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Chapter 1551: Simply Inhumane

What?

Ning Xi was the foster daughter of the Ning family?

In that instance, a tossed stone stirred a thousand ripples.

However, even more shocking news was to come after.

That journalist continued to fire away, "You were initially a lowly and uncouth village orphan girl. The Nings pitied you and decided to take you in. In fact, they sent you to study abroad, but the first thing you did after you returned was to enter the entertainment industry, going against Ning Xueluo constantly, stealing her limelight everywhere you went. You even allied with your relative to come up with the story of carrying the wrong baby home, trying to take what isn't your own, scheming to seize the Ning Corporation's inheritance. Such a despicable shamelessness of ingratitude! You're simply inhumane..."

Silence. Dead silence.

No one would have thought that right after Ning Xi bagged the award, such a world-shaking scandal would surface.

If this were the case, Ning Xi's encouraging image would turn into a case of a scoundrel realizing their ambition.

Many of the journalists present all thought of the statement the Ning family had made previously. However, as for the involved foster daughter, they could not find out who it was.

Still, they never would have thought that person would be Ning Xi!

"Miss Ning, is he telling the truth? Are you really the foster daughter of the Ning family?!"

"It is said that you used flowery words and cheated Elder Ning out of 10% of shares. Is that true?"

"You keep on saying that you're grateful for those who have helped you in the worst of times. Is that how you repay them now?"

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Facing all the severe disdain and reprimands, Ning Xi's expression was abnormally calm throughout. Her gaze looked past the journalists who surrounded her as she quietly looked towards Ning Xueluo who was not too far away.

Ning Xueluo smirked at her. She mouthed her lips, "I told you, all of these are mine."

Ning Xueluo dared to invert the right and the wrong, and twist the truth, all because she knew that everyone would stand on her side because she knew that even if it was all lies, it would be hard for her to explain herself.

At this moment, Su Yan returned. When he saw this scene before him, his expression changed. "What happened? How do these journalists know about all those things?"

Ning Xueluo looked anxious as she shooked her head. "I don't know either. It looks the journalists have found out about Sister and her relationship with the Ning family..."

"The last time, because Auntie Qitong and Sister said those things at the cocktail event, it affected me hugely. Father and Mother had to make a public statement. The journalists already started investigating since then. Even if Father and Mother had been sealing off information, but sooner or later it just can't be concealed anymore..."

"However, I didn't think that... It would be exposed at such a moment. Bro Yan, what do we do?"

Ning Xueluo started to cry as she pulled on Su Yan's sleeve and said sadly, "Bro Yan, I can't just watch Sister continue to be misunderstood like this. Maybe I should go tell the journalists the truth. Tell them that I'm the foster daughter, that Ning Xi is Father and Mother's biological daughter..."

Su Yan's expression turned terrible. He blurted out, "No!"

When Ning Xueluo heard that, there was a delight in her eyes. She found his reaction as expected. She knew that Su Yan would stand on her side.

She was his wife now, and they were bound together for good or bad. If she were to be humiliated, it would humiliate him and the entire Su family.

He was very clear about who ought to be protected.

At the same time, Ling Zhizhi frowned and defended Ning Xi as she revealed a hesitant expression, "Indeed, they have come prepared! Are you sure she's okay alone? Do you want to get someone to help her?"

Ning Xi withdrew her gaze from Ning Xueluo and Su Yan's direction before she said plainly, "There's no need. You just need to let her in."

Chapter 1552: Wicked People Will Be Afflicted With Wickedness

Because such a huge ruckus had suddenly broken out, as the party involved, Ning Xueluo was surrounded by journalists very shortly.

"Xueluo, is Ning Xi really the foster daughter of the Ning family?"

"Miss Ning, Ning Xi has done so many horrible things to you! Why would you want to protect such a lowly, shameless, ungrateful, nasty person?!"

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Facing the journalists who came to her aid for the injustice and the barrage of questions, Ning Xueluo revealed an expression that showed how much she had been enduring silently. "No, no, it's not... It's not like what you think. I believe there must be some misunderstanding in between. I really don't know why Sister would do that."

Her words seemed to be absolving Ning Xi, yet in reality, they completely confirmed the journalists' words.

Indeed, Ning Xueluo's words caused a huge commotion.

