

Sweet Love 1551

Chapter 1551: What are you hinting to me?

"I don't buy things unnecessarily," explained Youyou.

Yun Shishi: "..."

"Every item that I buy has use!"

The moment she thought of the bras, undies, and the safer sex kits he had bought for her, her lips could not help twitching.

Right then, though, her son's words rang loud and clear in her head. 'Do you know how painful it is to give birth to a baby?! Do you want to watch mommy suffer? Plus, it's enough with the two of us!

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'According to my research, it's best for her to wear the wireless types, instead, or else, she'll feel very uncomfortable wearing them. It's also bad for her health, so I secretly threw away those wired bras.'

Her temper simmered at that moment.

No matter what, this little guy was doing things for her sake.

Even though her son had secretly bought undergarments and condoms for her, which was indeed embarrassing... the basis of this child's actions was that he was thinking about her well-being.

She sighed with knitted brows.

"This time, mommy will forgive you! Next time..." She bit her red lip flap but still spat out words with much difficulty and shyness. "Mommy will buy these things by herself!"

A smile graced the boy's lips as he ran to her with open arms, saying affectionately, "I know that mommy won't bear staying mad at me!"

"This isn't allowed from here on!"

She could not help but warn him again.

He gently nodded in agreement. "Okay!"

Whatever mommy said would be followed!

"Still, mommy only knows how to work hard! You should be considerate with your needs, too. I am so worried because you don't know how to take care of yourself!"

She caressed her kid's head and kissed him on the forehead before agreeing. "Alright. Mommy will from here on! You are only seven years old; why are you nagging like an old man already?"

The boy turned red in an instant and mumbled indignantly, "Mommy called me an old man..."

Behind him, Little Yichen covered his mouth as he let out a laugh.

When Youyou heard his laughter, he turned around to glare at him.

The latter ceased his laughter immediately.

Yun Shishi flicked the younger boy's forehead with her finger. "You are not allowed to bully your brother!"

"Ugh... Alright! I know!"

That evening.

When Mu Yazhe returned home, dinner was ready.

The mother-son duo had prepared dinner for them.

Having bought a baking oven, the boy baked a cheesecake. When the cake was brought out, his older brother leaned forward at the table and drooled greedily at the sight!

After the dinner affair was concluded, the family of four headed out for a stroll. Following which, the woman accompanied her kids to watch TV before tucking them in for the night.

Once she retired to the master bedroom, all she saw was the man holding the Okamoto set in his hand, completely shell-shocked.

Her face blushed to a furious shade of red at the sight.

Apart from the condoms, the set came with sex toys.

As Youyou requested the seller to send more complimentary items, the latter kindly sent a few of these.

She had not opened it up to check what was inside.

When the man returned to the bedroom, he found it in the drawer, which was not closed properly. When he took the parcel out and opened it, he came face to face with the sex toys.

Seeing her enter the room, he raised his head at her. His eyes were filled with mischief and playfulness, the air around him mysterious.

"Did you buy these?"

Her face turned so red it seemed she would emit steam as she quickly refuted, "No!"

Chapter 1552: Are you not satisfied with me?

She lunged forward in great embarrassment, wanting to snatch the shameful stuff from his hand. The man withdrew his hand in a flash so she missed and ended up falling into his arms, instead.

"Hey!"

She looked up, somewhat infuriated by him.

The man bowed his head and stared at her with keen interest.

“Why are you still hiding this when you have already bought it?”

This only made her terribly disgruntled!

It appeared that she had become the scapegoat!

This was an act that she did not want to be responsible for!

The woman replied wryly, “I didn’t buy this stuff!”

“If not you, then who?”

“I... I bought the wrong thing; what’s the issue with that?”

She glared petulantly at him as she attempted to clarify. “I kept the set inside my drawer. Why did you flip through my stuff in the first place?”

He corrected her solemnly. “Miss Yun, please watch your words; the drawer belongs to me. Are you giving me a hint when you put it inside my storage?”

