

Sweet Love 2621

Chapter 2621: Shameless!

Gao Nan, who failed to resist her temptation, had gotten intimate with her at the restroom when Hua Jin bumped into them. The idol was in love with the actress, so he subconsciously thought that the man was forcing himself on her and got into a fight with him.

The people, who had rushed over, quickly pulled the two apart.

After the party ended on a bad note, Yun Shishi, seemingly unrepentant, called up the man and asked him to meet her at a hotel. Over the phone, she made a suggestive remark about her having specially brought along a sexy lingerie.

The man then arrived at the hotel as arranged to engage in a wanton night with the actress.

When his girlfriend found out about this matter, she was absolutely heartbroken.

“Gao Nan is the love of my life! I’ve devoted my heart and soul to him. I couldn’t imagine my senior, whom I used to respect, would disrupt my love affair, while the man I loved so much would betray me and cheat on me. The double whammy was a serious blow to me, so I considered ending my life, but after being rescued from dying, I vowed to reveal all their dark secrets! Today, I’m standing here to expose the truth to the public; I implore everyone not to be blinded by appearances and hope that you can stand by me for the sake of true love. Let’s cheer for true love; we want to return a clean slate to this industry!”

‘Stand by me for the sake of true love. Let’s cheer for true love!’

“Utterly shameless!”

In the living room, Xiao Xue’s face turned red from anger as she watched the telecast of the actress’s presscon; she was hitting the roof by then. The protagonist, on the other hand, watched her rival’s haggard and helpless face on the TV screen wordlessly. All she could do was raise a brow and take a deep inhale.

“I initially pegged her as having poor acting skills, but she’s shown herself to be a real drama queen at this critical moment.”

Fortunately, her two young sons were in school right now, so she had no need to worry about how angry and cranky boht would be if they happened to see this presscon.

When her bestie saw how calm she looked, she became worried and carefully probed. “Shishi, aren’t you angry?”

“I am.”

“Why do you look so calm to me now?”

With her eyes still glued onto the TV screen, the actress hooked her lips into a smile and replied, “I’m utterly livid, so I look so unreasonably calm now.”

Xiao Xue glanced at the TV screen. The press conference was in a state of chaos, with the media bombarding the teary-eyed newbie actress non-stop. Ji Yan, seemingly holding back her grief, tried to answer each question as best as she could. The woman's sickening pretentiousness was enough to make the missy feel repulse.

The pandemonium is really revolting!

I don't know how that woman managed to fabricate such justifications.

Isn't she worried about retribution at all?

The reporters present at the reception were in a flurry of discussion.

A reporter shot a hand out of the blue.

"Miss Ji Yan, are you telling the truth?"

"Of course! Everything I've said is the truth! Why do I have to lie?" replied the actress immediately.

"Please believe me; it's taken me a lot of courage and conviction to face the public and expose these dark secrets! The entertainment industry can play dark and dirty. By coming forward, I may face retaliation or even a ban, but I no longer care about such! Since I'm not even afraid of death, why should I fear revenge?"

Whispers and discussions abounded again.

Everyone looked at each other, shocked and alarmed by the artist's bold revelations.

No one had expected Yun Shishi to be an ugly character, which this newbie was currently describing as.

Chapter 2622: Please produce evidence.

Her words undoubtedly implied that the senior actress was bound to retaliate on her due to this revelation of the latter's true nature.

In fact, the newcomer had succeeded in putting on a righteous demeanor by looking determined to fight her cause to death.

Right about this time, a man suddenly stood up and shot a question seriously.

"Miss Ji Yan, I'm Huanyu media's chief journalist; I have a question for you here: How are you going to prove the truthfulness of your words? Right now, we've only heard your story. Please don't be offended by such an abrupt question; I'm just curious to find out if you have any evidence to prove that Miss Yun truly interfered with your romantic relationship."

"Evidence?" The actress froze on the spot.

The man reiterated calmly and politely, "Well, yes. I'm talking about the evidence to prove that Yun Shishi is a third party. Please bring out the relevant evidence; do you have it?"

The atmosphere turned tense at once.

In front of the TV screen, Xiao Xue was so excited that she could not control her laughter.

“Ha ha ha! This Ji Yan can be so silly, right? How dare she try to show off when her ability is only subpar! Who is this reporter? He’s so cool that I’m falling in love with him!”

