

Read One Birth Two Treasures: The Billionaire's Sweet Love –
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Since ancient times, mothers had always been successful at elevating their status through their sons. This was even more so for wealthy families!

Mu Wanrou's complexion gradually turned pale, her fingertips trembling quite a bit. Aaron, who was standing to one side, noted her pale face and asked cautiously, "Madam, are you alright?"

"I'm fine." She tried to be calm on the surface, but when she saw another photograph, her eyes opened in horror!

In the photograph, the girl, who was standing in front of the entrance to a university in her graduation gown, had a warm smile on her face. Astounded, she gaped. Mu Wanrou clearly had a hard time believing this as she went over another photograph. There were not many photos of Yun Shishi, but the few Mu Wanrou saw were enough to make her tremble. The girl's face still had an inextinguishable impression in her heart!

It was... It was her?!

No way! There could not be so many coincidences!

Mu Wanrou could no longer maintain a calm face. Panic-stricken, she placed the photograph aside and picked up Yun Shishi's documents with

trembling hands once more. She was previously not concerned, so she just skimmed through the text, but, now, she carefully read all the information written, not wanting to miss any.

When her sight landed on the words ‘welfare center’, she was shocked to the core that she froze up, her heart and soul filling with horror!

“She...”

Her lips slowly moved apart, her eyes never leaving the documents. She was already unable to complete a sentence. Noticing her dazed expression, Aaron glanced at the documents. He mistakenly thought that she did not understand the information written, so he explained them to her patiently.

“Yun Shishi. Biological parents unknown. No leads regarding her real family. When she was six, she was sent to a welfare center. At the age of eight, she was adopted by the Yun family. She is twenty-three this year. She graduated from Saint Roland University for Girls. She was also your surrogate six years ago.”

“Welfare center...”

Mu Wanrou looked at the information written in black and white. With heart thumping fast, her mind flew back to that day she first saw her....

Fifteen years ago.

Shengde Welfare Center.

Back then, Mu Wanrou was just an ordinary orphan waiting for adoption. As she had a lovable face, the staff in the welfare center adored her. They

held her in esteem just like a princess. Many children wanted to play with her.

However, the children at the welfare center were different from those outside. They might be getting along on the surface, but they were secretly at loggerheads with one another. Every day, someone would visit the welfare center to adopt a child. Who was better looking or more well-mannered would have a higher chance of getting adopted.

Even then, the young Mu Wanrou had lofty ambitions and did not easily admit defeat.

Her mother was just a lowly massage therapist at a bar. When she gave birth to her, she unhesitatingly discarded her at the entrance to a hospital. She was picked up by a poor couple, and she lived a life of poverty for a few years. When a car accident took her adoptive parents' lives, she became an orphan again and was sent over to the welfare center. From that day on, she told herself, that she wanted to live a good life and get adopted by a wealthy person!

One day, a seven-year-old girl was brought in. Rumors had it that her mother had died, so she was brought to the orphanage.

The girl, despite her unkempt appearance, was absolutely ethereal and beautiful. Mu Wanrou saw a piece of jade on her. It seemed to be quite valuable, so she took it for her own when the girl was asleep.

When the girl woke up and realized that her jade was gone, she wailed miserably. However, at that time, Mu Wanrou was held in high regard by the adults and her peers. No one believed that she had stolen the girl's jade. No one believed the girl's words.

Afterward, a wealthy-looking elderly man came to the welfare center and summoned her over.

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Chapter 32: Wealthy Status Snatched

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Afterward, a wealthy-looking elderly man came to the welfare center and summoned her over.

The elderly man took out a keepsake similar to the jade she was holding. When the two were put together, they actually fit perfectly.

She was unaware of the jade's importance and simply lied that it was something her mother had left for her. The elderly man believed her words and brought her back to the Mu residence, naming her Mu Wanrou and quickly setting her as Mu Yazhe's fiancée when he was fourteen...

Back to the present, in the CEO's office, Mu Wanrou weakly dropped down on the sofa. She supported her forehead with a palm as cold sweat drenched her back.

She tightly gripped the documents in her hand, her fingertips shuddering out of her control. She was very flustered.

She could not guess why Mu Yazhe had someone investigate all this. Could he have noticed something unusual about her origin, and he started to cast doubt on her real identity despite her being brought back by Grandpa Mu personally back then?

