

Sweet Love 1321

Chapter 1321: A Father's Request

At the other end of the line, Lu Jinyu could tell that this was a serious matter from the man's solemn tone!

Hence, he answered astutely, "Boss, tell me!"

Mu Yazhe knocked his knuckle against the tabletop and said brashly, "There's something I want that I can't be seen doing outwardly. I need you to make the arrangements in secret!"

"What's that?"

Narrowing his eyes, he spouted, "I want a man's life!"

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In the afternoon, Yun Shishi managed to coax her two sons to sleep while she studied her script. This was when she received a call from her father.

A while back, her father returned to his hometown to attend a funeral when he was told that his aged mother had passed away.

After that, he called to inform his daughter that he would be staying for a bit in his hometown to take care of his family and told her to take care of herself and her family in the meantime!

She also reminded him to take care of his health.

During this period, the father-daughter pair had kept in touch, though there was something he wanted to discuss with her specifically this time!

"Shishi, I have something I need to discuss with you!"

"What is it, dad?"

"Do you still remember Uncle Yehou whom you've met when you were young?"

That uncle was Yun Yecheng's younger brother.

His hometown was in a small county, dozens of kilometers away from the capital. In this country was a village that was relatively backward called The Yun Village. It was a picturesque place with idyllic scenery, but due to its geographical location, it was not well-developed.

Her father had an ailing elderly mother who was still living in that village together with his elder sister and younger brother. Of his siblings, he was closer to his brother.

When he was young, his father died from a mining accident; thus, his mother brought up her three children alone.

When the man got a bit older, he asked his younger brother to take care of their mother while he went to the city to make a living.

With his business acumen and spirited endeavors, he managed to make a decent living. At that time, he had intended to bring his family to the capital.

Alas, his mother was too used to a villager's life and refused his offer.

For him to have a peace of mind to develop his career in the city, his younger brother decided to stay behind to take care of their mother, too!

In contrast, their older sister, Yun Lingru, could not wait to get out of the village. Yun Yecheng, thus, arranged a job for her in the capital where she finally settled in and had a family with a pair of kids.

Yun Shishi's adoptive father wanted to talk to her about his brother this time.

It seemed that their mother had been very sick a few years back, and his brother had looked after her tirelessly on his behalf without grumbles.

He used to remit money back home every month, but after his business folded, he was inevitably stretched, so he could only send very little money subsequently.

Yun Yehou's wife had grumbled because of that.

However, his down-to-earth brother was not bothered and continued to take good care of their mother.

An unfortunate event hit him after that.

The fellow was working in a construction site about a year ago when he fell from the third story due to poor safety measures. He was paralyzed from the waist down as a result. From then on, he could only stay in bed and needed to be taken care of.

He did not want to burden his older brother, though, so he kept mum about this event.

Chapter 1322: Afraid to Implicate Her

He did not want to burden his older brother, though, so he kept mum about this event.

Plus, with him being an upright and honest man, he was even more unwilling to mention it to his brother.

Only at this time, when Yun Yecheng had rushed back to his hometown to settle the funeral, did he learn about this matter. His heart was full of turmoil.

His younger brother had always been fulfilling his filial piety duties on his behalf for many years, yet he only learned about the former's condition after a whole year had already passed! When the latter saw the former lying paralyzed in bed and how his complexion had changed a great deal, he suddenly felt extremely guilty.

He felt as if he had let his little brother down.

After settling the funeral matters, he began to have thoughts of bringing his little brother back to the city!

With the limited years they had left, he wanted to treat his brother well.

Alas, thinking of how he had already sold his house in the city after moving in with Yun Shishi, he did not know how to bring his brother back with him.

Even though their home was huge, he thought of how his adopted daughter would have her family and life in the future; thus, he was afraid to be a bother to her!

When he made a call, he mentioned this issue to her in hopes of seeking for her advice.

“Shishi, I know you are extremely kind and will not reject dad’s request, but I don’t want you to feel pressured to accept it! Dad hasn’t been very filial these past few years, and now that my brother is sick, I can’t help but feel guilty for everything. I’m thinking of bringing him to the city to take care of him. Will you be angry with dad if I do that?”

