

Sweet Love 2561

Chapter 2561: Are you intending to hide your marriage?

"It just takes one command from the superstar to dispose of that model! He was probably angered by her actions a while back when she unscrupulously made use of you and him for her hype campaign, so he did not hesitate to utilize his family's power to suppress her."

Yun Shishi wrinkled her brows thoughtfully.

It was quite hard for her to imagine that a gentle and elegant person like that man would resort to such cruel means.

Still, it was true that her copycat had indeed gone too far, for even she had been pissed off for a while.

"Shishi, don't you remember? Xingze openly promised you that he'll deal with that woman properly, and true to his words, shortly after you left the country, that woman met a mishap, but none of the netizens felt sympathetic toward her. After all, she also used Lu Jingtian to hype up her media presence on the seventh day of the latter's funeral. This completely offended the netizens." Not waiting for her charge to speak, the assistant continued with a snort, "That woman sure deserves her punishment. In order to get what she wanted, she went all out with her unscrupulous schemes, so let this be a lesson to her!"

The actress rambled, "She doesn't deserve any sympathy at all, having reaped what she sowed. She stopped at nothing in order to be famous, and naturally, she met her retribution."

"Hey, let's not talk about that ill-fated person anymore." After hugging her charge smilingly, she asked in excitement, "How did your wedding shoot go? Was it successful?"

"Eh, it was very successful."

"Then, when are you going to announce your wedding to the media?"

She was puzzled. "Do I need to announce my wedding to the media?"

"Huh? Don't you know?" Mu Xi was surprised. "Generally, when celebrities get married, they have to announce it to the media and the public. For one thing, the fans naturally look forward to such a happy event. For another, even if you don't announce it, the media will have their way to find out! Since that's the case, it's better to announce it to them directly. On the day of the wedding, the married couple will especially arrange some seats for the media and invite reporters to participate in the event."

"I don't really like to make a big deal out of it! It's better to make it lowkey," said the actress.

Her assistant commented suspiciously, "Don't tell me that you intend to hide your marriage?"

"...Can't I?"

"Shishi, how dumb can you be? Chairman Mu will surely not agree to it!"

She blushed for a moment. "He did promise that he'll give me a wedding of the century, but after thinking about it, won't that be a bit inappropriate?"

“How is that inappropriate?”

“For example... the public will accuse us of deliberately showing our wealth off by holding an extravagant wedding.”

The keyboard warriors were terrible, and there was no lack of moral kidnappings happening on the Internet.

There would definitely be accusations of her being rich and unkind.

She could even imagine the indignation of the mass netizens.

Such as ‘A thespian’s outrageous wedding expenses.’

Or ‘Yun Shishi’s high-profile marriage to a rich family is a big show of wealth.’

It was scary to think about.

“You don’t have to worry about all that,” Mu Xi said. “Just leave Qin Zhou to handle all these! As long as your PR skills are in place and you give a generous tip to the media, the reporters will do a press release to your advantage.”

“Umph...”

The young woman pressed on curiously. “Has Chairman Mu started on wedding preparations?”

“I don’t know.”

“Please... Shishi, you’re the bride here; can you take some initiative as well?” whined her assistant in disdain.

Chapter 2562: Is it not painful?!

The protagonist threw up her hands in surrender. “Mu Xi, give me a break, alright? I have no experience; I don’t know what I need to prepare for a wedding. It’s my first time, after all.”

The assistant’s lips twitched momentarily. “Oh, my; why am I more anxious than the bride? You’d better go back and discuss this with Chairman Mu!”

“I understand.”

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At the studio.

Gu Xingze was sleeping in the lounge with his eyes closed when there was a knock at the door.

“Come in.”

An assistant walked in directly. Upon seeing that the superstar was resting, the junior was startled and quickly tried to confirm. “Sir, am I disturbing your rest?”

“What is it?”

“Oh, here’s the thing…”

The assistant walked over and passed him a document.

“Li Xiang’er has been taken care of. From now on, her name will disappear completely from the public’s view.”

