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Youyou and Mu Yazhe, this pitiful pair of father and son, had lost their princess' favor all of a sudden. They felt depressed and aggrieved!

Inwardly, Youyou was indignant!

"Mu Yichen, tell me, what tricks did you play? Little Sister doesn't seem to want me anymore!" Youyou complained to his brother.

The latter said nonchalantly, "Being jealous is useless. Little Sister likes me the most now, haha!"

This time, the tables had turned. Mu Yichen, who had suddenly found favor, was now full of himself!

Youyou gritted his teeth in anger, but there was nothing he could do about it. He could only make more frequent appearances before the baby, change her diapers, and feed her every night. However, no matter how hard he worked, he did not seem to gain much affection from her!

It was as though his image had been fixed in her mind!

Little Yichen's position in Yueyao's heart, on the other hand, appeared to be rock solid!

Youyou was furious, but there was nothing he could do. Mu Yazhe too, tried his best to salvage his image in Yueyao's heart, but reality proved that the relationship between Yueyao and Little Yichen would not be easily shaken!

Youyou even brought this matter up to Gong Jie aggrievedly. When his uncle found out about it, he was determined to take back his place in Yueyao's heart!

However, during this conversation, Gong Jie also brought another piece of news. "Youyou, do you still remember Letsis?"

"...Why did you suddenly mention him?" Youyou paused for a moment before replying slowly, "Of course I do."

Letsis was the boss behind one of the dark webs. His dark web operated a little known site with extremely filthy transactions.

A Latino Italian, Letsis ran a business in his early years. After his company went bankrupt, he had colluded with a few of his companions and opened a dark web to engage in illegal trading of living people.

He had a luxury cruise ship and held a grand party every month. However, these were not simple and straightforward banquets. He would invite rich and powerful aristocrats from all over the world to attend these banquets. During each of these cruises, he would hold a special auction.

However, these were not simple auctions.

He sold young girls.

Through the dark web, his subordinates would capture and gather these young girls from all over the world on the cruise. When it was time for the banquet, they would dress these young ladies up and exhibit them one by one. During the auction, the highest bidder for each girl would acquire her.

As for what the winning bidders did with these girls after bringing them home, that was none of his business. Most of these young and beautiful girls ended up becoming sex slaves with miserable endings.

It was also an accident that had destroyed Letsis' dark web.

As Youyou could not tolerate such cruel auctions, he had used advanced technology to hack into the man's dark web, blocked the IP address, and destroyed his customer information group.

Letsis was enraged. There was no way he was going to settle for this sort of provocation. He bore a deep grudge and threatened to get even with Youyou.

Gong Jie knew about this matter as well. Back then, when Youyou destroyed Letsis' dark web, Gong Jie was well aware of the heavy blow the man had suffered.

"Letsis is restless. You have to be careful. I'm worried that he will take revenge on you."

"Don't worry."

Youyou's mind was completely occupied with matters relating to Yueyao and could not pay attention to anything else.

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A month later, Yun Shishi unexpectedly received an invitation to the National Drama Festival.

The National Drama Festival was the most prestigious award ceremony in the Chinese entertainment industry and television drama industry.

To be able to obtain the highest honor meant that a celebrity was highly popular, had a good reputation, and wide national recognition.

Just popularity alone was not enough. The Best Female Lead and Best Supporting Female Lead of the previous years were all equally popular and capable. Even young actresses like Yang Mi and Lin Zhi, who were highly popular and had good acting skills, had no place in such a grand award ceremony.

The Best Actors, in the past, were all veteran actors in the entertainment industry. Most of the winners were older.

These seniors had been in the entertainment industry for many years. Most of them were professionals and had been in the circle for a long time. They had many outstanding works and only those with amazing abilities could receive such a prestigious award.

This was a great honor that many people could only dream of.

Hence, Yun Shishi was surprised to receive the invitation and learn that she had been nominated.

According to the organizing committee's invitation, she was nominated Best Supporting Actress, for the role of Qin Yuyan, whom she played in the national drama. They invited her, hoping that she would attend the award ceremony.

She was pleasantly surprised!

She did not expect that this character was so popular. Qin Yuyan was a hated villain. She had done many evil deeds and was a vicious character. Typically, such a character wouldn't be popular with viewers.