Ning Xueluo did not deny what they said!

Ning Xi was actually the foster daughter Ning family!

Ning Xi had really done all those filthy things!

Oh my God!

Initially, they had thought that she was an encouraging goddess, but who would have thought she was a mean and lowly nasty person?!

All the while, the pure and kind-hearted Ning Xueluo had been enduring the burden silently.

The scene went into a frenzy when there was suddenly a stinky odor. The crowd could not help but cover their noses.

Right at that moment, someone suddenly vigorously and boorishly pushed the crowd of reporters. Because they did not know what the incredibly stinky item the person held was, the crowd immediately evaded and let the person through until she walked all the way up to Ning Xueluo.

"My God! What's that thing?! It's so smelly!"

"Stop pushing, stop pushing! Who's this crude person!?"

"Who's this? Where did she come from?"

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The crowd was still grumbling when they saw an old lady with solid footsteps holding a huge, black wooden bucket. She had walked right up to Ning Xueluo.

In the next second, with the sound of a crash, that old lady had unexpectedly flung the wooden bucket, splashing all the dirt and filth onto Ning Xueluo.

In that instant, the stink assaulted the nostrils of all present. Almost everyone fainted from the stench.

"Ah!!!" Ning Xueluo was stunned for a second, then she released an earth-shattering screech.

When everyone else realized what happened, they were dumbfounded too. They would never have thought that an old lady would suddenly appear and splash Ning Xueluo with feces and urine.

Before the crowd could fathom what had happened, in a loud and clear voice that was louder than Ning Xueluo's screech, the old lady started shouting, "Aiyo, aiyo! I won't be able to stay alive! We're going to be forced to our deaths! Our entire family is going to be hounded to death by this lowly wench!"

This... This was huge news!

Everyone's first reaction was to raise their cameras and start shooting instead of helping Ning Xueluo up.

However, one could not blame them either. Even Chang Li and Su Yan were stupefied. They did not dare to touch Ning Xueluo who was currently covered from head to toe in filth. Only Ning Xueluo was hopping mad like a crazy person. "Someone! Someone, come! Someone, come help me!"

Helplessly, her voice was drowned out by the old lady. "Don't be fooled by this wench! She's not the lady of some wealthy family. She's a lowly brat from our valley gutter. This granddaughter of mine was brought home wrongly from the hospital and that's how she got into a rich family!"

"Once she was with the rich people, she forgot her roots. Not only was she not in the least concerned with us because she was afraid that we'd leak her identity out, she even wanted to hound our entire family to death!"

"When our family was forced into a tight spot by the gangsters, my grandson came to Imperial and begged her, but she told the maids to chase my obedient grandson, her brother, away like he was a beggar!"

"She was afraid of people realizing that she is a lowly wench, so she changed her brother's first choice of university and refused to let him come to Imperial to study..."

"You, shut up! Shut up! Shut up!" Ning Xueluo's face was full of fear as she rushed over like a mad woman.

However, before Ning Xueluo could get close, the old lady fell to the ground and yelled, "Aiyo, murder! Murder! Help!"

Chapter 1553: Irrefutable Evidence

Ning Xueluo had never met such a shameless person. She was so frightened that she quickly backed away. "No! I didn't even touch her!"

The old lady was still lively earlier, but now she lay sprawled on the ground wailing like she was dying. "She just wants to hound our family to death. That way, no one will know all her scandals! What sin has our Tang family committed to have borne such a vicious woman?"

Ning Xueluo was so angry that she was about to pass out. "No, no, it's not like that! Don't believe her! I don't even know what she's talking about. I don't even know her either!"

"Once you as a wild fowl turned into a phoenix, you never even came back once. Of course, you don't recognize me, but even I, this old woman, have never seen you once. I can recognize you. You're from the Tang family!" There was a glorious flash in the old woman's eyes and her tone was incredibly certain.

Chang Li finally reacted at this moment. She rushed over, shouting, "Security! Where's security?! How do you work around here? How could you simply let people like her just come in?!"

When Chang Li said this, her gaze turned straight to stare at Ning Xi's direction. "Ning Xi! Don't go overboard! Do you think that you can just twist the truth by hiring some old lady of unknown origins here? You still haven't repented until now. You're just shameless!"