“Mmm, got it.” The man opened his eyes suddenly. “Where is she?”

“Because the whole affair got blown up, the central bureau is investigating her now. She’s being held at the bureau currently, and if the investigation uncovers something serious, she’ll probably need to serve jail time.”

“Help me inform the bureau: Deal with this matter seriously.”

“Understood!”

The superstar closed his eyes again and the assistant hastily took his leave.

After the door was closed, the man suddenly opened his eyes again; an icy gleam flashed across his orbs for a second and he curled his lips into a menacing grin.

Li Xiang’er?

She’s too juvenile to fight with me.

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Inside the basement of a grand villa.

Yun Na heard someone knocking at the door and got up to take a peek through the peephole. When she saw the woman standing outside, she immediately opened the door.

Once the door was opened, the woman in a trench coat immediately entered the room and flipped her hand backward to lock the door.

Yun Na sized up the woman warily. “Why are you here?”

Standing in front of her, the woman elegantly took off her hat and hung it by the coat rack on the side. As the woman turned around, Ji Yan’s extremely exquisite countenance came into her view.

“There’s been some unrest recently. You’re not allowed to go anywhere except to stay in here, understand?”

The other was dumbstruck. “What happened?”

“Lu Jingtian’s attack has become a very big thing. The police are starting to investigate this matter vigorously again.” After a pause, Ji Yan furrowed her brows and added, “I don’t know what evidence the police have right now. In short, the recent investigation is going very strong, so you’d better not show your face for the time being.”

Yun Na smiled in disdain. "You can rest assured that the police have no way of laying their hands on any evidence of my crimes."

"Are you that confident?"

"Of course! I am cautious and will never let myself be caught."

Ji Yan was stunned at her words, and then her vision could not help but fall on the other woman's hands.

It was a pair of hands where the tips of all ten fingers were completely erased through scalding them with a hot iron.

She was shocked to see these hands at first.

She remembered that time when she asked the other party, "What happened to your hands?"

"I burned all my fingertips to hide my identity."

"Burned?!" She was shocked. "How did you do that?"

"At first, I cut the flesh with a knife, then I switched to using a hot iron, a fire tongs, and a torch lighter."

She listened and involuntary shuddered with chills!

How cruel!

"Didn't you feel any pain?"

Yun Na gritted her teeth.

Felt any pain?

How was it possible not to feel any pain?!

It hurt so much that it tore through my heart and I sweated profusely!

Chapter 2563: The happier she is, the greater the sense of accomplishment when she is destroyed.

The woman lifted her head, her gaze all frosty. "How couldn't it be painful. Still, this pain is nothing compared to the despair of being in hell!"

The reasons why she obliterated her fingerprints were, first, to cover up her identity and, second, to seek revenge.

That's right.

I receive a new life all for the purpose of revenge!

Ji Yan's heart instantly turned cold in terror.

This woman must be extremely cold-blooded to burn her fingers herself.

If she could be so ruthless to herself, she could be worse onto others.

She's definitely dangerous!

However, the two of them were in the same boat and making use of each other now.

Yun Na used her to get shelter, while she used the other to get her revenge.

Yes, that's right...

We share a common enemy: Yun Shishi.

She vowed to eradicate her rival completely!

She had a bright future at first, but a small mishap led her down a path of disaster. Her promising future was ruined in her enemy's hands.

Oh, how indignant she felt!

This was especially when she saw that woman doing so well in the entertainment industry. That actress's career was booming, the film she starred in achieved glorious results in terms of box-office sales, she even won an important award at the film festival. Within a short period of time, her rival had surpassed all without a match.

She went green with jealousy!

Thus, she made up her mind to take back everything that should have belonged to her with her two hands!

She sat down on the bed and commented out of the blue, "Yun Shishi has just returned home from abroad."

"Returned home from abroad?" Yun Na looked surprised at this piece of news. "Where did she go?"

