

Hidden 1631

Chapter 1631: Don't Torment Us Anymore

Many excellent actors had gone through this in the past. Because they were too immersed into the act, they could not snap out of it for a long time even after the filming was done, and had even suffered from depression.

"Ning Xi, don't be stunned anymore. Congratulations! Welcome to the team!" Song Lin spoke with a brisk tone as she tried to help Ning Xi snap out of it.

Ning Xi's gaze finally had some focus. What did this mean?

Jiang Xingzhou's usually grave and detached face now had some admiration written across it. The way he spoke had also softened quite a fair amount. "Ning Xi, you've performed very well. You've succeeded this audition. Is your manager here? If possible, we can sign the contract today."

"She's here, right outside..." Ning Xi said reflexively. She finally regained consciousness.

She had succeeded?

She got the part?

"Thank you, Director! Thank you, Sis Lin! Thank you, judges!" Ning Xi gratefully expressed, then she walked out to report the good news to Ling Zhizhi.

In the audition room.

The problem that had been so perplexing was finally solved. Jiang Xingzhou let out a long sigh of relief, his gaze skimming the people beside him. "Do you now see what I mean by 'not bad'?"

The other judges all nodded. They had no differing opinions and all of them started to lament.

"Director Jiang, you're ever the professional! I'm convinced!"

"Speaking of which, this girl is quite young, yet she's really remarkable! Even Jiang Xinyi can't achieve that extent! She probably could not perform well at the last minute the last round. Thankfully, there was another audition!"

"The younger generation will surpass us in time!"

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"Sis Zhizhi! I got through!" Once Ning Xi walked out, she rushed up to Ling Zhizhi.

Ning Xi had gone in for ten minutes. Although it was not considered very long as compared to Jiang Xinyi, it was enough to make Ling Zhizhi nervous. Now that she saw Ning Xi walk out, despite her usual calm and collected demeanor, there was a hint of pleasant surprise across her face. "Really? What did the director say?"

"Director said that we can sign the contract today, and asked you to go over!" Ning Xi said as she suddenly remembered something. She quickly looked at the time on her watch and said, "Sis Zhizhi, I have to trouble you for the contract. I still have an emergency and I have to leave first!"

Now, it was already 8.40 a.m. There was only 20 minutes left to the appointed time.

"No worries, go. Leave this to me!"

"Okay, well, Sis Zhizhi I'll make a move first. Call me if there's anything!"

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After she exited the audition building, Ning Xi got into the car and rushed towards the police station.

At the entrance of the police station, Tang Ye, Feng Xiaoxiao, Annie, and another person who seemed like a lawyer were all waiting.

"Bro Xi! You're finally here!" When she saw Ning Xi rush from afar, Annie excitedly went up to greet her, "I thought that you wouldn't make it! I want to call you, but I was afraid that I'd disturb your audition!"

"I'm sorry. The audition just ended!"

"What're the results? Did it go well?" Annie asked with concern.

Ning Xi revealed a broad smile. "Mmm, it went well!"

"Great! Congratulations, Bro Xi!" Annie was thrilled for her too.

At that moment, Tang Ye cleared his throat to disrupt the two of them. "It's almost time."

Ning Xi turned to Tang Ye, seeming a little helpless. "So, First Senior Brother, may I ask you what should I say when I go in? Do I just see how he's doing?"

Just then, Feng Xiaoxiao went over and hugged Ning Xi to interject, "Little Junior Sister, please advise him to be kind and not torment us anymore. Tell him to come out quickly please. It's already chaotic outside. Is it that comfortable in there? Has he been indulging in pleasure and forgotten his home and duties?"

"Uhh..." Ning Xi broke out in a sweat. So, the dude himself did not want to come out?

She should have guessed it...

"Okay... I'll try my best..."

Chapter 1632: I'm Worried About You

After that, Ning Xi was brought into the visiting room.

The person sat down right across a piece of glass that separated the prisoners from their visitors. He rested his head on his palm lazily, looking like he was annoyed by this visit. Not only did he not look anything like a prisoner, he looked even more arrogant than ever as if he was not in prison, but his turf instead...

