

## Hidden 1481

### Chapter 1481: Play Mahjong

To make it easier for everyone, the karaoke center was pretty near. It was just right opposite the building, so Ning Xi walked over after she came out of the exhibition center.

Hmm... If she could predict the future, if she had known Jiang Muye would make her life so miserable, she would never have gone...

When she reached, Ning Xi gave Jiang Muye a call as she walked upstairs. "Blondie, I found it. Which room are you guys at?"

"Uh, well... About that..." Jiang Muye stuttered.

"Which one? You don't even know which room you're at?" Ning Xi was exasperated.

Jiang Muye coughed lightly. "No, that's not it... Ning Xiao Xi, I think... You'd better not come..."

Her annoyance flared. "Blondie, are you messing with me?! I'm already here!"

"That's not my name though," Jiang Muye said weakly.

"Stop changing the topic! Which room is it? Are you drinking a little too much?" Ning Xi frowned, sensing that Jiang Muye's tone was odd.

Someone had probably overheard that Ning Xi was on the phone, so the person yelled towards Jiang Muye's phone, "Is it Bro Xi? We're in room VVIP 888. Come quickly!"

Ning Xi did not think much about it. She hung up after hearing the room number. She looked around and saw room 888 was just nearby. Ning Xi walked over and opened the door...

It felt like a thunderbolt struck her the moment she opened the door...

One second...

Two seconds...

Three seconds...

Ning Xi instantly slammed the door shut again, then she screamed in her mind.

Ahhhhhh!

What the heck did she just see!?

Even if it was just for a split second, with the room full of people inside, it was impossible to miss any of the few people that stood out!

Jiang Muye...

Mo Yuxiu...

Yun Shen...

Lu Tingxiao...

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Damn you, Jiang Muye! What happened to having fun?! How do I have fun here?! How about the four of you go and play mahjong?!

Forget about Mo Yuxiu! Why were Yun Shen and Lu Tingxiao here too?

As Ning Xi was contemplating about what she had just seen outside, the door was opened from the inside, and two ladies excitedly dragged her inside.

"Bro Xi, what are you doing outside?! Come in!"

"Quickly come, Bro Xi! The big boss is here today, and so is CEO Yun..."

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Before Ning Xi could say anything, she was pulled into the room.

Because they knew she was on good terms with Jiang Muye, they had left an empty spot beside him.

Ning Xi avoided the eyes of the other three as she glared at Jiang Muye. "Jiang Muye! Do you want to die?! You tricked me!"

She had a tough time struggling through the charity event, and just when she thought she could breathe a sigh of relief, the four of them were gathered once again!

Jiang Muye looked innocent and backed off. "I didn't call for them, alright? I didn't know they would come! I also warned you just now and asked you to not come..."

Ning Xi pinched her glabella and clenched her teeth. "Thank you so much! Thanks to you and your whole family!"

Because of these few guys, she had no energy left to think about the other ex again...

Was this fighting poison with poison?

### **Chapter 1482: You're Here After All**

Jiang Muye was just trying to throw a small private party, then Lu Jingli wanted to join in, but he did not only bring himself. He had brought Lu Tingxiao over too.

Because Lu Tingxiao was joining, several top leaders of the business industry from the charity event just now followed him as well. In the end, even Yun Shen came here...

A private party had suddenly become a business gathering. It was not really a place to go wild. They might as well go back and sleep after the event ended, but now they had to endure it longer.

Ning Xi sat there uneasily. She could not feel comfortable at all, so she felt bored and just kept on drinking until her sweetheart looked at her.

A lot of people were around Lu Tingxiao and there was not a free moment at all, but he still stared at her guzzling the drinks.

After the warning stare, Ning Xi smiled and sent Lu Tingxiao a text message: [You're here after all!]

So, it was okay even if she drank a lot!

Lu Tingxiao pretended to listen closely to a CEO talking beside him, then his phone vibrated. He took a glance at it and his expression softened. He did not stop Ning Xi from drinking anymore.

From time to time people talked to Ning Xi out of curiosity with the intention of knowing more.