Yun Shishi took a look at the journalist’s ID and let out a yelp of surprise. “He’s a member of Huanyu’s news agency!”

“Huanyu? Is he from your company then? Haha! So he’s one of us! No wonder he’s taking your side.”

Perhaps the mediaman was deployed by Qin Zhou?

It was said that, in the past, when the agency foresaw some unfavorable presscons to their artists, they would send lawyers from the company’s legal department in disguise as reporters to assimilate themselves into the crowd of media personnel. They would then speak up for their artists and, with a few statements, would instantly turn public opinion around.

This was a tried and tested method.

Is this reporter a lawyer from the legal department?

The ambiance turned dense and stifling as if there was a lack of air at the place. Everyone held their breath as they looked at the centerstage, where Ji Yan looked somewhat nervous while seated at the conference table. She widened her eyes with a blank expression, her harmless demeanor revealing a tinge of helplessness and confusion. The newcomer appeared not to have an answer for the question raised by Huanyu’s mediaman, and she even appeared at a loss for words. She froze on the spot there and then, and her darting eyes seemed to suggest a guilty conscience.

All the reporters gradually turned impatient. Via the mics in their hands, a few urged the actress to produce the evidence. Soon, a string of doubtful accusations began to bombard her—

“Miss Ji Yan, are you perhaps jealous of Yun Shishi’s soaring popularity, so you’re deliberately smearing her image by making something out of nothing?”

“Yun Shishi is like a breath of fresh air in the entertainment circle. Ever since her debut, there’s hardly been any scandal involving her. What you’ve just told us is quite shocking, but as newscasters, we are responsible for verifying facts. This is our duty to the public, too.”

“Please show evidence! We can’t take your words at face value, can we?”

“It’s really hard to imagine that Yun Shishi is the bad person you’ve made her out to be.”

Discussions erupted at the scene and doubtful questions for the newbie surfaced one after another.

Ji Yan balled her hands into fists, looking lost and uneasy. She looked perturbed as if she were sitting on a bed of pins.

Seeing that she was maintaining her silence, the reporters lambasted uncontrollably, “Why aren’t you talking?”

“That’s right. Since you’re unable to show any proof, is this a sign that you’ve lied to us earlier? You appear guilty!”

Chapter 2623: Forgive me, alright?

“I find what she said too exaggerated; how could the actress be such a loose woman?”

“Still, it looks very suspicious; after all, Yun Shishi with her simple background shouldn’t have access to so many golden resources upon her debut! There must be a backer behind her, and as for their identity, no one knows.”

“If there is a backer, then why did she still seduce Gao Nan?”

“Are you stupid? Maybe her backer got tired of her, so she’s been kicked out. Besides, it’s better to serve a handsome man than the opposite. Gao Nan is very popular in the entertainment industry and a favorite of many actresses!”

“Yes, that makes sense. After all, being born in the purple, the man has the resources and the looks. It’s definitely much better than to serve those fat, ugly, old farts.”

Seeing the reversal of public opinion, the reporter from Huanyu continued to fan the fire. “Ji Yan, if you can’t produce evidence, then can I say that you’re trying to set up a smear campaign to ruin Yun Shishi’s reputation?”

“Absolutely not!” cried the actress. “I don’t know what kind of proof you want exactly.”

“It’s simple. We want evidence to prove that you’ve been telling the truth!”

The woman became more and more panicky.

Just when the scene was on the verge of getting out of hand, the door was pushed open forcefully.

A man’s calm and steady voice boomed through the venue, which granted comfort instantly.

“Are you looking for evidence? Then, can what I say be considered evidence?”

Everyone looked over.

Ji Yan also raised her head in surprise, and when she met the eyes of the man at the door, an expression of mixed feelings surfaced on her face immediately.

The best friends were equally shocked. As the camera switched its perspective, the image of Gao Nan’s heroic figure in a suit sprang up on the screen.

Xiao Xue was completely stunned!

How can it be him!

What’s he doing at the presscon?

Yun Shishi was also surprised to see the man and could not fathom his intentions for showing up at the venue.

With his appearance, the media quieted down at once. Only the sound of breathing could be heard as everyone looked at him.

His sudden appearance was beyond everyone's expectation.

