

## Hidden 1601

### Chapter 1601: Always Be With Little Treasure

Lu Jingli coughed for a really long time before he managed to stop. He had an alarmed expression as he said, "Xiao Xi Xi! You're scary! Next time, I'll definitely keep my girlfriend far away from you!"

Ning Xi shot him a side look. "Let's talk when you get a girlfriend, okay? You single dog, you're really worried about nothing!"

"Hey!" Lu Jingli cursed under his breath as he immediately walked towards the kitchen angrily and started to wail, "Bro! Bro! Sis-in-law says she'll turn all the girls who want to seduce you gay! Do you even care anymore? Hey!"

Now, it was Ning Xi's turn to scold him. "Hey! Lu Jingli! Are you 3 years old? You actually complained?!"

Ning Xi quickly took a narrow stance and nervously looked at the direction of her darling. She saw that Lu Tingxiao was bringing a dish over. He looked at Lu Jingli expressionlessly and said, "I won't give her the chance to."

He was trying to imply that he would not give other women a chance to seduce him. That way, Ning Xi naturally would not have the chance to make any move.

Ning Xi instantly beamed. She delightedly shot a look at Lu Jingli, then she walked up to Lu Tingxiao's cheek and kissed him.

"Find a person that you love most and deeply enough to bid singlehood farewell... An affectionate, infatuated, heartless person came to scar me..."

Lu Jingli was defeated once again and he went to the toilet to cry.

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After dinner, because Lu Tingxiao and Lu Jingli still had to return to the company and settle things, they could not stay any longer. Ning Xi wanted to let the little bun stay for a night, but he rejected it.

The little bun looked up to his mother, displaying reluctance to part. Still, he was very determined. "Mother, today it's best for me to return to Grandfather and Grandmother!"

He was afraid that Ning Xi would be unhappy, so the little guy had nervously added on, "Mommy, don't be angry. In the future, Little Treasure will always be with Mommy!"

Ning Xi knew that the little guy had taken the initiative to stay in the old residence for her. She felt overwhelmingly touched as she squatted down and hugged the little guy's soft body. "Mmm! Mommy will also always be with Little Treasure in the future! I'll forever be with Little Treasure!"

Little Treasure instantly pursed his lips, stemming his happiness.

After she sent the three of them off, Ning Xi and Tang Lang had gone up to the roof to chat and drink.

Tang Lang lay on the floor with one hand supporting his head as he lamented, "Tsk, my obedient student is really so lovable! It's no wonder you're willing to be with a single father!"

Ning Xi was leaning on the railing as she looked up at the starry sky above her. When she heard what he said, she instantly whipped around bitterly. "Are you jealous that they brought their own tag-along?!"

"Fine, fine, fine... I'm jealous!" Tang Lang looked at her protective stance speechlessly, then he thought of something and a worried expression was written on his face. "Truly horrifying! Who would have thought that Satan and Lu Tingxiao would have this kind of relationship?"

Even though Tang Lang had been in the organization since he was born, he had only just found about this. Plus, his nature was to enjoy cockfights and dog racing all day, not caring about anything, much less things like these.

Ning Xi pinched the space between her brows. Once this was brought up, she had a headache. She was the one who had received the most shock!

"Second Senior Brother... You've been by Satan's side for so long. Have you seen his mother before? Do you know what kind of person she is?" Ning Xi probed.

Tang Lang shrugged. "I've never met her or heard him mention her before. I really can't imagine what kind of human would have given birth to that guy. If it were not for this incident, I would've thought that he had jumped out of cracks in stones at birth!"

Ning Xi had no words.

Forget it! She knew that she should not have asked this unreliable guy! She should save her time and go read her script!

## **Chapter 1602: True Capability**

The next morning, Ning Xi went to the audition venue on time.

In recent times, the only thing she did was just study the script. Ling Zhizhi had only helped her to find a vast amount of videos for her reference and she did not really care about anything else.

As was common knowledge throughout the industry, Director Jiang Xingzhou's audition was the simplest, and also the toughest.

It was simply because he would ignore every private recommendation. He only cared about an actor's capabilities. Nevertheless, it was also tough because of the exact same point.

Jiang Xingzhou was recognized for being extremely strict. Artistes in the industry would get goosebumps just hearing his name.

