had decided to take up the business and finance course like Yun Qingrong, Su Xiaofei wanted to prove that she wasn't just someone who had a pretty face. In her past life, she had

committed a lot of mistakes and one of those was not taking her education seriously. She wasn't doing this to get even with Ye Mingyu, but to become a better version of herself.

'I know you can do it, Feifei. Just believe in yourself and work hard. I have no doubt that you will be able to pass your exam.' The older woman said before leaving Su Xiaofei to allow her to continue her revision.

An hour later, Su Xiaofei finally finished her task for the day and decided to log in to her social media account to see the latest happenings in showbiz. Her slender brow rose when she saw an article about Jiang Li publicly extending her apology towards Qin Muyao, hoping

that the young actor would be able to forgive her.

Su Xiaofei scoffed and used her new account under the pseudonym 'queenofthestars' as Qin Muyao's manager to respond to Jiang Li's public apology.

'Apologies reestablish dignity for those you hurt. Letting the injured party know that you know it was your fault, not theirs, helps them feel better, and it helps them save face. As for Miss Jiang's apology, it would have been better if she apologizes personally to Qin Muyao as her offenses are serious in the first place. This public apology means nothing if Miss Jiang is only doing this to save face, rather than owning up to her own mistakes towards Qin Muyao.'

This statement from Qin Muyao's new manager easily earned a lot of attention from the netizens. Some were agreeing with Su Xiaofei while the others felt that it was too much to force Jiang Li to apologize to Qin Muyao.

'If something you've done has caused pain for another person, it's a good idea to apologize, even if whatever you did was unintentional.'

'Ms. Manager is right! Jiang Li's apology sounds more like an excuse to me rather than remorse towards Qin Muyao!'

'We just want you to say what you mean. Otherwise, don't say it.'

'Jiang Li almost ruined our Qin Muyao's life with her lies. If someone hadn't managed to prove his innocence, just imagine what could happen to him because of her lies.'

Jiang Li's camp didn't respond to any of this and chose to remain silent, which only triggered the other commenters to believe that she only released a public apology to save her face and she wasn't truly sincere with her apology.

Su Xiaofei didn't doubt that Jiang Li only issued an apology because she had been receiving backlash left and right, and her Jiang family was now pressuring her to confess who truly fathered her child. The Jiang family was known to be conservative and had strictly been following traditions, and Jiang Li's recent actions had been against their moral etiquette.

Su Xiaofei's attention was shifted when her phone beeped, indicating a new message. As she checked on the screen, she saw that it came from Qin Muyao.

'Manager Su, should I also release a statement and answer her apology?' He asked.

'No. There's no need. I've already dealt with it.' Came Su Xiaofei's fast reply.

After turning off her laptop, she stretched her arms above her head and spotted the calendar on top of her desk.

'Time sure flies.' She muttered to herself as she realized that there was only a month left before her and Lu Qingfeng's graduation, as well as his impending departure.

The more she thought about it, the more Su Xiaofei felt sad knowing that she won't be able to see Lu Qingfeng for a long time. She ran her hands through her hair and stared at her blank ceiling, thinking that regardless of the lifetime she was living, she was still as selfish as she could remember.

A part of her wanted to convince Lu Qingfeng to stay and be with her, but alas, she also knew how important it was for him to succeed in the Lu family and their company. Su Xiaofei had to accept that Lu Qingfeng also had his own responsibilities to deal with, aside from looking out for her.

Five years was a long time, and many things could happen in that span of time. Su Xiaofei wasn't worried that Lu Qingfeng's heart could be swayed by another woman, as she had witnessed herself

how he remained loyal to her to his last breath. She was just worried that he wouldn't be able to avoid the assassination attempt on his life that would lead to his coma in five years time.

'I should stop Xiao Feng from returning in five years..' Su Xiaofei made up her mind to save his life this time.

Chapter 242 - Empty Apology (2)

While Su Xiaofei was worrying about his safety in the future, Lu Qingfeng had been preparing to avoid the same disaster that could befall him in five years. He would make sure that no one would be able to stop him from returning to his beloved's side in the future.

It didn't matter if they were his relatives, because Lu Qingfeng would pull out the weeds from their roots before they were able to harm him. With the knowledge he retained from his previous life, it was easy for Lu Qingfeng to figure out who had attempted to kill him.

'Master, we've arranged everything according to your plan.' Nine told Lu Qingfeng while the young man was leaning against the railing of the balcony of his room, his eyes watching the darkened sky.

As Nine looked at his young master, he felt that Lu Qingfeng's recent orders were inconceivable even for someone who worked as a mercenary for a long time before meeting his young master. Katarina also voiced her confusion about Lu Qingfeng's odd

requests, but they were both left confused, trying to understand Lu Qingfeng's intention.

Lu Qingfeng had been buying shares from different companies, left and right. Aside from investing in Qiao Tech's latest project, Lu Qingfeng also bought some shares from Bluemedia and Golden Star Entertainment using a shell company.

'Thank you.' Lu Qingfeng's cool voice reached Nine's ears.

Despite his young master's cold countenance, Nine was still not used to hearing Lu Qingfeng's polite remarks towards him and the others. He was far from the other arrogant and cool young masters from other wealthy families that Nine was acquainted with in the past.

'We will be in Shenjing for at least five years. You should make some preparations for yourself, Nine.' He heard Lu Qingfeng say, which reminded Nine that he also still had some personal matters to settle before he could leave with his young master in a month's time.

'Yes. Thank you, Master, for his consideration.'

If Lu Qingfeng hadn't sought him that day, Nine wouldn't be able to save his younger sister's

life. He didn't know how and why Lu Qingfeng showed up that day, offering to pay for his sister's immediate surgery in return for Nine's service, but regardless of Lu Qingfeng's intention, Nine knew that he was forever indebted to his young master.

Once his assistant left, Lu Qingfeng was left to think about his plans in the future. There were so many things that had changed since he and Su Xiaofei were reborn, and there were still things that would remain the same despite their efforts to change for the better.

