Sweet Love 2591

Chapter 2591: Hard to Believe

What would it make of her love, then?!

If it turned out to be a lie? Her boyfriend would surely question her about it and be disappointed in her...

In retrospect, she could not fathom what motive her friend possibly had to say such things to her.

Her eyes turned moist as feelings of confusion and helplessness washed over her. She crouched and wrapped her arms around her head in agony; at this moment, she felt that the world was bleak, colorless, and spinning around her.

The woman did not know how she should face this matter, whether to feign ignorance or end this relationship... However, after dating him for so long, she had long fallen head over heels with him. Breaking things off with him was as good as cutting off flesh from her heart, rendering it all bloody. She would only end up hurt and despondent! She would surely break down and become a living dead as if the sky had come crashing down upon her.

Still, would things be okay just because she chose to shrink away from the truth?

She did not have the courage and determination to question him about it, though.

Thinking about it, there were... indeed some suspicious points about the man. For example, the unfamiliar perfume scent in his car, a strand of long hair at his shirt's collar, and a bouquet of flowers lying in the back seat...

Clues seemed to have been lying about everywhere!

What should I do, though...

How am I supposed to deal with this?

Just as she was feeling utterly lost, she heard a familiar voice from behind.

"Xue?"

Startled, she whipped her head around blankly to see Gao Nan standing behind her. He must have just reached home since his car was parked next to hers.

"Why are you squatting here?" asked the man.

She stood up awkwardly with her eyes red, feeling uneasy for she did not know how she should face him. "W-Why are you back so early? Didn't you say that you have to settle something at your office?"

"Yeah, I've settled it," he replied as he sized her up.

The man was no fool. As soon as he found out that his girlfriend was going to meet her bestie, he knew what the other would say to her, so he was unsurprised to see this unusual reaction from her!

His lips formed into a smile at the thought of that. "What are you doing here, though? It's getting late; should I take you home?"

"Gao Nan..." The lady clenched her fists repeatedly as she mustered up her courage to ask, "Can we talk?"

"What is it about?"

"I have something to ask you." She took a step closer to him and met his gaze squarely with a serious look. "It won't take long, so can you spare me a moment?"

He looked around his surroundings before relenting. "It's windy outside. Let's talk inside, instead."

"...Okay."

Thus, she followed him into his house.

While she sat waiting in the living room, the man brewed her a cup of tea and brought it to her. He then picked up an apple from the table and asked patiently, "Do you want an apple? I can peel it for you."

"Sure..." The woman smiled somewhat bitterly at him.

He, thus, sat by her side and started slowly peeling its skin.

As he did so, Xiao Xue could not stop staring at him; she turned away when her heart skipped a beat at the sight of him.

D*mn it... This isn't going well.

At this rate, I'm going to melt in his gentleness again.

It was better to make things clear once and for all!

At the thought of this, she plucked up her courage once more to face him. Just when he was about to pass the peeled apple to her, she grabbed his wrist and asked with feigned calmness, "Where were you last night?"

Chapter 2592: Yes, I have cheated on you.

The man did not seem to hear her question. Raising the apple in his hand, he asked with a raised brow, "You want an apple, right? Aren't you eating?"

The woman thought that he was deliberately avoiding the topic and tried to make him talk with much reluctance. "Gao Nan, don't change the topic, okay? I'm asking you seriously; there's no need to cover it up, is there?"

He looked at her sans any expression or movement, then suddenly he put the apple and the fruit knife on the table.

He hooked his lips into a smile, took a wet wipe to clean his fingers elegantly, and asked with a deadpan expression, "Do I have to report my whereabouts to you last night? Am I a prisoner of yours to report my location to you anytime, anywhere?"

Xiao Xue's face stiffened for a moment. "That's not what I mean."

"Then, what do you mean?"

The expression on the man's face turned frosty. "You came squatting at my doorstep, looking like a lost soul, and telling me that you've got something to speak with me. I thought it's something important, but it turned out that you wanted me to report to you my whereabouts, instead. You can be so funny."

She looked at him with mixed emotions. She panicked and wanted to explain but did not know where to start.

He doesn't seem guilty at all.

Don't tell me that my bestie lied to me?

That's impossible.

She knew her best friend well. The latter would not cheat or lie to her.

His answer seems evasive; is he perhaps pretending to be calm by muddling through this matter?

