

## Sweet Love 2051

### Chapter 2051: Mu Yancheng's Ambition

After the elderly woman reached the Mu residence, she sat, fuming, on the sofa in the living room. When she recalled her humiliating defeat earlier, she was overcome with anger and swept the teapot and cups on the table to the floor.

*CRACK!*

The porcelain utensils smashed to the ground and broke into pieces, with the tea splashed across the floor.

Mu Yancheng, who happened to be visiting Grandmaster Mu, witnessed this scene when he came down from the second floor. He was stunned to see his aunt hitting the roof.

"Aunt, what happened? Who has antagonized you again?"

"Who else could it be except that b\*tch!"

She was so upset that she could not be bothered to watch her language.

The man knew the intensity of her rage this time and scanned the room quietly with his eyes. The servants read his body language well, and one by one, they retreated from the room as hinted.

Finally, when the two were the only ones left inside the spacious hall, the young man went up to his aunt, gently stroked her back, and comforted, "Don't be upset! Tell me what happened."

"What's the point of telling you? Can you stand up for me or help me teach her a lesson? You can't even win against your second brother, so what's there to talk about?!"

His aunt had always been upset that her young nephew could not be compared to his contemporary. Her words were especially biting today as she seethed with anger and humiliation.

The young chap's face burned with disgrace and indignation, but he had no rebuttal to her words.

Wearing a deadpan expression, he inhaled sharply, clenched his fists tightly, and gritted his teeth in displeasure before he could stomach the humiliation he had just gotten from her.

"Well, I need to be qualified to compete with my second brother, right? He is the head of this household now, so how can I fight with him in terms of power and status?"

His aunt sat in stony silence for a long while before she took a deep breath and slowly explained, "I went to look for his woman today."

"Oh?" He looked at her and asked, "Why did you look for her?"

"I wanted to teach her a lesson as a senior in our family, but guess what happened? Your second brother had a team of men protecting her secretly all along, and my people were badly beaten by them."

When she recounted that incident, her anger flared up again.

“Calm down; why did you bother with that b\*tch? She’s not worth your trouble.”

“What do you mean? She’s riding on your brother’s indulgence and will soon ride over my head, too! How could I not be bothered? She’s not paying me the due respect as her elder, so she deserves to be punished!”

Mu Yancheng let out a sinister smile. An evil glint gleamed his eyes as a scheme formed in his head.

He placed his hand gently on top of his aunt’s and told her at once, “Don’t you find my second brother turning from bad to worse after he was declared as this family’s new head? This is a warning sign! As this household’s leader, he should put the family’s interest above his, but look at him now; he’s causing a grave disturbance just for a woman. Now that the elders are not happy with him, how can we continue to let him hold the power? I really don’t understand why grandpa is so insistent on him being the heir. From what I can see, he has let our family down!”

Truth be told, he had long had his eye on the position Mu Yazhe was holding for a very long time. Alas, he was in no way competent with his second brother in terms of business acumen or capability. The latter had the charisma and leadership qualities since young. Besides, his second brother held the glorious position of being the son of the firstborn—hence, the rest of his siblings dared not even think of competing against him.

#### **Chapter 2052: The Mus are unhappy with him.**

Mu Yancheng was different, though!

He might not be as capable as his second brother, but his ambition was by no means lesser.

Since ancient times, no one could resist the allure of power and status, especially when one had a taste of what it was like to have multitudes bowing to him in servitude. The desire for more would consume anyone!

Who would not aspire to reach the top and become the strongest?

Although the Mu family was no royalty, it was no different from an imperial household.

Hence, he had always been competing with Mu Yazhe since they were small. Alas, he was always a notch below his second brother in everything.

At that time, Mu Linfeng was disappointed, too, with his performance and decided to support the other as heir, instead.

Everyone else was also very satisfied with the capability and performance of the heir apparent then and had no complaints whatsoever.

This led him to give up his struggle for the household throne. It was until Yun Shishi came into the picture.

The tides had turned in his favor with her appearance. Now, those in the family had mixed reviews regarding the new head.

