

Sweet Love 1921

Chapter 1921: Aiming for the Film Festival

Everyone burst out laughing at that. Thereafter, they took their seats and began having fun.

Actually, Mu Yazhe did not like noisy places like this, but since the gathering was arranged by Lu Jinyu, he naturally had to support his buddy by attending it. In addition, he wanted his woman to get acquainted with his band of brothers.

They were all his trusted friends, so he naturally hoped that she would be part of this circle, which the woman was fortunately willing to be part of.

She could not hold her alcohol well, however; knowing this, his buddies did not force her to drink any alcoholic beverage and just let her have some tea.

Halfway through, when Yun Shishi left the table for a bathroom visit, Jiang Shen suddenly asked, "Chief, have you received the invitation to the film festival?"

"I did."

"Are you attending then?"

"I'm still considering it."

In the past, whenever it came to the local film-fest, big or small, the organizers would send an invitation to the man just because he was Huanyu's big boss. With his status being high and lofty, the film festival would be more glorious and resplendent should he grace the event with his presence.

Alas, the man hardly paid any attention to such events, for he had neither the interest nor the time to attend one.

It was different this time, though.

'The Green Apple' was nominated for the major awards, so the main cast, producers, and director would be attending the film festival. They had big ambitions of winning the various awards of each category since the movie's popularity was skyrocketing.

They were not only aiming for the Best Actor, Best Film, and Best Movie Adaptation awards but also the Best Rookie Actress and Best Actress awards, with these last two being the most interesting segments.

Lin Fengtian was very ambitious about these nominations, and he hoped that the rookie artist would be able to win the Best Actress award.

In fact, if acting was the sole determining factor, the best actress award would exclusively belong to her.

The film industry was a foul place with many lousy productions yearly. This time, among the productions, 'The Green Apple' was considered a dark horse, especially so with Yun Shishi instantly wiping the floor with many A-listers through her brilliant performance.

The director had high hopes for the rookie actress, therefore.

Still, there were many technicalities involved in this award ceremony.

One's acting skills were only one of the selection criteria for the awards. The judges also looked at an artist's background and popularity.

An online poll was conducted a fortnight before the film festival, where the top five celebrities of each category would be nominated for this category's award. The poll was now nearing its end with Yun Shishi taking the lead by a wide margin—therefore, making it into the nomination round.

The audience's eyes were sharp, and her acting was indeed superb. Despite having just starred in one movie, no one could deny her fabulous flare for the dramatic.

It was only fair if she could win the award.

Unfortunately, one's popularity was one thing; underhanded dealings, which abounded, in the film festival was another thing. There were always judges who would tamper with the list of winners in exchange for some benefits.

Besides, for a newly debuted artist to win the title of Best Actress with just one movie, no matter how outstanding one's acting was, this was something not many dared to wish for.

Things would be different if Mu Yazhe did something for her under the table, though.

With his status, all it took was a word from him for her to win that prestigious award.

"I watched 'The Green Apple'. Sis-in-law's acting there was indeed superb and flawless, but the ones nominated for the award not just included Chen Han but also the other A-listers. Sis-in-law winning that award will naturally invite gossip about her."

Chapter 1922: Who is your partner for the red carpet?

Lu Jinyu nodded in agreement. "That's true! Another nominee—a seasoned thespian with great acting—was nominated for the Best Actress award for eight consecutive years but always failed to clinch it each time. Rumors have it that, this time, the award is hers for the taking."

Jiang Shen frowned. "Are you referring to Chen Han?"

"Yep. That's her."

He shook his head with a sigh. "That's too bad for our sis-in-law. If she's already internally selected for that award, our sis-in-law could at most receive an award for Best Rookie Actress. It's not bad, though, considering that it's still a big award."

The other man silently rolled his eyes. "Are you stupid? With the chief's help, our sis-in-law can easily bag any award. That's not what I'm worried about."

"What are you worried about, then?"

"My concern is if the chief will attend the film festival."

