

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

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And so, Su Xiaofei continued to live and act normally, trying to suppress the growing uncertainty in her heart. She also couldn't care less about her twenty-fourth birthday that was coming up in a few days, and she needed to attend an event to represent her mother and Bluemedia.

She knew that it would be the first encounter she would have with Mo Yuchen after so many years of not seeing each other personally, but she would rather see Lu Qingfeng now and be with him rather than seeing Mo Yuchen's annoying face.

A stupid bastard like Mo Yuchen deserved to stay inside the trash bin where he belongs. However, because Su Xiaofei's mind was still on Lu Qingfeng, she didn't have the energy to scheme against her ex-husband in their next meeting.

For the following days, Su Xiaofei focused on her work until she didn't realize that it was almost the weekend, and she needed to discuss the said event with her mother.

'Feifei, if you are tired, I can attend the event instead.' Yun Qingrong gave her daughter a worried look. She could see that Feifei was pretending that everything was alright, despite the news blackout that was going on about Lu Qingfeng's accident.

It had been a week, but they still had yet to hear anything from the Lu family. However, Yun Qingrong couldn't blame Chairman Lu as she knew that this could be his own way to protect Lu

Qingfeng. As for her daughter, Yun Qingrong was pained to see her like this.

‘It’s okay, Mama. I can manage. It would be a shame if I miss the event after confirming my attendance.’ Su Xiaofei answered with a small smile, but it didn’t quite reach her eyes as it usually would.

Yun Qingrong wanted to probe her daughter a little more, but it was quite obvious that no matter what she said, Feifei would continue to pretend that she was fine, even if she wasn’t.

‘I can’t just leave everything to you.’ She insisted. ‘You’ve been working overtime for a week now. Why don’t you call it a day for now, Feifei?’

Su Xiaofei

shook her head and hooked her arm with her mother’s, aware that her bodyguards were following closely behind them.

‘You are the one who needs a break, Mama. You’ve just returned from your business trip and yet you are already here and calling for a board meeting. I wouldn’t be able to focus and finish my work if you continue working hard like this, despite what your doctor told you.’ She retorted.

Yun Qingrong didn’t have the heart to argue with her daughter anymore after hearing Feifei’s concern towards her. Indeed, with her age, it was normal for her to catch various illnesses as an aftermath of her busy schedule.

Bluemedia had greatly improved not only in status in the industry, but had also grown immensely as a company. After her failed marriage with Su Haoran, she had focused her attention on the company and tried to spend more quality time with her young daughter.

Now that Su Xiaofei had become the managing director of Bluemedia, Yun Qingrong's responsibilities had lessened dramatically. It gave her some leeway to hand some tasks to her daughter and delegate the rest to the others.

'If you are sure...' Still, as a mother, how can Yun Qingrong not worry about her daughter's welfare?

'I'm definitely sure, Mama. Leave the rest to me for now. Aren't you the one who also told me it's important to make connections in this industry? You have accompanied and introduced me to so many of your acquaintances. They were merely treating me well out of respect for you, so now, it's time for me to earn their respects myself.' Su Xiaofei patted her mother's arm affectionately, aware that they were now getting a lot of attention as they walked through the main lobby of the company building, but she only flashed a smile towards them and resumed her walk with her mother.

By now, most of the employees of Bluemedia were aware of Su Xiaofei's identity, although it was normal for the guests to mistake her as another talent of the company. Su Xiaofei and the front desk receptionists were already used to this, and they would only smile whenever these guests inquired about Su Xiaofei's debut as a celebrity.

‘Alright. If you insist.’ Yun Qingrong conceded. She knew what Su Xiaofei had just said was right, and her daughter needed to hone her skills and build networks on her own if she wanted to secure her position as the future CEO of Bluemedia.

‘But you don’t have to stay until the end. It’s alright if you decide to call it a night early, I’m sure they wouldn’t blame you for it, as long as you’ve done your round of pleasantries.’

‘Thanks, Mama. I will keep that in mind. Please don’t bother to wait for me tonight. I’ll be home as soon as I can. I promise.’ Su Xiaofei replied, but she could already feel her exhaustion from the long days of work.

However, she also knew that this meeting with Mo Yuchen couldn’t be avoided as long as they were both working in the showbiz industry. Mo Yuchen had just been named the head of Golden Star Entertainment now, but it didn’t change the fact that he was still in a volatile situation, where everyone was waiting for him to commit a mistake to criticize him.

Su Xiaofei didn’t dare mention to her mother the possibility of her meeting Mo Yuchen at the said event, but she didn’t want to make her mother more worried than she already was.

She also didn’t want her mother to see the nasty side of her, as she had nurtured and kept her filial and kind daughter image in Yun Qingrong’s eyes and the Yun family.. She planned to deal with her ex-husband on her own terms, without anyone obstructing her way in the process.

Although Su Xiaofei wasn't looking forward to meeting Mo Yuchen now, she couldn't avoid facing him anymore. Su Xiaofei was filled with innumerable feelings, and Lu Qingfeng's absence was making it hard for her to calm her nerves.

In a few years, Mo Yuchen would become a famous tycoon in the entertainment circle. However, with Su Xiaofei's rebirth, there was no way she would let her ex-husband's career flourish. She still hadn't forgotten her grievances and the hatred she culminated from her past life for Mo Yuchen.

Breaking off their engagement was just a start, because from now on, she would become a thorn in his side that he would never be able to get rid of, no matter how much he wanted her gone.

Fortunately for her, she managed to change her fate and didn't become his wife this time. If things remained the same, she should be Madam Mo by now and her mother trying to keep Bluemedia in one piece at the expense of her own health.

Memories from her previous life flooded her mind, once again reminding her why she hated Mo Yuchen. It was her fault for falling for his scheme, but she would never forgive him for forcing her to get their child aborted just so he could be with Ye Mingyu later without any 'baggage'.

'CEO Mo, do you know? You disgust me. The cruel things you have done to me in the past, I will make sure to return it to you a hundredfold!'

That night, Su Xiaofei attended the gathering with only the Zhang siblings to accompany her. While the other women who were

invited came with their respective partners and escorts, seeing a young, beautiful woman walking on the red carpet alone, piqued the curiosity of those who'd seen her.