"She filed a leave from the crew, and I didn't know her whereabouts until she returned. I happened to pass by her lounge and heard her and her assistant talking about her wedding photoshoot." After a pause, Ji Yan added, "She probably went abroad to take wedding pictures!"

"Wedding photos?" When the other heard that, an incomparably excited expression surfaced on her face without warning. "He! How proud and happy she must be to venture overseas for her wedding photoshoot!"

The smile on her face gradually morphed into a mean and hideous visage almost to the point of looking sinister!

Yun Shishi, you can laugh all you want; go ahead and show off for now.

The happier you are, the more despondent you'll be once you're destroyed!

The mere thought of crushing her sister, who was immersed in happiness, with her two hands made Yun Na tremble in excitement!

She let out a cold, chilling laugh with mounting agitation in her heart.

“What are you laughing at?” Ji Yan shuddered.

“Don’t you think it’s funny?” She suddenly turned around with a sneer and at the actress’s face with a deadly grimace before continuing, “Don’t you think she’s in a great position now? Her career is successful, her family is happy, and she’s about to have a grand wedding. The happier she is, the more excited I get! I’m really looking forward to seeing the expression on her face when she sees me and when she dies in my hands! Just imagining it makes my blood boil with happiness; I can’t wait to see what happens!”

Ji Yan looked at Yun Na, who was almost in a frenzy, and was more than a bit shocked. “You—”

“Oh, that’s right!” The sadistic woman suddenly turned around and interrupted her. “I’m not forgetting that one called Yun Tianyou, that little bugger! He’s the one who did this to me; sooner or later, I will let him have a taste of what it’s like to be thrown into the cold sea and be bitten by fishes!”

The terrible memories came back to her involuntarily.

Chapter 2564: Watch out for that child.

The desperation and pain she felt as she sank into the deep sea, struggling while fishes surrounded her and bit her skin, remained fresh in her mind!

She hated—no, abhorred the name ‘Yun Tianyou’!

*Soon or later, I’ll strangle that little b*st*rd to death—wait, no!*

I’ll just be letting him off easy if I do that!

I should tie him up and toss him into the sea alive, instead! He ought to have a taste of despair, too!

“Yun Na, don’t go out for the time being, lest you accidentally expose yourself,” warned Ji Yan again.

She coolly replied, “Don’t worry; I know what to do.”

“It’d better be the case!” The starlet had stood up and walked toward the door when she called her.

“Yan Bingqing!”

The starlet spun on her heel furiously and shot her a death glare. “Didn’t I warn you never to call me by that name again?! Yan Bingqing is dead. I go by the name ‘Ji Yan’ now! Don’t you ever mention that name again!”

She, however, merely curled her lips into a bland smile.

“Didn’t anyone suspect your true identity when you returned to showbiz as Ji Yan?”

“What of it? I’ve completely erased Yan Bingqing’s identity. Even if anyone has any doubts, they won’t be able to confirm my identity.” A creepy yet disinterested smirk appeared on the actress’s face as she spoke.

“How about her? She didn’t suspect your identity at all?”

Naturally, the actress knew who she was referring to!

“Yun Shishi?” The other woman wore an indifferent smile as she turned to look at her. “She did appear to have her doubts when I first appeared on the production set, but so what? Any problem with that?”

“I have to warn you: She’s not the one you should be scared about. The fearsome ones are the boy and Mu Yazhe.”

“The boy?!”

The actress’s baffled expression soon faded as Yun Tianyou’s elegant yet cute face appeared in her mind.

Her voice took on an eerie tone as she sneered. “I’ll naturally be on guard even without your warning! That boy is indeed not simple, though.

“He’s even crueller than his father and is far more capable than you can imagine. I tried looking into his background, but I failed to get even a single clue about him. Can you help me investigate him?”

“No.”

“Why?”

A frown settled between her brows. “That’s because not even I managed to find out anything.”

What a joke.

To think a seven-year-old boy could actually be so fearsome.

If I didn’t witness it for myself, I’d never imagine that such an adorable and angelic-looking child would have such a vicious side.

