

Sweet Love 2661

Chapter 2661: All I want is to rule over you.

No longer having any speaking rights at the press conference, Ji Yan could only silently leave the venue, amid the cold looks of the reporters, like a street rodent that everyone abhorred.

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On a neon-lit rooftop.

Yun Shishi was tucking a stray lock of hair behind her ears while leaning against the railings when her husband hugged her from behind and nestled his chin in the crook of her neck.

He then softly cooed, "What's on your mind?"

She let out a low chuckle, then pursed her lips and shyly replied, "I-I just find everything that has happened today somewhat surreal..."

"Surreal?"

"Yeah..." Her eyelashes drooped at that point. "I felt despair and then hope, having gone to heaven from hell in an instant. The suddenness of it all made me feel somewhat overwhelmed."

"Despair?" The man arched a brow in seeming incomprehension, then he turned the woman around and forced her to meet his gaze. "Why would you feel that way?"

"Before you came, the reporters were like a mad horde that wanted to swallow me alive. They're trying to cook up some searing exposé about me. I was in utter despair at that time!"

After a pause, she slightly hooked her lips upward. Her eyes softened as she continued. "And then you arrived, together with our children, like God descending on Earth and openly declared our relationship to the public. I was somewhat dazed and..."

Her words trailed off as she pondered on what to say next, but upon finding herself to be behaving in an affected fashion, she sighed and spoke. "You know what? There were many moments where I felt incredibly blessed tonight, so I couldn't help worrying that God might see me as an eyesore and banish me back to hell."

"You trust in the unknown so much?" Mu Yazhe narrowed his eyes. "You even gave Youyou the name 'Tianyou'¹; just how superstitious are you?"

"That's because humans are all born different," she retorted with an indifferent pout. "I'm not being superstitious; it's just that fate really works in such mysterious ways that I can't help but believe in it!"

"You're such a fool!" Out of resignation and indulgence, the man placed a kiss on her glabella. "From here onward, just place your faith in me. There's no need for you to believe in heaven."

"Well, God rules the world! You want to replace Him? Hah! What huge ambition you've got!" Even though she appeared to be rebuking her husband, she was actually chuckling inwardly.

"I don't have such huge ambitions! All I want..." The man left his words hanging as he took a long look at her. A wicked smile bloomed on his face, then he leaned close to her to the point where their noses touched and continued speaking. "...Is to rule over you."

He ended his statement by placing his lips against her warm yet soft ones, which had such a magnetic pull that they almost drove him crazy. He could not stop kissing her; his tongue pushed her lips apart and dove into her oral cavity, claiming and eliciting more kisses from her.

Alas, even in such a quiet and romantic moment like this one, there would always be some tactless people who did not know better than disrupt the mood.

Crackle—

The crackling sound of sparklers could be heard from afar.

"Daddy! Mommy!"

Their eldest son's naïve voice floated over, startling the woman into pushing her husband away. She then saw the two twins waving sparklers in the air as they ran to the rooftop.

Chapter 2662: Will that not make daddy become a pitiful loner?

Youyou, who smilingly reached his mother's side, sharply spotted some lipstick smudge at the corner of her lips. His brows creased slightly as he cast a suspicious look on a certain deflated man, only to see some red smudges on his lips as well.

Being the meticulous boy that he was and sensing the awkward atmosphere, he easily understood what had happened. "Here I was wondering of your whereabouts! Turns out you two were kissing over here behind our backs!" He was fuming.

His mother flushed deeply. "W-We didn't—"

"No? Don't try to lie to me! I'm not as gullible as that fool of my brother!" rebutted the boy in all confidence and seriousness.

His father, meanwhile, could not help but wish to thump him in the head.

This party pooper is always disrupting our private time!

Can't he be more tactful?

Seeing the man's forehead veins bulge, the lad knew that the former must be currently feeling quite resentful toward him for ruining his fun. Nevertheless, he ignored him and coyly tugged at his mother's hand. "Mommy, mommy! Shall we go release fireworks?"

"Why do you want to release fireworks when the Lunar New Year is already over?"

"Mommy isn't romantic at all! Today's a special day where I'm in a jolly mood, so I wanna celebrate by releasing fireworks."

Mu Yichen approached them at this point, chiming in, "On top of that, it's White Day today."

"White day?"