Just as her thoughts were running wild, she heard the man asking, "Did Yun Shishi tell you something?"

She was startled and jerked her head up to look at him. "What ... "

"Weren't you with her this afternoon?" He then added, "Could it be that she said something nasty to you, and that's why you came here questioning me about where I went last night?"

Xiao Xue was confused for a while.

"What did she say to you?"

"She—"

"There's nothing to hide. You wanted to talk to me about this matter, right?" As he spoke, he walked to the bar counter, took out a bottle of red wine from the wine cabinet, casually popped it open, and poured himself a glass. He then leaned against the bar counter and lazily took a sip as he continued. "Let me guess... Did she tell you that I was with another woman last night and that I had cheated on you, betraying your trust?"

The woman was stunned, and her face went pale instantly.

After a long period of silence, she nodded her head and hummed in acknowledgement. "Yes... She said that to me!" Immediately, with much uneasiness and nervousness, she looked up at him and asked seriously, "Gao Nan, did what she say true?"

He cocked his brow, shrugged his shoulders, and admitted it readily. "What she said isn't false."

"…"

He was so quick to admit it!

Xiao Xue was in disbelief. This man before her was so straightforward in his answer and did not even bother finding a simple cover-up or excuse!

"You—"

"Don't you want this answer? I'm giving you as you wish."

"That's not true!" She broke down and yelled, her eyes turning red all of a sudden. "I don't want to hear such an answer!"

Deny it! Quickly deny it!

In some way, she would rather he lie to her or try to cover it up nervously, so that...

This would at least prove that he cared about her feelings!

Chapter 2593: His True Self

"What you heard is the truth, though." The man was not the least bit evasive. "Last night was Ji Yan's birthday party and I did cheat on you and did betray you. Well, it's not just with her; when you were not in the country for a period of time, I was bored, so I dated several women. Although a few of them were just one-night stands and it didn't develop in the long run, it's still considered cheating; I guess."

"Gao Nan..."

When Xiao Xue saw how quick her boyfriend was to admit his infidelity, her heart sank even further.

'How much do you really know about the man whom you're loving?

'He doesn't care about your feelings, so how will he care about you?'

Her best friend's words reverberated in her ears.

She hung her head low in a daze, her heart aching to the point of suffocation.

So this is what it feels like to be hurt...

So this is how heartache feels like!

Back in her college days, when the girls in her class fell out of love, they would call their friends over to KTV to hang out and get drunk. As they held the microphone in their hands, they blasted love songs while shedding tears. At that time, she had looked upon them with chagrin as she felt that they were quite pretentious.

Now, it was her turn to get hurt and her heart was aching. This was when she realized that it was not pretentious at all.

It was a desperation bordering on apocalyptic.

"Why are you doing this to me?!" she asked with her heart wrenching in pain. "Didn't you say that you love me and me alone, and that I'm the only one in your heart?"

"D'you mean that you believe such nonsense?" The man did not seem to care about her suffering and even gave her a nasty laugh. Ignoring her sadness and despondency, his lips flared into a harsh snigger. "Xiao Xue, I'm with you only because I assigned you as my marriage partner. It's just too difficult to find someone whom my family is happy with, and as it happens, you're regarded as satisfactory by both my parents, so when they gave the nod, I naturally did not object. Anyway, I don't have any special requirements for my wife. After all, it makes no difference whichever woman I marry, actually."

"Are you really this heartless?!" She stood up abruptly and bombarded him angrily. "Don't you have a heart? Won't you even show sadness or remorse?! Didn't you care at all how I would feel finding out about your deeds?! I didn't ask you to reciprocate my love or require you to be with me. Since you don't love me, you could've just come clean to me. I, Xiao Xue, won't stalk any man; if there's no love between us, I won't chase after you or need you by my side. Aren't you just playing with my feelings by doing this?!"

"Am fooling around?" The man laughed wickedly and put down the wine glass all of a sudden. He walked up to her slowly and stared down at her in condescension. "Toying with you? Are you sure that the person playing with feelings is me and not you?!"

"You..." The woman was so upset that her lips trembled, staring straight at him with suspicion. "What do you mean by that again?

"Don't tell me that you don't understand my words literally? As my girlfriend and a woman, don't you have any basic awareness at all? Are you trying to portray an image of a virtuous woman of chastity? Is it so offensive to go to bed with me?!"

"What?!"

She was dumbfounded by his so-called reason.