Regardless of that, his films had quality and standard. Everyone would love to be part of it.

When Ning Xi reached the venue, as she expected, many of the top performing artistes were gathered there. A lot of them belonged to the Capability Camp too.

Those without a certain level of capability would not even dare to be there.

Once, an artiste with a huge fan base came to audition for Jiang Xingzhou's movie, but the artiste had performed really badly. Because of Jiang Xingzhou's harsh criticism, he almost left the industry.

As Ning Xi arrived, she greeted everyone before she sat down in a corner and started preparing herself. Everyone else was focusing on themselves as well. They were all experienced artistes, but when it came to auditioning for Director Jiang, they still felt like they were taking their first acting exam back in university.

Ning Xi looked around and saw a few familiar faces. Fang Xiaowen, Xu Jiaojiao... She had seen the both of them at the audition for the perfume ad back in Los Angeles. Seeing Fang Xiaowen there was expected. She had received a Golden Film Award before after all. As for Xu Jiaojiao, Ning Xi was rather impressed by her courage.

There were also several others who were like Xu Jiaojiao who did not really have much acting skills but were trying their luck there.

Besides that, there were several married and pregnant artistes; the character was a mother after all. The scene to be portrayed was of a middle-aged woman. Even with good acting skills, being too young might hinder a person from displaying a maternal instinct. When she was talking to Song Lin before, she had mentioned in passing that Director Jiang wanted to find someone slightly older.

No matter her age and appearance, she did not carry much threat to her competitors.

"Senior Song!"

"Sis Lin!"

"Sis Lin, you're here!"

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There was a small ruckus among the crowd as Song Lin arrived.

Song Lin was also one of the judges in this audition.

Ning Xi reactively turned over when she heard Song Lin's name. What surprised her was that her goddess was wearing a design by Spirit today.

Song Lin put on an elegant smile and greeted everyone back. She did not really talk much to Ning Xi and went into the audition room swiftly.

After Song Lin arrived, the audition soon started.

The first one to go in was Xu Jiaojiao. After three minutes, she came out in tears.

No one was surprised. It was pretty much expected. A few other female artistes, who were there to try their luck, suddenly turned pale.

The audition continued and it was soon Ning Xi's turn.

A lot of people looked at Ning Xi when her number was called.

After receiving the comment that "she deserved it" from Director Feng at the Golden Film Awards ceremony, and receiving both the Best Female Lead and Best Secondary Female Lead Awards, it was normal for her to attract attention.

## Chapter 1603: Small Disturbance?

Whilst everyone would not say it out loud, they felt that Ning Xi was too arrogant. To put it in another way, she overestimated herself.

She had just only received a Golden Film Award and was never even close to any international awards before, yet she was there despite the fact that she did not fit the image of this movie at all.

She was no different than Xu Jiaojiao...

"Hello to all the judges. I'm Ning Xi from Glory World Entertainment." Ning Xi gave a simple greeting.

There were five judges that day. Jiang Xingzhou sat right in the middle and Song Lin was on his right. The others were the producer, the co-director, and the scriptwriter.

Without a doubt, Jiang Xingzhou was the ultimate decision-maker.

Probably because there was no one suitable after a dozen auditions, Jiang Xingzhou's expression looked terrible and his aura was even scarier.

"Hey, Director Jiang, if you keep this face up, it'll affect the actresses' performance!" Song Lin laughed at him.

Song Lin was probably the only person who would crack a joke to Jiang Xingzhou at this moment.

"If they can't even take such a small hiccup like this, should they still be in their acting careers?" Jiang Xingzhou retorted coldly.

"Small hiccup? You're too humble, Director Jiang. Back then, after my first audition with you, I had a few nights of horrible dreams..."

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With the judges' chatter, and knowing that Song Lin had also been nervous when she first auditioned for Jiang Xingzhou's movie, the tension in Ning Xi relaxed. She looked at Song Lin gratefully.

"Okay, let's start," Jiang Xingzhou said.

Ning Xi nodded and drew a piece of paper.

Scene 37: The Loss of A Son On A Rainy Night.

Ning Xi frowned a little when she saw which scene it was that she had picked. Damn it, why this scene out of all the others?

Several people had gotten this scene earlier. Jiang Xingzhou did not have any specific expression on his face. Instead, he said, "You have ten seconds to get ready."

