

Sweet Love 2461

Chapter 2461: A wife-slave has been nurtured.

At times and places when she was not around to see, like a possessed man, he would always secretly take out their marriage certificate and fondly gaze at the couple in the photo time and again. His smile would also unknowingly reach his eyes.

If she were to know that he had been carrying their marriage certificate with him all this while, she would surely look at him differently!

Whenever he was not busy with work, he would take out the red booklet from his office drawer to look and feel it. Even Lu Jinyu encountered this scene several times.

He secretly told Jiang Shen, "Our chief seems to be possessed!"

When the other heard this, he secretly gave their chief the nickname 'wife-slave', saying, "He's a slave of his wife!"

He shook his head. "You didn't see how he giggled away while staring at his marriage certificate! That's quite a shocking image."

That really threw Jiang Shen off.

In fact, Mu Yazhe did not realize that he was on his way to becoming a full-fledged wife-slave from the moment he got married.

Yun Shishi was initially worried that the man would not treasure her as much once they got married, but it turned out that her worries were unfounded. He cherished her more and more as time passed because he had this constant thought that no one else but him would dote on his lawful wife.

This thinking led him into displaying the typical traits of a wife-slave, which thoroughly astounded his buddies.

He also now understood that the marriage certificate was not just a piece of paper.

Despite already being a married couple, they were still like any other unwedded couple who was passionately in love. They would miss each other badly for the entire day even though they had only been separated since morning. During afternoon meetings, he would appear distracted even if he was sitting in the conference room. That was because he wanted to go home early and wait for his wife's return.

He would be like the Amah Rock, though in his case, he would be the one waiting for his wife instead of the other way around!

His heart would finally calm down and be at peace when he held her petite frame in his arms, which would fill his embrace. It was like, only by doing this, could he truly feel her in warm flesh.

Meanwhile, the woman was silently thinking to herself, *This man has become more clingy toward me after getting married. Is this considered a good thing or a bad thing?*

He, on the other hand, was contemplating a question. *When will my wife bear me a little princess?*

“Hubby...”

“Hm?”

“Say...” asked Yun Shishi awkwardly, “is the technology in plastic surgery that advanced now?”

The man was still indulging in his ‘princess fantasy’ when she posed that question, so he vaguely caught the words ‘plastic surgery’. He belatedly asked out of curiosity, “Plastic surgery?”

“Yeah, it’s regarding this morning’s Weibo post! The female in the photos is called Li Xiang’er! Qin Zhou deliberately went to find her photos to compare our looks, but we look really alike. He surmised that she probably underwent plastic surgery based on my looks, but could a plastic surgery really achieve that?”

“If the person themselves is already a lookalike, then it’s not exactly impossible for them to get the same looks with plastic surgery.”

The woman’s face darkened when she heard that answer.

She felt rather uncomfortable and awkward at the thought of some woman undergoing plastic surgery based on her looks.

“The post that’s trending on Weibo this morning...”

He kept mum for a moment before replying, “I saw it.”

Chapter 2462: Crazy Sensationalism

“Don’t you think that she looks like me?”

The man shook his head and declared confidently, “How can I possibly fail to recognize my wife? She looks nothing like you.”

“How’s that possible?” She clearly did not believe his words. “Qin Zhou, Youyou, and Little Yichen thought that I was the one in the photos.”

“I’m the one who sleeps with you every night. How can I possibly not recognize my wife?”

He explained, “Besides, even though you have similar looks, the way you carry yourself is clearly different.”

“The way I carry myself?”

“Yes. She doesn’t have your poise, so no matter how much she resembles you, she doesn’t stand out from the crowd.”

As the saying went, ‘poise over appearance’. The way one carried themselves was more important than having a good-looking face.

Yun Shishi had excellent poise and appeared just as beautiful and graceful as her poetic name suggested.

Her mood instantly lifted when she heard that. She turned around and pinched her husband's cheeks smilingly. "You have such a glib tongue, huh?"

Putting aside the issue of whether these were just honeyed words or his heartfelt declaration, they were enough to send her giddy with happiness.

Her good mood was short-lived, however...

The next day, Li Xiang'er's management company pushed the entire affair to climax. In Qin Zhou's words, it was basically crazed sensationalism.