The drawer to the left of the broad, two-meter bed was set aside for his use; this was where he usually put his watch and handphone.

In her hurry today, she had dumped the pack into his drawer without noticing it.

When he returned home from work today, he went to the drawer to take out his phone charger when he saw the box.

He was initially stunned at the sight.

That stupid woman actually went to buy a pack of condoms!

However, he was even more stunned when he opened it to have a closer look.

The box came with an adult toy, which looked especially real...

Now, the man could no longer think straight.

Giving her a suggestive look from his periphery, he showed an evil and mischievous smile on his lips. The way he looked at her made her want to dig a hole in the ground right there and then and bury her burning face from shame in it!

“Stupid woman, is this a hint?”

Yun Shishi looked down shamefully, totally avoiding his suggestive look. Still, she could not hide her ears away from his cheeky words.

“Don’t tell me I wasn’t able to satisfy you, and that’s why you want to use...”

His thin lips plastered close to her ear, and she could feel his moist and warm breath panting next to her orifice, making her face blush brighter as her heart beat faster!

“Shut up!” She told him off petulantly. “Hey! Can you be serious for once?!”

“Aren’t I serious enough?”

He was not going to let her off. Catching hold of her, he snuggled closer in an intimate way. “You haven’t seen the serious side of me yet. Do you want to have a look?”

“No!” she blurted out at once.

This only made him snigger ostensibly. Hooking his lips into an irreverent smile, he asked, “Why are you so cool toward me? And here I thought that you’re looking forward to it!”

“Hey!”

How dare he tease me now?!

This man is really getting from bad to worse!

The woman felt angry and upset when he continued with a sleazy look. “Since you already bought the product, why don’t we try to see its effect?”

“That’s not necessary!”

“Are you feeling shy?”

He cocked his eyebrow, fully enjoying the experience of teasing his woman while savoring the shy expression on her face. She was interesting to look at!

“You... Stop fooling around!”

The man felt sorry for her as she furrowed her brows. Making her sit on his legs, he pacified, “Alright! I won’t tease you anymore.”

He decided to stop teasing her.

He rested his chin lightly on her shoulder. She had just come out of the bathroom, and the fresh scent from the shower lingered on. Mesmerized, he sniffed the fragrance from her nape and traced his thin lips along her neck, moving slowly along the contour until he reached her forehead, before his gentle kiss landed on her glabella, nose tip, and, finally, her *sakura*-like lips.

Chapter 1553: Food Poisoning (1)

Once he started kissing her, he could not stop.

Her goodness was one that he could never have enough of.

Soon, the room lingered with their wantonness.

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Yun Shishi’s program was full for the following days.

The first one was the kickoff ceremony for 'Lethal Beauty', which she attended with the core team. Before the event ended, she was already out of the venue, hurrying to catch a flight to Paris.

The first season of 'The Love Diary' was such a hit that it topped the charts with the highest viewership during the primetime hours!

With the production team flashing the trump card of The Lucky Couple, the forums and tieba were soon flooded with discussion about the couple.

She was indeed famous now.

Her popularity was already flying high following the release of 'The Green Apple'; now, with the telecast of 'The Love Diary', it had soared to new heights!

Her team rode on the momentum and continued to drum up the publicity.

As a result, the script had a last-minute revision, and the production crew threw in a hefty sum to fly everyone to Paris. Before their recording, the team posted a trailer on Weibo to pre-emp a romantic trip shared by The Lucky Couple.

Fans of The Lucky Couple were looking forward to it.

Actually, when the first season was broadcasted, many diehard fans of Gu Xingze had scolded and vilified Yun Shishi on her Weibo account, but the majority of them remained rational, knowing full well that this was only a reality show and nothing personal.

In fact, the younger fans were besotted with her looks and turned into her fans as well!

She was simply too beautiful!

The actress had won many over in the first season with her fresh and chic style, as well as impeccable fashion sense.

In addition, she, as a newcomer, did not come with a shady background or a dark past; hence, there was no way her enemies could slander her even if they wanted.

