

Sweet Love 3991

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“CEO Qin, let’s end this matter here! Whether the ring is found or not, we’ll bear the losses!” The general manager quickly stepped in and said, “You must be tired after rushing all the way here. Let’s go. I’ll treat you to a cup of tea in the office!”

“That won’t be necessary!”

Qin Zhou brushed him aside and shot the store manager a cold look. “You think you can distract me with such petty tricks?”

He said unhurriedly, “I heard on the phone just now that the ring has been found. How should we explain this?”

The general manager turned pale and his body stiffened. The store manager didn’t know what to do either and stood there in a daze. Liang Yin, who had heard it too, turned her face away angrily and clenched her fists. However, a part of her felt relieved that the ring had been found! The policemen, having invited a snub, stood aside smoking. They probably didn’t have much of a part to play in this situation now.

The general manager said firmly, “I will definitely give you a good explanation!”

“Oh, we’ll wait and see then.”

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The whole matter ended with a public apology and financial compensation. The store manager naturally lost her job. Even the general manager had to bear the punishment of the notice.

Liang Yin did not know how the matter was resolved. She was just sitting in the guest room with good tea and snacks. The public relations officers went about their job nervously, afraid that they would miss anything.

Qin Zhou eventually returned to get her. As they walked out of the mall, Liang Yin rubbed her swollen eyelids and smiled at him.

“Thank you! Qin Zhou.”

The man turned to look at her and casually asked, “Whatever for?”

“If you hadn’t turned up, I don’t know how this would have ended!”

“You should have informed me the moment it happened.” He added, “If I had stepped in, this would have been easy to handle.”

“I was indignant.” Anger returned to Liang Yin’s expression. “Why should they search me? I just felt that it was unfair. They decided that I’m a thief just based on the little that they’d observed. Actually, searching me is no big deal, I just didn’t want them to get their way!”

Qin Zhou smiled. “You have an unusually stubborn temper.”

Liang Yin pursed her lips. She was aware of her own stubbornness.

“Why did you come to Bulgari?” Qin Zhou asked, feigning casualness.

Liang Yin shifted her gaze guiltily and stammered, “I was just bored and came to do some shopping!” Even as she said it, she sighed inwardly. In the end, she didn’t manage to find a suitable pair of cufflinks for him. She was disappointed.

“I see.” He smiled. “You will invite prejudice if you shop in Bulgari wearing what you’re wearing. After all, these store assistants are very discerning. They can tell how much your clothes cost and where you bought them.”

“There are also nouveau riche who dress more modestly!”

“Nouveau riche do not shop at Bulgari.”

“Why?”

“Some of them aren’t even familiar with Bulgari. They only know Chanel, Dior, Paris L’Oréal. And the more nouveau riche they are, the more they have to deck themselves with jewelry and dress up.”

Liang Yin raised her eyebrows and said, “Well then! What can I do? I’m poor and people despise me.”

The man looked at her silently and smiled.

“Are you free tonight?”

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Tonight? Was he asking her out?

Curious, Liang Yin asked, “What’s up?”

“It’s about the contract. I wanted to discuss it with you.”

“Contract?” Liang Yin was a little flattered. “Is it about... signing a contract with you?”

“Yes, and Huanyu,” Qin Zhou replied.

“Ahhhhh...” Liang Yin was silent for a moment. “Then... will you be my agent?”

Qin Zhou asked with interest, “Do you wish for me to be your agent?”

Liang nodded vigorously. “I think you’re very good, and you know how to take care of others. If you were my agent, I’m sure I’d learn a lot from you.” More importantly, they would have more opportunities to interact with each other!

As the saying goes, special advantages fall to a person in a favorable position.

Actually, it was a lie that Liang Yin wanted to act. It would be even better if she could have more opportunities to interact with Qin Zhou.

Actually, now was the best time to confess!

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What if he rejected her? That... would be awkward! What if Qin Zhou did not like her at all? What if she confessed and he ended up avoiding her altogether!

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In short, she would get him to be her manager first. Then, she could gradually cultivate their relationship. Anyway, there was plenty of time. There will be more opportunities in the future.

Liang Yin thought to herself.

Noticing that she was in a daze, Qin Zhou did not say too much. "We'll talk about the details later. Moreover, I have to tell you something. I draw a very high commission as an agent."