Some elders had no objections whatsoever on who his second brother married. As long as he remained capable and let the family business flourish, they could not care less. Besides, there were not many families which could match their power and status in the capital, so they reckoned that the young man should have a say in whom he wanted as his partner.

However, some opined that the young man would be led astray sooner or later by that vixen in his life. Historically, this was tried and tested. Kings had truly lost their kingdoms because of the women in their lives. There would be no guarantee that such a ridiculous thing would not happen with the chap.

Mu Linfeng was especially upset, for the spies he had placed around his nephew were stripped of their positions when the young chap assumed office.

Indeed, the team of advisors would reshuffle with every change of leadership, and this was enough to cause great concern for this elder.

The pawn, which he had invested time and resources in grooming to be the next leader, was starting to have a mind of his own!

The older man felt a sense of alarm, which he never had before.

Of course, this spelled an excellent chance for Mu Yancheng.

With his uncle's disappointment in his second brother, he could look to the elder for support in his fight to usurp the family head position.

His uncle was a control freak, which might be a family trait. Regardless of how capable the instated leader might be, the elder preferred someone whom he could control. Hence, Mu Yazhe's recent behavior made him very worried.

Mu Yancheng's words were a reminder of his suitability for the role—no doubt! True enough, his aunt had the same thought after listening to him. This nephew of hers was different from his second brother. Unlike Mu Yazhe, who would tell her off whenever she lectured him, the young chap beside her had always been obedient to her. Despite the latter's apparent arrogance, he remained respectful to the family elders.

Compared to her other nephew, this one was a safer choice as their family leader!

The older lady turned her head abruptly to face her nephew and gazed straight into his eyes. "I'm thinking... You'll make a better leader compared to your second brother! That brother of yours is too independent and worrisome. Since he took over the reins, he's been insolent with his demands. Our grand family doesn't exist for his sake alone!" She expressed her sincere thoughts along with her suppressed grievances.

The young man nodded his head vigorously, feeling elated inwardly!

**Chapter 2053: It does not make a difference which one of you becomes the head of the household.**

It looked like his aunt had reached the end of her patience with his second brother, and this was the golden opportunity that he had been waiting for! He would make use of this lacuna to overthrow his brother for the family head position!

Hiding his inner glee with a look of misery, he let out a sigh suddenly with furrowed brows. "I wish for that, too! Actually, I'm not looking for power or status, but rather, I'm disappointed with my second brother as well. There's no point in having this much wealth when our family is subjected to the public's ridicule due to his lowly marriage! Our century-old reputation mustn't be destroyed by him, aunt! If I were the leader, instead, I'd definitely listen to my second uncle's arrangement on whom I should marry to bring glory to our family!" The young man was set on winning over his aunt with his words of submission.

Indeed, his words did the trick as the woman was greatly comforted by his declaration. If his second brother had half of his self-sacrificing attitude, she would not need to experience so much anger.

However, before she could say anything, the chap suddenly shook his head regretfully. "What a pity, though; I was just the heir presumptive, whereas my second brother was the heir apparent. It's only right that he is now this household's head! No matter how eager and sincere I am to run this family, my bloodline isn't pure like his! I'm afraid I have no hope of helping this family!" He hung his head in dejection thereafter.

The elderly woman could not help feeling sorry for him when she heard that and instantly voiced her objection. "What do you mean by him having a pure lineage? All of you are the same as long as you hold the surname of Mu! It doesn't make a difference which one of you is this household's head, so don't put yourself down anymore."

"I'm not putting myself down; those were the words verbalized by the family elders, right? They said that he is exceptional and is of pure lineage. They also said that the Mus should follow the tradition of having the firstborn lead the household. What could I do when I didn't have my second brother's good fortune? *Sigh!*"

His long and heavy sigh made his aunt feel worse for him.

The young chap then continued. "Aunt, can't you see that second brother is out to put you down together with the second uncle? Now that he's removed all your men in the leadership team, who else could speak up for you both? He doesn't even look at your proposals during the meetings with the board of directors anymore! That's so disrespectful; I feel so unjust for you two! He's an ingrate!" He slammed his fist on the table as a demonstration of his anger.

