

Sweet Love 2471

Chapter 2471: Depressing Comments

[Lin Zhi's and Yun Shishi's acting is on point, but forgive me for saying this... It's been a long time since I've seen such a vicious female supporting character! Although I'm not Yun Shishi's diehard fan and I know it's just the way the character and the script is, I've reached the point where I feel like puking upon seeing her face!]

[Ahhhh! F*ck it! Quickly get lost, Qin Yuyan! This sort of evil woman won't be missed even if she dies!]

[I can't help wishing that I could hack Qin Yuyan into pieces!]

[Hahahaha! The actress herself surely is a very scheming person for her to accept the role of Qin Yuyan! Yun Shishi doesn't look like she's anything good. In fact, she looks like a b*tch.]

[Why is Qin Yuyan so vicious and scheming?! That expression on her face while issuing the death order is simply terrifying! I was practically trembling in fear when I saw that!]

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Yun Shishi was on the verge of tears as she put her head on the vanity table.

Why aren't there any good comments like 'She acted well' or 'Her acting skills are impressive'?!

Gosh, I'm doomed...

It hasn't been easy for me to gain the popularity and reputation that I currently have. Are they all going down the drain because of Qin Yuyan?

Even though she knew beforehand that the character she played was not likeable, that the audience would surely hate and hope for her character to die quickly, and that they would attack and curse her to be knocked down by a car or something of the ilk... she could not help feeling depressed over the comments.

Just as she expected, her Weibo page was soon flooded with threats and curses after the airing.

Still, she felt quite pleased that her acting of the vicious Qin Yuyan was so impressive that the audience hated her so much. She had put a lot of effort in studying the character, from her expressions and her bearing right to her manners. She had studied the role carefully several times.

Qin Yuyan experienced the biggest change in character in the script; she changed from the innocent youth that she initially was to the sinister queen who effortlessly toyed with the male and female leads in the later part of the story.

Qin Zhou had told her before, regardless of the audience's evaluation of Qin Yuyan, she was to post on Weibo something which could attract attention before the airing of the TV series.

She, thus, did exactly that. Sitting in the driver's seat of a modified Golf GTI, she snapped a photo of herself with a hand on the steering wheel and uploaded it with a caption. [Today, I'm not Qin Yuyan. I'm Han Zhen, the car racer.]

She then posted another cool-looking selfie of herself.

Once she was done, she tossed her phone aside, started the car's engine, and went out for a spin on a mountainous road that was near the set.

She would be shooting some car racing scenes today. The stunts would, of course, be left to the professionals. She, on the other hand, just needed to take a few make-up shots.

Honestly speaking, after such a long period of training, she had picked up a few basic techniques and could do some simple drifting. However, due to them filming on a mountainous road that day, for the sake of safety, it was decided that the professional car racers would be filling in for them to film the cool shots.

The amazing thing was... instead of using a double, Gu Xingze did all the stunts himself and completed all the pro driving techniques alone!

Mu Xi had once mentioned that the superstar enjoyed car racing and owned the most number of racing cars among celebrities. For the filming of 'Extreme Youth', the cars that the male lead owned in the script were from his private collection.

Each one of them was personally modified by him and, in professional car racer's lingo, had a crazy high and powerful performance.

Chapter 2472: Little Yichen is too affected by the show.

Mu Xi said that the superstar had participated in many international races and even topped the Ferrari Challenge three years ago.

He was already competing with Schumacher when he was twenty; the chap was just too good to be true.

This drama, in fact, seemed to be tailor-made for him.

After finishing the day's filming and returning home from the set, her younger son saw her and spat, "Empress Yu, you're home early today, aren't you?"

Empress Yu was the honorific title for Qin Yuyan in the show.

The woman's lips twitched squarely for a moment when the older boy ran up to her. Standing before her for a long while, he sized her up before he asked timidly, "Mommy, if I don't behave in the future, will you also ask me to hang myself?"

"Hik—"

Yun Shishi clenched her chest as a forlorn look of agony appeared on her face.