"Yeah!" He cast his father a look of disdain and said rather disappointingly, "Someone's a blockhead here, too! He doesn't even know about White Day! He deserves a failing grade!"

"..."

The woman snickered behind her hands, especially when she heard her younger son quip, "Still, on account of daddy's earlier impressive performance, I'll let things slide this one time."

His older kid nodded and seconded his brother's sentiment. "Same here!"

"Mommy, let's go release fireworks."

As she carried the little one in her arms, she pacified. "Okay, okay. What sort of fireworks do you want to release?"

"The ones that shoot up the sky and explode like flowers."

"I think we have some leftovers in the storeroom. We didn't use them all on New Year's Eve," mumbled the woman as she carried her younger son to the storeroom.

The older of the twins went over to his father's side and lifted the two sparklers in his hand. His small, tender face appeared especially handsome and adorable amid the bright sparks. "Daddy, are you gonna join us?"

"How childish."

"Woo..."

The man proceeded to pinch his son's cheek and snorted in feigned displeasure. "I still remember that a certain traitor wanted to change his surname to 'Yun'!"

"Ow..." The boy frowned in pain and hastily scrambled to explain. "It's just a joke, alright? I'm in the same camp as daddy!"

"Is that the truth?"

"Yes!" He nodded his head solemnly. "If I were to change my surname to 'Yun', then daddy would be the only one with the surname 'Mu'; wouldn't that turn you into a pitiful loner?"

His remark earned him a glare from a certain pitiful loner.

This brat really has the knack for saying things that make people infuriated yet amused.

The sparkler in his hand suddenly fizzled out. He tossed it to the ground, then looked up at his father with a warm, radiant smile. "Still, you won't mind whose surname I take on, right?"

Mu Yazhe was surprised by the question.

To be honest, he really did not care about that; he would not mind it even if his eldest son took on his wife's surname.

Chapter 2663: Being Together in the Open

When one truly loved another person, they would not bother with such trivialities.

"I'm really happy today, daddy! We're finally reunited together in all sense!" said the boy with laughter as his eyes turned moist. He clumsily rubbed the tears away, feeling somewhat lost at the overwhelming bliss.

The man could not resist stroking his son's head. "I've never seen you cry before."

"I'm just feeling emotional right now!" The little one's eyes suddenly lit up in excitement. "Does that mean to say that little brother and I can openly hold hands with mommy when we're out on the streets?"

"Mm!"

"Can I also kiss and hug mommy without caring about the paparazzi?"

"Mm!"

"Yay! Hurray for daddy!" The boy jumped in joy.

"Are you that happy?"

"Yes! Of course, I am! Daddy can finally kiss mommy in the open, too! You no longer have to be sneaky as if you're in an illicit relationship."

"Illicit?" The corner of Mu Yazhe's eyes twitched. "Where did you learn that word from?"

"...Youyou."

Bursting into a bout of hearty chuckle, he picked up his son and stroked his nose. "Alright. Let's go release fireworks now."

"Okay!"

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The next day, news of Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi announcing their relationship in last night's press conference had the entire showbiz boiling with excitement. This was especially so online, with the netizens being in a frenzy on Weibo.

Those who sided and supported Ji Yan in her cause to safeguard her relationship were totally caught off guard by the one-eighty change in the situation.

What!

So Ji Yan is the real third party?

Yun Shishi, who's been accused as a shameless hussy, is actually innocent?

Everything's just a lie and part of Ji Yan's machination to ride on Yun Shishi's coattails?

Everyone took this news with a pinch of salt as they felt quite confused about the sudden revelation. For some time, they did not know whose words they should trust as no one knew how the situation might change in the next second.

Nevertheless, many fans had come to realize that the wrongly accused actress was not as debauched as Ji Yan described her to be. In contrast, when the latter's ugly side was finally exposed to the public, the tide instantly changed. With the public now favoring the previously lambasted and boycotted artist, they now wanted the guilty party to leave showbiz.

Countless hate comments could be found on Ji Yan's Weibo page.

[How could you be this shameless?]

[Lowdown b*tch! Despicable! To think I bought your lies! I've never expected you to be the one lying! How vicious and manipulative you are!]

[I was almost fooled by you! 'Let's protect and fight for love'—bah! I wasted my sympathy on you! Turns out that millions of people, including myself, were fooled by you!]