As the chap added fuel to the fire, his aunt's anger was stoked again!

"How ridiculous!" The woman hit the roof again when her nephew reminded her of the unhappy incident.

"Your uncle and I were blind in the past to support that chap! You could blame me for my wrong choice!"

Mu Yancheng sniggered. "Well, let's see how much havoc he can create when he loses everyone's vote of confidence!"

“You’d better prove yourself from now on. I’ll speak to your uncle about putting you as the head, instead.” His aunt assured him.

This was exactly what he wanted to hear!

Her words injected confidence in him. Honestly, he had not expected her to show support openly, so he was simply overjoyed to win her overt assurance easily.

One must not underestimate this middle-aged lady, who still held considerable status and power within the Mu household.

Moreover, she would rope in Mu Linfeng, who was highly regarded within the family. One word from that elder would easily supersede an eloquent argument from any of his nephews!

### **Chapter 2054: Smoothly Completed**

Mu Shumin muttered to herself for a while before letting out a sigh suddenly. “Don’t look down on your second brother, though! Think about it; he avoided all sorts of calamities in this family when he was a child. With him inheriting the power, it shows that he isn’t a well-doer. His underhanded means aren’t something you can confront with your current position. Don’t go provoking him until the moment is right. Your second uncle and I are still a bit afraid of him, so don’t fool around.”

Mu Yancheng nodded his head. “You should know that I don’t like stirring trouble.”

“What you need to do now is become stronger—stronger than him! As for your second uncle and I, we will promote you to some of the elders in the family first. Yancheng, remain good, alright? We will definitely help you!”

He was pleased beyond expectations. Although he was perilously overjoyed inwardly, he remained calm and collected outwardly. “Yes! I don’t deserve your high regard, aunt! I will work hard and definitely won’t let your support and expectations go to waste. If I get the chance to sit on the throne, I’ll definitely do my best to make our family even more powerful!”

“I’m extremely gratified by your words, nephew!”

The elderly lady smiled, yet her heart was filled with other intentions.

All she wanted was just an obedient puppet.

She still hoped that the master of the family would be her son!

This chap was thoughtful and obedient. When the time came for him to be abdicated, her son would undoubtedly be given the chance to succeed the throne.

The two individuals did not say another word as they secretly harbored different ulterior motives.

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Yun Shishi sped through the filming for half a week straight and completed all her scenes smoothly by the weekend.

The day she ended her filming, Hua Jin happened to return from Sea City to the production team.

With her parts completed, they were more than half done with the filming. In a good mood, Gu Xiaoyang ordered a huge cake and magnanimously booked a huge private room in a hotel that night to celebrate.

The actress noticed that the idol had returned to the production team and that his stitches had been removed. He had his haughty demeanor as if nothing had changed.

However, now, he seemed to treat her coldly.

He nodded his head slightly with a smile when he saw her but did not converse thereafter.

As for what had happened those few days, he did not utter a word about it.

She originally wanted to show concern about the issue with Lin Xueya, but she decided against it after seeing his distant attitude.

It seemed as if he... had changed a lot.

To others, he was still neither friendly nor cold.

Could it be that he was worried about that rich lady, and that was why he was keeping a distance from her?

She was a bit upset.

She was keen on helping him leave the industry and escape that woman's clutches.

The actress could tell that he genuinely hated that woman and wanted to break away from her control, but his fear of her overruled his loathing.

She did not know exactly how powerful the Lins were for him to be trembling in fear.

He was probably afraid of implicating her!

That was what she thought.

During the celebratory banquet, everyone was enjoying themselves. However, despite the smile on her face, she was feeling slightly down.

She was a little reluctant to part with the production team. They had been filming together for such a long time in laughter and in tears. Although there was some unhappiness, there were still more unforgettable memories.

"Shishi, I really admire you! You smoothly completed your parts, while we still have to endure a little longer," said an actress with a minor role enviously.

She teased. "What's there to admire about? The audience is probably clapping their hands with joy now that my role is wrapped up!"

**Chapter 2055: Hit with a Sharp Rebuff**

This role of hers was an arduous and thankless task. The audience would hate her and wish for her to die soon when they watched this series.

