Sweet Love 2851

Chapter 2851: Refusing to Sign

It would have been fine if he had left her as she was.

However the moment he turned her over, Butler Fu was greatly startled.

"Red Lotus?!" He blurted out a name in shock.

What was she doing here?!

Or was this Baby Chu's mother?!

Her name was deeply etched in Butler Fu's memory.

Five years ago, Red Lotus had a status in the Gu family. The reason was that apart from him, she was the closest person to Gu Jinglian.

This...

How could this be possible?!

How could Old Master allow Red Lotus to conceive his child?!

Moreover, Red Lotus was a spy from the Interpol. She was a traitor of the Gu family. Old Master should never have allowed her to get away alive.

It was truly inconceivable!

He looked at the mangled mess that was her body. Next to her hand was a confirmation letter soaked in salt water.

Butler Fu picked it up and read it a few times over. It was actually a confirmation letter about "giving up the custody of Baby Chu"!

"Old Master has instructed us to use all ways and means to make her sign it."

Another person by the side immediately added, "But we've already tried whatever methods we could. This woman is very stubborn. Even in this state, she would not give in."

"That's indeed her personality!" Butler Fu was not surprised. "Alright, let's not deliberate further. Let's take her to the guest room right away!"

"Just carry her into the room like this? She's filthy."

"This is Old Master's orders!"

Butler Fu snorted. "Are you doubting my words?"

"No! Since it's Old Master's order, we should just do it, shouldn't we?"

The men then carried her away at once, not daring to take responsibility for any delay.

Butler Fu sent a few female servants into the room. One of them was responsible for removing Chu He's clothes, while the other was responsible for cleaning her body and disinfecting her wounds.

A doctor came to check on her and shook his head in shock.

Butler Fu immediately asked about her condition.

The doctor said, "This lady just had an operation!"

"What?"

"Look at the dressing on her head. Do you see this scar? It hasn't healed properly, the stitches haven't been removed." The doctor paused for a moment and shook his head helplessly. "The existing wound and new injuries have greatly damaged her vitality. She won't be able to get out of bed for at least half a month!"

"So serious?"

Butler Fu was shocked.

"Yes!"

The doctor nodded gravely. "This lady had a brain surgery. Although it's a minimally invasive surgery, any surgery would have impacted on a person's vitality. Looking at this scar, it probably hasn't been long since the surgery. With these new injuries added, her health will definitely fail in the future if she doesn't recuperate properly."

"I understand!" Butler Fu nodded. "Please prescribe her some medicine to nurse her back the health!"

"Alright."

The doctor prescribed a few types of medicine and handed them to Butler Fu, who immediately sent someone to pick them up.

The Gu family had a pharmacy and a private medical school, which focused on Traditional Chinese Medicine.

When Gu Jinglian was young, he had ill health and recuperated through the use of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Hence, he was a firm believer of Traditional Chinese Medicine. The best Chinese physicians in the capital were all settled in the Gu family's residence.

After the herbs had been picked up, Butler Fu instructed for the medicine to be brewed.

However, Chu He was injured and would not wake up anytime soon.

After taking great pains to clean her up, they left her in the guest room to rest. Guards were rostered to watch over her round the clock, just in case she woke up and caused another commotion.

Chapter 2852: Officially Leaving the Entertainment Industry (1)

For half a month, she was comatose.

Of course, that's a story for another day.

Ever since Chu He fell into a long coma, Gu Jinglian had assigned a few people to take turns guarding her while the nanny took care of Baby Chu.

Except, it remained unknown if the little fella was missing his mother. Ever since he woke up from that nightmare, he had not eaten well, and even in his sleep he would be mumbling in his dreams.

Most probably, he was thinking of his mother.

After all, he had never been separated from Chu He for so long.

Sadly, Baby Chu had no idea that Chu He was lying quietly on the bed next to his room, no one knew when she would wake up.