What kind of reason is this?!

This man was actually more shameless than she had imagined!

Is this his true self?!

Chapter 2594: Apologize in person!

"Are you trying to portray an image of a virtuous woman of chastity? Is going to bed with me that much of a turn-off to you?! If that's the case, then why did you choose to marry me, or are you playing soulmates with me?! Do you really not understand men? We are motivated by primal impulse and I'm in that extreme category? Are lower-body thinking animals, and I'm even more extreme like that? S*x comes first and love later. I'm not as innocent as you. Do you think I have no preference just because I sleep on the same bed as you?!"

Xiao Xue stared at her boyfriend with wide-eyed disbelief.

"Is this your reason for cheating on me?"

"At least, other women can warm me with their bodies, whereas you can't even do that." He then added, "To be honest, I've lost my patience with you for a while now. Your bestie asked you out this afternoon to talk about this matter, right? Just as well, since I'm already tired of you and of playing the role of a fake, noble boyfriend. You can find someone else; there's no need to waste time on me, or if you want to stay with me to play the role of a fiancée, that's fine, too. After all, it's indeed a tad difficult to find a qualified marriage partner again—"

SMACK!

What he got in return was a vicious slap.

Gao Nan's face was hit on the side and he looked at her, somewhat shocked.

She stared at him with a deadly gleam and her lips curled into a smirk suddenly. "There's a limit to shamelessness. I've told you, time and again, my principles regarding relationships. I don't care about wealth and even if your family is reduced to nothing; I'm still willing to give my all to you. The only thing I can't forgive is betrayal!"

He stared at her in a daze for a long time, the ambience seemingly turning as chilling as ice.

She did not waste any more time with him. After fiercely wiping away her tears, she turned to pick up her bag and walked away without a second glance.

With his eyes glowering, the man's face turned ugly as he held his burning cheek.

After leaving the Gao residence, the woman opened the car door and slipped into the vehicle. Unfortunately, the engine failed to start despite several attempts, and this was when she realized that she had forgotten to turn off the headlights, so the battery had run out as a result.

She slammed her fist on the steering wheel, and seeing that this did not relieve her frustration, she then slammed it hard a few more times. Soon after, her hands dropped limply by her side. With her head lowered, she closed her eyes and leaned against the steering wheel as droplets of tears rolled down her cheeks and wetted her collar.

How could this be?

How could there be such a terrible man?!

She finally broke down into tears and cried.

She recalled her nonchalance when her best friend recounted his bad deeds to her, and in contrast, how her mind went blank when she heard him spout those nasty words in person.

Besides heartache, more than anything else, she felt remorse!

She picked up her cell phone and wanted to call her bestie to make a sincere apology, but then she reckoned that the latter would be very disappointed with her for leaving without a word.

No, she had to apologize to her friend in person regarding this matter.

She knew that the actress was busy with production recently and decided to visit the set personally so that she could offer her sincere apology.

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The next day, an odd atmosphere filled the set of 'Extreme Youth'.

This was especially so when the protagonist appeared on set and the staff looked at her in a weird, penetrating manner.

Chapter 2595: What is it that you cannot say directly to me?

When Yun Shishi crossed into the large lounge, the people who had gathered to gossip in hushed voices, scattered and returned to work with different expressions on their faces. Just as she was feeling suspicious, out of her periphery, she caught sight of Ji Yan sitting in front of the makeup mirror, silently wiping her tears. The latter's swollen, red eyes suggested that she had been crying earlier. When she saw the protagonist, she did not greet her with an affectionate smile unlike before but squirmed and turned her face to the side, averting her gaze. The woman seemed to be upset with her.

She was startled by her cold reception at first, but then she realized that the other woman was likely giving her the cold shoulder due to some misunderstanding over the unpleasant event at the party last night, but what about the others' reaction?!

She looked around the room in confusion and noticed many makeup artists surreptitiously gawking at her. When they saw her gaze sweeping over, they turned their heads away, looking guilty without saying a word.

It was quiet all around, and it was because of this momentary silence that a particularly shrill voice reached her ears.

"How did she find the face to come in still?"

"That's right... Meddling in other people's affairs, too annoying for sure..."

"How come I didn't realize before that she's such a person?"

"Shh..."

Her hearing was not especially sharp, yet she instantly caught the whispered chatter.