"What's the matter?"

He made it sound like this was his house.

This was her first time meeting him after knowing about his relationship with Lu Tingxiao. Ning Xi was not sure how to face him.

Ning Xi stared at him and was mumbling to herself silently, "Is this guy really Lu Tingxiao's brother from another mother? No matter their appearance and aura, there was nothing alike at all... How mysterious! Gene mutation?"

"Are you done gawking?" The man narrowed his eyes when he noticed Ning Xi staring at him.

Ning Xi then came back to her senses. "Um, nothing much. I'm just here to be the messenger. Are you done staying here? When are you leaving?"

Yun Shen looked aloof when he heard Ning Xi's reply. "Wrong answer."

He then was about to turn around and leave.

Ning Xi was shocked.

Was he about to just leave because he did not like what she said?

She even had to rush there...

"Wait! Hey, wait!" Ning Xi stuck her face onto the glass in desperation. "What's with the wrong answer? Fine, even if it was a wrong answer, you can at least give me a hint!"

The man turned around and looked at her. He acted generously and sat back down before saying with a lazy tone, "I'll give you another chance. What are you here for?"

Oh no...

Ning Xi's mouth twitched and she had her hands to her forehead. What else could she be here for? She was just here to be a messenger! What else could it be?

That was the wrong answer, so what was the right one? What did he mean?

Ning Xi almost went crazy trying to figure out his logic...

After some time, Ning Xi blurted out, "Can I ask for help?"

The man raised his eyebrows a little.

Ning Xi assumed his silence to be a form of agreement, so she called Tang Ye.

"Hello? What's going on?"

Ning Xi started complaining subtly, "Don't worry. He looks perfectly fine. He can probably torture every one of us and still be fine! As for persuading him to come out... He's mad! I can't communicate with him at all! He asked me what am I here for. I told him I'm here to be the messenger and to ask him when he was leaving, then he told me that's the wrong answer. He wanted to leave after that. Now, it's my second chance to answer..."

Tang Ye remained silent. He was probably speechless by the situation as well.

Then, the phone seemed to have been snatched by Feng Xiaoxiao as her voice came through, "Idiot! Why are you here!? 'Because I'm worried about you!' Standard answer! Got it?"

Ning Xi was inarticulate.

Feng Xiaoxiao ranted to her, "Listen to me, Little Junior Sister. He's a person like that, and super childish at that. He just wants your attention!"

"It wouldn't be right?"

"Give it a try!"

"Whatever! I'll try to talk to him again. If it doesn't work, then I have no more ideas..."

She could never say that to him!

Even though she had actually been a little worried about him before...

Chapter 1633: Get Me Out Of Here Right Now

"Don't hang up the phone then. I'll remind you when the time comes!" Although Feng Xiaoxiao said that, she just wanted to hide the fact that she wanted to eavesdrop on some juicy stuff.

Ning Xi did not overthink. She also wanted to let them know how troublesome this guy was and that she had tried her best.

Ning Xi went back to the seat without hanging up the call.

"Before I answer you, can you answer something first? Why're you staying inside?" Ning Xi asked.

The man put on a sarcastic smile. "To let you see how your white knight is really like when he carries out his duties."

Ning Xi frowned.

So, did he mean that this was Lu Tingxiao's doing?

"Before we decide on who did this, even if someone from Lu Tingxiao's side is involved, you guys are against each other now, and you've been causing a lot of problems for the Lu Corporation, haven't you?" Ning Xi interrogated.

The man's expression did not change at all. He conversed self-righteously, "So what? I'm not a good person, but I've never hidden that from you before."

Ning Xi was shocked.

What was with this nonsense?

She still could not communicate with him after all...

Suddenly, Ning Xi thought of Annie's worrying face, and she forced herself to continue, "All of us are worried about you. If it's about this, there's no need to. Fine, I get it now, I know what he's doing. Is that what you want?"