"Bro Xi, you're really amazing! So many people came to your event! I'm so shocked!"

"Right, I thought the guests for Ning Xueluo's wedding were jaw-dropping enough, but compared to you, that's nothing at all..."

Ning Xi sipped some wine before she said plainly, "It's just a coincidence that the company is promoting this. In addition to our Boss's attendance today, I'm just lucky to be the representative this time..."

The few artistes seemed to understand after hearing what Ning Xi said.

The line-up of the guests today was impressive and they could not help but think that there was someone else backing Ning Xi up, but when they thought about how Ning Xi had become famous, it did not seem very possible. If she really had a powerful supporter, Ning Xi did not have to be cast in so many minor roles and villain roles before getting to the top...

The people with really strong backing were people like Meng Shiyi, who had never cast as any minor characters before. Every one of the movies she acted in was directed by famous directors, and she received the best actress award in her first movie, which would be the perfect example of a rising star.

So, after they heard what Ning Xi said, they did not doubt her at all. In fact, they felt Ning Xi was really down-to-earth due to her honest vibes.

There were a lot of youngsters in the room, and they suggested to play truth or dare. Ning Xi felt a headache the moment she heard them suggest that game. Playing this with the four of them around was digging her own grave!

Without hesitation, Ning Xi used the toilet as an excuse!

She went to an empty corner to take a breather, but just a while of resting while leaning outside the window, there was the sound of footsteps behind her.

Ning Xi turned around and saw a drunk Mo Yuxiu as he stood in front of her.

Ning Xi felt her headache intensify. "Mo Yuxiu, I've already told you what I've got to say. Just what do I need to do to settle things between us? Tell me now!"

Mo Yuxiu ran his fair fingers through his hair, his eyes looking wild as he laughed coldly. "Settle things between us? I freaking lost to a useless man that's ugly, poor, and doesn't even have a strong family background at all! Do you think I can just accept it as it is?"

**Chapter 1483: Who's My Man?**

Ever since he realized Ning Xi was in an ambiguous relationship with Ke Mingyu, Mo Yuxiu had been holding a grudge against him.

He had been wondering what kind of man could make her fall in love. Who knew it was a useless man! How could he accept it?

Ning Xi's mouth twitched. A useless man... Was he talking about her sweetheart?

"Are you talking about Ke Mingyu?" Ning Xi raised her eyebrows as if challenging him.

"Don't tell me there's nothing going on with him! I've been watching you guys for a very long time. If there's nothing between you guys, I'll swallow this rubbish bin whole!" Mo Yuxiu pointed randomly at a steel bin nearby

Ning Xi made a "tsk-tsk" sound. She realized that Mo Yuxiu had sharp eyes. He did get the person right on his first try after all although she was assuming he would suspect Jiang Muye first.

She did not answer the question clearly. Instead, she returned with a question, "Then, who does my man need to be in order for you to accept it? I'll get him now and make you choke on the reality of it here and now."

"You... You're the one choking!" Mo Yuxiu almost gagged on her words.

"Hey, I'm serious! Tell me! Tell me a name that can make you accept the fact! We'll settle the score today once and for all!" Ning Xi said.

Mo Yuxiu looked at the girl in front of him, feeling like she was messing around with him, but since he was the one holding a grudge and actually thinking about it...

Not that he was bragging, but to him, all the male artistes in the entertainment industry, even including Jiang Muye, none of them were up to his standards. As for people outside of the industry, there were not many people he looked up to as well.

One could not blame Mo Yuxiu for being so arrogant. His father was a rich businessman in Hangzhou, and his second uncle was the Vice CEO of Hollywood's TL Entertainment. On top of that, his family was one of the more prestigious families as well.

Many people were rich in this era, but most of them would be older men in between 50 to 60 years old. There were many second-generation rich families, but none of them were as good-looking as him...

Mo Yuxiu thought about it for some time. Only several candidates crossed his mind. The people who could make him really impressed would be...

"Hey, are you done thinking yet?" Ning Xi prodded impatiently.