The woman fell silent for a moment.

Yun Yehou...

She had met the man a couple of times when she was young.

Once was when she had just gone to the Yun family. The man had come to the city with his entire family to visit her adoptive father’s family. In his simple clothes, he had brought along special, local products and a variety of freshly harvested fruits and vegetables from his hometown.

That time, he had even carried her!

He loved little kids and was very close to them. Between her and Yun Na, the man especially loved her who was docile and obedient, and he doted on her a lot.

The second time was after her adoptive father’s business had folded and his family was in dire straits.

Her adoptive uncle had visited them behind his wife’s back. He knew in his heart that his older brother was not doing well and his family was in a predicament. Therefore, he sneakily handed him tens of thousands of yuan he had scrimped and saved for the latter to pay off his debts.

The older brother was naturally unwilling to accept it and rejected him time and again. The latter did not say much, only to sneak the money in one of his brother’s drawers when he was about to leave.

She had a lot of good feelings toward Yun Yehou.

He was an honest and upright man.

Thus, the moment she heard that her adoptive father was planning to bring her adoptive uncle over, she was already thinking of which good place should they have the man settled down.

Xiangti Walk?

That would not do... It was a little inconvenient!

With her career, if she was followed by a paparazzo, it would only cause disturbance to the man.

Yun Yecheng took her silence as dissatisfaction regarding his request, so he hurriedly explained, "Shishi... I know that request puts you in a tight spot! Actually, this is what I thought: Since I am currently working, I can take out about five thousand yuan every month. I'm planning to rent a flat with two rooms and one living room and have your uncle settle down there! Then, on usual days, I will stay there to take care of him."

Chapter 1323: Yun Shishi's Filial Heart

"Then, on usual days, I'll stay there to take care of him, but this means that I won't be able to take care of you that much anymore! I hope that you can understand your dad! After all, with your grandmother gone now, and your uncle paralyzed from the waist down, his condition is rather serious, so I hope to be able to take good care of him..."

"Dad, what are you saying?"

Unsure whether to laugh or cry, she expressed, "If you rent a house using five thousand yuan from your salary, how much will you have left for your expenses?"

"This..." It was not that he had not thought of this problem.

He was extremely vexed.

He did consider asking her for financial help, but he felt too guilty to do so.

This was when he heard her continue. "How about this? The house we are currently living has three levels. If uncle doesn't mind, we can arrange for him to stay on the third floor. Still, I'm afraid that my little guys can cause quite a din during the day, and that might affect his recuperation! If you're worried about that, too, I can pull some contacts and find a small bungalow near us as the environment around here is more refined and secluded! This way, I can visit him easily since I'm nearby! Dad, your body isn't well, either. You shouldn't be out working anymore. You should stay at home and accompany uncle. I'll hire a care worker to tend to him regularly. Who knows? If he's well taken care of, there may be hope of recovery! Don't you think so as well?"

"T-That won't do! You're already working so hard, and you still have to care for your children. You have your hands full already to do that as well." He did not want her to go through so much trouble, rushing all over the place for the emotional debt he owed.

If that were the case, he would rather think of a solution himself.

"Dad, do you have to regard me as an outsider? It isn't a big issue! Now, I have the capability as I am earning a lot from my job. Our lives are no longer how they were in the past where we couldn't even make ends meet! It's about time for me to be filial to you properly! You've taken care of me for so many years. This is something you deserve, so please, dad, don't say such things. I know you're just trying to be considerate, but it makes me feel bad to hear you say such words!"

The man was stunned. Suddenly, there was a choking sound filled with emotion from the other end.

She did not notice it, though, as she continued speaking. “Dad, you’ve been in the city for so many years, whereas uncle has been in your hometown, taking care of grandmother, all this while. He also did such heavy work at the construction site for so long and went through so much hardship. Plus, when our family was in a predicament, uncle always thought about us no matter what he did! Taking care of him is the responsibility of the younger generation, isn’t it?”

“Shishi, I’m very touched that you think that way, but you shouldn’t take on everything by yourself! How about this: I’ll bring uncle and his family over, but we go with what I planned earlier. We’ll rent a small house to let your uncle recuperate in peace, and we can discuss the rest later!”

