

Sweet Love 2041

Chapter 2041: In-vitro Fertilization

"Come in."

Her deep, penetrating gaze remained fixed on the view outside the window.

From behind, the door opened to reveal a doctor with brown hair and blue eyes. He slowly walked over to her side and, in his deep voice, asked, "Ms. Song, are you currently resting?"

"Yes."

He immediately proffered an apology. "I'm sorry to bother you."

"It's no bother." She turned around and flashed him a kind, elegant smile, which showed off her cherry lips and pearly white teeth. "How is it going?"

The other returned a knowing smile. "That's the purpose of my unannounced visit."

"Please go on."

He eagerly explained, "Everything is proceeding as planned, but since the sperms have been kept in a liquid nitrogen tank at a negative one-hundred-seventy degree, the success rate of you conceiving may be quite low. The success of artificial insemination hinges on the quality of the sperms and the usage of refined techniques together with certain equipment."

She was gripped with nerves all of a sudden as she looked at him with desperate eyes.

"Are you saying that the chances of success are low?"

"Yes."

"How low will it be?"

She had lost all her calmness by now to maintain her graceful demeanor and desperately demanded for an answer by grabbing the doctor's sleeves.

The doctor, nevertheless, remained good-natured as he assuaged her uneasiness. "I can understand how you are feeling right now, but you need to calm down a little. The success rate may be low, but it isn't as low as you think. It's about forty percent!"

"In other words, the chances of me getting pregnant are only forty percent?!"

Her eyes bulged wide in disbelief upon hearing that. She found great difficulty accepting the news.

Nodding, the doctor pushed up the frame of his glasses against his nose and explained, "Well, not to mention, you're currently in a weak state. Even if the sperms enter your body, they can't fertilize an egg at all. Your weak body constitution is one of the contributing factors for the low success rate."

The lady bit down on her lip hard in anxiety.

"It's fortunate that the sperms are of high-quality and in a good state. If you don't mind, why don't you try IVF-ET, instead?"

“IVF-ET?”

“In-vitro fertilization and embryo transfer.”

She had never heard this medical term before.

The reason she came to know about artificial insemination was mainly Mu Yazhe having intended to use such a technique on the surrogate mother, whom he had specifically selected to give birth to his children seven years ago.

Back then, when Yun Shishi was selected to be the surrogate mother, she had a medication examination conducted, which revealed that she was unsuitable for artificial insemination and the chances of success were very low.

It astonished Song Enya greatly when she first learned of this matter, and it was not until recently that she remembered this, which led to her taking a gamble and staking her all for a chance to give birth to the man’s children.

She knew nothing about IVF-ET, however.

“IVF-ET is better known as ‘test-tube babies’ in your country. Simply put, it’s a process where we combine an egg with sperm outside the body in an artificially controlled environment. Upon success, the fertilized egg, or the zygote, will then be implanted into your uterus where it slowly grows and develops into a baby. I must let you know, though, that this method is extremely painful—far more painful than the usual artificial insemination methods. Are you willing to give it a go?”

“What’s the success rate?”

“It’s as high as ninety-nine percent.”

Chapter 2042: I do not have much time to lose.

“Ninety-nine percent?”

The young lady was tempted to give it a try.

She turned around and gazed outside the window, her eyes filled with unexplainable emotions.

She had no regard for how excruciating the pain might be. In fact, it was something that she must bear no matter what since she was dogmatic in her ways.

Besides, according to the doctor, it had as high as a ninety-nine percent success rate. That was more than enough for her!

She spun around and asked, “How long does the entire IVF take?”

“Some time is needed for the process.”

“So how long is it?” she pressed on urgently. “I don’t have much time to lose!”

“At least half a month.”

“Work on it right away! I want it done fast!”

“Okay. Please keep calm and patient, Ms. Song. We’ll do our best to finish it fast.”

The doctor then swiftly turned to leave, lightly closing the door behind him with a soft *thud*.