The man looked at the actress on the stage and at the crowd expressionlessly. He then asked smilingly, "Didn't you ask her for evidence? Being the central figure in this incident, can my words be counted as that?"

The crowd drew in a sharp, cold breath.

His appearance had reversed the situation.

Ji Yan looked at Gao Nan numbly until he strode up the stage, step by step. Ignoring the jaw-dropping expressions of the media, he gazed at her for a long time with eyes full of guilt and then, with a faint smile, took her hand in his.

"Sorry! I seemed... to be late. I've let you suffer so much aggravation all this while!"

His heartfelt confession caused the actress to burst into tears on the spot.

"Gao Nan..."

"Shh... Don't say a word anymore! It's my fault for putting you through so much grievance and pain; I, as your man, have failed you time and again. I've thought things clearly and changed my mind. The person I really love is you, so give me one more chance. Please forgive me, alright?"

The woman was so moved that her hand flew to cover her lips as she stared at him in wide-eyed disbelief. "Gao Nan, I..."

Chapter 2624: Rise in Public Opinion (1)

Her hand flew to cover her lips as she stared wide-eyed at him in disbelief. "Gao Nan, I..."

The man flashed her an indulgent smile then squeezed her other hand, with their interlocking fingers, and turned to face the sea of reporters. "I won't ever leave her alone again. She's been silently shouldering everything all this while, but from now onward, she'll never be alone!"

The moment his voice dropped, the camera lights began flashing away.

Onscreen, Gao Nan, like a passionate lover, was seen holding Ji Yan's hand. Regret and heartache were written all over his face, but more than that, his expression was overflowing with indulgence—something which had never appeared on his face.

The emotional actress still had a hand over her mouth as she gazed at him with tears streaming down her cheeks, then she embraced him tightly.

Snap, snap—

Image galleries were instantly filled.

Sitting before the TV, Xiao Xue stared at the screen dumbly. Her heart felt as if it was being ripped into pieces when she saw her ex hugging another woman.

She thought that she had completely put their relationship behind her, but oh boy, how wrong she was! The moment she saw him showering another woman the indulgence and the affection he had never once revealed to her despite dating for such a long time, she found herself to be a complete joke.

How dumb and foolish I was!

How could I have fallen for such a scumbag!

To think that I got played by such a vile man.

She could not take it lying down.

“We’ve been in a serious relationship for two months with marriage in mind, and our relationship has been stable all this while. I admit that I was momentarily blinded by beauty and lust; I betrayed her love and committed a sin that all mortal men will probably also commit, but I’ve come to realize over the past few days that this woman is the one I truly love.”

He paused and then turned serious. “May I know if my words can be considered as the so-called evidence you guys wanted?”

Below the stage, a reporter raised his hand to ask. “Mr. Gao, may we know if what Ji Yan said earlier about Yun Shishi seducing you is true?”

“Yes!”

“Did Yun Shishi really extend such an amorous invitation to you?”

“Yes!”

“And you went ahead to meet her?”

“Yes!”

“Does that mean that the two of you really did the deed?”

Silence instantly descended upon the room.

Xiao Xiao’s eyes were bulging wide as she stared right at the screen, which showed a close-up shot of the man’s aloof face, and prayed hard that he would not do anything to hurt her friend.

Alas, the next second, she saw a strange smile unfolding on his face and he slowly nodded his head in feigned remorse. “...Yes!”

His answer sparked yet another uproar among the audience!

It was broadcasted live on all streaming devices and presented to the national television.

That reply was as good as pronouncing Yun Shishi as a third party!

“That son of a gun!” she screamed hysterically. She raised the teacup in her hand, wanting to smash it at the guy’s onscreen face.

Her friend immediately stopped her. “Calm down, Xiao Xue.”

“How can I still keep my composure at this point?” She was seething so much tears pooled in her eyes. “How could he do this to you? That’s slander! The two of them are fabricating stories about you! What motive does he have?”

Chapter 2625: Rise in Public Opinion (2)

She let out an agonized scream, then turned to face her bestie. Guilt and fury were written all over her face.

“He can’t do this!” Tears rolled down her cheeks. “It’s enough that he hurt my feelings; why must he implicate the innocent? How could he be so shameless?”