“Dad, this... isn’t very appropriate!” She sighed.

“Ah, Shishi, listen to me. Dad has a reason for arranging it this way.”

“What’s the reason?”

He stumbled at the mention of this, refusing to share and only saying that he did not want to burden her.

Under her repeated questioning, he finally gave in and told her the truth.

It was because his younger brother’s wife was not virtuous and was hard to deal with! When he said that he wanted to bring Yun Yehou to the city for recuperation, she insisted in coming along as well.

Chapter 1324: Does not want to become her burden...

When Yun Yehou was young, he built a new house in his hometown through a lot of hard labor. With much dignity, he married a woman called Xiang Yu, who eventually gave birth to a pair of daughters.

Originally, their lives had been peaceful and smooth.

However, after he was involved in an accident, there had been changes in their way of living.

His wife initially did not have to do labor outside and just had to mind the planting of crops in their few farmlands, while he was in charge of working outside to earn money for their living expenses.

When the man received a heavy injury at his workplace and his lower body half became paralyzed, the supporting pillar of the family naturally collapsed, causing them to lose half of their net income.

With that, the heavy burden had all landed on his wife.

Initially, his wife did not have any complaints. She would work in the fields during the day before taking care of him and his mother at night. Alas, as time went by, the woman became unhappy.

She had to work in the day and care for a sickly mother-in-law and a paralyzed husband at night. Gradually, she began to have many complaints.

She was unhappy with not just Yun Yecheng but her husband as well.

When Yun Yecheng's family financial circumstances were splendid, he had not helped in caring for his ailing mother much. He only sent money back to them, but when he had lost everything, his younger brother had actually gone behind her back to give him money!

Now that he was lying paralyzed in bed, he did not even inform his older brother about it. The latter had not gone to visit them in a long time, either.

Therefore, she had suggested for them to ask back for the money he had given his older brother during his time of need to ease their hard times now.

Her husband refused.

He said that his brother was not having it easy as well—that he had expenses and his life was also tough in the city.

The couple had a huge fight because of that. From then on, she no longer put effort in taking care of him and grandmother. Her actions became half-hearted.

When she learned that Yun Yecheng was coming home for their mother's funeral and wanted to bring his younger brother to the city with him, Xiang Yu proposed to come along as well.

He naturally could not reject her out of embarrassment, but when his younger brother heard about it, he was angry. He was afraid that his family would be a burden to him, so he refused to move to the city.

His wife shouted at him right in front of his older brother. "Why?! When your brother's family was rich, we didn't take anything from them! When he was rich, we were the ones still taking care of mother. When his business went bankrupt, you gave him our money without informing me! How much savings do we have for you to give him so much?! Now, we can't even afford a wheelchair! I'm working myself to death in the fields, yet I still have to take care of you when I reach home. How am I supposed to endure all this? Since your brother said that he wants to bring you to the city to live comfortably, then you should go! I'm following you so that I can take care of you better. I'm not scheming against them! Moreover, our daughters can find proper jobs in the city to take care of their families. Do you want them to be like me, farming crops at home? Are you silly? You can have a comfortable life, yet you are choosing to live a hard one! Even if you aren't thinking about yourself, shouldn't you at least consider it for us?! Our daughters may be able to find their future partners in the city and settle down there! As for you, shouldn't you think about your older brother? Don't think that I'm after anything from your brother's family. Plus, what does his family have now, anyway? His business is in shambles and his family is bankrupt. If that's so, you should've just lived with your brother. Why did you marry me for?"

Chapter 1325: Recognized

Yun Yehou was unbearably furious.

Yun Yecheng hurriedly mediated between the couple's altercation. "Stop fretting. Everyone will follow me to the city. I still have some connections so I will help arrange jobs for your two daughters!"

With that, Xiang Yu was satisfied.

This was why Yun Shishi's father repeatedly insisted that he did not want to implicate her.

She already had enough hardships with Li Qin around. He naturally could not let her carry another burden.

Who knew if his sister-in-law might turn out to be like his former wife?

He did not dare let his daughter bear another burden!