As soon as she was alone, the missy slumped onto the sofa in defeat as she stared blankly up at the ceiling.

For this trip to the US, she had used plenty of connections, exhausted much of her assets, and even withdrawn eight figures from her brother’s bank account behind her family’s back.

Eight figures...

The cost of artificial insemination far exceeded the amount she had expected it to cost.

Mu Yazhe’s aloofness toward her that day had disheartened her greatly.

She knew full well that the man was thoroughly disappointed in her!

She had once tried making herself give up, let go of her feelings for him, and never pursue him again, but in her trance, she realized that the man had, somehow, become her entire world. If she were to leave his side, her world would then be filled with darkness and bleakness.

What filled her more anguish was that she could never leave his side no matter how much she hated him.

As such, the thought of such an unconventional gambit emerged in her head.

Since Yun Shishi managed to gain the man’s favor by making use of his children, why should she not do the same? Thus, she intended to undergo artificial insemination and get pregnant with his child behind his back.

Since ancient times, a woman’s position was secured by providing descendants to a rich family. However, one should consider the woman’s status, too. That actress was no match for the man—only she was worthy of marrying into the Mu family.

If that slut could use the twins to tie Brother Mu’s heart down, why couldn’t I?!

If I carry his child, he surely won’t fault or desert me.

Instead, the child will become a deep fetter between us.

Even if he’s cruel and determined enough to push me away from his side, I’ll at least have a spiritual sustenance to rely on once I give birth to his child.

Besides, no matter how cruel he is, he surely won’t turn a blind eye to me by then.

Even if he doesn’t care about the child, his family should be concerned, right?

After all, which blue blood doesn’t treasure their descendants?

She no longer wished for anything more. Even if she could only be his mistress, she would gladly oblige since she had a reason to do so.

There was plenty of time for her to triumph over that lowborn wretch, anyway.

The thought of that sent her clenching her fists tightly, almost piercing the flesh of her palms with her razor-sharp nails as a result.

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Chaos reigned in the Song family, meanwhile.

Song Yunxi, in particular, was even more frantic when he realized that an eight-figure sum had mysteriously been withdrawn from his bank account.

There was no need for any investigation to know who the culprit was, though!

His sister was the only one who knew the account pin other than his father and himself, so who else could have stolen that money but the one who had vanished without a trace?

That incompetent lass!

Where the hell has she disappeared to?!

Not only was he unable to reach her on the phone, he had no idea where her whereabouts might be, too. Even if he wanted to track her down, there was no clue for him to start the search.

Chapter 2043: Disappearing from the Face of the Earth

The young missy had gone all out this time. She decided against informing her family of her whereabouts, lest her location should eventually be leaked to the man.

Her father, Song Zhengguo, got so furious that his blood pressure shot up tremendously, nearly resulting in him suffering a stroke. The moment he learned that his older daughter had gone missing overnight without a trace, the man gave his wife a fierce tongue-lashing.

“Look! Just look at how you’ve brought up our daughter for her to turn out this way! She’s gone missing from the hospital in just one night as though she had disappeared from the face of the earth! How well-raised she is!

“Enya might be an insensible child, but surely you aren’t!

“The child must be found as soon as possible! God forbids; If anything happens to her, I’ll divorce you!”

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Jiang Qimeng had already been feeling quite worried and listless while she sought her connections’ help in finding her daughter’s whereabouts. Having to receive such insults from her husband to boot, for a moment, she harbored thoughts of committing suicide.

How dare he even bring up a divorce?!

Is it truly my sole responsibility for the way our daughter turned out?

Among us, he's the one who spoiled his daughter the most. He bears a large part for the way she turned out.

When their daughter was still a kid, the husband would always scold his wife whenever the latter wanted to discipline their child when she misbehaved.

Aggrieved yet helpless tears were shed from her eyes as she recalled this.

No way will I get a divorce!

I might as well as die!