[Why did 'Extreme Youth' hire such a scheming actress? Is there no one else in showbiz who can act her role?]

[Trust me to malign my idol, Yang Mi! Mimi is such a righteous person! When Yun Shishi was accused of being a third party, she immediately came forward to voice her support for her colleague. I don't regret being Mimi's stan!]

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Chapter 2664: Nation's Husband

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Sheesh!

Is he the rumored heir apparent of the Mu Group?

He turned out to be so young and amazingly handsome!

The man was famous within the capital, but not many had seen him in person. He hardly appeared in public and even more rarely showed himself in front of the camera. As such, in the eyes of many, he was akin to those fops—the frivolous and extravagant sons of rich upstarts—who frequently showed themselves before the media.

However, the man, who appeared in front of the camera that day, had a handsome and extraordinary face, bordering on godliness—his deep and exquisite eyes, high nose bridge, angular thin lips, and distinctive facial contours looked almost too good to be true; even the rare gem of the entertainment industry, Gu Xingze, was not in his league.

The man had such an illustrious status, too!

He was the erstwhile chief of the Mu Group and the contemporary chairman and CEO of Shengyu Financial Group. With such a radiant title added to his portfolio, the public had dubbed him as the ‘nation’s husband’!

He could put his looks to good use yet opted to prove his worth using his capabilities.

Some netizens teased that his performance at the press conference made him a true blue ‘wife slave’!

[Have you guys seen the way he looked at Shishi? It’s so full of love! If I had a man who would look at me so affectionately and dotingly, I would lose myself in his love!]

[OMG! There really exists such a rich and handsome man! God is too kind to him, isn’t He? There is no justice at all!]

[All the good men are ‘married’.]

At the same time, many of them noticed some finer details.

[Did you all notice it? When the younger boy said that he’ll keep his mother’s surname for the rest of his life, Mr. Mu Yazhe’s face showed neither surprise nor displeasure!]

This comment immediately garnered others’ agreement.

[He’s so gentle and considerate! Take my husband, for instance; after I gave birth to my second child not long ago, I joked that I wanted the baby to take after my surname and his face sank instantly. He said that, no matter what, the child should follow his family name since I’m already married to him; honestly, I don’t really care whose last name the child actually takes after, but his retort made me feel disrespected!]

[You can see from that gesture alone that Shishi is loved and respected.]

This topic resonated with many netizens, and for a while, the topic of the child’s last name topped the hot search.

A majority complained that their husband was particular over the issue of surnames; at the same time, they envied the fortune of the actress for being able to marry a ‘wife slave’ like Mu Yazhe.

One person by the name of Hua Rong even commented in half-jest: [I got a sudden inspiration after reading all these. I’m thinking of writing a beautiful love story like theirs! If the novel is officially serialized, it’ll be named ‘One Birth Two Treasures: The Billionaire’s Sweet Love’!]

Huanyu was equally dumbfounded by how the matter had progressed.

Qin Zhou and Ji Lin originally thought that once the actress's romance was announced, it would have a big impact on Yun Shishi's career; however, instead of losing some of her popularity, her fame became even more securely established.

Chapter 2665: No Longer Believe in Her Hackneyed Criticism

On the other hand, Ji Yan's reputation had hit rock bottom.

Realizing that the public opinion was becoming lopsided, she could not hold back herself from making another appearance before the camera in a TV program.

Attempting to clarify her blaming, she came up with all those hackneyed criticisms during the interview with the media. However, even the host no longer believed her cliché reasons, so she had to make a bolder, final gambit!

"Yun Shishi rose to the top through subterfuge!

"She's had entanglement with Mu Yazhe long before she debuted, and that's why she's in possession of so many valuable resources right from the get-go; she's being supported by that man from behind the scenes all along!

"She's always been very arrogant and rude even when she was still a newcomer; with countless resources and overwhelming support at her disposal, she's able to trample on the crew. Many grumble about her, in fact."

Ji Yan, at this point, finally admitted to being Yan Bingqing in front of the media.

She started to pour out her woes to them, including that time when she was among the cast of 'The Green Apple'. She went to complain about how the other actress had behaved like a diva on set and bullied her as well as every crew member.

The entertainment industry was one which emphasized on seniority.