"Well-played! How well-played, indeed!" The manager slammed a stack of documents onto the desk, fuming. "Li Xiang'er is a totally shameless person!"

"What's wrong?" She was having her makeup done when she noticed her manager in a foul mood. His eyes, which were blazing with anger, got her asking curiously, "What has she done this time?"

"Her management company engaged a PR team last night, and that PR team sure has lots of tricks up their sleeves. They actually posted her before-surgery photos online."

"Isn't that your goal?" she asked curiously. "Weren't you looking for those photos?"

"Yes, I did find the photos, but before Huanyu could do anything about them, EASE published that article first. The timing makes a whole difference. If I managed to publish that article first, the public's opinion would be in your favor. The infuriating thing is that their PR team deliberately chose a few nicer-looking before-surgery photos of Li Xiang'er to publish. They've just released that article, and she's already denying having undergone plastic surgery the very next second, claiming that she only went to the hospital to do some verification to sue those media outlets for 'defamation'! What an impressive scheme, indeed! This plastic surgery topic is enough to create a buzz about her for a while!"

"Isn't she afraid of tarnishing her reputation by resorting to such tricks?"

"So what if she has a bad reputation? Who cares about that? As long as that person is famous, regardless of whether their reputation is good or bad, people will pay attention to them; the weirder and more shameless they are, the better as it will lead to increased exposure, too! Li Xiang'er only started this yesterday, but many TV networks have already been sending invitations for her to guest in their shows since early this morning! This is the effect of sensationalism."

Many starlets would go all out to gain exposure and fame for themselves. They would not hesitate to make themselves ugly to entertain the crowd or post some disgusting comments to get attention from people. There were also others who went about it the more direct way: stripping to fame. It was because of such immoral people that the entertainment industry was such a foul place.

After all, people tended to resort to unscrupulous means to gain fame and wealth.

Pride and dignity were nothing in the face of fame and wealth!

Chapter 2463: Portrait Replication

The manager huffed. “Shishi, you’ve been eyed and bitten by that mad dog, and she’s not going to let go! You should go see what she posted on Weibo this morning! That selfie looks exactly like the one you posted the previous night! She’s clearly imitating you.”

Just the previous night, Yun Shishi had uploaded a selfie of herself, smiling away with her chin propped on her hand, wearing a set of pastel yellow clothes and a matching cap, but when she opened Weibo to check out the photo her manager was talking about...

Sure enough, the young model had copied her and uploaded a selfie of herself in the exact same outfit with the background looking very similar to hers that morning. It was unknown how she managed to achieve it, but the actress was slightly antagonized this time.

Out of indignation, Mu Xi cursed, “That Li Xiang’er sure is an irksome bitch! She’s probably doing this because she knows that we can’t do anything to her! Does she have a sugar daddy behind her or something?”

Qin Zhou retorted, “Even if she doesn’t have one in the past, she’s gained enough popularity from this matter for people to come lining up to be her sugar daddy.”

Thus, Yun Shishi’s good mood was completely ruined by that model’s crazed sensationalism from the start of the day.

Two days later, her underwater portraits that had been taken previously were posted on the magazine’s official Weibo page, along with a short video of the ongoings behind the scenes.

The actress clicked in to see the edited photos right away. They were exquisitely taken with excellent lighting, showing a long, red gown dancing seductively in the turquoise water.

She was especially fond of a particular photo—the one where she was submerged in the sunray-reflected water and was facing the surface with her hair and red dress floating all around her. It showed off her fair skin, beautifully drawn brows, almond-shaped eyes, red lips, and pearly whites. One look from her was enough to capture any person’s heart.

Another one was a back shot of her.

In this photo, she was wearing a white dress while holding a bouquet of flaming red roses to her nose as she looked down and sniffed at them lightly. Her body moved seductively like a mermaid swimming in the depths of the sea. The visual effects were stunning after the photo went through editing, for they accentuated the snow-white dress and her fair skin against her black hair, red lips, and red roses.

Few starlets had tried taking portraits underwater, so her underwater portraits came as a surprise to countless people and captured many fans’ attention as soon as they were released.

[Gosh! I didn’t know that portraits could be shot in this way!]

[Shishi is a sight for sore eyes! She looks just like a mermaid!]