Letting out a sudden snigger, she commented expressionlessly, "If you have any comments, you can say it directly to me; there's no need to whisper and talk about me behind my back!"

The surroundings turned eerily quiet after she said that, leaving only the sound of movement.

Everyone seemed to have ignored her words.

She was angry and did not know what rumors had been spread before she came to the set!

Could it be that Ji Yan has spread gossip about me to the crew, leading to their speculations about me?

It couldn't be, could it?

Is she this scheming?

Besides, last night's event was unexpected.

She admitted that Gao Nan's philandering was not directly related to the other actress, for the woman had met a scum without prior knowledge and became a third party inadvertently.

However, it was not right to spread rumors about her before getting the facts right.

"Why? Why aren't you guys talking now? Aren't you all whispering to one another earlier? What do you have to say that you can't speak directly to me?!"

Ji Yan finally raised her head to look at her, but the glance she shot her was extremely accusing and even held unspoken annoyance.

Her colleague's makeup artist finally blurted out, "You don't have to say anything more. This matter was your fault to start with!"

"What did I do wrong?!"

"You shouldn't have interfered with Ji Yan and Gao Nan's relationship!" Ji Yan's assistant rebuffed indignantly. "I used to like you and thought you were rather frank and honest, without airs, since you get along well with everyone, but I didn't expect you to have such a lowly personality in private!"

The actress was thoroughly floored by the accusation.

Just then, Mu Xi entered the room with a stack of scripts in her arms and witnessed the scene. She quickly put down the documents, went to tug at her charge's sleeve, and reminded hushedly, "Shishi, what are you doing here? It's your turn soon so you'd better go and put on your makeup."

"But..."

"Don't argue with them!" The young assistant lowered her voice and added, "I have something to say to you."

Although she had not yet dispelled her anger, she knew that she should not delay the production, so she turned around and moved to leave.

Chapter 2596: Do you think I am that easy to bully?!

The actress, who had not gotten over her anger, wanted to say something more, but her assistant pulled her back, warning cautiously, "Shishi, there must be some kind of misunderstanding. It'll only be detrimental to you if you say anything now! Besides, the director is asking you to speed up. With you running late, you'd better hurry up and get your makeup done fast."

She was really furious at this time, but she knew not to delay the production, so she turned around and moved to leave when a discordant voice sounded behind her.

"Hey, are you leaving? Didn't you just confront us with indignance? Now that we're ready to talk about it face to face, you want to leave now! Are you thinking of slipping away because you're feeling guilty?"

"That's right! You were so confrontational earlier, yet you're running away now like a fugitive."

She could not hold back anymore. Shaking off her assistant's hands, she turned around and spoke in a frigid, stern voice, "Who made the sarcastic remarks?! Own up now!"

Her thunderous voice startled the rest into silence.

Since entering the team, she had always been gentle to anyone and hardly raised her voice. Hence, when she showed her inviolably angry self, she immediately shocked everyone.

Nobody had ever seen such a harsh side of her before!

Her angry eyes swept across the crowd. Because of her sullen anger, her expression became especially severe as her usually gentle face took on a bitter frostiness.

Seeing that no one dared to speak or stand forward, her voice turned colder. "Is it because I've been gentle and kind all along that you think I'm a weakling without a temper?"

Standing dumbly at one side, her young assistant was also stunned into non-reaction by her unexpected fearsome outburst.

"Why are you keeping quiet now? Didn't you want me to confront you?!" The actress snorted.

"I don't know who's fanning the flames exactly, but I'm warning you: I'm not that easy to bully! My dressing room is right next door; if any of you have a problem with me, you can go directly to the dressing room and confront me! If it's my fault, then I'll admit it and apologize, and I'll even inform the whole crew of my criticism, but if it's you guys who are making things up and spreading gossip without asking for the truth, I'll not back down, either!"

Mu Xi looked at her watch and immediately tugged at her charge's sleeve carefully. It seemed that, because of the actress's annoyance, the former could not help being scrupulous for a while.

She had never seen her artist flying into such a fit of rage before!

"Shishi, don't argue with them. I'll bring you to do your makeup now; we're very late already."

It was only then that the actress reined in her anger, turned around, and walked away with her assistant. As she left the room, she was still very upset and slammed the door shut behind her.

The door closed with a loud, thunderous PONG!

The rest were startled by the loud noise and then looked at one another after calming down.