I'll become the butt of jokes if I get divorced at this age!

Even if I must die, I'll die as the dignified wife of a mayor.

The woman felt greatly disheartened.

She had nowhere to pour her sorrows despite the great grievances she had accumulated over the years in this family.

Possessing the title and status of the mayor's wife, she enjoyed a glamorous life on the surface and even had her vanity greatly satisfied with the courteous attention she received whenever she mingled with those in upper society.

However, despite all that and how pleasant the title of the mayor's wife sounded, she had no place and speaking rights in this patriarchal family at all!

Putting aside the issues of living her life in trepidation and her turning a blind eye to her husband's many infidelities outside the household, she had to submit herself to the mercy of others in the family. Even Song Enxi, that spoiled lass, had no regard for her, let alone her husband!

Even now, she was unfairly blamed for her daughter's disappearance for no good reason. Imagine how aggrieved and miserable she felt!

Sitting quietly at the side were her son and youngest daughter, who was hiding in her brother's arms out of fear and not daring to make a peep. All the little one knew was that her older sister had gone missing and was equally clueless on her whereabouts as the rest of the family.

Throughout, Song Yunxi did not mention anything about the missing money in his bank account. He dared not broach the subject at all, for his father would surely fly off the handle and lash his anger at him once he found out about it.

All he wanted was for his sister to be found as soon as possible. As for that sum she had misappropriated, he only suspected that she must have a need for it, though what she intended to do with it was ultimately unknown. He, therefore, dispatched additional men to search for her for fear that she would get herself into hot waters.

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After his meeting concluded, Mu Yazhe returned to his office to find his assistant positively beaming at him. The man had yet to say anything, but from Min Yu's confident-looking face alone, he could guess what this was all about.

Chapter 2044: Wrecked Reputation

"There's an acquisition deal tomorrow which requires an international video conference."

"Noted, boss."

"Have you found out anything about that matter?"

"Yes." Min Yu nodded. "Do you recall storing and freezing your sperms in a sperm bank seven years ago?"

"Uh-huh."

They had once prepared for an artificial insemination procedure at one of the Mu Group's private hospitals seven years ago.

Everything had been prepped, and all that was left was the results of Yun Shishi's medical report. If there were no issues with her, the artificial insemination procedure would go as planned.

Alas, the report revealed that she was unsuited for such a procedure due to her body constitution.

The Mus, as such, gave up the plan of using that method.

The hospital, in turn, froze the sperms in nitrogen canisters and stored it away in the sperm bank should a need for them arise in the future.

How did that end up in Song Enya's hands, though?

A doubtful look crossed Mu Yazhe's face as he regarded his assistant, who lightly added, "We've already gotten hold of the person behind this matter. He's currently undergoing investigation."

"Hah." He tugged his lips coldly in question. "Is she still at the hospital?"

"Yes. She's currently nursing herself back to health since the doctor advised her so. I also heard that the doctor is going to arrange for her to undergo IVF-ET. Do you want me to stop the procedure, boss?"

The poker-faced man allowed his lashes to droop for a moment before he suddenly curled his lips in a deep, meaningful smirk. "No need for that!"

"?" The assistant was thoroughly baffled.

"Sir, may I know what you mean by it?"

He replied, "Since she desperately wants a child, let's just fulfill her wish. She thinks she can successfully marry into the family just because she has a child, huh? How ambitious she is!"

“But—”

“Just do as I say and don’t raise any alarms.”

As he lifted his chin, he rubbed a finger over his lips with an evil glint in his eyes.

“I’d like to see just what game she is playing!”

Min Yu fell silent.

Boss, need you be so scheming?

Your schemes are terrifying.

At the thought of this, he uttered a silent prayer for the young missy again.

Out of all people to offend, that spoiled missy just had to offend my superior.

Uh... Now, she’s going to end up dying a horrible death.

The assistant concluded his prayer by mentally drawing a cross over his heart.