Hearing this, his daughter only smiled. "Dad, you taught me that 'if the family lives in harmony, all affairs will prosper', but if you are really worried about implicating me, I'll still respect your decision! This provided that, once uncle is in the city, even if they don't stay at my place, you let me find a place for them to settle down! Let this be a token of my regard!"

Deeply moved by her words, his eyes got filled with tears. "Shishi, the best decision I've ever made in my life is adopting you! Even though you're not my biological child, in my heart, I've always regarded you as my flesh and blood! Dad knows that you are filial and that you will always remember someone's kindness, but I also wish that you can live a better life! Dad's biggest wish is for you to be happy!"

She smiled and consoled him with a few more words before ending the call.

Thereafter, thinking that since her father was bringing her uncle to the city, they would undoubtedly need some merchandise, she decided to head out to purchase some goods for them.

As they were approaching a new season, she wanted to buy some clothes for her two kids and Mu Yazhe as well, so she left a note on the table before leaving the house.

She called for a nanny van and headed to the city center. She made sure to wear a pair of sunglasses, with her cap pulled way down to cover her face, and a jacket. She then walked into the shopping center.

She was a public figure and was also rather popular in the eyes of the masses. Hence, every time she headed out, she had to put in extra thought in her getup!

It would be troublesome if she were recognized by a passing reporter and misrepresented in the news!

After confirming that she had not been recognized by anyone, she headed to the children's clothing section to shop around.

Before coming here, she specially checked Little Yichen's measurements.

The boy had hit puberty extremely early and was growing fast. His height increased significantly and was now taller than Youyou's by almost an entire head.

At this point, his clothes no longer fit him after having worn them for just one season.

As such, the boy needed a change in wardrobe frequently.

His frame was bigger than his younger twin. Probably due to him hitting puberty earlier than the latter, even his build was starting to expand.

His shoulders were wider, his legs were longer, and his back was sturdier now. She made sure to specially pick out a few handsome suits for the boy.

As she walked to the counter for payment of her purchase, she also carefully picked out a few extremely elegant and gentlemanly suits for her younger son.

Youyou extremely suited such style of clothing. The little guy in a suit looked very elegant, stylish, and noble!

As she reached the counter, the shop assistant eyed her with a strange glint in her gaze!

As she took out her wallet, she could hear the question slipping out of the shop assistant's mouth while she fixed her with a stare. "Are you... the one who acted Yin Xiachun in 'The Green Apple' with the superstar?"

"..." Yun Shishi was stunned, her expression stiffening instantly.

Chapter 1326: A huge celebrity!

"Oh, dear. Your name isn't coming to me at the moment, but I know you! I've seen the movie you're in online. You're Yin Xiachun in it, right?"

Yun Shishi's lips twitched a little, but she kept a calm expression as she said, "Please allow me to settle the bill; thank you."

"Oh, okay." The store assistant hurriedly packed her clothes and handed her the bill before the former came to a rude realization that the clothes the latter had bought were for children.

She was a little ecstatic. These clothes were all for children at the age of seven or eight.

Why was she shopping in the children's section?!

The store assistant was astonished.

It was shared online that this actress was a pure, young lady who was single and had yet to be married!

Could it be that she had married secretly and already had children?

These clothes were for seven or eight-year-old children, though.

If she were to calculate, did it not mean that this actress had given birth when she was still eighteen?!

However, according to law, people under that age were forbidden from getting married! Could she have given birth... out of wedlock?!

They were illegitimate children, then!

Thinking that to herself, the store assistant could not help but be shocked by her speculations.

This piece of news was going to be explosive!

Therefore, when Yun Shishi took the shopping bags from her, she could see a few store clerks gathering around from the corner of her eye. They secretly had their phones out and their cameras pointed at her.

Taking photos of her secretly?

Her heart sank and she hurriedly turned to leave.

Behind her, a store clerk slapped his forehead as he said, "Ah! I remember now; I remember now! Isn't she Yun Shishi?! The one who was rumored to be dating Gu Xingze!"

"That actress! I know her! She's just made her debut, yet she's already very popular."

"..."

She scurried away but the store clerks raised their phone cameras and aimed them at her as they chased her!

She raised her hand to stop them. "Stop taking photos. Stop it, alright?"