He had recently asked for her hand in marriage from Yun Qingrong, but the latter had told him that she would leave that decision to Su Xiaofei and would respect her daughter's decision in the future. This only meant that Lu Qingfeng would need to cement his presence in Su Xiaofei's life and to not give Mo Yuchen a chance to get close with her.

As for Ye Mingyu, he was aware that the scholarship that was granted to her had been snatched from another person. Lu Qingfeng wasn't sure how Ye Mingyu's departure overseas would affect Su Xiaofei in the future, but he could only trust that Su Xiaofei wouldn't allow that woman to outwit her this time. Knowing her personality, Su Xiaofei would surely find ways to smash Ye Mingyu's hopes to pieces.

The wheel of fortune would continue to spin around. If in their past lives, they were both unfortunate to lose each other, it was now Mo Yuchen and Ye Mingyu's turn to be unlucky.

As he was pondering about his future with Su Xiaofei, his phone rang. He immediately picked up the call, seeing that it was Su Xiaofei who was calling her.

'What's up?' He asked immediately.

Lu Qingfeng felt silly. Even now that he was reliving his life for the third time, he still couldn't ignore Su Xiaofei no matter what timeline he was in.

'Xiao Feng, let's go on a trip tomorrow.' Came Su Xiaofei's reply.

'Oh? Now you've become bold enough to ask me for a date?' His tone had a hint of teasing in it.

As expected, he heard a low gasp from the other end of the line.

'Lu Qingfeng! You are getting more arrogant these days! If you don't want to accompany me, just say so! I can just ask Yun Xiang to come with me.' Su Xiaofei said in annoyance, but her words immediately dampened Lu Qingfeng's mood.

'I didn't say I didn't want to. Tell me the time and where we are going, so I can arrange it with Nine.' Lu Qingfeng immediately replied.

There was no way in hell he would allow Yun Xiang to get close with her. He wasn't that blind not to notice the odd look Yun Xiang was giving Su Xiaofei, regardless if the man was even aware of what it meant or not.

'Heh, I know Xiao Feng wouldn't disappoint me.' Su Xiaofei said with a laugh.

Lu Qingfeng could only sigh inwardly, knowing that he was totally wrapped around her finger. With his impending departure, he also didn't want to waste this chance to spend more time with her.

‘So where are we going this time?’

‘Up north. Yun Xiang was able to find Si Yixian’s younger sister.’
Su Xiaofei replied.

Lu Qingfeng was aware that she had been preparing early for her own future by collecting valuable chess pieces she could utilize when the time was right. It was just he hadn’t expected that she would take advantage of their weaknesses.

‘Ah, so it’s not a date.’ He feigned disappointment. Lu Qingfeng knew that she still have reservations why she couldn’t fully accept him yet.

A moment of silence followed as Su Xiaofei didn’t respond.

‘Hey, are you still there?’ Lu Qingfeng called out.

‘Then we could have one after meeting Si Yixian’s sister..’ She said, rendering Lu Qingfeng speechless.

Chapter 243 – Unwanted One (1)

Lu Qingfeng was just teasing her and wasn’t expecting that she would willingly agree to go on a date with him. He fell silent for a while, which made Su Xiaofei wonder if he had hung up on her.

‘Hey! Xiao Feng, are you still there?’ Su Xiaofei’s tone was a little annoyed and unhappy.

‘I’m here. Okay, we’ll go on a date then. You can’t take it back, Xiaofei. I’ll pick you up tomorrow, so you won’t stand me up.’

‘See you tomorrow then.’

Once Su Xiaofei hung up the call, Lu Qingfeng stared at his phone as if their recent conversation was just a figment of his imagination. However, there was no way he would let this chance slip and allow Yun Xiang to take his place next to Su Xiaofei. When it comes to Su Xiaofei, Lu Qingfeng had already forgotten the concept of giving up.

Whether Su Xiaofei had also come to love him or not, it didn’t matter. It was enough that she wanted his company more than anyone else’s. They both need to adapt if they truly want to be together in the future.

The next day, Lu Qingfeng appeared early at the Yun estate to pick up Su Xiaofei. He found her still having breakfast with Yun Qingrong, and he was invited by the latter to join them.

Su Xiaofei glanced at him and noticed that he had dressed up for today. Lu Qingfeng was exceptionally dashing today, making her want to keep him for herself instead. He was wearing a light blue shirt, with his sleeves rolled up his arms.

In her memory, the young man who left overseas had suddenly turned into another person when she met him again on her deathbed. Suddenly, he grew up, and he had already turned into a fine specimen of a man that many women would admire.

Perhaps it was because in her mind, Lu Qingfeng was the little boy she had made friends with, preventing her from seeing him as a young man who was like a slowly ripening fruit next to her.

Thinking about it, since they

were children, Su Xiaofei had been confident and had no fear of others because of Lu Qingfeng. Even when her mother wasn't around to protect her, Xiao Feng wouldn't let anyone bully her.

However, when Lu Qingfeng fell into a deep coma in her previous life, and she stupidly cut off ties with her mother, Su Xiaofei didn't have anyone to rely on except for herself. She had refused to listen to Xi Qian's advice and insisted on marrying Mo Yuchen, which eventually led to her demise.

But this time, Su Xiaofei intended to change the course of her life. If she couldn't help but fall in love with Lu Qingfeng in this lifetime, then so be it. It didn't matter if people loathed her, but she would remain by his side if it meant that she would be able to prevent him from becoming a tyrant in the future.

If it was another man, she wouldn't have considered them. However, with Lu Qingfeng, she had an inexplicable confidence in her heart that he wouldn't let her down.

'Xiao Feng, why are you here so early?' She asked him.

'Feifei, how could you speak to Xiao Feng like that?' Yun Qingrong frowned and gave Lu Qingfeng an apologetic look, but

the young man's expression remained unchanged, indicating that he wasn't the least offended by Su Xiaofei's words.