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After taking a few days of break, Yun Shishi was all ready to return to the production team to complete filming what little was left of her parts as soon as possible.

Alas, she just had to bump into Lin Zhi upon returning to the set.

The phrase, ‘Enemies are bound to meet on a narrow road,’ was, somehow, very fitting for them at this instance.

Her nemesis was practically fuming mad as she glared at her through clenched teeth, seemingly wanting to make mincemeat of her.

A smile spread across her face in response. She felt unbelievably delighted to see such a look on the other!

She just loved seeing how the other woman was unable to finish her off when she hated her to the core.

The more senior actress must be feeling very aggrieved these days.

The fiasco about her robbing the rookie’s Best Actress award at the Golden Eagle Festival had not faded off. Even now, many netizens were cursing her, fabricating stories about her, and hurling insults at her. Many fans teamed up to form a jury and left comments under her Weibo page, requesting her to return the award to its rightful owner and make a public apology to the newbie artist.

She had actually already given up the award. It was just that the rookie actress found it dirty and did not care to receive it.

Just imagine how aggrieved she felt, having already received such tremendous humiliation.

What more can I possibly do? Is she only gonna give up once I’m down and out?

Yun Shishi simply sidestepped the other as she made a move to leave.

Chapter 2045: She is his only other half.

Yun Shishi simply sidestepped the other as she made a move to leave but got suddenly tugged back by the latter.

“What do you want?”

“You!” Lin Zhi grabbed her sleeve, forcing the rookie actress to face her. “What do you exactly want with me?! Isn’t it enough that things have reached this stage?!”

“Enough?!” She inclined her head, looking frosty. “What do you mean by that?”

“Weren’t you the one who incited the netizens to turn against me?! How could you be so vicious as to bully me online?! Hah! You’ve really gone to great lengths just to put a crackdown on my popularity!”

“Come again?” The rookie actress chuckled. “How presumptuous of you. Who do you think you are for me to waste my efforts into? We could just have a fair competition, but you had to resort to using dirty tricks to win that award. Since you’ve done such a thing, you should just own up and bear the consequences of your actions. It’s rather low and shameless of you to push the blame onto others.”

“You!”

Being lowly educated, the relatively more senior starlet was by far no match for the newbie once the latter started unleashing her sharp tongue. She could, as such, only glare viciously at the other with bulging eyes, wishing to slice her flesh.

“Don’t glare at me that way.”

“Trust you to accuse me of being shameless. What about you, huh? Who do you think you are? You yourself are a mere entertainer. Does acting give you a sense of superiority? Hah! From what I’ve heard, you’re no more than a kept woman and a plaything of Mu Yazhe! Don’t think that, just because you have things going easy right now, you can do whatever you want and act all lawlessly! It’s only a phase! Do you think you can really become a rich mistress after hooking up with him? You’re nothing in the eyes of the rich! You won’t even be able to get past their doorway, so don’t go about with your nose in the air just because you have his backing!”

“Kept woman? Plaything?”

The rookie broke into chortle when she heard those words, which were practically dripping with jealousy!

Regardless if she were just a kept woman, by the looks of it, this woman before her was still envious of such a status.

True enough; the man’s name alone was sufficient to attract bees!

Lin Zhi snapped back. “What? Do you think of yourself as his other half? You’re just his dalliance—a fling at most! He’ll kick you to the curb once he gets sick and tired of you!”

“It’s exactly as you said; I’m still in his favor. Aren’t you afraid that I can have you crushed with just a finger if you keep offending me?”

The newbie artist maintained an elegant smile on her face. “Besides, I’m no such thing.”

“What else do you take yourself as besides that? His wife?” With a look of disdain, she sneered. “Carry on dreaming if that’s so!”

“Ha ha... I’m sorry to disappoint you, then.”

With a smug smile, the woman raised her hand a bit and gently moved her fingers.

On her ring finger was an enormous, dazzling diamond ring.