Someone mumbled guardedly, "What the hell?! It's obviously her fault and she's the unreasonable one here, yet she still sounds so indignant."

Somebody stopped her. "Hey, that's enough! Didn't you see how stuck-up she acted? She can bully a newbie like Ji Yan here because she's the senior."

With her eyes rimming red, Ji Yan pouted petulantly. "Stop it; I'm already upset enough."

Chapter 2597: Gossip

"Ji Yan, don't be sad ... "

Somebody immediately went forward to console her.

Inside the dressing room, Yun Shishi waited for a long time but her makeup artist was nowhere in sight. Mu Xi was so angry that she stomped her foot and cursed, "D*mm*t! How could she take sides when she didn't even know what's going on?! I'll report the situation to the venue manager tomorrow and fire her!"

"That's fine," the actress said. "I can do it myself; it's only light makeup, anyway."

After saying this, she opened the makeup pouch and started to apply the foundation. Her technique was not expertly skillful, but she was still meticulous.

As she was applying her makeup, she asked, "What happened exactly? Why was everyone giving me a strange look today?"

"Shishi, you may not know this yet, but the crew is gossiping about your relationship with Gao Nan."

"Gao Nan and I?" The actress's eyes widened in shock and she turned her head to look at her assistant incredulously. Befuddled, she asked, "What's my relationship with him?!"

"Well, didn't Hua Jin and that man get into a brawl at the party last night? The idol said that the guy was molesting you, and then Ji Yan left with her boyfriend thereafter, right? Today, when I arrived on set, I heard Ji Yan complaining to the crew that, after leaving the bar last night, her boyfriend told her that you had taken the initiative to seduce him. According to him, you wanted to lean on his power to gain more fame and status. Everyone was gullible enough to believe her words and became prejudiced against you."

It turned out that the party had ended in an unhappy note after she left.

However, as a result, the gossip about her and Gao Nan spread through the crew.

Many people began to speculate the reason for the fight between the actor and the rich young master.

Some said that Yun Shishi was a troublemaker and she must have sowed discord.

The next day, before the protagonist arrived on set, Ji Yan's assistant told the other staff that she was the third party in a love triangle.

'Yun Shishi may appear clean-cut and innocent, but she's, in fact, a shameless third party!'

This was harsh criticism and the crowd instantly gathered around curiously, looking to gossip about the matter.

The assistant said that Ji Yan cried and confessed everything Gao Nan told her last night.

According to the man, Yun Shishi secretly slipped a note to him at the party last night and asked for them to meet outside the bathroom.

He arrived as promised, and the actress actually took the initiative to throw an olive branch at him, saying that she wanted to sleep with him for a night.

'I'll sleep with you for one night, and in return, you'll have to promote me as the female lead of 'Lan Ling's Downfall', okay?'

Gao Nan's mother, who was the top executive of an entertainment company, had recently invested in a fictional period drama about the Prince of Lanling.

Thus, the actress had shamelessly made this proposition in order to become the female lead of that drama.

The man was momentarily bewitched by her charm and could not help kissing her, and this was when Hua Jin bumped into them.

It was well known that the idol and Yun Shishi had always been ambiguous with each other, and the two were often seen together. After finishing his filming parts on set, he could often be seen getting in her car.

Hence, the crew speculated that the two were secret lovers.

When Hua Jin saw them together, he was naturally annoyed and mistakenly thought that Gao Nan was molesting the actress, so the two had a big scuffle.

However, when the rest arrived at the scene, Yun Shishi pretended to be the innocent party and effectively cut off all ties with the men.

Everyone was taken aback with this great reveal.

Chapter 2598: What fine abilities they have in cooking up stories!

All of a sudden, everyone *understood* how the actress managed to get her hands on excellent resources. It turned out that she had been using such dirty tricks.

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"That's what happened; I heard it myself." The assistant informed her charge.

Surprise and fury surfaced on Yun Shishi's face as she furrowed her brows and scoffed. "I went to seduce Gao Nan?! What a well-written script! It's a pity that those people aren't working as scriptwriters!"

She reckoned that that must be the greatest joke she had ever heard thus far. "Plus, even if I were blind, I'd never go seduce a scumbag like him. Whatever resources he can offer me, Qin Zhou is more than capable of getting them for me. I won't demean myself to that extent!"