Yun Shishi, as a newcomer, had aggrieved and even threatened her agent then. Realizing that such a newbie was trying to ride on her coattails, she decided to teach her a lesson. Once, after the two had a row, she could not help giving the other dozens of slaps on the pretext of acting.

Unfortunately, she did not expect her behavior to antagonize the formidable supporter behind her colleague.

After that, she was blocked and banned from showbiz. Left with no choice, she had to flee to Hong Kong and lived anonymously. Eventually, she had to undergo plastic surgery in Korea with much sorrow just to return to the mainland's entertainment industry using a brand new identity.

She did all those things because she could no longer take everything lying down. She wanted the other to pay for her bitter experience!

The reporters specially went to investigate and interview the original production members of 'The Green Apple' from the actors to the staff. Their jaws dropped when they learned that the truth was far from what Yan Bingqing had described it.

The protagonist had an excellent reputation on set. As a newcomer, she was very humble and without airs. Respectful of every staff member, including the cleaner, she would greet everyone cordially each time she saw them.

At an interview, Yang Mi came to her colleague's defense as well. "Admittedly, I disliked Yun Shishi when I first met her. I felt that she's too serious and much of a perfectionist. She's persistent in her acting almost to a fault. There were times when a single take was obviously sufficient, but she would make us go through it again. Later, though, I got to know that she is just dedicated to her craft and wants to present her work better to the viewers. After getting along with her, I found her character humble and gentle, and we became good friends."

"All the crew members loved her!" proclaimed one of the cameramen in her previous production team. "Oftentimes, when the crew responsible for lifting the mics during the shoots felt tired, she'd bring them fruits and water. Later, though she gained some fame, she's still the same as ever. As one of the cast of 'Lethal Beauty', she didn't put on airs unlike those newcomers who usually become famous overnight.

"Her character isn't suitable for showbiz. Not having any scheming bone in her body, she was often bullied on set at first."

Chapter 2666: Ji Yan is Yan Bingqing

"On the other hand, Yan Bingqing was cocky! She wasn't a first-tier actress, yet she behaved like one. She often ignored the site manager's calls to get ready. When she was in a good mood, she might smile at us, but when she was in a bad mood, she treated us like slaves!"

"Yan Bingqing was really hard to please! She was just a supporting actress but was extremely demanding when it came to the makeup. Although actresses should be strict with their makeup requirements, as a supporting role positioned to be a manipulative character, she still insisted on having a pure and pristine look. The director naturally disagreed, and she would take it out on us, the makeup assistants!"

"Actually the entertainment industry is full of stars who put on airs after becoming famous, but it's still rare to find one as arrogant as Yan Bingqing..."

The reporters visited a few production teams.

The moment the actress's name was being brought up, all the crew members would complain.

She was notorious for her pompous attitude, and none thought well of her.

Some artists, who used to work with the actress, were not forthright with their comments at first; it was as though they were afraid of being offensive after their agencies repeatedly asked them to be careful with their words. However, still bearing resentment after being bullied by her, they expressed their opinions anonymously in the end. "Yan Bingqing still has the cheek to accuse other artists of relying on subterfuge to climb to the top? Everyone knows that if not for Yang Shoucheng's support, the president

of Euro King, she wouldn't have become famous overnight. She may be beautiful, but she hardly has any acting skills. Her look is too sultry and, in the words of the directors, not audience-friendly. It's difficult for her to succeed in showbiz, so didn't she have to depend on hyping campaigns to generate publicity in the end?"

"She puts down newcomers with potential because she lacks the capability. She, herself, relied on indecent favors to become popular. I've even personally witnessed an investor entering a hotel with his arm wrapped around her waist!"

"One of my friends who works in a hospital told me that she's secretly hospitalized last year. It seems that she had a miscarriage due to injuries. Whose child was that? Who knows!"

The most astonishing thing was nothing more than Gao Nan's revelation when he was still hospitalized due to his wounds. A reporter had sneaked into the hospital to interview the man himself.

His statement had, unexpectedly, overturned all that he said in the past on this topic. With much difficulty, the man finally revealed the full development of the matter.

It turned out that, during the night's party, when Yun Shishi saw him appearing at the scene as Ji Yan's boyfriend, she was very shocked and angry. Before this event, she had known him to be her bestie's partner. Thus, when she saw him openly embracing another woman in public, she became furious, especially so when she saw him openly cheating on her best friend.