Mo Yuxiu leaned against the wall, lit up a cigarette, and put on an evil grin. "Give up, woman, unless it's Lu Tingxiao or Yun Shen, we wouldn't be done no matter who your man is!"

The Lu family was the top family in Imperial, and Lu Tingxiao was a legend in the business world. Although Yun Shen had just suddenly appeared in the country, his background was a secret and there were even rumors that he was the king of the underground society...

Mo Yuxiu purposely gave her two names that seemed impossible, obviously trying to challenge her.

However, after Ning Xi heard those two names, her expression turned odd...

She did expect Mo Yuxiu to call out Lu Tingxiao, but she did not expect him to include Yun Shen. She felt a little creeped out when she heard the two names together.

Nevertheless, the main point now was to settle as much of the problem as possible. After Mo Yuxiu finished his piece, Ning Xi took out her phone and made a call. "Hey, sweetheart, I'm at the emergency exit near the end of the hallway. Can you come over? I need you for something... Yes, now. Mmm, okay... I'll be waiting for you!"

Mo Yuxiu frowned when he saw Ning Xi make a call. "Who are you calling?"

Ning Xi smiled broadly. "Take a guess!"

#### **Chapter 1484: Jump Onto Him**

Mo Yuxiu frowned. He heard Ning Xi calling someone "sweetheart" just now, making him feel disgusted. Could she be calling that man over?

And from her tone, this man seemed to be someone in the room!

Who could it be?

Or was this woman fooling with him again and playing tricks on him!?

Mo Yuxiu looked at her with alarm. "Tang Xi, what are you going to do?"

Ning Xi shrugged innocently. "I'm seriously trying to solve the issue! Please keep your promise later and don't go back on your words!"

Mo Yuxiu laughed incredulously. "Are you going to tell me your man is Yun Shen?"

Mo Yuxiu's expression changed a little as they reached this point because he remembered that during the filming, Ning Xi seemed to have a strange relationship with Yun Shen, and it was rumored that Yun Shen was a big fan of Ning Xi's. He had invested and acted in the series all for her...

Could Yun Shen really be Ning Xi's man?

However, when Ning Xi told him she had a man already, it was when they were filming the ads, and Yun Shen had just returned not too long ago, so he probably still did not know Ning Xi at that time.

This damned woman was tricking him again!

As Mo Yuxiu was thinking about it, Ning Xi shook her head. "That's wrong. Yun Shen's the ex, the current one is Lu Tingxiao!"

Mo Yuxiu was speechless...

Mo Yuxiu was appalled by Ning Xi's words. He was so annoyed and demanded angrily, "I must be crazy to talk rubbish with you here for so long. Just how much did you drink tonight?"

Ning Xi spread her hands. "So, no one's believing the truth nowadays?"

Mo Yuxiu was furious beyond words. The look on his face was saying that he definitely would not believe what she said anymore. "Nonsense! It's because I believe you that I'm this outraged now!"

"But I really didn't lie..."

"Get lost!"

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As they were arguing, the sound of solid footsteps came nearby.

Mo Yuxiu turned around, then he saw a tall man in a full black suit walking towards Ning Xi and him with a frigid face. In the end, he stopped right in front of Ning Xi.

Lu Tingxiao...?

What was he doing here? Was he here to take a breather too? Or had he been tricked by Ning Xi?

As Mo Yuxiu was having countless thoughts running through his mind, Ning Xi suddenly jumped onto Lu Tingxiao... She jumped onto him... Jumped!

Besides that, the more shocking matter was that after Ning Xi jumped onto Lu Tingxiao, she clung onto Lu Tingxiao's neck, and pulled his neck down, then kissed him forcefully... She kissed him forcefully!

Mo Yuxiu was taken aback. He just stared at what was unfolding in front of him until he felt a sharp pain on his fingertip. The cigarette had burned to the end and stung his finger.

In the phone call before, Lu Tingxiao had not asked Ning Xi why she called him over. He just went, but did not expect Mo Yuxiu to be there as well.

There was a shine in Lu Tingxiao's eyes. Before he could say anything, his wife jumped onto him wordlessly.

Lu Tingxiao was fully focused on her only as he gently held the girl's body. He also lowered his head, cooperated with the girl and let her kiss him...