The moment this was aired, her Weibo would certainly be under attacks.

This role was truly strenuous and unrewarding.

Not only did her role try to persecute the female lead in various ways, she even tried to steal the male lead. She was truly a sinister role with plenty of shrewd schemes.

When she first saw the script, she resented the character, but she was more excited about acting it out. It was inspiring to take on such a difficult and challenging role.

Of course, she was also prepared to accept all kinds of spitting.

Mu Xi snorted coldly as she whispered to her charge, "It's not fair at all! Lin Zhi was very fitting to act such a villainous role since she'd just be acting herself! Shishi, why didn't you accept the female lead role? Boss Qin arranged everything for you; even Director Gu picked you."

Hearing this from the side, Lin Zhi retorted, "She's just self-aware that she's not good enough for the main role. With her lack of fame, she definitely couldn't pick up the ratings."

Apart from a few main cast, the director and the upper management had yet to arrive, so the senior actress had no misgivings with her words.

She was extremely unhappy with the newbie, but she could not do anything about it.

Therefore, she could only rely on her swift tongue.

The assistant was immediately incensed upon hearing her remark. This woman was intentionally provoking them when the director was not around!

She was just about to speak when her charge held her back. Yun Shishi then turned to face her colleague with an elegant smile. "It can't be helped that I'm a skilled actress. If you were given such a difficult role, you'd definitely do it injustice. Letting you have the female lead was me taking care of you. You should thank me."

Her remark was casual but filled with mockery.

Several actors seated near them let out a 'pfft' as they hid their laughter by covering their mouths.

Lin Zhi instantly lost face, and she glared at the newbie hatefully before saying stubbornly, "Who said I couldn't act the role? How could my skills be worse than yours?! He he! Don't be too full of yourself! If such words were to spread, you might end up being a joke! Where did you get your confidence to say that you are a better actress than I am right to my face?"

Hua Jin furrowed his eyebrows impatiently but did not say anything.

Hearing this, Yun Shishi only gave a venomous response. "I wouldn't dare to think that way. I don't have the right to say such words in front of an actress who has to rely on underhanded means to become famous."

“...”

Being hit with such a sharp rebuff, the senior actress's expression became incomparably ashen.

The newcomer's words did not leave her any dignity and left her humiliated to the bones with how she dragged her skin until nothing was left in front of everyone!

Everyone hid their faces as they laughed. This scene was simply too gratifying.

As they did not dare to bicker with Lin Zhi and were afraid to say anything to her, most of them could only tolerate her in the production team.

Hence, Yun Shishi's words had helped them vent out their resentment!

The woman surveyed her surroundings. Be it the main cast or supporting roles, they were all secretly laughing at her. Their gazes were filled with contempt! She felt as if she were sitting on pins and needles, completely and utterly humiliated!

She did not realize that this newbie artist had such a sharp tongue!

The former reckoned that the latter was picking on a weak spot of hers to stomp on viciously.

She was utterly incensed and wanted to leave the celebration, but then she thought of how she might offend the upper management who had yet to arrive with her sudden departure. She was fearful that the director would make things difficult for her if she ended up irking him.

#### **Chapter 2056: Why do so many people dote on her?**

Therefore, Lin Zhi tolerated this humiliation and suffered it in silence. She also realized that she should stop provoking the actress for now.

Hua Jin glanced at her before withdrawing his eyes quietly. He picked up a cup of tea and took a sip. However, he immediately furrowed his brows and spat it onto the plate.

Seeing this, Yun Shishi asked with care, "Is it too hot?"

He shook his head, his attitude slightly apathetic.

Her expression became a bit indifferent due to this.

Witnessing how her face had finally turned icy, the other woman let out a sneer.

When she did, the idol glared at her. Within seconds, he had tossed the slightly scalding tea in his hand at her!

Lin Zhi was unexpectedly splashed all over, screaming in pain as she had been burned. She stood up immediately, swatting away the hot tea on her body and shaking her clothes as she wailed.

Although she was nimble, her skin under the clothes had still been burned red.