To think that she gained so much popularity online!

The netizens were deeply impressed by her superb acting skills.

Nowadays, netizens are very picky when they watch television. An average actor would not be able to escape the scrutiny!

Sometimes, even if they do not have good looks, as long as their acting skills are good, they would still be highly respected and welcomed by netizens.

Yun Shishi was a typical example.

Her character Qin Yuyan was really evil. However, she left a deep impression and made people grit their teeth in hatred. This showed how good her acting was.

There were a total of three nominations. In the preliminary round, those who could be nominated were all filtered through the votes of the netizens. The second round went through the votes of the netizens on Weibo in selecting their favorite best supporting actress.

Following the selection process of the judging panel, three actors who were highly rated in popularity and acting skills would be nominated.

Although it was just a nomination, the votes for Yun Shishi were overwhelming!

Ever since her accident, she had retreated from the entertainment industry. Mu Yazhe had been very protective of her all this while. Even though the media had been trying to find out about her situation, they were stonewalled.

As a result, she did not officially leave the entertainment industry, but she had not been part of the circle for some time.

When she received the notification, she hesitated whether she should go!

However, Mu Yazhe said, "I'll accompany you."

She was a little surprised because she initially thought that he would object!

All along, he had always been against her working in the entertainment industry. To him, it was a foul place where material desires ran rampant and the environment did not suit her.

Hence, even after her confinement, she made no mention of going back to work.

She was always worried that he would be angry.

For this reason, she did not expect him to volunteer to attend the award ceremony with her.

She felt like she was dreaming.

The man raised an eyebrow and remarked, “Why? Don’t you want to go?”

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Unexpectedly, he offered to accompany her to the award ceremony.

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“Why? Don’t you want to go?”

“Yes, I do!” She hesitated for a moment before saying weakly, “I was just afraid that it would upset you!”

“My wife has been nominated for an award. Why should I be upset?” Mu Yazhe continued casually, “Besides, acting is your hobby. In the future, you may return to the entertainment industry to film if you wish to! However, filming can’t be your main career anymore. After all, we’ve made an agreement that no matter how busy you are at work, you must be mindful of your family. I’m just afraid that you’ll prioritize this job and spend all your time at it, like before. Your daughter will be very lonely without you by her side.”

Yun Shishi nodded, touched by his compromise! After all, it was not easy to get this man to make such a concession!

He was being reasonable.

Although he had agreed to let her resume filming, it had to be when their daughter was at least two or three years old. Yun Shishi could then return to the entertainment industry, albeit it would no longer be a career for her!

As he had said, she could treat it as a hobby if she liked. She could take on a script or two and strive for perfection. It was more than good enough to film two television dramas or one movie a year, selecting good scripts and taking on the challenge of playing different characters. This way, she would be satisfied.

Hence, after receiving the invitation and discussing it with Mu Yazhe, she replied to the organizer and accepted it.

The organizer had initially thought that she would decline. Now when he heard that she was willing to attend, he heaved a sigh of relief and beamed with joy. When he heard that Mu Yazhe would also participate in the event by coming in as a sponsor, he got even more excited! Just the title sponsorship fee alone was 10 million.

The Shengyu Corporation rarely made any public appearances as a title sponsor. Hence in this instance, the organizer was really flattered!

He patted his chest and gave his word that he would make this National Drama festival grand and spectacular!

Once Yun Shishi confirmed her attendance for the National Drama Awards ceremony, the media platforms were mobilized. They were all excited to find out that Yun Shishi had the intention to make a comeback.

However, unlike before when Mu Yazhe protected Yun Shishi from the public glare, she now accepted her first media interview since her accident. The media started to get excited!

Prior to the interview, he had already made arrangements. It was conveyed that they should not be asking questions of a sensitive nature.

It was not that he was deliberately avoiding anything, but there were just some questions that would not have an answer.

In order to interview Yun Shishi, Qin Zhou had given the reporters a list of interview scripts beforehand. There were detailed markings on which questions could be asked and which questions could not be asked.

However, despite the fact that they weren't too happy with this, the reporters agreed readily.

This was because, in the past few months that Yun Shishi had disappeared from the public eye, the public had been curious about her whereabouts and her every move!

It had been said that because of the accident, she had lost her sight and was in danger of going blind.