Her heart jumped once she considered this possibility.

In actuality, she did steal that piece of jade from Yun Shishi. Growing up in the welfare center, because she looked sweet and well-behaved, she was deeply loved and highly regarded by everyone.

She was still young back then. She had never seen anything good. Therefore, when she saw the girl's beautiful piece of jade, she was overwhelmed with greed and took it on impulse.

After that, Xiaoshi — Yun Shishi — realized that her jade was stolen. Seeing it on Mu Wanrou, she went to confront her. Unfortunately for Xiaoshi, within the welfare center, not one soul was against Mu Wanrou. With this 'framing', Xiaoshi took a beating from the director instead, and her hands were hit by the teacher's ruler as punishment. It was so painful that she cried for a few nights.

However, Mu Wanrou had never imagined that the piece of jade was actually entangled to such a twisted family background.

Fifteen years ago, under the layers of misunderstanding, she was brought back to the Mu residence by Mu Sheng, the Mu Group's chairman, also the head of the Mu family, and her name was then changed.

As for the jade's origin, Grandpa Mu never did divulge anything about it. The only piece of information he cared to share with her was that it was her mother's relic.

Upon their arrival to the Mu residence, Grandpa Mu took the piece of jade from her and kept it along with the other half. From time to time, she would see him lost in thought while staring at the jade, as if he were reminiscing about someone.

Only when she was a little older did Mu Sheng tell her bits about that woman. This was when she realized that the woman was someone he had adopted in his middle age. Still, he only said this much about that woman, as if he were hiding something from her intentionally, and mentioned nothing else.

She then became the Mu family's young mistress and grew up surrounded by this love. Eventually, she was betrothed to his grandson, which was Mu Yazhe.

From start till end, she did not tell the truth about how she came to be in possession of the jade, concealing it intentionally. She knew that if she were to come clean about it, then everything that she had right now, wealth and family, would be gone in a flash. She would lose her position as the Mu family's young mistress and she would lose... Mu Yazhe.

She... was not reconciled to this! She was unwilling to let go and she did not plan to return all these to its real owner as well!

She admitted that this was selfish of her. It was too unfair for that girl. However, she did not regret doing this. Lavishing in all of this, she somewhat lost herself in her greed.

At first, when she became part of the Mu family, she was still slightly guilty and uneasy. After all, these things truly did not belong to her, but to that girl called Xiaoshi.

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Chapter 33: Lives Exchanged

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At first, when she became part of the Mu family, she was still slightly guilty and uneasy. After all, these things truly did not belong to her, but to that girl called Xiaoshi.

Happiness came to her so suddenly that everything seemed nothing more than an illusion. It was as if the moment she opened her eyes, everything would turn out to be just a dream.

However, when she did open her eyes again, she was still lying in the soft, big bed within the princess-like bedroom.

Mu Sheng sat by her side. His stern face could hardly mask the love he had for her. He was so very gentle to her, spoiling her rotten and doting on her with his heart and soul.

What she wanted, he would satisfy! Mu Wanrou had never experienced parental love before and had never known such a luxurious life, so she had immersed herself in this sudden delight once more.

However, the real reason she selfishly wanted all of this was the man.

Mu was a wealthy and influential family in the capital, and Mu Yazhe was a man many rich, young ladies desired. He was so outstanding that it went beyond people's imagination.

Why was God only fond of him, blessing him with so much to the point of excessiveness?

He had a family that was so financially strong it could rival a country, a godly appearance, a noble and lofty status, and otherworldly talent and skills!

Any one of these would make others green with envy, yet he had everything!

She became greedy and obsessed. It was to the extent that she lost herself.

Although the title of the Mu family's young mistress and future CEO's wife was stolen from another person, God had actually never treated her unfairly.

A slight error in thought, and one's life could unexpectedly change tremendously. She became the future wife of this huge business empire's CEO.

She was uneasy and fearful at first, but she eventually settled down and enjoyed everything that did not belong to her.

However... fate seemed to love playing with people. She ironically did not have the ability to get pregnant – this was congenital. Although Mu Sheng had contacted many people in the medical field, none could cure her infertility.

What was more ironic was that the surrogate that Mu Sheng had employed turned out to be her... the true owner of that piece of jade.