The actor threw the teacup onto the ground harshly, causing it to smash into smithereens.

Everyone was stunned by his abrupt fury. They were all too afraid to even breathe.

Yun Shishi was taken aback, too. She did not expect that things would develop into such a scenario.

His face was extremely icy as he spoke coldly. "Don't you dare show that face!"

"Hua Jin!"

Lin Zhi cried in indignation, "What exactly are you trying to do?! You... Did you want to disfigure my face?!"

"Disfigure you?"

He smiled in disdain. "If I wanted to do that, the cup of tea earlier would not only splash on your body!"

Hearing this, she broke out in a cold sweat out of shock.

Indeed, this guy had been merciful to have only splashed the tea on her body. If he had tilted his angle a little, it would have landed on her face.

She was shaking with anger. It was winter thankfully and she was wearing thick clothes. Even if she had been burned a little, it was not to the extent of getting blisters.

If they had been in the summer, her bosom would have been ruined.

She could basically say goodbye to wearing any sexy dresses for any event she attended!

However, having tea splashed on her was the greatest humiliation she had ever experienced.

She bit her lower lip, her eyes wet with tears. She choked on her words sadly as she asked, "Why... are you treating me like this?"

What did she say wrong?

She did not even say anything. The woman only subconsciously let out a sneer in mockery, yet she was treated this way!

Hua Jin let out an enchanting and mocking smirk. His expression was suggestive. "There's no particular reason. I just found you an eyesore."

"You..."

What did he mean by an eyesore?

He changed his demeanor because he was just protecting Yun Shishi; that was all!

Why?

Why did she have so many people around her that would protect and dote on her?!

Lin Zhi was speechless with anger. She stomped her feet and her assistant at the side instantly went forward to calm her down, speaking with a pacifying smile, "Hey, don't be rash. It's alright! We'll just change your clothes."

Following that, the assistant whispered into her ear, "Don't stoop to his level; you won't be able to win against him. I've checked it out, and it isn't going to be much of an issue. Your clothes are just wet, so

just change out and things will be fine. There's no need to confront the idol over this... This person isn't Yun Shishi; it's not good to offend him."

The actress accepted her words and wiped away her tears harshly before turning around and following her assistant to the washroom.

Waiting until she was gone, the man returned to his seat expressionlessly. Everybody was slowly pulled out of their reverie and resumed their cheerful chatter and bantering. It was just infuriating, though, that things were not as joyful as before.

### **Chapter 2057: There are spies in the production team.**

After ten minutes or so, Lin Zhi returned with a fresh attire, though her expression was as sour as ever.

One by one, the producers arrived at the scene with Director Gu and a few investors. Hua Jin and the actress knew better than to continue their drama in the presence of these VIPs. Hence, everyone soon put away the unhappy incident. The dinner banquet turned into a boisterous event thereafter.

After taking a group photo with the entire crew and key members, the banquet finally came to an end.

As Yun Shishi engaged in a friendly banter with her assistant while leisurely strolling over to their car at the parking lot, a hand seized hers out of the blue.

Mu Xi was startled by this event until she recognized that the person holding her artist's hand was Hua Jin. He lifted his index finger to his lips, signaling her to keep mum.

"I have something to speak to your charge. Can you give us a moment alone, please?"

The man was mindful of his manners when he made this request.

The assistant looked at her artist for her opinion and only retreated when the latter waved her away affirmatively.

The actress turned to face the young man, only to see him looking apologetically at her. The aloofness in his eyes had been replaced by gentleness this time.

"I'm sorry to make you suffer."

"What happened to you? Since your return from Sea City, you've been acting detached... Have I been a burden to you?"

"Not at all!" He was hurt to hear that she had such a thought and quickly explained himself. "I... I have to behave in this manner with you."

"Is it because of Lin Xueya?" The actress spoke out her suspicion inside.

The man nodded, feeling disheartened, and said in a subdued tone, "Her spies are everywhere in the production team. I can't get too close to you, or you'll get in deep trouble."

"I'm not bothered." The actress told him calmly. "I see you as my brother just like how you treat me as your sister. We are family and have nothing of those frivolous attachments."