[I love that photo of her in the red dress! Her black tresses and her red flowy dress in the water make her look so mesmerizing and alluring!]

[How beautiful!]

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A few days after those portraits were released, Li Xiang'er posted a series of portraits on her Weibo page, too. She had actually copied Yun Shishi and taken photos underwater just like her, much to the astonishment of others.

The most infuriating thing was that the photo composition and the actress's poses, outfits, style, makeup were copied right down to a tee!

It could not be any clearer that the young model was mimicking the actress. When the photos were placed side by side, it was hard to distinguish which set of photos belonged to Yun Shishi and which one belonged to the copycat.

Qin Zhou, who had been paying attention to Li Xiang'er's Weibo page, was boiling mad when he came across those photos.

It's clear that that model is out to copy my charge to the very end!

Never mind that she underwent surgery to look like Shishi; she even got some nerve to replicate her portraits as well!

Chapter 2464: Setting a Name (1)

Li Xiang'er's photos, however, were not as sophisticated as Yun Shishi's. They looked unrefined and rather badly executed, where the lighting effects could have done better. After all, these were not shot by any photography masters. Still, the overall effect was more than enough to fool some of the fans despite the poor attention to details.

The actress's indignant fans were outraged and called her out on her shamelessness.

The model, however, seemed to enjoy this kind of attention.

On the following morning after the night she left the hotel, she was equally shocked to see pictures of her appearing on social media when she checked Weibo.

Shortly after, she was summoned to the office which filled her with trepidation. She did not know what trouble she had gotten herself into due to this scandal.

In the end, she was brought to meet the management team, which she had not expected at all. They told her outright that they were the ones to send the paparazzo on her and then proceeded to tell her their intention to package her as a professional actress.

She was stunned by this sudden piece of good news!

Like most young, nubile models, she had graduated from an unknown art school, and like many of them, she had done some public relation works when she was still in university. No line was crossed in that part-time job, of course. At that time, she was still schooling and the discipline was strict.

She managed to shore up some savings from the part-time assignments; thus, after graduating from the art school, she came to the bustling capital all by herself, with the intention of working toward her thespian dream.

At that time, her features were not considered outstanding, and though the movie, 'The Green Apple', had not been released yet, images of Yun Shishi were already exposed in the public domain.

She was Gu Xingze's diehard fan, and wanting to sculpt her face to look like the actress, she flew to Korea on three occasions to undergo reconstructive surgeries.

The surgeries were very successful; thus, with her exceptional looks, she quickly landed a contract with a modeling agency. Of course, this agency was nothing spectacular and could not even bring her close to any runway assignments. When she was still unknown, she had only done some simple poster ads for a paltry fee.

Her meeting with the superstar at that private party was probably the tipping point in her career.

At that time, the man's acting career had just hit rock-bottom, where he was banned from showbiz and all his contracts were canceled. When she first met him, he looked really depressed and was rather intoxicated after a few drinks.

She intentionally drew close to him, and probably due to her looks, her attempts to please him did not turn him off surprisingly.

One thing led to another, naturally. He was just like any other man, with his primal desires, but because there was a woman in his heart, he instinctively rejected any other women who came his way.

Li Xiang'er, with her face closely resembling the woman in his heart, managed to break the spell.

Perhaps he chose her because he was badly needing a substitute for comfort, but from the very beginning of this relationship, which had nothing to do with glamor or romance, he had made it clear to her, in a very cold and cruel way, that theirs was a trade. This was a deal where he needed her to satisfy him, and in return, he would pay her a handsome sum. Otherwise, there was nothing between them.

Chapter 2465: Setting a Name (2)

The only thing was that he hardly looked for her or even touched her. Many a time, he would stop at the most crucial moment. When it came to sexual impulses, he was hardly enthusiastic, or perhaps he only thought of her when he faced some dire need of relief. After all, the two of them were merely together to fulfill each other's needs.

He held no desire or expectation for any woman other than Yun Shishi. There was a possibility that, in the future, he might have to abide by his family's instruction to get a wife. Otherwise, he would remain single for life and simply stick to a regular woman for comfort when the need arose.

He was definitely pessimistic in this regard.

During that low period in his life, he lived a troubled and disoriented lifestyle, so much so that he was even unaware of the hidden dangers around him.