What’s more; despite exhausting much effort and means, there’s no data to be found on that Yun Tianyou.

He’s truly a fearsome character.

“That boy probably already suspects me because of what happened to Yun Yecheng.” She paused, then added, “So you’d better be careful. Don’t let your guard down even for a moment, or all our efforts will go to waste.”

“Got it.”

With that, the starlet turned around and left the room.

Left alone, Yun Na only returned to the bed after locking the door and making sure that the actress had indeed left by peeking through the peephole.

She then lit up a cigarette, took a drag at it, and slowly exhaled the smoke into the air. The sinister look in her squinted eyes was undisguisable.

Chapter 2565: Birthday Party (1)

The filming of 'Extreme Youth' was extremely tough.

While the acting cast was grumbling and begging for mercy from suffering in the hands of the strict production team, Yun Shishi thought nothing of it.

Compared to the demonic directors, Lin Fengtian and Gu Xiaoyang, the current production team could be considered extremely humane, though that might be because she had completely adapted to such fast-paced filming after undergoing Lin Fengtian's 'torture'.

Her relationship with the production team was relatively harmonious, too. After all, she was no longer her past self—a complete greenhorn. Back then, while working on 'The Green Apple' and 'Lethal Beauty', she was not exactly well-received by the production staff and acting cast, for most of them were bootlickers who fawned on veterans and looked down on newbies.

Things were different now, however.

After hitting the billion mark in ticket sales on her debut film and winning the Best Newcomer of the Year award, she had risen to become one of the hottest starlets with her increasing popularity. The airing of 'Lethal Beauty' also brought her fame to a new height, so most of the production team treated her with respect.

What was truly surprising to the staff was that, even though the actress had achieved overnight fame in showbiz, she did not put on any airs and was, in fact, a very affable person. She was totally unlike those prima donnas who had no regard for anyone and anything. Thus, they enjoyed being in her company and got along well with her.

The one thing the actress was concerned about in the production team, however, was Ji Yan's mysterious identity.

Rumors regarding this newbie actress were rife online. Many netizens speculated that she was Yan Bingqing, the actress who had vanished before the public's eyes ever since that slapping incident during the filming of 'The Green Apple' got exposed and her reputation became sullied. There was no news of her thereafter.

People guessed that, in order to cover up her dirty past, she had temporarily left showbiz to undergo plastic surgery to change her features; she then made her debut again as a rookie with new looks and a new identity.

Then again, those were just the netizens' speculation.

After coming into close contact with her, Yun Shishi realized, much to her surprise, that the two female artists were very different.

Yan Bingqing was a snotty, high-profile A-lister, who was always bullying the production staff and even openly challenging the directors, whereas Ji Yan was polite, gentle, and friendly. The latter got along well with the entire production crew; she had even seen her greeting a cleaning lady with a smile. This was something that Yan Bingqing would never do.

Nevertheless, she could still find some sort of similarity between the two based on her memories of Yan Bingqing.

While one's appearance could be modified with cosmetic technology, their voice could not. Even though Ji Yan usually spoke in a gentle tone, her laughter held the distinctive tone unique to Yan Bingqing.

There had been several occasions when Yun Shishi, with her burning curiosity, wanted to find out the truth, but upon coming face to face with Ji Yan, she found her speculations to be ridiculous.

What if she's not Yan Bingqing?

Things will surely become very awkward between us if I question her about it after listening to online rumors and she ends up denying it.

Who knows? She might've deliberately undergone cosmetic surgery to make herself look like Yan Bingqing and get attention?

In any case, what of her being that actress?

She's probably decided to have a fresh start with a new look. Besides, she's been nothing but courteous to me. She didn't make things difficult for me or anything, either.

Chapter 2566: Birthday Party (2)

Besides, she's been nothing but courteous to me. She didn't make things difficult for me or anything, either.

Whether or not she's Yan Qingbing has nothing to do with me, anyway.

All I need to do is focus on doing well in my acting career.