“That’s not what she thinks, though.” He paused momentarily before continuing. “I don’t deserve your kindness.”

“You aren’t deserving?” She chuckled softly. “How could someone be undeserving when he willingly put his life on the line for me?”

His eyes flickered at her words and he gazed with emotion at her; he was deeply moved.

“Shishi...” He hesitated, seemingly wanting to say more. Instead, holding a look of complexity on his face, he congratulated her. “You’ve wrapped up the show well and good. Congratulations.”

“Thank you.”

After the two parted ways, the protagonist sat inside the moving vehicle and absentmindedly gazed at the passing scenery.

Mu Xi brooded the subject cautiously. “What did Hua Jin say to you earlier?”

“Nothing much.”

“I see...” After keeping quiet for a while, the assistant blurted out, “Actually, he’s quite pitiful.”

“Oh, why so?”

The young lady answered, “He may seem to enjoy a good life with a rich lady supporting him, but in reality, he is like a canary in a cage and doesn’t have his freedom. He must be feeling lonely and helpless.”

Her assistant’s heartfelt words for the young actor left her speechless. She said nothing in the end.

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The end of the year drew near.

Qin Zhou decided to give her a rare early break. With slightly more than half a month to go before the year-end holiday, she took that chance to have a good rest.

Actually, many organizers had invited her to their New-Year celebration programs. One of them wanted to ride the popularity waves of ‘The Green Apple’ and asked her to go on stage to sing the theme song, but the actress asked her manager to reject the invitation.

### **Chapter 2058: Showering Compliment**

She wanted to celebrate the holiday with her family and spend more time with the twins to make up for the time she had been busy with work.

Early this morning, the ringing sound of her phone startled her awake.

The drowsy woman fumbled around the bed for her phone and answered the call, only to hear her brother’s mesmerizing yet sexy voice come from the other end.

“Are you free today, sis?”

She was wide awake now. "Xiao Jie?"

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Youyou realized that his uncle had been dropping by in the country a lot more frequently these days.

One must know that Gong Jie, as the Hurricane Group's chief commander, was mainly responsible for the affairs on the North American market. This was why he was swamped with work most of the time. What was more; the arms market was particularly popular recently, and this led to the growing number of orders with each passing day. Half of his time now was usually spent on traveling and negotiating deals.

His job scope was mainly about dealing with contracts and order forms and selling his family's firearms at high prices to buyers.

The organization's military factories, which were set up in remote areas, could be found domestically and internationally. Many of those responsible for supplying arms to the North American market were residing in the US.

Once the contract was signed and the deposit was received, he would lead his team of mercenaries to load the goods on a cargo ship and then safely bring them to their destination.

That was what he mostly did in his line of work.

He could be elegantly lounging in the president's office to negotiate business deals the day prior, but the next day, he might be off to a specific war zone, braving the battlefield to deliver firearms to the frontline.

He usually went on vacation only when he had spare time before, but things were different now.

He would fly back to the country and pester his sister to go out on a date with him at the first chance he got.

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Yun Shishi was very curious about her brother's occupation. Currently, all she knew was that he owned a company and had a property under his name. She knew absolutely nothing about what he exactly did for a living, and he refrained from mentioning it to her, too.

She spotted his car parked at the entrance as soon as she left the house. He was keeping a low-profile today and had specifically chosen to drive a Mercedes-Benz SUV, which had received bulletproof treatment and had its windows tinted with black film. With the windows rolled up, it was impossible for one to see who was in the car from the outside.

It suddenly hit her that that chap had driven a very flashy convertible sports car the last time they were out together, so she was surprised to find him driving such an inconspicuous vehicle this time.

The reason he did so was actually to throw the spies his father had sent off his trail.

She opened the car door to the passenger seat to find him, with a hand on the steering wheel, tilting his body to face her with a bright smile on his face.

He was not dressed in white for once, much to her surprise.

Instead, he was dressed in a rare, all-black ensemble—sweater, trousers, boots, and sunglasses. He looked especially dashing and aloof at first glance.

It turned out that white was not the only color that suited him, for a trace of nobility and elegance still seeped through his arrogant demeanor despite being dressed in black.