She was wearing a long silvery dress with her long hair pinned up. Her diamond earrings glittered as she walked, her confident strides making her look like a queen who had just arrived alone.

Yun Qingrong suggested that she ask Yun Xiang to accompany her tonight, but Su Xiaofei immediately declined her mother's suggestion and insisted on going on her own

instead.

Normally, Su Xiaofei wouldn't attend this kind of social events, but she already came to terms that there were some things she needed to endure if she wanted to succeed her mother at Bluemedia.

After all, Bluemedia's future, as well as her talents, rely on her skills and capabilities. She also had no reason to refuse, as it was she who was deliberately requested by the organizer to represent Bluemedia.

Of course, it didn't surprise her because this social event was being hosted by none other than the Ouyang family. She had paid a visit and gave her respect to the rest of their family, a year after she graduated from high school.

So that night, around seven in the evening, she made her way to the private villa owned by the Ouyang family, where the gathering was being held. Inside the lavish venue, beautiful

classical music resounded, while the dazzling chandeliers above them glittered brightly.

Su Xiaofei looked around the vicinity and saw the faces of the other guests around her. She realized that most of them were talents of Top Tier Entertainment, given that this party was to celebrate the birthday of the CEO and president of their company.

There were some whom she recognized as those who would become Top Tier's top stars in the future as they were either famous on TV or films. She wouldn't even be surprised if she stumbled into Ye Mingyu again here.

To be honest, she and Ye Mingyu had signed with and debuted at Top Tier Entertainment in her previous life, but once her contract expired, she sought to sign under a different agency to find a suitable manager that could help her advance her career.

Many would want to give their greetings to Ouyang Jia, the eldest son of Master Ouyang, and it didn't surprise Su Xiaofei to see familiar faces from other entertainment companies and agencies who wanted to get acquainted with the Ouyang family.

'Feifei, you've come.' A familiar voice called out Su Xiaofei, and she turned around to see Master Ouyang coming her way.

She smiled politely and gave the old man a curt nod.

'Good evening, Master Ouyang. Thank you for inviting me here.' She replied.

In the past, only Yun Qingrong would attend social events like this. It was only when Su Xiaofei became Bluemedia's managing

director did she start accompanying her mother to such gatherings.

‘Didn’t you have anyone to accompany you?’ Master Ouyang asked curiously when he realized that she was alone. ‘Ah, I heard about what happened to your dear friend. It’s a pity we’re not able to see him today although we extended the invitation to him a month ago. I hope that everything is fine on his end.’

Su Xiaofei blinked at his words and nodded. She was surprised to hear that the old man had invited Lu Qingfeng too. How come Lu Qingfeng never mentioned it to her before? She wondered.

‘I apologize on his behalf, Master Ouyang. Something must have taken Xiao Feng’s time so that he couldn’t come here with me tonight.’ She said in a polite tone, keeping her voice neutral, just in case people would assume that she was trying to gain the old man’s favor.

The old man waved his hand, clearly dismissing Su Xiaofei’s apology.

‘You don’t have to apologize, Xiao Fei. Our family understands your predicament.’

As he said this, there was a sudden exclamation heard from a distance, taking both Master Ouyang and Su Xiaofei’s attention. Some guests were looking at the direction of the doorway.

She raised a slender brow, but didn’t dare to leave Master Ouyang’s side. Someone must have arrived to garner such an explosive reaction from the other guests.. However, what Su

Xiaofei hadn't anticipated was seeing Mo Yuchen arriving with Ye Mingyu by his side.

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Su Xiaofei narrowed her eyes in suspicion. When did Ye Mingyu manage to get a hold over Mo Yuchen? Hadn't it only been weeks since they saw each other during their class reunion? And now, Ye Mingyu was parading her money boss in public.

Unlike the last time, Ye Mingyu had a slightly arrogant smile on her face as she held onto Mo Yuchen's arm, while Mo Yuchen kept his face cold and nonchalant at the same time. It made sense why everyone turned their heads and looked in their direction.

Of course, most of the guests would wonder how a newbie actress like Ye Mingyu managed to be close and involved with the young king of Golden Star Entertainment. She had recently debuted and yet, she was making herself the topic of the headlines for showing up with Mo Yuchen in this event.

As if it wasn't enough for her, she dragged Mo Yuchen with her as soon as she spotted Su Xiaofei amongst the crowd. Ye Mingyu had a proud look on her face as she regarded Su Xiaofei. However, the moment she saw the elegant silver evening dress Su Xiaofei was wearing tonight, her smile slightly faltered.

Bitterness filled her entirety as she noticed how extravagant and beautiful Su Xiaofei was in her silver dress. Su Xiaofei looked like a million bucks in this crowd filled with celebrities.

'Schoolmate Su, I didn't expect to see you here.' Ye Mingyu said in greeting.

Indeed, of all places, she didn't anticipate that Su Xiaofei would be here tonight as this was a gathering held by Top Tier Entertainment.

'The Ouyang family is a friend of ours.' Su Xiaofei replied, before the corner of her lips curled up into a slight smile. 'How come Miss Ye doesn't want to acknowledge me as her sister now that she has a prominent person standing next to her?'

That immediately garnered Master Ouyang and Mo Yuchen's attention. Mo Yuchen glanced at the woman holding his arm, then to Su Xiaofei, who he hadn't seen for ages. He had heard about Ye Mingyu being Su Haoran's illegitimate daughter, but hearing it from his ex-fiancée

only proved the reports he received about Ye Mingyu.

He then turned his gaze to Su Xiaofei. He didn't want to admit it, but this annoying woman had become a great beauty like everyone had expected. However, words weren't enough for Mo Yuchen to explain what he felt now towards his rebellious ex-fiancée.

Ye Mingyu then acted like she was terrified of Su Xiaofei, cowered in fear and tried to hide behind Mo Yuchen for protection.

Su Xiaofei almost burst into laughter, seeing the other woman's reaction. She couldn't help but think that Ye Mingyu was such a drama queen. However, this only reminded her of how foolish she was in the past.