Yun Shishi began to panic.

If this were before, when she had her personal assistant and her bodyguard alongside, her bodyguard would appear and intercept these people at once.

Now, she was alone. Apart from hiding and requesting them to stop pitifully, there was no other way!

Never did she expect to still be recognized even after wrapping herself up like a dumpling!

One could only say that 'The Green Apple' was too popular.

The movie trailer had been edited meticulously, so the scenes were exquisite, melodic, and warm. When these moving and aesthetic scenes were released online, they instantly stirred a strong reaction from the youths in the community.

[Memories of our youth. They're so fitting with the warmth I feel from my memories!]

[The main leads' acting as a 'Winter and Summer couple' couldn't have been timelier! Even though both are already in their twenties, they could still portray sixteen-year-olds realistically!]

[I read the original novel a long time ago. It's always been a youthful classic to me, so when I heard that they're turning it into a movie, I rejected the idea at first, but after seeing the movie trailer, it's really unexpected. I have a good feeling about it!]

"..."

Apart from the intense publicity on the movie's official website and the hype from numerous famous marketing sites, Gu Xingze also released interesting bits of news about the cast and crew during their filming from time to time. Therefore, 'The Green Apple' remained a hot topic online.

Almost every youth who was always active online would know Yun Shishi by now!

As the said actress walked away, the store clerks followed her with their phones raised, relentlessly taking photos, recordings, and videos...

She was a celebrity!

A huge celebrity!

Was it not rare to be so up close with a famous celebrity?

Chapter 1327 : Fan Requests

Actually, Yun Shishi had only acted in one movie, appeared in a few print ads, and one idol drama music MV. Otherwise, she had little exposure and, at best, would be deemed as a budding starlet. However, her high exposure had made her a household name quickly.

She was still not in league with other veteran actresses like Han Yuyan and Yang Mi, though, but thanks to Lin Fengtian and Gu Xingze's appeal, plus the rumors surrounding her and the superstar, she was acknowledged by many as a major star as well.

In the public's eyes, the actor was a supreme idol insulated from all sorts of gossip. Other than some occasional speculations from the media or his female co-leads trying to ramp up their popularity by associating him to them, there was hardly any rumor about him and other actresses. He was considered devoid of any entertainment scandals!

Hence, even though the superstar's PR team did not deliberately cook up a storm about him and Yun Shishi, the public had earnestly taken her as the next in line for 'Mrs. Superstar'!

Yo, she's the actress recently working with Gu Xingze!

She's been very popular recently.

Humans were vain, after all.

If I can post a picture of me with a movie star to our group chat, surely, I'll steal all the limelight, won't I?

"Yun Shishi, can you take a picture with me?"

"Yun Shishi, are you really in a relationship with Gu Xingze?"

"It's not true, right? It's impossible for them!"

"I watched the trailer of 'The Green Apple'. Both look compatible actually! If she's really with the superstar, I'll support them!"

"Yun Shishi, can you take a group photo with us?"

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The voices behind her continued to call out relentlessly.

She peeked over her shoulder and saw that the crowd had increased from the initial three to a sizable group.

Most were shopping inside the mall when they heard a loud voice saying, "A superstar is here!"

Upon knowing that it was this co-star, who was recently rumored to be involved with the superstar, they rushed up to have a closer look as well.

It was a rare opportunity to be up close and personal with an idol or a star.

Besides, many of them were nosy about her relationship with Gu Xingze and wanted to probe further. Before long, more and more fans started to gather around.

She was lost and desperate like a hapless fly inside the spacious mall.

She rarely visited the shopping malls in the first place. After becoming a public figure, the chances of window shopping were further reduced and she had to resort to online shopping most of the time.

However, many of the items she got online were not to her satisfaction; hence, the idea of visiting the mall emerged today!

She wandered around the mall and took many detours along the way, only to lead herself accidentally into a dead end. Breathing in deeply, she turned around but realized, to her dismay, that the crowd had totally blocked her way out.

What is this...

What am I gonna do?

She stood rooted to the spot helplessly, breaking out in a nervous, cold sweat. Her mind went blank all of a sudden!

She called Mu Xi and whispered her location into the phone, asking for help out of this dire predicament.