Mu Wanrou was drenched in cold sweat, as she was filled with a sense of crisis.

After many years, they finally met again. Nine years ago, she snatched away Xiaoshi's jade and took possession of everything belonging to her. Nine years later, Xiaoshi became her surrogate and gave birth to his children!

Somehow, an invisible bond seemed to tie the girl with Mu Yazhe, which made Mu Wanrou uneasy!

Mu Yazhe ordering this investigation on Yun Shishi – did it mean that he was starting to doubt Mu Wanrou's identity and the legitimacy of her ownership claim over that piece of jade?

Impossible!

She had been meticulous in concealing everything for all these years.

In fact, when she was nearing adulthood, Mu Sheng once suspected her. He was in too much of a rush back then, so when he saw her in possession of the jade, he did not conduct any identity verification.

However, as she grew up, although she became more beautiful and refined, she did not look anything like that woman, and he grew suspicious.

Thus, Grandpa Mu secretly took some of her hair and sent it for DNA testing. She was smart, though. Sensing that something was wrong and learning of his intention, she secretly bribed every person in the Department of Genetics to falsify the results of the DNA test. As a corollary, Mu Sheng was thoroughly convinced of her legitimacy.

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Chapter 34: Keeping the Secret

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These past few years, she thought that she had not given herself away even once. Moreover, with the DNA results as a piece of ‘evidence’, she had nothing that would cause suspicion.

Mu Wanrou quickly cast her doubt away, but the weight did not lift off her shoulders.

Could it be because of that child? Perhaps, Mu Yazhe had known all along that the child was alive and was only hidden away by that woman, so he had someone investigate her identity when he suspected her of harboring malicious intentions toward the Mu family.

It was surely because of that!

Mu Wanrou suddenly raised her head. She looked at Aaron while feigning her calmness, and coldly ordered, “Don’t tell anyone that I saw these documents, get it? Just treat it as if you didn’t see anything!”

Aaron slightly stiffened. He obviously did not know of the reason behind her warning. He only knew that she had removed the information about Yun Shishi’s life at the welfare center ten years ago and about Yun Tianyou from the pile. Not lifting her head, she said in a neutral voice, “Don’t mention anything about this child, including this woman’s past, to the CEO! Also, don’t mention this woman’s life at the welfare center. Understood?”

He blankly raised a brow. “...”

When he did not give her an answer, Mu Wanrou’s voice became frostier. “Did you hear what I have just said?!”

Aaron lowered his head and remained mum. His superior was still Mu Yazhe. Although Mu Wanrou was admittedly the future wife of Mu

Group's CEO, she was just the manager of the Human Resources Department. He need not listen to her orders. The things that the CEO had ordered him to investigate, he naturally had the responsibility to deliver it fully.

Mu Wanrou seemed to have seen through his thoughts, however. Letting out a mirthless laugh, she coldly asked, "What? You think that since you are the CEO's direct subordinate, you don't need to listen to me? You think that because I am just the Human Resources Department's manager, I can't supervise you?"

With a sneer, she stood up. She then approached the man and looked him up and down. Faced with her scrutiny that was like needle pricks, Aaron lowered his head to think as he listened to her speak. "Despite me not having a lot of power in the Mu Group, I believe I still have the ability to drive you into a corner!"

Shocked, he raised his head to look at her.

"Keep your lips properly sealed about this matter, understand?!" she ordered once more.

He remained silent for a long time. Eventually, he sucked in a breath of cold air and nodded his head with some difficulty.

"I understand."

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By the time Mu Yazhe returned, Mu Wanrou had already left with her guilt.

She must do everything to prevent any information of that woman from reaching Mu Yazhe, lest he should figure out the truth!

Mu Yazhe was her man. She would not give him to any other woman!

Aaron might be Mu Yazhe's loyal subordinate, but he knew of Mu Wanrou's position in the Mu family. With Grandpa Mu supporting her, he dared not offend her lightly.

Thus, when Mu Yazhe returned to his office and saw the few documents on the table, he laid his doubtful gaze on Aaron.

Under his piercing stare, Aaron calmly said, "Sir, Yun Shishi is indeed that surrogate six years ago."

"Hmm?" His eyes glinted coldly. Suddenly, he asked, "Did you find anything suspicious about her?"