He laughed. "Why do you care about that? What does his attendance have to do with you?"

“As that event’s sponsor, I’ve been invited to attend it, too! If the chief isn’t planning to attend, then I’ll get our sis-in-law to walk the red carpet with me. It just so happens that I’m lacking a partner.”

Jiang Shen scoffed at his friend right away. “Don’t harbor any thoughts on our sis-in-law. She may not agree with it, either!”

“She’s an understanding and gentle person, so she surely won’t refuse my request.”

“Dream on!” spat Mu Yazhe.

Lu Jinyu went on explaining himself with a grin. “From what I’ve heard, our sis-in-law doesn’t have a partner yet. Surely, we can’t let her walk the red carpet alone; she’ll become a laughingstock if that’s so.”

“Do you think I have no clue of what you’re up to?” his chief retorted. “If I attend the film festival, you, as its sponsor, can use my attendance to boost its popularity and raise your advertising fees. Ultimately, won’t you be the one reaping all the benefits?”

Despite having his plans exposed, the guy felt no shame at all and just laughed everything off. “Exactly. That’s why please attend the film festival, chief! Your attendance will guarantee at least a hundred or so additional seats for our media friends since you rarely appear before the public. You can also walk the red carpet with our sis-in-law! It’s not a bad idea.”

“I can consider attending...”

“Looks like his attendance comes with conditions!” Jiang Shen laughed.

“Go on, chief.”

“Wouldn’t it be very embarrassing for your sister-in-law if she were to fail to get any award despite attending the festival and walking the red carpet with me?”

The man briefly touched on the topic of the award, letting his subordinate ponder on his point.

At this, Jiang Shen nodded in support. “Yup. She should get the rookie and best actress awards.”

“No problem! Leave it all to me, chief! I’ll go make arrangements with the organizers.”

“No need for that!”

Yun Shishi’s calm voice reverberated from behind.

Everyone looked in the direction of the voice, not knowing when the woman had returned from the washroom. It so happened that she heard them secretly discussing the award affair when she came back from the lavatory. Her expression blanched a little.

Sitting down beside her man, she slowly said, “*Que sera sera*. Just take it easy and let things be. There’s no need for you guys to manipulate the results. I won’t be happy winning the awards this way. I wish to rely on myself and win them with my acting skills under fair conditions.”

Jiang Shen was torn between tears and laughter following her comment. “There are plenty of dark dealings behind the scenes, sis-in-law! Just because you have superb acting skills doesn’t mean that the

award is yours. A lot of people will manipulate the results to oust you out from the rankings, so there's no such thing as fairness in such competitions."

Chapter 1923: Get the boss to bring you to see more of the world.

The woman flashed him a sweet smile in return. "Isn't it a bigger feat to beat those who engage in underhanded dealings with my skills? If I know right from the start that I'm the winner of such awards, then there won't be much of a surprise for me when I receive them!"

Lu Jinyu shook his head teasingly. "Sis-in-law, you'd better not put it so nicely now, only to cry your heart out in our chief's embrace when you lose those awards from others' manipulation."

"Who's crying her heart out?" she adamantly countered. "I'm not that fragile! At most, I'll feel sad for a while. In any case, I still find myself somewhat lacking, so I won't feel unbalanced should I fail to get any award. It's all about adjusting my mood!" She paused a bit before proceeding to speak. "I don't have much hope of receiving such awards, anyway. It's the attendance that's important! After all, this is my first time attending a film festival. My focus is on gaining more experience in such a grand event."

She did not have a lot of expectations in the first place.

Having achieved such high-ticket sales for her debut piece was already the biggest surprise she could ever receive, so why would she still hanker for some awards?

If the rookie actress could beat her fellow seasoned thespians and A-listers, who had a long history in acting, and win the Best Actress award after just acting in one movie, surely those people would end up crying their hearts out in washrooms.

She would really be engaged in dark dealings if she confoundedly won that award after walking the red carpet with her man.

To be honest, she had some stiff competition in this upcoming film festival.