It had also been said that after the accident, she was found to be pregnant. Hence, she stopped all her assignments and activities and focused on preparing for her pregnancy.

They even heard that she had given birth to a healthy baby girl and the whole family was celebrating the occasion.

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Some time ago, Mu Yazhe had meticulously organized the wedding of the century for her. It was said that he had invited many distinguished guests to witness their sacred union.

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In any case, rumors about Yun Shishi were all over the place, but none of them were verified. Most of the rumors came from experienced media personnel who dug up information from various sources.

Yun Shishi did not know how these professional media personnel did it.

Back then, in order to protect her and her unborn daughter, Mu Yazhe strictly controlled access to her and blocked all news. Even when her daughter was born, the reporters outside the hospital waited for three days and three nights without getting a single useful photograph.

Even with such tight security around her, the media managed to get some snippets of news.

During the interview, the reporters threw out one sharp question after another. After all, she had been out of the public eye for a long time and the public was too curious about her!

During the break between interviews, Yun Shishi retreated to the dressing room. Exhausted from being pestered by the media reporters, she sat down in front of the mirror. Mu Xi walked over and smiled when she noticed how spent she looked. "Are you tired?"

"Uh huh."

"Shishi, does CEO Mu agree to your comeback?"

"As long as I don't tire myself out and neglect my family, he won't have any objections."

Mu Xi laughed. "Why did you decide to make a comeback?"

"It's not really an official comeback. But I'll consider accepting good scripts. The interview was mainly to accommodate the National Drama Festival."

After a short pause, she continued, "If I can really win the award, I'd consider myself having fulfilled one of my wishes."

Mu Xi lowered her gaze and looked at her forlornly in the mirror.

For the past two days, she seemed to be a little distracted and restless.

When Yun Shishi handed the bag to her, her hands actually trembled. As though she was struck by a certain thought, a look of self-reproach appeared on her face. She blinked as tears formed in her eyes and rolled down her cheeks.

"What's wrong with you?" Yun Shishi was naturally worried when she saw this. She had noticed that Mu Xi seemed rather out of sorts lately.

For some reason, she'd be in a daze for a long time. And sometimes, she wouldn't respond even when someone called out to her. She would look deep in thought, although no one knew what she was thinking.

"Are you okay?" Yun Shishi asked with great concern, "I notice that you seem rather distracted recently."

Mu Xi shook her head. "Nothing. Don't worry."

"Are you feeling unwell? If so, I'll give you a break."

"No, no... I'm just worried about the National Drama festival. If some dark horse clinches the award, that's the end of you!"

"No big deal!"

Yun Shishi was somewhat exasperated and said helplessly, "Just over this matter? Actually, I'm quite confident about winning the award. You don't have to worry. Even if I don't win the award, I won't be disappointed. Anyway, fame and fortune aren't that important to me anymore."

Mu Xi bit her lip and looked at her as though she had something to say, however, she stopped herself.

She wanted to confess everything to her, but when she saw Yun Shishi looking into the mirror, she swallowed her words.

Yun Shishi touched up her makeup and returned to the interview room to continue her interview with another television station.

Mu Xi sat down in Yun Shishi's seat. She seemed to have made up her mind about something as she clenched her fists.

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At night, when the interview ended and Yun Shishi was about to remove her makeup, Mu Xi suddenly walked over and handed her a letter.

Yun Shishi took it from her and lowered her head to take a look. It was a beautifully crafted invitation letter.

She could not help feeling curious. She looked up and asked, "What is this?"

Mu Xi, on the other hand, looked a little awkward as she stammered, "This... This is an invitation to a charity banquet."

"What charity banquet?"

Yun Shishi was baffled.

Mu Xi explained, "Don't you know? This... This is an internationally-renowned charity banquet. Many legendary figures will be attending."

"Oh?"

"Mmm hmm... I heard that many investors and producers will be attending the banquet. Shishi, you must go. Who knows, you might even clinch a good contract!" As Mu Xi said this, there was a complicated look in her eyes.

Yun Shishi kept the invitation. The date indicated on it was the day after tomorrow.

She recalled that she didn't have any jobs lined up for the day after tomorrow.

The venue for the charity banquet was a private cruise ship.

Yun Shishi said, "Actually, I'm not interested in the film contract. Help me reject it."