"How high?" Liang Yin asked curiously.

"First term of contract, 30-70."

30-70?

Liang Yin did the math. It was alright. Not too high. It was impressive enough that she could get 70 percent!

The man said nonchalantly, as if he was reminding her, "30 for you, 70 for me."

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Qin Zhou raised an eyebrow. "Why? Do you find that unacceptable?"

"No... I'm fine with any sort of arrangement!" Liang Yin said anxiously, as though she was afraid Qin Zhou would change his mind.

The man blinked, but his lips drew upwards in a smile. It seemed the girl was genuinely interested in him. It was impossible to hide such little thoughts.

Qin Zhou did not realize that this smile was so charming that Liang Yin was completely smitten.

Oh god, oh god, how could there be such a handsome man in the world!

So there really were such people in the world. When they smiled, their eyes really did reveal the stars that were hidden in them. The girl stole a glance at him and suppressed her emotions.

There are trees in the mountains, and branches in the trees. My heart is in love with you, but you don't know it.

Qin Zhou feigned ignorance. But how could this shrewd man not see how the girl felt about him?

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"Hey! Why are you two together?"

Hua Jin's eyes widened in great surprise when he saw his agent and Liang Yin together. Then as if he had just discovered an affair, he narrowed his eyes..

“Are the two of you...”

Liang Yin glared at him and chided, “Don’t talk nonsense!”

The actor immediately said aggrievedly, “I haven’t even said anything! Why are you acting so guilty?”

Liang Yin felt even more guilty after being teased by him! She was clearly trying to hide something!

“A situation cropped up,” her manager explained.

Naturally, the actor had to show concern. Qin Zhou told him what had happened.

When Hua Jin heard that Liang Yin had been mistaken for a thief, he did not pity her. Instead, he laughed heartlessly.

Liang Yin stomped her foot angrily. “Hey! What are you laughing at!”

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“I’d be surprised if people didn’t think you were a thief, going to the Bulgari counter dressed like that.”

Liang Yin knew that he meant no harm, but she retorted nevertheless, “Can you not judge a book by its cover? How can you tell the quality of a person by the way she dresses?”

“It’s a fact that you can’t afford to be shopping at Bulgari.”

There was nothing Liang Yin could say to that.

“So, did you get anything today?” he asked curiously. “Did you get the present?”

Liang Yin froze.

Qin Zhou, however, was intrigued. “What present?”

“It’s...”

Before the actor could say anything, Liang Yin lunged at him nervously and covered his mouth. “Don’t say it!”

The suddenness of the movement startled him. He rolled his eyes at the girl, feeling bitter and helpless.

“Let go.”

Liang Yin shushed him. “Confidential, okay? No talking.”

“Got it! You can let go now!”

Qin Zhou studied the two of them meaningfully, his eyes darkening.

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“You’re not interested in Liang Yin, are you?” On the way back, sitting in the passenger seat, the actor asked suspiciously, “You seem to treat her in a special way?! Do you have feelings for her?!”

Qin Zhou smiled but said nothing.

“You haven’t taken on an artiste for years. Now you’re saying you want to take on Liang Yin, are you planning to promote her?”

Qin Zhou replied truthfully, “It depends on her qualifications. If she doesn’t have the qualifications, then there’s no point in promoting her.”

“Hmph, Liang Yin says she wants to enter the entertainment industry. It sounds like she wants to be a celebrity. Actually, what’s her motive? You’re so astute. Can’t you tell?”

Qin Zhou didn’t comment, nor did he try to hide anything from Hua Jin.

“I know.”

The actor continued, “You can tell too, that she likes you?”

Indeed, when you like someone, your eyes and expression cannot lie.

Qin Zhou replied with a question, “What do you mean by ‘like’?”

“Mmmm?”

“I don’t quite understand. What does she like about me?” The man seemed to be asking a rhetorical question. He really could not understand what it was that Liang Yin liked about him.

In the past, women liked, admired, and pursued him because he had resources that they needed. Reputation, benefits, resources, exposure. What they could offer was their own body. And Qin Zhou, on the other hand, could give them what they needed.

But what about Liang Yin? What did she like about him, and what did she want from him? Qin Zhou was a rational man. He was rational enough to try to analyze the situation, but he found no answer. At what level was Liang Yin’s fondness for him?