Her senior counterpart, Chen Han, had starred in a literary film, which was released last year, and the copyright for it did not just get sold abroad for a sky-high price, the film itself was shown in North America. Although it only achieved average box-office results, the reviews for the movie were fantastic, especially since the veteran had put up some brilliant acting in it. The thing was that the movie had been released for quite some time, and this let her garner a large reception from the masses after undergoing repeated precipitation.

Moreover, the rookie actress did not have a strong fanbase despite gaining overnight popularity. The fans she had gained in this short period could not be compared to those the A-listers had gained over the years since their debut. There was no competition between them at all.

Yun Shishi felt somewhat comforted after putting things into perspective.

She would be very much satisfied with winning the award for the Best Rookie Actress.

The newbie preferred to maintain a steady performance as she slowly built a strong foundation. There was no need for shortcuts. Plus, she could not adapt to such fluctuating fame.

Since this would be her first time attending a film festival, she felt rather nervous about it.

Lu Jinyu laughed. "How can our local film festival be considered large-scale? If you really wanna see something grand, get the chief to bring you to the Oscars. That's what you call a star-studded ceremony. Not just anyone can attend that award ceremony."

"Really?"

Putting aside the issue of one's work getting shortlisted for an award category, just receiving an invitation to attend the Oscars and walking on its glamorous red carpet was already considered the highest honor the local artists could receive!

This great honor was equivalent to studying abroad for twelve years.

It was not about them blindly worshipping foreign things; it was just that the Oscars was one of the world's most prestigious events in the film industry, with it having a wide influence and the highest standards for award ceremonies.

In their country, being nominated for any award was something to be overjoyed about.

Female celebs would rack their brains for a chance to attend the film festival and walk its red carpet as their attendance to such a prestigious event could boost their fame for a whole year with the articles they would release thereafter.

Of course, some were willing to pay a hefty sum just for a chance to be at the festival. Even though it would cost them a lot, it was still worthwhile since they could boost their popularity

.

After all, being known worldwide was more glorious to actors than being recognized nationwide.

Chapter 1924: I want to walk the red carpet with our arms linked.

"Mu Yazhe, will you take me there? I've always wanted to go to the Oscars. I'll die with no regrets if I can meet my idol in person!"

"Your idol?"

"Yep!"

The topic of idol piqued Lu Jinyu's interest. "You have an idol that you like? Who is it?"

"Leonardo."

His lips twitched hard. "Leo?"

Leo was the Hollywood actor's nickname for himself and his fans.

Once upon a time, the actor had captivated countless fans with his striking, good looks.

Alas, ever since he decided to depend only on his acting, his appearance had worsened by the year. The change in his looks was even more jaw-dropping in the recent, couple of years.

However, even though his appearance could no longer be compared to the past, Yun Shishi saw him as her idol.

She snapped back vehemently in defense of her idol, "No teasing! That's my idol!"

Still, Jiang Shen brutally commented, "Pity that your idol has grown old. Not only does he now have a flabby tummy, he's got a stubble as well. He's no longer as handsome as before."

What a joke.

How would he dare praise another man in front of his chief and sister-in-law? Should he do that, his chief would surely stack the deck against him!

He knew how to read situations and the faces of others.

His chief's expression started to look off from the moment the woman revealed her admiration for Leonardo.

He did not forget to flatter the man. "As for me, my idol is the chief! He's a diamond-grade Mr. Perfect with his debonair appearance and affluence!"

Lu Jinyu immediately expressed his disgust toward the other. "Please don't go around disgusting others. I feel like vomiting now."

"What? Are you publicly expressing doubts about the chief's charms?" Jiang Shen righteously tried to sow discord between the two.

"No. He's just expressing his doubts on your bootlicking skills." The woman quietly revealed the truth, which earned her a thumbs-up from Lu Jinyu.

With his lips curled up, a quiet Mu Yazhe picked up his glass and sipped the red wine lightly.

Just then, the woman hugged his arm. "Oh, right. Will you be attending the film festival?"