'Didn't you just come back from your trip with your grandfather yesterday? You should have slept more, and we could meet by noon.' Su Xiaofei said in defense, feeling a bit wronged by her mother.

'Feifei, you have to finish your meal before we can leave. Don't worry about me. I can just take a quick nap later.' Lu Qingfeng reminded her of their agenda today.

Seeing that Lu Qingfeng didn't seem exhausted, Su Xiaofei ceased her questioning and resumed her meal.

Yun Qingrong glanced at her daughter and then to the small baggage Su Xiaofei had brought down earlier. Although Lu Qingfeng already made his intention towards her daughter known, Yun Qingrong's treatment of him didn't change at all.

'Why are you bringing so many things, Feifei? Just where are you and Xiao Feng going this time?' She asked her daughter.

'We're just visiting someone, Mama. We will be back as soon as possible.' Su Xiaofei replied. She had already explained that she would be going on a short trip with Lu Qingfeng, but she hadn't divulged the reason for this sudden trip.

Even Si Yixian wasn't aware that she was already on her way to see and secure his little sister's living arrangements before their impending meeting.

Yun Qingrong conversed with Lu Qingfeng and asked him about his participation in their family business and what his future plans were. She didn't say much and only nodded in response, before excusing herself and went off to work.

'Take care, Auntie Qing.' Lu Qingfeng bid goodbye.

Previously, when Yun Qingrong and Su Haoran were still married, her husband gave Lu Qingfeng a cold shoulder and never attempted to have a decent talk with the young man.

Actually, aside from Ye Mingyu, he treated everyone with coldness and superiority, as if he expected everyone to bow down in his presence, which was pitiful in Su Xiaofei's opinion. Compared to Qiao Fengying and Chairman Lu, Su Haoran was lacking in so many ways, but he still dared to act arrogant and ridiculous in front of Lu Qingfeng.

After finishing their breakfast, Lu Qingfeng helped Su Xiaofei with her luggage, dragging it along with him, while Su Xiaofei sat in the backseat and waited for his return. She didn't dare to show it, but she didn't know what kind of date she would have with him later once they were done dealing with Si Yixian's sister.

Their travel duration was quite long, so Su Xiaofei had expected that they would arrive before the sun set.. This would also give her and Lu Qingfeng some privacy to spend some quality time before his departure.

The time they spent on the road almost made Su Xiaofei whine next to Lu Qingfeng. Although he had provided the best travel arrangement he could, the road wasn't fully developed and made the ride a little bumpy in Su Xiaofei's opinion.

Si Yixian's sister's location was surprisingly remote. No wonder Si Yixian and the investigators he hired had a hard time finding her. Not many would want to visit such a remote countryside where phone signals weren't even available.

Fortunately, the report Yun Xiang handed to her was detailed enough that it would be impossible for her and Lu Qingfeng to lose their way. Lu Qingfeng even assured her that Nine was familiar with the place as Nine had previously been here, so locating the orphanage where Si Yuxuan was staying wouldn't be so hard for them.

Once they alighted from the car, Su Xiaofei looked around and frowned at the condition of the orphanage where Si Yuxuan was residing. Was this kind of place able to sustain and take care of the needs of young children, given that they were also in a dire situation?

The building looked shabby and old, as if it had seen better days. She could pick up the faint laughter of children from afar, as if they couldn't be bothered with the appearance of their temporary home.

'Let's go and see if she's really here.' Lu Qingfeng suggested. Since they were already here, it's only proper to deal with the problem first, so he and Su Xiaofei could plan for their date after this.

The two entered the premises, and they immediately earned several reactions and gazes from the orphanage's residents. Wide, round eyes of children stared at them with amazement, while the older people wondered what their intention was for coming to such a remote place.

Behind them, Nine followed shortly and led them to the director's office. They were greeted by a woman in her late fifties. Her stature was lithe and small, forcing Su Xiaofei to look down even if she didn't want to.

'Director, we're here to talk about Si Yuxuan.

I'm Su Xiaofei. I was the one who called you last night.' Su Xiaofei introduced herself.

'Ah! I didn't expect you to come here this soon. Please come in!' The old woman replied, giving way for the three to enter her small office.

As Su Xiaofei looked around, she noticed several stacks of papers on top of the tables, while the white tiles on the floor were already cracking from old age. The other people inside the office looked amiable as they gave them a polite nod and returned to their tasks.

'I'm here on Si Yuxuan's brother's behalf. We have been looking for his younger sister since his return, and we received a report that we might be able to find her here.' Su Xiaofei said, as soon as she sat down, with Lu Qingfeng next to her.

The director of the orphanage had a conflicted expression on her face as she looked at Su Xiaofei.

‘It would have been better if Mr. Si came here to see her for himself.’ She commented.

‘I understand where you are coming from, Director. Rest assured that my friend will come here on our next visit.’ Su Xiaofei reassured her. She only came here without Si Yixian to confirm that his sister was here before anything else. How can she have a hold over Si Yixian if he came here before her ?

The director fell silent, contemplating whether she should entertain Su Xiaofei’s inquiries or not. However, as she gave the younger woman a good look, she couldn’t help but be in trance looking at her face.

‘Director shouldn’t worry too much. We’re here to help the Si siblings reunite with each other. We won’t hurt Si Yuxuan.’

The older woman nodded in understanding.

‘Actually, Si Yuxuan came here when she was seven years old. Since then, she has lived with us and has never been adopted by another family.’ She explained.

‘Then, is it true that she’s having some difficulties?’

Of course, Su Xiaofei won’t vocally mention Si Yuxuan’s possible mental retardation as it was a sensitive issue not only for her older brother, but also for her caretakers.

The director took a deep breath and leaned on her seat. She then glanced at the old files on her left side, as if it could give her some consolation.

‘It’s true. After Si Yixian was adopted long ago by a foreign couple, his sister was also taken in by another one. However, after a year, the family that adopted her noticed that she was far from normal compared to the young children her age. Si Yuxuan had been a mute ever since she arrived at the orphanage with her brother. Initially, everyone assumed that it was from a trauma when they lost their mother. However, when her new family found out that she has a mental retardation, they immediately returned her to the orphanage and requested to cancel the adoption process that was ongoing at that time.’