‘Miss Ye, why are you shaking? Did I say something wrong? If you are sick, you shouldn’t have attended this gathering, unless you want to lose face in front of everyone.’

‘It’s not like I don’t want to acknowledge you, but you keep telling me that I’m not your sister.’ Ye Mingyu said in an aggrieved tone, but she almost couldn’t suppress her fervent desire to beat Su Xiaofei as violently as possible.

‘Sister, if you are upset to see me tonight with your ex-fiance, then I apologize. I truly didn’t expect that you would be here.’

She then lowered her head and acted like a newbie being bullied by another company’s executive in their own turf.

Master Ouyang’s face darkened as he listened to the conversation between Su Xiaofei and Ye Mingyu. Of course, he knew who Ye Mingyu was, and how this woman was related to Su Xiaofei. It was just that he never thought that Ye Mingyu would actively seek Mo Yuchen after his engagement with Su Xiaofei was nullified years ago.

This only implied that despite Ye Mingyu’s kind and gentle facade, she was nursing a vicious heart inside. He had questioned his eldest son after learning that Ye Mingyu had signed under their company, but his son only pointed out that Ye Mingyu had a promising talent and potential that they couldn’t ignore.

Of course, Master Ouyang understood his son’s reasoning, that they should not be partial with Ye Mingyu and treat her professionally. It was just that the old man didn’t want his family and the company to be used as a leverage against Su Xiaofei by Ye Mingyu in the future.

‘Miss Su,’ Mo Yuchen’s voice made Su Xiaofei look at him.

For those who were nearby and could hear his voice, they shuddered and glanced at Su Xiaofei worriedly. However, what they didn’t know was that Su Xiaofei didn’t give a damn about what Mo Yuchen thought of her right now.

‘Ah, Mr. Mo, you came here with another woman. Are you sure your Miss Huang wouldn’t mind this?’ Su Xiaofei said in response, which made Mo Yuchen frown and Ye Mingyu shiver in fear upon catching the implication of Su Xiaofei’s words.

Su Xiaofei’s eyes gleamed with mischievousness and she couldn’t help but laugh behind her hand, only fueling Ye Mingyu’s annoyance towards her. Dare to provoke her by using Mo Yuchen? Ye Mingyu must be really stupid through and through.

Didn’t she know what would await her if Mo Yuchen’s fiancée decided to go after her? Wasn’t she afraid of being ostracized because she was using Mo Yuchen shamelessly in public? If she dared to seduce Mo Yuchen and become the next Madam Mo like what Ye Mingyu did in Su Xiaofei’s past life, then she would have to beat his new fiancée first and foremost.

‘Miss Su is worrying too much. Huang Jingjing isn’t a petty person like you.’ Mo Yuchen huffed in annoyance, thinking that Su Xiaofei really knew which buttons to push to annoy him. Just hadn’t changed much since their last meeting.. She still had a sharp and vicious tongue that could anger him to death.

‘I’m merely concerned about Miss Ye’s welfare. What would our father say if he finds out that I’m not looking after his daughter?’ Su Xiaofei said with a mocking smile on her face, while giving Ye Mingyu a knowing look.

How could she not know how Ye Mingyu’s gears work now, after falling for her schemes in her previous life? Ye Mingyu would always find a way to push the blame on her, no matter how petty the reason was. Su Haoran would then berate Su Xiaofei for neglecting her sister, making her resentment grow exponentially.

Su Xiaofei felt grievances over it and hated Ye Mingyu more because of it. It was only after her rebirth did she clearly see that it was Ye Mingyu’s way to make her look petty and vicious by repeatedly provoking her using underhanded tricks.

Su Xiaofei had a sweet smile on her face, her gaze calm and collected as she looked at them. If the purpose of being a villainess was to make the protagonist shine, then it would be pointless. Since she chose to obstruct Mo Yuchen and Ye Mingyu’s future paths, she would make sure to crush their hopes to pieces.

Defeating Mo Yuchen and Bai Qingyue through Tang Liyan was just a start. In the future, no matter how Mo Yuchen resisted, she would find a way to push him further down.

Mo Yuchen had thought that she would throw a fit when she mentioned Huang Jingjing being his fiancée, but it was clear that Su Xiaofei didn’t give a damn about who he was with at the moment.

He squinted his eyes and wondered what Su Xiaofei was thinking. He sneered as he realized that even now, it was hard for him to truly understand Su Xiaofei. He then walked away from them, dragging Ye Mingyu with him.

Under the watchful eyes of many others, Ye Mingyu could only lower her head and allow Mo Yuchen to take her away. At least, it didn't make her lose face and she could still brag that she had Mo Yuchen's support and no one would dare to provoke her at Top

Tier Entertainment.

However, before she left, she caught Su Xiaofei's mocking gaze as she said, 'You think you can just waltz in here and think that you're a big shot now? Think again!'

Meanwhile, Su Xiaofei pondered how Ye Mingyu managed to force Mo Yuchen to cooperate with her. Unlike in the past, she couldn't see the doting look Mo Yuchen always had whenever he looked at Ye Mingyu. Now, it seemed like he couldn't wait to get rid of the woman next to him.

Master Ouyang was impressed to see that Su Xiaofei managed to remain calm and didn't allow Ye Mingyu to provoke her. General Yun had once told him that he couldn't grasp how Su Xiaofei's mind worked, but Master Ouyang thought that this woman wasn't as complicated as others would put it.

Su Xiaofei was clear about what she liked and disliked. Although her words would say that she didn't care about Mo Yuchen and Ye Mingyu, the old man saw the flash of deep hatred that

appeared in her eyes when Su Xiaofei thought that she had managed to hide it behind her mask.

‘Xiao Fei, are you alright?’ He asked.

Su Xiaofei smiled and nodded.

‘Why wouldn’t I be alright, Master Ouyang? I’m sorry that you have to witness such a nasty scene between me and Miss Ye.’ She said with a sincere tone.

‘Although she has a kind and gentle persona, isn’t she just like her mother? To become another man’s mistress, what’s the point of being beautiful if she cannot use her head correctly?’