Someone had already started the timer as Jiang Xingzhou finished his sentence. There was no time for the actress to react at all.

Even when the main character was a mute and had no lines at all, it was already a huge challenge for the actress to read the script in ten seconds and get into character.

Fortunately, she had prepared herself well. She could already memorize the whole script, so she knew what she needed to with just a look.

The ten seconds ended.

The working staff started reading the narration, "Out... Out of breath... Little Zhu Zi is out of breath..."

The staff was just reading the lines without any emotion. The audition was all about how the artiste was got into character anyway.

Ning Xi had a stunned expression on her face after the staff read the lines. She crawled over and held up the props on the floor.

Pathetically, it was a poorly made prop consisting of a tied up blanket. She had to imagine it as a child.

When Ning Xi rushed over like a crazy woman, everyone thought that she would cry out loud, but she did not.

Ning Xi held the "child" tightly. She put her face against its cheek and kissed the child's cold forehead and face... She also took off her coat and wrapped it around the child, holding onto the child gently...

As if the child had not died...

However, from the mother's shivering body to her fearful yet forced strong expression and her tears rolling down... Everyone knew that the child was really dead...

In the end, the mother's suppressed expression shattered. She cried without a sound, rousing even the apathetic audience.

#### **Chapter 1604: It's My Own Problem**

After she was finished, she returned to herself almost instantly. She stood up and bowed to the judges.

Jiang Xingzhou gazed at her as though he was about to say something, but in the end, he merely said, "That's all."

Ning Xi responded with a slight nod and left the room, her eyes dark.

She had probably failed...

After the audition ended, Ning Xi was walking around aimlessly when a white car suddenly halted beside her.

"Xiao Xi!"

Ning Xi came back to her senses when she heard Song Lin's voice. "Senior Song!"

"Want to grab a drink?" Song Lin invited.

Ning Xi was not really in the mood, but since her goddess had invited her after all, she nodded.

Song Lin brought her to a members-only music bar. There were not a lot of people inside and soothing music was being played, adding to the really pleasant atmosphere.

"What do you want to drink?" Song Lin asked.

"I don't mind anything."

"Then, shall I order for you?"

"Mmm." Ning Xi nodded.

Song Lin smiled when she saw the girl's obedient air. "How's the audition today? Are you confident?"

Ning Xi looked a little awkward, but she still answered genuinely, "To be honest, I'm not really confident. There were a lot of strong competitors and my performance was, at best, average..."

Song Lin looked at her squarely in the eye. "Not at all. Your performance before was definitely above average, but..."

Song Lin made a pause, then she continued, "While it was good, the chances of getting this character at that level aren't very high."

Ning Xi looked like she expected that answer. She had not analyzed it properly when she first accepted the script. She only realized her fatal issue after she studied it back at home and had been trying to resolve the issue on her own, yet... during the audition, she had still failed...

"Actually, I've prepared myself for this. I'll try again next time!" Ning Xi smiled reassuringly.

The waiter sent the two cocktails Song Lin had ordered over.

Song Lin took a sip and looked at the girl. "Why?"

Ning Xi was confused when she heard Song Lin's question. "What?"

"Why did you hide your acting skills deliberately?" Song Lin asked.

Ning Xi was a little taken aback when she heard Song Lin's direct question and she felt a little helpless inside.

As expected of Senior Song. She could not hide from her after all.

"You're overestimating me, Sis Lin. I've already given it my all," Ning Xi replied.

Song Lin thought about it, then she spoke again as she rested her chin on her hand. "Let me rephrase myself. You're worried about something, so you didn't perform at your level best. I don't think that was your best..."

Ning Xi felt really troubled.

Actually, her performance today was pretty solid, from just the perspective of acting.

However, her fatal mistake was that she had not put any emotion in at all. There was no resonance and she had not really immersed herself into the scene.

A normal person might not be able to see through it, but people like Jiang Xingzhou and Song Lin were able to identify it at first glance, especially the latter. He was really particular about emotions in acting and must have been really unsatisfied with her acting.

"Is someone threatening you?" Song Lin asked.

Ning Xi shook her head. "No, it's my own problem."