These words only proved that Yun Xiang’s intel was accurate. From here, it was easy to understand the event that followed. The girl was truly not wanted by anyone except for Si Yixian.

Since the original orphanage that took in the Si siblings was closed a decade ago, it was only natural that the children they were taking care of would be moved elsewhere. If anything, the investigators Si Yixian hired in the past were just too incompetent. If only they had done their job well, Si Yixian wouldn’t fall deeper into his depression.

‘Then, Director. Would it be possible for us to meet her today? If it’s alright, I want to take a picture of her to show Si Yixian once we return from our trip. This would also confirm if she was really the girl we are looking for.’

‘Alright, but only if you promise not to force her to do anything..‘
The director requested, not wanting for Si Yuxuan to get nervous with their sudden visit to see her.

Chapter 245 – Beautiful Women Are Dangerous (1)

Su Xiaofei and Lu Qingfeng had to wait outside the Director’s office, while the old woman had a private talk with Si Yuxuan. They both had a glimpse of the woman, and it couldn’t be denied that Si Yuxuan had special needs by the way she spoke and how her body moves involuntarily.

As they waited for the two, they were also becoming the center of attention among the young children residing at the orphanage.

‘Pretty Sister, are you a celebrity?’ One of the children mustered the courage to ask Su Xiaofei a question after they all pushed one another as they wanted to know why she and Lu Qingfeng were here.

‘Oh?’ Su Xiaofei raised a slender brow. ‘What made you think that I’m a celebrity? Don’t you think I’m a demon that came here to eat naughty children?’

This remark from her effectively made the young children cower in fear and hid behind their older companions.

Lu Qingfeng huffed beside Su Xiaofei and thought that no wonder other children were afraid of her. Not only did she have an intimidating look, but she also knew how to scare children with her mere words.

‘Huh ? Beautiful women could also be a demon ?’ A young boy asked in confusion as he looked at Su Xiaofei.

Another boy harrumphed and crossed his arms over his chest and said arrogantly, ‘Don’t you know that most beautiful women in movies were bad people ? I should know because my bro said that we should be wary of beautiful women!’

Su Xiaofei couldn’t help but laugh behind her hand after hearing that, while a small smile crossed Lu Qingfeng’s lips as he stood next to her.

Lu Qingfeng thought that this young boy wasn’t wrong at all. Beauty wasn’t the danger, it was the veil of distraction that lures one into danger.

Beautiful women by far have the most tragedies linked to their name. From heartbreakers to being misunderstood, that’s one long list. It takes a hell lot of courage and heavens of tolerance to deal with a beautiful woman.

Much like a

spider’s web, the only way to stay unharmed was to stay away from spiders, but with Su Xiaofei, Lu Qingfeng knew that he was doomed for eternity. Even if he wanted to, he knew that her influence on him was deep in his bones and he couldn’t live his life without her.

‘That’s right. When you see a beautiful woman, you shouldn’t easily believe her words or else she will eat you.’ Su Xiaofei agreed with the second boy.

‘But would you really eat us, Jiejie?’ A young girl murmured as she hid behind a taller kid, her eyes looking at Su Xiaofei with awe.

‘Naughty kids are my favorite! They taste great. As long as you listen to your elders and don’t cause trouble for others, I and the other demons won’t eat you while you sleep at night.’ Su Xiaofei grinned in return.

After saying this, the children argued with each other as to who was the naughtiest of them and what they did bad the past few days.

Lu Qingfeng shook his head and rested his arms against the railing as they watched the children argue.

‘A demon, huh? You must be the demon the heavens sent my way to test my resolve.’ He commented.

Su Xiaofei snickered at that.

‘What? So what if I’m a demon? Don’t worry, Xiao Feng. Unless you are Tang Sanzang¹, I won’t eat you.’ She assured him with a wicked grin.

‘Who said that I don’t like to be eaten by you?’ Lu Qingfeng retorted. ‘However, once you eat me clean, Feifei, I’ll make sure you won’t get away so easily.’

‘Stop saying such nonsense. People might misunderstand you.’

Su Xiaofei’s face turned beet red upon hearing that, and was itching to smack Lu Qingfeng’s head for even daring to say such a thing to her in the presence of young children. She also didn’t want others to misunderstand that she was exploiting him.

Where did he learn such indecent things anyway? Was he spending so much time with his teammates that Lu Qingfeng was starting to pick up some influence from them?

At sixteen, Lu Qingfeng was still growing and the end of puberty was in sight. It was the age where young men like him were in their mid-teens -- somewhere in the space between adolescent and young man.

Su Xiaofei hadn’t paid much attention to Lu Qingfeng when he was at this age in her past life, but she did notice that he was starting to spend less time with her and was trying to get along with his peers.

‘I’m not even joking. If you dare to eat me clean without signing the papers, I’ll make sure to run to your mother for help. Let’s see which side she would take once she heard what happened.’

‘Nothing happened! Don’t feed my mother with the wrong ideas, Xiao Feng.’ Su Xiaofei scowled, then wondered what was taking the director so long.

‘Right. You are a demon.’ Lu Qingfeng hummed. ‘No one can play with me for too long aside from you.’

Su Xiaofei didn't know why, but she felt uncomfortable hearing that. She couldn't surmise what Lu Qingfeng was even thinking as she glanced his way. His expression remained the same, forbidding her to even get a hint of what was going on in his mind.

Why was she feeling like this? The more she thought about him, the more Su Xiaofei was hesitant to let him go. This was far from what she felt when she was infatuated with Mo Yuchen.

Su Xiaofei didn't like this feeling of uncertainty, as if she was facing the unknown. However, she couldn't let go. The fear of losing him was greater than her fear of falling in love again. Just thinking that she would never see him again was enough for her heart to feel like a hundred needles were piercing her at once.