Chang Li had always thought that Ning Xueluo was the true lady of the Ning family and that Ning Xi was the foster daughter, thus she was sure that Ning Xi was intentionally playing tricks right then.

When the crowd heard this, they all suddenly realized what was up and looked towards Ning Xi.

"Right, how could it be such a coincidence? The news about Ning Xi being the foster daughter has just been exposed, then suddenly an old lady from the village pops up to say that she's Ning Xueluo's real grandmother and that Ning Xueluo was brought home wrongly as a baby!"

"Don't tell me Ning Xi intentionally arranged this!"

"I think it's possible..."

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When Ning Xueluo saw that the circumstances were easing up, she was relieved and she revealed a slightly deranged expression.

Haha... Ning Xi, you are just too naive! You really thought that you can kill me with just one hillbilly from the Tang family!?

However, before Ning Xueluo could enjoy her ecstasy, she turned pale in the next second.

"Mother, Mother, what are you doing?! Why did you suddenly come here?! Mother, get up! Get up!"
The person who cried out was Sun Lan.

The crowd saw a sallow, middle-aged woman rush over. She called that deliberately provocative old lady "Mother" as she anxiously helped her up.

What made everyone turn pale with fright was that apart from this middle-aged woman's skin being rather unhealthy, her facial features looked like it was created from the same mould as Ning Xueluo's!

When the old lady saw Sun Lan, she slapped her. "I can't come!? Why can't I come!? If I don't come, Xiao Nuo's future and our entire family's future is going to be ruined by this wench that you gave birth to!"

"Did you think that after that Xi girl helped Xiao Nuo this time, you can be free of worries? Wait till Xiao Nuo comes to Imperial, when he comes to this wench's turf. We don't know how else she's going to hurt our Xiao Nuo, you moron!"

"Fine, you don't care! All of you don't care! Then, let me care! I definitely can't just sit idly and watch our Tang family be ruined in the hands of this wench!"

All the journalists present looked at each other in utter confusion.

"What... What's happening? Don't you guys think this woman looks very much like Ning Xueluo?"

"What do you mean look like? They're practically from the same mould!"

"Hey! Could this woman... really be Ning Xueluo's biological mother?"

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Ning Xueluo looked at Sun Lan's face as she listened to the discussions around her. Her eyes were full of panic as she shook her head and stepped back as if she had seen something incredibly scary. "No, that's not it. She's not... She's not my mother... No, I'm the lady of the Ning family... I'm Zhuang Lingyu's daughter..."

She thought that she had everything under control, but she had forgotten that bloodline was something that could never be obliterated. Even if she could fake the paternity test, how about her face?

This face of hers and Sun Lan's looked exactly the same, completely exposing all of her lies under the sun...

Chapter 1554: Zero Relations

It was not just the circling watchful journalists and other artistes, even Chang Li was dumbfounded. She stared blankly at the countrywoman and was tongue-tied.

What... What was happening?

"Oh my God! Is this real or fake? Ning Xueluo isn't actually some heiress. Are these really her biological mother and grandmother?"

"Then, why did the Ning family stick to saying that Ning Xueluo was their biological daughter all these years?"

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The situation was getting more and more confusing. Breaking out of their temporary stupor, all of the journalists rushed to Ning Xi's direction.

"Miss Ning! Miss Ning! What's the actual situation? Can you explain a little to us?"

"Ning Xi, do you know these two people?"

"Ning Xi, what's your relationship to these two people?"

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The old madam pushed Sun Lan away and rushed to Ning Xi. She started bawling without saying anything. "Xi girl... My Xi girl... They won't believe a rotten old lady's words. Quickly tell them that this girl is a wench, that I didn't tell a single lie! If I did, I would be struck to death by a lightning bolt from the Heavens!"

"I know that in the past 18 years when you were in our Tang family, I've disdained the fact that you're a girl and always hit you, scolded you, and was mean to you... Just for Xiao Nuo... Xiao Nuo has always treated you like his biological sister!"

"Even though that child hid it from me, how could I not know that he always secretly left all the meat and left the good stuff for you to eat?"

"Do you still remember that when you were younger, there was once when our family was so poor that we had nothing to eat? With no choice left, I had to throw you to a mass grave but who would have thought that not too long after that, Xiao Nuo started to have a high fever and he wasn't getting any better. He kept calling out for his sister. I had no choice but to bring you back. Your life was saved by Xiao Nuo..."