"Are you really not going?"

An idea suddenly struck Mu Xi and she said, "When you attend the charity banquet, you can use your own items to raise the bid. The money you get from the auction will be given to charity. Perhaps, it can bring Little Yueyao blessings!"

Yun Shishi's heart stirred at her words.

"Doing more good deeds is to accumulate good fortune for yourself and for your family."

Yun Shishi could not help smiling when she heard this. "Is it the day after tomorrow?"

"Uh huh."

"The National Drama Awards is taking place tomorrow, so the day after tomorrow seems fine. I can use my jewelry from the banquet to participate in the auction."

"Are you attending then?"

"I think what you said makes sense. I do hope to accumulate some good karma for Yueyao."

Mu Xi froze. She gritted her teeth and forced a smile. "Uh huh!"

However, when she turned around and faced the corner of the wall, her brows knitted together. She seemed worried or... guilty!

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After Yun Shishi left, Mu Xi, who had gone to a quiet corner, took out her phone and cautiously surveyed her surroundings before dialing a number.

After some time, the call was connected.

She said anxiously, "Hello?! You... Hello... I... I've already given her the invitation! Can you let my parents go now?!"

From the other end of the line came a man's voice that had been altered. "How would I know if you've really given her the invitation? What if you didn't? What if you tricked me? Do you think I'll believe you so easily?"

"I really did hand it to her!" Mu Xi's face flushed red with anxiety as tears streamed down her face.

"Why would I lie to you?! My parents are in your hands, so how would I dare lie to you? I've done everything according to your instructions! What else do you want from me?!"

"Do you still remember my request to you? You have to deliver Yun Shishi here. Only then is this transaction complete!"

The man paused before continuing, "I'll release your parents when Yun Shishi appears at the banquet!"

Mu Xi was exasperated. "You... you're not keeping to your word!"

"If you keep your promise, I will keep mine. Don't worry, your parents are safe and sound!"

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“If you keep your promise, I will keep mine. Don’t worry, your parents are safe and sound!”

Mu Xi was stunned for a long time before she finally gave in and said in a low voice, “Alright... Since that’s the case, then let me hear my parents’ voices. I want to make sure that they’re all fine!”

The person on the other end sneered. “Impossible! Don’t make unreasonable requests!”

“How is this an unreasonable request?! As a condition, I have to at least ensure my parents’ safety before I continue to fulfill our promise!”

Mu Xi refused to admit that it was a deal between them. Perhaps, it was out of guilt!

The man clearly would not compromise and said coldly, “Dream on!”

“You didn’t do anything to them, did you?!” she asked suspiciously.

“Of course not! That is impossible! They are our bargaining chips. I can’t do anything to them!”

“I don’t believe you!”

“That’s your own problem to deal with!”

“Then, let me hear their voices!” Mu Xi insisted and suddenly threatened, “Otherwise, I’ll take back that invitation!”

There was a sudden heart-stopping silence on the other end of the line. It seemed that her threat was working. Following that, she heard a soft voice followed by a man’s trembling voice. “Mu Xi... Mu Xi...”

“Dad!” Hearing the familiar and aged voice, Mu Xi, who had been worried and uneasy for the past few days, felt her legs give way as she dropped onto the ground. Tears immediately rolled down her cheeks. “Dad! Are you okay?! Is Mom okay?”

On the other end, the man’s voice sounded tired and restrained; it was hoarse and trembling. She did not know what kind of fright and torture he and his mother had suffered in the past few days. “I’m fine. You... you don’t have to worry.”

How could she believe him when he told her not to worry?!

Worried, she asked, “Did they hit you or abuse you or anything?”

“No... They didn’t abuse me...”

The man’s voice trembled as he said this.

Mu Xi’s heart ached even more when she heard this. She knew that her father would not dare to speak the truth with those people around, so she avoided the important matters and asked carefully, “Did they give you food?”

There was another moment of silence on the other end of the phone, followed by a series of soft rustling sounds. Then, a man’s voice was heard. “Did you hear that?! They’re all fine. You can rest assured now!”

Mu Xi gritted her teeth and was about to speak when she heard the man say icily, "If Yun Shishi doesn't appear, you can forget about seeing them again!"

"I..."