The woman closed the door after she got in the car.

Gong Jie looked at her deeply before suddenly unbuckling his seatbelt to lean over to her side. He placed a gentle peck on her glabella as he helped her buckle up. His hand reached out to stroke her silky hair, his eyes looking especially tender as he did so.

“You’re looking gorgeous today.”

She was drunk on that sweet compliment; a furious shade of red crept up her face. Somehow, even though that compliment came from her brother, it made her heart race in excitement just like how a young teen in love would feel!

She teasingly replied, “Whoa! You’re showering compliments on me as soon as I got in your car. Spill it; do you have a favor to ask me?”

He was dumbfounded by what she thought of him.

### **Chapter 2059: Two Awkward People**

He let out an arrogant snort in response. “You couldn’t even bear to hear the truth?”

His sister’s head dipped as she blushed even harder.

Tickled by her shy countenance, the man guffawed. He could not resist tucking a lock of stray hair behind her ear.

“My sister is a beauty, and that’s an undeniable fact.”

*Whoever dares to deny it shall be shot to death!*

“Enough with the teasing!”

She could not help being amused by him. *To think that this brat is just as clingy as ever even when he’s all grown up now.*

“Where shall we go for our date?”

“Uh...” Despite having already stepped on the gas pedal and maneuvered the steering wheel in his hands, Gong Jie had no idea where they should go to enjoy their date. In all honesty, his longing for his sister was why he had called her out. No matter where they went, he would be content provided that he could enjoy her companionship.

Just some time back, he was tasked to go to the Middle East to settle a troublesome deal, which left him greatly frustrated. Hence, the moment he finished with the negotiation of the deal, he decided to meet with his sister.

He had not thought of any specific place for their date, however.

“Are you hungry?”

“Yes, a bit,” replied the woman as she rubbed her starving stomach. She had chosen to skip her breakfast in favor of sleeping in for the day. Thus, her stomach was growling for food now.

“Let’s go somewhere to eat then.”

He drove the car all the way to the city center and had just parked his car in the basement of a shopping mall when he realized, much to his horror, that he did not have his wallet on him.

After digging through his pockets and searching all over his car, he only managed to find a few dollar bills...

He plastered an embarrassed smile on his face as he turned to his sister and asked, “Do you have your wallet with you, sis?”

She searched through her pockets as well. Likewise, an awkward smile crept up her lips as she pulled out a hundred-yuan bill from a pocket.

“Is this enough for us to enjoy a big meal?”

“...”

“...”

The two fell silent for a whole minute as they looked blankly at each other.

Gong Jie broke the silence first. “I don’t think it’s enough to cover the minimum consumption cost at an average restaurant.”

Yun Shishi: “...”

Unfortunately for her, her stomach chose to growl loudly right at that moment. The awkward atmosphere between them was now laced with gloominess as well.

The man helplessly grazed his nose as he offered, “I’ll go back to the hotel to take my wallet.”

“There’s no need to make a return trip just to retrieve your wallet!” An idea hit her right then. “I know a place where we still can enjoy ourselves with just a hundred yuan.”

“Is that so? Where?”

“Xinmin Street!”

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Half an hour later, the man parked his car at the roadside of Xinmin Street. The bustling food street, which was popular among locals, was a novel sight to him.

On top of the many small-sized restaurants and eateries, there were many small-scale departmental stores and dollar stores around.

One could find food ranging from spicy hotpot and Lanzhou pulled noodles to homecooked food here. As the street was mostly frequented by the working class and students, who worked and studied in the vicinity, it would become extraordinarily lively and crowded at lunchtime.

Thus, the appearance of a bright, shiny Mercedes-Benz SUV in the local street inevitably attracted the curious and surprised gazes of everyone.

It made the woman feel like a national treasure placed in a zoo for everyone to gawk and stare at.

As the target consumers of Xinmin Street were the workers and students in the vicinity, they had little parking lots here. They were, thus, unable to find an available spot even after encircling the area. It made their situation even more depressing.

Fortunately for them, there was a hospital nearby. She suggested to her brother that they park the car in the hospital's parking lot and walk over to the street from there.