“Did you both watch the premiere?”

The two boys nodded quietly.

“I’m so sad; I didn’t realize mommy could be so evil! I watched the premiere yesterday and was so mad!” Little Yichen sobbed. “Sister Changle is so pitiful. She’s deeply in love with Xuan Yuanche, but what happened in the end? She was all by herself when she died in the cold, lonely palace. Mommy was so bad to tamper with the decree and send her to her death. You’re evil!”

Youyou stole a glance at his sibling only to realize that the latter was too caught up with the show as the older boy continued to rattle in heartbreak, “Xuan Yuanche’s decree originally intended to set Qin Changle free, but Qin Yuyan stirred things up, causing them to be eternally separated from each other...”

His mother could not help taking a dig at him. “Son, has your mind been poisoned by the show? Look carefully; the person standing in front of you is your most beautiful and precious mother. Why are you bringing up the character of Qin Yuyan at all?”

“Hey, I feel so stuffy because of that drama.”

It did not please the woman at all as she thought to herself, *This brat is actually helping Qin Changle.*

The role of Qin Changle was filled in by Lin Zhi, and because of that, she did not like this character at all despite it being the lead role. No matter what, she could not forget the feud between them. Hence, the thought that her son actually supported her rival’s role made her rather grouchy.

Yun Shishi put her bag on the sofa and went to the kitchen to pour herself a glass of water. The elder son, realizing the damage he had caused by then, eagerly followed suit.

“Mommy, are you thirsty?” He desperately tried to win back her favor with a fawning smile.

“Uh-huh!”

“Come sit here and don’t move.” The boy led her to the table and made her sit down before saying smilingly, “Mommy, let me get you some water, yah!”

He then went to pour her a glass of purified water with great attention and enthusiasm.

This relieved the woman’s fury somewhat.

Now, that’s more like it!

Little Yichen brought the glass of water over and reminded her to drink slowly.

Just as she contentedly took a sip from the glass, the boy, with his pair of clear and beautiful eyes, blinking and smiling, suddenly threw her a question curiously. “Mommy, when will your character in the TV drama die?”

“Cou-cough—”

The woman choked viciously on the water and coughed a couple of times.

Her younger son saw that and immediately walked over to her. As he gently patted her back, he glared at his older sibling and snorted. "Brother, are you deliberately trying to anger mommy to death?"

"That's because... I really hate Qin Yuyan," said the boy in a deflated tone.

Again, the younger one snorted with a scowl. "I don't care about the show; in any case, I'm here for Qin Yuyan! I stand by her character. I'll stand for whoever mommy plays!"

Chapter 2473: Lengthy Discussion in Words

Yun Shishi was touched by her younger son's words. "Youyou... you're really my sweetheart!"

The boy nodded. "Mommy, don't you worry; I'll be with you even if you go to hell."

The woman fell silent as her eyelids jumped. "Is it so tragic?"

"Yes, mommy. You just blew up Weibo."

"I blew up Weibo?"

"It's... your fans who exploded your Weibo."

The older boy sat down in front of the table as well. Cupping his chin with his palms as he rested his elbows on the tabletop, he asked, "That sister who plays the role of Qin Changle must be very happy now, right? It seems that the audience hates your role because it's just too unpleasant. Why didn't you take up the lead role and, instead, chose to play this evil woman, mommy?"

"That's because... Qin Yuyan has something touching about her, too."

When she first started reading the script, Yun Shishi also thought that Qin Yuyan was really too terrifying.

Toward the end, though, she realized that the villain was not just a typical baddie. Compared to Qin Changle's ruthlessness later, her character's so-called ruthlessness was just a way to protect herself.

The writer of the original novel communicated with her and was surprised to learn that she would be playing the role of Qin Yuyan. The author told her then, "Although I'm the novel's author, I don't have much say in the choice of actors; I was surprised to learn that you'll be playing her. Qin Yuyan may seem very vicious, but if you study her character carefully, you'll find that deep inside her is human nature; she has the sincerity and kindness that Qin Changle doesn't have. Unfortunately, this kindness will eventually be stifled. Qin Yuyan has to fight for herself. This is a selfish character, but it's also very real. I believe that this role will be a milestone in your acting career if you're able to depict it well. Shishi, an artist's acting skills can conquer any audience."