"You know it too, right? Whether you want to call the police or ask for help, I don't care. Try it if you dare! Between the ambulance and my bullets, I do wonder which would be faster?! If you dare to leak a word, don't blame me for being merciless!"

Having said that, the man hung up.

Mu Xi covered her mouth in fear and bit her fingers as she sank into boundless panic.

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In the evening, Yun Shishi stood before the wardrobe, selecting jewelry. Youyou leaned against the door and mumbled, "What are you looking for, Mommy?"

"Yes! There's a charity banquet the day after tomorrow. I'm preparing for it."

"Charity banquet?" Why hadn't he heard about this before?

As the name suggested, the charity banquet had charity as its main theme. Generally speaking, many charity banquets were organized by the government. Of course, they could also be organized privately.

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The main purpose of holding this banquet was to conduct some auction activities. All proceeds after the auction fees were deducted would be used for charity.

The management of proceeds of an auction is usually explained prior to the auction, to clarify what the funds would be used for. It may also be adjusted and used by a credible foundation.

If there was a charity banquet, Daddy would have received the invitation too.

However, he had not heard anything regarding this.

"What is Mommy planning to auction off?"

"The jewelry I'll be wearing to the award ceremony," she replied.

"Oh, Mommy is investing a lot," Youyou teased with narrowed eyes.

"Of course!"

Yun Shishi opened a row of drawers in the cloakroom. In them were a dazzling array of accessories. She picked up a ruby necklace and smiled. "I'll wear this necklace to the National Drama Festival! Then, we can auction this necklace off at the charity banquet. It will definitely fetch a high price."

"Mommy is scheming! This necklace is worth more than a million yuan. If you wear it to the award ceremony and win the award, this necklace would immediately rise in value."

She pinched his cheek gently. "My Youyou, why are you so smart?"

"That's one question I should ask Mommy!" Youyou grinned. "Why did Mommy make me so smart?"

"Haha!" Yun Shishi was elated to hear this. Hence, she decided to wear this ruby necklace to the National Drama Festival.

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The National Drama Festival ceremony was held in Xiang Hai City.

The night before the grand ceremony, Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi arrived in Xiang Hai City in a chartered plane.

There would be a red carpet event prior to the award ceremony. So that his woman may make a grand appearance on the stage, Mu Yazhe specially hired a top-notch stylist team to style her for the event.

However, after childbirth, confinement, and an indulgent period of honeymoon, Yun Shishi seemed to have put on some weight.

She was 1.65 meters tall. In the past, she weighed only slightly over 100 pounds, but now, she weighed around 110 pounds.

Logically speaking, 110 pounds for her height was nowhere near unacceptable. However for celebrities, maintaining their figures was an important task. For an artiste, putting on even one pound made a huge difference!

When Yun Shishi went for gown fitting in the morning, she saw a dress that she especially liked. However, she could not zip it up no matter how hard she tried. She awkwardly took off the gown and covered her face in embarrassment. There was nothing she could do but smile bitterly.

In the past, putting on a dress like this was a piece of cake. However, during the honeymoon, she was fed with grilled sausages, salad, steak, and other delicacies by a certain man, and her figure filled out.

She did not dare to imagine how the reporters might criticize her in the media, the day after the event!

Putting on weight, losing her figure...

Just thinking about it made her heart ache.

But fortunately, she had only gained ten pounds, most of which went to her thighs and buttocks. It was not so obvious when she wore the gown.

If the weight had gone into her face, she would definitely be too embarrassed to walk the red carpet!

She was born with a small, oval face that was delicate and tender. Even when her weight soared to 140 pounds during pregnancy, her face remained rather thin.

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Even when her weight soared to 140 pounds during pregnancy, her face remained rather thin.

Fortunately for her, while many pregnant women ended up with stretch marks, the heavens were kind enough that she did not get them. Her daughter's heart must have ached for her and did not make her belly swell too much.

After confirming the gown, Yun Shishi and Mu Yazhe returned to the hotel. She collapsed on the bed and covered her face with her hands.

"I need to lose weight," she lamented for the 28th time tonight.

The man was highly amused. "You're already married, why are you still trying to lose weight?"

She solemnly declared, "I want to become beautiful!"

He smiled and asked, "Beautiful? Whom do you want to be beautiful for?"

"For you of course!"

"If it's for me, then it's needless! I won't mind if you're out of shape, or even if you have a big belly!"