The production team did not expect to achieve such an unprecedented viewership record for the first season alone.

After the first season, many more producers had come to notice this powerful newcomer.

She was already enjoying a high popularity rating as a newly debuted artist.

Hence, many production teams and advertisers started seeking Qin Zhou for collaborations.

Her manager accepted many endorsement offers on her behalf, but acting contracts were few and far between.

Those acting assignments he accepted were only supporting and guest roles.

Mainly, there were not many good screenplays around.

This was the low season in the entertainment industry with few quality screenplays. The agent decided to hold the line and did not accept any screenplay except for the good ones.

After all, scripts like 'The Green Apple' and 'Lethal Beauty' were hard to come by.

There might just be a few in a year.

Once the airplane touched down at the airport, the actress rushed out to throw up.

There was no specific reason for that except that she had taken the flight on an empty stomach. After eating some bread on the plane, her tummy started to feel upset. By the time the plane landed, she was feeling so dazed that she could not stand steady. She bore the discomfort until they exited the airplane, where she then rushed to the nearest toilet to puke with teary eyes.

It was too tiring for her.

Mu Xi quickly followed her and passed her some wet tissues. Her manager got a shock when he saw her coming out from the toilet after freshening up.

"What happened to you?"

"Nothing." She cleared her throat and explained it to him. "It might be the bread I took on the plane earlier. After I ate that, my tummy started feeling upset."

"Are you okay now?"

Chapter 1554: Food Poisoning (2)

"Are you alright now?"

Qin Zhou was a little concerned. As he saw how pale and weak his charge looked, he began to fret.

Yun Shishi shook her head. "It's okay. I should be fine after resting for a while in the hotel!"

Gu Xingze did not plan today's itinerary and filming. Therefore, according to the script, she had to act as a girlfriend to pick him up at the airport when the recording for the show started.

There was also a production team following his flight, and they had already begun filming when he boarded the plane.

The manager furrowed his eyebrows but did not think much about it. However, just as the production team's vehicle reached the airport and the artist was walking up to it, she felt the world around her spin before turning pitch-black and she collapsed to the ground.

"Ah—Shishi!"

Mu Xi's shocked cry for help could be heard.

All she could see in her line of sight was the manager rushing to her with a face full of worry. She did not know what happened thereafter.

The next time she woke up, she was in the hospital. When she opened her eyes, all she saw was the snow-white ceiling.

By her ear, she could hear a foreign doctor speaking to her agent.

Having learned French, she could understand a little of what they were saying.

When she heard the term 'food poisoning', she knitted her brows. With her thoughts in a mess, she felt that things were a little strange.

Food poisoning? Why did she get food poisoning?

After providing more information, the doctor left them to their devices.

Her manager asked her assistant to take good care of her before leaving hurriedly.

She asked what was wrong with her.

"Mu Xi, what's the matter? What did the doctor say was the reason for my collapse?"

Why did she faint all of a sudden?

The assistant furrowed her eyebrows and answered, "Qin Zhou said that, based on the diagnosis, you've suffered from food poisoning. That, and with the fact that you are overworked, caused you to have a brief fainting spell."

"..."

She was stunned for a while.

"Food poisoning?"

How was that possible?

Apart from a piece of bread, all she had on the plane was a bottle of water...

Suddenly, her brows furrowed.

She vaguely remembered that the water tasted strange. When she drank it, she did sense that something was weird about it, but as she was too thirsty at that time, she still drank a few mouthfuls before placing it back down.

During the whole flight, her stomach had felt very uncomfortable. She had to make several trips to the washroom.

Could it be... because of that bottle of beverage?

"Shishi, do you remember what you drank on the flight? The manager suspects that someone tried harming you," asked her assistant angrily.

"I only ate a piece of bread and drank some water. There's no problem with the bread, but the drink did taste a little strange."

Perhaps many others would be unable to tell that it was strange.

However, her sense of taste had always been sharp, so she could immediately tell if something had a strange taste.

She told her assistant about that truthfully.