Chapter 246 – Beautiful Women Are Dangerous (2)

When Su Xiaofei met Si Yuxuan face to face, she wasn't surprised that the woman cowered in fear and immediately sought the Director for help. Si Yuxuan was looking at her and Lu Qingfeng with fear in her eyes, as if she was afraid that they would hurt her.

'It's okay, darling. They came to see you.' Director Qu hushed Si Yuxuan and rubbed her back in an attempt to calm her down.

Su Xiaofei didn't fail to notice some scratches on Si Yuxuan's neck and arms, and wondered if she was bullied in this place. She couldn't help but feel perplexed. Although she only came here to

use Si Yuxuan against her older brother, she couldn't turn a blind eye when the goods were spoiled by someone else.

Si Yuxuan was a few years older than Su Xiaofei, but her mental age was like that of a seven-year-old kid who was forgotten by her parents and loved ones. She was skinny, which was emphasized by the baggy clothes that clearly didn't belong to her.

'Director Qu, did Si Yuxuan do this to herself?' She gestured to the scratches Si Yuxuan had.

The older woman was caught off guard by her question, and she hesitated to give her an answer for a moment.

'E-en, Yuxuan needs some special care and attention. Since she returned from the previous family that was supposed to adopt her, she often sits alone and could be found mumbling incoherent things to herself. There are also times when she would hurt herself without a reason, but rest assured that we don't leave her on her own and always have someone to accompany her. Her personality is good though, and everyone here likes her.' Director Qu explained.

'I see.' Su Xiaofei had no words to say at all. She could only hope that Si Yixian won't turn his back on his little sister now that she was found.

'If she was truly the sister your friend is looking for, I hope that he would take good care of her.'

'Of course, Director Qu. We'll

cooperate with you until Si Yuxuan is ready to go home with her brother.'

After that, Su Xiaofei requested to take a photo of Si Yuxuan before leaving with Lu Qingfeng. As the car drove away from the orphanage, Su Xiaofei thought that she was lucky compared to Si Yuxuan. Had Yun Qingrong not found her and adopted her, she was sure that she would also lead a similar life to Si Yuxuan's current one.

Unwanted and forgotten. Was this what was waiting for children who were abandoned by their parents?

'Xiaofei, you aren't alone. You have me, Auntie Qing and Xi Qian. You are worrying too much.' Lu Qingfeng patted her hand before giving it a light squeeze to remind her that she wasn't anything like Si Yuxuan at all.

Su Xiaofei gave him a weak smile and turned her gaze away from her. She didn't know how Lu Qingfeng knew what she was thinking, but she was thankful that he was here with her.

Right. She wasn't alone anymore. Her mother and Xi Qian were still alive, and Lu Qingfeng hadn't fallen into a coma and lost himself. Wasn't this enough proof that she wasn't left on her own again?

'Xiao Feng, I have a secret to tell you.' She said in a low voice, which made Lu Qingfeng stiffen on his seat.

He wasn't sure which ones she was going to confess, but he had to brace himself for it.

‘Are you sure you want to tell me this?’ He questioned her.

‘Didn’t you say that you can be my tree hole? That you are willing to keep my secrets till the end?’ She retorted.

Lu Qingfeng eyed her for a moment before nodding in agreement. He did tell her that before and he was surprised that she was able to remember it now.

Su Xiaofei used to have a short span of attention when it came to trivial things and could forget a lot of it. Didn’t she also forget the promise to marry? The very one they made when they were younger.

‘Alright. Then what do you want to share with me?’

‘Xiao Feng, I’m not really my Mama’s daughter. She adopted me when she visited an orphanage Bluemedia was supporting before. I wonder if she hadn’t found me, would I live in the same place and be in the same shoes as Si Yuxuan.’

Lu Qingfeng remained silent for a moment. He was already aware of Su Xiaofei’s real identity, and he wasn’t bothered by it one bit. Even if she was a daughter of a poor farmer or a commoner, as long as her soul and heart remained the same, then he knew that he would fall in love with her all over again.

‘I doubt it.’ He finally answered her. ‘Knowing your personality, I know that you won’t allow yourself to be kept in such a place for too long. You would surely find a way to attract couples who wanted to adopt a kid.’

‘If I was in an orphanage, I would surely lose to the cutest and most adorable child around. Wouldn’t it be safer to stay at the orphanage than to leave with a new set of parents, making a fool out of yourself and pretending to be something you are not?’

‘You are pretty and smart. I don’t believe that anyone would be able to ignore you.’ Lu Qingfeng countered her. ‘Anyway, does it bother you to know that you are adopted by Auntie Qing? Do you feel less loved just because you aren’t her real child?’

‘No.’ Su Xiaofei answered him. ‘More than anything, I am grateful that I became Yun Qingrong’s daughter. I couldn’t ask for a better mother than her.’

Compared to Bai Qingyue, Yun Qingrong, who had never been able to conceive a child, had the qualities of a good mother.. For this, Su Xiaofei would be forever grateful to Yun Qingrong.

Chapter 247 – You Won’ t Be Alone Anymore (1)

The weather up north was considerably cooler than what Su Xiaofei was used to back in Qiying City. She thought that with the late notice she had given to Lu Qingfeng, both of them would have a hard time finding a place to stay for the night, but she was mistaken.

With Nine’s help, Lu Qingfeng was able to book two private rooms for them to use that night. The inn was located in the western part of the province, with mountains on one side and a

huge lake on another, it was a magnificent view for guests and travelers like them to enjoy the scenery.

In particular, Su Xiaofei hadn't expected to see a bunch of chrysanthemum flowers blooming in this season or maybe her geographical knowledge about this place was really limited. It was a good thing that Lu Qingfeng and Nine came with her or else, she would need to trouble the Zhang siblings to care for her needs on this trip.

She and Lu Qingfeng were having dinner at the dining area of the inn, which was facing the calm lake under a starry night. The calmness of the scenery was far from the busy streets and fast paced life they both have back in Qiying City.