Feng Xiaoxiao was really anxious on the line. "Little Junior Sister, you can't say that! He's just making excuses up now. Follow the answer I told you just now. Nothing else will work..."

Ning Xi hesitated again. How could she really say that?

"You've used up all your chances." The man then turned around and left.

"Hey... You..." In her attempt to stop him, she probably got up too quickly and blacked out for a few seconds. She felt dizzy as she tried to stabilize her body, but soon she lost consciousness...

Thud—

There was an odd sound.

The man stopped and turned around to see the girl fell on the ground unexpectedly.

"Ning Xi!" The man rushed towards her, his lazy tone suddenly turning fearful. "Damn it! Don't try anything funny!"

The girl lay on the floor and did not move, her face oddly pale. She was frowning and her breathing was pretty quick and shallow.

"What happened?" Tang Ye asked.

At that moment, the man's expression looked terrible. He roared at the small window connecting through the glass.

"Tang Ye! Get me out of here right now!"

Tang Ye and Feng Xiaoxiao were dumbstruck.

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Tang Ye went in with a lawyer.

In just five minutes, they got him out and he was politely invited to leave.

"Where's she?" The man demanded coldly.

Ning Xi had been moved outside by the police staff after she passed out.

"In the car," Tang Ye replied.

"She's in the car already. Don't worry, Annie's here!" Feng Xiaoxiao told him.

The man, who seemed like he was about to stay in the police station forever, was now walking swiftly outside...

Chapter 1634: How Cruel!

In the backseat of the wide SUV.

Suddenly, the door was opened from the outside and the man got into the car with a terrible expression. He frowned and looked at the girl who was lying down. "What's wrong?"

Annie carefully studied the man before she carefully phrased her words, "I assessed Bro Xi's pulse just now... Bro Xi passed out because she was exhausted and emotionally unstable..."

Tang Ye and Feng Xiaoxiao caught up with them. Feng Xiaoxiao turned her head from the front seat in shock. "What the heck!? Emotionally unstable... Exhausted... Boss, what did you do to Little Junior Sister just now?"

It had just been a few minutes, and he had made her tough Little Junior Sister like this. How cruel!

The man stared at the girl's pallid face as he tried to remember what had happened at the police station. He pursed his lips and glared at Feng Xiaoxiao coldly. "Shut up! Do you think she's that weak?"

"Uhh..." Feng Xiaoxiao thought about it, then she nodded and mumbled, "You're right... If she's this weak, she would probably have died about a hundred times after arguing with you... Then, what happened? Just what could have caused such an emotional wreckage within her?"

There was a silence in the car for a while, then Tang Ye spoke up, "It might be because of her audition in the morning."

Annie added, "Bro Xi told me that she was going to an audition this morning. Aside from that, she didn't really tell me about anything else. Bro Xi also rushed over right after her audition ended..."

So, that was the only possibility.

"Get me her audition video!" Yun Shen said.

Feng Xiaoxiao put on a sly smile. "Boss, that's not very appropriate, is it?"

Yun Shen gave her a cold stare. "Are you very free now? Are you done with your S-rank mission?"

Feng Xiaoxiao's expression looked like she had just eaten poop. "Hmph, I'll go now! I'll go now..."

Master had assigned her an S-rank mission three years ago, which was to assassinate an important figure, but that person was too troublesome to deal with, so she could not find an opening to do so for the past three years. Three years! It was such a big humiliation to her!

Damn it! When he fell into her hands, she would make him suffer before killing him!

After Feng Xiaoxiao left out of mortification, the ever-obedient Tang Ye got Yun Shen the video of Ning Xi's audition.

"I've already sent it to your phone."

Yun Shen put on his earphones and played the video.

His expression turned worse and worse as he watched the video. He threw his phone away halfway through the video, then he looked at the girl beside him. He grasped the girl's jaw with his long fingers. "Idiot..."

Annie noticed that the man was increasing his grip strength until Ning Xi's chin was turning red, making her feel anxious. "B-Bro Shen, let me send Ning Xi back to rest!"