"Hm?"

"Haven't I asked you before? Are you going to attend the film festival?"

The man did not give her a clear response. Instead, he lazily threw out a question with an unfathomable expression on his face. "Do you want me to go?"

"Yes," was her response, smiling sweetly at her thoughts. "If you're going, you can be my partner. We'll walk down the red carpet with our arms linked."

At the side, Jiang Shen let out a cough and advised, "Sis-in-law, you should be more reserved. Which lady goes around asking a man to be her partner?"

"What's wrong with that? With him being such a blockhead, won't I have to wait for ages for him to open his mouth?" She saw nothing wrong with it.

Furthermore, she wished that the man would attend the festival with her.

It was her first red-carpet event in her acting career. Naturally, she wished that she could walk the red carpet with him under the flashing of lights. It would surely be a meaningful and memorable event.

More importantly, she could not think of anyone else, apart from him, who could be her partner.

First, she did not want to walk the red carpet with a stranger of the opposite sex.

Second, even if she was willing to do so, the man would surely get angry over it and would not allow it to happen.

Who knew? He might very well have that male celebrity ousted from the industry in a fit of rage.

Truthfully speaking, she was intending to have Lin Fengtian as her partner, but the very mention of the matter to the manager had him refusing her request right away.

“I don’t dare! God knows if I’ll be banned the next day after walking the red carpet with you!”

In that case, she might as well invite the man himself to be her partner, saving herself from such concerns.

Chapter 1925: A Husband Supporting His Wife

The smile on his face gradually turned deeper and wider, but he did not want his gang to see how happy he was with her request. Instead, he refused to let go of his self-restraint as he told her arrogantly, “Since you’re so adamant on having me walk the red carpet with you, then I’ll postpone all my appointments to make myself available for you on that day!”

His pompous, offhanded reply belied the glee he felt inwardly. He did not want to appear enthusiastic in front of his band of brothers, though in reality, he had already rejected all his business appointments in preparation for bringing her to the film festival.

His nonchalance had the effect of antagonizing the woman. Glaring at him, she let out a snort. “Oh, dear. Did you have difficulty accepting my request? Actually, you needn’t bend over backward to please me. Since you’re unwilling, I’ll just have Jinyu walk the red carpet with me.”

As she spoke, she shot the subordinate a deep, meaningful look.

The young man, who was stunned by her flirting, did not know how to respond.

Mu Yazhe’s face sank instantly, and he replied expressionlessly, “That’s not allowed!”

“Why not?”

Looking peeved, the man rebutted, “You said that you wanted to walk the red carpet with me. Why did you change your mind?”

Everyone kept quiet.

Chief, couldn't you tell that sister-in-law was goading you with her words because of your aloof response to her invitation?

Who would have expected their capable chief to display a reverse level of intelligence when it came to love?

The woman threw her husband a dirty look. "You seem reluctant and I don't like forcing myself on others. You don't have to go if you're unwilling."

The man was rendered speechless by her rebuff.

Jiang Shen gloated inwardly, meanwhile. This was the first time his chief had such a forlorn look on his face. Apparently, his boss's aloofness had caught up with him this time.

This moment was too good to be true.

The woman then went on to put up a neat argument. "Honestly, it isn't a good idea to go with you. When I made my debut, the media insinuated that my movie's success was due to me having a backer. If I walk the red carpet with you, who knows what kind of conspiracy theories the reporters will come up next? They may even say that I get the awards through my relationship with you!"

The man rebuffed with indifference, "What's wrong with that?"

His wife could not believe her ears. "What do you mean by that?"

"Who else can be your supporter besides me?" The man narrowed his eyes indignantly. "It is true that I'm your backer."

That simple yet ruthless answer left her speechless.

Hey, was there a need for this?

"What do you mean by the unspoken relationship?" The man continued his reasoning without batting an eyelid. "It means that the husband supports his wife and she uses his resources for her success. There is nothing wrong with that."

