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It was only recently that she got a hold of Yan Liangxiong. The middle-aged man was attracted to beauties, especially someone like Han Jingyi – a fresh model with a slender body and a sweet appearance. She, who was to his taste, began to receive a few offers from some reality shows and make a name for herself.

Yan Liangxiong held a vast number of resources, and, for this large-scale teen movie, 'Green Apple' — a production under Huanyu Entertainment — he was one of its biggest investors.

Knowing of the unspoken rules to make it big in the entertainment industry, Han Jingyi's manager set a meeting between her and Yan Liangxiong. This was in hopes of her making good use of the chance to ingratiate herself to the man. If the female lead role in the 'Green Apple' could be secured by her through this golden opportunity, it would just be a matter of time before she rose to fame!

Thus, during the gathering, she did everything she could to please this wealthy CEO. Yan Liangxiong was absolutely charmed by her; his joy was bursting out in ecstasy. She was about to seal the deal for the female lead role.

However, when Yun Shishi entered the lounge, everyone's attention was instantly drawn to her.

In that moment, no one was looking at how Han Jingyi flirted.

Even Yan Liangxiong, who was being teased so intimately, lost interest in the newbie actress in his arms and thought of getting it on with Yun Shishi instead.

He had never seen a person quite like her before. He had never thought that a girl so pure could ever exist in this planet. She seemed otherworldly.

"This is..." Yan Liangxiong spoke gingerly, as though he were afraid of scaring this fairy-like girl.

Embarrassment was written all over Han Jingyi's face. She had just managed to please Yan Liangxiong with much difficulty. However, in the blink of an eye, his attention was snatched away from her.

Feeling indignant, she glared daggers at Yun Shishi and answered disdainfully, "Oh, this is my new assistant. She's still green and thoughtless. She is here physically, but she doesn't even know to give you a toast. Isn't she being rude to you?"

When Yun Shishi heard this, she became flustered and hurriedly said, "I... I don't know how to drink!"

She could not hold her liquor and would be knocked out after two glasses.

Having not experienced this situation before, she spoke rather meekly and appeared timid. She was just like a deer that had lost its way, yet her voice was soothing to the ears.

Enticed by her lovely voice, Yan Liangxiong eyed her fair and small face.

A girl as pure and young-looking as Yun Shishi was hard to come by in the entertainment industry.

Even if they were innocent at first, they would eventually be contaminated by this industry's dirtiness; in most cases, their innocence was just a façade.

Nonetheless, a man could tell at once whether something was an act or not, especially for someone like Yan Liangxiong who was a veteran in relationships. He was very certain that this girl was a rare one!

This girl had a stunning appearance and an elegant disposition. What was more wonderful was that she did not have the flamboyance that many female artistes in the industry had. Instead, she had an air of purity and sophistication.

If he could have her, he would no longer look at those unpopular models that eagerly threw themselves at him, trying every trick up their sleeves to crawl into his bed!

His body burned simply at the thought of this. His heart could not help but tingle.

The eyes Yan Liangxiong used to look at Yun Shishi became heated.

"Can't hold your liquor, it's just an excuse, isn't it?"

As Yan Liangxiong asked this, he pushed Han Jingyi off his lap. He then leaned closer to Yun Shishi, lasciviously eyeing her whole body.

His lewd expression got on Yun Shishi's nerves. Despite this, she still managed to maintain her professionalism. Cursing the pervert under her breath, she kept her head down.

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"At least a little!" Yan Liangxiong was clearly disappointed by her refusal.

She could not hold her liquor? Bingo! If this woman were to get drunk, she would be much easier to deal with.

Han Jingyi was flushed with anger when she was pushed to the side. Who found her this small assistant? This woman was clearly the reincarnation of a vixen spirit that was out to seduce men!

Yun Shishi was flabbergasted by him forcing alcohol on her. She had experience socializing, but she always drank tea and not alcohol during those times, and no one ever forced her to drink liquor. Faced with this situation, she was rather baffled.

With Yan Liangxiong totally focused on Yun Shishi, Han Jingyi felt nothing but hatred in her heart. Why was this new assistant so pretty? She just entered the room minutes ago, yet she already captured the souls of almost every man in the room. Was she really a vixen spirit in her past incarnation?