"That's what Ji Yan said, though. She even made it sound so convincing. I got so upset by what I heard that I went up to rebut that bunch of gossipmonger, but I ended up getting bombarded by them, instead! There's no stopping their mouths, so I eventually got tired of arguing with them. Shishi, just because you usually treat the production crew well doesn't mean that they're all on your side. It's inevitable that others will get jealous of you because you debuted with ace resources right from the get-go. Even though they treat you with respect on the surface, there's no telling if they're speculating the number of sugar daddies behind you."

Mu Xi then added, "I know that you won't do such a thing, though. Trust those birdbrains to buy that actress's exaggerated lies! Why would you seduce her boyfriend when you got Chairman Mu and Xingze? Any of the two is so much more of a heavyweight than that guy. Then again, those people are just fence-sitters who believe whatever they hear."

"What right do they have to say that of me?" The actress was beyond furious. "This is clearly an outright defamation of character!"

"Well, that's showbiz for you. It's common for people to kick you when you're down," replied the assistant, then she went to explain. "Besides, ever since your debut, you've acted in several well-received IP shows. The scripts, commercials, and even fashion resources you've got are way better than all the other female starlets, and that includes Lin Zhi. Those people made their conjectures about you because they're jealous of you."

"I'm not particularly close to them in the first place, but I do show friendliness toward them. Even though I don't expect them to sing praises about my character, I, at least, expect that I won't make enemies out of them."

"That's too naïve of you!"

"How about Hua Jin?" asked her charge all of a sudden. "He's there with me that night and he saw what happened between Gao Nan and me; the others may not believe me, but surely they'll believe his words."

"Didn't his face get injured?" She told the actress. "Filming will only end up getting delayed if he does his scenes in an injured state, so the director told him to take the day off and recuperate at home, instead."

"Oh..."

So he's on medical leave!

No wonder rumors about me are all over the place...

If he's here, he surely won't allow them to talk trash about me.

Yun Shishi could not help feeling infuriated at the thought of this.

As her assistant took the foundation pact from her hand, the lady said with a sigh, "Let's get you ready for filming first. Although I'm also incensed by what I've heard, we still have to do our job right."

The assistant had learned a thing or two about cosmetics in the past, so her techniques were pretty good.

The actress drew in a sharp intake of breath in a bid to keep a lid on her anger, then she curled her lips upward slowly. "Honestly, I'm quite surprised to know that Gao Nan said such things about me. Yes, he's a scoundrel, but he tends to speak frankly and doesn't seem the type to do ridiculous things, such as accuse me of things I didn't do."

"You've known him even before that night?"

Mu Xi could not help but be surprised by this fact, for she thought that her charge had met the man for the first time at the party.

Chapter 2599: Taken for a Sasaeng

"Yeah. He's my bestie's boyfriend."

"What... Boyfriend?!" Mu Xi's hand froze in mid-air as she asked in shock, "Are you sure it's not 'exboyfriend'?"

"Nope. They're still dating and, in fact, have been in a relationship for a long time. Those two were even out on a date yesterday."

"B-But... he's been dating Ji Yan for two months!"

The actress explained. "That's why I got so furious when I saw him appearing as her boyfriend at the party."

"What a jerk!" exclaimed the assistant in belated realization. "No wonder you're so shocked to see him. You even had that weird angry look on your face."

She went to reveal more. "I've known about his promiscuity since he's long harbored designs on me, but it's only that night at the party that I became completely aware of how shameless he could be."

"There, there. Let's simmer down. The truth about your innocence will come out eventually."

"Mhm!"

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After making inquiries about the location of the production set of 'Extreme Youth', Xiao Xue drove her car straight there.

She approached a few staff members to let her gain entry into the set, but each of them turned her away, for they thought that she was the superstar's sasaeng.

She explained with great effort, "The female lead, Yun Shishi, is my best friend. I'm here to visit her at work."

The staff member sized her up with a sneer. "Don't try to fool me, miss. I've been in this line of work for a very long time; I've encountered all sorts of situations and met plenty of sasaengs, who, just like you,

claimed to be relatives, friends, and even lovers of actors and actresses! Couldn't you tell a more convincing lie?"

"I..." She was rendered speechless and furious by the person's condescending words. "Who are you calling a sasaeng! I'm unlike those obsessive fans, okay? Why do I have to lie to you when Yun Shishi really is my best friend?"