The man looked at her sternly. "Go to my place."

Annie spoke in fear, "But... Bro Shen... Your place is too scary... Bro Xi will be afraid... She probably can't take it... She needs to rest well..."

Annie's voice was getting tinier and tinier as the man's expression became too scary for her.

In the end, a certain someone, who always acted as he wished, never listened to anyone's advice. They brought Ning Xi back to the "haunted house".

Chapter 1635: You'll Be Mine From Now On

"In two hours, redecorate this damned place entirely," the man instructed, then with a "bam", he shut the door of the master bedroom.

Annie looked at the door, her expression one of worry and self-blame. "Bro Xi will be fine, won't she?"

After all, it was her who had asked for Bro Xi's help. If something happened to Bro Xi...

Tang Ye replied, "It'll be fine. I'll keep watch."

When she heard Tang Ye say that, Annie felt slightly more assured. "Then, I'll go get busy first. Make sure to tell me if anything happens!"

Bro Shen should still care a lot about Bro Xi. He was clearly so worried when he saw that Bro Xi had fainted. Even though he did not care that Bro Xi would be scared and had insisted on bringing her there, he had still particularly ordered her to redecorate the "haunted mansion".

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In the master bedroom, on the wide, soft bed, the girl was sleeping soundly.

The man stood by the bed as he watched her sleep quietly. His expression was fleeting as if he had fallen into some far away memory...

Back then, when he had first met her, she had been bullied by a group of scum.

Those people were local notorious rogues. They loved to play with Chinese girls who had no background and no troubles. Almost all of them had blood on their hands and they acted recklessly with the support of a gang behind them. Once you were marked by those people, even if you did not die, you would be destroyed.

When he had a clearer look at the girl's face, he instantly understood why she had been caught.

Even though the girl looked like she was in dire straits, she had a beautiful face. Especially with that weak and easily bullied appearance, she further excited the group's sadism.

He would not be so bored as to care about this kind of thing, so he had continued to stay on the balcony as he watched this one-sided kill indifferently like he was overlooking tiny individuals with no power.

Yet, he did not expect that the following plot would surprisingly exceed his expectations.

The instance those people had closed in, the girl whipped out a gun from behind her.

It was legal to carry guns in America, so it was not odd for her to have one.

Tsk, clearly she was a rookie and was holding a gun for the first time. Her hand was shaking and her eyes were terrified. It was just a meaningless and ludicrous struggle.

He understood this kind of people too well. Weak and insignificant, even if they had a butcher's knife in their hands, it would be useless.

She did not dare to open fire.

Finally, just as he had expected, it had become a one-sided kill.

However, it was the girl killing those scums.

Bam! The bullet had hit the bully who was laughing most furiously and most unbridled right in the middle of the head. It had accurately hit his fatal point, killing him in one shot.

Bam! There came another fire. Another bully had fallen and the bullet had found the same target.

The person he had judged to be someone who definitely would not dare to open fire had unexpectedly opened fire twice in a row.

The girl's body was shaking all over. Her entire body was wet with sweat as if she had been pulled out of water. Her wide eyes were filled with alarm, but the instant she had opened fire, she was terrifyingly calm. Clearly, it was her first time shooting, yet every shot of hers had been fatal...

If it were just a normal person, even faced with an animal, one might not necessarily dare to open fire, what more a living person?

She was really such an interesting child...

Unfortunately, the gunshots had provoked the gang's accomplices, so she would still die tonight.

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In her sleep, Ning Xi had a very, very long dream. She dreamt of all sorts of things upon returning to the Ning family. She dreamt about that accident, dreamt about the child's purple body. She even dreamt about that one time she had almost lost her life in Los Angeles...

She dreamt about her killing people, dreamt that she had been surrounded by a group of vicious people, a white-haired man appearing out the blue and standing right before her. He said to her, "I saved you. You'll be mine from now on..."

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Chapter 1636: Most Easily Hooked Up With

She was clearly such a small and weak person...

However, the moment she started to open fire until the years that he had brought her back to the organization, she had unexpectedly surprised him over and over again.