Hearing this, Yun Shishi frantically covered his thin lips with her hand. "Hmph! Don't say that! It's so inauspicious! What if it really happens? Are you thinking that I'm not fat enough as it is?!"

Inauspicious?

He was tickled.

What was that about?!

He grabbed her wrist and moved her hand away from his mouth. Then he said with a raised eyebrow, "How is that inauspicious? It's not like it's a curse and whatever is said will come true."

"But, what if I really gain more weight? We only went on a honeymoon and I gained ten pounds. How did that even happen?"

"It's okay." He kissed her fingertips. "I really don't mind."

"But I do even if you don't!"

Yun Shishi withdrew her hand and turned around. She sulkily walked to the floor-to-ceiling window and muttered to herself, "Talk is cheap. If there really comes a day when I become so fat, who knows if someone's going to despise me?"

The floor-to-ceiling windows looked out into the sea. In the night, under the moonlight, the surface of the sea sparkled. The beautiful night view had a calming effect.

She could feel the man's breath as he closed in on her from behind.

He loomed over her from behind, pinning her down. His hand gripped her waist, and stroked her gently.

"Why do I feel like you haven't gained much weight?"

“That’s because you’ve been feeding me like I’m a pig! When the year end comes round you can sell me by weight at a high price!”

The man was amused by her description.

Feeding her like she was a pig?

Selling her by weight?

“I, Mu Yazhe, won’t degenerate into the sorry state of having to sell pork.”

“Ha!”

Yun Shishi wanted to turn around, but she was pinned down by him and could not move. She muttered, “Hey, get off me. You’re so heavy!”

“The sea view is so beautiful. Haven’t you always liked the sea view?”

As he spoke, his large hand grabbed her waist and lifted the hem of her skirt.

Then she was carried to the bed and naturally, things got passionate.

Once on the bed, the man was like a beast waiting to devour her!

However, Mu Yazhe practiced self restraint on this night and had her once, before they fell into each other’s embrace and slept.

However, the next morning when she was washing up, she realized that there were red hickeys on her neck. With great effort, she finally managed to cover up the ambiguous marks with a thick layer of concealer!

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The National Drama Festival was held at night.

The red carpet glittered like stars.

The stretch Lincoln limousine pulled up at the entrance of the venue. Yun Shishi sat in the car and looked out at the crowd and flashing lights of the cameras. It felt like she had been away for ages!

The celebrities who had arrived walked down the glittering red carpet and faced the baptism of camera flashes, at the end of which they marked their attendance with their flamboyant signatures.

Yun Shishi suddenly grabbed Mu Yazhe’s hand anxiously. Her palm was damp with a layer of perspiration that had formed on it. Clearly, she was nervous.

He put his other hand over the back of her hand and smiled at her.

“Why? Are you nervous?”

“So many people! After all, I haven’t experienced such a scene in a long time. I’m not used to it now!”

Yun Shishi lamented, "I heard that this year's National Drama Awards has a record number of guests. Besides, there are so many capable veteran actors. Among my batch of nominees, there's an outstanding veteran actor. I wonder if I'll have a chance to win an award with her around!"

"Don't be nervous."

He stayed by her. The moment the car door opened, the media closed in like a tidal wave. They all raised their cameras. Before Yun Shishi could get out of the car, she was blinded by the sudden flashlights.

It was too bright. For a moment, it was as if her vision was flooded with daylight.

Mu Yazhe got out of the car first. He then turned around to hold her hand and helped her out of the car like a gentleman.

The two of them were instantly surrounded by the media, asking one question after another.

The staff responsible for maintaining order at the scene rushed over immediately and herded the reporters aside. Only then did Yun Shishi and Mu Yazhe feel relieved.

It was too crazy!

It had been a long time since they had witnessed such a terrifying scene.

Yun Shishi and Mu Yazhe stepped onto the red carpet. Yun Shishi gradually got used to the flashing lights. She smiled with great pride as she hooked her arm around Mu Yazhe's arm. The attractive and beautiful couple certainly was a head-turner and exuded a great presence!

This was not their first time appearing together before the media! However, it was their first public appearance as man and wife!

Back then, when Mu Yazhe announced their relationship, many media outlets were secretly bad-mouthing the couple.