"My reply to you, sir, is none." Recalling Mu Wanrou's warning, he lowered his head and pondered on with an indifferent expression.

"You may leave."

Mu Yazhe did not probe any further. He was held up with something more important, so he temporarily set this matter aside.

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Chapter 35: Welcoming a Friend on Her Return

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Losing her identification card was simply adding fuel to the fire to Yun Shishi, who was already facing living constraints and desperately looking for a job.

The day after she lost her identification card, she went to apply for a replacement, but the local police were truly and overly lazy. They dragged and delayed again and again, as if they were not taking her seriously, by giving her all sorts of perfunctory excuses.

Two weeks had gone by, yet a temporary identity document was still not issued. She almost burst into rage at the police station.

She went to several job interviews, but all the companies rejected her application because she did not have any identity documents.

She did not inform Yun Yecheng about her getting fired from her job, but he somehow caught wind of it, and despite not knowing the reason why, he gave her money for living expenses.

When her friend, Xiao Xue, who had just returned from overseas, also learned of this, she generously lent her a hefty amount to tide her over until she found a new job.

Xiao Xue was a close friend and confidante that she met in high school. They were really close to each other and were more like real sisters.

When hearsays of Yun Shishi's pregnancy spread around the campus back then, everyone suspected her of being provided by a boss. Only Xiao Xue stood up for her without a second thought.

Originally, they promised to study abroad together, but Yun Shishi ended up not going because of problems in her adoptive family. Xiao Xue absolutely hated her for breaking that promise and even pointedly ignored her at one point in time.

Eventually, their misunderstanding was resolved.

Now that Xiao Xue was back in the country, Yun Shishi brought Youyou along to welcome her.

The moment they saw each other, Xiao Xue, with glistening eyes, tightly held Yun Shishi in her arms at once.

Three years apart. The longing and affection. Tears uncontrollably welled up in Yun Shishi's eyes, as all sorts of overwhelming emotions surged forth within her.

Xiao Xue was about to properly complain of her failing to keep up with their appointment when, in her peripheral view, she spotted Youyou standing by her side.

In a split second, Xiao Xue's eyes widened to the size of a bronze bell. She stared unblinkingly and blankly at such a cute boy for a long time.

Although she had seen much of the world, she was still instantly attracted by Youyou's handsome and youthful features!

This was especially the case when his radiant orbs, which were as clear as water, stared at her as he gave her a gentle smile – his looks were truly enough to melt her heart!

“Ahhhh! Oh, my god! This little guy is way too cute!”

Xiao Xue bent down halfway and cupped Youyou's fair and clear face. She badly wanted to rub him into her embrace and give him smooches.

She asked, “Hmm? Shishi? Is he your younger brother?”

Yun Shishi grinned and thereafter explained, “No! Let me introduce you to him. This is my son, Yun Tianyou.” Pausing for a moment, she then

said to her son, “Youyou, this is Auntie Xiao Xue, the one mommy told you about before.”

Stupefied, Xiao Xue’s expression instantly froze. “What?! What did you just say?!”

With an elegant and gentle smile, Youyou answered on behalf of Yun Shishi, “Aunt Xiao, hello! She’s my mommy. I’m Yun Tianyou. Aunt, you can call me Youyou.”

Son? Mommy? What on earth is going on here?

Xiao Xue was momentarily dumbfounded. She examined them back and forth; this little guy’s soft, pinkish lips and faint dimples were exactly the same as Yun Shishi’s.

She thought that Yun Shishi getting pregnant was just a rumor. Never did she think that it was actually true. All of a sudden, she felt overwhelmed by all this information about her best friend!

Huh? That was not right! No matter where one looked, this child was already six or seven years of age. Calculating the time when he was born, it was probably one year before she went to study abroad!

Yun Shishi could not help but laugh. “It’s a long story. Let’s eat first.”

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Chapter 36: Huanyu Entertainment

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Xiao Xue nodded. She brought the mother-son pair to a western restaurant that she used to patronize, and booked a private room.

After ordering, Xiao Xue hurriedly pulled her into the washroom to probe. Yun Shishi did not want to hide anything from her, so she just laid everything bare to her without going into much detail.

Xiao Xue listened until her heart ached terribly.