It was as if she was a weed at the lowest level, yet she had the toughest will to live, drawing from everything around and growing like mad.

Maybe it was because he had been living a dull life that many years after that, she had unknowingly become his only joy, the only uncertain element apart from his fate...

He was not sure when but whenever he saw the girl smile at him tenderly and act like a spoiled child, there would be vicious tendencies in his heart. When he found out that the girl had thoughts of returning to China, it was even harder to suppress these vicious tendencies. He did not hesitate to go back on his agreement with her then and there, rejecting her request to leave, and he had even made such a request even if he knew that he could not make her stay...

He should have gotten used to it by now. All that he cared about, he would not be able to keep in the end...

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"Bro Ye, I've already had people organize everything and it's about done. Bro Shen... Is he not out yet?" Annie stood at the door worriedly.

The two of them had already been inside for close to two hours.

It was very quiet inside.

It seemed to be too quiet that it felt strange.

Tang Ye frowned, then he turned around and knocked lightly on the room door.

There was no response from the inside.

He knocked again, but there was still no response.

Tang Ye's expression changed. He decided to push open the bedroom door while Annie nervously followed after him.

The two of them solemnly pushed the door to enter, yet in the next second, they were both stunned.

Ning Xi was breathing steadily as she slept soundly on the bed, while Yun Shen... had actually laid by the bedside with his eyes shut. From the looks of it, he seemed to have fallen asleep...

In his sleep, the man's fingers seemed to have unconsciously held on to the hem of Ning Xi's clothes.

"Bro Shen..." Annie muttered in shock.

Tang Ye watched the man sleep soundly, then indistinctly he sighed softly, "Let him sleep a while."

Annie kept quiet and nodded. "Ever since... Ever since the last time he returned from the Lu family meeting, Bro Shen has barely been sleeping..."

"Motherf- my eyes! I can't believe I'm actually seeing this. This scene is quite heartwarming and beautiful..." It was not sure when Feng Xiaoxiao had returned, but she leaned her head on Annie's shoulder after she looked in and saw this scene. She looked like she had just seen a ghost.

"Shh, don't wake them up..."

They shut the door and left.

Feng Xiaoxiao stood at the door, still looking horrified. "I thought that this dude was going mad again after bringing Little Junior Sister home... He might as well have gone mad... This is too frightening!"

"Bro Shen isn't that scary!" Annie muttered.

Feng Xiaoxiao shot Annie a look from the side and pouted. "If this dude weren't wrong in the head, I'm afraid he would have long gotten Little Junior Sister! Four whole years. How many chances!? And it was even such a dreamy storyline of the hero saving the beauty! How old was Little Junior Sister then? It was when she could be most easily hooked up with! Such a good hand of cards, yet he had played it like that. Even I'm amazed! Great now... It's too late to regret anything..."

Feng Xiaoxiao kept on ridiculing, but beside her, Tang Ye did not say anything throughout.

He and that person had technically grown up together. That person... just did not know how to express his feelings at all. More so, he did not know how he should be treating someone well...

Or maybe, his subconscious was rejecting him from investing too much energy into someone, so he had never revealed his true self to anyone...

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Probably because she had depleted much of energy emotionally, Ning Xi had fallen into a very deep sleep.

When she woke up, between her daze, her eyes suddenly met an asleep face. She was instantly frightened fully awake.

As she was subconsciously pulling back, she noticed that her clothes hem was firmly grasped in his hand...

Chapter 1637: Personally Carried You Onto The Bed

As Ning Xi subconsciously looked at the way her clothes hem was being clutched by the man, she had a stupefied expression on her face.

In his slumber, the man's usual arrogant and lazy facade had faded away. His face looked like there was a hint of childishness. She could not be sure what he was dreaming of, but his brows were furrowed and he seemed like he was experiencing some horrible pain. His knuckles started to blanch as he held on too tightly to her hem.

He looked terrible. Could he have fallen ill?