“W-What... What’s that?!” She squinted her eyes at the item. “Ha ha... What a huge diamond that is. Surely, it isn’t a fake?”

“Oh, how pitiful you are.” The rookie shot her a sympathetic look. “How about getting your sugar daddy to bring you out more often to see the world? If you have the money to manipulate the results of the film festival, you may as well use it to broaden your knowledge. You’re being an embarrassment here with your lack of insight. Did you think that I’d wear an imitation in public and treat it as a piece of treasure like you would?”

As she spoke, she cast a meaningful glance at the diamond necklace dangling on the other’s collarbones.

The so-called high-quality imitation jewelry referred to the usage of the same raw materials to create a piece of jewelry according to the original design. While the item itself was real, the quality was comparatively lousy.

Chapter 2046: An Unwelcome Person

She recognized the diamond necklace that her competitor was wearing instantly. This was a rare piece globally. Her husband had given her such jewelry as a gift.

The one on Lin Zhi was obviously a fake.

Leaving the poor loser gawking in shame and disbelief, the actress gracefully sauntered away with a snigger!

By the time her competitor managed to recompose herself, she was already gone. Turning around, the woman could only grind her teeth in exasperation.

“Yun Shishi!”

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“Kudos to you back there! What a great way to show off your power!”

Mu Xi was particularly thrilled as she watched from the sidelines. She happened to bump into the two celebs during their confrontation and was about to lend her assistance when her charge finished off her competitor followed by a grand exit.

She added excitedly, "Do you know how arrogant that woman was when she returned from Sea City with the trophy? The crew then was giving her so much flattery that it made me sick! She was so insolent!"

"Alright. Don't be mad anymore."

"Of course, I'm upset! Still, he he... Huanyu's swift action the following day turned her into the butt of jokes quickly. Many may appear respectful before her, but they are all laughing at her from behind! No wonder she came looking for trouble with you the moment you're back on set. Her antagonized look really made my day! Ha ha!"

Her assistant could not get over her glee. There was no need to be kind to a smug like Lin Zhi.

Yun Shishi asked suddenly, "Where's Hua Jin?"

"Hua Jin?"

Her assistant shook her head; she did not have the slightest idea of his whereabouts. "I haven't seen him on set these past few days... I heard that he's sick and needs to rest."

"Oh, okay."

He's probably in the hospital still.

She then recalled the haughty woman who had appeared unexpectedly at the hospital and felt so sorry for the young man again.

Noting her dazed look, the assistant asked out of concern, "What's wrong? What're you thinking of?"

"Nothing much." She then smiled. "I'm going in to get ready! There are two more scenes to complete today."

"That's right! You just have a handful of scenes left to film. The production should be able to wrap up in a few days."

The actress went to change into her costume and let the team do her styling. She had taken the chance to memorize the remaining script again while resting at home over the last few days. Her preparedness paid off as the scenes were basically completed in just one take.

After the actress and her assistant finished with their work, they had a good banter as they walked to the car park, ready to leave for the day.

The street lights were sparse in the spacious car park of the studio, rendering the place dim and dark as night began to fall.

While the two ladies were chattering enthusiastically, they noticed an elongated car slowly driving toward them.

They did not pay attention to the vehicle until it braked abruptly in front of them.

A few men in all black alighted from the stationary car, looking to pounce on them any time.

Mu Xi was immediately put on high alert. Looking at them warily, she questioned coldly, "Who are you? Why are you blocking our way?"

"Yun Shishi!"

A stern and frigid female voice could be heard from the car.

The actress gazed in where the voice had come from and saw an elegantly dressed, middle-aged lady alighting from the car with the help of a man.

She instantly recognized this person. Mu Shumin!

What is she doing here?!

Chapter 2047: Do not threaten me with that chap!

"He he! You seem to be looking good!"

Mu Shumin walked to them with an evil smile. The young assistant noticed that the middle-aged lady was limping as she approached them, apparently suffering from injuries in her lower limbs.