### **Chapter 1605: Liking You More and More**

Ning Xi obviously did not want to say much. Plus, based on Song Lin's EQ, she naturally would not continue questioning her.

Only, she more or less felt that it was a pity.

She was very clear about the value of the film and the possibility of it catapulting Ning Xi to a higher level. If she missed out on this chance, waiting for the next film of such a quality would probably take quite a few years or more.

"Xiao Xi, do you have a boyfriend?"

Song Lin suddenly changed the topic, surprising Ning Xi so much that she choked on her drink. "Cough, cough, cough..."

"Are you okay?" Song Lin quickly patted her back.

"I'm okay, I'm okay..." Ning Xi's breath eased.

"Why? Is this question harder to answer than the previous one?" Song Lin laughed lightly.

Ning Xi quickly said, "No, no boyfriend!"

Sigh, even though her goddess was sitting opposite her, she really could not tell the truth to this question.

"Really?" Song Lin swirled the drink in her glass. "Well... What about a girlfriend?"

"Pfft—" Ning Xi choked again.

Song Lin was amused and she started laughing uncontrollably at the girl's innocent reaction. "Xiao Xi, you're so cute!"

Ning Xi looked miserable. She could not tell that the goddess still had this private side of her that liked to make jokes!

Song Lin seemed intoxicated. Her eyes sparkled as she looked at the girl in front of her. "I really... am liking you more and more!"

Ning Xi was humbled by this affection. "I really like you too, Sis Lin!"

Song Lin smiled and did not say anything.

This girl was definitely not innocent. Otherwise, she would have been gobbled up in this industry with nothing left. The remarkable thing was that in front of people she liked and admired, she still managed to retain her pure and honest side.

She liked everything that was real and honest.

It made her want to collect them for herself...

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After she bade Song Lin goodbye, Ning Xi immediately returned Ling Zhizhi's call.

However, before she left, Song Lin had told her not to give up so quickly and that there still might be hope. She was actually certain that based on Jiang Xingzhou's demanding nature, no matter what the reason was, her performance today would definitely have not passed his test.

"Sis Zhizhi, the audition ended... very miserably. I picked the one scene that I was the least confident with... I'm a little worried..."

When Ling Zhizhi heard this, she consoled her, "It's okay, as long as you did your best. Just wait for their crew to inform us first. If we didn't make it, then we'll just use that back up one. There aren't many scenes. If all goes well, then you'll finish shooting in a few days, so it's just nice for you to go shoot this one first. Because the other one is quite urgent this time, and it's a small role, there's no need to audition. You can just immediately join the team the day after tomorrow."

Even though Ling Zhizhi put it like that, anyone knew that even if it was just a few seconds of screentime, to be able to appear in a Hollywood blockbuster was every Chinese artiste's dream. Even those few seconds could be their first step to entering Hollywood.

Many of those who had long been famous and were A-listers did not even have any business with Hollywood. Although Ling Zhizhi made the role sound relaxed, she knew that clinching it was definitely not easy.

Ning Xi was a little shocked when she heard Ling Zhizhi. "A Hollywood blockbuster? Could it be... Thunderbolt Secret Service Squad? The one that Ning Xueluo had been previously signed on?"

"That's right. They were initially in talks with Ning Xueluo, but after Ning Xueluo quit the entertainment industry, this role has been vacant. Even though there was the impartial element of changing someone at the last minute, the vacant role still has quite strong competition. A huge reason why you've been chosen was that your role in 'The World' received a great response when it was aired in America. There were more fighting and Chinese martial arts scenes, which perks the interest of those foreigners. After the director saw the trailer, they were very pleased..."

#### **Chapter 1606: Brought Upon By Him**

So, that was the case...

Coincidentally, Ning Xueluo had quit the entertainment industry, and Ning Xi had won the Golden Film Awards. With her fitting image and popularity, the right timing, and favorable social conditions, she landed the role.

"Okay, Sis Zhizhi, got it! I'll be joining the crew the day after tomorrow, is that right?"

Previously, Ning Xi had understood the role. It was a mysterious Eastern woman with excellent martial arts skills who looked majorly cool. Such a role was not too difficult for someone like her who had a martial arts stuntwoman background.