The actress was also trembling from anger, but at times like this, the angrier she became, the calmer she felt. Perhaps it might be her strong belief that she had a reliable man to hold the sky up for her even when it was collapsing. Thus, though the public’s opinion about her was bound to turn negative because of this broadcasted interview, she was unafraid, believing that her man would always be there to protect her well.

‘Don’t worry; I’ll take care of everything,’ was her man’s promise. Because of those words, she firmly believed that he could turn things around no matter how badly the situation had deteriorated.

The press conference was over, and the next show started to be aired. Nevertheless, her friend was still sitting dumbly before the TV with vacuous eyes. It was unknown what was on her mind at this moment.

It was already dark outside by the time she sent her friend home. The latter was strangely silent throughout the entire journey. Her expression was one of remorse, helplessness, and restlessness. Time and again, she would look at her side-profile and open her mouth to say something, but no words would come out in the end.

Upon reaching their destination, Yun Shishi unlocked the door and turned to face her friend. “I’ll go off now. Go inside and turn in early for the night. Don’t let your mind run wild, okay?”

“Shishi...”

“Xue...” She covered her friend’s hand with hers and smiled warmly at the latter. “I’m not alone. Even if the whole world stands against me, I’m definitely not alone. Don’t worry about me, okay?”

“I’m so sorry... It’s all my fault...”

“Must you be so courteous with me?” She flashed her friend a reassuring smile. “Everything’s gonna be alright; trust me.”

Only then did her best friend bob her head and open the door to alight.

The car then drove off into the distance, with Xiao Xue watching it from behind. She remained where she was until her mother came out upon hearing the sound of a car's engine. When the older woman saw her standing outside alone, she immediately went up to her out of worry. "Why are you back so late? Where did you go? I was so worried because you didn't pick up my call..."

"Mom..." was all the young lady could manage to say before tears came pouring hard.

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On the way home, Yun Shishi received a call from an unfamiliar number. She answered the call, only to hear Gao Nan's smug and arrogant voice floating from the speaker.

"How is it? Did you see the presscon?"

"...It's you, Gao Nan."

The man chuckled before asking in a meaningful tone, "How do you find it? Isn't it interesting?"

She inhaled sharply at that and replied with a sneer, "Yes, I didn't know that you're such a skilled actor. I would've bought your nonsense if not for me being one of the parties involved."

"Hah! You flatter me."

"Don't you know that you're spreading misinformation? It's slander!" The woman got all worked up suddenly. Her face flushed with anger as she asked, "Aren't you afraid of facing retribution for dirtying my reputation?"

"Retribution? What sort of retribution?" He laughed, then told her, "There's room to turn things around as long as you make the right decision."

Chapter 2626: Rise in Public Opinion (3)

"What do you mean by that!" she exclaimed in shock.

The line went silent for a moment before she heard his answer. "Leave Mu Yazhe's side and come to mine. In return, I'll hold another presscon and expose Ji Yan's lie to clear your name."

"Dream on!" She did not hesitate to spit out. "You're much more despicable and shameless than I thought. You deliberately cooked up stories just to blackmail me into going over to your side?"

"Well, the method might be a bit despicable, but all I care about is the result, not the process."

"..."

Sinister, mirthful laughter escaped his lips. "I've never failed to get my hands on any woman that I wanted! Even if they don't belong to me, I'll do whatever it takes to take them for myself."

Fury had the actress ending the call abruptly and tossing her phone to the back seat. She then returned to clutching the steering wheel with both hands while looking grim.

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Ji Yan's presscon had an explosive revelation about the hidden rules in showbiz. It was something that everyone in the industry knew about but rarely exposed to the public.

To the fans, all idols and celebrities were just as beautiful, clean, and dreamy as they presented themselves on screen. This applied to Yun Shishi especially, for she had always maintained a sweet, harmless, and pure image since her debut film.

This matter, however, had completely put her in the limelight, albeit in a negative way. All the media personnel was out to get their hands on the dirtiest scoop about her.

Some reporters even went as far as to interview schoolmates from her alma maters. It seemed that they would go to all lengths just to expose her dark history to the masses.

Two days ago, Phoenix Media released a video, which was a detailed interview with her fellow alumni.

The video had been processed to blur the faces and change the voices of those interviewed to protect their privacy.

"Ah, Yun Shishi? She's very famous in school. She studied in the class next to mine and was the campus belle in our college days. A lot of the male students liked her, but I don't think she got into any relationship, so the guys had the impression that she's quite standoffish. I had a good impression of her, though I heard that she came from a poor family."