Even though the character design was hardly welcoming, if she managed to conquer the audience with her acting skills, that would be no small accomplishment, would it?

This became the motivation for her to persist in her role as Qin Yuyan.

This period drama leaped to the top as the highest grossing TV series once it was aired. The total number of online streams reached a hundred million, with an average of thirty million subscriptions. The series added millions to the streaming sites overnight.

At the same time, Lin Zhi, who played the role of Qin Changle, continued to win a high number of fans on Weibo, while the protagonist lost more than ten thousand followers overnight.

Although the number was not significant, she was consistently losing her fans.

Her rival was in glee, though. By virtue of the role of Qin Changle, Lin Zhi seemed to return to her former glory. Variety shows, commercials, endorsements, and interviews were suddenly lining up for her picking. Her asking price, too, went up because of her role. The audience seemed to have forgotten her series of despicable behavior at the previous film festival.

This was how Yun Shishi came to recognize the entertainment industry for what it was; no matter how bad one's past might be, one could be redeemed with competent PR skills. Even a fictitious role could help an unlikeable person become a media darling.

Linzi's long-lost popularity was revived overnight. Her eye-catching performance in the TV series had earned her a lot of fans, with many of them getting too caught up in the drama and sending her encouragement to her Weibo.

In comparison, Yun Shishi's popularity had experienced an all-time low. To say that nobody took notice of her was untrue, however; her character had gained much mention and elaborate discussion on Weibo.

Chapter 2474: You do not have to avoid me on purpose.

The discussion on her character was raging on Weibo, but none seemed to touch on her exceptional acting ability.

The audience was immersed in Qin Yuyan's vicious personality and seemed to ignore the actress's efforts in bringing this character to life. Her acting was a notch higher than the main lead. Even though Lin Zhi's acting was considered applaudable, the protagonist's impeccable acting skills surpassed the rest of the cast.

Mu Xi: "The TV Festival is coming soon. Shishi, I'm so looking forward to it. With the villainous role of 'Qin Yuyan', I'm confident that you'll win the 'Best Supporting Actress' this time!"

"TV festivals are just like film festivals—there are a lot of shady dealings behind the scene. We can't take anything for granted, lest we end up disappointed again." The actress sounded vexed, when she spoke, stroking her forehead ruefully. "There are so many things that have been bothering me lately. Seriously, I like acting and I enjoy the sense of accomplishment when I conquer the audience with my acting skills, but the entertainment industry, especially Lin Zhi, Yan Bingqing, and Li Xiang'er, gives me the feeling that it's more of a power play. In 'Lethal Beauty', the women in the palace are all fighting with one another, but this seems to be the same in real life. The entertainment industry is like a big harem, where

the audience is like a mighty yet quite a blind and dim-witted monarch. The women in showbiz live in a conniving world filled with struggles for attention and power, and the viewers only see what they wanna see. All the artists are like Qin Yuyan; they have to exhaust all means to climb up the social ladder.”

Her assistant furrowed her brows for a second and suddenly took a seat beside her, placing her palm gently on top of the actress’s.

“Shishi, I’ve seen your hard work. Honestly, you don’t have to be so hard on yourself. I’m sorry; I must’ve complained too much and put a great deal of psychological pressure on you. I won’t add to your worries in the future, no matter how big or small the complaint is.”

“It’s not you who’s giving me trouble, so you don’t have to blame yourself.”

“But... I seem to be sending a lot of negative energy onto you.”

“Don’t be silly. I’m just whining here. By the way—”

The door was opened from behind all of a sudden.

Gu Xingze pushed open the door and walked into the dressing room, looking exhausted, when he happened to hear Yun Shishi asking her young assistant with a beam, “Can you put in a leave request to Qin Zhou on my behalf tomorrow? I’ve already asked for a leave of absence from the production team because I can’t come to the set for the next five days.”