The woman vehemently disagreed. "Hmph! That's not true! I got the lead role in Lin Fengtian's film because of my capability. It had nothing to do with you."

Jiang Shen interjected softly. "Sis-in-law, it's true that you were crowned as a 'Phoenix Lady' because of your talent, but the movie topped the box office because of the efforts put in by the chief."

"Huh? How's that so?"

"Huanyu's aggressive push on the publicity and promotion can't be underestimated. The many theaters under the company, as well as the shopping malls under Disheng, contributed in propelling the movie to its success, so strictly speaking, this is considered part of the unspoken rule, too."

Chapter 1926: Unromantic at All

Yun Shishi asked in puzzlement, “Huh? How is that so?”

Jiang Shen drained the remaining wine in his glass before explaining slowly. “Actually, because Huanyu owns half of the entertainment industry here in the country, sixty percent of the theaters and eighty percent of the media are controlled by it. That’s on top of the many shopping malls that Disheng has control over. On the first day that the film was released, the Mu Group sent out a confidential yet simple message from its chairman: ‘The Green Apple’ must set a new box-office record. This got employees like us busy, scurrying back and forth to screen and promote the film. If not for the large-scale promotion put in by the company, the film might not have produced such terrific results! That’s why, strictly speaking, sis-in-law, this is included in the unspoken rule.”

The woman was dumbfounded upon hearing his elaborative explanation.

There were mixed emotions within her. She was happy and touched yet disappointed and forlorn as well.

She thought that the success of her maiden work was due to her hard work and talent. Unfortunately, that... did not seem to be the case.

Lu Jinyu could quickly tell the reason behind her disappointed look after stealing a glance at her. Resigned, he could only console her. “Sis-in-law, don’t dwell on the negative. Although what my buddy said is true, the show must still be good enough to pull off such a feat. We didn’t force the audience into the theaters, did we? This goes to show that the film is good enough to be eye-catching, and that’s also why it’s now on its way to becoming the next box-office hit.”

Jiang Shen chipped in excitedly, “It seems about to set a new record after screening for over ten days, I think!”

“Yes, it’s gonna break the record soon!”

The top Chinese movie had grossed 2.9 billion yuan.

As of the moment, ‘The Green Apple’ had collected 2.89 billion so far, which was only a few million away from the needed amount to break the past record.

It would truly not be an exaggeration to say that this film could leap to the top overnight.

The woman, who was silent again, glanced at her man in disgust.

This man is really...

No wonder she was often surrounded by gossip about her rich and powerful sugar daddy!

She could not reconcile with the newfound truth.

For her to produce this top-quality show, she had put in a lot of hard work without complaints, but what was the result in the end? A mere comment deluding to her rich and powerful backer had easily dismissed all her efforts and sacrifices.

It was also true that this man had propelled the show to where it stood now.

Suddenly, it dawned on her why she had enjoyed such superb support and resources thus far.

It's all because of him.

She was torn between feeling happy or down about the discovery.

It appeared that she would forever be unable to shake off the gossip about her having undeserved advantages.

The rumor was true in the first place; she got where she was because of his tremendous help, though, of course, unlike what the rest had speculated, all the support had come from her husband—something she did not need to shun or be ashamed of. He he!

“You have to walk the red carpet with me,” reiterated the man in a firm and determined tone.

She knitted her eyebrows and shot him a question. “Why is that so?”

“There’s no need for a reason!”

How she wished she could finish him off with her glare.

Chapter 1927: The Proud and Haughty Boss Mu

Lu Jinyu suddenly retorted, “Sister-in-law, you don’t actually have to worry about inviting gossip when you walk the red carpet with the chief. You oughta know that the Mu Group has the media under its control. They were quick to buzz around the boss when he first shot into the limelight, waiting outside the hotels, et cetera, but they had to stop pestering him after he taught them a good lesson. Basically, no one dares to fan rumors about him or that person risks getting banned, so you can be rest assured when you go to the event with him!”