A moment like this allowed Su Xiaofei to reflect on her way of living and how exceptionally different her life was compared to the one she had in her previous life. She couldn't remember being this calm and content when she was with Mo Yuchen.

After the first year of their marriage, the two had often been at each other's neck with no one willing to back down on their argument. Su Xiaofei's mind had been occupied with things regarding work and how she could defeat Ye Mingyu, to prove that she was better than the latter.

'How foolish.' Su Xiaofei thought as she held a steaming cup of tea with a small smile gracing her lips.

'I don't know what kind of date you have in your mind. Does this suit your taste?'

The sudden question Lu

Qingfeng threw her way caused Su Xiaofei to snap her head towards him and stared at him with confusion. It took her a moment to realize what he was thinking about. She blinked slowly upon realization.

Lu Qingfeng's smile faltered when she remained silent. He was fine if this was their date, so long as they were together and could enjoy each other's company.

'I see, then I'll do better next time. You must be tired from our long travels.' He said as he pushed his hurt aside, in order to make sure that Su Xiaofei was comfortable.

This place was unlike the urban cities they used to visit and there weren't many attractions to visit and see as a couple.

If they were back at Qiyang City, it would be easy for him to reserve a fancy restaurant Su Xiaofei might like, take her out to the mall for the day, buy her whatever she wanted and end the day by sending her up to her doorsteps. Alas, with limited time and options, Lu Qingfeng could only prepare a special dinner for her like this.

'Well, I think we're on a date.' Su Xiaofei smiled at him. 'It's the thought that counts, Xiao Feng. You don't need to prepare lavish gifts and take me to a fancy restaurant to consider it as a date. It's enough that you have me in your mind when you make these preparations.'

Her words made his gut squirm a little and Lu Qingfeng looked away. He was looking flustered and was desperate to bring his

attention to something else other than her slightly pale lips. It had truly been a challenge for him to stop himself from pinning her in the corner and kissing her senselessly as he wanted to.

Thankfully, the need to ensure that she was happy and well was able to overcome his desire to possess her.

‘We can take a stroll tomorrow and look around if you don’t mind. The inn owner told me that the sunrise looks good this season.’ He suggested, feeling that this mere dinner couldn’t count as a date with her.

They had dined together a couple of times, and Lu Qingfeng wanted to make this special between them.

‘Xiao Feng, are you sure you want to be with me?’ Su Xiaofei suddenly asked, much to his surprise.

Lu Qingfeng scowled at her.

‘What kind of question is this, Feifei? You should know the answer to this question already.’

Su Xiaofei raised a slender brow as she noticed that Lu Qingfeng was looking bashful, something she rarely saw on him. Lu Qingfeng was always calm and collected, and it’s rare to find him in an uncomfortable state.

‘Even if the whole world hates me?’ She asked, because there’s no doubt that Ye Mingyu and Mo Yuchen would not be her only enemies in the future.

After her divorce with Mo Yuchen in her previous life, Su Xiaofei thought that ambitious women like her would only have two options in life. It was either to gain a supportive partner or to lead a lonely life. She then decided to keep herself out of love and would rather stay alone and rely on no one. It wasn't until Lu Qingfeng came to her that her views started to change, slowly but surely.

'I can't promise to solve all your problems, but I can promise that you won't have to face them alone from now on. Is this enough, Xiaofei?' Lu Qingfeng asked in return.

Su Xiaofei felt moved by his words. Before her death and before Lu Qingfeng found her, she had always felt alone. She had always wondered what it would feel like to have someone who could truly understand her and won't get tired of her.

Initially, she didn't want to fall in love or need someone.. She really didn't want anything but to exact revenge, but then Lu Qingfeng appeared and now she wanted to experience what love truly was.

Chapter 248 - You Won't Be Alone Anymore (2)

With their trip back to Qiying City scheduled after lunch, Su Xiaofei woke up feeling refreshed after a good night's sleep, not worrying about her studies or anything. Like what the inn owner claimed, the sunrise she watched with Lu Qingfeng that morning looked better than any other sunrises she had witnessed before.

The sun rose as if it had missed the sky and wanted nothing more than to warm up the dark blanket of the night to a radiant gold. After a long cold night, the daybreak brought glimmers of warmth. The golden light softly caressed the land and triggered the birds to break out into a chorus of melodies.

‘It must be nice to be greeted by the sun like this every morning. Thank you for bringing me here, Xiao Feng. I couldn’t think of a better way to spend time with you in a place like this.’ She told Lu Qingfeng as they walked by the side of the blue lake.

From where they were standing, they could see a couple of guests showing up at the dining area of the inn to enjoy their breakfast and the scenery offered to them.

‘As long as you are satisfied, then I’m glad.’ Lu Qingfeng replied. He was holding a closed parasol in his left hand, while the other held Su Xiaofei’s hand.

Su Xiaofei held onto his hand and walked slowly next to him, enjoying the light breeze that passed. Breathing in the countryside’s fresh air, listening to the sounds of birds and insects made her mind very peaceful.

At the beginning of the month, they were both so busy with their responsibilities at school and work that they barely had time to enjoy each other’s company like this. The weight Su Xiaofei had gained since her rebirth, that Lu Qingfeng had slowly nurtured, was slowly disappearing due to her hectic schedule.

‘Ah, this feels so comfortable, I almost feel like I don’t want to return home so soon.’

Lu Qingfeng smiled and glanced at the treeline ahead of them.

‘Then should we come back here once we have

time off from work?’ He suggested, knowing that such a possibility would be far from now, given how busy they would become once they return to Qiying City.

‘Okay, when that time comes, you would already be CEO Lu. This poor manager will just accompany you then.’

‘You are only saying that so I could pay the tab for you. Since when did you become so stingy when it comes to money, Xiaofei?’

Su Xiaofei scoffed at that, then a thought crossed her mind.

‘Hey, Xiao Feng. If you are going to choose only one, would it be love or money?’

In her past life, she had been blinded by her love for Mo Yuchen that she had willingly thrown away and ignored other important aspects of her life.