It was not for any other reason than the conspiracy theory they cooked up. They believed that the two of them were only using each other.

Back then, Mu Yazhe had just left the Mu Group. Even though he had established the Shengyu Group, its foundation was not stable. Hence, he needed a publicity point. To get listed, he naturally needed fame.

For this reason, he made use of Yun Shishi, and used the hype on their relationship to bring attention to the company.

As for Yun Shishi, the media speculated that she would resort to unscrupulous means to marry into a wealthy family. She had already given birth to two sons, but up till then had not yet held a wedding.

Even though Mu Yazhe said that the two of them had already registered their marriage, no one had seen even a picture of their marriage certificate. So why should they believe it?

Therefore, many people did not think much of their relationship.

In the entertainment industry, the newcomers are always seen to be smiling and laughing, but who ever hears the crying of the old timers?

It was not like there had never been on-screen couples. The more high-profile their relationships were, the faster they failed.

How high-profile were Mu Yazhe and Yun Shishi back then?

When they participated in the reality show, they gathered a huge number of fans. The fans named them “the good-looking couple”. The couple was so good-looking it was almost nature-defying.

Especially Mu Yazhe. Compared to him, all the young and pretty male celebrities paled in comparison!

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What it meant was that both husband and wife were very good-looking, and they had a pair of adorable sons who were very good-looking as well. They were so unbelievably cute at such a young age, there was no doubt that they would be even more handsome when they grew up.

Eventually, their very public display of affection ended up bearing fruit!

There were countless female celebrities who wanted to marry into wealthy families but were not successful. Now, they were so jealous that they almost cracked their porcelain teeth!

Take for instance one of the more popular female celebrities recently. The reason why she became popular was not because she had outstanding works, but because she had been in a relationship with her wealthy heir boyfriend for ten years. She had bore him a son and a daughter, and was now pregnant with her third child, yet there was still no happy ending in sight.

Her boyfriend came from a prestigious family in the capital city, but his mother was the head of the family and had the last say.

No matter how much this female celebrity tried to please her boyfriend’s mother and even addressed her as “mother-in-law-to-be” on Weibo, the wealthy woman despised her!

Obviously she looked down on female celebrities in the entertainment industry, and even more so, those who were bent on marrying into money.

Given that her third child was a son, it should have earned her an opportunity to marry into a rich family, right?

Eventually, after ten years of waiting, she ended up in a negotiation with the man. He would take the children, including the unborn baby in her womb, and in return pay her a compensation of two hundred million.

In other words, the “Empress Dowager” at home had given an order and would not acknowledge a daughter-in-law like her!

On the other hand, Yun Shishi had been successful in both career and love. She had such an adorable pair of sons and more recently, a daughter. It was double happiness and auspiciousness for her!

It was widely known in the circle that Mu Yazhe doted on his wife.

Previously, they had participated in reality shows with another celebrity couple.

It was easy to tell if a couple was truly in love.

Even though the other couple acted all lovey-dovey in front of the camera, it could not compare to Mu Yazhe's indulgent gaze that was following his wife's every movement, from where he was sitting by the side.

He was not good with words, nor was he like the other couple who had many sweet nothings to say to each other. His love for Yun Shishi was reflected in the tiniest detail.

His love for her seemed to flow naturally from deep within.

She had become a part of his life.

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When the two of them appeared on the red carpet, they immediately became the center of attention!

Yun Shishi was too popular. Even though she had been recuperating at home for a long time, her popularity had not waned at all!

Knowing that she would be attending the National Drama Festival, many fans traveled thousands of miles to Xiang Hai City to wait at the venue just to catch a glimpse of their goddess.

When Yun Shishi and Mu Yazhe appeared on stage, the group of fans let out ear-piercing screams!

"Ahhh! Shishi! We love you!"

"The 'good-looking couple'! Shishi's husband is here too! Oh my god! Boss Mu is exceedingly handsome!"

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Shrieks broke out in waves!

Yun Shishi nervously held Mu Yazhe's hand and almost burst out laughing when she heard someone below calling out "Boss Mu".

"Did you hear that? Someone's shouting for you." She teased the man, "I didn't expect your fans to be so crazy!"

Mu Yazhe turned and looked at the group of fans. That small move he made triggered the crowd once again, causing another round of screams!