Yun Shishi grumbled, “It doesn’t matter who I go with to that event. The thing about him is his pride. He’s reluctant to accompany me, but when I tried changing partners, he wouldn’t allow it. He’s so hard to please. Hmph!”

It was his haughty attitude that pissed her off.

Unfortunately, a certain man was ticked off by her starting line. With his face sinking, Mu Yazhe interrogated, “You are okay to walk the red carpet with anyone?”

“Who else are you thinking of going with to that event?” he added testily.

He swore inside to ban anyone, be it a man or a woman, that she would name, just like the way he had banned that superstar.

She was stunned and infuriated by his brash words.

This man could be so ungentlemanly with his petty attitude.

Their two sons were aware of the need to be genteel toward the opposite sex, but it appeared that their father was too domineering to be tamed.

“I—”

“That’s enough; stop arguing with me. We’ll go with my decision regarding the awards’ night!”

Looking at the disdainful way she looked at him, he was too upset to listen to her reasons further

Cocking a brow, the woman wanted to object to his tyrannical behavior but dropped the idea pretty soon. She had already made up her mind to go with him in the first place, so she was too lazy to argue with him any further.

She was only peeved at his poor attitude.

Alas, there was nothing much she could do about that.

This man was like a block of wood when it came to love and the opposite sex. He would never understand the reason behind her annoyance.

Lu Jinyu started laughing cheekily. “Chief, why don’t I bribe a panel judge for our entertainment?”

“Do you have too much money to spare? Why do you want to bribe a judge?”

“We do that to get an award for our sister-in-law! A panel judge will have a final say in who the award goes. Let me bribe our way to the Best Actress award for our sis-in-law!”

The actress was thoroughly tickled by his proposal.

Jiang Shen threw a wet blanket over him. “Giving the verdict isn’t as simple as that! There are a lot of intricacies involved for that kinda award. Don’t get yourself into trouble!”

“Can’t you see that I’m joking? To be honest, though, you probably won’t get that award this year, so don’t be too disappointed when you don’t get it, sis-in-law, yeah?” Lu Jinyu tried to console the lady.

She smiled with some resignation. “That’s enough. I’m not easily broken; it’s only an award.”

“Yo, what a coincidence!”

A familiar voice was heard not too far away.

Everyone turned to see Lin Fengtian and Qin Zhou walking toward them. Behind them stood a man whom the actress knew very well—Hua Jin.

The male idol did not expect to bump into her here.

This was a bar frequently patronized by the people in showbiz, especially at this hour. The many celebrities seen here were enough to make up a mini ‘Hall of Fame’.

Her manager and the famous director were regulars here; of course, Hua Jin was, too.

Chapter 1928: Sister-in-law is a bully.

Hua Jin was a regular here even before he entered showbiz; hence, his face was known by many veterans in the industry.

However, when the frivolous idol saw Yun Shishi lying protectively in Mu Yazhe's embrace, a glint flashed across his eyes for an instant as his lips curled into a chilling sneer.

It did not need a smart person to make out the relationship between the two as seen from the intimate way the couple behaved with each other.

Besides, he was sharp enough to see the engagement ring on the young chairman's finger, which was identical with the one worn by the lady.

Is this man... her fiancé?

He could feel a stab in his heart instantly.

How envious.

Qin Zhou was jovial as he approached the couple. "I didn't expect to bump into our big boss here. What a coincidence!"

Big boss?

He probed Lin Fengtian cautiously, "That man is..."

"Mu Yazhe, the owner of Huanyu; don't you know him?"

He was stunned momentarily, shaking his head as he answered truthfully thereafter, "Nope. I have heard of his name but haven't met him in person before."

"Let me give you a warning: Be careful when you interact with him. You mustn't be flippant with your words or action around him. Your backer won't be able to protect you if you antagonize this man; do you hear me?"

The reason these three were together this evening was that the recently festive director invited out Qin Zhou for a drink and then got the idol to tug along to discuss a project.

The young man was very respectful and particularly in awe of Qin Zhou. Hence, he was on his best behavior tonight with the two around.