"She was in the same year as me. When we were still schooling, I heard that her family had incurred a lot of debts and that she had been in a desperate need of money."

"We had the same electives. My memory of her is that she's a reserved girl who was good at studying. She had excellent results, so all the teachers were very fond of her. I didn't hear any negative rumors about her, though... Still, I don't like to pry into others' privacy. I'm sorry, but I've got nothing else to comment."

"Yun Shishi? Oh, isn't she that famous campus belle-cum-prostitute? I heard that she slept with many people, and they're all old men, but hey, I can understand her plight. After all, she was under great stress since her family incurred a lot of debts then. At that time, it's common for young, pretty girls to sleep with old men every week in exchange for monetary benefits. Even back then, she's so pretty; she probably earned quite a bit that way, right?"

Chapter 2627: Rise in Public Opinion (4)

"I think I recall her taking a break from school in our second year. Word had it then that she had accidentally gotten pregnant. Actually, there were many versions of the story, but the most widely circulated one was of her getting pregnant, stopping school, and secretly giving birth to a child. I heard that she had received plenty of money, enough to repay her family's debts. To be honest... I do find her pitiful. A young girl like her had to resort to selling her body for money."

“Yun Shishi was my senior who had taken great care of me while I was studying, but I heard that her reputation wasn’t too good in school. She’s now a very popular actress, huh. If not for this interview, I wouldn’t know that she’s the very person who acted as ‘Yin Xiachun’.”

“Those rumors have been unverified even to date, but she did give me the feeling of being unsociable. Many of the guys in our class saw her as their goddess. Every day, one would find her desk piled with heaps of love letters and chocolates; there were even expensive bags and phones.”

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The anonymous interview set the Internet ablaze.

The actress gained a few million new followers in just one night, and the numbers were still climbing. This, however, was not a positive sign to her, for those new followers did it just for the sake of hurling insults and piling accusations at her.

[What a shameless third party—I hate third parties the most! Getting between other people’s relationships is the most shameless thing to do!]

[Even though it’s consensual, seducing other people’s boyfriend is just plain wrong and shameless! To think I’ve been your fan since your debut film ‘The Green Apple’! Recalling it now just disgusts me; trust me to have a good impression of a third party!]

[B*tch, you deserve to die from a car crash! Why don’t you die, you shameless sl*t! Just leave showbiz and stop embarrassing yourself!]

[Get out of the entertainment industry, you brazen h*ssy!]

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Soon, #GetoutofshowbizYunShishi trended online.

Because of her so-called involvement in another couple’s relationship, netizens formed anti-groups to launch attacks at her on Weibo, scolding, cursing, and humiliating her in the name of justice and righteousness.

They particularly detested the term ‘third party’ and somewhat sympathized with Ji Yan, with many of them having experienced betrayal from their beloveds.

Online bullying was terrifying; one could effortlessly destroy another person without getting hurt themselves.

Meanwhile, Huanyu had been dealing with this matter seriously by stopping all the actress’s public schedule. Her manager was also busy dealing with this affair.

The matter had blown up so big it had now become a phenomenon of cyberbullying. The public just could not be calmed down no matter how many PR teams the talent company dispatched to settle it, making things become even trickier. Yun Shishi, therefore, did not log into her Weibo account for days.

The atmosphere on set was strange, too. The other actress had been absent for days. Even though the director allowed Yun Shishi to go on a break, she insisted on continuing with the filming. She wanted and had to keep herself busy, or else she would feel very lost about her current situation.

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Youyou ultimately found out about the cyberbullying, despite how hard she had tried to keep it from them.

Chapter 2628: Mommy's Scandal

He had not gone online in these past few days; moreover, since his mother left very early for work during the day and only returned very late at night, he had not noticed anything amiss with her.

On this day, the woman had to film two night scenes in order to catch up with the filming schedule, so she would not be returning home for the night.

After school, the boy was on his way to shop for groceries when an article in a certain newspaper on the magazine stand caught his attention as he was walking by.

He would usually just walk past this stand since he did not have the habit of reading the local newspapers, but the headline on one was too eye-catching to be ignored. A face shot of his mother was printed on it, marked with a red circle. The backdrop, meanwhile, was dim, so he only vaguely identified the woman to be his mother.