#### **Chapter 1485: Romance-Ending Device**

Ning Xi was like a puppy, hugging the man as she nibbled playfully on him, her eyes full of possessiveness.

Lu Tingxiao laughed heartily as he gently caressed her head and said in a pampering and indulging tone, "What are you up to now?"

Ning Xi hugged Lu Tingxiao, then she glared furiously at Mo Yuxiu who had turned to stone on the side. "Nothing much, I'm just a little bored from getting some air here myself! So, I asked you to come over!"

Lu Tingxiao caught a glimpse of Mo Yuxiu from the corner of his eye. How could he not fathom Ning Xi's thoughts?

To help his wife defeat his romantic rivals and being his wife's shield was obviously all that he could wish for and would endure gladly.

Besides, him and Ning Xi had dated in secret for so long that it was a rare change for Ning Xi to initiate publicizing his identity.

At this moment, there were no indifference, alienation, or signs that told one to keep away from Lu Tingxiao. He looked at the girl with a gentle expression that could drown one in sweetness as he leaned over slightly and kissed the girl's lips lightly again. "Want to go home?"

Ning Xi nodded. "I've long wanted to go home! It's all that Jiang Muye's fault! He's so unreliable and swindled me..."

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Until the two had already left only did Mo Yuxiu finally return to his senses behind them. He quickly called out, "Wait!"

Ning Xi paused her footsteps up front, then she turned around to look at Mo Yuxiu. "Hey, you're a grown man. You wouldn't go back on your words, right?"

Mo Yuxiu did not respond to Ning Xi. Obviously, he was afraid of Ning Xi's tricks. He still could not believe her up until this moment, so he did not give up as he stared at Lu Tingxiao and said, "CEO Lu, I apologize for presumptuously asking, but what is your relationship with Ning Xi? Who is Ning Xi to you?"

Mo Yuxiu clenched his fists tightly. He thought that these two were just putting on a show. They might be lovers, friends with benefits, or even simply messing around...

After all, Lu Tingxiao had announced to the outside world that he had long had a stable girlfriend that he was in a relationship with!

This damned woman! She kept saying that she was not the same species as him, yet in reality, she was just the same...

Lu Tingxiao looked expressionlessly at the man opposite him, then he answered with that calm and unwavering ice-cold face, "My future wife."

Then, without caring what Mo Yuxiu's reaction turned to, he just pulled Ning Xi and turned around to leave.

Behind them, Mo Yuxiu's face turned blank. He was completely stupefied...

The legendary rightful girlfriend of Lu Tingxiao's... was Ning Xi?

He thought that Ning Xi was just slurring drunk, but it had been real?

Lu Tingxiao was really her current boyfriend. Then, was Yun Shen really her ex?

Mo Yuxiu dared not to continue thinking about it.

Ever since he met this woman, she had never been conventional...

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When Lu Tingxiao came over to look for her, he had already bid goodbye to everyone in the room and announced that he had to leave first. Lu Tingxiao went to the car park to wait for her first while Ning Xi bade farewell to the crowd in the room too.

When she returned, Yun Shen was not there. It seemed like he had left early too.

On the way home.

They managed to get through the daunting night without any mishaps. Ning Xi looked like she had a huge weight off her mind as she said, "Sigh, finally I settled one! My, darling, you're really useful! You're practically the ultimate romance-destroying tool! From the looks of Mo Yuxiu's expression, I'm sure that even if he had an erectile dysfunction forever, he won't come bothering me ever again!"

Tsk tsk, her romantic misfortunes could indeed only be resolved with Lu Tingxiao...

Lu Tingxiao laughed lightly. "Thank you for the compliment."

"But... There's one more that's probably not that easy to cut off... Sigh, what do I have to use to chop that one off?" Ning Xi muttered softly.

She thought that Lu Tingxiao did not hear her, but moments later came Lu Tingxiao's calm voice, "A marriage certificate."

"Uhh..." Savage.