“You’re handsome.” Hua Jin was the first to speak. “Girls are picky about looks, no matter what. You look good enough to even debut as a celebrity. That must have pulled in significant impression points.”

“Just because of looks?” Qin Zhou couldn’t help smiling. “Liking someone so easily for that reason. She’s a young girl who hasn’t quite grown up!”

The actor rolled his eyes in exasperation. “You’re an old cow to her. She’s a greenhorn. She’s still young to begin with. Furthermore...” After a pause, the actor couldn’t help but say meaningfully, “Emotions are not rational in the first place. Can you even explain why you love someone?”

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“Would it be inherently problematic to use a rational mind to explore something as fundamentally irrational as love?”

Qin Zhou frowned but said nothing.

“Besides, have you ever loved someone, Qin Zhou? What do you know about relationships? Having been with a woman doesn’t mean you’ve loved! In fact, I don’t think you can understand what it’s like to like someone!”

Hua Jin’s words shook the manager to the core. He had never really been in love? Those women in the past... those weren’t relationships?

Qin Zhou snapped out of his reverie and glanced coldly at the actor through the rear-view mirror. He was clearly annoyed. “You seem to be talking a lot today.”

“Uh...” The actor realized that Qin Zhou was getting impatient, so he said, “I’ve had too much to drink. I hope you don’t mind.”

The manager snorted but said nothing more. Things fell into silence in the car.

To Qin Zhou, feelings should be a reason for equal exchange. Exchanging a sense of security for some warmth and affection. To him, it was just a ritual of exchange. The reason why people liked someone was purely because they were lonely. Therefore, to comfort themselves, they would fall in love without caring about their own safety.

Ultimately, human beings are selfish creatures. To find emotional sustenance, they will seek out someone to satisfy their “private desires”.

Therefore, Qin Zhou had never thought much of relationships. He felt that true love was overrated. He didn’t like to be superficial. A relationship was just two people seeking self gratification in the name of love.

Hua Jin asked, “Do you like her?”

Qin Zhou said nothing.

The actor nudged his arm. “Answer my question!”

Qin Zhou replied with a question instead, “Do you have to like someone back just because she likes you?”

Hua Jin laughed and was quick to deny, “I never said that!”

Qin Zhou smiled. “I wouldn’t say I like her! I just think she’s a bit interesting. Sometimes I think she’s cute.”

There hadn’t been a girl like that around him for years. It gave him a different kind of joy.

The actor tsked at him. “If you don’t like her, you should end it with her as soon as possible. From what I know of her, she’s such a wimp that she’d never confess to you so early! At this rate, she might spend years of her youth on you. If you don’t like her, don’t hold her up for nothing. But I think feelings can be cultivated! I think Liang Yin is pretty good.”

His agent hissed. “So, are you trying to set us up or dissuade us?”

“I didn’t say anything. Whatever happens is your decision. I’m just an observer!” He continued enviously, “It’s nice that there’s such a simple, single-minded girl in the world. Liking someone in silence, having your heart go crazy over who he is and everything he does. I haven’t felt that way in a long time.”

A crush is the truest feeling in the world. Liking someone in secret, having your world light up suddenly because of his smile. Or maybe even have a raging storm turn your world upside down because of something he said. You are joyful because of him, you are sorrowful because of him.

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Qin Zhou’s eyes went blank for a moment as he listened.

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When Liang Yin returned home, she took a shower and brushed her teeth before lying down on the bed. Her eyes wandered to the opened gift box on the stool. Inside were three pink champagne roses. These were the flowers given by the restaurant during dinner that night. Qin Zhou had, in turn, given them to her. To her, however, it was simply a gift from Qin Zhou.

She fetched a vase from the balcony. After washing it, she added some nutrient solution and filled it with water. Then she carefully placed the three champagne roses inside. It was the first time in her life that she received flowers from someone.

Even though she knew that roses like these were difficult to raise and could easily wither, she could not bear to abandon them. Instead, she took care of them meticulously. She placed them on the windowsill, then slumped over the tabletop and stared at them in a daze. This time of the year was the best time for roses...

It didn’t take long before she seemed completely absorbed.

The next day, she left in a rush, to report to the filming crew. As Qin Zhou had arranged for her to join the production team directly, the production crew was especially enthusiastic about her. They arranged to accommodate her at the hotel. She was pleasantly surprised to find that she was staying just next to Hua Jin’s room.