When Mu Xi heard this, she took it very seriously.

“Where’s Qin Zhou?”

“He went to check on this. Wait here, and I’ll mention this to him.”

With that, the assistant took out her phone and walked to the balcony, giving the man a call to let him know what had happened.

“There was such a thing?!”

When he heard about it, the man cursed loudly and hung up the call in anger.

When Yun Shishi was done with her drip, Mu Xi accompanied her to the hotel.

As her situation was not serious, she was allowed to be discharged after letting some nutrient fluids drip into her and being given some medicine.

Early in the morning of the next day, her manager knocked on her door.

She had just finished showering. As she opened the door, the man dragged a person into the room in fury.

The artist instantly recognized the person.

Chapter 1555: Food Poisoning (3)

The artist instantly recognized the person.

This person bought that bread and beverage for her yesterday.

She also passed the food to her.

As she was an assistant that Qin Zhou had brought along, Yun Shishi naturally trusted her to the fullest. She did not suspect anything when this woman gave her the food.

When Mu Xi told the manager about the situation yesterday, he instantly thought of this person. She refused to admit it at first despite his relentless interrogation, but after he used some tricks, this person finally broke down and confessed to it.

It turned out that this assistant was a die-hard-fan of Gu Xingze.

The reason she had striven to become a celebrity assistant and establish connections with Qin Zhou through hard work was all in hopes of getting in touch with her idol.

In the end, she had just gotten promoted to the manager's assistant when he and the superstar ended their contract.

The manager then started managing Yun Shishi.

She was petty and suspected that the superstar was chased away because of this artist, who had begged to be boosted!

As the manager's assistant, she saw how close the superstar and this actress were. She then saw his admiration for her in 'The Love Diary' and could no longer take it!

On the spur of the moment, this assistant decided to make use of some dishonest practices to teach the actress a lesson!

Fortunately, she was still timid and only dared to tamper with his charge's beverage, so things had not been blown out of proportions.

Still, Qin Zhou trembled in fear at this!

He thought of how it was someone by his side who had caused such a disaster. Things were not serious this time, but if this person had been more brutal and really poisoned his charge, then the actress...

The moment he thought of this, he could not bear it any longer. He shouted for someone to teach this assistant a good lesson.

To be able to mix into this industry, the man naturally had many tricks up his sleeve. Just by pulling out a few of them, this assistant had become docile and obedient instantly.

The moment the assistant walked into the actress's room, she knelt in front of her in tears and kowtowed to her.

"I'm sorry! I'm sorry! I shouldn't have harmed you! It's my fault; I am the heartless one. Shishi... I'm sorry!"

The artist was unable to react in time regarding this situation.

"Were you the one behind this?"

The person nodded with difficulty, her eyes all red and swollen as she avoided her gaze.

The corners of the artist's lips twitched coldly, yet she did not say anything superfluous.

"Later, when we return home, I will send her to the police," her manager promised.

"It's okay."

"Are you planning to forgive her just like this? We can't let her off so easily!" he said disapprovingly.

Her reply was nonchalant, though. "At most, we can let her have a taste of what it's like to get food poison!"

A tooth for a tooth, an eye for an eye.

Hearing this, the man smiled. He then turned to face the assistant, who refused to raise her head. "Did you hear that? Finish what's left of the drink you gave Shishi yesterday!"

"Ahh!"

The assistant's eyes bulged.

Heavens.

The drink the actress had yesterday was still in her bag. There was half a bottle left. The former only drank a few mouthfuls, but she already vomited to the point of collapsing. If she was going to finish the remaining half of the huge bottle, would she not be tortured by endless diarrhea and vomiting?!

She might even lose her life at this rate!

She would rather be sent to the police!

"Why? Are you not willing?" The manager glared at her in anger.

"I'm willing..."

Petrified by his intimidating gaze, she nodded repeatedly and took out the bottle from her bag in front of everyone. She opened it and finished the remaining content in one gulp.