The modeling agency quickly took notice of the girl's activity with the superstar and was truly elated!

In particular, the young model's agent, who should be more aptly described as the person responsible for her, discussed at length with the company's top management and, without informing the two involved parties, drew up a series of hyping campaigns.

What a joke!

No one would have dared to imagine that a seemingly unknown young model like her could be involved in the relationship with the superstar.

Regardless of the nature of their relationship, there would be an extraordinary amount of speculative hype as long as it involved the man a tiniest bit. One could imagine the extent of fame and exposure the girl could get from such an association!

As a third-grade modeling agency, EASE had had no chance to groom a real star since its inception. Even though it was a talent agency, it was still a business that ran mostly escort services; hence, any available resources it had were reserved for the artists the company had signed on with. Thus far, it never had a chance to produce an A-lister.

Li Xiang'er might be their hope to break this dry spell, and having a famous actress under their charge might give the company its much-needed breakthrough.

They had to thank the superstar for this windfall!

The company wasted no time to make their stand with the young model; they would offer her a contract, but in return, she would have to sign her life away!

They were upfront with her. Following this, the company would create a series of hypes for her in relation to Gu Xingze, and for that, they would spend a hefty sum to engage a professional company specializing in hype campaigns, but they needed her full cooperation in this affair. For it to be successful, she would be subjected to a lot of cursing and harsh words from the artists' fans. All these were necessary in the name of fame!

If she could bear with all the negativity, the company would cast their bets on her and groom her to be a professional artist. She might be able to receive movie, TV, or commercial offers and work with all those top-tier celebs. Furthermore, if she was able to stand up to the demands and hard work, who knew? She might be able to stand on par with all the big stars, such as Yun Shishi and Yang Mi.

The young model's heart was moved and flustered by all the promises!

The entertainment industry was differentiated by tiers of statuses, much like Maslow's hierarchy pyramid. At the very tip of the top-most tier would be the international stars such as Han Yuyan and Gu Xingze. Below them were those A- and B-listers without any international recognition, such as Li Jiuxian, Yang Mi, and Yun Shishi, followed by third-tier artists like Lin Zhi and so forth.

As a new model making her debut, she was at the bottom of the food chain. Frankly, she could not even be considered part of the crowd, where even the runway was out of her reach, so there was no way that she could even be thought of as part of the international modeling scene!

Chapter 2466: Setting a Name (3)

To her, like any girls on the fringe of showbiz, she did not dream of holding any track record or receiving any work under her name. All she hoped for was to catch the eye of a rich man with her looks and the seduction skills acquired from her modeling trade. With some good luck, marrying into a wealthy family would be a dream come true, but such instances were few and far between. To be frank, she was no different from a high-class prostitute.

She had always envied Yun Shishi, for the latter managed to become a professional artist and even got a chance to act alongside the superstar.

EASE had offered her some pretty attractive terms because the management was ambitious, too. They hoped that, through her, they could access some rare resources if they succeeded in the hype campaign with her, which could pave a way for them to truly enter the entertainment industry. They had been lacking in such opportunities right then.

The girl was not totally convinced, however; somehow, there was still a tinge of reservation inside her. Abashed at the thought of using such a lowly tactic to gain fame, she asked worriedly, "This doesn't feel right, does it? Aren't we making use of Xingze in this way?"

"Making use?" The men laughed. "Silly girl, this industry is all about making use of one another! We trample on each other all the time; who's not making use of someone else at all? In the first place, you tried setting a name for yourself by making use of Yun Shishi, right? That's why you went to reconstruct your face to look like hers; you want to ride on her glory; isn't it so?"

Their words cut into her heart, leading her to hang her head in shame.

"Besides, I think the superstar likes you for him to be so good to you. You deserve something from him, anyway! After all, haven't you slept with him?"

Li Xiang'er blushed even harder when she heard that.

Had she slept with him before?

It happened only thrice, and that was all.

Moreover, it was she who had blatantly stuck to him when he got drunk once. She was the one who could not wait to throw herself at him, and if she remembered correctly, they did not do it again after that.

When he needed her, all he wanted her to do was sit quietly beside him.

It was not that she did not try to seduce him. She had even tried on sexy lingerie, but that did not seem to work at all. Sometimes, he would ignore her when she went overboard and would not contact her for a prolonged period.

