

Chapter 370 The Hit TV Series

"Grace! Grace!" Nellie ran after Grace. But no matter how much she begged, Grace still left with a cold expression.

Nellie sat on the floor, crestfallen. 'We're doomed. We won't even get the five hundred million dollars.'

Jaylen had a heavy heart, too.

Looking at them, Brian could not hide the mockery in his eyes. 'Huh! Aren't you and Bruce close? If that's the case, then why weren't you successful in talking him into sacrificing himself? So ridiculous!'

Seeing things turn out this way, Brian was so incensed. Grace was willing to give them three billion dollars for Bruce to marry her, but she refused to give them five hundred million for Brian's sake. Such favoritism was a trample on his pride! He clenched both fists tightly. He swore to himself that one day, he would become so powerful, those who looked down on him would have to butter him up.

At Oliver Group

Early that morning, Luke heard what had happened to Jaylen and his family last night. He rushed here to let Ryan know.



"There's no one more shameless than Jaylen and his wife. Because of their bad management, the company is about to become bankrupt. Now they want to force Brian and Bruce into marriages for the sake of the company! People like them don't deserve to be parents!"

Ryan set down the piece of paper in his hand and asked, "How is Bruce taking this?"

"Of course that wasn't something he could agree to!" Luke's voice volume rose higher out of excitement. "In order to force him into marrying Grace, Nellie threatened him with her life. Bruce said to her that she could go ahead and die if that was what she wanted, and then he left."

Hearing this, Ryan relaxed considerably. 'That's good.'

Even though he could freeze Bruce's bank account, he couldn't control Bruce himself. If Bruce softened and agreed to Nellie's request, Ryan could do nothing to help him. But fortunately, Bruce was not a stupid man.

"Ask your people to keep an eye on him."

"I know." Luke sat in the office chair. "Poor Bruce. He just broke things off with his ex-girlfriend. Now he has trouble with his family. Although things might not look this way, a part of him still has feelings for his parents. I'm afraid he is heartbroken this time."

Ryan's eyes settled on the document in his hand and he



continued to read it.

"Ahem!" Luke coughed loudly to catch his attention.

His eyes still trained on the document, Ryan ordered without raising his head, "Finish up!"

Luke slid the chair closer towards Ryan's desk. Leaning over, he said, "Ryan, Bruce is in low spirits right now. Do you think he will go to Wendy for comfort?"

Luke's words caused Ryan to pause for a second there, but then he resumed as if nothing had happened. "Wendy won't give him the time of day."

"I wouldn't be so sure if I were you! After all, Bruce and Wendy used to be in love. A woman is prone to rekindle her relationship with her ex. Ryan, you haven't experienced being in love before, so you have no idea. Women are emotional and softhearted creatures. Moreover, Bruce is in such a pitiful state this time. What if seeing him arouses Wendy's maternal side? After that, it will be only a matter of time before she decides to be with him."

Ryan gave Luke a cold and hard look. Seeing the frosty look Ryan was giving him, Luke could not help but shiver slightly. He moved away and smiled rather awkwardly. "I'm just kidding around! It's nothing more than a joke. Wendy is so in love with you. There's no reason for her to rekindle her relationship with Bruce. You should be confident in the love

you share with her!"

Ryan suddenly tossed aside the pen in his hand and stood up abruptly from his seat. Pulling on his coat, he turned on his heel and left without further word.

"Ryan, what's going on? Where are you headed off to? The workday isn't over yet."

"I am headed to the hospital," Ryan replied.

Luke was too flabbergasted to say anything. 'What? I was just kidding. Ryan is being too insecure, isn't he?'

During the winter break, the Story of Concubine Ivanka was aired without a hitch. Mango TV had purchased the rights to televise the show. From Monday to Friday, two episodes were scheduled to play every day, and one episode would be played during the weekend. The play was spotlighted during prime time.

As soon as the play was shown, the audience were all drawn to the delicate clothing, accessories, and prop layouts in the play. The clothes were exquisitely detailed and an accurate historical portrayal. So were the furnishings that adorned the decadent palaces.

Due to these details, they kept themselves up to date with the goings-on of this play. Soon, they became captivated by the plot.

The play provided a big cast with more than twenty



supporting ladies in total. With every twist and turn of the plot as these concubines fought both with open and secret means, the audience were so enraptured by the script.

Fans discussed all matters of the plot along with their feelings about the storyline on the Internet.

Given their intelligence, if they were the characters in this play, what were the chances of them surviving even one episode?

The script remained consistently logical and fast-paced, and with one climax coming one after another, the audience's excitement for this play rose to newer heights each time.

Excited about how well the play was doing, Carter called Wendy on the very first day the play was televised.

"Wendy, you won't believe this! The viewership is over 2%!"

Hearing this bit of news, Wendy was dumbfounded! 'It can't be, can it? Over 2%!' To put it simply, this meant over twenty-six million people were tuning in to watch the play at the same time. She had never seen such numbers before!

After all, the popularity of many TV series was declining. With only a nose for money, many TV series producers paid little attention to plot originality and shooting quality. A lot of those plays contained mindless and stupid plotlines. Of course, this would turn a lot of audience members away.

Wendy did her research online. Over the past year, only three





TV series did well. They each had a viewership above 2%! And what did this mean? It could only mean that the Story of Concubine Ivanka was going to do exceedingly well. It could become a popular TV show!

Wendy right away gave her congratulations to Carter. "Congratulations! You have one more hit on your hands!"

Carter could not contain his happiness. "Congratulations to you too! With the current momentum, when your character shows up on-screen, I'm sure it'll only be a matter of time before you become famous too."

"Thank you so much!" Wendy graciously responded.

The play was consistently updated with two episodes nearly every day. Because Wendy had quit her job to take care of Raymond at the hospital, she had a lot of spare time on her hands and the play helped ease the boredom.

Within twenty days, the mass appeal of this play turned it into a hit TV series. With each unfolding of the plot, the sensation of the show made it more and more popular.

In all the entertainment news outlets, the trending news would be all about the Story of Concubine Ivanka. The play was now a hit TV series.

With the popularity of the play exceeding new heights, the actors found themselves riding on the show's coattails. Odette's reputation had risen to a level never seen before,





and Mason's acting skills were also not going unnoticed by the audience. Even Daisy, a relative has-been, became a household name. With her clout, she quickly became an A-list celebrity.

Wendy and Daisy were close. That was why Daisy went out of her way to call Wendy to share this bit of good news with her. To be frank, Daisy was not young anymore and the roles she got were restricted because of her age. Now with the extra push from the Story of Concubine Ivanka, she was once more famous again. From this point on, it should be easier for her to land more roles in the future.

Wendy was feeling ecstatic for her.

Toward the fortieth episode, Lady Faye, who was played by Wendy, finally appeared on-screen.

Lady Faye's very first scene was when the emperor selected new concubines. At this very time, Lady Ivanka had been living in the palace for many years and was second only to the empress. Gone were the days of her innocent and kind-hearted spirit. Now, she was a schemed woman.

During the selection show, the emperor was amazed by Faye's beauty. Pretty soon, she was given the title of Lady Faye.

Lady Faye and Lady Ivanka right away clashed. Propelled by the emperor's love for her, she made things difficult for Lady



Ivanka again and again.

After all, Lady Ivanka was the main character of the play. So it went without saying that a large number of fans followed her.

After Lady Faye, played by Wendy, became a part of the imperial harem, her past as Faye Miller would be flashbaced periodically in the play in the form of memories. Consequently, the audience's reception towards her was low. As Wendy expected, the audience could not keep their criticisms to themselves and scolded her harshly.