Nowadays, the Chinese film market was expanding. Even Hollywood could not be indifferent to it. In order to pull this end of the ticket sales, many Hollywood blockbuster movies liked to use this method. They would get an adequately popular Chinese person to star in a supporting role, then when it was promoted in China, they would use this point to boost interest. However, in reality, when it aired in theatres, the Chinese artiste would only be featured in the story for only a few minutes, or even tens of seconds. Even their dialogues would also only be limited to one or two lines.

Previously, when she had done her internship in Hollywood, there was a vast difference between the treatment of Chinese people and white people.

Even though it was very cruel, one could not do anything about it. It was simply how the current situation was.

On the other end of the phone, Ling Zhizhi responded, "Yes, enter the set the day after tomorrow. Because the post-production of 'Nine Realms' is complete and it'll be entering promotional period soon, I need to get ready. I can't personally accompany you over. Later on, I'll get Xiao Tao to go to the set with you."

"Okay, no problem." After Ning Xi finished talking to Ling Zhizhi, she hung up.

Even though she was informed of such a surprisingly good news, today's defeat at the auditions still made Ning Xi feel somewhat regretful.

Late at night, at Peachwood.

At the door, the security system automatically recognized the face and fingerprint password of the person who had arrived with a beep.

Lu Tingxiao had just entered the living room when he saw that the lights in the living room were switched on. The girl wore pajamas and reclined on the sofa, sleeping soundly. Her hand grasped onto a script filled with annotations.

Lu Tingxiao frowned as he walked lightly over and slowly pulled the script out of her hands.

He was about to put the script on the table when he clearly saw the contents of the script and was astonished for a moment.

Scene 37: Loss Of A Son On A Rainy Night.

This chapter had clearly been read through many times. The sides of the script had even started to show rough edges and were dog-eared.

"Mmm... Lu Tingxiao...?"

"Hmm?"

"Why are you here so late?"

Lu Tingxiao did not answer. He bent down and picked the girl up from the sofa. He walked towards the bedroom. "Why don't you go sleep in your room?"

Obviously, it was because he was worried about her.

Lu Jingli had already told him about the situation at her audition that day. It did not seem to have gone too well.

"I accidentally fell asleep..." Ning Xi rubbed her eyes in a daze.

Lu Tingxiao put the girl onto the bed. The girl had very knowingly rolled over to sleep on the other side, leaving space on half of the bed.

Lu Tingxiao caressed the girl's hair and lay down beside her. "Today's audition didn't go too well?"

Ning Xi sighed, "Actually, it was okay. There were just too many great candidates... but it's okay. Before I went, I knew that the competition this time would definitely be tight. If I don't make it this time, I'll just work harder next time!"

The girl's tone sounded very relaxed as if she did not mind. Had she not held onto the script in her sleep and continued to read that scene after she came home, he might have really believed it...

Lu Tingxiao looked at the girl hesitatingly but he still said at last, "Mmm, next time, you'll still have opportunities."

Actually, right from the start when he knew that she had chosen this film, he was already worried. Now, it looked like his worries had come true.

The girl he loved the most... All of her pain... Had unexpectedly been brought upon by him...

#### **Chapter 1607: Unpredictable Outcome**

As she looked at Lu Tingxiao's expression, Ning Xi laughed softly. She could not help but reach out to touch his cheeks. "Hey, it's just a movie. You don't have to look like you're sadder than I am! It's really fine. I'm not that weak that I can't accept this little failure!"

As he studied the girl, who was obviously hiding her hurt and sadness, comfort him, Lu Tingxiao felt as if a knife was twisted in his heart. He squeezed the girl tightly in his arms, wanting to console her, yet he did not dare touch that past.

Ning Xi saw Lu Tingxiao's expression and knew that she could not hide it from him. She sighed, "Okay, I was actually... a little affected by what happened back then... After all, that child... had been in me for almost eight months..."

No matter what the final truth was, she had thought that the child was from her and her most loved person. From the start to the end, she had carried a deep longing and anticipation for the arrival of a new life. In the days when Su Yan had lost contact with her, only this child had accompanied her. She spoke, sang, and told stories to it, throwing in all of her beautiful emotions and a mother's love...

However, when she woke up from her sleep, everything had been turned upside down. That pulsing little life inside of her, who was tied to her by blood, had disappeared just like that...

When she was brought to the morgue and saw her little baby's purple and cold body...