Master Ouyang harrumphed and gestured for her to follow him, which Su Xiaofei did. She didn’t doubt that the old man would make it clear that she was a friend of the Ouyang family and no one should disrespect her in their presence, regardless if the said person was from Top Tier Entertainment or not. The Ouyang family would side with Su Xiaofei in a heartbeat.

Master Ouyang then led Su Xiaofei towards his family, allowing her to give her proper greetings. The Ouyang family was delighted to see her tonight.

‘I heard what happened to Mr. Lu.’ President Ouyang told her. ‘If there’s anything else we could help, please extend our offer to the Lu family.’

Su Xiaofei thanked him, and thought that the Ouyang family only wanted to make a connection with the Lu family, but she didn’t bother to question them for it.

‘Thank you, President Ouyang. I’ll be sure to extend it to Lu Qingfeng.’

Talking about him only made Su Xiaofei miss him more. She found the gathering dull and boring as the night deepens. She also didn’t forget to socialize with other prominent guests in the event, purposely avoiding Mo Yuchen and Ye Mingyu in the process.

The night felt longer than usual, and she pondered if it was time for her to leave, since she had already done her part. As she was about to leave the villa, someone called after her.

‘Su Xiaofei!’ Someone called her name.

This voice was enough to make Su Xiaofei grumble in annoyance. She turned around and found Mo Yuchen glowering at her. He was radiating a great sense of oppression, but Su Xiaofei only crossed her arms and waited for what he was about to say. He must be trying hard to scare her. If she knew that he would seek her for trouble tonight, she would have left earlier on.

‘Is there something you need from me, CEO Mo?’ She asked with a frown on her face.

‘Don’t think that I don’t know that you are the one responsible for ‘The Poisonous Concubine’ five years ago.’ Mo Yuchen stopped before her, his eyes ablaze as he regarded her.

Su Xiaofei didn’t cower in fear, instead she felt annoyed by how close he was to her.

‘Then does CEO Mo expect me to feel guilty about it? At the time, we had already cut off our ties to each other. As my mother’s only daughter, how can I just watch her struggle if I knew I could help her? Please don’t take it personally, CEO Mo. Your series’s poor performance has nothing to do with Bluemedia.’ She retorted with a smile, as if telling him that she wasn’t afraid of him at all.

Mo Yuchen became extremely angry with her. His gaze was so sharp, it was almost as if he couldn’t wait to tear her up himself. One reason why the board wasn’t fully in support of him succeeding Golden Star was because he was the one responsible for Bai Qingyue’s failed TV drama.

He didn’t think that he would fail as he spent most of his time perfecting the cast, making sure that he only casted popular stars such as Bai Qingyue so they could effectively entice their audience to watch the TV drama. However, he didn’t anticipate that Bluemedia would easily choose to replace Bai Qingyue as ‘The Poisonous Concubine’ with the former queen, Tang Liyan.

The Poisonous Concubine became a huge hit and had effectively propelled Tang Liyan back to her previous spot as a queen, on the same level as Bai Qingyue. It was such a success that it became a huge slap for Mo Yuchen, leaving a stain on the perfect record he’d been maintaining for years.

Because of his failure, he was heavily criticized not only by his father, but also the board of directors at Golden Star. So how could he simply let Su Xiaofei off after knowing that she was directly involved with the production of The Poisonous Concubine?

Mo Yuchen had to admit that he didn't expect that Su Xiaofei would do such a thing to get even with him. What kind of sin did he commit for her to view him as her enemy? Was it because he couldn't return her affection, so it made her feel hateful towards him?

'It has been years, Su Xiaofei. You said that we owe

each other nothing, but it seems like you can't let go of me yet.' He accused her. He would have confronted her earlier, but his pride wouldn't allow him to make a scene and give his critics a reason to go after him.

It wasn't the first time Su Xiaofei had caused him trouble, anyway. She always tried getting his attention by angering him.

Su Xiaofei stared at him for a moment, before bursting into a fit of laughter, making Mo Yuchen feel like she had taken his words as a joke. This woman really knew how to get on his nerves!

'Does CEO Mo mean to say that because you are releasing a TV series, we shouldn't have done the same? Do you mean to imply that it was our fault that your project failed, and not because of your incompetency? Our families are running businesses, not charities. While collaboration is possible, competition is unavoidable.' She reminded him.

If that was the case, what was the point of competition between their companies? Should Bluemedia give way just because Mo Yuchen was her former fiancé? They were separated and had broken their engagement amicably. Although in reality, that didn't mean that Su Xiaofei would not exact revenge on him.

‘Golden Star also has so much resources compared to Bluemedia and since it wasn’t the first time your company has released a TV series, wouldn’t that mean that you had a head start way before us? It seems to me that CEO Mo still hasn’t realized where you went wrong. If you are really that confident and capable, you wouldn’t have to push the blame on me just because you failed.’

Mo Yuchen was astonished and wondered how to retort. Every word Su Xiaofei said felt like a knife that was stabbing on his ego. The more he looked at Su Xiaofei, the more he could feel his anger rising. She even mocked him with a smile on her face.

Su Xiaofei pushed a strand of her hair behind her ear and looked at Mo Yuchen mockingly. Obstructing his way was just a small punishment, because if she could, she would have killed him the same way he and Ye Mingyu did to her in her previous life!

‘Both series have nothing to do with us. If you cannot stand the heat, get out of the kitchen, CEO Mo.’ She commented, further angering Mo Yuchen in the process.

‘Do you really think by angering me like this would make me want you back, Su Xiaofei? I thought you were done with your silly thoughts about me, but you proved me wrong again.’ He sneered at her.

‘You are young and ignorant. You should be careful with your words now that I am the CEO of Golden Star. Aren’t you afraid of making me your enemy? Showbiz isn’t as simple as you think!’ He added with a dark expression. His resentment for Su Xiaofei was like a thorny vine, twining around his heart, gripping it as tightly as possible.

Because of Su Xiaofei, his clean record was now being doubted by his father and the board of directors.

‘CEO Mo, what do you want my Feifei to be careful of?’

Mo Yuchen was slightly startled, hearing a deep, baritone voice behind Su Xiaofei.