Butler Fu called for the doctor three times. After all, something had to be done given she had not woken up after such a long time.

If she continued in this state, how was he going to tell this to the old master?

The doctor had come and performed a series of tests. Ultimately, there was no conclusion.

Given that she had these new injuries added on to her existing wound, her body would have been suffering from severe losses.

If one were to compare the human body with a machine, the human body operated as a concerted effort of various parts too.

Take a computer for example. As time passed, the parts would age, and the system would become sluggish. Perhaps due to the collision during the process of being used, the internal parts would also suffer varying degrees of damage.

It was the same for the human body.

Chu He had received training when she was very young, so it was inevitable for her to be injured during training. In addition, throughout her experience as an agent and a detective, she had suffered countless injuries.

She had had broken bones, fractured bones, dagger wounds, and bullet wounds.

There were two gunshot wounds on her back.

On the side of her waist, there was a five-centimeter long scar. This was the scar she had gotten when she was fighting a mercenary in close combat.

She had lost a lot of blood then.

With her astonishing willpower, she managed to survive until the rescue.

There had been too many old injuries and her vitality was already greatly damaged.

As a result, once she caved, she caved seriously, and would need a long period of recuperation.

When Butler Fu heard this, his heart ached for the girl.

He looked at the person lying quietly on the bed. He had no idea this girl had accumulated so many injuries over time.

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A week later.

The filming of "Extreme Youth" was completed.

Within a duration of four months, filming of the 30-episode teen idol drama ended.

It was when the filming of episode 26 had just ended, that the director excitedly announced that its copyright had been bought out by the largest video website, PPTVI.

Just based on Gu Xingze and Yun Shishi's fame as the main leads, the purchase of the broadcast rights alone was already a nine-digit figure, setting a new record.

Even though this genre was unpopular, it did not affect the investors' expectations of the viewership ratings.

After all, Gu Xingze was the main lead, which meant the show was guaranteed by his popularity.

Gu Xingze and Yun Shishi were hailed as the two most valuable eye candy in the entertainment industry.

No matter how unsatisfactory the viewership ratings were, they would still be able to recoup their capital.

And if it should became popular, they'd certainly be laughing their way to the bank.

Due to the exclusive purchase made by PPTVI, many television stations were unable to obtain broadcast rights, regretfully.

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Chapter 2853: Officially Leaving the Entertainment Industry (2)

After filming ended, the production team held a grand celebration party. In order to promote the show, the entire production team created a variety show which received extremely high ratings.

The program was called "Ace Intelligence Agency", and it was an entertainment program for celebrities to fight against variety shows. Once it was released, the viewership ratings hit the roof.

Surprisingly, Gu Xingze also confirmed his participation in the recording.

He rarely took on variety shows nowadays.

Because of his status, he would definitely not endorse variety programs that had poor reviews or were childish in style.

Many high-quality variety show celebrities really did not have the resources to deal with these noisy variety shows because of clashing schedules.

Apart from some talk shows, "Ace Intelligence Agency" was probably a rare participation from him following "The Love Diary".

The script was quickly formulated and distributed to everyone.

Variety programs all had scripts. As long as the artistes who went on the program memorized the scripts well, they would be able to predict the content of every segment beforehand. In this era of entertainment, even if they did not boast a substantial portfolio or enjoy any level of popularity, but if they were quick-witted enough to react on the spot, even 18th-tier celebrities would be able to gain a fair number of passer-by fans through variety programs.

Previously, there was a model who participated in a sports reality show. Her exceptional sense for variety shows made her value soar rapidly. From a mere 200,000 yuan, her appearance fee skyrocketed to a million yuan.

Moreover, with her new and astonishing popularity, she went on to star in many movies and television dramas even though her acting skills left much to be desired. After all, she did not go to acting school, nor was she born to be an actress. Even under the best of directors, her acting fell flat.