Ning Xi observed the thin layer of perspiration on his forehead and reflexively reached out to touch him. At last, her hand was caught off-guard and held tightly by the man as if he was a drowning person holding on tight to the last piece of driftwood...

Ning Xi frowned slightly. Just when she wanted to pull back, she heard the man mutter in a daze, "Mother..."

Ning Xi was stunned.

Mother?

Did she hear him wrongly?

"Mother..." Yun Shen muttered softly again. This time, it was quick and clearly filled with alarm. There was no mistake about it since his voice was very clear.

He was really calling out for his mother.

Ning Xi immediately fell into deep thought. What could Yun Shen possibly be dreaming of?

Why did he react so painfully when he was dreaming about his mother?

The man was still immersed in his nightmare, his expression turning more and more pained. Even his body had started to jerk slightly, so Ning Xi reached out to shake him. "Hey... Wake up... Yun Shen... Yun Shen!"

Swoosh! The man suddenly opened his eyes.

In the next second, Ning Xi's throat was gripped in one hand and she instantly turned silent.

Yun Shen's gaze in this instance was extremely terrifying. It was cold and sinister. Just that line of sight was enough to suffocate anyone.

One second, two seconds passed...

When he finally had a clearer look at who it was, the strength of his grip choking her finally vanished, but he still looked very dreadful. "Who allowed you to be here?"

When Ning Xi saw that he was still reeling from the nightmare, she wanted to console him, but when she heard him call out for his mother, she felt destitute. "How would I know? I remember that I fainted when I was at the police station, didn't I? Was it not you who brought me over?"

"Stop flattering yourself!" The man denied without hesitation.

Ning Xi scratched her head. Could it have been someone else? Then, who had brought her over here?

It could not have been Feng Jin just like the same as last time, could it?

It was impossible. First Senior Brother and Third Senior Sister were there too...

Ning Xi did not delve into it further. She mumbled, "You had a nightmare earlier. I was simply being kind and woke you up, but you almost strangled me to death..."

"What did you see?" The man stared at her with a gaze that seemed as if he was looking at a peeping tom.

Ning Xi was astounded by that stare of his. "What else could I have seen? What's so fun about watching you have a nightmare? It just sounded like I heard you calling for your mother..."

The man's expression was turning increasingly cold. In his eyes bubbled a rage of humiliation from having his privacy invaded. "Get out!"

"I want to as well, but you have to first let go of my shirt!"

Yun Shen's expression stiffened. Then, he let go of the shirt in his hand. His expression was one of disdain as if she had forced her shirt into his hand.

Ning Xi muttered apprehensively as she left.

At the door, Tang Ye, Feng Xiaoxiao, and Annie were all there. When they saw Ning Xi walk out, all of them immediately walked up to her.

"Bro Xi! You're awake!"

"Little Junior Sister, are you okay? That guy didn't do anything to you, did he?"

Ning Xi shook her head. "No."

Feng Xiaoxiao's expression darkened when she heard that. There was a sigh about the predicted outcome as well as a resentment towards the guy for failing to meet their expectations and an impatience to see some kind of progress.

"Right, how did I end up here? And... and I was even lying on that guy's bed!" Ning Xi exclaimed in puzzlement.

Feng Xiaoxiao blurted out an answer, "That guy insisted on bringing you back, and even personally carried you onto the bed!"

Ning Xi was dumbfounded.

Chapter 1638: You'd Be Single Forever

"That guy insisted on bringing you back and even personally carried you onto the bed!" Feng Xiaoxiao sold him out without hesitating.

Ning Xi was dumbfounded.

Was that guy suffering from schizophrenia?

His lying and acting were way out of the world.

"Damn! Just now he chased me out and even asked me why I was here!" Ning Xi complained.

Feng Xiaoxiao could not say anything.

Boss, you'll be single for your entire life if you keep this up!

"Anyway, you only went for an audition this morning. How did you pass out? Annie said you're emotionally unstable and too exhausted! Even an action scene wouldn't take you that much effort, would it?" Feng Xiaoxiao asked.