He was savvy and street-smart to know the right thing to say at the right time.

Lin Fengtian had a favorable impression of this young actor as he knew a thing or two about his past. The veteran was prepared to pave the way for the latter.

"You're working with Shishi in a TV drama, right?"

"Yes... Her part is about to wrap up soon," informed the idol matter-of-factly.

Nodding his head, the director gave him a stern warning. "You'd better keep a distance from her."

"Huh?"

This was the first time he had heard someone tell him to be wary of something. Folks would normally advise the rest to keep away from him and not the other way around.

“The man behind her is very possessive! You may be banned for staying too close to her for comfort,” elaborated the director emphatically.

After saying that, he walked over to give a toast to Mu Yazhe.

The magnate glanced at him before narrowing his eyes at Hua Jin.

The actress was startled to see her co-actor and acknowledged him with a faint smile.

The chap smiled at her in return. “What a coincidence to see you here!”

“Yes, I’m here to drink with my friends.”

By then, Jiang Shen, who had had too much to drink, took this chance to rebut. “Sister-in-law, what do you mean by drinking with us? You did not touch the alcohol at all! Drinking with you is a loss for us! You’re a bully!”

The woman waved her fist at him. “Shut up!”

She had gotten used to her husband’s close-knit group and no longer had qualms horsing around them.

Sister-in-law?

The idol furrowed his brows in disbelief.

Other than the tycoon, he found the rest very familiar. All were influential figures in their rights and were certainly not people to trifle with.

Chapter 1929: Spoiling Her

However, while they were joking with the woman, they were calling her ‘sister-in-law’ and being respectful toward her.

Exactly who was this fiancé of hers?

Even Lin Fengtian had to remind him not to shoot his mouth off and offend the man. If not, no matter how strong a backing he had, it would not be enough to protect him.

He heard that Gu Xingze was banned.

Was it the work of this person?

He could tell that this man was an extremely powerful and supremely arrogant king.

Hua Jin was intimidated.

Mu Yazhe narrowed his eyes as he drank a mouthful of alcohol, ignoring the male idol’s concentrated gaze on him.

The latter was subdued by his presence at that very moment.

The confrontation between these two was like the collision between auras.

The former was just sitting there with his back straight and his expression apathetic and composed. His handsome face was intricate like a one-of-a-kind painting. No one from the entertainment industry could match up to him.

Even if it was the superstar, he feared that the celebrity was not qualified.

If such a man were to debut in showbiz, the film emperor would not have his present status.

This man did not need to speak or show any expression. Just by sitting, there was already an irresistible aura around him, which made people want to revere and be subdued by him.

His imposing manner left the actor unconsciously feeling as if he had lost.

There was no place for him to fight against the man.

Not a second had passed, yet it was already obvious who had the upper hand here.

Hua Jin felt that a man like him had the right to own a beauty like Yun Shishi.

He admitted defeat at once.

Walking over, he smiled gently at Yun Shishi. "Sis, is this brother-in-law?"

Calling her 'sis' made them sound close yet not overly intimate.

He did not want to cause her any trouble.

He did not have any complicated feelings toward the woman. He had always seen her as his older sister. This was perhaps due to her gentle and charming aura, which he yearned so much for.

He had been lacking in familial love since he was young. Especially when it came to maternal love, he had no concept of it at all.

Deep in their bones, men had an extravagant hope for maternal love.

Therefore, toward the actress, his feelings were the affection between a brother and a sister.

He treated her as his sibling probably due to him indulging in her maturity and gentleness.

Mu Yazhe cast a glance at him. "Who is this?"

"Hua Jin. He and I are from the same production crew. He is younger than me by a few years and got along with me rather well," answered his woman.

He glanced at the idol askance, but the latter merely smiled back sweetly, obediently greeting him, "Brother-in-law, sis often mentioned you when we were in the production team!"

The man sized the idol up once more. Hearing the latter address him as such, he let out a cool hum of acknowledgment, no longer repulsed by him.