And even so, given the popularity she had gained from variety shows, her annual endorsement earnings were close to tens of millions.

8 pm.

With all the main cast in place, the recording officially began.

Every segment was unique.

After the passionate opening dance, the game segment began.

The game segments were nothing more than engaging and interesting games that could highlight the sense of variety and attract viewers. For example, two people with three legs, or drawing and guessing. It was nothing more than these routine games.

Even if Yun Shishi had not done too many of these, she had seen too many, and was sick of them.

However, under the company's training, her sense of variety steadily improved. When she played games, she completely abandoned her idol image and fought fiercely with the other guests.

In one of the games, they had to wear a special Sumo suit and play Sumo on a mock competition stage.

Yun Shishi, who was wearing a bulky Sumo outfit, was in the same team as Hua Jin as she fought against Gu Xingze and another female host.

After discussing with Hua Jin, they decided to work together to deal with Gu Xingze.

Hua Jin was responsible for charging. With a loud roar, he charged toward Gu Xingze, who was also wearing a similar costume!

"Rawrrrrrrr!"

He let out a raging roar, but to his surprise, Gu Xingze dodged nimbly and he missed. Gu Xingze then leaped forward and kicked him in the butt, catching him off guard and sending him sprawling.

"…"

Yun Shishi was completely dumbfounded.

This Hua Jin is too weak!

Hua Jin immediately stood up and pounced on Gu Xingze again.

Yun Shishi was not to be trifled with either. She rushed toward Gu Xingze as well. The three of them got entangled and started shoving each other.

The female host could not stand it anymore and stepped forward to help Gu Xingze.

Chapter 2854: Officially Leaving the Entertainment Industry (3)

The female host could not stand it any longer and wanted to step forward to help Gu Xingze. Unexpectedly, Gu Xingze lifted his leg and with a kick, sent her tumbling off the stage. It was not known whether this was intentional.

"Out!"

"Hahahaha!"

The audience laughed hysterically.

This time, it was two versus one.

Yun Shishi smiled slyly as she and Hua Jin surrounded him. She did not expect Gu Xingze to be putting up such a strong fight still, even after losing a teammate. In just two minutes, he had defeated both of them.

The entire audience erupted in an uproar!

The viewership ratings for the game segment rose steadily, and they quickly obtained the highest viewership ratings.

In the following talent show segment, the production team sent Yun Shishi out to showcase her singing skills.

She sang the theme song of a television series "The Lunatic".

The lyrics of this song was written by Yun Shishi, and music composed by Gu Xingze.

As the theme song for the pilot television series "Ace Intelligence Agency", they had spent no small sum to secure the rights to debut it.

At first, Yun Shishi was a little nervous. After all, she did not think that her singing skills were that good.

But as the atmosphere warmed up, she gradually relaxed.

All the guests were seated on the sofa. Yun Shishi stood in the middle of the stage, holding the microphone and singing passionately—

"The only crazy thing I ever did

Was to love you till the end of the world

Only so far

Your story

Has no place for me

I've become a captured hostage

I've come to a dead end and lost all ability to reason

But your obsession

Your memories

Know not my name

It has left no trace in your heart

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Waking up from my dreams

I'm a lunatic who loves you

Missing the past

I'm a lunatic who hates you

But...

But...

My heart aches

You don't understand

I fear being too late

Being too late

To love you one more time

How lucky I should be

To have met you in my life

..."

The melody was beautiful and poetic, but it was filled with despair.

Gu Xingze watched her silently from start to finish. Even when the song ended, he was still lost in his thoughts.

Next up was the interview. The main cast sat on the sofa while the host continued to ask questions about the filming.

After a while, the emcee suddenly turned to Gu Xingze and asked curiously, "Xingze, you've not filmed much in the last few years. 'Extreme Youth' was probably your first production after a two-year hiatus in the television industry, right?"

He nodded lightly.

The host continued asking, "Why did you take on this television drama?"