After her assistant got drunk, she escorted her to the bathroom. This was when he followed her and said something rather frivolous and disrespectful, thus antagonizing her.

The two got into an argument, and he did make a move on her. When Hua Jin, who then arrived at the scene, witnessed what he did, the actor was so angry that he fought with him.

On the way back, he was so upset that he humiliated the woman severely in front of Ji Yan. Unexpectedly, Yang Bingqing decided to spread tales among the crew by exaggerating, starting the rumor of the innocent woman having seduced him.

He did not know about all this at first. It was only when the rumors had become ripe on the Internet that he learned that Ji Yan was accusing Yun Shishi of being a third party in their relationship.

Chapter 2667: The End of the Road

The reason why he appeared and cooperated with Ji Yan's lies at that press conference was out of resentment. He had his eyes on Yun Shishi, but he could not have her. He momentarily lost his mind due to fury raging in his heart, and this had prompted him to say those words.

In front of the camera, Gao Nan then sincerely expressed his apologies to the lady in question as he confessed his bad deed with incomparable guilt, telling her that because of his selfishness, he had caused her to be gravely misunderstood by the public and made to suffer substantial aggravation and loss.

After this interview was aired, the public finally came to an enlightened understanding!

They had wronged Yun Shishi!

The artist was no mistress!

She was no sinner!

She was innocent!

She was not guilty!

It turned out that Ji Yan was the one unilaterally slandering her, while Gao Nan had merely corroborated with her out of his nasty selfishness.

The truth of the matter could not be clearer.

The artist was innocent.

Such a ridiculous thing had never happened in the entertainment industry before. A public figure openly instigated falsehoods, which did not just play with the public's kindness but also flouted the seriousness of the law.

Huanyu issued a legal letter to Ji Yan, informing her that they would pursue this issue to the end, no matter what.

As for the actress herself, her notorious reputation had spread far and wide by then.

All the fans were stunned into guilt by the revelation, especially those who had castigated Yun Shishi indiscriminately. They had stood so firmly on Ji Yan's side that, when the reality collapsed on them, they had seemingly been given a hard slap on their faces. They went to the Internet and showed solidarity by asking for the actress's forgiveness; at the same time, they expressed their most heartfelt wishes for her and Mu Yazhe's relationship.

As for the fans who were unaware of the truth, and wavering between the two actresses, they also came to their senses. Although it was a hard truth for them to swallow, they had to accept this reversal!

A number of fans put up a petition, asking the production team of 'Extreme Youth' to kick Ji Yan out and ban her completely, or else they would resolutely boycott the show.

The team readily agreed to the public's request and kicked the actress out of the cast with an announcement.

The reputation of Ji Yan became infamous overnight.

What was even more ridiculous was how the actress continued clinging on to her delusions of grandeur and tried fighting for her life. Alas, the public no longer believed her words, and none of the media was willing to give her another chance to stand in front of the camera for a so-called 'clarification'.

Everyone was disappointed in her.

Meanwhile, Yun Shishi and Mu Yazhe's wedding date was finally set.

May 20—a particularly auspicious date.

The wedding announcement was made by Huanyu, with a beautiful wedding photo attached to the announcement letter for the public.

The wedding photo was taken in Italy. Against the uniquely romantic backdrop of Venice, the city with the cerulean waters and skies, as well as Europe's classic architecture, the protagonist could be seen wearing an elegant smile in her wedding gown. Holding on to her husband, her face was full of charm and happiness.

As for the man, his gaze was focused on her as he looked at her sideways. The profile of his angular face was like that of an ancient Greek god, handsome and beautiful, especially his deep-set eyes which could melt anyone's heart.

The picture was so beautiful that it was intoxicating.

It was taken not long ago.

Chapter 2668: Reversal of Reputation

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Taking into consideration that a public announcement should not be too lowkey, the actress personally chose that picture. The image was already eye-catching without much tedious fixing.

"How beautiful! This is the kind of love I really aspire!"

"It's such a happy thing to marry for love, huh?"

"Wedding photography is my occupation, and I've seen countless wedding photos of married couples, but upon seeing this wedding photo, I've been deeply touched for the first time in my life. A person's eyes don't lie! Mr. Mu Yazhe must love his wife very much; you can see it in his eyes!"