"Even if we Tangs have let you down, that's all because that wench did that. It's because she was greedy for all the glory and wealth, hogging your parents and not letting go..."

The old lady revealed more and more information, entrancing everyone as they listened.

At the same time, Sun Lan, who was being surrounded by the journalists, was already at a loss. She could only continue to wring her hands in denial out of wanting to protect Ning Xueluo. "Don't ask me! Don't ask me anymore! No... It's not... I'm not... I'm not her mother. I don't know who she is... I don't know her either. She's not my daughter. She's the heiress of the Ning family. Ning Xi... Ning Xi is my daughter... Yes, Ning Xi is the daughter I gave birth to..."

If Sun Lan had asserted that Ning Xueluo was her daughter, it could still raise suspicions, but now her protective attitude towards Ning Xueluo made all of the journalists even more positive about the earth-shattering truth that she was Ning Xueluo's real mother.

Unspoken thoughts raced through the journalists' minds.

Huh, Ning Xi is your daughter?

You should take a look in the mirror to see how you look! How could you give birth to a face like Ning Xi's?

Facing the swarm of journalists and the endless questions, Ning Xi had only uttered one sentence, "In the past 18 years, I have indeed lived in the Tang household. As for my Ning family, it doesn't matter if it was the past or the the future, we have zero relations."

The ruckus caused was so massive that Ning Xueluo crazily called everyone as she wanted to get someone to stop it all. Unfortunately, none of the security guards came over.

It was not until Ning Xi spoke up and said this that people finally started to disperse from the crowd. Shi Xiao brought a few tight-knitted bodyguards to protect Ning Xi as she left.

Chapter 1555: The Truth Will Come Out

A crisis episode had finally quieted down again.

However, to some people, this was just the calm before the storm.

In the grand, lavish vehicle, Chang Li was enduring the stench and using a towel to wipe Ning Xueluo's hair.

Coincidentally, Su Yan had already rushed home after a phone call.

At that moment, Ning Xueluo's entire body was covered with filth. Her eyes were murderous red and her entire body was shivering while the expression on her face was gloomy to the point of being sinister.

Chang Li did not dare to provoke her right then, but her phone was exploding with calls. Even the boss had personally called to ask about what had happened.

Thus, Chang Li could only brace herself and ask, "Xueluo, the impact of this incident is simply huge. I must immediately handle the public relations and clarify everything. Otherwise, the consequences will be unthinkable! However, before I handle the PR, I must understand something. About what that old lady and that woman said... Is it true or not?"

Smack! There came a clear sound as Ning Xueluo's slap struck Chang Li's face. "Shut up! Moron! How could it be true?!"

Chang Li held her heated and painful cheek. Even though Ning Xueluo kept denying it, she had been by Ning Xueluo's side for many years after all. From Ning Xueluo's exasperated reaction and the panic in her eyes, she knew very well that all of this was probably true.

All this time, Ning Xueluo had been snobbish and felt that she was an heiress who was nobler than others, yet she had always called Ning Xi the hillbilly. Unexpectedly, she was the wild fowl!

That lowly and shameless ingrate was Ning Xueluo herself!

How had she kept a straight face while she accused Ning X? How did she bewitch the Ning family so much so that they were willing to leave their biological daughter behind to protect her?

What was the depth of this woman's schemes?

When she thought about this, Chang Li shuddered.

Ning Xueluo berated her sternly, "Go! Go and make a statement for me! Just say that all of this is fake! That damned old lady is fake! That wench of a woman is fake too! All of this was because Ning Xi was ganging up with those people to slander me!"

Chang Li looked troubled. "Now that the Tang family has personally said all of these, the journalists will definitely continue to investigate their clues like locusts. There are just too many gaps. Sooner or later, the truth will be out! Be-besides, there's... There's also that person and your features..."

"Are you done speaking?!" Ning Xueluo slapped her again.

Chang Li instantly shut up.

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It had just been a night, yet yesterday's incident was already the talk of the town. Everyone knew about it.

Even if the Su and the Ning families both mobilized their resources to try and surpress the incident, they still could not redeem anything.