“Actually... I’m not that close to him... and our relationship... isn’t as s-suggestive as the way you described it...” she stammered along.

Her bosses digressed and continued with their persuasion. “Silly girl, do you know he is known to be sexually averse in our trade? There’s hardly any woman associated with him despite his long presence in showbiz. Any news about him with a girl only came about because those women tried to ride on his hype. He’s not a womanizer, so I think you’re his first; is that right? Do you know what this means? This means that the superstar holds some feelings for you! This means to say that you’re special in his heart! You’re special! If not, why did he bring you to the hotel openly despite the paparazzi? He let his guard down with you, so don’t tell me that you’re still doubting your importance in his heart?”

The young model’s heart started racing, and she allowed herself to feel that slight elation following their encouragement!

“I-I’m... special?!”

I’m special to him?! Is this for real?

All along, she had only seen their relationship as a transaction.

“It doesn’t matter if you’re special or not, does it? Since you’ve already slept with him, a gentleman like him will have enough gentry to give in to you, even just a little. No matter what, he’ll honor the fling you had with him!”

Chapter 2467: She is special?

“Besides, do you know how Yun Shishi made her debut? She, too, was just an unknown rookie, but the superstar gave her his ace manager, groomed her, and even made use of his fame and resources to get her name out there! This means that he’s very generous toward the woman he loves! You might not be her, but you had a fling with him after all. It’s no big deal for him to give you some resources!”

Like devils whispering in her ears, Li Xiang’er’s bosses effortlessly brainwashed her into signing a contract with them while igniting hope in her.

That night, she received a call from Gu Xingze. He cut straight to the chase the moment the call connected. “Li Xiang’er, are you out of your mind?”

She had expected him to call due to all the hype and sensationalism surrounding them. However, she did not foresee him to speak so harshly and curtly. Even through the phone, the pure rage in his voice caused her to shudder involuntarily.

Despite receiving the call that she was looking forward to, her heart started drumming upon hearing his questioning tone. She suddenly felt lost and did not know how to answer him.

Her lack of response, however, was a wake-call to the superstar. “Are you trying to make use of me to get fame and status?”

“I...”

“Who gave you the right to do this?!”

Clearly, he was in an extremely volatile mood. He shouted on the phone, “I told you before that what we had was nothing but a transaction. Don’t you try to do any funny business!”

“A transaction? Am I a thing? You see me as an item?” the woman choked out, feeling especially aggrieved upon hearing the shrill word ‘transaction’.

“What? Isn’t that so?” he retorted. “I thought you know very well what you are!”

“Xingze,” she explained bitterly, “what happened today and before wasn’t my intention! I went straight home after leaving the hotel that night. I swear to you I didn’t hire any paparazzo!”

“What’s the difference whether you hired them or not? You’ve clearly given me lots of trouble!”

He finally realized how dangerous this woman was!

He had nothing to say and could not care any less about the model making use of him. He would not stoop down to her level, but besides him, her marketing campaigns were clearly out to target Yun Shishi as well.

He did not want to disrupt the actress’s life anymore, so he found what the model did to be way out of the line!

Even though he allowed himself to become depraved, he would not tolerate and allow other women to hurt her in his name!

Tears, meanwhile, pooled in Li Xiang’er’s eyes. Even a fool could tell who and what the superstar was trying to protect through this phone call!

He did not care whether his popularity would suffer from this marketing campaign or how others would view his private life. All he cared about was that the hype that she created had affected the actress!

She could not understand it because she, having undergone surgery based on Yun Shishi’s appearance, looked exactly like the actress herself, and from the actress’s past interview, the latter did not seem to be very concerned about the superstar at all. She, on the other hand, was willing to give up everything for him!

Just a word from him, and she would willingly stop this hype on herself.

This phone call, however, shattered all her fantasies!

To think that, before she received this call, she gleefully and naively thought that she was somewhat special to the man!

Chapter 2468: Yun Shishi’s Replacement

To think that, before she received this call, she gleefully and naively thought that she was somewhat special to the man!

Ultimately, all she received for her anticipation was his fury and interrogation. She was absolutely floored!

What made her most heartbroken was not his stern questioning but his defensive stance toward the actress. It was clear that he deemed the actress more important than his reputation!