“To actually treat you like that, your stepmom is simply too cruel and unscrupulous! Six years ago, when my dad told me about how the Yun family was able to pay off all their bulging debts within a year, I thought it was strange. Never did I expect that you sacrificed so much... What is the point of doing that?”

Yun Shishi laughed self-deprecatingly and unaffectedly. “Just showing my gratitude. Moreover, these are all in the past. Since I did it for the Yun’s, it counted as me repaying my dad for bringing me up.”

The hellish period in the welfare center, where she suffered from all kinds of bullying, was a shadow in Yun Shishi’s heart. If it were not for Yun Yecheng adopting her, the weak her back then would probably be unable to bear all those humiliations.

Even up to now, Yun Yecheng’s fatherly love for her did not diminish.

Adding to all these, despite that period of time after she gave birth to Youyou being difficult and somewhat unbearable, just like an abyss of misery, when she thought back to it now, she did not feel a shred of regret. To have such a heartwarming son like Youyou, it was truly a blessing from the heavens. She was already thankful!

It had been a long six years. Even a poignant memory would also fade away.

“Then...” Xiao Xue was afraid of how sensitive she was, so she brought up the next matter with caution. “You’re not afraid that Youyou’s biological father would take him away?”

Yun Shishi’s eyes became disoriented for a split second. Remembering that man, she answered, “That’s why I need to keep Youyou’s survival a secret. If no one brings it up, no one can take Youyou away!”

She did not know who Youyou’s father was, and she was not interested in knowing. It had nothing to do with her.

Youyou was her dearest baby. She absolutely would not allow anyone to snatch him away! Even if it was his biological father, she would not allow it!

Sensing that she did not want to talk about it, Xiao Xue did not continue pursuing the matter. Her face thereafter displayed admiration, “That’s so good! You have such an attractive son!”

Returning into the room, she could not help but throw herself at Youyou. She pinched his little cheeks and said, “Youyou, you look so cute when you smile!”

She then formed an expression standard for cajoling a child. “Youyou, go with aunt, okay? Aunt will take care of you, bring you to eat good stuff, and let you play with exciting things!”

Youyou placed down the cup of tea in his hand, elegantly wiped his fingers with a table napkin. He then revealed a disarming smile. “Auntie

Xiao Xue, mommy told me that I cannot go with a stranger! I'll get abducted!"

Xiao Xue froze up. "..."

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In the midst of their chatter, Xiao Xue suddenly asked, "Shishi, since you look so pretty, have you ever thought of entering Huanyu Entertainment to develop your career?"

"Huanyu Entertainment?"

Yun Shishi's brows twitched. She was somewhat astonished by her statement, yet Xiao Xue only fixed her with a disdainful stare.

"Huanyu Entertainment is preparing to shoot a new movie, and a nationwide audition is currently being held to cast the female lead! You can go give it a try! After all, acting used to be your dream!"

Yun Shishi slowly formed a smile.

Back then, she was a university student majoring in media arts and was looking to venture into the entertainment industry – it was only a step forward.

However, because her family was in dire straits, she gave up this dream.

"Don't tell me you don't know of that company?! Huanyu Entertainment is backed by Disheng Financial Group, the business empire within the top 100 worldwide!"

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Chapter 37: Audition for the Female Lead

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“Don’t tell me you don’t know of that company?! Huanyu Entertainment is backed by Disheng Financial Group, the business empire within the top 100 worldwide!”

As she spoke of Disheng Financial Group, Xiao Xue’s eyes lit up with eagerness. “Disheng Financial Group can be said to be a hegemon in the finance industry! You just think about it; in the face of the global economic crisis, large corporations folded, but Disheng Financial Group still stood tall, seemingly unaffected by it all! The CEO of that conglomerate is a powerful figure! He has a strong family background, has wealth that can rival a country, and is highly sought-after by many female socialites! With a strong and stable backer like Disheng, Huanyu Entertainment has a leading position in the entertainment industry!”

When she started to talk about the Disheng’s CEO that occasionally appeared on TV, Xiao Xue instantly transformed into a chatterbox. In front of Yun Shishi, she was itching to gossip about the man’s entire family tree.

However, Yun Shishi held no interest in this topic at all. She interrupted her good friend, “Why are you lauding it into the skies? Aren’t you exaggerating?”