Meanwhile, Su Xiaofei’s heartbeat spiked up the moment she heard that familiar voice she’d been longing to hear now. The urge to burst into tears was so strong, she couldn’t stop the tears stinging her eyes.

In the end, she decided to shut her eyes and took a deep breath to calm down. She didn’t dare raise her hopes up in fear that this was yet again another figment of her imagination, tricking her with her deepest desire to see Lu Qingfeng finally coming home.

‘I dare you to repeat those words again, CEO Mo..’ The voice continued.

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She had told him that she didn’t like surprises, and yet here he was, making her heart race with his mere presence. Su Xiaofei knew that she should be happy if Lu Qingfeng was really here. It would only prove that her assumptions about him were correct, and she was right to place her trust in him.

Meanwhile, Mo Yuchen wasn’t pleased to see Lu Qingfeng at all. He hadn’t seen this young man in a long time, but he thought that

Lu Qingfeng remained as irritating as he was, just like when he was younger.

Taking a closer look at Lu Qingfeng, Mo Yuchen noticed that the younger man had already shed all his childish features and had become more impressive in one's eyes. Lu Qingfeng had grown up into a fine, decent man with a strong demeanor, blossoming with confidence and fortitude. He was already stepping into the shoes of the great man he would become.

Still, the twenty-one-year-old Lu Qingfeng was still as arrogant as he could remember. However, as smart as Lu Qingfeng was, his one weakness was being head over heels for this hateful witch.

'What's the matter? Cat got your tongue?' Lu Qingfeng continued, his eyes daring Mo Yuchen to repeat himself.

At this moment, Su Xiaofei mustered all the courage she had and turned to see the man she'd been longing to see for some time now. She was aware of how her heart was thumping painfully against her chest, but it didn't matter, for she only wanted to see for herself if it was really Lu Qingfeng.

Her lips slightly quivered when her eyes confirmed what her heart had been yearning for. Lu Qingfeng was indeed here, dressed in his customary black business suit, looking as dashing as she could remember.

She saw him strode confidently and graceful towards her before gently pulling her to stand next to him. His hand came onto her shoulder, keeping her close, as he looked at Mo Yuchen with displeasure.

‘Mr. Mo, why is it that whenever I see you, you are always trying to bully our Feifei?’ Lu Qingfeng asked with unconcealed annoyance.

Mo Yuchen scoffed

at the younger man’s accusation. To him, Lu Qingfeng had always thrown aside his logical mind whenever Su Xiaofei was involved.

‘It has nothing to do with you, Mr. Lu. It’s your fault for trying to get involved in our conversation.’ He said in defense. There was something about Lu Qingfeng that annoyed him, but Mo Yuchen couldn’t point it out.

Whether it was because this young man had been tailing and obsessing over Su Xiaofei or not, Mo Yuchen wasn’t sure. It was obvious to him that Lu Qingfeng had Su Xiaofei in his heart, given how far the young man would willingly go just to defend her honor.

‘As a man, do you really expect me to just watch and tolerate another person bullying a woman like Feifei? Even if it isn’t Feifei who is in this situation, I would also stand up for her.’ Lu Qingfeng said without batting an eyelid.

Next to him, Su Xiaofei seemed to be in a daze. Her eyes stayed on Lu Qingfeng’s face, her hand itching to touch it. It felt impossibly long since the last time she had seen him and after leaving her distraught hearing the news of his accident, her heart had never been at peace.

She had almost forgotten that she was also with Mo Yuchen if she didn't hear Lu Qingfeng talking to him, reminding her of where she was and what she was doing before Lu Qingfeng arrived.

'Mr. Lu, do you really think Su Xiaofei is worth the trouble?' She heard Mo Yuchen questioning Lu Qingfeng.

Su Xiaofei glanced at Lu Qingfeng's face, wondering if his answer would remain the same. Was she worth the trouble? She repeated Mo Yuchen's question in her mind. The Lu Qingfeng that she knew from her past life might be different from the Lu Qingfeng who was holding her now.

In her previous life, she heard someone asking Lu Qingfeng this very question, albeit she was already a ghost and had departed from the world of the living. Lu Qingfeng didn't think twice and claimed that he was willing to go to the netherworld if it meant that she would be safe and happy.

Those words were enough to make Su Xiaofei's heart ache, although she doubted that a wandering ghost like her was capable of crying. His answer only made her feel guilty of what she had done and regretted the decisions she had made when she was living. She hated that she had been so blinded with infatuation that she didn't notice the love Lu Qingfeng had for her.

'Mr. Mo might not understand, but I will say it anyway. Even if I have to go to the netherworld to save her, I will. If it means that I can ensure her safety and happiness.' Lu Qingfeng answered the question.

Mo Yuchen's frown deepened upon hearing the young man's answer, and thought that Lu Qingfeng's mind was really beyond salvation if he was protecting Su Xiaofei like this. Couldn't he see how vicious and scheming this woman was? If anything, Lu Qingfeng should be worried that Su Xiaofei would only use him to her advantage.

'Also, what Feifei said earlier was right. Mr. Mo shouldn't blame anyone for his failure but himself. You can't just expect a competitor to go easy on you just because you used to be acquainted with each other. Aunty Qing and the rest of the Bluemedia worked hard to reach where they are now through hard work.' Lu Qingfeng continued.

Mo Yuchen didn't have any words to refute what Lu Qingfeng had just said, but he hated to admit that he and Su Xiaofei were right.. If he had been capable enough, no matter how strong his opponent was, the TV drama that he had worked so hard on wouldn't flop and would still be able to compete through its quality.

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Seeing that it was pointless to talk to Su Xiaofei, now that Lu Qingfeng was here to defend her, Mo Yuchen decided to leave and return to the party. He didn't want to pursue his thinking when it came to Su Xiaofei any longer.

Once he left, Su Xiaofei finally lifted her left hand and cupped one side of Lu Qingfeng's face, taking his attention away from Mo Yuchen. The warmth she felt from it, only proving that the man

standing next to her was, indeed, Lu Qingfeng and her mind wasn't deceiving her right now.