"His doting eyes are enough to make any single kneel on a chair and cry."

The most taboo in the entertainment industry was to announce a relationship.

Regardless of actors or actresses, revealing one's romance would potentially amend their roles or see a drop in their fees or popularity. It might even provoke public criticism.

However, this pair of lovers had unanimously received the public's approval and blessing.

Perhaps the actress's victimized image was too deeply entrenched in the audience's impression, or maybe, the love affair between the two was too heartwarming.

Although the actress was not considered a veteran, coupled with any actress in showbiz who announced her marriage into a rich family in the past would often be over-interpreted by the public and would usually be labeled using ugly terms such as materialistic and calculative, Yun Shishi's situation was just too special.

Her sincere confession had touched countless people.

Even though she was falsely accused by so many others, she kept to her rationality and did not do anything that hurt anyone's feelings. Although she was clearly in a relationship, she chose to keep it hidden to protect it.

Her seriousness and dedication to her acting career was also evident to them.

Soon, their romance also affected the ratings and reputation of 'Lethal Beauty'.

Originally, the ratings of the TV series tended to hover between second and third places. After this incident, however, the ratings saw a beautiful turnaround overnight, overtaking the top once and for all and standing firmly as a ratings champion.

The actress's role as Qin Yuyan was a villain in that drama, but as the public took a closer look at the role again, they realized why the character's evilness was so deeply rooted in their hearts, so much so that they detested her naturally.

That was because the artist's acting was superb!

She completely abandoned the pure and innocent image of Yin Xiachun in her debut show, 'The Green Apple', and also completely left behind her image as an idol as she set her heart to portray a scheming villain.

There was a scene where Qin Yuyan, after failing in her plot against Qin Changle, was counterattacked, instead. She was finally expelled from the clan, and as she knelt despondently outside the general's residence amid the freezing snow, she wept buckets at the loss of all her efforts and schemes. Under the heavy snow, the character cried in despair and kowtowed continuously for mercy, with her tears frozen into ice on her eyelashes. Putting down her pride and dignity, her yearning cries for her family's forgiveness were evident.

Her superb acting skills in that particular scene earned the admiration from countless viewers!

Even after her part was wrapped up in the series, the audience could not get enough of her still, and ratings for replays climbed steadily. Many netizens admitted that they were specifically looking for that particular scene of Qin Yuyan since they were moved by her excellent acting!

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Chapter 2669: Married to Love

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It was as if acting skills were no longer considered critical as long as the artist had decent looks and was sufficiently popular! The young generation of actors and actresses could simply pick some scripts at random for the fees and then get by in the production with their mediocre performances.

It was different for the protagonist, however. Although she entered the industry with privileges, she put in all her efforts to portray her roles painstakingly, no matter which was it. Her professionalism and dedication had touched many people.

The production team of 'Lethal Beauty' posted an image of the script, which the actress used during filming, on Weibo. The script was full of dense annotations and pen marks for emphasis, which earned the praises of many!

Fantastic!

This is a positive image which a young artist should have!

The entertainment industry needs such an iconic powerhouse!

With the popularity of 'Lethal Beauty', many top-rated entertainment programs started to invite the actress to grace their shows, but it was laughable that the invitation to her was accompanied by another request.

Many viewers responded that they wanted to see the family of four recording the show together, which would be very heartwarming.

Thus, the program team hoped that Qin Zhou could do some brainstorming and planning, which could have the couple and their pair of cute munchkins record a program together on a variety show.

The lady went back and mentioned this matter to her husband, and to her surprise, he readily agreed.

She stared at him with utter surprise, almost to the point of shock. "You actually agreed to appear on a show?"

She merely brought this matter up, thinking that she could then drop the idea as he would definitely disagree to the request.

After all, he was very reluctant to appear in public and never liked exposing too much of his private life.

She did not expect him to agree at the first instant.

"Why, are you very surprised?"

"Of course..."

"Although I don't like to show my face in front of the camera"—the man suddenly seized her in his arms, hooked her jaw with his fingers, and smiled—"if it's with you, I can still consider. It should be fun to be on the show with my wife."

The actress stifled a miff. "Am I being given a special treatment?"

"Hmph. Of course!"

She teased him deliberately. "Then, do you expect me to extend my gratitude?"