She cursed inwardly but forced out a smile. "Mr. Yan, why stoop to this lowly assistant's level? She isn't giving you face by refusing to drink. She's clearly looking down on you! Rest assured; I'll fire her right this instant!"

She originally thought that by fanning the flames, the man would be enraged by the ignorant Yun Shishi, but instead, his response left her feeling flummoxed.

"Huh? Why fire her? This little assistant is so fun to play with! She hasn't seen much of society yet. Once she experiences more of this, she will get used to it!"

After he said this, he thought of something and continued with an ulterior motive, "Jingyi, you want to be in the 'Green Apple' movie, right? If you can convince your assistant to accompany me for some drinks, I'll help you get the female lead role!"

Hearing this, Han Jingyi almost spewed out blood.

She absolutely wanted to vomit blood!

The movie was said to have a star-studded cast; many first-rate female stars were in the queue for internal auditions, but none of them made the cut.

She tried every means possible to push her way through and was lucky enough to hook up with a rich boss. He was coincidentally the movie's biggest investor, causing her to be over the moon!

She pestered and coaxed him unceasingly to get her that female lead role but to no avail. Right now, she was being promised the coveted female lead role as long as she could make Yun Shishi accompany him for some drinks.

No matter how dumb one was, they could tell that Yan Liangxiong had some designs on Yun Shishi!

Han Jingyi was outraged and she really wanted to flip the tables over.

The smile on her face was almost twisted. She spent a lot of time and effort pleasing him, taking great pains to get into his bed, but in the end, she was not even worth a few glasses of alcohol with a nobody like Yun Shishi.

Was this not a blatant way of throwing her away?

However, thinking of it from another perspective, Han Jingyi realized that if a few glasses of alcohol could be exchanged for the female lead role, then she would get what she wanted with no effort on her part at all! He wanted to knock on her, but what about it? She was unwilling to kiss his ass and be of service to him, anyway!

The entire entertainment industry was so huge; there would definitely be many wealthy bosses out there, would there not? She could just find another investor.

By bagging this role, she could establish connections with those in high society.

Getting the role that other female stars could not get with a few glasses of alcohol from her lowly assistant... this was quite the happy ending!

Thinking of this with elation, she told Yun Shishi, "I say, newbie, just accompany Mr. Yan for some drinks! Think of it as giving him some face. If he is pleased, he won't treat you badly!" She then mouthed to her, "If you don't drink, then I'll fire you."

"Just one glass; will that do? I can only drink one glass..." Yun Shishi spoke cautiously.

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Chapter 83: Heavenly King, Gu Xingze

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"Just one glass; will that do? I can only drink one glass..." Yun Shishi spoke cautiously.

Yan Liangxiong liked her unpretentious, tender expression and roared with laughter. "Good! One glass, then! You must drink it in one gulp, or it won't count!"

She gritted her teeth and, with firm resolve, downed the liquor in the glass at one go. Although it was only a glass, she was overpowered by its potency. The spicy alcohol choked her, causing her eyes to become bloodshot and her body to feel scalding. She turned red in the face and ears.

His lascivious eyes never left her body and flushed cheeks. She felt uncomfortable with his prickly stare.

At this moment, approaching footsteps were heard on the other side of the door.

Knock, knock! After a series of polite knocks, the door to the VIP room was slowly pushed open from the outside.

A gust of cold wind flowed in.

She was getting dizzy from the effects of the alcohol. In the afterglow, she vaguely saw an elongated shadow enter the room.

Stunned, her eyes greeted a pair of premium handmade leather shoes. The soles of the person's shoes made a resounding impact on the floor.

The man's strides were elegant and unhurried. He was dressed in a pair of neatly pressed pants with complementary dark red expensive shirt, which highlighted his fair skin. He exuded a sense of forbidden charm; his gentle temperament was apparent.

Looking closely at his exposed neckline, a platinum necklace could be seen hanging on the man's slender neck, between his jade-like collarbones.

His getup was minimalist, yet he somehow managed to look amazingly beautiful. It was not easy for any man to look dazzling in a red suit.

Her neck was getting stiff from her stupor, so she found it difficult to hold her head up and take a good look at the man. Only when he drew near her did she get a proper look at his face.

Her first impression of him was an elegant and aloof but sad man.

His fair skin was blemish-free. With his exquisite and chiseled facial contours, he resembled a carved Greek god. Almond-shaped eyes, elegant brows, sexy lip line – everything seemed to pale in comparison with his good looks.