#### **Chapter 1486: Thorough Preparation**

In order to quickly earn enough dowry and begin her journey to her life's peak to exchange the ultimate romance ax, the "marriage certificate", Ning Xi had run over in the middle of the night to Ling Zhizhi's place as if she had been injected chicken blood .

After the charity event ended, Ling Zhizhi did not go home. Instead, she had gone straight to the office. Apart from that, Xiao Tao and the public relations staff had all been called over that very night too.

This time, Ning Xueluo's so-called "wedding of the century" had been completely ruined. Starlight Entertainment would not sit idly and would most likely accuse them. Thus, the moment the event ended, Ling Zhizhi immediately summoned all the manpower and made thorough preparation to respond to Starlight Entertainment's tricks.

Early morning the next day, all the newspapers and the entire Internet were filled with reports on the wedding banquet between the Su and the Ning family.

What was different from everyone's expectations was that all of the wedding reports had been followed by Ning Xi's name and an unknown charity event.

"Ning Xi's Charity Fund Ceremony Rapidly Wiped Out The Wedding Of The Century"

"Exclusive Deciphering Of The Mystery About Ning Xueluo's Wedding Of The Century's Premature End"

"Charity Function Of The Century Versus Wedding Of The Century"

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Related reports had described the entire flow of events in incredible detail. Ning Xueluo's wedding had gone from a full house to being deserted, and the charity event upstairs was a controversial grandeur in the entire Imperial...

"Pfft, this is too funny! I want to see how the people from Starlight are going to gloat after this! They've been completely wiped out by us Glory World!"

"Exactly, our Glory World's little charity ceremony was already enough to crush their wedding of the century!"

"Ever since Su Yimo collapsed, many people have said that our Glory World is about fall and they come up with all sorts of badmouthing. It's so infuriating! Now, I'd really like to see if they dare shoot their mouth! Elevating another A-lister is a piece of cake for Glory World, alright?"

"I'm just afraid that it'll be another Su Yimo..."

"Probably not. I feel that Ning Xi didn't change at all after she was promoted. She's still quite nice. Previously, when I was bullied by Meng Shiyi, she even helped me out!"

"Speaking of which... The last time my show was interrupted by Starlight people, it was also Ning Xi who helped me resolve it. Bro Xi's fighting skills are super strong! She had only said a few words then and frightened that director into immediately returning the show's slot to me..."

"Mmm... Previously, when Su Yimo was around, she only knew how to extract from us, especially us female artistes who have clashing opportunities against her. She watched us as if she was afraid that we'd waver her position but Ning Xi is quite helpful in covering up our errors instead..."

"That's the difference between someone with capabilities and someone with none, okay? Based on our Bro Xi's capabilities, she wouldn't be worried about being rattled!"

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Compared to Glory World's Entertainment's light-hearted and pleasing atmosphere, the entire Starlight Entertainment was pervaded with a layer of dark clouds.

Yesterday, half of their company had gone to support Ning Xueluo's wedding. As they watched Ning Xueluo being embarrassed and awkward, they felt ashamed too. Of course, there were many who were rejoicing in this misfortune of hers...

Inside Chang Li's office.

On the first day of her newlywed status, Ning Xueluo had arrived early, and the expression on her face right now was an unprecedented indication that storms lay ahead.

Chang Li was frantically busy. When she was finally free, she said, "Xueluo, just let them gloat for a little while. In the afternoon, I've prepared to leak out the good news... This time, we'll definitely make Ning Xi receive the consequences!"

When she heard Chang Li's words, Ning Xueluo's expression did not soften. Just because they had tricks up their sleeves did not mean that Ling Zhizhi's side was not on guard. It was not realistic to topple Ning Xi with just these. They needed a more effective strategy...

## Chapter 1487: Comments War

Several days ago, the Internet was filled with all sorts of big shots and celebrities riled up with posts of Ning Xueluo's wedding invitation and door gift. Everyone was waiting to see how popular it would be after the actual wedding happened.

In the end, no one would have thought that the wedding would conclude with such a pathetic ending.

Ning Xueluo's grand wedding had been slapped in the face by Ning Xi's small charity event until they could not lift their heads...