Another emcee chimed in, "I heard that Gu Xingze enjoys racing normally, and his driving skills are outstanding."

He said unhurriedly, "Actually, this is probably my last television drama."

"Oh?!"

The host widened his eyes in surprise.

The other creative team members were also surprised.

This wasn't in the script.

"Are you planning to place all your focus on the film industry from now on?"

The man replied, "No."

"Then... what's the reason for this decision?"

He lifted his eyes slightly to face the camera, his lips turning up slightly in a subtle smile. "Because I intend to officially quit the entertainment industry."

The air suddenly became still.

She looked at him sharply.

The crowd broke out in an uproar.

The audience gasped.

Of course the fans could not believe it!

"Liar!"

"Chairman Gu is being naughty again!"

Chairman Gu was the affectionate nickname his fans had given him, because he had founded the studio, and officially became the boss.

Chapter 2855: Officially Leaving the Entertainment Industry (4)

Naturally, the host did not believe him and asked suspiciously, "Xingze, are you kidding? You can't do this! You should know that there are many of your loyal fans right here among the audience. If you leave the entertainment industry, your fans will be shocked to tears!"

"I'm not kidding."

Gu Xingze continued calmly, "It's been ten years since my debut, and it has indeed been a glorious time, but I think that time has come to an end. The entertainment industry is constantly injected with fresh blood. There are many outstanding newcomers with good acting skills, but they never have the chance to get in front of the cameras. I think that I should step down to give the younger generation more opportunities to perform!"

"No..."

The fans among the audience shrieked uncontrollably.

The situation went out of control.

Many fans started to raise their billboards, shouting Gu Xingze's name.

The director popped his head out from behind the camera. Caught by surprise, he looked towards the stage with some hesitation. For a moment, he was uncertain. With the situation spiraling out of control, should he break for an advertisement and cut off this segment?

Although it was a live show, the broadcast on TV had a 10-minute delay. This was in case there were any accidents and editing was needed.

Except that in this case, even the director was stunned.

This sudden announcement was not in the script.

Everyone was befuddled and had no idea how to react.

Fortunately, the host was quick-witted and immediately snapped back to his senses. He continued with the interview, "Why have you decided to leave the entertainment industry!? Actually, the glory you've achieved since your debut is obvious to all fans! You're so popular now, isn't it irrational to choose to leave the entertainment industry?"

"Initially, entering the entertainment industry was just a small part of my life – I wasn't everything. However, as my popularity increased, this job gradually became a responsibility."

The idol paused for a moment, the corners of his lips turning up slightly before he continued, "However, the constantly intensive workload wears people out. It was hard to get a good rest every day, because my fans hope to see more of me on screen. My works, my new songs, and even my advertisements.

Many of the jobs far exceed my manageable load. Constantly being in this state really makes for a negative... lifestyle."

"No..."

"Don't quit the entertainment circle!"

A number of fans started crying emotionally.

Hua Jin was stunned as well.

Yun Shishi had mixed feelings about this, and was at a loss for a reaction.

She had never expected that this show would turn out to be a farewell ceremony for him.

Was he really quitting the entertainment industry?!

Gu Xingze glanced at the audience and suddenly stood up. He walked to the front of the stage and smiled at a fan who was holding her face in great distress. "Please don't cry anymore."

"Xingze! Xingze! We love you!"

The fans could not stop crying as they tried to persuade him to stay!

Gu Xingze, however, laughed. "Don't be sad, huh? Just because I'm leaving the entertainment industry doesn't mean that you won't see me in the future. I'm just too tired..."

"Xingze!"

The fans cried, "You don't have to be so tired! You don't have to accept so many jobs! We're willing to wait for you forever!"

"But... without any new works, celebrities will be outdated!"

He replied helplessly, "Being outdated is more painful than being retired."

"You will never be outdated!"

Chapter 2856: Gu Xingze, the Youthful Dream of Many Fans

"You will never be outdated!"