Almost all of the newspapers and magazine headlines were about last evening's incident. Huge pictures of Ning Xueluo and Sun Lan together were plastered everywhere.

The media had found out that Ning Xi had indeed lived in the Tang household for 18 years with the identity of the Tang family's daughter, but she had suddenly run away from home when she was 18. All their neighbors thought that she had gone away for work.

Initially, there was not much use in finding out about this, but last night, Ning Xueluo had personally admitted that Ning Xi was the daughter of the Ning family.

Previously, Ning Yaohua had made a statement saying that his foster daughter was an orphan and they had adopted her.

Why would Ning Yaohua lie to the public? Why would he adopt an 18-year-old girl who was not even an orphan and had even changed her surname to Ning?

Why did Ning Xi's mother not look like Ning Xi, but instead seemed like she had come from the same mould as Ning Xueluo?

Indeed, just as Chang Li had said, there were too many gaping holes. They could not give a plausible explanation to these loopholes. Thus, no matter how much Ning Xueluo's side denied it, they were quibbling in the eyes of others.

In just one night, Ning Xueluo's carefully sculpted image of a "Ms. Perfect", "Heiress, and "Winner of Life" had collapsed with a bang.

Chapter 1556: Told The Truth

Such a melodramatic clichè as "bringing home the wrong daughter" was something well-received among the masses. The parties involved were currently popular artistes in the entertainment circle. They were women who called the shots in Starlight and Glory World. Furthermore, Ning Xi had even recently been promoted as an award-winning actress.

With such a terrifying level of public interest, amplified by the influence of the Su family and Ning family, the uproar definitely could not be suppressed.

In just a short amount of time, the media had interviewed almost all of the people who could provide them with information.

Everyone wanted to create a huge splash of headlines and they were having a field day!

The video showed a drunk Ning Yaohua who was stopped and questioned by a journalist.

The journalist asked, "Mr. Ning, may we ask if you've been paying attention to the rumors about your niece?"

"Well, of course!"

"What's the truth!? Mr. Ning, could you reveal it to us?"

"Hahahaha... The truth? The truth is that my foolish brother's whole family ditched their biological daughter and treated the wild fowl like a gem..."

"Then, why would your older brother do that?"

Ever since Ning Xueluo had married Su Yan, Ning Yaohua's days in the office were getting worse. His daughter, Ning Tianxin, had gone missing and he was in a foul mood recently, thus he just said gloomily, "That wench... She has many tricks up her sleeve! How can Ning Xi beat her? She was capable of getting Ning Yaohua to transfer 15% of his shares to an illegitimate child!"

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At the Ning residence.

"Ning Yaobang! Look what you've done!" Ning Yaohua had just finished watching the video on his computer and he called Ning Yaobang over. He slammed the table and flew into a rage.

After all, if it were just a hillbilly woman's words, not everyone outside would simply believe it, but this was just great! Ning Yaobang, his own brother, had actually said that kind of words in front of the journalists. Now, there was really nothing they could do to clear their name!

Ning Yaobang was like a dead pig that did not fear the heat of boiled water. He crossed one leg over the other and said tauntingly, "If you dare, then go and vent your anger at your darling daughter! What are you angry at me for? I didn't expose all these scandals! I just simply told a few truths. The person who splashed crap and caused an unreasonable scene is your filial daughter's own grandmother. She's the one who appeared with that face before the camera to be disgraced as if she was afraid people wouldn't know that she's the wild fowl. That's your good daughter's own mother!"

"Shut up! Get lost!"

Ning Yaobang slipped away. "Yes, yes, yes, I'll get lost... I'll wait and watch you hand the company over to this wild girl borne by the hillbilly and see what kind of ending you'll have!"

Soon after Ning Yaobang left, there was a knock on the door.

"Come in!"

"Father..." Ning Xueluo pushed the door open and stood shyly at the entrance.

When he saw Ning Xueluo, Ning Yaohua had mixed expressions. "You're here. Come sit."

Ning Xueluo did not sit down. Instead, she plonked down and kneeled before Ning Yaohua at his desk.

"Xueluo! What are you doing?" Ning Yaobang immediately got up.

"Father, I've let you and Mother down... Let the Ning family down... It's all my fault. I've implicated the both of you." Ning Xueluo's body trembled vigorously. "I'm willing to take on all the responsibility!"