Suddenly, there were all sorts of voices online. There were those laughing at Ning Xueluo, and there were some gossiping about Ning Xi's supporters. There were also many who thought that Ning Xueluo spending more than a billion on a wedding was luxuriously wasteful. On the other hand, the first thing Ning Xi did after she rose to fame was charity, making the difference between them obvious when they were compared to each other.

Very soon, this netizen's comment was pushed to the list of hot topics. Suddenly, all those who had initially been unhappy with Ning Xueluo's great fanfare of a wedding started to speak out.

[Hehe, Ning Xueluo wasn't organizing her own wedding. She was just giving the media a wedding! It was all for show only!]

[I've long wanted to say that these few days, Feng Yilan, who had won the Nobel Prize and brought honor to our country, didn't receive any attention. Instead, the coverage was all on a female artiste's wedding. Can this society be any better?]

[I think that this Charity Fund Association and the upper-class people probably can't bear to watch, and had intentionally made this happen to fix the morale of the entertainment industry!]

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Initially, the Internet was full of ridicule and criticisms towards Ning Xueluo. When afternoon came, the course of events had slowly changed.

[Despite things turning out like this, don't you think that this has been rather strange from the start to the end? Why was Ning Xi's charity event coincidentally on the same day as Ning Xueluo's wedding, and was even just upstairs?]

[Even if this whole thing was the upper society's intentions, there are so many senior big shots in the entertainment industry. Why did they choose a female artiste that had become popular overnight?]

[Wedding is the most important thing in a woman's life, so what if it was a little grand when they have the means? It's not only Ning Xueluo who's like this! It's a little unfair to condemn her for this, don't you think? Instead, it's Ning Xi's charity event that was done too deliberately, as if she was putting on a show!]

[Hehe, there's more to this charity fund. Do you think artistes aren't really setting up charity funds to earn money? Have you guys forgotten Wang Hao and Fang Yihua's scandal?]

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Up until the end, the comments led towards the three points: "Ning Xi intentionally choosing this day to steal Ning Xueluo's limelight", "Ning Xi has strong supporters", and "Ning Xi is using the charity fund to fish for a quick buck".

The former two were fine since almost all female artistes would encounter such gossip. Those with no evidence would fall apart after several days, but it was the latter that was severe enough to ruin an artiste.

Previously, Wang Hao's charity fraud had caused her reputation a devastating decline. The vague accounts under Fang Yihua's fund and other scandals had not only caused him to be unable to continue in the entertainment circle, but he was even almost imprisoned...

One could see how vicious this move of Ning Xueluo's was.

"Dang, these people are so shameless! We clearly decided on the time and venue in advance. Who would want their event to intentionally be on the same day as theirs?!" Despite preparing in advance, when they saw the comments online, Xiao Tao was still furious.

"Put up the first evidence first," Ling Zhizhi instructed.

"Mmm, understood!" Xiao Tao immediately logged on to Weibo and put up the evidence of them booking the time and venue three months in advance.

#### **Chapter 1488: Instant Turn**

Just moments after Ning Xi made her clarification, Ning Xueluo changed her ammunition. They knew they could not bring Ning Xi down with the first two points, so they focused on the third one.

Soon, some users started claiming that they were insiders and were going to leak news. They accused Ning Xi of being an evil hypocrite. The false rumors of her using the funds collected from the charity for her own purposes and earning loads of money in the name of charity seemed extremely detailed as if they had been hiding under Ning Xi's bed all along and knew about every single thing she did.

The matter this time around involved the senior management. If Ning Xi were to have such nasty rumors flying around, they would not sit idly by and do nothing about it. They would at least investigate her as a result of the pressure from the public.

Although Chang Li did not have any solid proof, too many artistes had been doing such tactics in the industry, so she assumed that Ning Xi must have done it as well. If she were able to spread this across the Internet and involve the higher-ups, the moment they found one bit of her dirty deals, then Ning Xi would be done for...

"Xueluo, do you know how much Ning Xi's house in Peachwood costs? And she bought several sports cars recently... Even if she became famous now, it's only recently that she shot to the limelight. It's impossible for her to have made this much money. Including her pay from filming and her endorsements, she still wouldn't have this much! Something must be going on here..." Chang Li smirked confidently.