“What’s the reason for taking so many days off?” asked the girl curiously.

She smiled sweetly and replied with a blush, “I’m going for my wedding photoshoot!”

The superstar stood in the doorway, petrified by what he had just heard.

Mu Xi was about to say something when she suddenly caught a glimpse of the tall figure in the doorway. When she turned her head to see the actor standing there, she was taken aback with shock. “X-Xingze! You’re here already?”

Yun Shishi knitted her eyebrows and turned to look at the doorway with a start. The man was leaning against the door, his deep-set eyes covered by the stray fringe falling across his forehead, which prevented her from having a clear view of his face.

She had forgotten that they had to shoot two scenes together today.

She tugged at the corner of her lips and greeted him awkwardly, “Xingze...”

What followed suit was a frostily stiff atmosphere, and one which she did not know how to thaw.

Gu Xingze slowly raised his eyes and looked at her for a long time before giving her a bitter smile. “Shishi, you don’t have to avoid me`deliberately , or am I bringing you any trouble?”

Chapter 2475: Quitting Showbiz

“I didn’t avoid you.”

Gu Xingze suddenly hooked his lips and took a few steps closer to her until he stopped at the table where she was sitting. “Then, what is your intention in asking the director team to stagger our shooting time?”

“Uh...”

Yun Shishi’s face stiffened with a start.

The reason why she and the superstar had never bumped into each other after so long on set was that she specifically requested the team to try to stagger their filming slots unless they shared a scene.

Sometimes the man would finish with his shoot and leave the set, before she arrived on set. At other times, it would be the other way around. Their timing never coincided.

Today was not possible to stagger as they shared two scenes together.

She realized that she had been listing her whims since the shooting of this drama, and the team had been meeting her conditions one by one, which made her rather ashamed, so naturally, she could not be too capricious about today’s arrangement.

“Is it about Li Xiang’er?” He probed nervously. “Are you angry about that?”

The actress did not react, while on one side, her young assistant suddenly blurted out with much vexation, “Hey, stop talking about Li Xiang’er! Her hype tactics have become more and more severe recently, and our studio has turned very grouchy because of this matter. Xingze Highness, Qin Zhou said that you have the means to deal with it, but why haven’t you dealt with that woman yet?”

The man glared frostily at the young assistant for a second.

This was when the assistant realized that she had overstepped the line and immediately dunked her head without another word.

Her charge, though, had an impeccably perfect smile on her face as she raised her brows and asked in an unconcerned tone, “Why should I be angry?”

The man was stunned by her reply.

“Although Li Xiang’er has indeed gone too far with her tactics, her ultimate goal is to rub off on me to become the next hit. In that case, I’ll just let her do what she wants. I don’t care about fame and status, anyway. I entered showbiz simply because I like acting, and when I get tired of it one day, there won’t be any attachments; be it popularity or fame. What will be will be. There’s no need to trouble over it.”

“Shishi—”

“Actually, I find the hype surrounding that event a bit baffling. Everyone has the right to their private lives, and other people shouldn’t interfere. The most piteous thing is that you’re being used by Li Xiang’er to gain popularity and the media to gain exposure. Xingze, if you really ask me how I feel, I’ll say that I’m unhappy for you; that’s all.”

The man’s face stiffened, then he quirked an eyebrow momentarily but ultimately chose to keep mum.

The actress let out a self-mocking laughter. "Why do I have to be angry about it, or do you think I'll be angry because you repeatedly trample on yourself?"

This caught Mu Xi by surprise; the actress's words were rather harsh; even the actor was stunned by her response.

She struggled to speak her mind at last. "Xingze, you... you're actually a very outstanding man. If you're weary, why don't you consider quitting the entertainment industry. You can choose to retire from such a negative place and live as a free man. This place is not suitable for you from the start."

"Where else can I go if I leave here?" he asked her out of the blue.

He did not have a place to return to.