“You have seen too little of this world, haven’t you? Everyone in the capital knows of Disheng Financial Group’s prominent position. It is acceptable for you not to know who the mayor here is, but how can you not know of Disheng?”

Xiao Xue continued mysteriously, “I heard it through the grapevine that even if one is an important government official in the country, that person still has to give face to that corporate group!”

Xiao Xue briefly paused and, with a face full of admiration, she added, “Honestly speaking, the value of Disheng’s CEO is immeasurable even today. Not one is able to exactly measure how many hundreds of billions, or trillions, are to his name. This powerful figure is extremely secretive in the media! How he does things is way too mysterious....”

“You’re taking it too far, aren’t you?” Yun Shishi calmly took a sip of her coffee.

Xiao Xue looked exasperated. “Shishi, you didn’t really give up your dream back then, did you?!”

“Acting has indeed been my dream.” Yun Shishi looked somewhat doleful. “But....”

In the past, a production crew visited her school to conduct an audition for a drama’s female lead. Her tutor recommended her for the character. It was such a golden opportunity, but she did not seize it.

At that time, the show gained immense popularity across the country, and all the actors that were cast became famous.

Xiao Xue said, “Huanyu Entertainment always holds the talented in high regard. As long as you have the talent, you will be valued by them. Sigh... as for me, I wanted to audition because of that renowned CEO, but my physical appearance is regrettably not good enough. I can be a small model, but once I am thrown inside a company full of talents, I can barely reach a passable level. Therefore, Yun Shishi, why don’t you give acting a shot instead of applying to some small-scale companies? You

have a strong gift for acting, and you're very talented; don't squander it. I believe if it is you, you can make it!"

After Xiao Xue gave her an encouragement filled with confidence, Yun Shishi was in a daze for a long time.

Huanyu Entertainment... Disheng Financial Group?

For some unknown reason, once these words were spoken, her eyelids kept twitching badly.

The nationwide audition for the female lead of the movie, 'The Green Apple', under the youth angst genre, which was invested by Huanyu Global Productions, was underway.

It was said that this movie's lineup was quite remarkable! Not only did the original novel rank first under the teen fiction category for three consecutive years, it was even crowned as 'The Founder of Tragic Love' among the teen novels.

The person directing this movie was Lin Fengtian, a director who had clinched the 'Best Director' title at the Golden Pin Awards. Meanwhile, the movie's male lead was already confirmed to be played by the superstar Gu Xingze.

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Chapter 38: Yun Na' s Dream of Becoming a Star

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The person directing this movie was Lin Fengtian, a director who had clinched the ‘Best Director’ title at the Golden Pin Awards. Meanwhile, the movie’s male lead was already confirmed to be played by the superstar Gu Xingze.

The superstar’s large fanbase alone was enough to make up for half the movie’s sales. If one could seize the female lead role, she could definitely rise to stardom!

Lin Fengtian once received the title of ‘Best Director’ in the Global Film Festival, so as long as he supported the female star, that person was guaranteed a bright future.

Many artistes had been racking their brains for ways to enter his production.

At night time, Yun Na also brought up this matter to her family.

During dinner, she suddenly put down her utensils and seriously looked at Yun Yecheng, “Dad, I want to discuss something with you; I hope you can approve of it!”

Yun Yecheng glanced at her daughter coldly and asked, “What is it?”

“I want to participate in the audition held by Huanyu Entertainment!”

He was confused. “What audition?”

“Oh, my! Dad, don’t you know? Huanyu Global Productions has invested on a film adaptation of a famous novel. The male lead is already set to be Gu Xingze. Now, the director is conducting a nationwide search for the female lead!”

Yun Na briefly paused and proudly lifted her chin, her eyes sparkling with confidence. “Dad, don’t you think I’m very suitable for the female lead role? I have the confidence to succeed in this audition! This is an once-in-a-lifetime chance! If I am successful in my audition, then I can be a star! When I become famous, you and mom can live the good life! The moment I get my first pay check, I’ll bring you two on a trip, buy a good house, and purchase a good car!”

As Yun Na spoke, she disdainfully looked at Yun Shishi from the corner of her eye.

Yun Shishi only continued to eat with her head down, though; it was unknown what she was currently thinking.