"What do you want to do?"

"This incident has received a lot of attention and has had a huge impact. No doubt it's because I'm in the entertainment circle. Now, the only solution would be for me to quit the entertainment industry..." Ning Xueluo's expression was dismal and in pain as if she had to accept a compromise and had to make a huge sacrifice.

However, the reality was that her image had completely collapsed to the point of no return this time. Even if she continued to stay in the entertainment industry, she would not be able to last for long.

Chapter 1557: Wanted A Son

"I'll release an announcement. I'll quit my career... Forever... Then, no one will care about this matter anymore! If I stay in the entertainment industry for another day, this matter will keep on being brought up!"

Zhuang Lingyu's voice came from behind her. "Xueluo, what are you talking about? Isn't acting your favorite thing to do? Isn't that your dream? This matter isn't as serious as you think. So what if everyone knows you're not our biological daughter? You're still the daughter of the Ning family!"

"As for the rumors going around and the nonsense your Second Uncle spouted, they have no proof at all. Don't mind them. People will forget them soon enough!"

Of course, Ning Xueluo knew that. Although the whole situation seemed grave, compared to matters that were fatal to artistes such as drugs, extramarital affairs, or political affairs, her situation was at most, a personal issue. While it would affect her image to a certain extent, it would not reach the point where her career would be ruined.

She had joined the entertainment industry because she knew that Ning Xi liked acting, so she just wanted to get something that Ning Xi could not attain.

It was definitely possible for her to stay in the entertainment industry, but she would always bear the tainted name of a leech. No matter where she went, she would always be compared to Ning Xi.

She could never stand being humiliated like this. How could she look at Ning Xi acting all high and mighty in front of her?

At this point in time, she might as well take a step back and quit her acting career once and for all!

Ning Xueluo was still kneeling with a determined attitude. "Father, Mother, I've already decided! I'll do anything to reduce the consequences our family has to face!"

Zhuang Lingyu felt sorry for her daughter and hugged her. "Xueluo, it must be tough for you..."

Ning Yaohua sighed helplessly, "Xueluo, I'm so sorry for what you have to go through!"

Zhuang Lingyu looked angry. "It must be impossible for the old lady to come all the way here from that small town! It's obvious that someone's behind this! They even picked the opportunity to sabotage the event and cause such an uproar!"

Ning Yaohua had a stern expression on his face. "Ning Xi's really overdone it this time!"

"Does she think that we'd have to give her face if she did that? Dream on! I'm only regretting that it wasn't Xueluo who came out of my womb! Xueluo's suffered so much for nothing!" Zhuang Lingyu spoke angrily.

Ning Xueluo seemed satisfied when she saw Zhuang Lingyu and Ning Yaohua defending her. She said gratefully, "Father, Mother... I'm alright! Really! Actually, it's fine this way. I can focus on the company. History is in a busy phase as well and there're lots to be done."

"I'm glad that you can think this way, Xueluo. Everything will pass. Mother and Father will always be on your side."

Zhuang Lingyu and Ning Yaohua comforted her for a long time.

After Ning Xueluo left the study room, Zhuang Lingyu and Ning Yaohua stayed back.

Ning Yaohua was really troubled over this matter and it showed on his face. He was staring blankly at the newspaper on his table.

The newspaper had allocated a full page to publish the picture of Ning Xueluo and Sun Lan. They were two almost identical faces, constantly reminding him that the girl in front of her was not his real child.

No matter how great she became, she was not his real child after all...

If he had a son, that would be a joy.

As far as he knew, his brother had not given up on getting a son. He was still out messing with young girls.

Sadly, the Zhuangs were not people he could mess with! So, if he really wanted a son, it had to be an offspring of him and Zhuang Lingyu.

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Chapter 1558: Perfect Plan

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Zhuang Lingyu's first delivery had happened in a run-down town. Unfortunately, her womb had an infection after she gave birth, so although she recovered, she still suffered from a severe loss of blood. After her first child, she was unable to conceive again.

Because of that, Zhuang Lingyu was really focused and concerned on her only daughter Ning Xueluo.

It was supposed to be a taboo topic in front of Zhuang Lingyu, so Ning Yaohua had never dared to suggest having another baby again.