They were neighbors again!

This was good. At least there was someone familiar just next door. She was new to the crew and everything was unknown and unfamiliar to her. Although she had acted for Hua Jin previously, the experience was not quite the same now that she had swapped back into her own body.

After she’d put her things away, she took the vase out from the tightly wrapped plastic bag and carefully placed it on the windowsill, giving it as much sunlight as possible.

The doorbell rang.

Liang Yin turned around in confusion, thinking it must be Hua Jin. She immediately went forward and opened the door. A stranger stood at the doorway.

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She stalled for a few seconds. Then she quickly recognized the man in front of her as the general manager from the mall yesterday.

“Oh, it’s you.” A conflicted expression appeared on Liang Yin’s face. It was obvious that she was still brooding over what had happened yesterday. She was not a petty person, but definitely not one so magnanimous that she’d easily put any unpleasantness behind her.

She snapped at the man, “What do you want?”

“Hello, Miss Liang. It’s like this. For the unpleasant incident yesterday, we sincerely apologize to you again! This is a small token of our appreciation. We hope you can accept it!”

As the general manager spoke, the assistant behind him respectfully held up a gift box.

The assistant opened the gift box. In it, she could see a thick layer of pink rose petals. In the midst of the petals was a small but extremely glittery jewelry box. Glittery because the surface of this box was encrusted with shiny clear crystals.

Liang Yin gave them a puzzled look. “What is this?”

“It’s a small token from us. I hope you’ll kindly accept it!”

“A small token?”

“You’ll see when you open it!”

Liang Yin carefully opened the box and was stunned when she saw a pair of purple pearl earrings.

Jewellery?

“I hope you like it!” The general manager looked as sincere as could be.

Except that Liang Yin didn’t seem happy, or rather, she couldn’t bring herself to be happy. “Why are you giving me this?”

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“This is...”

“Actually, it’s just to please Qin Zhou!”

For some reason, Liang Yin felt angry. Actually, whether it was the Bulgari store manager or the mall manager...

“You all don’t feel any guilt about wrongfully accusing me at all!”

“We are here to sincerely apologize to you!”

Liang Yin sneered. “Ha! you’re only apologizing because you’re afraid of Qin Zhou and that he’ll pursue the matter! You’re apologizing not because you respect me, but because you’re afraid of taking responsibility!”

The general manager felt extremely aggrieved to hear this.

Good grief, should that all not go without saying? Qin Zhou had already said this was his woman. How could they afford to offend her?

“Miss Liang, please forgive us! We did cause you grievances yesterday. I hope you can cool down and not take this matter to heart.”

Having no alternative, Liang Yin made a move to shut the door. However the general manager immediately stopped it from shutting. It was obvious that without Liang Yin’s explicit forgiveness, he would not give up! Even with his face contorted from pressing up against the door, he would not stop trying.

“Miss Liang, it’s like this...” The manager took a deep breath and then began to mumble. “After you and President Qin left yesterday, I deeply realized the seriousness of this matter...”

“Where the manager of the Bulgari counter is concerned, we’ve issued a notice of termination, and furthermore we’ll never rehire her... We swear that if this ever happens again...”

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Liang Yin lost track of exactly what he had said or how long he had been talking. She just felt as if there were countless flies buzzing in her ears.

Finally, she couldn’t take it anymore and said impatiently, “Okay, okay, okay, I forgive you! Can you stop buzzing in my ear like a fly?!”

Her ears were almost growing calluses from the grinding of his voice against it.

The general manager was ecstatic. “Really! Will you really forgive me!?”

“As long as you disappear from my sight immediately, I’ll forgive you. Will you please leave me alone?” As soon as she finished speaking, the manager did not dare to say anything else. He and his assistant vanished like a puff of smoke.

Liang Yin was dumbfounded. It had to be either Qin Zhou was really that terrifying, or he had been pressuring the mall without her knowing. Otherwise, why would the general manager make a point of visiting her and apologizing in-person?

“Oh, Qin Zhou...”

In the room, a very curious Liang Yin sat down opposite Hua Jin. She was puzzled as to why Qin Zhou had such terrifying influence. When she mentioned him, the actor was obviously speechless for a moment. Then he said, “I’ve realized that your conversation has been all about him recently.”