That was an image that she never wanted to recall ever again in this lifetime.

While this film only had 37 scenes, if she completely immersed herself in the character, she could definitely use that scene from back then.

However, she did not dare to get too immersed in the story.

That was a reflexive function of self-protection, causing her to uncontrollably suppress her acting skills.

Lu Tingxiao kissed the girl's forehead. He stopped her from continuing, "If you don't like it, then don't act in that role. I'll keep an eye out for a better script for you."

Ning Xi, if I told you that the child didn't die... If I told you that the child's father was me... If I told you, that that person whom you hate to the bones was me... That person who is the source of all your pain was me...

As much as Lu Tingxiao could plan what to say, he was unable to predict what he would face when Ning Xi found out about all of this...

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At the Su residence.

The topic of the real and the fake heiress had not completely gone away. These days, Ning Xueluo had been staying at home to curry favor with Su Hongguang and Zheng Minjun.

"What did you say? That Hollywood role fell into Ning Xi's hands?" Ning Xueluo answered a call at the balcony, her face instantly filled with malevolence.

"Yes, I heard the contract has been signed and that she'll be joining the crew tomorrow." From the other end of the phone came Chang Li's voice.

"That slut..." When Ning Xueluo thought about how much energy she had spent on getting the role, yet it had been easily snatched away by Ning Xi, her heart was filled with resentment.

If it were not for that slut, the Golden Film Awards movie queen, and Hollywood blockbuster contract... All of these halos should have been hers!

"What about that? It's just some cameos that I left and didn't want! It's only a three-minute scene in the entire thing with two lines of dialogue! What's she got to be happy about?!" Ning Xueluo said in disdain. Now, she would not mention how when she had first gotten the role, she had gone around bragging to everyone about how she was going to make her way into Hollywood.

"She can only play with what you left behind. I heard that recently she went to audition for Director Jiang's new movie. Her performance was a mess, so she's definitely eliminated! Later on, I'll get someone to create talk about it. It's guaranteed to humiliate her big time!" Chang Li went to a great extent to say things that made Ning Xueluo thrilled.

### **Chapter 1608: Feels Like Honeymoon**

Indeed, Ning Xueluo's mood was much better when she heard this. "Pay close attention to the audition results."

"Don't worry about that. I definitely will!" Chang Li guaranteed, then she took the advantage to ask, "Right, Xueluo... About what I said the last time... What about it? When can I leave Starlight?"

Now, her status in Starlight had taken a nosedive. Still, being in the entertainment industry meant that she met Ning Xi and Ling Zhizhi frequently. She was really too embarrassed to continue staying there, so she hoped that Ning Xueluo could let her enter Ning International's public relations department.

"We'll talk again. I've been staying at home myself, so how could I help you settle it?" Ning Xueluo's tone was annoyed. "You help me watch Ning Xi closely first. Otherwise, everything else is off the table!"

Chang Li knew that Ning Xueluo had thoughts of using her and squeezing every last piece of value out of her, yet she had no other choice. She could only respond lowly, "Got it..."

After she finished her call with Chang Li, Ning Xueluo opened a pregnancy test kit and walked into the bathroom.

Moments later, she walked out with a glum expression.

Damn it! I'm not pregnant...

She was not pregnant again!

Recently, Su Yan's days at home were getting lesser and lesser. She could even feel that he was intentionally evading her. Zheng Minjun was only becoming increasingly cold to her. What made her even more fearful was Ning Yaohua. The last time, he had actually vaguely investigated her to say something about how great it was if she had a younger brother. That way, he could have helped her and support her...

What a joke! Support?

If she really had a brother, if Ning Yaohua really had a son, where would she stand in the Ning family? She was afraid that she would not even be able to keep her shares!

Ning Yaohua was most afraid of Zhuang Lingyu. He definitely would not dare to mess around outside, so why would he suddenly have such thoughts?

Or maybe she was overthinking it...?

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In a blink of an eye, it was the day to meet the crew.

The scene in "Thunderbolt Secret Service Squad" in China was to be shot at Province S in Sichuan City. The landscape in Sichuan City bore the most distinguishing features of China akin to a landscape ink painting.

Because the movie shoot this time had a huge promotional effect, Sichuan City had sealed off their scenic area especially for the crew to shoot. The hotels that the artistes stayed in were complimentary as well.