J-Just what right does Yun Shishi have to enjoy his love?!

Why won't he give up even when he knows that he can't have her at all?!

I truly can't understand it!

What women feared most was not losing to another woman but losing to a woman who could not care to compete with them!

He's not important to her at all, so why does he still love her so wholeheartedly?!

"Xingze... I'm not a greedy person, nor did I deliberately make use of you to create a buzz, but I can only follow my company's arrangements for me! I signed a contract with them, so I have to cooperate with whatever hype and whatnots they want me to do! I—"

A thought struck her mind right there and then. As if possessed, she stared straight at the wall blankly, gripped the phone in her hand tightly and said, "Besides, I don't think I did anything overboard! Didn't you groom Yun Shishi for her to be where she is right now? She was just an unknown rookie upon her debut, but Huanyu created scandals about you and her being in a relationship to gain fame! S-Surely, it's not a big deal if you give me some resources! Just a bit! I'll be content if you give me a bit of what you gave to her! I'm not a greedy person... I just want to become a professional actress."

Upon hearing that, Gu Xingze kept mum for a long time, and when he finally broke the silence, his voice got increasingly frigid. "Li Xiang'er, bear this warning in mind: Don't try to figure me out, much less talk terms with me! You should know the sort of relationship we have. I won't be stingy to deny you of what I owe you, but don't you hanker after things that aren't yours! Yun Shishi isn't someone you're allowed to scheme against, let alone offend! Having good resources wasn't the sole reason for her meteoric rise to success; she has a flair for acting. I've already made my stand very clear. Stop what you're doing now, and I'll let things slide this one time, but if you're adamant on going about things the wrong way..."

His voice took on an indifferent yet chilling tone. "No matter how high you fly, I'll be sure to pull you down to the bottom of the pits! Things are already over between us. Let's just part on good terms and not let things get too ugly! I'm officially warning you now: From this moment onward, we have nothing to do with each other. Also, if you continue to conduct yourself in this way, I won't hesitate to use my means to deal with you."

The superstar ended the call as soon as he finished saying his piece.

As Li Xiang'er stared blankly at the bare walls, she loosened the grip of her hand, causing the phone to drop onto the ground with a *thud*.

She almost broke down after hearing what the superstar said.

All the hopes and delight that she secretly felt were completely dashed!

So I don't hold a special place in his heart at all!

I see myself as someone special to him, but really, all I am is just a replacement!

Yun Shishi's replacement.

Chapter 2469: Adamant on Going About Things the Wrong Way

Li Xiang'er was hopping mad! As she stood in her house, she had the urge to smash all the things she saw onto the ground; it was as if doing so could help vent her anger!

Stop what I'm doing?!

How can I?!

If he insists on me doing that, then I'll just go about doing things my way!

I've already signed the contract, anyway. I'll be facing an unimaginable penalty should I breach the contract.

She feared nothing now that the superstar had put things so harshly to her and she had completely given up on him.

He's welcome to strike me down if he wants!

She felt so indignant and furious that she did not care how she would end up despite knowing that she would come to suffer a horrible end for her stubbornness and refusal to stop her marketing activities!

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Meanwhile, Yun Shishi felt as though she had been harassed by a repugnant woman.

Ever since that day they launched their marketing campaign, EASE had not shown any indication that they would stop hyping up their model anytime soon. In fact, things had taken a turn for the worse as they seemed to be bent on sensationalizing things.

There were more frequent updates on Li Xiang'er's Weibo page, but be it her tweets or selfies, they all were modeled after the actress.

The model had deliberately cut a similar hairstyle to hers, worn the same shade of lipstick she had used in her latest portraits, and even taken a selfie while holding a mascara of the same brand the actress was endorsing.

Nothing could be compared to the street shot that the model posted of herself leaning against a Volkswagen Golf GTI, though. It was posted not long after the media published articles and photos of

the exclusive ride Yun Shishi had taken to the set when she and the superstar started the filming of their new drama.

The model was obviously trying to ride on her popularity.

The thespian thought that the model would stop what she was doing after a while. Alas, contrary to her expectations, there were no signs of her stopping. Li Xiang'er seemed extraordinarily persistent and determined to continue impersonating her to the very end!

In fact, it was not so much of an impersonation but a full-on cosplay of the actress!