"You are our eternal star! You are our beloved idol!"

"Xingze, don't joke around like that! We'll go crazy!"

"Xingze, if you leave the industry, my heart will die!"

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The scene became extremely sad.

Even Gu Xingze, who would normally not be emotionally involved in any way, was almost moved to tears by his fans' passionate attempts to keep him.

He turned around and slowly returned to his seat. When he turned his handsome face back to look into the camera, his eyes were so bloodshot that it made one's heart ache.

"I made this decision after much consideration!"

Gu Xingze took a deep breath and said steadily, "I've booked a flight to America. I'm going back to the university for graduate studies."

With that, he put down the microphone, stood up, and left the studio resolutely.

The scene went completely out of control.

The fans' cries drowned out all other noise!

All the main cast members in the filming crew exchanged looks with each other, not knowing what to do!

This was the first time since the broadcast that the program had to be stopped midway due to such an unexpected incident.

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On Weibo, there were netizens who uploaded edited clips of the program to the internet. The video of Gu Xingze officially announcing his withdrawal from the entertainment industry quickly caused a heated discussion!

"Gu Xingze has announced his withdrawal from the entertainment industry!"

"Gu Xingze's era is coming to an end with this announcement?!"

"Is there more to Gu Xingze's withdrawal from the entertainment industry?"

"Gu Xingze is unwell and has announced his withdrawal from the entertainment industry to head to America to recuperate?"

"…"

A commotion erupted on the Internet among the fans, because of this matter.

Gu Xingze's recent Weibo post was soon trending, and many fans left messages asking their idol to stay.

Many of them had been Gu Xingze's fans since their schooling days. And now, some of them had become mothers while others had grown up.

Gu Xingze had been in the industry for ten years, and his fans had been around for ten years.

He had been a popular young actor since his debut, and now, he was an all-rounder superstar. The name 'Gu Xingze' represented the epitome of their youth.

One could imagine how shocking this news was to his die-hard fans!

It was too sudden!

They were not mentally prepared at all!

This was bad news, and many fans who chased after celebrities could feel how heartbreaking it was!

When the members of the production team got home, Yun Shishi saw that Gu Xingze had quietly left their WeChat group.

Immediately, she called Qin Zhou. When they discussed this matter, he helplessly expressed that he had only just found out about it too.

There was no warning.

Gu Xingze had not mentioned it to anyone before he announced his withdrawal, not even to close friends like Qin Zhou.

"Why is he quitting the entertainment industry for no reason?!"

Yun Shishi was perplexed. "What exactly happened?"

"I've been trying to call him since I found out about this, but I couldn't get through."

"Could something have happened to him?"

Yun Shishi could not help feeling worried.

"No!" Qin Zhou said firmly. "Shishi, don't think too much about it. And don't bother about the rumors online, lest you get distracted! If Xingze has really decided to leave the entertainment industry, there will be a press conference tomorrow morning! This is the procedure. He has always been responsible towards his fans. Even if he leaves, he will give an explanation!"

Chapter 2857: Actor Misguided the Nation?

"I... I understand."

Yun Shishi hung up.

Qin Zhou wanted her to stay out of this matter.

But no matter what, how could she not think about it?

She could not help feeling vexed and certainly did not have a good night's rest.

After a heated discussion in the WeChat group, the director said, "Xingze's announcement of his withdrawal from the entertainment industry is a personal decision! We have no right to interfere with his life! Let's not discuss it endlessly!"

Very quickly, the group fell silent.

On Weibo, however, the heated discussions about Gu Xingze continued.

As if it was the end of the world, many fans expressed their desire on Weibo for the idol to stay. Many of them posted Gu Xingze's records, movies, albums, and various related articles. Some of the posters had already turned yellow, marked by the traces of time.

Some of the records had Gu Xingze's signature on them.

One of the fans cried and lamented that Gu Xingze represented her entire youth.