"Wow, the view is amazing! If it were the holiday peak season, the hotel rooms here would need to be booked three months in advance!"

Xiao Tao excitedly pushed open the hotel windows. The vast emerald green bamboo forest came into sight with the sound of a river flowing. Not too far away were dark mountains and the sounds of birds chirping...

"Oh, Bro Xi, I wish that you wouldn't always just pass in one shot. That way, we could stay here for a few more days!"

Ning Xi was stretching her legs on top of the railings when she heard Xiao Tao. She turned her head and laughed as she looked at Xiao Tao. "I'm sorry, my dear. I'm afraid I'll have to disappoint you!"

With that single endearment and that confident and dazzling expression, Xiao Tao indicated that she had been attacked by a knowing look, then she quickly snapped a picture of the breathtaking scenery.

"Bro Xi, can I post a Weibo?" Xiao Tao animatedly showed the picture she had just taken to Ning Xi.

Ning Xi did not look closely at it. "Sure, go ahead."

Ning Xi signing on to this film had already officially been announced, so she could already reveal her journey to the fans.

Xiao Tao swiftly and happily posted a Weibo status.

[ (shy) hazukashi ~ kind feels like I'm on a honeymoon with Bro Xi! ]

The background of the picture was the elegant scenery outside the window. Under the glow of the setting sun, Ning Xi was stretching her legs. The high difficulty and extremely precise movements complemented the girl's figure incredibly well, especially that confident yet doting smile that faced the camera, which really sent one's emotions all over the place, wiping out men and women alike...

### **Chapter 1609: Bro Xi Is Amazing**

Once Xiao Tao's Weibo status was posted, it instantly garnered numerous likes, comments, and shares. Very soon, it had been pushed to the hot topics. Ning Xi's fans were so jealous that they almost wanted to beat Xiao Tao up.

Apart from all of sorts of screen-licking, many fans could recognize that Ning Xi was at the shooting venue of "Thunderbolt Secret Service Squad" and they were instantly even more excited.

[I've started to be a fan of Bro Xi since "The World". My Bro Xi has become more and more popular, and now she's even filming with the god Colin. This is way too exciting!]

[And my elf Orlando, Benny, and my goddess, Jennifer! All of them are super international big shots! My Bro Xi is amazing!]

Amidst the excitement, there were inevitably some incompatible comments...

[I'm really speechless. Isn't she just going to be a cameo? Do all you retarded fans have to be so excited? You make it seem like she has some really important role. Later on, when the movie is shown in theatres, you'll be dumbfounded. She's just a cameo, so she'll probably just be cut to a few seconds' feature of her face!]

[Tsk, she came from being an unknown cameo, and until today, she's still just a cameo!]

[Wasn't this role left behind after Ning Xueluo quit the industry? What heiress? She actually picked up something that someone else didn't want!]

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[A certain someone's astroturfers should keep their mouths clean. Something so shameless was done, yet they dare to hoot here. What do you mean 'didn't want'? Ning Xueluo was clearly chased out of the industry like a stray dog! Everyone knows that she spent tens of millions and even lost money by reducing her value to be paid nothing just for this cameo. Now you're speaking in a disdainful tone! Where's your face?]

[Instead, it's a certain shameless person, who had racked their brains to fight for everything. Until now, she's still brazenly hogging the title of an heiress. It's our Bro Xi that doesn't want it and doesn't care about either!]

It was a good thing that Ning Xi's fans had strong debating skills. Very soon, they had scolded the other party until they had nothing to say.

If one asked whose fans were the strongest in the current entertainment industry, apart from Jiang Muye, it would be Ning Xi's!

There were even many people who privately thinking that if one day, Jiang Muye's fans and Ning Xi's fans started a fight, who would win?

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After they rested and got reorganized in the hotel the entire night, the next morning, Ning Xi punctually made her way to the crew and the shooting venue.

There were about 50-odd people at the scene. Everyone clearly had tasks delegated to them. The atmosphere was tense as they were shooting a gun battle scene.

This scene focused very much on the gun battle, but Ning Xi had no part there. Her character had a few scenes, only two, and they were classic Chinese martial arts scenes.