Yun Yecheng could not help but furrow his brows when he heard this. “Instead of thinking about this nonsense all day long, why can’t you find a stable job?”

“Dad, I have the making of a star. Why would you want me to waste it by having a boring day job?” Yun Na expressed her disapproval.

He shook his head and profoundly said, “When I was young, I suffered because of my foolishness! You are still young. Bring your mind back from that daydream, enroll into a good university, and find a stable job. Stop filling your head with these silly ideas!”

“Dad, why are you so stubborn? What do you mean by silly ideas? It is profitable being a star. Just by shooting a production, you can earn hundreds of thousands of yuan! Nowadays, it is no longer important to hold a degree to live a good life!” Yun Na rebuked, clearly annoyed by her father’s old-fashioned thinking.

Yun Yecheng busied himself with eating his food and did not speak again.

Yun Na then coaxed, “Dad, don’t you think the condition of our house is very poor? A broken house, a broken fridge, a broken TV – haven’t you thought of living in a bigger house?”

Seeing Yun Yecheng remain silent, she fantasized longingly again. “If I become a star, I can earn so much money from just one production! Afterward, I will have the money to afford a spacious and luxurious villa for you and mom to live in comfort!”

Her statement made Li Qin grin from ear to ear. She thought that her daughter was so sweet, as if her heart were filled with honey, and spoke with joy, “My daughter is so well-behaved! Mommy is happy from hearing you say that!”

Soon after, she spoke to Yun Yecheng, “Yecheng, our daughter is so thoughtful! Hmph! She’s totally unlike a certain someone who is not thoughtful at all.”

She was of course referring to Yun Shishi, but the latter acted as if she had not heard anything. Yun Yecheng then wrinkled his brows again. “Becoming a star... Ha! I’ll be lucky if you don’t bring me trouble. I heard that that industry is chaotic!”

Yun Na urged once more, “Dad! Even this day and age is chaotic! Bad people are lurking at every corner, and everywhere is a mess! If I were slightly stronger, do you think I would still be afraid to walk on the crooked path?”

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Chapter 39: Applying for the Position of an Artiste Assistant

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Yun Na urged again, “Dad! Even this day and age is chaotic! Bad people are lurking at every corner, and everywhere is a mess! If I were slightly stronger, do you think I would still be afraid to walk on the crooked path?”

Li Qin chimed in, “Yecheng, what our daughter said makes sense! It is good that she is being filial and is trying to earn money to take care of us. Our daughter has the thought, so shouldn’t we support her?”

Li Qin, who was yearning for the grandeur, invested all her energy on to Yun Na. She was eagerly waiting for her daughter to catapult to the top, climb up the social ladder, and find a wealthy partner.

Although Yun Na was not exactly similar to Li Qin, as mother and daughter, they were cast in the same mould, so she was also superficial and vain. She was only willing to go through the good times and not the bad times.

She usually followed the headlines of the entertainment news. Ogling at the dazzling female movie superstars walking down the red carpet at the Global Film Festival, they took her breath away!

She would often read and see news of female celebrities marrying into wealthy families, subsequently elevating their social statuses in life; she was filled with envy!

Deep down, she was thinking that as long as she could step foot in this prestigious industry, she would have wealth and status!

Yun Yecheng sighed time after time. “Fine! If you like it... then go ahead! You are not a child anymore. Since you have your plans, then go ahead and try them out. Just don’t say I didn’t warn you! That industry is a tiger’s den to a child like you who has no social experience! I’m old, and I don’t have the ability to protect you whatsoever! Therefore, don’t blame me for not helping you.”

It was late at night.

When Youyou climbed into bed, Yun Shishi sat in front of her computer and searched for job vacancies online. She initially wanted to declare her university major as Finance, yet she accidentally majored in Arts instead. She, however, was quite talented in the field of Arts and had an advantageous physical appearance. Even if she were to be compared with the top-rated female celebrities, she would not necessarily be inferior to them.

Coincidentally, she clicked into the official website of Huanyu Entertainment. Sliding into her sight was a gorgeous looking website. Notice about the nationwide audition for the female lead of the movie ‘The Green Apple’ occupied the headlines.

Many had invested in this movie, so if one snagged the female lead role, her rise to fame was guaranteed. Her road to stardom would be magnanimous in the entertainment industry.