She had initially thought that she could be a fan of this idol until the end of time.

Her words resonated with countless fans.

Those who had never followed an idol, would probably not understand how it felt.

It was a feeling that was even more painful than falling out of love!

At this point, quite a number of keyboard warriors also made an appearance, accusing Gu Xingze's fans of being brainless.

"Instead of paying attention to things that matter, you people give your attention to an actor! An actor is indeed a national disaster! Focusing on a celebrity instead of matters of national interest indeed. The youngsters nowadays are thoroughly disappointing!"

"I heard that Gu Xingze draws a nine-figure annual income! He's just an actor, and he is able to earn so much money? Even those hardworking scientists and researchers battling in the frontline don't earn one percent of this, right?!"

"This country is doomed!"

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Very quickly, some fans retorted.

"We can't make decisions on national matters! But after liking Xingze for so many years, we've gotten a lot of positive energy from him! He works hard and is passionate about public welfare. He's an outstanding young idol!"

"There are too many fascinating aspects about him! This is irreplaceable!"

"Loving Xingze has become a way of life for countless fans!"

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The verbal spar continued to escalate.

After Gu Xingze announced his withdrawal from the entertainment industry, it triggered a series of fights.

Yun Shishi did not wish to focus on all these distractions. She placed her phone by her pillow, but her mind was preoccupied.

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The next morning, Yun Shishi was woken up by Xiao Xue's call!

"Shishi!!!"

A deafening roar!

Xiao Xue wailed in despair, "Did you know? Xingze has announced his withdrawal from the entertainment industry! Sob, sob, sob!! What should I do?! What should I do?! I've fallen out of love!"

As expected, just as Qin Zhou had said, Gu Xingze held a grand press conference at the conference hall of a five-star hotel, at 9 am.

Gu Xingze stood calmly on the stage before the camera.

The flashlights illuminated his face.

"I officially announce that from today onwards, I, Gu Xingze, will withdraw from the entertainment industry."

Having said this, he bowed deeply, his calm expression hidden in the shadows.

The press conference was broadcast live on various online video platforms. The television stations took turns to broadcast the news and reported on the matter seriously.

Big screens in the malls projected Gu Xingze's calm and good-looking face.

Many fans gathered under the big screen. When they heard this news, they covered their mouths, trying to stifle their cries.

Chapter 2858: May I See You? (1)

Many fans gathered under the big screen. When they heard this news, they covered their mouths, trying to stifle their cries.

The morale in the entertainment industry had probably never been lower than on this day.

Two days after the press conference, this incident continued to be the centre of attention.

Because of this matter, 'Extreme Youth' became the center of attention as well. The crew promoted the production with Gu Xingze obviously missing. Faced with the media's barrage of questions, all the topics revolved around him.

Everyone in the production team felt awkward.

The media was focusing on a main lead who was no longer participating in any publicity activity. It was the most frustrating thing.

There were some questions that they wanted to answer as well, but even they did not know what the answer was and why Gu Xingze wanted to leave the entertainment industry.

The director kept repeating, "Please don't ask about topics unrelated to this piece of work!"

"I'm sorry, I don't know!"

However, the media seemed insistent on getting to the bottom of this matter.

Backstage, the director nearly flipped.

"Gu Xingze, Gu Xingze... Why are they always talking about him?! It's not like we can interfere with his decision of quitting the entertainment industry! We don't even know the reason behind it! The media really lacks basic standards!"

Yun Shishi's heart sank even lower when she heard this.

"That bunch of Gu Xingze's fans are really too much! He's only quitting the entertainment industry and they're wailing like someone's died! Look at those brainless fans at the venue. They look as if I'm the one who's forcing Gu Xingze to quit. Downright annoying!"

Hua Jin felt a little uncomfortable at the director's words. "Wailing like someone died?! Director, do you have to be so harsh?"