He seemed to only be about twenty-five years old or so, yet he emanated a sense of maturity and sturdiness beyond his young age.

This sense of maturity was not superficial. His eyes seemed to hold much pain that was not immediately apparent. His young yet mature appearance was too complex for anyone to fathom.

She was blown away by his exquisite face.

She was familiar with this aloof man.

He was none other than Gu Xingze. The superstar who had managed to create an era that belonged only to him in the current entertainment scene.

He came from an amazing background. When he was fifteen years old and studying overseas, a talent scout discovered him. Shortly after signing on with a performing agency, he released an album.

His debut album went platinum and his starring role in a Hollywood film made him famous overnight and won him a few major awards in the Oscars. His fame surged worldwide thereafter.

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Chapter 84: First Meeting with Xingze

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However... Gu Xingze was a legend.

This was not just because of his outstandingly good looks. He had a flair for the dramatic, and, coupled with his charismatic voice, he quickly rose to fame.

From starting out as an inexperienced, matinee idol up to his current kingly superstar status in the movie, TV, and singing arenas, he was able to bag ten platinum awards. The media dubbed him as the 'Box-Office Hit of the Century'.

Be it his acting or singing, he had honed his skills to the optimum level.

After ten years in the entertainment industry, he was now considered as a living legend. Only he was eligible to represent the country's

entertainment industry in the international stage and could have the honorable role of a milestone for many artistes. No one had been able to replace him in the past ten years.

Many were jealous of his smooth-sailing rise to stardom. He had been performing for a decade, which was usually the extent of a star's career, yet there was no sign of his popularity slowing down or stagnating any time.

In any case... how did he end up here?

Yan Liangxiong stood up once he saw Gu Xingze, stretched out his hand, and warmly shook the latter's hand.

The assistant by Gu Xingze's side immediately approached Yan Liangxiong and profusely apologized for his artiste's late arrival.

"Director Yan, our sincere apologies! We were caught in the rush hour and were delayed on the road. We're sorry to have kept you waiting."

Yan Liangxiong was known for being punctual and his dislike of latecomers. There were no exceptions to this rule.

Gu Xingze was in the middle of a traffic jam when he received a call from him.

Yan Liangxiong wanted to arrange a meeting in the hotel to discuss the female lead role. Gu Xingze, who was one of the upcoming movie's producers, was busy with the script when he received the man's call. Although he very much preferred to dedicate that time to studying the script, he knew that Yan Liangxiong was an important and difficult director that he could not afford to ignore. Thus, he

rushed to the hotel without a moment's delay. Despite his best efforts, he still arrived late.

"Director Yan, is there a reason for calling me here?"

Gu Xingze was puzzled. All the necessary matters, including the script, production team, actors, and even the sponsors, had been settled. What other important matters could there be that needed his immediate attention?

"He he, Xingze, let's sit down first before we discuss! Oh, by the way, let me introduce someone to you!" He gestured for Gu Xingze to take a seat beside him.

This was when Gu Xingze took notice of another woman's presence in the VIP room. She was pretty and wore exquisite makeup, yet she lacked the presence and appeared rather dull and hollow.

Her eyes were full of admiration and anticipation for him!

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Compared to the pictures in the magazines, he looked even better and more glamorous in person.

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He was the Greek god in the eyes of many women.

Gu Xingze's mind was crowded with doubts as he looked at Yan Liangxiong for an introduction of the woman.

He shifted his gaze and saw Yun Shishi in the corner.

At this moment, she was already inebriated yet was still stubbornly pressing her lips together. Her fingertips clasped hard on the table top as if she were struggling with something.

Her face, with her bloodshot and misty eyes, was expressive.

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Chapter 85: The Venomous Tongue of the Superstar

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Forbearance, stubbornness, exasperation...

At this very moment, he was captivated.

He could make out a scene in the script in his mind.

The female and male protagonists had an argument, and she went to the bar to drown her sorrows. In that noisy bar, she was seen weeping and resisting the painful tears at the same time.

That instant of restraint was so heartbreaking.

Yin Xiachun!

This woman was Yin Xiachun!

Yan Liangxiong interrupted his astonished thoughts.

"Xingze, let me introduce a new actress from Huanyu Entertainment to you. Her name is Han Jingyi!" He smiled as he moved closer to him and whispered, "You've seen her in person now. She's not bad

looking, right? I bet she has a bright future ahead of her. Please take care of her!"