He stepped into showbiz eleven years ago when he was still young and naïve. Since then, he had created countless glories, be it popularity, acting, or even singing. The man had reached the pinnacle of achievement that everyone could only look up to but was unable to reach.

Previously, when he was banned from showbiz, he thought that he had become free at last.

Chapter 2476: I shall not persist in my pursuit.

However, his days of leisure were somewhat disorienting to him, or maybe, since birth, his life was destined to be cold and lonely.

He opened his eyes to a cold and lonely world, and one day in the future, he would definitely leave this world quietly by his lonesome self.

He had always been alone. For as long as he could remember, no one had ever moved his heart and entered his life; he repeatedly closed himself off to everyone else. There was once a beam of sunshine that shone into his world, so bright and warm, but alas, it had never belonged to him. He was a stubborn man, and once he fixed his eyes onto something or someone, he would not change his mind, not even until the end of his days.

The man suddenly raised the corner of his lips and said, "This is something you don't need to know, but I want you to know that I'm not a scourge, so you don't need to avoid me. Also, I heard that you're getting married soon, so I congratulate you in advance and wish you all the best. At any rate, you don't have to worry about me obsessing over you. I have my pride and self-respect; I know that you've made up your mind and won't change your decision, so you don't have to worry about me pestering you relentlessly. In fact, I've never done anything to bother you since the start."

After a pause, he inhaled deeply and continued impassively. "Shishi, I have already let go of my obsession with you. I'm not the kind of man who doesn't know how to let go or give up. As for Li Xiang'er, I'll settle that matter if it bothers you. I apologize for causing you any disturbance because of my personal affairs."

His words were distant, indifferent, and utterly decisive. He forced himself to spout all these, calmly and firmly, in order to make her believe that he had let go of all his obsessions.

After saying what he wanted to say, he slowly turned around and left without looking back.

Mu Xi stared blankly at his departing figure, and when she turned around, she saw her charge with her head lowered, her face devoid of any expression.

Saying that the actress's face was devoid of any expression might not be apt as the woman was in fact struggling to keep her emotions in check. Her palms were balled into fists for a long time until eventually she slowly relaxed them.

Inwardly the assistant found the two artists to be a perfect match; if Shishi were to be with Xingze, she would be very happy, too, would she not?

She knew that the superstar was a deep and passionate lover. Sometimes, when one could not have the love of his life, the feelings of suppressing the obsession must be very painful, and she knew that.

The young assistant had once thought of how great it would be if the two thespians could get together, but she was not one to play a woeful cupid.

She could see that the actress was very happy and her heart belonged to someone else, so she could only give the artist her blessings.

Destiny could be cruel, it seemed; there were times she really wanted to ask the actress: 'If you met the superstar first, would you choose him without reservation?'

Alas, there were no ifs in this world.

Yun Shishi recomposed herself, put on her make-up, then rushed to the film set to start shooting.

Unfortunately, she was not in the best of form as opposed to the superstar. Her eyes were distracted and vacuous. The director was unsatisfied with her performance despite a few tries.

By the fifth round, he went up to her and asked, "Shishi, are you out of your elements today?"

"Yes... I'm not feeling well."

The director furrowed his brows in mild frustration and slapped his forehead, looking somewhat bothered.

Chapter 2477: I am done with her.

Gu Xingze suddenly said, "Let's take long shots today, and when she's in good shape, we'll do close-ups."

"That'll do, too!" The director deliberately asked, "Shishi, are you fine to do the backdrops today? Can you hang on a little longer? You can go home early after the shoot to rest."

"Alright."

The shoot went exceptionally smooth, thereafter.

Once the superstar finished with his part, he left.

Yun Shishi stayed behind to complete her scenes with Hua Jin. By the time they completed the shoot, it was already seven in the evening.

Since leaving the studio, the young chap had pestered the actress to hitch a ride in her vehicle for one simple reason:

“My car broke down this morning, and it was towed to the mechanics for repair.”

That startled the woman. “Your car... broke down?”