The headline read: 'The Green Apple' female lead, the overnight sensation, engulfs in rumors after 'cheating' exposed.

Shocked, he rushed to the stand to take a closer look, then dug out some pocket change to buy this newspaper. Once he got home, he carefully read the article; the more he read, the angrier he got.

Cheated? Seduced?

How's that possible!

Mommy wouldn't ever do such a thing even if she were single, let alone now that she's married to daddy!

Little Yichen, who happened to be entering the living room after completing his homework, saw his twin looking gloomy as he sat on the sofa with a newspaper beside him. Curious, he reached for the newspaper, but his actions alerted the younger boy, who snatched it out of his hand. "Don't look!"

Startled, his eyes bulged wide as he asked askance, "Why? Is there something that I shouldn't see?"

His younger sibling clutched the newspaper tightly as he said with a frown, "There's a bad article about mommy, but it's fake. Those unscrupulous journalists fabricated some stories; there's no need for you to look at them."

“What! Bad article about mommy?”

He snatched the newspaper before the younger boy could react and skimmed through the aforementioned article. His eyes instantly became lit with anger.

In his fury, he tore the pages of the newspaper apart and squashed them into a ball before throwing everything on the floor.

“Who wrote that rubbish? Mommy seduced another man? How’s that possible! Who the hell wrote that?”

Youyou’s eyes flickered before he charged into the study at once and turned on the computer. The screen lit up to display a webpage, which had been accidentally closed; he restored it out of curiosity. It turned out to be a link to the full video of Ji Yan’s press conference. He clicked on the play button, and after a moment’s buffering, the full content was presented to him.

His brother had also followed him into the room and was now standing next to him.

Both lads bore with the anger raging inside them as they watched the video to the very end. The younger one nearly smashed the keyboard in his fury afterward.

“They’re all mad! This is clearly libel—it’s defamation!” he cried in exasperation. “Mommy will never do such a thing!”

“Does daddy know of this?”

“I’m unsure.”

The boy took a moment to gather his thoughts before logging into Weibo.

He would occasionally check in to monitor his mother’s activities. It was what he enjoyed doing; in fact, he created his account just to follow his mother’s.

However, he had been negligent these past few days and had not paid much attention to the online goings-on; therefore, he was clueless that such a thing had happened to his mother.

Chapter 2629: I have to protect you.

On Weibo, Yun Shishi’s scandal was rapidly gaining momentum. The cyberspace was full of criticisms about her for being a third party, and many held the malicious intention of using public opinion to drive her out of the entertainment industry.

[Shameless vixen, hurry up and get out of showbiz; don’t make a fool of yourself in front of us!]

[Boycott all brands endorsed by her and any shows, including ‘Lethal Beauty’, featuring her—having such a lowly woman in the cast only spells trouble!]

[That’s right! I don’t know what the famous directors like Lin Fengtian and Gu Xiaoyang are thinking when they hire a woman like her to act in their shows. Aren’t they afraid of tarnishing their work?]

[It's disgusting! I retched for a whole night after knowing her affair. My relationship was ruined by a third party before, so I truly detest the third parties and mistresses.]

[There are scourges like her among women, and that's how so many innocent girls have had their hearts broken!]

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The more Youyou read the comments, the angrier he became.

Actually, he would be immensely happy for his mother to bid farewell to showbiz, but she should not depart because she was driven out of it!

More than that, he would not allow anyone to tarnish his mother's reputation even one bit.

The moment he had this thought, he immediately contacted his agent and ordered him to investigate Gao Nan. Half a quarter of an hour later, Li Hanlin reported every detail about the man to him.

"His uncle is Wang Chuande?"

That old man was the boss of Wanke Real Estate.

Although the boy had not had dealings with the man before, he knew him to be a powerful person, but how could that business magnate be related to such a disgusting man like Gao Nan?

"Director Yun, did that playboy do something to offend you?"

"Hmph! He did more than just offended me." Youyou stated expressionlessly. "He's completely pissed me off! Who is Wang Chuande? I won't let Gao Nan go scot-free even if I offend his uncle! Hanlin, you send a car to pick me up right now."

"Roger, boss."

After hanging up the phone, the younger boy prepared to go out; his older brother swiftly tailed him while asking, "Where are you going?"