In other words, he is trying to promote her?

Gu Xingze frowned, his frail lips opening and shutting without a word. Han Jingyi coyly reached out her hand to him, but he ignored it.

He had always been haughty and was never kind to those he did not approve of.

Many in the entertainment industry were the recipients of his merciless treatment.

This Han Jingyi might be good-looking, but she is just a newbie with no track record. Moreover, she is like a hollow flower vase. Why is Yan Liangxiong willing to promote a newcomer like her? Could it be because of some dirty deeds?

Gu Xingze's eyes flashed with disdain.

"Beautiful? Director Yan's aesthetic taste seems to be quite bad." Words spouted from his mouth like poisonous darts. "Even if her looks are acceptable to Director Yan, they fail to reach my standard. Director Yan, you may want to promote this actress whom you've slept with, but it is not up to you to decide the female lead for this movie. You know very well that I am one of its producers, too."

Yan Liangxiong was taken aback; his face showed awkwardness and embarrassment.

Publicly mocking the woman he had slept with in front of him was

making him look bad.

He knew that Gu Xingze had a solid record in the industry, with

strong and influential backing, so he could not afford to offend him.

However, this was utter humiliation!

Han Jingyi was in an even worse state. She sat in stony silence once

she heard her idol mock her.

Her Greek god just publicly mocked and humiliated her. She was

utterly disgraced!

Gu Xingze gave a derisive laugh and told her harshly, "As for you,

acting is not as easy as spreading your legs. There are so many naïve

models like you in our industry. Do you really think that having a

sugar daddy means you can easily get what you want? You must be

dreaming! Show business is not that simple."

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Chapter 86: The Ideal Female Lead

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"Xingze—"

"Don't call me Xingze. Are we close?" He coldly glared at her.

Yan Liangxiong thought of his pride as he quickly signaled Han Jingyi to apologize with a look. She hurriedly lifted her wine glass to Gu Xingze and said, "I'm sorry, Xing—Mr. Gu! Please accept my apologies for any offense I have committed! Please don't hold any grudges…"

Her pitiful apology only served to infuriate him further.

"Oh, please. I don't want your disgusting wine."

His words shattered her into pieces. She was told of this man's proud temperament and tendency to look down on others. His venomous lips would tear apart those he did not like, and she just got a taste of that now!

"Director Yan, does your aesthetic have a problem? This woman is tacky and crass; how is she suitable for the female lead role? She doesn't even fit the pure and clean image of 'Yin Xiachun'. I am nauseated at the thought of her acting next to me."

Han Jingyi could not bear it any longer.

What is it with this Gu Xingze? His mouth is full of poisonous darts! Does he really need to put me down so badly? How many actresses really make it big with their talents alone? They are also doing what I'm doing to rise among their peers and reach their current positions!

She was angered to the point of almost crying.

Gu Xingze merely snorted at her pathetic appearance.

She wants to be my female lead and ride on my coattails to stardom? Dream on!

"Why? Are you feeling sorry for yourself?" he asked in an apathetic voice, adding, "It is better if you keep away from this production. My mood gets worse at the mere sight of you."

He paused and turned his attention to Yun Shishi, who was sitting in a daze in the corner. He asked, "What's your name?"

Despite her hazy mind, she was aware that this superstar was asking for her name. Pulling herself up on her seat, she nervously replied, "How – How are you doing? I'm Yun Shishi, Miss Han Jingyi's assistant."

"You are her assistant?" He was rather surprised. He had assumed that this pretty and pure-looking girl was a newly signed on actress. She fitted the role of the female lead in his mind.

The 'Yin Xiachun' in his heart was exactly like her!

He shook his head and his eyes beamed into a crescent shape.

"You are such a pretty and clean-looking girl. Why are you a mere assistant to a mediocre model? You can do so much better for a job!"

"I found this job today..."

He darted a look at Han Jingyi, who was fuming, and sarcastically said, "She'll never be famous! You won't have a future if you continue following her. You are prettier than her. Why don't you enter the show business, instead? You'll surely make it big!"

Han Jingyi's eyes widened in disbelief!

This Gu Xingze, how can he...? His pretty lips managed to send her to the bottom of a pit, yet they were able to send her unknown assistant soaring in the sky at the same time.