“As the saying goes, only by knowing yourself and your enemy can you win every battle!” Liang Yin said matter-of-factly, “If I don’t know him, how can I make effective advances?”

“Qin Zhou used to be an ace agent, especially after he pushed Gu Xingze to fame. With Gu Xingze’s influence, he also expanded the resources he had.”

“Gu Xingze...” Liang Yin was suddenly stunned. “Hasn’t Gu Xingze already... died?”

The actor sighed as he spoke, “Well, there was an accident, so ... anyway, this matter hit Qin Zhou pretty hard. For a while, I was worried that he would just collapse. And it’s true that he was in a terrible state during that time.”

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Gu Xingze was a superstar created by Qin Zhou. Since his debut, he’d experienced almost no low points in his career. The two of them created and boosted each other.

Apart from a professional relationship, in private, they were very close friends. It was rare for Qin Zhou to consider someone his close friend. But such was Gu Xingze. The two of them were almost like family.

Gu Xingze’s passing had taken its toll on Qin Zhou, so much so that while in the past he was always witty and jovial, now he seemed a little quiet, and rather distant.

“Gu Xingze was really a big part of the life of a certain generation of people.” The actor said emotionally, “I used to envy him, but now I feel sorry for him.”

“All along, I’ve heard that he had depression, is that true?”

“Uh huh.” The actor gave a self-deprecating smile. “Actually, it’s not surprising. This industry is like a carnival ground. As you can see, when you’re filming, no matter how upset you are, you have to devote yourself to the role! I once met a very popular actress who was crying in the lounge before an interview. When the cameramen and reporters arrived, she dried her tears and touched up her makeup. She laughed and talked when she faced the camera. When the interview ended, she broke down and started crying again. I thought at the time that people like that lived too painfully. They couldn’t even live their lives as they pleased.”

“Why did she even take the interview?”

“Because it’s her job.” He continued, “When you’re in the business and you’re famous, it’s not up to you to decide which way you should go! I should be grateful to have a good agent to protect me. At least when I’m really down, I don’t have to pander to anyone or be driven by their mood. I’m considerably... free.”

“Uh huh.” Liang Yin asked, “Have you thought about when you’ll end your acting career?”

“Haven’t I told you before!” The actor said, “When I’ve made enough money to travel the world, I’ll quit show business.”

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"You have a utopia in mind!" Liang Yin smiled. "I thought everyone in this circle simply wanted to get ahead."

"I used to think that too." Hua Jin sighed. "But aren't people supposed to live for themselves? In fact, I've done the math. There are times when you can't have the life you want. Even if you have all the money in the world, you can't have the life you want, and you feel that the life you're living is not your cup of tea. So if you know what you want, why linger?"

Liang Yin could not help but feel a little lost upon hearing those words.

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The next day.

Huanyu Office Building.

Qin Zhou had specially sent a car to pick Liang Yin up and officially sign the contract. He and a few of Huanyu's senior executives were present in the conference room. Liang Yin sat down and Qin Zhou told her to look over the contract.

She pored over the document carefully until she saw the 50-50 agreement that Qin Zhou had penned between her and the company. She was a little surprised.

"Didn't you say ... 30-70?" The man smiled. "Didn't I also tell you that I won't be personally taking on any more artistes?"

Liang Yin was stunned for a moment before she suddenly laughed. "You didn't keep your word!"

"Showing off your cleverness after taking advantage of me?"

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"You didn't keep your word!"

"Showing off your cleverness after taking advantage of me?" Qin Zhou snapped at her and stubbed out his cigarette. "Do you have any issues to raise? Feel free to bring them up now. After all, we haven't officially signed the contract. We still do have room to discuss any suggestions."

"You make it sound like I'm signing some kind of indenture to sell myself."

"Uh-huh, indeed." The agent tapped the contract, indicating, "This is such an indenture."

"I only care about one thing..." Liang Yin asked, "If I wish to fall in love and date some day, am I free to do that?"

Qin Zhou smiled and said meaningfully, "That depends on who it is!"

"Looks like it's really a tyrant contract. I don't even have the basic freedom to love."

Her manager snorted. "So it's not too late to back out."

The girl pursed her lips in a smile, but said nothing. Gripping a pen in her hand, She scribbled her signature. At the same time, she pressed her thumbprint onto the document.

Suddenly Qin Zhou asked, "Why did you want to step into this industry?"