"Am I not stating the facts as they are?!"

The director was really furious. "Why are you sticking your head out for nothing!?"

"I don't think it's right for you to say that about Senior Xingze's fans! It's too much!" Hua Jin said. "Perhaps, because of his health, he had the idea of leaving the entertainment industry long ago! When he was on the show that day, I could tell that he looked unwell. Furthermore, even though he had the intention of leaving the industry, he did it after completing all his scenes and after the entire production team completed all filming! His leaving had also indirectly helped the production team gain popularity! So even if he was determined to leave the entertainment industry, as the most basic form of respect, you shouldn't say that about his fans!"

"Who do you think you are?!" The director swore at once. "Hua Jin, are you trying to pick a fight with me?! Who do you think you are?! You're just a gigolo who was provided for by a sugar daddy and got to where you are through unspoken rules! Why are you even interfering into what I'm saying about these brainless fans?! Scram!"

"You-!"

Hua Jin glared at him furiously.

He had dug up old scores and even said such malicious words!

Hua Jin was so aggravated that he wanted to rush forward.

She immediately held him back, however.

"Hua Jin, don't be rash."

Under her persuasion, Hua Jin finally managed to hold himself back. He saw her turn around, walk toward the director, and stop in front of him.

"Shishi, what are you doing ...?"

Before he could finish speaking, Yun Shishi raised her hand and gave the man a tight slap.

Everyone looked on, dumbfounded.

There were quite a number of big shots who dared to challenge the director.

But Yun Shishi was the first person to have ever slapped the man in front of everyone.

Has she gone nuts?!

"What are you doing?!" The director covered his face in embarrassment.

She replied expressionlessly, "If you don't respect others, don't expect others to respect you."

Chapter 2859: May I See You? (2)

"If you don't respect others, don't expect others to respect you."

Yun Shishi then calmly said, "Director, I think Hua Jin is right. There's no need for you to blame Xingze's fans for the media's wrongdoings. There's even less of a need for you to insult Hua Jin with those despicable words."

"You..."

The director gritted his teeth and glared at her.

But he only dared to glare at her.

Who was Yun Shishi?

She was Mu Yazhe's wife.

And Mu Yazhe alone, was a man that even ten of himself could not afford to offend.

Hence, he could only swallow his anger after being slapped by her.

Yun Shishi returned to Hua Jin's side and took his hand, saying. "Let's go."

Hua Jin's pent-up anger dissipated considerably following this slap.

After leaving the television station building, he said gloomily, "Actually, I was quite disappointed when Gu Xingze quit the entertainment industry."

"Feeling lost?"

"Uh huh, he had always represented my goal, he was my lighthouse! I'd always hoped that one day, I can replace him and become a popular idol. However, I feel rather disappointed that he has left the entertainment industry!"

Yun Shishi's lips twitched for a moment and she said, "You can't surpass him."

"…?"

"No one can replace him. Besides, he is an all-rounder Heavenly King idol. Just his singing alone can crush you! You can't even sing well, so how can you compare to him?"

"…"

"He had won an international music award previously. What about you? You even had to rely on post recording manipulation when you sang a movie theme song."

"..." Hua Jin pouted. "Say no more."

Heartache.

The video of Gu Xingze's press conference was released through various channels.

He was the symbol of an era. During his ten years in entertainment, his glory had been peerless.

Fans had fantasized about journeying with him through his second and third decades.

Only to suddenly receive news of his departure.

All the fans were devastated by this shocking news!

Their overly fanatical behavior annoyed the other netizens. They began to criticize these brainless fans on a large scale.

The internet became a battlefield mess.

Yun Shishi had no idea how she felt about this matter.

However, her disappointment lasted a few days.

After saying goodbye to Hua Jin, she strolled along the streets aimlessly.

However, she did not notice that a black car was following behind her. She was so immersed in her own thoughts that she did not react to this car trailing just behind her.