However, after Ning Xueluo's real identity was exposed and especially when the people from the Tang family, especially Sun Lan who looked so identical to Ning Xueluo appeared, Ning Yaohua felt that it was worth mentioning again.

With a caring attitude, Ning Yaohua went to Zhuang Lingyu's side and held her shoulders. He asked gently, "Lingyu, have you thought about what I told you before? Actually, surrogate pregnancy is really advanced nowadays. Not only can you choose the gender of the child, most importantly, you don't have to suffer for nine months!"

Zhuang Lingyu looked a little uncomfortable, but she was not against it. She frowned a little. "I'm already at this age. Would it work?"

The moment Ning Yaohua saw his plan coming to light, he patted her shoulder. "Who said that? If I told people my wife is 20 years old, I bet people would believe it too!"

"Stop that nonsense!" Zhuang Lingyu pouted. Although she was scolding him, she did not sound angry at all.

When she saw how identical Xueluo was to Sun Lan, she was a little regretful and the thoughts that she tried to suppress for a long time surfaced.

Who would not want a child with their very own blood flowing in their veins?

If she could have another child again, she would surely raise him far better and give him everything. That child would be more perfect than Xueluo...

More and more people had done surrogate pregnancy in recent years. She had heard about it from her circle of friends. Just some time ago, Mrs. Li conceived another son through a surrogate pregnancy although she was already 48 years old.

Maybe... she could try?

Although they were old and might not be able to accompany this child for a very long time, he would be fortunate because he had a gentle and caring sister to take care of him...

Xueluo had always mentioned how lonely it was being the only child and was always looking forward to having a younger sibling. If it really worked, she would be really glad!

"Lingyu, if you agree, I'll reschedule my work and accompany you for a checkup overseas!" Ning Yaohua suggested in excitement.

"Let me think about it!" Zhuang Lingyu then asked hesitantly, "Yaohua, should we discuss this with Xueluo first?"

Ning Yaohua replied, "There's no need. It's not confirmed, after all. We'll tell her after it succeeds to give her a surprise."

Zhuang Lingyu gave it some thought. In the end, she agreed to it. She could not really bring herself to talk about this matter.

Ning Yaohua's plan was perfect. Wait until his son was born. The shares he had given Ning Xueluo would then have to be transferred back to his one and only heir. Xueluo would not have any issues with that since she was so obedient, and it was common sense for a son to inherit his father's career. Even the Su family would not have a say in this.

Of course, he would not treat Xueluo any less by then.

Moreover, it was already good enough insurance for her to marry into the Su family.

Chapter 1559: Bro Xi Has Us

At the Grand Count Hotel, Ning Xueluo had arranged for a press conference here today.

Following the incident, apart from a statement of denial from Chang Li, Ning Xueluo did not appear in public at all.

After the news of her having a press conference was made known, not only journalists, a lot of other people showed up as well. Nearly half of them were Ning Xi's fans. Apart from that, Ning Xueluo's fans took up a lot of spots as well.

After the incident happened, Ning Xueluo's fans had turned their backs on her.

Ning Xi's fans were going around and speaking up for Ning Xi under Zhuang Keer's lead. Even though they were angry, they kept their cool and won a lot of people over. Soon, many of Ning Xueluo's fans jumped over to Ning Xi's side.

"Get out of the industry, Ning Xueluo!"

"Witch! Apologize to Bro Xi! Apologize! Apologize!"

"You filthy liar, Ning Xueluo. Is this how you repay your fans?!"

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Ning Xueluo donned a pair of sunglasses and a face mask as she was escorted into the hotel by a dozen security guards.

Up on stage, Ning Xueluo sat in the middle, looking pale. Beside her were Chang Li and another management-level staff from the company.

Chang Li's expression looked the worst. She did not expect that Ning Xueluo would quit.

With Ning Xueluo's reputation falling into the depths of the deepest valley, as her manager, she suffered similarly as well. Although Ning Xueluo was leaving her with such a mess, she could still return home and still be the rich daughter of her family.

What about her? Her career was totally destroyed...

Even if she said that Ning Xueluo had hidden it so well that even as her manager, she did not realize at all, no one would believe her!

Chang Li regretted it deeply. As she held the announcement of Ning Xueluo quitting the entertainment industry in her hands, she felt a sense of despair rise within her.