The young man furrowed her brows, wondering what Su Xiaofei was up to again.

When he didn’t say anything in response, Su Xiaofei continued.

‘Assuming I can’t have both, love and money, and I chose money, would that make me a gold digger? Money minded? Shallow?’ She questioned him.

‘Of course not.’ Lu Qingfeng was quick to answer. ‘Have you met poor people? If love was all you needed to be happy in life, then the poor would be the happiest, most content people on the planet.’

‘Oh! It’s good to know that I’m not the only one who thought like this.’ Su Xiaofei seemed pleased with his answer. Love was not all sweet and rosy and filled with happiness ever after. If she could speak to her former self, she would say ‘Wake up and smell the coffee. One has to differentiate between fantasy and reality!’

‘Money makes the world go round.’ Lu Qingfeng continued. ‘It’s year 20xx, you are madly in love with your partner but you have no food to eat. What are you going to do? Beg for food or walk into a grocery shop and buy food with love?’

‘Have you ever heard of The World’s Most Loving Couple? No. How about the World’s Richest? Bet you have. Would you rather cry in a Porsche or on a bicycle? I do believe love is important. Don’t ever think that it’s not. But don’t think for a second that you can survive in this century, in this world, only in love with zero money.’

‘That makes sense.’ Su Xiaofei nodded. ‘Is that why you are so eager to earn so much money at a young age?’

Lu Qingfeng was around twelve when he started showing interest in investing and learning the ways of their family business.

Despite coming from an affluent family, he couldn't be seen spending lavishly and dressed in expensive luxurious clothes like other young masters were.

In his first life, he was utterly defeated by Mo Yuchen because the older man had a lot of money and influence compared to him. In his second life, while he had billions under his name, all of it was for nothing because he lost Su Xiaofei yet again.

'I'm merely preparing for the future. I can't allow others to look down on my wife because of me. I can't have her worrying about money, when I should be the one providing for her, right?'

'But women these days can provide for themselves too. Would that mean we can do the same for our husbands?' Su Xiaofei challenged him.

'That's fine too. Becoming financially independent is not just a task for men. Basically, everyone, despite their genders, must be able to become financially independent. For married women, being financially independent means having a spare lifeboat in the form of their own income, which can be used to help their families during an economic crisis or ease their husbands' financial burden.'

As they reached the end of the treeline, they saw a group of people at the restricted part of the inn. Su Xiaofei's eyes narrowed when she saw a familiar face in the crowd.

'Dear Mother, we meet again.'

Chapter 249 – Bai Qingyue (1)

Of all places, Su Xiaofei didn't expect that she would be able to meet her birth mother here. She had long known that their meeting couldn't be avoided, but not this early. It seemed like they were filming a scene and Bai Qingyue was dressed in a traditional outfit.

Her long black hair was pinned up on top of her head with a simple hair pin, and she was clad in a white and red robe with flowers embroidered on her sleeves. It made her appearance look younger than her actual age and could put anyone in a trance, as if she was an immortal fairy who had lost her way and ended up in the mortal realm.

But not for Su Xiaofei and Lu Qingfeng. They were both expressionless as they stood among the small crowd who were fawning over Bai Qingyue.

'Do you know that they would be here?' Su Xiaofei asked Lu Qingfeng.

'No. I didn't.' Lu Qingfeng gauged her reaction. 'Sorry. I should have paid more attention. The inn owner only informed us that the other side of the premises is off limits. I didn't know that there's a production going on here.'

He knew that Bai Qingyue was her birth mother, but he needed to feign ignorance over this fact for the meantime. Unless Su Xiaofei was willing to share her secrets with him, he needed to be careful with his words and actions.

Lu Qingfeng didn't want to deceive her by keeping the truth from her. He knew for a fact that if she knew that he was reborn like her, the guilt she was slowly letting go might come back with a vengeance. He also didn't want her to take all the blame for all the things he committed in his past life.

'It's okay, Xiao Feng. I suppose it can't be helped.' Su Xiaofei sighed and gave her birth mother a good look.

While she felt happy that she was able to meet Qiao Fengying in this lifetime, the same couldn't be said about her meeting Bai Qingyue again. Su

Xiaofei felt nothing for her birth mother other than animosity. She would never accept such a person as her mother, even if they were cut from the same cloth.

Su Xiaofei didn't need to think hard about what kind of project Bai Qingyue's team was currently filming. Since Bluemedia had finally let go of her and chose to hold auditions for the title role, Bai Qingyue immediately accepted Golden Star's offer to play the female lead role for their historical TV drama, courtesy of Mo Yuchen.

Su Xiaofei was aware that she was still not strong enough to go against Mo Yuchen in her current state, but it didn't mean that she couldn't do anything to mess with him.

'If you are feeling uncomfortable, we can leave now.' Lu Qingfeng suggested, but she shook her head in response.

‘It’s fine. I want to watch them a little.’ She smiled at him and gave his hand a light squeeze. She didn’t want Lu Qingfeng to think that their date could easily be ruined just because Bai Qingyue was here.

As they stayed watching the scenes being played by Bai Qingyue, Su Xiaofei had to admit that her birth mother wasn’t a bad actress after all. It made sense that this woman was able to reach the peak of her career.

The moment the director signaled them to start, the tears immediately rolled down Bai Qingyue’s cheek. She suddenly turned into a different person and played her role very well. There was no Bai Qingyue visible, only the pitiful and tragic heroine of their TV drama.

The actress who would portray the title role in ‘The Poisonous Concubine’ shouldn’t underestimate Bai Qingyue’s talent at all. She would need to prove that she can compete with Bai Qingyue.

‘How’s Auntie Qing’s big project going?’ Lu Qingfeng whispered.

He was aware that Yun Qingrong had been putting a lot of effort into ‘The Poisonous Concubine’, just like she did in the past. He had tried to invest in the said project during his meeting with Su Xiaofei’s mother, but Yun Qingrong politely turned his offer down.