The actress suddenly recalled the bad thrashing this elder had received from Gong Jie's men after she attempted to cause mischief in her engagement. It seemed that the latter was crippled because of that beating.

The older woman must have held a grudge against her for the humiliation she had received that day, and that was why she was here to seek trouble with her!

The elder got many of her men this time, seemingly wanting to return double the ill fate she had suffered that day. It appeared that the Mu lady was adamant on finishing her off.

Mu Xi, with her face full of alarm, pulled her charge along as she backed away from the gang warily. She barked, "What do you want?!"

The older woman merely laughed savagely. Without another word, she waved her hand and gave a blood-curdling command. "Teach her a bloody good lesson! Don't go easy on her!"

As soon as she said that, the few men in black marched toward the two ladies determinedly.

The young assistant let out a fearful scream!

Are they really going to turn rough on us?

Heavens!

Who the hell is this woman?!

The young girl could not recognize the face of the mean woman, but she could tell that the men were trained to kill. It would be child's play for these folks to break their bones!

She cried foul. "This is a well-known film studio, and there are many reporters around here. Aren't you ashamed of using violence on two defenseless ladies under broad daylight?!"

"Defenseless? Hmph!"

The middle-aged woman looked at the actress and snarled, "Aren't you a vixen reincarnate? What sorcery did you use on that nephew of mine to make him lose his mind around you? It seems that I really need to teach you a good lesson today!"

The other was uncannily composed. "Are you here just to teach me a lesson? Is Mu Yazhe aware of this?"

"Shut up! Don't use that chap to threaten me! Even he must look up to me in terms of seniority! Do you think I ought to seek his permission when I want to teach a b*tch like you a lesson?!"

The lady rebutted, "That's not true! What did I do to offend you that you need to resort to this?"

Knowing that the actress was just trying to stall for time, the older woman waved her hand and snapped, "Are you still trying to argue with me? Well, let me tear your mouth apart this time! Get her!"

The men in black swiftly surrounded the girls following the given order. These men were her personal bodyguards, and one could tell that they were trained in combat.

The young assistant screamed in terror as one of the men moved to send a slap across her artist's face—

Suddenly, Yun Shishi could feel a rush of cool wind sweeping past her, and in the blink of an eye, an armed man appeared right beside her. He reached his hand and pulled her protectively behind him while using the other arm to block the vicious slap.

Mu Shumin was totally thrown off by the retaliation.

As the sky had turned dark, she could not tell where the protector had come from. However, judging from his crisp actions, she reckoned this person to come from the special force.

The actress stared at the man, dumbfounded. In the next second, five or six more men in similar getup rushed to the scene and started exchanging blows with the elderly lady's gang.

Chapter 2048: How dare you?! Are you guys crazy enough to defy me?!

The middle-aged woman was caught by surprise by the sudden appearance of these trained men and stumbled a few steps backward in horrified alarm.

It was only when a few of her men came around to put her behind them protectively that she managed to calm down somewhat.

Following that, she took a careful look at new arrivals and gave a cold snort. She could immediately tell whom these men reported to.

Mu Yazhe had a team of elite guards, with some of them even from the special forces. These men, who used to hold high ranks while serving in the army, were retired front-line soldiers. All of them were highly skilled and had actual combat experience.

Only the head of the Mu household could have access to such a skilled team. She knew, there and then, that her nephew had sent these men to protect the woman.

The thought was enough to make her hit the roof.

That rascal is incorrigible! He's besotted to this woman beyond hope!

Once, she asked him for some bodyguards, but he adamantly refused. The thought that he had sent these experts to protect this b*tch incensed her so much!

The outcome was settled within a few minutes. Despite her men being trained, they were no match for her nephew's bodyguards at all. In fact, they had been merciful in their retaliation to her men.