Thus, she did not take this matter to heart anymore.

That day, after finishing her parts, Yun Shishi had just packed her belongings and was all prepared to head home when Ji Yan suddenly pushed open the door to her dressing room and walked up to her with a smile.

"Shishi, are you done filming your parts?"

She turned around and nodded while humming an affirmation before asking curiously, "What's the matter? Did something happen?"

They did not have many acting scenes together, so she did not make it a point to get close to her and, thus, rarely talked to her.

The other replied, "This may sound a little abrupt... but today's my birthday; would you like to attend my birthday party? I know you're rushing to go home, but I've invited everyone from the production team and the acting cast. People will likely gossip if you don't turn up."

"Oh..."

"You know how it's like; the staff talks behind our backs at times. I'm afraid that if you don't attend my birthday party, people will spread something about it, saying that we're not on good terms, and if this reaches the media's ears, they'll surely blow up the matte, so I'm thinking, perhaps you can leave earlier if you're really rushing to go back."

Even though the actress had some reservations, she could not refute what the birthday girl said. It was true that people might deliberately try to make news about this if she did not show up at the birthday party.

Thus, she said, "I'm fine with attending the party; it's just that this invitation came too suddenly. I didn't even know that it's your birthday today, so I didn't prepare any presents!"

"That's fine. Your attendance is the biggest gift you can give me," answered Ji Yan with a smile before she tilted her head and pouted. "I deliberately announced it at the last minute, lest filming should get delayed because people are trying to prepare gifts for me. Besides, there's no need for presents. The production team already ordered me a cake! Since it's a party, it's more fun with more people around."

It got her laughing. "How can I turn down your invitation when you put it this way? What time is the party?"

"We'll have to wait until filming is over! I guess it'll probably be around seven in the evening." The other pondered on it for a moment and then said, "You can leave the party early at eight; how's that?"

"Sure."

Touched, the starlet gushed, "Thank you, Shishi! I didn't expect you to be willing to attend my birthday party."

"Jeez, what are you saying?"

"Well, then you're on your own for now. I have to go prepare for filming, so I'll see you later!"

The lady waved goodbye to her and proceeded to leave the room.

As soon as the woman exited the room, the smile on Yun Shishi's face gradually slipped off.

They're different.

Her image doesn't match up to the haughty Yan Bingqing in memory even in such proximity.

Am I just over-imagining things?

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The birthday party was held in a bar near the production set, where Ji Yan had generously booked the entire second floor for her guests.

By the time everyone—all members of the production team and acting cast with the exception of the superstar—arrived, it was 7 PM sharp. Everyone was clamoring for her to get the party started when she suddenly stood up and told them mysteriously, “Wait. I’m still waiting for someone!”

The crowd asked curiously, “Who is it?”

She did not answer them, though, in a deliberate attempt to maintain suspense.

Chapter 2567: Gao Nan is Ji Yan’s boyfriend?!

At that, the director told her, “Ah! Ji Yan, I forgot to tell you that Xingze left straight after filming, so he wouldn’t be here.”

“I know! I wasn’t expecting him to come, anyway,” she laughingly said. “It’s a family member of mine!”

“Family member?”

“What family member?”

The crowd exchanged puzzled looks with one another before studying the coyish expression on her face. Realization sank in right away, and they understood what she meant by ‘family member’.

“Oooh... You’ve got a boyfriend?!”

“That’s shocking news!”

The assistant director slapped his thigh in feigned regret. “I didn’t know that our beautiful Ji Yan is already taken! *Sigh*... Looks like my hopes are dashed!”

At that moment, Hua Jin went over to Yun Shishi’s side and whispered to her, “It can’t be her sugar daddy, right?”

Her eyelids twitched as she elbowed him. “Don’t go wagging your tongue.”

“Come on; it’s just a joke!” the aggrieved actor cried. “Shishi, you’re such a serious and boring person!”

“Couldn’t she be allowed to have a boyfriend?”