Chapter 1556: Food Poisoning (4)

Her face started to change after she finished the drink. The reaction came fast and furious, and she clenched her rumbling tummy in agony.

"Now, get lost!"

Still feeling upset, Qin Zhou gave her a kick.

The assistant hurriedly scrambled away with him at her back.

Yun Shishi stole a glance at her manager and could not help taking a dig at him. "Boss, I didn't realize that you could also be a bad judge of character!"

He was known to be sharp and shrewd in reading people, and it was least expected to find a bad apple in his team.

He cleared his throat in embarrassment and quickly switched the topic. "Have you gotten over your jet lag by now?"

"It's manageable."

In her heart, though, she knew overcoming jet lag would not be that easy.

"Are you still feeling terrible?"

Cocking an eyebrow, she replied, "Of course! How is it possible to recover so fast?"

"I didn't expect this to happen. I didn't manage my team well. Sorry..." he apologized, feeling remorseful.

She had a wry look. "It's alright. You don't want this to happen, either."

"You take a good rest now; you'll need to go for your makeup later. Recording will start in the afternoon. Can you take it? If not, I'll reach out to the program team to postpone the recording."

She shook her head. "I'm fine! It's not that serious."

"That's good!"

He nodded, comforted by the knowledge.

Gu Xingze had experienced a similar attack in the past.

During one of his concerts, he was backstage when an anti-fan passed him a bottle laced with super glue. He was very trusting toward his fans, so he took a gulp without hesitation. Stomach upset immediately preceded and he subsequently passed out.

He woke up while on the way to the hospital and threw out blood a few times. Qin Zhou, who was by his side, went aghast with fear. His agent did not know what was the drink spiked with and thought that it was poison at first. Finally, the hospital traced the cause to the super glue found in the drink, which had burned his respiratory and digestive tracts. The actor only managed to recover after a stomach washout.

However, it was a grave disruption to his work as he had to rest for about two months before he was considered well enough to return to his post.

That incident caused quite the stir at the time.

The irony was that, under the immense pressure of the public, the victim had to request for leniency on behalf of the underaged perpetrator.

The superstar was a public figure, after all, and had to be seen as forgiving and magnanimous.

Of course, the agent was incensed at that time. If it had not been for the fact that the anti-fan was a mere teenager, he would have sent his men to teach him a lesson!

The doctor said that the repercussion would have been worse if the actor had reached the hospital any later!

The superstar had sequelae, where he was constantly troubled by severe gastritis and had to be put on long-term medication, afterward.

This incident had also cast a profound, dark shadow over Qin Zhou's mind.

He was deeply remorseful at one point.

Even though his charge was a public figure, and such negative events would repeat despite his best efforts, he was still ridden with guilt when he could not properly protect his artists.

In the end, the superstar had to turn around to console and reassure him that this incident was, in no part, due to his negligence.

The star himself had not stayed vigilant and had accepted a drink from a stranger without hesitation.

The manager continued to be troubled by this matter, though.

Hence, what Yun Shishi had encountered set off alarm bells in his head.

It appeared that he needed to reshuffle his team!

If not, such a thing would happen again!

He would not allow his present charge to be harmed the second time around.

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The production team sent a message, asking the actress to get ready to do her makeup.

Gu Xingze's flight would land at the airport at 5 PM, and the program would start recording from the moment of his touchdown.

Chapter 1557: Are you feeling unwell?

The stylist started working on the actress with a look suitable for the 'date' at the airport.

The theme this time was romance, with the background set in Paris.

Yun Shishi had a chic and modern style during the first season, which created a big stir on Weibo. Her impeccable look had converted countless people into her fans.

Her team, then, spared no effort in engaging the top styling team for her.

Hence, in all her recent engagements, be it a kickoff ceremony or a launch, she had managed to keep that same modern look in her makeup and fashion. For a while, she was a trend-setter for vibrant style.

She had a face which was highly adaptable and looked good almost naturally with her prolific facial contour and exquisite, deep-set eyes.

On top of that, her skin texture could pull off different styles, which stumped most Asian actresses.