This movie had four main characters: three men and one woman. Colin, Orlando, Benny, and Jennifer were well-known Hollywood big shots in China.

Ning Xi played a subordinate working under the villainous boss.

As for the entire movie's plotline, it was about a few heroes coming together to save the world. The main highlight of Hollywood blockbusters was still the special effects and sets.

The scene of the high-strung shoot ended very soon. After the director yelled "cut", a Chinese girl not too far away caught the attention of his eye. His eyes instantly shone and he enthusiastically greeted her, "Hey, Ning Xi?"

"Director Martin!" Ning Xi held out her hand to greet the director.

"Oh, baby, you're even prettier than I imagined! You're practically an Eastern ceramic doll!" The director exaggeratedly complimented her, then he enthusiastically hugged Ning Xi.

Ning Xi humbly had a small chat with the director. She would not take the director's words to heart. After all, one knew after interacting enough with the foreigners that they were habitually enthusiastic and did not necessarily find one amazing.

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Not long after that, the other lead actors walked over too, greeting Ning Xi in order.

Colin was America's earliest generation of pretty boys, equivalent to the teenage male idols that were becoming popular in China now. However, Colin was already over 40 years old. He had hustled in the industry for many years and his entire body was filled with a mature man's charm. He was true to his name, a Prince Charming to all his fans around the world.

Benny was a hunk. He held Hollywood's classic bald man of steel image whilst Jennifer was a knockout beauty with a hot body and a head of wavy blonde hair. She was the entire movie's only female lead.

"Orlando. Very happy to meet you, my little belle!" The one who spoke was Orlando, who was nicknamed as "The Elf" by Chinese fans. He had blonde hair and blue eyes. With just one look, you would know he was a handsome man of many romantic endeavors. No matter if it was a matter of truth or if he was just in character, the gaze he used to size Ning Xi up was one of interest, but he did not make it too explicit.

Fans who were familiar with Orlando would know that he especially liked Eastern woman. Quite a few of his ex-girlfriends had been Chinese.

"Me too. You're very popular among the girls in China!"

"Huh, really?"

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Because Ning Xi had previously studied abroad in Los Angeles, her English was pretty fluent and she did not have any problems interacting with everyone. After a short small conversation, Ning Xi left to put on makeup and change into her outfit.

For convenience, Ning Xi had gone over in a simple white t-shirt and jeans.

She only had one outfit in the movie. It was a qipao that could best reflect the Chinese culture.

Ning Xi changed inside the dressing room, while the flurry outside was going in full swing, preparing for the next scene's setting.

Because the director was busy going through lines with the few leads, he had casually told a crew member to get Ning Xi to prepare herself first after she was done with the makeup.

After Ning Xi finished changing, she walked straight into the hut where they would be shooting later on.

Later on, the few leads would be acting to visit her master and she was responsible for receiving them.

Ning Xi waited in boredom in the hut for a while before someone finally shouted that they were ready to begin from the outside.

"Action!"

Outside an old hut with an interesting aura to it, Colin, Orlando, Benny, and Jennifer exchanged a look, then they were on high alert as they moved closer to the hut.

Creak...

With the raspy sound of the hut door being pushed open by fair and slim fingers, a Chinese woman who wore a dark-colored cloud print qipao had appeared before the audience's sight.

The woman was like an entirely different person than the one who had worn the t-shirt and jeans earlier. Her glamorous qipao outlined her perfect physique. The classic makeup was done just right and it complemented her entire person like she was a classic beauty who had walked out of an art scroll. Her fine black hair was casually held together with a wooden hairpin on her crown and her features were far from dull. Her lips were delicate. With this ink painting-like scenery, it composed a dreamy scroll of art...

As the wind from the mountains brushed the girl's hair by her temples, it was as if Ning Xi's features were covered in frost. Her eyes were cold as she skimmed the uninvited guests at the door. "Who hath cometh?"

As he looked at this girl full of Eastern charm before him, Orlando's expression was blank. His face had changed from the indifference of earlier's small talk to a warm one. The other three lead actors' eyes had also had amazement flashing in them.

The director did not seem to expect Ning Xi to achieve such a huge effect upon changing into her outfit, so he forgave his leads for their collective bad take.

The shoot began once again. Ning Xi opened the door to receive the four people, then she served them tea and invited them to wait for her master's return.