“Have you gone bonkers? Why are you speaking up for her?”

She merely quietly thought to herself, *I’m just curious about her identity, not her gossip.*

He then asked softly, “Say, why do you think a man would date a woman who obviously has a sugar daddy?”

She answered matter-of-factly, “He’s obviously playing with her!”

“Bingo!” He snapped his fingers. “I’m looking forward to seeing who her boyfriend is.”

“You’ll know it soon enough.”

That got him excitedly saying, "Yep, and I look forward to it!"

She rubbed her forehead, feeling a headache coming on.

Since when did this chap become such a gossip?

At 7:15 PM, Ji Yan took a look at the time before going to a corner urgently to make a phone call. She came back half a minute later and, shyly but excitedly, announced, "He's reached the entrance of the bar!"

"Ooooooh!"

Amid the cheering crowd, a female starlet said teasingly, "Look at how excited Ji Yan is! She's gone all red! Hey, please have mercy on us tonight, okay? Most of us are single dogs here, so please cut back on the PDAs. I've been seeing too much of those lovey-dovey displays lately, so I can't take it anymore!"

The crowd chuckled at that.

Ji Yan shyly replied, "What are you saying? Don't worry; I'll try my best not to show off tonight!"

"Yep! That's the way!" The director nodded. "Even if you want to behave intimately with each other, please wait until you've checked in to a hotel."

Silence fell over them.

"Need you be so explicit, director?!"

"Exactly! Ji Yan will feel shy."

The director responded dismissively, "We're all adults here. There's nothing wrong with throwing a few adult jokes here and there."

The crowd burst into another round of laughter when someone suddenly raised their voice, asking, "There's a handsome man coming up the stairs! Is that your boyfriend, Ji Yan?"

The said actress turned her head back and, upon noticing the newcomer, immediately ran up to him with a blushing face.

Curious, Yun Shishi glanced in the direction of the door and saw a dashing man, in a semi-formal attire, walking toward them. When her gaze landed on his face, however, her mind drew a blank, for she was shocked by who she saw!

Chapter 2568: What does he treat her as?!

The reason she was so surprised to see him was that the guy was none other than Gao Nan, her bestie's boyfriend!

A question popped up in her head right away. *Did this man and Xiao Xue break up?*

Surely not?

Ever since her best friend got into this relationship, she had changed to become a coyish, little woman from her usual carefree self. She was so immersed in the relationship that she seldom contacted her as she used to. They only exchanged messages on Wechat at times, but even then, the conversation revolved around her boyfriend.

It was inevitable that the actress felt somewhat complicated about the whole thing.

She had tried to talk her best friend into seeing the man's true colors and warn her not to give him her whole heart so easily, for she would end up in heartache should she ever get betrayed. Her best friend resented her for that, though, and even spoke up for the man, constantly singing praises of him and claiming that he was a rare find for being a considerate and gentle boyfriend.

She could only give up at that, thinking that the guy had mended his ways ever since the class gathering.

The thing was, a leopard could not change its spots.

Just some time ago, Xiao Xue had talked to her about their relationship progress and shyly admitted that they had met each other's family. Both sides were rather satisfied with them as a couple, so if things proceeded smoothly, they would probably hold their wedding next year.

It's only been a few days when she mentioned that, yet now her fiancé is attending this party as Ji Yan's boyfriend!

What does he treat Xiao Xue as?

Don't tell me that they've really broken up?

By the looks of how intimate Ji Yan is with him, they must've been dating for quite some time.

Then... Did this guy betray my best friend by two-timing her?!

Harboring such thoughts in her mind, Yun Shishi could not help feeling restless as she realized what a knotty problem this was.

In fact, she was still somewhat in disbelief as she stared fixedly at Gao Nan, hoping that this was all just a coincidence. It was not until Ji Yan went over to his side and hooked her arm through his, like a loving couple, that she was convinced of what was happening. She could not sit still any longer; her breathing became uneven as she clenched her fists tightly in anger. If not for her impressive self-control, she would have long gotten out of her seat and charged toward the man to give him a tight slap across the face!