There had been times when she dozed off thinking of hearing Lu Qingfeng's voice, only to wake up alone on her bed, feeling more restless than ever. It also didn't help that his grandfather went radio silent on news about his condition.

'You are back!' She murmured, her eyes shining with tears as she tried to stop it from falling.

Her eyes were passionately burning to the point where she didn't want to look away, in fear of the possibility that Lu Qingfeng would disappear again.

Lu Qingfeng took her hand from his face and placed a chaste kiss on her palm, his gaze softening as he looked at her. He held back the strong urge to kiss her and trapped her in a tight hug after their long separation.

'I'm sorry, I was late. Something has been keeping me occupied these days.' He apologized sincerely. 'But how could I miss my chance to greet the birthday girl on her own birthday?'

Su Xiaofei's eyes widened. By now, it should be past midnight already, indicating that it was her twenty-fourth birthday. To think that Lu Qingfeng had chosen to return to her side on her birthday brought immense happiness in her heart. This was the best birthday gift she could receive today.

'So you remembered?' She smiled, hooking her arms with his before resting her head against him. 'But it's good that you are back.'

At the age of twenty-one, Lu Qingfeng was far from the young lad that left to Shenjing years ago. Now, he was towering over her at 183 cm, which would make it hard for

others to believe that he was younger than her. A little more and he would be as striking and as handsome a man as the twenty-five-year-old Lu Qingfeng that Su Xiaofei met on her deathbed.

Lu Qingfeng gave her one of his rare smiles and led her back inside, eager to meet the Ouyang family who invited him today.

‘Did you come here because of the invitation you received, or did you come here to see me?’ Su Xiaofei asked curiously.

‘Both.’ Lu Qingfeng didn’t dare to lie. ‘Since I have also been invited here, it’s only natural for me to show up and greet them, right?’

In the end, Su Xiaofei didn’t have a choice but to go back to the party with Lu Qingfeng by her side. She was now aware of how the other guests stopped whatever they were doing to look at her and Lu Qingfeng. Some even fell in a daze, thinking that she and Lu Qingfeng looked more dazzling than any of the stars present tonight.

A few words had been said, but Su Xiaofei didn’t quite hear them clearly, nor was she bothered to know what they were. She could also feel sharp gazes thrown her way, but as soon as she turned her head, it would immediately disappear, making her wonder if it was there in the first place.

Lu Qingfeng didn't waste his time and went to greet the Ouyang family, apologizing for his tardiness. Master Ouyang and his sons easily dismissed his apology, but avoided questioning him for answers about the issue that involved him lately.

'Still not used to being here?'

Lu Qingfeng's sudden question surprised Su Xiaofei. He took a seat next to her and eyed the glass of champagne she was drinking with narrowed eyes. If he was right, Su Xiaofei still doesn't have a high tolerance for alcohol, just like in their previous life. Su Xiaofei would act crazy whenever she was under the influence of alcohol. It was for this reason that she was almost intoxicated by it during Xi Qian's 18th birthday.

'Don't drink too much. I don't want Auntie Qing to scold me when I bring you home.' He told her, giving her a look, gesturing for her not to drink too much tonight.

'Not planning to get drunk.' Su Xiaofei swirled her drink and contemplated if she should question him about the accident a week ago.

'I heard from Zhang Ling that you are flying with Tang Liyan next week for a makeup endorsement she received. Be careful, Feifei. I heard that the Golden Star's Queen, Bai Qingyue, would be there too.' Lu Qingfeng added.

Su Xiaofei nodded as she looked seriously at him, pondering how much he knew about her over the past five years they weren't together.

‘It’s unfair, Lu Qingfeng. You have Zhang Lan and Zhang Ling to feed you information from time to time.’ She grumbled as she drank the champagne in her glass in one go. Lu Qingfeng didn’t need to inform her of it, because she knew that her birth mother would also be there to face her and Tang Liyan.

Wouldn’t this also mean that Lu Qingfeng wasn’t ashamed to admit that he was looking after her all of these years through the Zhang siblings?

‘It’s impossible to avoid confrontation like this. I could only endure and be more ruthless than ever if I want to protect my mother and the employees that rely on Bluemedia.’ She sighed, thinking that the further she and the Bluemedia advanced, the more enemies and opponents they would face in the future.

Being popular was also a terrifying thing.. It was a double-edged sword not many people would think of. How could she forget how the media played a great role in ruining her reputation and life by publishing fake news during the time Lu Qingfeng was in a deep coma?

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Su Xiaofei was still itching to interrogate Lu Qingfeng for answers, but given how persistent the Ouyang family members were to have a word with him, she was starting to feel annoyed that she couldn’t have him for herself on her own birthday. Master Ouyang had called for Lu Qingfeng earlier.

Because of this, she had lost count of how many glasses of champagne she had already downed that night. She kept glancing

in Lu Qingfeng's way, waiting to see if he would be done with the pleasantries soon.

She was the birthday celebrant, and yet her companion's attention was being pulled away by others. Lu Qingfeng came back for her, and she didn't like that she needed to compete to get his attention.

Lu Qingfeng, who was still talking to Master Ouyang and his son, looked at Su Xiaofei's direction, his gaze softening at the sight of her. She wasn't the only one who had been longing, as he had badly missed her as well.

Seeing that he was distracted, Master Ouyang finally took pity on Lu Qingfeng. It wasn't lost to him that the young man's attention kept going back to Su Xiaofei during their conversation.

'Xiao Fei must be waiting for you. Go now. Don't let these old men keep you from accompanying your girl.' He said, and President Ouyang nodded in agreement.

'Then I'll be excusing myself. Feifei and I will pay you a visit soon.' Lu Qingfeng gave them a curt nod before standing from his seat to return to Su Xiaofei's side.

'You're done? Should we get going then?' Su Xiaofei brought down her glass and regarded Lu Qingfeng next to her. She knew how important it was for Lu Qingfeng to uphold his responsibilities by creating and maintaining his networks for the sake of their company.

‘You’re still not used to it, are you?’ He smiled in amusement, noticing the slight blush on her cheeks, which was no doubt because of the alcohol she drank earlier.