It seemed that he had acknowledged Hua Jin for greeting him as 'brother-in-law'.

Yun Shishi felt gratified by it.

The trio joined the battle. The alcohol table was quickly consumed.

The fight was brutal.

The end results were undoubtedly bitter.

Apart from Mu Yazhe and Hua Jin, everyone else had practically collapsed.

The man was naturally great at holding his liquor and knew how to take charge of the situation. Moreover, no one dared to force him to drink much.

As for the idol, he was a frequenter of bars and clubs. His capacity to hold liquor was big.

Yun Shishi also drank a small cup and her tipsiness caught up to her.

A little drunk, she timely stopped drinking.

It was very late when they left.

Her husband carried her into the car with a smile on his lips.

Chapter 1930: Boss Mu has been abused.

He was in a great mood tonight.

Hua Jin watched the couple leave before smiling and carrying Lin Fengtian off with him.

When they passed by a night market in their car, Yun Shishi plastered her face on the window and said lovingly, "I want to eat skewers."

"No!" rejected Mu Yazhe resolutely.

Skewers were junk food and unhygienic.

Why did she like eating such stuff?

"It's already this late. We should head back home to rest."

"No, I want to eat those! I haven't eaten some in a long time."

The man was rendered speechless.

"Isn't Qin Zhou asking you to lose weight? You're going to walk the red carpet soon. Shouldn't you be maintaining your figure?"

"Eating a few won't matter much. It's just one or two!"

The woman suddenly thought of something. "Have you not eaten skewers before?"

"No."

“Oh, please! That street food is delicious! To be honest, the best delicacies are hidden in marketplaces and alleys. Their taste isn’t bad at all. You’ll be missing out on something great if you don’t eat such food even once.”

Her mouth was like a torrent. She looked at the sidewalks littered with food stalls outside the window with longing eyes.

Perhaps her gaze was terribly longing, for the man’s heart was finally moved. He asked the driver to stop at the roadside.

The weather was a bit chilly tonight.

When she alighted from the vehicle, he immediately wrapped her with his jacket.

“What are you doing?! I’m not cold!”

“Wear it!”

He did not allow her to refuse and wrapped the jacket more tightly around her.

Yun Shishi could only helplessly let him do as he pleased.

Deep down, his subtle consideration had warmed her heart.

The capital’s night market was the busiest and noisiest in the wee hours.

Although it was early in the morning, the stalls were having a great business.

This night market offered a large variety of food at night.

Foodies who had taken roots in the capital rarely went to restaurants.

They were knowledgeable enough to know that the real food was found in such places.

As the saying went, ‘fragrant wine feared no dark alley.’

While the district was not flourishing at daytime, business was in full swing at nighttime.

Yun Shishi managed to find a spot to sit after much effort. The table was short and the stools were unstable. When Mu Yazhe sat down next to her, the other end was nearly lifted.

She was quick to react by firmly planting her butt on the seat.

This broken stool! cursed the man silently.

The table was also very short. With his tall stature, the table only reached his waist after sitting down.

He had never felt so cramped before. Therefore, he could not adapt to it.

Seeing his livid face, the woman burst into laughter.

She had never seen him look so out of place before.

The honorable Boss Mu was actually willing to eat at a roadside stall for her. Oh, dear! Was this considered true love?

The woman covered her mouth as she laughed furtively for amusement.

The man had never been to such a venue, so he was utterly bewildered.

He did not understand how such a crude place, with unstable tables, could be a good place to visit.

Yun Shishi smiled at him. "This is what you don't get! Skewers are the best sellers in night markets! In the past, when I ended work late, I always came here for skewers. It felt extremely great to eat them after a tiring day and especially in summer. During winter, it won't be this bustling, but in summer, many tables like this will be placed around as it will be very busy even with over ten helpers!"

Following her words, she lowered her head and began ordering food.

It was already late in the night, and she was truly famished.

She ordered dishes with pure meat or vegetables. The man watched the woman place her orders until he could no longer remain calm and collected.