Suddenly, her phone rang.

She picked up her phone and saw Gu Xingze's name on the screen.

Xingze?

How is he?

Casting her thoughts aside, she quickly picked up the call and placed the phone to her ear. Gu Xingze's calm and gentle voice came through from the other end.

"Shishi, it's me."

Stunned, Yun Shishi stopped in her tracks.

It had been a long time since he last addressed her that way.

Perhaps, calling her "Shishi" was too intimate and ambiguous, so he had always called her by her full name.

Now, the way he had so gently addressed her had really distracted her.

"Xing... Xingzhe..."

"Are you out on the street?"

He could hear some noise coming through from her microphone and the honking of a car. He guessed that she was on the street.

"Yes!"

She continued, "I saw your live press conference!"

"Uh huh?"

Chapter 2860: Yun Na!

"I saw your press conference live!"

"Uh huh?"

"Are you really that determined?"

Yun Shishi surveyed her surroundings. Coincidentally, she was standing not too far from the shopping center's big screen. On the screen, the scene of Gu Xingze's announcement of his withdrawal from the entertainment industry was playing. There was a group of fans gathered beneath the screen. Even from a distance, Yun Shishi could tell that these fans were crying.

"Your fans really can't bear for you to quit!"

Yun Shishi sighed. "You're just overly cruel! Why are you quitting the entertainment industry?"

"No reason. Just tired of life in front of the camera."

He did not delve too deeply into this, but changed the topic. "Shishi, can we... meet?"

"…"

As if afraid that she would reject him, he smiled and said, "This is probably our last meeting!"

"What do you mean by that?"

He said, "I have a 1 am flight. After tonight, I'm returning to America permanently!"

Although she was mentally prepared, the word 'permanently' hit her hard nevertheless. She felt suffocated.

"Shishi..." He took in a deep breath." I would like to see you. Even if I don't have much to say, I would like to see you for the last time."

Yun Shishi drew in a breath of cold air deeply and raised her eyes towards the starry sky. "Where are you?"

"In the office. I've just signed a bunch of agreements."

He continued, "Where are you? I'll go look for you."

"I'm in the city center now, but there are too many people here. It's probably not convenient for you?"

Given Gu Xingze's visibility, even if he were to be in full disguise, he could be recognized any minute walking around on the streets.

Yun Shishi asked, "Do you know that park in Huxin Island?"

"Uh huh."

"Are you driving?"

"Yeah, I'm driving."

"I'll wait for you in the car park of Huxin Island."

"Alright."

After hanging up, Yun Shishi immediately walked to the side of the street and flagged down a taxi.

A taxi pulled up next to her and she immediately got into the car. The driver took a glance at her and stepped on the accelerator. After a moment, he reacted and suddenly braked!

"What's wrong?" Yun Shishi was shocked by the sudden stopping.

"You... you're that ... "

The driver thought hard for a while. "The television drama my wife has been following recently... 'Lethal Beauty', it's called. Aren't you in it as the supporting female lead?"

"…"

"That evil woman! My wife hated you at first, but after watching some of your variety shows, she likes you again! You're a really beautiful lady up close!"

She smiled awkwardly.

"I didn't expect to get lucky today, but I've picked up a big star! Big star, can you give me an autograph?!"

"Sure, but take me to my destination first!"

"Aiya, alright, alright!"

The driver was so excited that he didn't even bother to turn on the taxi meter. He stepped on the accelerator and zoomed off.

Along the way, there were red lights and the roads were congested. The driver suddenly looked at the reflection in the rear view mirror and clicked his tongue. "This Lexus has been following us all the way!"

"Maybe it's a coincidence."

She replied nonchalantly.

The driver joked, "Could it be the paparazzi?"

"Why are there so many paparazzi following us every day?" Yun Shishi lamented disapprovingly.

Upon arriving at her destination, she sent Gu Xingze her location and waited patiently on the long bench in the car park.