For Louis Vuitton's endorsement poster, she was given a European-retro look. With vampish eyeliner on her lids, her captivating eyes, as well as her red, kissable lips, were especially alluring to look at.

The fashion industry was shaken.

Even the actress herself was awestruck by her look.

Heavens!

I didn't know before that makeup could change a woman's entire presence!

She thought she could not pull off such a dramatic style.

In the end, even her perfectionist manager, who loved to nitpick, had nothing to say when he saw the final poster.

She was just too ravishing.

Her fashion sense was undeniably strong.

He was tempted to pave a way for her in the fashion industry as well!

After her makeup was done, she went through the script one last time before preparing for the official recording.

The recording reeled once the production team arrived.

According to the script, the couple had their second date in Paris, where they visited the Eiffel Tower and Louvre Museum. They were to have an affectionate exchange inside the most romantic restaurant in the city.

This city was considered as the world's most famous romantic destination; it was also one of the sexiest cities.

Hemingway once said, 'If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young man, then wherever you go for the rest of your life, it stays with you.'

The recording for season two of 'The Love Diary' was exceptionally long. A few scenes might not take more than a couple of minutes, but they still took time for the team to film.

Although they called this a reality show, there was still a script to follow. If a take was deemed unsatisfactory by the director, it had to be re-done.

For instance, the scene at the airport had to be re-done as the director erased the first take on the spot. This was because the couple was unable to bring out a heartfelt effect in their embrace upon seeing each other.

However, this was not the most tiring part about filming a reality show.

Live recording meant that one would be surrounded by video lenses once the artist was ready to roll.

The car, which was designated for their date, had lenses installed in all four corners of it.

Although the actress was still feeling unwell, she could not show that during the recording. All she could do was bear with the pain and force herself to smile.

This failed to escape the superstar's keen eyes, though, and he realized at once that something was off.

"What's wrong?" he asked, his head bowed. "You don't look well."

He then reached out and touched her face lightly.

His brows furrowed when his fingertip felt upon her cold sweat.

She was definitely not perspiring due to the hot weather; it was cold outside the window.

The only reason she was breaking out in a cold sweat was that she was feeling unwell.

Is she sick?

He could already tell that she was not in top form when they were at the airport. Her expression was rather stiff, and that carried through subtly even in her smile.

Chapter 1558: Different from the Past

As a corollary, her posture was rather stiff during their hug when they met.

The director was unsatisfied with it, and they had to shoot it one more time, but Gu Xingze unexpectedly said lines, which were not in the script, to her in front of the camera.

Yun Shishi's brain short-circuited for a moment, not knowing how she should respond.

"You are breaking out in a cold sweat."

He gently reminded her, proceeding to get his handkerchief and wipe off carefully the wetness on her forehead, concern evident in his eyes.

The artist raised her gaze, only to catch the loving look in his eyes.

She could tell that he was not putting on an act.

He was truly concerned about her...

The woman was dumbfounded and her shoulders shrank back a little, clearly feeling conflicted over what was happening.

His expression stiffened.

Her action was minute and not noticeable to the camera, but it was obvious that she was not welcoming his intimacy and care.

Her body language told him again that this was just a reality show.

She was just acting.

Her action was informing the man that he should not be too caught up in the act.

She would take it seriously.

The superstar's heartstrings tugged painfully, only to see her raising her lips as she said warmly, "I just arrived at Paris not long ago, and I am still unused to the time difference. Because of today's date... I was a little nervous last night, and that's why I didn't have much rest!"

It was all from the script's content, word for word.

His gaze dimmed, a little disappointed.

She was resisting him.

He adjusted his fretful emotions and let a flawless smile grace his face. They continued with the filming as per the script.

After they wrapped up a full day of filming, the actress returned to the ‘sweet nest’—the production team had set up an apartment building in Paris and called it this. The apartment was where the recording of the more important scenes would take place.

She returned to her bedroom. Naturally, there were cameras set up in it, too.