Her assistant told her that she would arrive in ten minutes; this would mean that she had to defend herself in the meantime, unfortunately.

What could she do now?

She could not think of any instant solution!

"Yun Shishi, I'm your fan. Can I take a picture with you?" asked a passerby excitedly.

She sipped her dry lips and wondered inwardly, *Fans? Where do these fans come from?*

Other than the movie 'The Green Apple', she had not filmed any production. Where in the world did the groupies come from?

Chapter 1328: Fans' Siege

Her movie was not shown in the theaters yet, and the print ads she had done were not released widely in the market as well. This was the same for the MV she had shot, so, at most, it could only be an Internet hype only.

How was it, therefore, possible for her to have real fans; these people were likely people thoughtlessly going after her looks!

She knew full well that her star status was not at the stage where her fans could be found everywhere on the streets!

Plus, even if this were an ardent fan, a star would not oblige to such a request generally!

There had to be foolproof security measures in place, and security guards needed to be present as well, before she could properly concede to a fan's request.

Even so, there should be no close contact.

This was what Qin Zhou had told her time and again.

Right now, her team was preparing to increase her publicity by hyping her relationship with Gu Xingze.

After all, the entertainment field was an ever-changing industry; an artist would be forgotten soon if there was no fresh news about them.

As recently debuted actress, her schedule was not tight. Other than some entertainment programs, she had no work lineup yet.

Therefore, the team wanted to take advantage of her free sched to ramp up her popularity. To do that, they decided to associate her with the superstar.

The superstar was uber popular, and with her being an Internet sensation at the moment, there would be no lack of discussions if both were paired!

To the agency, artists were commodities!

For their goods to sell well on the market, the company would try all ways and means to advertise, package, and promote them!

The chief director, Ji Lin was behind this idea of actively promoting her. He had high hopes for her, and this was why Huanyu had gone all out in packaging and promoting her.

However, there was a severe disadvantage in pairing her up with the superstar, and that was she would be targeted by his disgruntled fans.

Long before this, she had received knife blades as warning from his hardcore fans.

This did not happen once, too.

Oftentimes, her assistant would receive hate emails directed at the artist.

There was more to her bad situation than that, though.

Some netizens had sent over private messages accusing her of being materialistic and riding on the superstar's coat tails. His fans could not tolerate her for using him to promote herself.

There were even slanders circulating online saying that she had more than one influential supporter behind her!

Being a superstar who had always steered clear of all types of gossip and scandal, the netizens believed that she had forced the man into cooperating with her.

In their eyes, he was doing this unwillingly!

With his aloof and proud personality, why would he put himself down to associate with a rookie?

This meant that she had used terrible and influential means to put pressure on him!

There was a period when these malicious tales were rampant online.

Hence, her agent warned her repeatedly not to venture out by herself. If she were to meet his diehard fangirls, she might be harmed.

There was a piece of news that had caused panic across the entertainment industry recently.

Chapter 1329: Horrific Story of Disfigurement by Sulfuric Acid

There was once a sweet and pretty starlet who had debuted in an idol drama with Gu Xingze as a manipulative main supporting character.

Similar to Yun Shishi's agency then, the starlet's agency also wanted to increase her popularity by pairing her with the superstar.

The man's manager naturally rejected this proposal.

In the end, the girl's agency bought advertisement slots online of their accord, and then they took the liberty of hyping up her publicity by posting suggestive captions and news regarding the two on social media.

This was a wrong move, however.

The character portrayed by the starlet was not appealing. Not taking into account that she was only a supporting cast, her character was sinister and manipulative, who was out to create trouble between the two protagonists. Her role was out to break their relationship.

At that time, the audience was very fond of the two protagonists. Hence, their impression of the characters in the show was brought into real life, especially the antipathy and disgust for the starlet.

The act of riding on his popularity had also antagonized the superstar's diehard fans.

His studio quickly issued a public statement to clarify this matter, accusing the starlet of not having professional ethics in instigating those speculations and even saying that this matter had negatively impacted his acting career.

The public had an even greater dislike of her as a result.