‘No, that’s not it.’ She shook her head, but doing so only made her feel dizzy, which she immediately regretted. ‘Ye Mingyu and Mo Yuchen came

here together. I don’t want their presence to ruin my special day.’ She muttered.

Lu Qingfeng raised a slender brow, but he didn’t make any comments about it. The Su Xiaofei in his previous life wouldn’t be as calm and collected as this when it came to Mo Yuchen being with another woman.

He was glad that after her rebirth, she was finally able to get some semblance and could see things differently now. He was glad that he didn’t come back too late this time, and would be able to protect her from now on.

It wasn’t hard to see that Ye Mingyu was trying to provoke her, forcing Su Xiaofei to act like she was a villainess. The best way for Ye Mingyu to reach the top was by dragging someone she could step on down, and that person was Su Xiaofei.

‘I’ll take you home then. Auntie Qing would be worried if you don’t return home on time.’ He said, helping her get back on her feet, leading her away from the party.

When they stepped outside, they were greeted by Nine, who was waiting for the two of them. Su Xiaofei noticed that the car she had brought along with the Zhang sisters were missing. She didn’t

need to ask where they were, as she already knew that Lu Qingfeng allowed the two sisters to leave early whenever he was with her.

Su Xiaofei sighed to herself. She knew that the Zhang sisters had also been on the edge like her these past few days as they didn't hear anything from their master either. It was reassuring to know that Lu Qingfeng seemed fine without any hint of injury on him.

From the moment he returned to her side, up to the time they reached Su Xiaofei's home, Lu Qingfeng refused to let go of her hand, as if he was afraid that she wouldn't be there when he turned his head to look at her.

He had draped his outer coat over her shoulders to protect her from the coldness of the night, as she led him to her mother's garden. The flowers that were tended and raised by Yun Qingrong had yet to bloom, and Su Xiaofei couldn't wait to see them in full blossom.

Instead of releasing Lu Qingfeng's hand, Su Xiaofei tightened her hold on it. If this was a dream, she didn't want to wake up too soon, but alas, this was far better than any dream she had over the past five years.

'Is everything alright? The accident has left everyone worried about you.' She asked, leaning close to him as they took a stroll in her mother's vast garden.

'I'm sorry about that. It is just that there are things needed to be done to pull out the weeds from their roots before they cause

irreversible damage.' Lu Qingfeng answered, giving her an apologetic look.

'As much as I wanted to call you or inform your bodyguards about the situation, Grandpa and I agreed not to get you involved for your safety.' He added. 'But I should have given you a hint of what could happen...'

'I admit that I was upset, but my concern and trust in you remained. I know you wouldn't leave me in the dark for too long, without knowing what is happening to you.'

No matter how worried she was, Su Xiaofei tried to keep her emotions in check, even though she wanted nothing but to rush to his side. The memories of Lu Qingfeng lying on his hospital bed, deep in coma, kept replaying in her mind, keeping her awake late at night despite her exhaustion from the long day at work.

'But I'm here now, right? There's no need for you to be worried.. No one would be able to take me away from you.'

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Su Xiaofei nodded in agreement, knowing that for the first time since the news broke out about his accident, she was at peace. Having Lu Qingfeng right here next to her was enough to dispel her worries from her heart.

'Feifei, do you remember what I asked you before I went to Shenjing?'

Lu Qingfeng's question after a long silence between them reminded Su Xiaofei of the time she made a promise that she

would give him a proper answer once he came back. It was clear that Lu Qingfeng wasn't wasting his time and wanted to hear her answer now.

'We've known each other since we were kids, and I have never made a friend before meeting you.' He started, the moonlight above them allowing them to see where they were going as they continued their leisure stroll.

'Years passed by, and you entered my heart at some point without me even realizing it. For the longest time, I've been wondering if you would be willing to give me a chance, or would you find it despicable that I came to love you.'

Su Xiaofei furrowed her brows together. She might be stupid when she was younger, but who was she to criticize a person when it comes to love? If anything, she didn't want to ruin her friendship with Lu Qingfeng and hurt him in the process.

Lu Qingfeng stopped and turned to face her, wanting her to see the sincerity in his face as he confessed and laid his feelings bare for her again. He could only hope she wouldn't deny him this time.

'Feifei, I'm no longer that young boy who used to follow you around, trying to win your attention. Now, I would like to ask if I can entrust my heart to you, love you deeply with all that I have and protect you for a lifetime? In the future, would you allow me to accompany you on every step and milestone of your life, through thick and thin?'

Su Xiaofei had the urge to cry for the second time that night. The overwhelming emotions that washed through her were indescribable. Here

was a man who wanted nothing but to love and take care of her and yet, in her previous life, she went after a man who couldn't see her worth and kept trampling over her feelings.

While it was true that she was the one who brought it upon herself, Su Xiaofei couldn't help but think that Mo Yuchen, or anyone, should have tried to shake some semblance into her before. How could she turn her back from her mother and ignore her best friend's pleas for Mo Yuchen's sake?

As she looked at Lu Qingfeng's face, who was now looking at her with anticipation and worry in his eyes, Su Xiaofei thought that she really shouldn't have made such a reckless decision before and married Mo Yuchen despite her loved ones' objection.

If she had waited for Lu Qingfeng to wake up and recover from his trauma, perhaps her life would have been better in her previous life.

Her silence made Lu Qingfeng uncomfortable, and he unconsciously released her hand from his hold, effectively bringing Su Xiaofei back to reality. It hadn't been easy for him to say these words again, but Lu Qingfeng knew that he needed to be cautious with Su Xiaofei and treat her with enough patience after all the sufferings she experienced in the past.

'So... this is your answer?' He asked, but Su Xiaofei couldn't find the words to tell him that it wasn't.

‘I understand, Feifei. You don’t need to force yourself into something that you didn’t like.’ He sighed. Perhaps he had been too complacent and confident that her feelings for him would grow after years of pursuing her. He should have paid more attention to her despite his busy schedule at work and school.

Were her feelings for Mo Yuchen still strong that she couldn’t accept another man in her heart? Were the grievances she was nursing from her previous life forbidding her to be truly happy in this lifetime?