She took a bath, then walked out of the bathroom in her bathrobe and with a face mask on. She said goodnight to the camera and went to sleep.

She never had the habit of putting on face masks as she was rather lazy when it came down to it, but for some reason, her skin was still amazing despite not putting in the effort to maintain it.

Alas, as Qin Zhou accepted a ‘face mask’ commercial for her, Yun Shishi naturally had to present it during the show by putting on a face mask as part of her evening routine.

After turning off the lights, she did not fall asleep immediately. Even though her eyes were closed, her head was filled with complicated emotions and thoughts.

Gu Xingze’s gaze was still at the back of her mind.

In their previous filming, the man had never presented it in such a blatant manner just like what he had done today.

In the past, he always had self-control and endured it silently, burying the complicated feelings he had for her at the bottom of his heart.

Today, though, he seemed to have lost control over his emotions during filming.

There was ambition in his eyes that she had never seen before.

An ambition he could not hide.

It made her shudder in fear.

She had never seen this side of him. He felt different from the past him.

As she lay in bed with a million thoughts, sleep eluded her for a long time.

Therefore, when her manager and stylist knocked at her door early the next morning, they saw the dark eye circles under her eyes the moment she opened the door.

“...Did you not sleep well last night?”

He looked at his charge as if he had seen a ghost.

She sighed. “I couldn’t fall asleep.”

“...” The man furrowed his brows. “Something on your mind?”

She neither nodded nor shook her head.

Chapter 1559: A Hectic Program

“...” The man furrowed his brows. “Something on your mind?”

She neither nodded nor shook her head.

Qin Zhou looked her deeply in the eyes and sighed as well. “Shishi, your condition hasn’t been great recently. It seems that you have something on your mind! Is it convenient for you to share it with me?”

She knitted her eyebrows, conflict evident in her eyes.

“Is it something not convenient for you to share, then?”

“No, it’s not that. I just don’t know how to bring it up.” She sighed again.

His expression became even more complicated. “...”

The two remained silent, but what she did not know was that the man knew what she was thinking of and was just keeping it to himself.

She must have felt disturbed.

She must have felt uneasy about Gu Xingze’s spontaneous intimacy.

“Whatever it is, don’t think much about it.”

The manager patted her shoulder and continued. “Let’s get ready for filming!”

The filming in Paris took them a week. It was a three-day plot in the show’s script, yet it took them a week to film.

The production team was in pursuit of success and wanted to perfect what was already outstanding, so they nitpicked at every angle.

Of course, the edited product did not let the production team’s efforts go to waste. The romantic atmosphere in the show really made one’s heart thump rapidly, and it was a greater highlight in comparison to the first week of the show.

The choice of location by the production team was especially romantic.

Yun Shishi and Gu Xingze were at the west of the swan alley at dawn—the time when it was the most stunning.

Probably only couples could feel touched regarding this fine scenery.

The two walked under the quiet shade of the trees with their fingers interlocked. The cameraman used their silhouettes, coupled with the effects after editing, to create a scene as beautiful as a painting.

Every frame was as perfect as a portrait.

At dusk, the man brought her to a dense fog alley.

Just the name 'dense fog alley' was enough to create a mysterious romantic vibe.

The production team did not know about this scenic spot.

The superstar had come upon this spot when he was in Paris for a photoshoot in the past. The dense fog alley was hidden at a place where not many would visit.

At the end of it was a misty castle. It was extremely enchanting in the greenery.

This was the first time Yun Shishi had seen such a retro and magnificent castle. It was also the location where the famous Hollywood movie, 'Interview with the Vampire', was filmed.

The castle embodied a classic European-retro style from the medieval period. Its walls were filled with vines and dried up winter leaves. The edifice was able to keep one's heart at ease on a gloomy day.

After the filming week ended, she headed back home.

At the same time, 'The Green Apple' was in its last week of post-production, and the cast was officially entering the hectic publicity period.

Just as she alighted from the plane, the artist received a notice to join the team. Without stopping to rest, Qin Zhou rushed to bring her to the production team of 'Lethal Beauty', marking her official entrance to it.