During a press conference when there was a chance for fans to shake hands with their idols, a hardcore fan of the superstar had taken out a bottle of sulfuric acid and splashed its content on the starlet's face, cursing, "Shameless b*tch, go to hell!"

She then took out a pen knife and stabbed her fifteen times, resulting in a bloody scene.

The starlet was rushed to the hospital; fortunately, the over-a-dozen stab wounds were shallow.

The most serious attack was that acid splashed on her face.

In her terror, the starlet opened her mouth to scream, and this caused the acid to get into her oral cavity, thereby burning her throat. Her face was horribly disfigured as well.

The starlet left the entertainment industry thereafter and disappeared subsequently.

Still, this matter caused a massive stir in the industry then.

Every star who had acted with the superstar was worried about their safety.

Ever since then, very few stars dared to pair up with him for publicity.

For this very reason, it was hard to differentiate who might be malicious or genuine among the fans.

Therefore, Qin Zhou had repeatedly warned her not to get close to any fans.

She hesitated for a moment but gave in eventually.

The fan was excited when she agreed to her request and rushed up to take a picture with her using her phone.

Seeing her action, the rest of the crowd surged forward as well and surrounded Yun Shishi; they hurled insinuations and difficult questions at her that even the media had trouble asking.

"Yun Shishi, are you really an item with Gu Xingze? Do you like him?"

"The news said the you and the superstar are secretly dating; is that true? If so, then why must you hide the relationship?"

"Even if you like him, does he like you? Are you taking advantage of him by spreading this rumor?"
Someone made an unkind speculation in the crowd.

This person's voice was loud and clear, nearly drowning the mutterings of the crowd.

Chapter 1330: I finally found you. (1)

Everyone quieted down instantly.

Pondering eyes, looking vicious, suspicious, or curious, started to peel on her.

That person pressed on further. "It's fine if you really like him, but from what I can see, you're just making use of his popularity. You are new to the scene and likely want to use his superstar status for publicity, right?"

She was taken aback and at a loss for words.

These people were out to besmirch her with their insinuations. She did not know how to respond to that; in fact, doing so might make the matter worse.

Besides, it was true that her team was just forming a CP between them, but this idea was not solely from her side; Gu Xingze's agency was in it, too.

After all, there were many newcomers in showbiz, with good looks and low exposure, who had managed to gain fame from CP hype.

Before this, the man himself had never tried a fandom CP.

With 'The Green Apple' on its way to the theaters, where the two artists were paired as the nation's classic first love, 'Dongxia Couple', both studios came to an agreement.

Many times, the artists had no say in their career.

She could not deny or defend herself despite the negative public opinion. On the contrary, this was an instrument of fame for her.

Biting her lower lip, she decided to shun the question.

In her silence, a female passerby, who appeared to be a student, thought aloud curiously, "Is she really Yun Shishi? Why is it that I can't seem to recognize her?"

The student then rushed up to her and, with a tug, removed her baseball cap and shades!

Everyone wowed at the sight of her delicate, sharp looks!

Yun Shishi was astounded and unconsciously blocked herself with her arms.

"Wow! It's really her!"

"She looks better in person than on TV!"

"I don't think so! I find her inferior in reality! How do I explain it? She's so pure and lovely in the trailer of 'The Green Apple', but seeing her in person now, she looks more like a siren to me! She's like a vixen incarnate."

"She's a vixen, alright; if not, why is Xingze so taken with her? The rumors have been going on for some time now, yet he has not come forward to clarify those. Are they really together?"

"How is that possible? What does he see in her? She's not famous, and who knows what kind of background she has!"

“...”

The crowd circled her and started to talk among themselves while pointing at her.

Her hands hung helplessly on her sides; she looked sad with her head bowed.

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“Master, there seems to be a commotion over there.”

Gong Jie’s assistants whispered to him as his entourage entered a corner of the mall.

Because Lezhi’s flagship store was in this shopping center, he came here for a field study and to check out how the store with low sales before was faring in Yun Tianyou’s hands now!

However, as he passed by the children’s clothing section, he was distracted by the crowd gathered in the near distance.

He was usually not bothered by such a scene.

Today, though, he sneaked a peek and happened to catch sight of a lady in the middle of the crowd.