This was absolutely demeaning to her!

Hearing his words, Yun Shishi quickly objected in her tipsy state, "I can't..."

"Why can't you?" He smiled and deliberated, "You fit the image of the female lead I have in my mind."

Bang! Han Jingyi could not restrain her anger any longer. She slapped the table hard, stood up, and shot the man a dirty look. She then asked frostily, "Gu Xingze, are you done?"

Han Jingyi had drunk a little earlier and was slightly inebriated. He was her idol and when he put her down so mercilessly, she was thoroughly upset. Under the influence of alcohol, she decided to lash out.

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Chapter 87: The Tenderness of Gu Xingze

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thoroughly upset. Under the influence of alcohol, she decided to lash out.

"She is just a new and unknown assistant. How can she be compared to me?!"

Han Jingyi was fuming. Every girl had a goal and hers was Gu Xingze.

He, with his good looks and excellent acting skills, had always been her idol since he started in the show business.

He was her beacon of light. When she turned eighteen, this admiration only intensified.

Thus, she resolved to enter the show business and become a star as well. She then would have many opportunities to meet Gu Xingze.

Using her parents' accumulated savings, she took the plunge and went to Korea to undergo several cosmetic surgeries. What did it matter if she was not born with natural good looks?

The aesthetic surgical industry was so advanced now. She got herself double eyelids, did rhinoplasty, and went under the knife to get a slim body. Thereafter, she was signed on with a modeling agency and easily entered the entertainment industry.

She was obsessed with him. Without a flair for the dramatic, she used underhanded means to gain fame and get closer to her dream. It was so close... yet Gu Xingze smashed her fantasy away.

And now this unknown assistant of mine has come along to snatch his attention from me?! In what way is she better than me?!

"Your name is Yun Shishi, right? You don't have to come for work tomorrow! You are fired!" She unleashed her fury on Yun Shishi.

Yun Shishi was bewildered and flabbergasted.

Gu Xingze appeared elated when he heard that and smilingly told her, "That's good! I am coincidentally looking for an assistant. Shishi, are you willing to work for me?"

His words caused quite the uproar at the table.

Who was Gu Xingze? He was the haughty, rich, and super famous, ultimate king of the show business. Many would willingly give an arm and a leg to be his assistant just to get close to him. In fact, if one were to line up those people, the line could stretch from this place to Hollywood.

Right now, he was actually asking an unknown girl to be his assistant?

The world could really be so weird.

Yun Shishi was stunned as well.

"You don't agree? I pay well, you know? I am also gentle with my subordinates and easier to handle than this woman."

That got her attention and she hurriedly said, "I accept your offer."

There was a tinge of tenderness when he replied, "You can officially report for work at my studio tomorrow, then."

With that, he gracefully stood up and told Yan Liangxiong, who was standing at the side with a confused look on his face, "Director Yan,

it's getting late, so I'll be off first."

Everyone at the table gaped as he pushed the door open to leave.

Seeing that Yun Shishi was still sitting dazedly at the table, he asked,

"My new assistant, it's getting late. Let me send you home."

"Okay."

She was momentarily confounded.

The heavenly king, Gu Xingze, wanted to send her home?

His fans are going to hate me, she thought to herself as she stood up

to follow the man out of the room.

Yan Liangxiong had remained composed throughout this incident,

yet he could not help but sputter when Yun Shishi unexpectedly

escaped his grasp.

There was someone else who was even unhappier than him: Han

Jingyi. "What?! In what way did I lose to that b*itch?! She must be

a vixen who is out to seduce men..."

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Chapter 88: Saving Her

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"Forget that, Han Jingyi; you'd better worry about your future, instead," Yan Liangxiong scoffed.

Hearing Gu Xingze's words, he could not help but agree. This woman was indeed subpar.

She could not compare to Yun Shishi, and he was no longer interested in her.

"What do you mean?" Han Jingyi was stunned.

"You are just a newcomer in Huanyu, yet you dared offend Gu Xingze?"

"So what?" Her fantasies about getting together with Gu Xingze had totally evaporated into thin air by now.

Her heart was badly wounded by her dream guy's mocking words.

"I don't think you realize the consequences of your actions just yet! Don't you know that Gu Xingze owns twenty percent of the shares in Huanyu Entertainment? He is the biggest shareholder of the company; even I have to be respectful to him. Who are you to throw a tantrum in front of him? You can't survive long in this industry. Expect your contract to be terminated tomorrow."