“Yeah, I just bought a pre-owned car. It’s a used Mercedes of over three hundred thousand yuan, but I guess I was screwed by an unscrupulous dealer. It is in a terrible condition and always gives me trouble.”

“Pre-owned car?” The actress was baffled. “I remember you also having your own nanny van and a private car; didn’t you drive a GT-R before?”

The man feigned ignorance and said, “I don’t care; I’m going to ride in your nanny van, anyway. I haven’t experienced such a luxurious nanny van yet.”

“Hua Jin, you seem to be down-and-out recently,” spat the woman quietly.

Beside her, the man stopped short in his tracks the moment he heard that.

The actress turned her head over her shoulder with a start. There she saw him, still standing on the spot, with a rueful look on his face, and she asked in mild surprise, “What’s wrong?”

“In what way do I seem to be down-and-out?” spouted the man, looking innocent.

“Well, compared to the glamorous time when you’re on the set of ‘Lethal Beauty’, driving a slutty sports car and having seven or eight assistants and agents, you seem to have been keeping a much lower profile these days. Now, you don’t even drive a GT-R but a used car, instead.”

“That’s because I can’t afford a new car! I can’t afford a new Mercedes now.”

“Why?” Her interest was piqued. “What happened to your GT-R?”

“I’ve returned that to her.”

“Huh?”

The actress was so startled that she did not react for a while.

Hua Jin looked up, smiled, and said, “I broke off my relationship with her.”

She looked at him, dumbfounded, and pondered for a few seconds before she realized who the woman he was referring to was. A trace of surprise and relief appeared on her face. “Have you finally broken things off with her?”

“Yes!” The young man slowly caught up with her and explained as he stared into the distance, “After we broke up, I returned her everything—the car, the expensive jewelry, condo, and credit card. To compensate her, I even transferred all the assets in my personal name to her. Erm... Of course, there are bits and pieces of possession left under me still.”

“What’s the fraction?”

“Less than a million, I guess.”

The woman gawked at the figure. “So much for a fraction? I didn’t know you were a Tuhao.”

“What do you think?!” he quipped proudly. “Since my debut, I’ve earned two to three hundred million yuan in remuneration and endorsements, plus some investments.”

She got a shock. “My gosh! So much?!”

“Yes. I sold millions of copies of a photo series in Asia last year.”

“So much?”

“Of course! I also have fans in Japan and Korea. Before that, I sold the rights of one of my movies in Asia, and the ratings in both countries broke the record, so the company struck while the iron was hot and released the photo series and an album in order to make a leeway on the market. However, the market in Japan and Korea has been quite depressed recently.”

Chapter 2478: Desire to End One’s Life

“Depressed?”

“Haven’t you heard?” he responded in disdain. “Recently, there’s been a political turmoil between Japan and South Korea. People have been opposing South Korea due to its deployment of THAAD¹, so cultural exchanges between the two countries are kept under tight control.”

Yun Shishi expressed her pity. “No wonder you’ve been so cash-strapped lately.”

“After renting an apartment in the city center and buying a car, I don’t have much money left in my bank account.”

At that, she smilingly patted his shoulder and generously said, “Isn’t it just a Mercedes-Benz? I’ll give you one.”

“You’ll give me one?”

“Yeah! The latest E class AMG model.”

The idol awkwardly replied, “Nah, I don’t want it.”

She screwed her brows in response. “What?! I can clearly see the desire in your eyes! Isn’t driving a Mercedes-Benz men’s ultimate dream?”

Hua Jin snorted. “I don’t have such shallow dreams.”

“Then, what’s your ultimate dream?”

He shot a proud retort at her. “How can I just simply share my ultimate dream with others like that?”

Likewise, the miffed woman scoffed and snapped back, “Whatever. I don’t care enough to hear what you have to say even if you want to.”

The two people quibbled all the way as they made their way over to the nanny van.

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At the hospital.

The mood inside the ward was stifling.

Lu Jintian’s agonizing screams, which sounded extremely hoarse and broken because of her damaged vocal cords, could be heard from time to time.