The older woman flew into a rage and exclaimed, "How dare you?! Are you guys crazy enough to defy me?! Do you know who I am? How dare you do this to my people!"

Alas, the other side paid no heed to her and merely continued beating her people. She bellowed at the top of her lungs, "Are you all mad?! Do you hear what I've just said?! Stop it! I command all of you to stop it now!"

Just as she finished her words, her most dependable bodyguard was sent flying through the air and landed right next to her. He had been kicked in the ribs and was rolling on the ground in agony. Her gang was fighting burly men of at least 1.8 meters in height. With their overpowering strength and hardy leather boots, it would not be unusual for her men to suffer multiple broken ribs in this fight.

The middle-aged woman was stunned by her gang's defeat and let out a scream of horror.

"How dare you?! Y-You... Are you all nuts?! This is crazy! I'm the aunt of Mu Yazhe! I told you to stop!"

Mu Xi, who was standing beside her artist, was shocked by this revelation.

Having found out that their assailants were sent by someone from the Mu family, and one who was more senior than Chairman Mu, she dared not utter a word anymore. She could see where the arrogance of the older woman was coming from, and she knew that she had no place to fight against that authority.

At the very least, her artist was still the wife of the man. As for her, she had no one to stand up for her if she were to shoot her mouth off. The assistant could truly not afford to offend this obnoxious woman.

One of his men turned to the older woman and stared her down with a glint. The elder could not help backing off toward her car, trembling in fear, as the man gave off a menacing aura.

He finally spoke in a stern, low voice. "Director Mu, Chairman Mu has given us a firm order. Regardless of who they are, we aren't to show mercy on those who try to harm the lady in any way!"

Chapter 2049: Like a Clown

His manner was respectful but the crispness in his tone underlined the authority in his words. Their intention was clear; these men would do exactly what they were instructed to do!

It took a while for Mu Shumin to comprehend the underlying message fully. In the end, the middle-aged madam was thoroughly antagonized, and she glared hatefully at the young woman, who was well protected by this group of trained personnel. The actress, in contrast, was calm and composed as she stood looking at the elder's infuriated expression.

*This b*tch must've ripped that young chap's soul!*

*How dared he openly challenge me because of a lowly sl*t? I'm his aunt for goodness's sake!*

She was especially upset to find her men badly beaten and humiliated.

However, looking at the situation presented before her, she knew that she could do nothing to the woman—well, at least that was the case today! Both had pitted their power against each other, and it was obvious that she had come out as the loser!

She had taken almost a month to recuperate from that beating she had received during her nephew and this woman's engagement. Unfortunately, she was unable to recover completely from her injuries. Now, even walking was a challenge!

After she returned home, she ruminated on everything that had happened and felt angrier. Hence, she decided to exact revenge on this young woman, who had brought woes to her.

Alas, when she brought up this matter to her elder brother, she was severely rebuked by him.

“Are you mad?! Do you know who she is? Her brother is Gong Jie, the chief commander of Hurricane Group, which is owned by the Gongs! Going against her is as good as declaring war against that formidable clan! They will come after you if you do something to her!”

“The Gong family?” The middle-aged woman obviously had no clue regarding their arch-enemy.

Her brother sniggered at her ignorance. “If you had paid more attention to these matters, you wouldn't have been led by the nose by that young punk!”

She was defiant but feared and revered him, nevertheless. As such, she decided to lay low in the meantime and focused on her recovery, instead.

Deep down, she chalked up her bad experience during the party as a mere accident. If she had brought her men with her that day, she would not have had anything to fear!

Gradually, with her increasingly negative thoughts, her grudges turned from bad to worse. How could the Mus allow themselves to be humiliated by the Gongs on their turf? Surely, they would become a laughingstock if others were to hear about it!

Finally, she could sit still no longer. After finding out that Yun Shishi would be filming in this location for a few days, she gathered her men to plan this surprise attack just to teach the lassie a lesson.

She would never acknowledge this niece-in-law!