Of course!

Ning Xueluo laughed coldly. Did Ning Xi think she could live peacefully after hooking onto Zhuang Keer?

She was going to turn them into bitter curses...

With Ning Xueluo's effort, rumors soon floated around on the Internet. Many netizens were not smart enough to distinguish the truth, and they just sided with whichever direction the discussion was progressing towards. At this point, everything was going smoothly as Ning Xueluo had predicted.

She did not believe that the Zhuangs would still do nothing when Ning Xi messed up like this. They would never let Ning Xi bring them down!

Although she could not find traces of Ning Xi's underhanded activity, if the Zhuang family was involved, they would surely be able to...

And yet...

This time, Ning Xueluo's plan failed again.

Chang Li started off by attacking Ning Xi's character. She made up various statements and defamed her, framed her as a hypocrite of using charity as a veil to cover up her dirty deals, and she tried to convince everyone that Ning Xi would pocket the charity funds.

Then, when the matter became more severe and they were about to bring it a step further, a document was released on Ning Xi's official Weibo account.

The document recorded the charity activities Ning Xi had done in the past.

They included receipts of fund transactions and gratefully written letters from sponsored students. There was a trail of Ning Xi having been involved in charity since she was 18, and she had never stopped until now.

If Ning Xi had really been doing charity just for show and as a method to stand out from her peers, then what about before she joined the entertainment industry? Why did she have to do all these?

Ling Zhizhi did not have to do anything else. The journalists went to the areas mentioned in the document and started collecting evidence...

If it were just a few places or several people, it might still be fake, but after going through all the listed sources, they were all proven real. Following that, the whole discussion instantly took a different turn.

At first, no one knew why the higher-ups had picked Ning Xi, even appointing and fully supporting her to become the ambassador of the charity fund, but now they understood why.

#### **Chapter 1489: Not Brought Up Wrongly**

Many people were looking closely at the activities on the Net.

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In the Zhuang's living room, Zhuang Liaoyuan, Zhuang Zongren, and Meng Linlang were present.

They knew what was happening. It was obvious that someone was pulling some strings behind the scenes. If it were not handled properly, it would become really troublesome. The worst thing was that if

they intervened, even if the final result proved that Xiao Xi was innocent, the rumors would never end. People could still accuse them of protecting Ning Xi...

Out of wanting to protect Ning Xi's reputation, they had to consider carefully. As the three of them were discussing what actions to take, Zhuang Keer, who was looking at her laptop, screamed with excitement. She took her laptop to them hurriedly. "Father, Mother, Grandfather... Look at this!"

The three of them looked at each other questioningly, then stared at the screen together. They then saw the large number of transaction details and the gratitude letters from the children, including the childish words and drawings...

Zhuang Keer searched through some of the latest news about Ning Xi's work in charity which consisted of interviews with various people, including caretakers, teachers, and also many innocent faces of children...

"Yes, Sis Xiao Xi just came by a few days ago! She brought us many food and books!"

"I like Sis Xiao Xi the most!"

"When is Sis Xiao Xi coming again?"

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Not just interviews, the journalists also found a lot of old videos...

Zhuang Keer looked really proud when she saw these. "I told you guys there's nothing to be worried about!"

For some reason, no matter what happened, she had complete trust in Xiao Xi.

Even though she knew Ning Xueluo was her cousin by blood, she would never waver to stand on Ning Xi's side.

The discussion on the Internet was overturned. The negative rumors about Ning Xi as well as the suspicions of the higher-ups and even the Charity Fund Association all disappeared.

There was no need for them to intervene anymore. No doubt this was the best outcome.

Zhuang Zongren looked at the videos and sighed with sympathy, "Such a good child, yet she had to go through so much..."

Meng Linlang knew what Zhuang Zongren was thinking about and she smiled. "Father, you should be happy that Ning Xi didn't grow up with her parents! If not, she might've been brought up wrongly! Look at how great she is now!"