Upon sensing the change in her mood, Hua Jin looked at her puzzledly. "What's wrong, Shishi?"

She was too distracted to respond to him. Instead, she pulled out her handphone and, after much deliberation, sent a message to her friend on Wechat.

[Hey, how's it going? Are you doing okay with your darling boyfriend?]

She did not tell her best friend that she was seeing Gao Nan with another woman presently, for she wanted to check on their relationship status first. If they had truly broken up, then there was nothing wrong with him finding himself another girlfriend.

Alas, Xiao Xue did not reply to her right away, which got her worrying.

Did they really break up?

Meanwhile, Ji Yan had pulled the guy over to them at this point. With a bright smile, she happily made her introduction. "Let me introduce you to my boyfriend. His name is Gao Nan, and we've been dating for two months!"

Two months?!

Just a month ago, Xiao Xue was still excitedly telling me on Wechat that she's met his parents, yet this scoundrel has already gotten with Ji Yan at that time?!

What is this?

How absurd! If he's here as my co-actress's boyfriend, then what is my best friend to him?!

What exactly does he treat her as?!

Chapter 2569: Anger Arise!

What the hell did he take Xiao Xue for?!

Yun Shishi could not help getting worked up. She glared fiercely at Gao Nan.

The latter also appeared to be cognizant of a critical look directed at him from a corner and followed this feeling to see her standing there. He looked stunned, seemingly caught off guard by her appearance on such an occasion.

When Hua Jin saw the actress's expression looking off, he gently embraced her shoulders. "Shishi, what's wrong?"

Only then did she get a grip on herself. She realized that she should not reveal her emotions too much in front of everyone here. There were some things that had to be resolved in private; hence, she reined in her expression.

The man looked at her unblinkingly and seemed to realize, at once, the reason for the angry look on her face!

He curled his lips into an insincere smile and said to the lady standing next to him, "Ji Yan, introduce everyone!"

The lady immediately introduced them, one by one, enthusiastically.

When it was the actress at the corner's turn to be introduced, Ji Yan took the man's arm, walked up to her, and made a grand introduction. "Gao Nan, this is Shishi—Yun Shishi. You should know her, right? The movie she acted in, 'The Green Apple', incurred a phenomenal box office. Now, she's a big celebrity; do you know?"

The man smiled and nodded slightly; that insincere smile remained pasted on his face. "Well, naturally I know her. I've even seen her movie."

He had watched it with Xiao Xue, in fact.

When Xiao Xue pestered him to see the show, he whined for a while. The man did not like watching dogged romantic dramas, yet because he was her partner, he accompanied her to the cinema.

Turned out that it was a film starring her best friend!

“Shishi, this is Gao Nan, my boyfriend!”

Raising her eyebrow, Yun Shishi tried to restrain the anger in her heart and gave a faint smile. “He’s your boyfriend, huh, and both of you are two months into the relationship?”

“Eh, that’s right!” The other actress did not detect anything strange about the question. Instead, she happily snuggled on his shoulder, smiling. “We met in a bar!”

Bar?

What a great place to hunt for sex partners!

The protagonist suddenly felt a heaviness in her chest, which made her a little breathless. She glanced at the starlet and then her boyfriend before smiling through gnashed teeth. “Bless you! Ji Yan, your boyfriend is very handsome.”

The noise of the bar covered up her angry gnashing.

All they could hear was her: ‘Bless you!’

“Thank you!” replied the other woman with a blush.

All this while, Gao Nan was looking at her sans moving a muscle and with a profound gaze.

Suddenly, he flashed a meaningful smile before turning his head away.

His girlfriend then continued to introduce him to the rest of the crew with her hands on his arm.

The party officially started after Gao Nan’s arrival.

Ji Yan did not specifically mention the elite background the man came with, but the production team was composed of people with sharp acumen and could tell that the man had a lofty background by his exceptional aura.