Just look at this wench! She's already so conceited without our prior approval. This vixen is out to put me down with a grand show of power. Can one imagine what she'll do once she officially enters the Mu household!?

She could do nothing about her useless nephew's choice in partner, but she could no longer turn a blind eye to his blatant indulgence of this woman. This was the reason for his wife's rude insolence!

Alas, her act of vengeance had backfired on her presently. If only she did not fear those bodyguards around the young woman, she would rush up to her to give a few tight slaps!

"He he! I see that you have it all planned out!" The older woman could not help lapsing into bitter scolding again.

The young lady threw a frigid glance at her and pursed her lips momentarily before retorting, "As a senior member of the Mu family, you ought to display a respectable demeanor instead of behaving like a clown."

Chapter 2050: Do not embarrass yourself further.

"Auntie Shumin, I see that you haven't fully recovered from your injuries. Why don't you stay at home to rest instead of finding trouble for yourself? I'll advise you to leave this place to avoid further embarrassment."

"Don't address me as your aunt! I will never acknowledge you as my niece-in-law! You can dream on!"

The older woman was adamant in giving the lass her biggest humiliation.

Unluckily for the middle-aged lady, the young one did not take the bait and refuted her, instead. "I address you as my aunt for the sake of my husband. You can't blame me for being rude when you refuse to acknowledge me, can you?" After a brief pause, she continued speaking. "In any case, it suits me perfectly well. I have no wish to acknowledge another auntie like you; it feels too awkward."

"You!"

Mu Shumin gnashed her teeth at the young woman's witty retort.

"Let me give you a piece of advice: You're an eyesore. It's much preferred that you leave now to avoid further humiliation."

These words stabbed right at the older one's heart, yet she could do nothing about it. Waving her hand furiously at her men, she ordered, "Hmph! Let's go!"

Before she stormed off, she issued a final warning. "Woman, don't be conceited! Do you think you are left to your whims simply because that chap is around to protect you? Let me tell you: The Mu family isn't a household you can enter easily. You'll never see that day coming as long as I'm around! Hmph!"

Soon after she got into the vehicle, it sped off the scene.

Yun Shishi watched the car disappear into the distance with a smirk, but once it was out of her sight, her countenance soon turned stiff before her breathing turned uneven. In reality, much like the senior woman, she was antagonized by this confrontation.

This was not her first time being lambasted in public, except that this time around, she chose to bear the criticism as much as she could.

She turned to the men around her and thanked them with a smile. "Thank you!"

"You're welcome! It's our responsibility to protect you. We're simply following Chairman Mu's order."

"No matter what, I still want to express my gratitude for your help!" she thanked, smiling as she raised a question. "How did you know that I was in trouble?"

"The chairman instructed us not to intrude into your privacy, so we've been shadowing you quietly."

They were dispatched to protect her in secret as soon as she returned home, and they, being the best of the best, naturally carried out their assignment without a hitch. This was why she had never discovered their existence.

Her heart was warmed even while she gawked at the thought of what she had missed right under her eyes.

It turned out... that her man had been protecting her even though there was no mention of it. He had always been like this, taking action without saying a word.

Meanwhile, the assistant brimmed with envy as she whispered to her artist, "Shishi, I'm so envious of you! Chairman Mu is always looking out for you. I didn't know that he sent his bodyguards to protect you. Thank goodness for them. If not, we would've been done for! Those people brought here by that old woman would easily break our bones!"

"That old woman..." Yun Shishi laughed. "Has your mouth turned vicious only after she left?"

"What to do?! I'm just a small fry and must maintain a low profile before her. With her status, she could easily crush me!" The young assistant could not help expressing her forlorn envy, though. "If I had your husband's protection like you do, I would say anything I wanted to say, much like a crab allowed to get its way crawling horizontally."

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A crab?!

What a description.

The artist was very much amused.

"Alright. Don't let this bother you anymore. It's late already, and we should be on our way."

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