Lu Qingfeng thought that it was unfair for Su Xiaofei to be denied a chance at happiness. While it was true that she was given a chance for rebirth, it wasn’t solely for the reason of seeking revenge, but to allow her to live her life to the fullest.

‘You don’t have to think too much about it, Feifei. It’s enough for me that you are honest with me. It might take some time for me to truly move on, but I hope you won’t deny me as a friend after this.’ He continued, with a solemn expression. ‘I’m just being honest with myself and being foolish to say what is truly in my heart.’

Su Xiaofei clenched her fists, wanting nothing more than to throw her arms around him and assure him that he was wrong. She would be damn stupid if she let this good thing slip from her hands. This kind of love was too rare to find and if she allowed it to pass, she might never encounter it for the second time.

Even if the world viewed her as a villainess, she didn’t care anymore, because this tyrant viewed her as his world. It was rare to find someone who could love her with all of his heart, and she

didn't dare let him go, because in the end, she was a selfish person who would take everything and anything that she wanted.

'This is why I dared to confess and lay my heart to you again, although I'm also aware that you might refuse me and turn me down for good. In your eyes, I might just be a friend you can rely on, but Feifei, I still wanted to say this. If in any way, I caused you any inconveniences, I hope you will forgive me.' Lu Qingfeng said.. As a man, he cannot allow himself to force Su Xiaofei to accept him unwillingly.

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'Dummy!' Su Xiaofei lowered her head and smiled foolishly to herself.

When it came to Lu Qingfeng, she wanted to be selfish. Not wanting to share him with anyone. Wanting him only to herself.

'Feifei?' Lu Qingfeng looked at her with confusion. At this moment, he wasn't sure what she was even thinking.

'Lu Qingfeng, you better think twice, no — think of it several times before choosing a woman like me. You better reconsider your decision carefully, because I'm a selfish and jealous woman. I have a fiery temper that cannot easily be extinguished by a mere apology. If you want to be with me for eternity, you better make sure that I would be the only woman at your side and no one else. If you dare to betray me, I will run to Grandpa Lu for help. You can't get rid of me easily!'

This time, she lifted her head and said these bold declarations with an arrogant smile on her face while Lu Qingfeng stared at her with wide eyes, as if he was afraid that he was just hallucinating.

‘Lu Qingfeng, I’m not joking! Since it’s like this, would you accept this answer?’ Su Xiaofei exclaimed, when his reply was only silence. She narrowed her eyes and slightly pouted at him in annoyance.

He should have known that she wouldn’t turn him down. He had managed to ingrain himself in her, so deep that it was impossible for Su Xiaofei to live her life without him. If anyone should be blamed for it, it was Lu Qingfeng.

Finally, Lu Qingfeng snapped out of his daze and recovered from his shock. He looked at Su Xiaofei for a moment, before a smile spread on his lips, entralling Su Xiaofei.

She wanted to turn her head away and cover her face, but she didn’t. A smile like that should be illegal, she thought. Lu Qingfeng should only smile like that at her and only for her from now on! She decided. Only she would have the right to see this blinding smile of Lu Qingfeng’s, and she would have him all to herself.

‘I see. I guess I should

be careful not to make Feifei angry with me in the future, so Grandpa wouldn’t scold me and denounce me as his heir and choose Feifei instead.’ Lu Qingfeng finally said as he took her hands in his, placing gentle kisses on her knuckles.

‘There would be no other Madam Lu in the future except for you.’
He promised.

‘No other woman behind my back?’ Su Xiaofei raised a brow at him in question.

‘Feifei is already a handful for me. Why would I take another woman who would only make my life harder than it already is?’
He answered her with a question.

Lu Qingfeng couldn’t understand why other men would choose to take another woman aside from their wives. Was the thrill of being caught or having a rendezvous meeting with another woman worth getting one’s life into an utter mess? Perhaps he would never understand because he was a one-woman man, and he didn’t find another woman as enticing and interesting as Su Xiaofei.

Finally, after making it clear about their feelings for each other, Su Xiaofei allowed Lu Qingfeng to draw her into a tight embrace, her heart still racing as usual.

‘I haven’t been this happy in a long time.’ She murmured against his chest. ‘Thank you for having me.’

Lu Qingfeng hummed and kissed her crown, his eyes showing gratitude and happiness as he could finally love her without any reservations.

‘I should be the one who should be thankful, Feifei. Thank you for choosing me.’ He said in return.

Su Xiaofei allowed a single tear to roll down her cheek. Did she have to experience all hardships in her previous life so she could receive the best things in life in this lifetime? She wanted to ask him why he was so good to her, but she didn't dare to question him, for she wasn't sure if she was ready to hear his answer.

It was enough that she had him back by her side, and she was his from now on.

This time, she allowed herself to cry in his arms. If Lu Qingfeng was bothered by it, she didn't know because he only held her tighter and patted her back lovingly.

After a moment of holding each other, Lu Qingfeng released her and dried the tears on her cheeks and said in a low voice.

'It's already getting late. Why don't you go ahead and retire for the night? I'll make sure to pay you and Aunty Qing a visit later to celebrate your birthday.'

Su Xiaofei shook her head and rested her head back on his chest.

'No. Let me hug you for a little longer. You don't know how worried I was since the news of your accident.'

Lu Qingfeng remained silent and allowed Su Xiaofei to hug him if it was something that could make her happy. He knew that there were things she wanted to say, but wouldn't, but it was okay with him.

He knew that Su Xiaofei appeared to be strong and unbothered by others' criticism, but in reality, her sense of security wasn't strong, and she needed her mother and him to rely on.

‘There’s no need to worry, Feifei. In this world, I’m the one foolish man who loves you the most. You can use me as you like, but I hope that you won’t forget about me in the future.’

‘That’s impossible!’ Su Xiaofei snapped her head up and looked at him. ‘I will never forget you! How could I forget someone like you?’

Lu Qingfeng only smiled, but didn’t dare to believe it. She had once promised him the same thing in his first life.. Who could say that she wouldn’t forget about him for the second time? So long as she was with him, it was all that mattered.