What?! Gu Xingze is the biggest shareholder in Huanyu? Oh, god! she was gutted with fury and regret.

"Director Yan, what should I do now? I don't want to be terminated," she turned to him and cried for help.

"I can't save you! The sight of you, a brainless woman who speaks without thinking, is making me sick!" He waved her off and left in a huff.

As soon as they stepped out of the hotel, Gu Xingze spun around. Yun Shishi, who was unsteadily following him from behind, bumped into his chest.

"Ouch..." She rubbed her forehead as her head throbbed.

Gu Xingze rubbed her nose ruefully and chastised, "Naïve girl, you'd better thank me for saving you from the lion's den."

"What do you mean?" She was still dazed and could not comprehend what he meant with his words.

"You aren't in this industry, so you don't know of Yan Liangxiong's reputation." He bent down and looked into her eyes before continuing, "He likes your type – green, innocent, and simple. If you didn't follow me out just then, you would certainly be devoured by him."

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"Did I scare you?" Seeing that she was still in a trance, he instinctively wanted to protect this pure and innocent woman who resembled a little white rabbit. He affectionately rubbed her head and went on, "This industry is materialistic. If you continue with your naivety, you'll be devoured sooner or later."

Yun Shishi realized the trouble she almost got herself into and told the man with much gratitude, "Thank you! I would've been in a tight situation if not for you."

If he had not come and rescued her, she would not have known how to face that licentious Yan Liangxiong.

"Let's go home." He patted her on the shoulder.

"What time should I report for work tomorrow?" she smilingly asked as she followed behind him.

"You... You really want to be my assistant?" Gu Xingze was amused. "It's a tough job. My assistant has to handle my PR affairs, needs to fend off the paparazzi, and, even worse, has to deal with difficult situations like today. Can you manage?"

Only then did she realize how difficult a celebrity assistant's job was.

"But you asked me if I'm willing to be your assistant..."

"I did that to save you," he replied matter-of-factly.

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Chapter 89: The Hidden Rules in the Entertainment Industry

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"I did that to save you," he replied matter-of-factly.

"I believe that you are a sensible girl." He looked her in the eye and said, "You didn't shed a tear despite the situation you were put through earlier."

"I'm... used to it." Her shoulders shrugged slightly as his words hit her tender spot.

He slightly bent over and pushed back her fringe to have a better look at her, his lips curving into a gentle smile.

"You don't have to be strong as a girl. A child who knows when to cry gets a candy."

She silently pondered on his words.

She had always been a sensible girl from a young age. In fact, she was too strong-willed. She would rather bear the burden than complain about it.

However, the longer she had to bear, the heavier it got.

She pursed her lips and smiled. "Thank you. I understand what you mean now."

"Hey! A girl like you should know when to take advantage of your assets."

His eyes sparkled as an idea flashed through his mind. "It will be a pity if you merely become my assistant. With your assets, you are suited to acting. Huanyu has invested in a film called the 'Green Apple'. There is a nationwide audition for the female lead role right now. Do you want to try auditioning for it?"

She became slightly hopeful because of his convincing words.

"This is an invitation letter. Tomorrow is the last day of the audition. I'll be there, too." He passed to her a compact and well-designed card.

This card, unlike a normal one, came with fine details, with gold trimmings and a lace clasp. This was a high-end, one-of-the-kind, invitation letter.

It was evident how much importance and admiration he had for her from this gesture.

From outside the glass window, one could see that it was raining.

Gu Xingze's assistant hurried over and was surprised to find him speaking to a slender-looking girl.

"Xingze, she is..."

"Oh!" The superstar was unsure of how to introduce Yun Shishi to the assistant.

Yun Shishi was still tipsy from the alcohol, but she managed to give a polite reply. "How are you? My surname is Yun. I'm Yun Shishi!"

"Oh, Shishi. What a nice name," the assistant praised with a smile.

The three chattered away as they walked toward the parking lot.

A Bentley was parked at the side of the road.

Yun Tianyou, who had been waiting for a while, finally saw his mother exit the place. He moved to get off the car to pick her up.

Li Hanlin stopped him quickly. "Director Yun, it's raining heavily right now. I'll go; you wait in the car."

"Oh, thanks."

Li Hanlin smiled, took out an umbrella, and alighted from the car.