Lu Bosheng and his wife were utterly heartbroken as they stood outside the ward and watched the heart-wrenching sight of their daughter moaning in pain on the sickbed.

There were seven to eight doctors and nurses crowding around her sickbed; two were responsible for calming her down, while the rest were in charge of changing her dressings.

The process of changing dressing was extremely agonizing, and that torturous process nearly drove her insane.

She could not understand why, even though there was no surgical knife involved, the medication felt like it was slicing her flesh away each time it made contact with her wounds. It was as though she had been sentenced to death by a thousand cuts.

Her dressings had to be changed once every two days, with the process lasting a whole hour each time.

Each session, she would break into a cold sweat due to the pain and even harbored suicidal thoughts. *If I have to live in such pain for the rest of my life, I might as well just end my life now!*

Ever since the actress was rescued, she had been living in a constant nightmare, waking up every now and then from her sleep. In her trance, she could vaguely hear her mother sobbing away, her father chastising himself, and the medical staff sighing out of pity and helplessness for her.

‘Doctor, is there really no way that my daughter can restore her looks?’

‘We’ve done our best. Even the most advanced cosmetic technology can’t fix such a large surface area of burns.’

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When she heard that heart-wrenching conversation, she thought, *Why did they save me? Why didn’t they just let me die on that cold surgical table and let me end my agony-fraught life?*

Unfortunately, she could not open her mouth, much less speak. If she ever had the chance to speak again, she would surely beg her mother and doctors to euthanize her.

I don’t want to live in such pain!

I don’t want to live so miserably!

When she finally opened her eyes, feeling all sober, she could sense herself lying ramrod straight on the bed. The excruciating pain from the wounds all over her body and her face, which was stiff due to the scabs, sent her, more than once, breaking down in tears and wanting to kill herself.

Chapter 2479: Trying Her Best to Continue Living

The most ridiculous thing, however, was that she was not hard-hearted enough to end her life by biting off her tongue.

That woman has achieved her goal!

That's right. I'm just reaping the seeds I sowed!

If I didn't disfigure her face back then, I wouldn't be lying on this bed now!

Yun Na succeeded!

She's completely succeeded in destroying me!

She could not live in such humiliation and bear seeing herself becoming so ugly while greeting the bright, sunny morning with a smile.

Every morning, as she looked out of the window to see the morning sun, she could feel that her world had permanently descended in darkness and despair; the bright sun rays would never be able to shine into her heart again.

However, whenever she saw her mother crying her heart out and her father letting out a heavy sigh as they sat by her side, she would always try to motivate herself anew.

Let's continue living!

What's there to fear about living when I'm not afraid to die?

Who knows? Maybe I'll fully recover eventually?

Advanced medical technology may be able to give me a new lease on life, and perhaps I still have a bright future ahead.

As her bodily senses gradually recovered, though, the excruciating pain she felt soon ate away her willpower.

She realized, there and then, that staying alive was, sometimes, the cruelest thing!

It was torture to be alive!

A cripple. That was what she would be for the remainder of her life. No longer could she hug her beloved man, wear beautiful dresses, and apply her favorite lipstick. In fact, there was no way she could stand seeing her monstrous face!

Even having the ability to walk had become a luxury to her.

She vaguely heard that the burned skin on her right leg was too big of a surface area to undergo skin-grafting. Should the infection worsen, she might have to amputate it.

Amputate?!

She nearly blacked out when she heard that. She was so shocked to the point that no tears came forth even though she wanted to break down in tears!

Inwardly, she could feel herself crumbling apart as she asked herself, *Am I to be cruelly robbed of the right to walk like a normal person, too?! Am I going to be wheelchair-bound for the rest of my life?*

Her mother comforted her repeatedly, "Don't be scared, Tiantian. I'll take care of you for the rest of your life if you really have to amputate your legs."

Since the young lady could not speak, she could only cry in her heart as she wondered to herself, *What's going to happen to me when you and dad are no longer around?!*

Who will take care of a cripple like me?

I might as well just end my life right here!

She was all drenched in a cold sweat, resulting in the bedsheets to be damp as well, when the changing of the dressings was finally over.