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Liang Yin glanced at him and replied truthfully, "I just want... to be a more outstanding woman."

Only by becoming outstanding could she be compatible with him. She could not muster the courage to confess to him now because she felt that she did not have the confidence to date such an outstanding man. Only a well-matched relationship could last. She felt that she was not outstanding enough, so she wanted to work hard to become a better version of herself.

"It's signed!"

When Qin Zhou saw that she had signed the document, he took it from her, stamped it with the official seal and signed his name.

The senior executives looked on. They kept looking back and forth between Qin Zhou and Liang Yin. Initially, they were a little surprised upon learning that Qin Zhou was going to make a comeback and take on an artiste.

After all, with his current qualifications in Huanyu, it would not be an exaggeration to say that he was highly respected. As Huanyu's honorary director, he no longer needed to personally manage artistes.

However, when Qin Zhou suggested signing on Liang Yin, they were puzzled. What sort of artiste had compelled Qin Zhou to personally take her on? Therefore, they wanted to see this newcomer, to try to understand the situation.

As it turned out, it seemed... She wasn't as stunning as they'd expected.

In this circle, they had seen many beautiful women. Even though Yun Shishi was now in semi-retirement, her beauty and unparalleled acting skills still made it difficult for anyone to dethrone her. Also, after Yun Shishi, there was indeed a lack of female artistes.

The higher-ups of Huanyu were keen to support a few female artistes as Yun Shishi's successor. Liang Yin was indeed a good candidate, but surely not to the extent that it should compel Qin Zhou to take her on personally, right?

Therefore, one suspected... There must be an affair going on?

However, Qin Zhou was a person who would never take advantage of a female celebrity through unspoken rules. One could almost be certain there was definitely no relationship between the two of them.

Unless... Qin Zhou was interested in this Liang Yin? Or was there some sort of special relationship?

They couldn't quite figure it out.

Qin Zhou finally stood up. "All right! It's getting late. Let's have dinner!"

The group immediately smiled and agreed.

There were many good restaurants near Huanyu. Qin Zhou had booked a private room in advance. Hua Jin was filming and could not make it in time, so Qin Zhou had lunch with Liang Yin and a few higher-ups of Huanyu.

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At the dinner, Qin Zhou and Liang Yin finalized a few matters. Before they officially announced their debut, the packaging team proposed a publicity plan.

Qin Zhou specifically asked for Liang Yin's opinion. After all, as a newcomer and a fledgling, she was almost an unknown. It would be difficult to negotiate a good price when taking on scripts and events in the future.

Although, Liang Yin was comparably capable with good acting skills. Qin Zhou had also roughly scanned the edited scenes and noted her solid performance. She was spiritual and talented as a performer, this was really commendable. It pointed to her good qualifications and unlimited potential in the future.

However, there were many capable people in this circle and there was never a lack of acting talent. Under this premise, she had to make a name for herself before she could gain attention. Only by gaining attention could Liang Yin's acting skills and potential be discovered by the audience.

To gain fame in the entertainment industry, one needs to be a topic of conversations. Only then will there be exposure. And in such a chaotic industry, exposure is needed.

The packaging team suggested that Liang Yin and Hua Jin could hype up their relationship.

Initially, Qin Zhou didn't quite agree with it. However, hyping up a relationship was a tried and tested method. Not only were there contract lovers in the entertainment industry now, but also contract married couples. As the name suggested, it was a combination of benefits. Superficially, they pretended to be a loving couple, but in reality, they led their own lives in private.

The PR team promised repeatedly that they would never do anything too scandalous. Only then did Qin Zhou relent. He asked the team to come up with a plan first. After he'd read it and there were no problems, they could discuss further.

Before her debut, Qin Zhou had even finalized a training schedule for Liang Yin. Dancing. Singing. She had to undergo intensive training for both. It would be best if he could nurture Liang Yin into an all-rounded artiste. In addition, improvisation and acting skills training were also part of the training program. To that end, Qin Zhou made a point of contacting the famous specialist tutor, an academic professor, to guide Liang Yin.

It was only then that Liang Yin realized that the tutor Qin Zhou had contacted for her was expensive. She was stunned by the six-figure fees!

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Six figures!

What was that?