Gu Xingze's nanny van was parked not far from the Bentley. As the three of them were about to get into the van, they saw a man in a smart-looking suit approaching them.

"Miss Yun, I'm here to pick you up."

Gu Xingze's mind was full of questions as he eyed Li Hanlin and the extravagant car behind him.

This man looked prim and proper and should hold a high position, yet he spoke with extreme courteousness and gentleness to Yun Shishi.

Who is he? Is he really here to pick her up?

He had encountered such scenarios before.

In this industry, there were many actresses who might appear pure and innocent on the screen but actually had sugar daddies in reality.

Whether as an escort or giving sexual favors, they were willing to use any dirty means to move ahead.

He had been in the show business for a decade, so he knew how dirty this industry was.

Those A-listed stars would normally have a few sugar daddies.

Actresses would rotate between a few paymasters like disposable merchandise.

Is this girl the same, too?

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Yun Shishi stared at this man whom she did not know.

"Who are you?"

Li Hanlin's smile did not falter. He came closer to her and whispered, "Master Yun is currently waiting in the car for you."

Master Yun... Youyou?!

Her facial expression looked panicky and she quickly looked in the direction of the Bentley. Seeing Youyou leaning on the car window ledge, she broke into a sweet smile and waved her hand at him.

She felt better when she saw that he was fine.

"Mr. Gu – Mr. Gu Xingze, thank you! You don't have to give me a lift. Be safe on your way home."

"Shishi, are you alright?" Gu Xingze was rather worried about her as he had no clue of this man's identity.

Gu Xingze's assistant was confused by his show of concern for the girl.

What happened to the heavenly king, Gu Xingze? During their many years in the entertainment industry, she had never seen this aloof king show even the slightest interest in any woman.

He was the kind of man who distanced himself from women. At one point, she even suspected his sexual orientation.

However, the way he spoke to this girl truly differed from how he usually treated women. Still, it could not be denied that no actresses in the show business could match this girl's delicate features and ethereal presence.

"I'm fine. Don't worry about me." She smiled and then hurriedly followed Li Hanlin to the parked car.

Gu Xingze watched her walk off and smiled ruefully.

He seemed to have made a little gaffe today.

Perhaps, after seeing so many dirty tricks in this unscrupulous industry, he was emotionally moved by this pure- and innocent-looking girl who was totally uncontaminated by the show business's filth.

He had this irrational desire to protect her innocence.

He sighed softly, got into the nanny van, and drove away.

Inside the Bentley, Yun Shishi was astounded by its lavish interior. Although she had seen this type of vehicle on TV too many a time, she had never had the privilege to sit inside one before.

"Youyou, why are you..."

Youyou thought for a while and knew that this was not the right time to tell her the truth.

He was afraid that his mother would be unable to accept the shocking truth.

In the past six years, he had always been her obedient, simple, and naïve son. She would not believe it if he confessed the truth now.

"Mommy, this is Uncle Li. He is the principal from my kindergarten."

Li Hanlin was smart enough to catch on. "How are you, Miss Li. It's a pleasure meeting you!"

He was wearing a smile as he spoke, yet the eyes he used to gaze at her contained inscrutable emotions.

Oh, god, who is this young and beautiful girl? She looks so young, as if she were still in high school.

Don't tell me she saved the galaxy in her past life and was awarded this super genius son, Yun Tianyou?

How can I have a son like him?

If only she could tell me her secret formula, I would really put my all into researching and investigating how I could produce a prodigious son like Yun Tianyou!

He was nearly beating his chest in envy as he stared at the mother-son pair.

If he could have a son who was this understanding and loving...

Yun Shishi smiled when she heard the introduction. "Principal Li, how are you doing? I've been busy working. Thank you for taking care of my Youyou for the past two years."

Li Hanlin's mouth twitched slightly as he replied, "Oh, no, the honor is mine. Youyou is smart and always performs well in school."

Principal? Can a principal truly afford such a car?

Yun Tianyou smiled and tried to change the topic. "Principal, thank you for sending me and my mommy home today."

"You are welcome." Li Hanlin instructed the chauffeur to drive off.

The Bentley started moving away from the roadside.

Unbeknown to the three, a Bugatti Veyron was closely shadowing them.

In the driver's seat, Mu Yazhe tightened his grip on the steering wheel as he looked ponderously ahead...

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