The party opened with a few bottles of liquor. Soon, being accompanied by the bar’s explosive music, the atmosphere reached a climax.

As the crowd mingled, Yun Shishi could subtly sense a pair of eyes trained on her. She looked up to catch Gao Nan staring right at her.

Ji Yan, who was busy drinking, did not realize the strange behavior between the two for a while. Time passed by unknowingly, and when half of the alcohol was consumed, many crew members were already half-drunk. Ji Yan’s alcohol consumption was amazingly good, showing no sign of intoxication despite drinking so much!

Chapter 2570: Such an odious man!

Under the prompting of everyone in the room, the protagonist was cornered to play dice games with them. She repeatedly excused herself, saying that she was allergic to alcohol, but the crowd did not buy it.

“No worries! You come to play, and your assistant can drink on your behalf when you lose.”

“Huh?”

Mu Xi found herself forced into a dire situation, but in order to please the crowd, she took up the challenge while pleading to her charge on one side, “Shishi, you must do well in the game, alright? I’m also not good at drinking!”

Hua Jin was snickering inwardly.

The actress nodded, but with the presence of her bestie’s cheating partner at the scene, she was not in the mood to play at all. With her thoughts wandering off the game, she lost the first round with her assistant having to drink three glasses of liquor plus a few bottles of beer.

By then, the young lady’s face was hot and red from the alcohol. Soon, she shook her hand and called it quits.

She would turn drunk if she drank anymore.

Her charge felt so sorry and immediately explained, “I really don’t know how to play this game; how about I withdraw myself from this? I’ll only spoil your fun with my dim wits!”

Only then did the crew give up and stop pestering her.

On the other hand, Gao Nan showed extraordinary skills and drinking capacity with this game, which made the crowd sigh in admiration.

The actress watched him without saying a word, and at this time, her phone vibrated.

She took out her phone. It was her best friend returning her message.

[I’m very well. What’s up?]

A few seconds later, another message appeared: [Huh? You rarely ask about him; what’s wrong?]

She gripped her phone tightly as she read her friend’s reply and gazed at Gao Nan again, and seemingly knowing who she was messaging, the man put on a smug and indifferent smile.

His smile felt extremely abominable to her!

As she watched the couple grimly, Ji Yan, beside Gao Nan, lost the game suddenly and had to gulp down a glass of alcohol. Thereafter, she pranced into her man’s arms petulantly.

In front of her and the crowd, he kissed her passionately on the lips, yet his gaze remained on Yun Shishi all the time.

His action was either arrogantly showing off or putting up a silent provocation!

It was enough to make her so angry that her body stiffened.

Hua Jin, who was especially sensitive, could instantly perceive an unexplained tension between her and the man. Glancing at her, he saw her staring deadly at Gao Nan, while the latter returned her look frivolously.

Tugging at her sleeve, he asked curiously, "Shishi, what's wrong? Both of you seem to know each other."

"We don't just know each other," replied the actress through gritted teeth.

He was just about to reply to her when Mu Xi, at one side, had a sudden reaction and stood up while covering her mouth. Yun Shishi's attention was drawn to her assistant at once, asking, "Do you want to throw up?"

Covering her mouth, her assistant did not say a word and could only nod her head woefully.

"I'll take you to the bathroom now!"

She took the young lady by her shoulders and headed for the restroom.

Once they reached the bathroom, her assistant rushed straight in while she stood outside the door instead of heading in, too. She had a hunch that the man would come looking for her; therefore, she simply waited outside.

True enough, half a minute later, Gao Nan appeared behind her.

"I didn't expect you to be here today. What a rarity!"

The frivolous greeting was definitely in line with his style.

She turned around abruptly and stared hard at the man, sneering. "Is Ji Yan really your girlfriend?"

The man simply replied nonchalantly, "As you have seen."

There was no hypocritical denial or superfluous defense; he admitted this fact straight to the point.

*B*st*rd!* Yun Shishi cursed inwardly. *How could there be such a brazen man in this world?*