It was said that the honorary professor of the Jingyang Film Academy, Li Changde, had nurtured three Best Actor and two Best Actress. He was absolutely respected in the circle. Many A-list celebrities were in awe of him. Besides, he was a guiding consultant for many films. If not for Qin Zhou, he might not have taken Liang Yin under his wing even if they were to pay him hundreds of thousands per session. There were so many talented newcomers, not everyone could catch his eye.

After the schedule had been put together, Liang Yin's life began to get busy. She started to run back and forth among the production team, the company, and the film academy.

She had one meeting with Li Changde and performed one of the sequences from the literary film "Years Like Water". When Li Changde saw this, he was somewhat surprised, but not entirely satisfied.

Her acting skills were good, but there were many details that were lacking. He had assumed that Liang was a professional stream student and was therefore extremely strict with her. Seeing that she even had problems with basic positioning, Li Changde criticized her.

Liang Yin gritted her teeth and accepted it. She did not say anything. She was not a specialist or professional stream student and felt that since she was learning, it was not a bad thing to be strict. In the end, she was scolded and thoroughly dressed down.

The old man was in his sixties, close to seventy. He had also participated in many movies previously. There was no doubt about his acting skills. He was a famous veteran actor and was even stricter with himself.

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"This Li Changde is too fierce!" Every time they returned to the hotel, Liang Yin would start lamenting.

She knew that Li Changde was an excellent mentor. The harsher he was, the better for her.

However, the man was asking too much of her. She was doing her best, but he could always pick out the tiniest mistakes in her performance.

"It's not like one is born with acting skills. You're lucky to have a good mentor like Li Changde to teach you and train you. What about me?"

"Eh?" At this point, Liang Yin was naturally quite curious. "Didn't Qin Zhou get you a teacher to teach you acting skills?"

"My former agent wasn't Qin Zhou. Otherwise, I might have enjoyed the same treatment." The actor paused, then said, "When I first started out, before I found fame, my company wasn't willing to spend that much money on me. Most companies would rather spend money on plastic surgery for their artistes than hire good teachers. After all, good looks were everything. Later, when I became famous and transferred to Huanyu, I didn't have the leisure time to undergo acting guidance."

Liang Yin was suspicious and asked, "Have you ever had plastic surgery?"

“No. I didn’t say I had plastic surgery!”

Liang Yin found it unbelievable and found herself reaching out to ravage his facial features. She reached out and grabbed Hua Jin’s nose!

“Ouch! That hurts!” The actor was about to slap her hand away in pain when Liang Yin tentatively pinched his chin again... Well, it was solid, obviously not hyaluronic acid.

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“Indeed, you’ve not had plastic surgery.” This doubt was finally confirmed.

The actor had heaven-defying good looks. Everyone said that Hua Jin had the looks of a classical handsome man. He was second to none in playing the male lead in period dramas. Without a doubt, he was the most handsome man in period costume.

Therefore, there were many speculations about him. Many people suspected that he had undergone plastic surgery.

Confronted by these questions from the reporters, Hua Jin really couldn’t be bothered with them. Occasionally, he dealt with them by pinching his face to express his disdain.

“So all your features are authentic!” Liang Yin had always suspected that he had had plastic surgery. After all, every so often, there would be news exposing one celebrity or another for having undergone plastic surgery. It was not unreasonable for her to think that way.

The actor shot her a look. “Should I be wondering if you had plastic surgery? What’s the world coming to? Does one have to be suspected of having had plastic surgery just because one is good looking?”

“Because that’s the way things are these days. There are too many people who have had plastic surgery.”

“That’s true.”

“Nowadays, for some reason, plastic surgery is becoming increasingly popular. But why do so many people turn out looking like monsters made out of the same mold?” Liang Yin said, feeling a little perplexed. “In the earlier days of plastic surgery, those who had undergone the knife looked relatively natural and exquisite. Now, from what I can see, the faces all look similar.”

The snake spirit look, defined by cheeks that looked as if they had been shaved down with a knife, a jaw shaped like a shoehorn, large eyes and a nose with a high bridge.

Liang Yin was not averse to plastic surgery. Everyone had the right and freedom to become a more beautiful person. However, wasn’t it creepy that everyone turned out looking the same way?

The actor suddenly said, “I think Yang Mi was very good-looking when she first debuted, but now her face seems to be showing signs of falling apart. I think she’s been in seclusion lately. She must have gone back to the furnace to be recreated.”