Ning Xueluo looked dejected as she sobbed, "I believe that everyone knows a lot of things have happened recently. I understand that no one will believe what I say now but there are a lot of things that aren't as simple as they look on the surface..."

"As this matter brought pain to my friends and fans that have supported me, I genuinely apologize. Thank you for your support and trust up until now. Thank you so much..."

"Acting is my dream and hobby, but to be able to give everyone a satisfying reply, I've decided that from today onwards, I'm quitting my acting career!"

The journalists caused quite a commotion the moment Ning Xueluo announced the end of her acting career. The camera flashlights exploded one after another.

The journalists held their breaths and were waiting for some kind of twist in the announcement, but Ning Xueluo was swiftly escorted out of the room after she was done.

In a short span of time, the news of Ning Xueluo quitting the industry spread everywhere.

The netizens were discussing it frantically.

"What did Ning Xueluo mean? She made it sound like there's some hidden agenda behind it as if people have accused her!"

"What else could be hidden? If there's something else, she'd have said it already! Nothing can change these facts! This witch still won't change even at this point in time! Where's the apology?! I didn't hear anything about an apology to Ning Xi at all!"

"The point is, is quitting the entertainment industry enough? She's been acting as the daughter of the family for so long and even took over Ning Xi's life. What's she going to do about that?!"

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Not just Ning Xi's fans, even bystanders were angry for Ning Xi's sake. "That's right! How's that going to be settled?! She's going to shamelessly enjoy what supposedly belongs to Ning Xi! Isn't she embarrassed that she's stealing another person's parents?"

After a lot of rants, some of Ning Xi's hardcore fans replied to the backlash.

"Bro Xi has said it. She has zero relations with the Ning family, whether in the past or in the future! Bro Xi doesn't need to be an heiress. She doesn't need rich parents. Our Bro Xi is the queen herself!"

"Right, she doesn't need parents who are blind! Bro Xi has us!"

Suddenly, the direction of the discussion took a sharp turn. "Stop mentioning that witch already. Let me tell you guys something interesting. Didn't you guys recall the last sentence Bro Xi said after she received her award?"

"Of course I did. I've already memorized it! 'For my dream and for the person I love...' Ah! Ah! The person she loves? Could Bro Xi have someone she likes?"

"Is it a guy or a girl?"

"Hmm... I think it's a girl! A very cute girl at that!"

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At Glory World Entertainment.

Because what happened the other day was too sudden, there were a lot of things to be taken care of. After Ning Xi left the Golden Film Awards ceremony, she went back to the company with Ling Zhizhi and spent all her time there.

Only until today when Ning Xueluo called for the press conference were they able to take a break.

"Bro Xi, Ning Xueluo is really shameless! She's stepping on you even before she leaves!"

Ning Xu had a tiny glimpse of darkness in her eyes. She knew that Ning Xueluo's words were but a warning for her.

If it had been some time back then, she might have feared her, but ever since she came clean to Lu Tingxiao, she was fine with it now.

Ning Xi looked at her phone screen.

There was a new message from Su Yan. [Xiao Xi, can we meet up?]

Things were different compared to back then. Would the Su Yan today still help Ning Xueluo like he did before and lie for her?

Ning Xueluo probably could not be confident about this too.

Ning Xi knew that with Ning Xueluo's personality, she would not take the risk.

As for the rumor that stemmed from Ning Xi's speech, Ning Xi had told Ling Zhizhi not to overthink. She had meant her fans and not really someone special, so Ling Zhizhi felt that there was no need to make any explanation.

Ning Xi paid it no mind. Actually, from a personal standpoint, she did not want to give any explanation too.

After things cooled down, everyone went back home to rest.

Ning Xi went to the garage and realized that Shi Xiao was not waiting for her as he usually did.

She opened her car door suspiciously. The next moment, she sprung towards the person in the front passenger seat. "Darling!"

Lu Tingxiao leaned back and carefully embraced the girl. As he was about to say something, he felt a tiny stab in his chest as something hard poked it. "This is..."

"Oh, right!" Ning Xi took out a shiny trophy and passed it to Lu Tingxiao as she looked at him with her glittering eyes. She was so excited that her face turned red. "Darling! This is for you!"

"That's a very special gift."

But you did not have to keep it on you all the time, did you? Was it not bothering you in any way?