The production team of that show had their equipment turned on at Hengdian World Studios. All the crew members were already in position as the main cast joined the team one by one. The actress was the last to arrive.

When Director Gu heard that she was a day late, he slammed the table in fury.

The director was extremely unhappy with her tardiness. Her manager tried to explain repeatedly how their schedules had clashed and that there was a delay in the shoot in Paris, causing them to enter the team a day late.

"For a newcomer who has just debuted, she sure puts on such air! It's set for her to enter the team yesterday, yet she only came today. Did she want the entire team to wait for her and her alone?"

He flew into a rage. Despite Qin Zhou's pleas in person, he still did not give him much face.

She braced herself as she stood at the side, afraid to let out a sound.

This director's temper was even weirder than Lin Fengtian's.

Chapter 1560: Do you not think that you are overdoing it? (1)

In the first place, Lin Fengtian liked her, and his demanding temper was due to his pursuit of excellence in his craft. Once he stepped away from his camera, he was a rather easy-going man, but this was not the case for this director.

To him, rules were the names of the game.

Nothing could be established without them.

He was a very rigid person, and everything needed to go by the book. Therefore, being late was just unacceptable!

Nerve-racked, Qin Zhou desperately tried to salvage the situation. “Director Gu, my charge truly didn’t do this on purpose, nor was she trying to make the whole team wait for her. We were delayed for three days because we ran into some trouble while filming ‘The Love Diary’!”

The director impatiently waved his excuses away as he loudly reprimanded the agent in front of everyone else. “No need for any more excuses. You should know me well by now. I like my artists to be focused. When it comes to acting, being late even for just a day means that you are unpunctual, and that’s it! Yun Shishi is your artist—a newcomer with some potential, but just because we are on good terms doesn’t mean that my requirements for her are fewer! That’ll never happen! Over here, no matter what your identity is, everyone will be treated equally!”

The manager nodded in acquiescence. He could hear the subtext in the director’s long retort; hence, he smilingly said, “This is well-said! My artist may be a newcomer, but she’s humble and very teachable! I have high standards for her as well. While this girl is simple-minded, she’s genuine in her love for acting. She’ll do her best at work without you needing to prompt her! Just let me know if she’s not following your instructions during production!”

The director looked at him through narrowed eyes. Despite him keeping mum, he was actually very satisfied with the manager’s reply!

The latter’s reply was good enough to keep any gossip at bay!

Actually, this was a big production team with confounding interests, so one had to act with caution here, even the director himself.

Although he was truly upset to see his actress late for the shoot, he was not as antagonized as he made it appear. Besides, the agent had personally approached him to apologize, and they had known each other for a long time.

Flaring up earlier was just for show. After all, the rest of the team were present, and with so many pairs of eyes on him, he could not very well dismiss this incident lightly. How could he establish authority in this way?

He could not be seen as showing favoritism, could he?

With the rest of the cast, including Lin Zhi, and the production team present and as the director who called the shots around here, he had to display his authority.

The agent smilingly accepted this reprimand without objection, and this was good enough for him.

On top of that, this director liked his artists to be obedient, and he rather admired Yun Shishi. Seeing that his authority had become well-established following this incident, he knew he could let this matter rest now.

Hence, after some small talk with the man, he waved his hand to have a crew member arrange a room for the artist.

Once a room was arranged, she knew she had to get some clothes ready.

She sent a report to the director, asking for permission to return home and bring some thick clothes to keep herself warm.

The temperature would drop further in a couple of days, and the clothes she brought to Paris were too thin for the changing weather.

He granted her request.

She was preparing to return home after checking in her room when she received a call from Mu Yazhe. "Have you returned?"

"Eh, I did not too long ago."

"Where are you now? I'll go and pick you up."

"It's not necessary! Qin Zhou will be sending me home."

As she talked, she got in her manager's car. She was elated at the thought of seeing the two lads later after a week's absence. At the same time, she could not help feeling sorry.