Right at this moment, Mu Xi happened to pass by and witness this exchange. Upon hearing that the female claimed herself to be her charge's best friend, she subconsciously turned her head in the direction of the voice and saw a fashionably dressed lady arguing with the staff, who was manning the guard booth. She walked to them right away, only to hear the staff saying dismissively, "That's enough from you! We all know here that you're just trying to sneak into the production team for a chance to get up close and personal with the stars. Get lost before I call the securities to chase you away!"

You!"

"Wait!" She called to them, and the two people whipped their heads in her direction.

She cast a judging look at the lady, somehow finding her familiar-looking. "Did you say that you're Shishi's friend?"

The lady nodded her head urgently.

Mu Xi flashed her a friendly smile, then she introduced herself, "I'm Shishi's assistant. If you really are her friend, you should have her private number, right?"

Even though the other woman claimed to be the actress's bestie, she had to at least verify it for the sake of safety purposes.

Xiao Xue nodded once more. "Yes, I do have her number; I'll show it to you."

She then pulled out her phone from her bag and searched for the actress's number in her contact list before handing her phone over to the assistant.

Having memorized her charge's phone number, all it took was a glance at the phone screen and the assistant turned to the staff member and told him with a smile, "Sorry, buddy; this lady here really is my charge's friend."

Only then did the lady raise her head in all righteousness.

The somewhat embarrassed staff member, thus, uttered an apology to her, but she ignored it, only to hear the assistant asking, "Do you have something to look for my charge about?"

Chapter 2600: I am scared that she is mad at me.

Mu Xi asked, "Do you have something to look for my charge about?"

"Yes, I'm here to visit her at work, but I also have something urgent to tell her."

"Oh. I can take you to her waiting room first. She's currently in the middle of filming, so you'll probably have to wait for some time!"

The other woman waved her hand dismissively. "It's fine. I'm okay with waiting for her. Thank you for helping me out!"

"That's nothing. It's what I should do for my charge since you're her friend." She laughed and rebuked the woman for being too courteous with her.

As Xiao Xue smiled back at the assistant, she suddenly recalled something and looked at her surroundings before dropping her voice to a soft whisper. "Is Shishi in a foul mood today?"

Her heart had been pounding hard as she made her way to the production set earlier, for she was somewhat worried that her bestie might be angry with her.

After being classmates and best friends for so many years, she knew that the actress was the sweetest and most considerate person ever. This was despite the latter not being good at expressing her emotions.

Whenever they got together, she was always the one sharing things about herself while her friend would just sit there and patiently hear her out. However, when it was the other way round, her bestie rarely confided her troubles in her.

The actress also rarely meddled in her affairs, but last night, she spoke a lot about her relationship with Gao Nan to her. She probably had deliberated on it for a long time before making the hard decision to break the news about his infidelity to her.

Her response to her concern, however, was beyond terrible!

Back then, she found it hard to accept the truth, so she chose to run away from the café without any consideration for her friend's feelings.

She must be furious and utterly disappointed with me.

What she said was all for my benefit, and it also wasn't her intention to sow discord between me and Gao Nan. However, I just had to act on my own and hear those ugly words from him before I finally believed her!

Regrets and worries consumed her; she was worried that the actress might not consider her a friend anymore because she was mad at her over this matter.

The assistant furrowed her brows in surprise. "How did you know that? Did she tell you about it?"

Her heart skipped a beat as she asked nervously, "She must be really angry, right?"

Thinking that she was referring to the earlier incident with Ji Yan and that her charge had confided in her, the assistant nodded. "Well, yeah. She even flared up at the production crew earlier. That's the first time I've ever seen her lose control of herself. She's usually very mild-mannered when on set, after all."

It got the lady frowning, and she felt really bad and sorry for the actress.

It must be because I made her angry last night. Has her anger not simmered even after a night, which caused her to lose her temper on set?

It's only justifiable, though; as a friend, she cares a lot about me. She must be furious with me for storming off.

"It's all my fault; I infuriated her." Feeling somewhat remorseful, she bit her bottom lip and admitted this to the surprised assistant.

"How could that be? I'm sure it had nothing to do with you."

"Huh?" She stared wide-eyed at the latter in bewilderment. "What made her so angry then?"

A conflicted and hesitant look crossed the assistant's face, which got her saying immediately, "You don't have to tell me anything if it's not something you're free to share. I'm more than willing to hear her tell me her troubles; I just wanna find out what's troubling her."