"Uhh..." Zhuang Liaoyuan coughed lightly. Despite his wife being a little blunt, she was telling the truth.

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Of course, just getting a tie was not enough.

Ling Zhizhi had to make a counterattack, but she did not have to do anything really. Many people on the Net could easily think of who was behind this accusation towards Ning Xi.

The overlooked Ning Xueluo was once again brought into the spotlight, but for all the wrong reasons.

[Now, I understand what it means by "don't judge a book by its cover". Not all beauties are evil!]

[Ning Xi is actually pretty unfortunate. Everyone said that she's only relying on her looks, but to me, not only did her looks not help, her looks attracted her a lot of unfair treatment too!]

[Seriously, with Bro Xi's gorgeousness, if she really wanted to, she could've just married into a rich family already! Why suffer so much in the entertainment industry?]

[Someone should really shut up now! Whatever it is, she can't travel back five years in time to do all these things, can she?]

[A certain someone's really great at pulling strings! As for who's that certain someone, I believe I don't have to specify who it is, do I?]

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### **Chapter 1490: Only To Pave Way For Others**

Chang Li sat down on the chair, her face looking dreadful.

It was a big miscalculation...

No matter what, they could never have guessed that Ling Zhizhi could provide such solid evidence!

Ning Xi had already been doing charity work way before she entered the entertainment industry. It did not matter what they said anymore. This even helped to boost Ning Xi's popularity, reputation, and image. In other words, they had just done a free promotion for her.

This had a much better effect than just posting the information from Ling Zhizhi's side to boost Ning Xi's image.

After spending so much effort, it only paved the way for someone else.

Chang Li started to regret helping Ning Xueluo go against Ning Xi.

She realized that things had been going way out of hand, not just once or twice, but numerous times! It must not be a coincidence as Ning Xi had proven to be a very tough opponent.

As expected, soon came the loud sound of things breaking and Ning Xueluo's scolding.

Ning Xueluo's temper had been getting worse lately as she was having a pretty bad time herself.

Everyone outside assumed that Ning Xueluo was very ladylike and gentle, but only she knew the true colors of Ning Xueluo. However, after knowing so many secrets about her, it was too late to regret now.

Sometimes, when she saw Ning Xi and Ling Zhizhi and saw how they chatted gaily with each other like friends, she would be lying if she were to say she did not feel anything.

After Ning Xueluo was done throwing her tantrum, she growled with a ferocious expression, "There's no need for panic! I've said before, Ning Xi is just a piece of meat on my chopping board. No matter how high she leaps, I can grant her her death any moment I want!"

However, they both had secrets in each other's hands, except that it was not the right time to reveal it at the moment...

By the time they were to really go against each other for real, Ning Xi would be the one in a grave situation!

She had to do what she had to, if not, Ning Xueluo might get triggered again. Chang Li covered her bleeding wound caused by the shattered ceramic pieces just now before she injected energy into her voice and said, "Let's just lay low for a while now and wait until the discussion dies down. I've just gotten news that 'Mountain' has been nominated in the Golden Film Awards this year, and you've been nominated as a candidate for the best actress. Soon, I'll find a suitable time to release this news. Also, I've been talking to Director Robert on a collaboration, so it shouldn't be difficult to get a role... As an actress, in the end, people will still judge you by your work..."

Ning Xueluo pinched the space between her eyebrows with a dark expression. After spending so much effort, she had finally got a nomination! In addition to getting a role in a Hollywood movie, although it might just be a few minutes appearance, it was a rare opportunity for an Asian to be cast in Hollywood films. This indicated that she was breaking into the international market, and her career would enter a new chapter! That witch Ning Xi who had fallen to filming series could never compare to her!

"Keep an eye on Ning Xi..." She was sure that one day she would be able to get ahold of her dirty secrets!

Chang Li just nodded, but Ning Xi was guarded tightly by Ling Zhizhi. Apart from that, she felt there was another force working in the dark because after such a long investigation, nothing really came up. It was futile no matter how much she tried.

Nevertheless, she could never bring herself to tell Ning Xueluo that. Even if she did, she would only get scolded...