There was no issue over the funding, but the casting of the series. It was hard to find a suitable actress that would be able to portray the female lead role aside from Bai Qingyue, whom they initially considered for the role.

‘The audition is still ongoing, but I expect that they will be able to find a suitable actress to portray the lead role. Mama is still on the edge, worrying about it.’ She replied.

Su Xiaofei was hoping that Tang Liyan would consider accepting her offer. It was the Zhang siblings whom she had sent to deliver her proposal, but she was certain that the actress who had lost her shine after getting married wouldn’t be able to ignore it for too long.

Since Tang Liyan had irreconcilable grievances towards Bai Qingyue, Su Xiaofei expected that Tang Liyan would willingly come to her soon and accept the female lead role for Yun Qingrong’s project.

As for Bai Qingyue, as long as she didn’t provoke her and her mother, Su Xiaofei had no interest in dragging her birth mother to the mud anytime soon. She could still seek revenge over the grievances she had experienced under her mother’s schemes at a later time.

When the director sent another signal, Bai Qingyue’s expression immediately returned to normal and rose to her feet from kneeling on the ground. Her assistants immediately came to her and gave her a drink and a pack of tissue to dry her tears.

As the production crew rushed to prepare for the next scene, the director reviewed the recorded scene with Bai Qingyue and was pleased with her performance. However, as soon as he lifted his head to call his assistant, someone from the crowd took his attention.

Su Xiaofei's smiling face as she looked at Lu Qingfeng effectively put the director in a trance.

Chapter 250 - Bai Qingyue (2)

'Director Yan, everything is ready on the next set. Should we get going?' His assistant came to him, but then realized that their director was looking elsewhere. Following his line of sight, the young assistant saw a good-looking couple in the crowd. He then realized that it made sense why the two were able to pique their director's curiosity.

In terms of appearance, the young couple would surely not fall behind compared to the young rising stars of this generation. They were both appealing and eye-catching, making one want to look at them more.

The young woman was stunning and elegant. Her appearance was one of gentle intelligence, as if even her wisdom had a feminine quality. Like the young man next to her, she was brimming with confidence and style, as if she was born to become a star.

Meanwhile, the young man had the kind of face that could stop anyone in their tracks. The young assistant guessed that Lu Qingfeng must be used to that, the sudden pause in a person's natural expression when they looked his way, followed by overcompensating with a nonchalant gaze and a weak smile. However, as he glanced at the beautiful young woman next to

him, one could see the gentleness in his eyes, as if he only reserved it for her and only for her.

Despite the exceptional appearance the young man possessed, it was obvious that he was a one-woman-man who prized genuineness and thoughtful conversation above lipstick and high-heels.

Suddenly, the middle-aged director stood up from his seat and sauntered towards the small crowd. The security team was keeping them under watch, making sure they wouldn't delay the filming for the production team. However, they all shared a confused look, wondering why their director came to them.

'Director Yan, is there something we could do for you?' One of them politely asked.

'May you invite those two in? I want to have a word with them, especially with that young woman.' Director Yan said.

Director Yan was a critically acclaimed director of several prominent films

and TV series for the past decade, which cemented his reputation in the entertainment industry. He had seen a lot of beautiful women and handsome men, but there was something about this young couple that couldn't make him look away upon seeing them together.

It was like these two were made for each other and were meant to be together. Director Yan had no doubt that many agents would

want to sign these two with them, either as a model or an artist. The two already had a head start with their looks alone, and they would surely become more popular if they had talents to offer to their audience.

The security team then invited Su Xiaofei and Lu Qingfeng in and led them to where the director and his assistant were waiting for them. Coincidentally, Bai Qingyue went to see Director Yan to ask for his advice for the next scenes.

When Bai Qingyue saw Su Xiaofei, her eyes narrowed and her expression became unreadable. She was looking at Su Xiaofei with curiosity and scrutiny at the same time, and fell silent.

Su Xiaofei was wearing a green dress with a light beige coat protecting her from the cold. Her long hair was then tied into a loose braid.

‘Miss Bai, the set for the next scene is ready. Director Yan has something to do, but we will be there soon.’ Director Yan’s assistant told Bai Qingyue, reminding the actress of her purpose for going there.

Bai Qingyue gave him an awkward smile and glanced at Su Xiaofei, who was still talking to the director, wondering who she was and why she had come here. Her face then became gloomy the more she stared at Su Xiaofei’s beautiful face.

How can she not be suspicious like this?

Eighteen years ago, she abandoned a beautiful baby girl in an orphanage. For so many months, she had tried to push the thought of her daughter away from her mind, convincing herself

that she had made the right decision to give up on her child and choose her blossoming career.

Still, that smiling face of the young baby in her arms when she first held her daughter was deeply ingrained in her mind, giving Bai Qingyue many restless and sleepless nights because of it. When she finally mustered the courage to check on the daughter she had abandoned, the child was nowhere to be found.

She was almost driven mad because of it, wondering where her daughter was and who had taken her. The smiling face of that baby had become a thorn in her side that she couldn't remove no matter how hard she tried to forget.

Bai Qingyue tried to convince herself that the child had died and if she was still alive, she shouldn't be able to find out about their relationship in the future.

Seeing Su Xiaofei now had reminded her of those dark days of her life, and couldn't help but question if this young woman was the child she had abandoned years ago. How can she not notice the resemblance between her and this young woman?

If she wasn't her daughter, this young woman was surely related to her!

'Mr. Han, who's that young woman? Is she part of the casting?'
She asked the director's assistant.

The young man turned his head and looked at their director and the young couple they invited earlier.

‘Oh, Director Yan wants to invite the young miss to join the casting. He thought that Miss Su would be suitable to play the younger version of the female lead.’ He said with excitement.

Hearing his explanation, Bai Qingyue’s face blanched. If the director and this assistant were able to see the resemblance between her and this young woman, the public would surely have the same impression of it if they were able to see her on the big screen.. That was something Bai Qingyue didn’t want to happen.