The nurses had no choice but to move her to change the sheets into clean ones. This process, however, brought her unimaginable pain again.

She was covered in injuries all over, so she would be in great agony no matter which part of her came into contact with something. She suffered a great deal of pain when the nurses had to shift her onto another bed.

This is a life worse than death...

A life worse than death!

This thought played on a loop in her mind as she gritted her teeth and wondered nonstop, *Why didn't that fire burn me to ashes?*

At least, my suffering would've been short-lived.

At least, I needn't live in such agony...

Oh, heaven, please just end my suffering...

I really don't have the will to continue living anymore.

Once the doctors and the nurses left, her mother rushed in at once, only to see her lying ramrod straight in bed as she stared unblinkingly at the ceiling with eyes wide open. Alas, no amount of light could refract into her pupils.

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Hopelessness dwelled in her dim orbs.

If not for her undulating chest, one could hardly tell that this was the body of a live person and would only take it as a charred body.

The mother, who could no longer stand seeing her daughter in such a state, turned around and gripped her husband's clothes tightly and choked out in pain, "Is there truly no other way? Bosheng, are you just going to sit back and watch our daughter suffer a hellish life?! W-What's going to happen if she remains like this..."

"What can I do? There's nothing I can do! I would suffer that pain on her behalf if I could, but that's not going to happen! I'm truly helpless and at the end of my wits, too! Do you think... Do you think that I like to see our daughter in such agony?!"

Lu Bosheng found it hard to suppress his heartache as he let out a heavy sigh and spoke in a low tone. "I did consider euthanasia, but... I just couldn't bring myself to do it! Besides, she might want to continue living! She might have a burning desire to stay alive! As her mother, you should stay stronger than her!"

Euthanasia?!

A jolt ran through his wife's body when she heard that. She gave him a hard push and questioned sharply, "Are you mad?! She's your flesh and blood! How could you ever think of murdering her?! Are you out of your mind?!"

Upon realizing that his words had been misinterpreted, he waved his hand in irritation and told his wife, "Calm down and get a hold of yourself! Both of us need some cool-off time!" With that, he pushed open the ward door and stormed out to the stairwell for a smoke.

The older woman, meanwhile, fell back onto a chair and put her hands to her face. Despite feeling the urge to cry, she held back her tears, not letting drop even a tear.

Sometimes, at the point of extreme sorrow, the tears would just not flow out.

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These two weeks, ever since Lu Jingtian came out from the operating room and was transferred to the ICU, had been long and torturous.

After undergoing five painful sessions of changing her dressings, she was finally out of the infection phase and could attempt to get out of bed.

Being able to get out of bed meant that she would soon enter the rehabilitation stage.

The doctor had repeatedly warned her that her rehabilitation period might take a very long time since she was so severely burned to the point that the nerve tissues involved with her muscle memory were damaged. Not using them, however, would inevitably lead to muscle atrophy.

Undergoing rehabilitation was torturous, but no matter how torturing it was, she still had to go through it.

The very first day she could get out of bed, she tried walking a couple of laps in her ward, but the short distance was enough to send her gasping in pain.

On the second day, she could finally walk four laps, and gradually, she could even push open the door of her ward to walk out.

A hint of relief slowly surfaced in her heart. Finally, she could feel the joy of being a human again.

She thought that everything was going to be fine as long as she never looked at mirrors for the rest of her life.

She would do her best to continue living, even if it was just for the sake of seeing the next day's sunshine and the beautiful setting sun. Even though she repeatedly harbored the thought to end her life, she was also equally greedy to experience the beauty of life.

There were so many things—so many regrets—that she had yet to do.

Things were looking optimistic for her since she was recovering well. The doctor also told her that she might not need to amputate her legs if things progressed like this.

The doctor's encouragement gave her a boost of confidence and hope.

She told herself, *Perhaps recovering my looks won't be too tough once the medical technology becomes more advanced.*

She kept trying to motivate herself in an attempt to cheer up and stay strong.