"That's not necessary," he answered seriously. "I wouldn't dare, would I? Haven't you read what the people online are saying? I'm a standard wife slave who's afraid of her. I do whatever she says. Naturally, what you say is holy writ."

She was speechless for a while before retorting, “Are you ridiculing me?”

“I don’t dare to.”

“Hey!” She did not know if she should laugh or get upset with him. “Don’t humor me with that online stuff!”

“Alright. I’ll stop teasing you. What program is that?” he asked with a cocked brow.

“‘The Ultimate Challenge’; it’s a sports show similar to ‘Run’.”

“Is it the kind... where we are required to run from start to finish and tear up name tags?”

“Pretty much. I haven’t been on one and have rarely watched such variety shows. I always feel that those are all scripted and meaningless.”

“Alright.”

The man readily agreed to it.

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When news of his participation reached the program team, they immediately signed a high-profile contract with Huanyu. Mu Yazhe’s appearance fee was naturally skyhigh. The market price of getting an A-lister to record one episode in such a program was a million yuan. As for someone with Mu Yazhe’s status, it naturally had to be doubled.

Chapter 2670: Endure Humiliation

After all, with the two heavyweights, Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi, appearing on the show, the program team could easily earn from the advertisers’ bidding.

It was rumored that the man’s appearance fee was as high as ten million, while his wife’s was not low, either, with her fee elevating due to him.

However, the entertainment agency revealed that the two boys would not be participating in the program to protect their privacy, leaving many viewers greatly disappointed.

Meanwhile, the public announcement of the couple’s marriage was making someone even more uncomfortable!

On Weibo, Song Enya repeatedly looked at the wedding photo that the couple took in Italy a dozen times. From the demeanor of the two lovebirds down to the expensive wedding dress of the woman, she hated them so much she almost ground her teeth to pieces!

Right about this time, the Songs and the Mus finally met officially, with the wedding date on the agenda.

Considering that their daughter was pregnant, the Songs requested that the wedding be held as soon as possible.

Otherwise, how would it look for the bride on the wedding day with a big belly?

Mu Yancheng did not object, so the wedding preparation began in earnest.

Both parties were prestigious households in the capital, so the wedding must be grand and pompous, naturally. As Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi's wedding date was scheduled for May, the Mus decided to hold their wedding before them.

Planning a wedding was a rather tedious process.

The entire process was extremely demanding, from the selection and customization of the wedding dress, the choosing of the venue and the distribution of the wedding invites to the preparation of dowry to the betrothal gift.

Song Enya was particularly fussy over the wedding dresses. She wanted it to be custom-made by famous designers, but as the wedding date was imminent, it was simply too late for that lengthy process. The customization of a wedding dress was extremely long and tedious, where the design and sewing would take at least two months. With the wedding date set at the end of April and seeing as it was presently near the end of March, the workmanship could not meet the deadline even with overtime.

Alas, the bride refused to compromise for a wedding of a lifetime.

The two families fought bitterly over this matter.

The bridegroom was so upset over this that he almost lost it in front of his future in-laws.

The wedding was just a formality and the man felt that one should give in when the situation called for it. In this case, it was just too late to customize the dress with the wedding drawing close. However, the lady's side believed that the man clearly had the capital to make it happen yet was perfunctory in this regard. As such, they believed his family did not have the wedding on their mind.

In the end, the groom left the bride with these harsh words: "Don't push your luck; my patience is limited."

Song Zhengguo was so angry that he nearly smashed the antique vases at home.

Is the bloody rascal already strutting his power when he's just taken over the helm? How dared he openly challenge my Song family!

What did he mean by his patience is limited?

What did he mean by pushing our luck?

The fella is downright audacious!

However, his wife quickly stepped in and advised repeatedly; the Mu family was not entirely supportive of this marriage in the first place. If not for that young man having taken a step back due to their daughter being pregnant with his child, the Mus would not have agreed to this marriage.

The party in dire state was their side, not the other.

The cruel truth was that they could not afford to offend the other family. The one to suffer would ultimately be their family if this marriage fell through!

She suggested that their family quickly wrap up this wedding, for it was the most practical thing to do.

After much patient consolation, persuasion, and threats from Jiang Qimeng, the bride only agreed to give in and visit the bridal studio to choose a wedding dress with much reluctance.