"Can you take spicy food?"

Her brother stated, "You can choose anything you want."

The woman, who was fond of eating spicy food, then cheerfully suggested that they eat spicy hotpot despite her worries that he might not be used to such local dishes.

She was sure that, with him living such a pampered lifestyle, he had not eaten any street food like the one she had just suggested.

### **Chapter 2060: I said to get lost.**

She was sure that, with him living in luxury, he would not have eaten any street food like the one she had suggested and would, thus, shoot down her suggestion.

Who knew that he would end up nodding his head, instead?!

Everyone—diners and staff alike—in that tiny hotpot shop was so stunned by the appearance of the impeccably dressed siblings, especially the attractive-looking man, that their chopsticks in hand froze in midair!

For a moment, they all thought that the newly arrived couple was just a figment of their imagination, for they did not appear to be ordinary folks who would dine in such a small eatery given their getup. They reckoned that the two had come to experience the life of the common people on a whim.

Even the cashier, who was working at a nearby departmental store, gawked at the man. In a hushed voice, she told her colleagues, "Look! That man is such a hunk!"

"He looks so much better than the celebs we see on TV!"

"Is he perhaps a celebrity?"

“By the looks of it, he is more like a scion...”

Everyone was captivated by Gong Jie’s exquisite yet alluring features. There were several female students in the hotpot shop, and each of them was mesmerized by him. They could not stop marveling at his good looks.

The man paid them no attention, however, and simply turned to sit on a short stool. He then pulled out his hankie and carefully wiped the table clean with it in all seriousness.

Just as Yun Shishi picked up a basket in preparation to select the ingredients for their hotpot, she heard her brother politely saying to the shop owner, “We’d like to order one serving of spicy hotpot, boss.”

The lady boss and everyone else was dumbfounded by his order...

One look and everyone knew that this young master had never eaten spicy hotpot before.

Stifling a chuckle, his sister told him, “That’s not how you eat spicy hotpot, Xiao Jie.”

“Is that so...” He arched his brow in bafflement.

While selecting the ingredients and putting them in her basket, she explained, “You should pick the ingredients you want in your hotpot and add them into your pot of soup.”

He lazily propped his chin up with his hand and petulantly requested, “Help me pick my ingredients, then.”

“Will you like what I pick for you?”

“I’ll eat everything that you pick for me.”

Everyone cast envious gaze in her direction once more.

She could instantly feel... the prickling stares at her back.

*It looks like... we’ve been mistaken for an intimate couple.*

Helpless about the situation, she simply shrugged her shoulders and went to get two more baskets. While doing so, she shot a glare at her brother’s back.

The man just sat obediently in his seat as he waited for his sister, his gentle gaze never leaving her.

Two young ladies entered the hotpot shop right at that moment. Their eyes were instantly drawn to the refined man sitting in a corner of the shop. Both started tugging at each other’s sleeves as they engaged in a hushed conversation.

“Heavens...”

“He’s really handsome...”

Their whispers happened to reach his sister’s ears. Yun Shishi coolly turned her head over, only to see them mustering their courage to approach her brother. Once they reached his table, they eagerly occupied the seats.

Sensing the presence of others beside him, he retracted his gentle gaze and cast a cold look at them.  
“This seat is taken.”

“Huh?”

The girls were so dazed by his looks that they failed to catch what he was saying.

“What did you just say, handsome?”

“I said: Get lost.”

The curt reply was spoken in such a cold and arrogant manner that it did not leave any face for the girls.

The two froze in their seats in an instant; their hearts were all broken.

A woman from the next table kindly told them, “Ladies, that seat is indeed taken; it belongs to his girlfriend!”

“Girlfriend?!”

Gong Jie raised a brow in surprise, not expecting to be mistaken for a couple. Nevertheless, he did not bother correcting them.

His sister did not hear any of this exchange. Once she was done selecting the ingredients, she passed them to the lady boss.

Feeling bored and curious in the meantime, he picked up her phone and fiddled with it.

This phone was bought not too long ago and was quite exquisite considering that it was the latest model.