"There's something I must do. Don't tag along."

"No way!" Little Yichen turned around and faced his twin with a dampened look. "Are you planning to handle this alone again as you leave me home? Why couldn't I go?"

"Mu Yichen, I'm warning you: Once I get angry, I'm not my usual self. Don't follow me, for there are some things you can't get involved in."

"Why couldn't I?!" He challenged in agitation. "You're my brother. What is it that you can dabble in which I can't? You're gonna look for that Gao Nan, aren't you? I have to go with you; I must protect you!"

"I don't need your protection."

He was firm in his decision. "Yes, you need me because I'm your older brother!"

The younger boy gazed at him with incomparable bewilderment, then suddenly hooked his lips into a smile. "Okay, I get it. If you're not afraid of being led astray by me, you come with me."

"Hmph! Are you kidding me? My brother isn't a baddie!"

He laughed and held his younger sibling's hand in his. The little ones then proceeded to hook their arms across each other's shoulders as they walked side by side out of the study, only to see their father seated elegantly on the sofa in the living room with his legs crossed. The man looked strong and determined.

They did not know when he returned home or how long he had been sitting there.

Chapter 2630: The Scheming Father and Son (1)

The two boys had been so immersed in their boiling emotions over the press conference that they neglected the sounds coming from outside the door.

Now, they found themselves recipients to their father's piercing gaze as the man languidly rested his arms over his chest.

"Where are you two going?"

"Er..."

Both lads were unprepared for the sudden question thrown at them by their father.

The younger one did not want to let his father know that they were going to settle scores with Gao Nan, so he turned his head aside with pursed lips.

The man shifted his deep gaze onto the older boy.

His commanding presence was something Little Yichen had a deep impression of; hence, the slightest glance from his father was enough to send the boy mumbling guiltily, "We... are going to get a suntan."

In the first place, the boy was not good at lying. His face would become flush and his brain would go blank the moment he told a lie; whoever listened to him could tell how lame he sounded.

His father hummed an acknowledgement, then said, "Suntan? The sun seems to have gone down."

Youyou stomped hard on his older twin's foot with a look of disdain.

The other boy could only hold back the pain wordlessly as he glanced at his sibling with great resentment. This was when they heard their father stating slyly, "Both of you are going to look for Gao Nan."

It was a rhetorical question.

"How'd you know!"

"I saw the torn newspaper on the ground."

One look at the torn newspaper, and the man knew right away that his younger son had taken note of the matter involving the woman of their household. He knew his son well. Any person who bullied his

mother, the lad would investigate that person and then return an eye for an eye. The boy would retaliate for any aggravation his mother had suffered a hundredfold or even a thousandfold.

This was the nature of Youyou, who could not bear to see his mommy suffer one bit.

“Mommy has been falsely accused of being a mistress; don’t you know about it?”

The man replied sans any expression, “I know.”

“You do?” The boy was surprised and soon furiously bombarded his father with questions. “Since you know, why haven’t you taken actions! Do you just plan to watch mommy be slandered and feel aggrieved in silence?”

“I’ve been preparing something.”

“What’ve you been preparing?”

Mu Yazhe suddenly tugged the boy’s jaw and gently whispered a few words into the latter’s ear.

The boy was stunned at first, then his shock and anger dissipated, replaced by incomparable surprise, instead.

“Daddy, are you really going to... announce it?”

“Yup.”

The older boy, who failed to hear what his father had said, immediately ran over and curiously asked, “What did daddy say?”

“Hmph! I’m not gonna tell you.”

His younger brother decided to keep him in suspense.

Little Yichen had gotten rather confused by then.

The younger boy pushed his brother aside with a look of disdain and then turned to regard his father again. “Are you going to let that man off just then?”

“Of course not.”

Mu Yazhe had investigated this incident.

He even learned that that guy had threatened his wife of framing her as his mistress.

As the leader of Huanyu, he had eyes and ears in the entertainment industry. With his extensive influence, he found out exactly what happened that night after a few casual inquiries.

It was not that there were no witnesses at the scene. A waiter happened to pass by the restroom that night and overhear the heated argument between the two.

That playboy had been coveting his wife even to this day.

As a man, this was definitely an intolerable provocation.

“Why haven’t you taken actions then?”

“How meaningless it is to just deal with it.”