As she sat in the makeup room, silently scrolling through Li Xiang'er's Weibo page, she could not help grumbling, "I've never met any lady as shameless as her."

Hua Jin, who was sitting next to her, lifted a brow. "I've seen plenty of her kind. In this industry, women like her are very ambitious and will grab all opportunities to climb to the top. They are d*mn hell persistent. No matter how harshly they are criticized or lambasted, they can still act as if nothing is wrong. Dignity is nothing compared to getting famous, and exposure is as important to an artist as life is. After all, one's youth can only last so long!"

The actress looked a little distracted as she put her phone down and quietly wiped her nail polish away with a remover.

The lack of a practical solution caused her manager to frown.

According to Ji Lin, Li Xiang'er and the people working at EASE were just despicable and shameless people through and through. They cared nothing about the consequences and were so crazed in their hyping and publishing of articles that even the ace manager himself had to concede defeat.

They were obviously going all out to push their model to stardom and would not stop until they achieved their goal!

Qin Zhou grumbled, "Just leave her be! Sooner or later, Xingze will settle this matter himself. She won't get her way for long."

Chapter 2470: The Airing of 'Lethal Beauty'

The production team had already started shooting the film-adaptation of the novel, 'Extreme Youth'.

After undergoing two weeks of training, Yun Shishi was immediately involved with the filming of the TV drama.

Meanwhile, the initial stages of the post-editing of 'Lethal Beauty' were over. It was decided that the show would be aired on Beijing TV, the top satellite channel, which had bought the exclusive rights for the show, as the production team continued with the later stages of the post-editing.

The actress could not help feeling somewhat nervous about it.

In 'Lethal Beauty', she played a villain who schemed and resorted to vicious, underhanded tricks to compete with the female lead for the heart of the male lead, which was played by Hua Jin.

She was the classic beauty with a vicious heart in there.

This was why the airing of 'Lethal Beauty' worried her so much. After the airing of the first three episodes, she dared not to check the comments fans left on her Weibo page, much less view the comments on those forum sites.

She was certain that she would receive malicious comments for it.

In the first three episodes, her villainous role, Qin Yuyan, basically garnered all the hatred she could from left and right.

Before Qin Changle was reborn, Yun Shishi's character seduced the male lead, married into the royal family in a grand fashion, fed her love rival a sterilization drug while she herself conceived a child, and gave birth to a crown prince.

Following after, by riding on her son's coattails and making use of the male lead's love for her, she became the queen. She then had the female lead be banished to the cold palace, blinded her, cut her nerves, and eventually amended the imperial edict to state that her love rival must hang herself to death with a piece of white cloth.

The actress's initial decision to play the role of Qin Yuyan was because her character left her a more vivid impression compared to Qin Changle's.

The female lead's persona was too monotonous; her second chance at life was entirely for the sake of exacting revenge as the script was based on the theme 'revenge'.

Qin Yuyan was different, however.

She was once a naïve girl who had a pure heart, but after her family fell into dire straits, suffering all sorts of bullying and humiliation, she did everything she could to seize power and slowly schemed her way into becoming queen.

If the female lead were not reborn with her previous life's memories, even ten of her might not be Qin Yuyan's match.

Yun Shishi found this character to be really cool and was amazed by how resourceful and scheming she was! The part where the character amended the imperial edict, in particular, was awesome!

The scene where Qin Yuyan tasked her trusted aide to amend the imperial edict and issue Qin Changle the white cloth to hang herself to death was basically the climax of the entire show!

Now that the drama was about to be aired, however, she felt quite jittery!

Even though she found it very challenging to act that particular role, with such an in-depth persona setting, her character was just too evil and vicious for the audience to like her!

She might very well lose all popularity she had gained in 'The Green Apple' and become public enemy number one because of her character in 'Lethal Beauty'!

Mustering her courage, she secretly opened her Weibo app and expectedly found the hashtag #QinYuanisovicious trending online.

Netizens voiced their opinion. [Watching the trailer already made me so furious! Ahhhh... I'm Yun Shishi's diehard fan! Why did she choose to act in the show as the villain?! Never mind that, but did she have to pick the vilest character to play instead of the main lead, Qin Changle?! Even though her acting is good... after watching the first episode... I really hate Qin Yuyan!]