A magnanimous road to stardom meant that one could have a high income.

It was not that Yun Shishi was unmoved, but when she looked at the noticeboard and actually saw that the company was hiring for an artiste assistant, she made up her mind on what to do.

A few days passed and she received her identification card. She sent Youyou to the kindergarten in the morning. Hiding her completed résumé inside her clothes, she took a cab to Huanyu Entertainment.

At dawn, the morning rays of the sun shimmered, and a light grassy fragrance lingered in the air.

As she reached Huanyu Entertainment, she saw a long queue at the entrance. Yun Shishi was somewhat stumped at this scene. She had never seen such an extraordinary sight before. She was shocked but did not let it show. Was there such a tight competition for the position of an artiste assistant?

After asking around, she then understood that her interview coincided with the first round of auditions for the female lead of ‘The Green Apple’. It was a large-scale event.

Besides those girls who were there to audition in pursuit of fame, many hard-core fans of Gu Xingze were also present. He was already confirmed to play the male lead. As for the female lead, the director decided to cast a fresh face, thus the production team started conducting nationwide auditions. The movie’s promotional short that was shot at Jinghua University was released, and it created a huge sensation.

Even if one excluded the abundant resources set for the movie, with Gu Xingze’s popularity alone, quite a number of students applied for the female lead role.

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The production crew did not expect his popularity to be over the top. Even with the presence of security to maintain order, it was still not enough to hold back his aggressive fandom.

As big a building as the Huanyu Tower, it was instantly filled with a huge crowd. Fan-support slogans hung on walls and tree branches outside the building.

It was as if the entire Huanyu Entertainment was trampled over by Gu Xingze's fandom army.

At the posh entrance of Huanyu Entertainment, several luxury cars were parked.

Among these was a nanny van; in it were three men in casual attire gazing at the bustling crowd, which was mainly made up of female university students, by the building entrance.

They were all here for the audition. Each of them wore glamorous outfits to draw the director's attention to them as much as possible.

“Director Lin! I say, these female students look good! Look at that one wearing a white dress, she has quite the feeling. She has a little innocence of Yin Xiachun in the original work, right?”

“Oh, oh! Look over there; the female in a black gown. She actually did her homework. She must have read the original work! In the novel, Yin Xiachun is wearing such a gown in her first appearance on the school stage.”

“That young lady has good looks, but... she isn't tall enough...”

The assistant stuck himself onto the car window and looked in the direction of the building entrance. Just like the person in-charge of selecting the emperor's harem in historical times, he babbled about and gesticulated. Turning around to look at the man in a white shirt, he saw that his head remained lowered as he busied himself with flipping through the application forms and skimming through the two-inch colored photos. Still, he seemed to have little interest in all these.

“Boring,” Lin Fengtian emotionlessly remarked. He threw the list of names aside and did not bother to look at it again.

“Director Lin, what's wrong?”

Lin Fengtian dipped his head, smoked a cigarette, and replied monotonously, “There's no one I want.”

“Huh?!” His assistant was shocked silly. Lin Fengtian was second to none when it came to producing youth movies. The films he had directed were always moneymakers.

One of his past notable works, ‘Heard that Love Returned’, was a classic film; it could even compete with Hollywood blockbusters.

His passion and dedication to his work was why he had many classics under his belt.

Nowadays, in the entertainment industry, movies were no longer a form of art. Due to business considerations, many directors had slowly shifted from the main theme of a movie; Lin Fengtian was different.

Others in the film industry knew how careful he was when choosing his casts and how particular he was when it came to selecting a movie to produce.

Previously, he had spent a hefty amount to acquire the rights to make a film adaptation of a famous novel. With regard to the novel's storyline, he was absolutely mesmerized.

'The Green Apple' depicted the deep-rooted story of forbidden love. The female lead, Yin Xiachun, and the male lead, Yin Dongyu, were blood-related siblings. The two grew up together and eventually developed feelings for each other, which was forbidden between brothers and sisters.

A road of love and hate intertwined – the feelings that they had for each other were agonizing.

Yin Dongyu was to be played by Gu Xingze. Lin Fengtian chose the man not only because of his mounting popularity but also because of his somber aura, which was absolutely similar with Yin Dongyu's.

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