Ning Xi coughed lightly, "It happens sometimes when I'm too invested in my role. The main reason is probably cause I'm too tired recently..."

Feng Xiaoxiao did not doubt her. "Boss insisted on seeing your audition video..."

Ning Xi's heart sank. "What did he say?"

Feng Xiaoxiao shrugged. "I'm not sure. I told him that it wasn't a nice thing to do, then he chased me out of the car!"

Ning Xi glanced at Annie with a questioning look.

Annie seemed a little troubled, but she could not ignore Ning Xi's question, so she said awkwardly, "Nothing much... He just said a single word..."

"What is it?"

"I-idiot..."

Ning Xi did not say anything.

Suddenly, Feng Xiaoxiao's phone rang.

A certain someone was calling.

"You send her back." It was the man's cold voice.

Feng Xiaoxiao's eyes lit up. Finally, he was up to something. Just as she wanted to play Cupid and tell her Little Junior Sister that he could be pretty normal at times, a harsh and bone-chilling voice came through the phone, "If you say anything to her, I'll break your leg!"

Feng Xiaoxiao was speechless.

She gave up on curing her own boss...

In the end, Feng Xiaoxiao did not say anything. "Little Junior Sister, your car is still at the police station. I'll send you back!"

Ning Xi nodded and did not reject her offer. She could not have flagged a taxi in a deserted area like this.

Ning Xi had just woken up and was still half conscious, but when she walked down the stairs with Feng Xiaoxiao, she was shocked to see the decoration in the place...

"W-what the heck!? Am I dreaming? Did I go to the wrong place?"

The creepy haunted house had been totally refurbished. The scary oil paintings on the wall had been swapped to colorful modern art pieces. The dark wooden furniture swapped for lighter ones as well, and freshly cut flowers were on the table. The ghost-like white curtains had been replaced by dreamy pink lace curtains...

Had the haunted house transformed into a princess's castle?!

"Just what happened? Why did his taste change so much?"

Feng Xiaoxiao was really annoyed when she saw her Little Junior Sister's ignorant expression, but she could not tell her "It was all for you".

Upstairs, by the window of the master room, the man lit up a cigarette as he looked at the girl leaving. The video of her audition was playing in a loop in his mind.

Idiot, hopefully, you won't regret after you find out the truth...

Chapter 1639: I Never Doubted That

Ning Xi received a call from Ling Zhizhi when she arrived home.

The contract had been finalized.

She had finally clinched the role!

Jiang Xinyi had been too impatient before. She ignored the crew's warning of not leaking any news about the movie and had secretly told a few media sources after she passed her audition. It caused a pretty huge uproar when they announced the change in the selected actress and it raised some suspicion from several parties.

While Ning Xi had received the Best Female Lead Award from the Golden Film Awards, she was still lagging way behind Jiang Xinyi who had been in the field for the past decade. After the role for Jiang Xinyi had been decided, the crew went through a second audition and swapped her out, so no one could blame the public for being suspicious.

However, because the director of the production was Jiang Xingzhou, his reputation in the field was too solid to be questioned and most people still believed in the crew.

The doubts did not cause that big a wave. More people were buzzing about how they were looking forward to the performance of this new and young talented artiste as well as what kind of surprises she would bring.

Aside from the small incident at the beginning of filming, the whole progress of the production went quite low-profile. They filmed the movie in a small village, so there was no news about it at all.

For a better effect, the whole crew stayed in the village. They worked and ate with the villagers.

Everyone thought that Ning Xi might not be able to stand a life like this, so no one expected her to adapt very well. She toiled in the farm like an expert and was even able to teach others.

Jiang Xingzhou would not candidly just select a person. He investigated her background thoroughly and found out that she had stayed in a rural area for 18 years. Despite his usual strictness, he was very satisfied with Ning Xi's performance.

"This girl isn't bad at all. She's a raw gem! If she stays on the right track, she might overtake you!"

Song Lin did not mind hearing such high praises for Ning Xi. Instead, she looked at the direction of the girl and smiled. "I never doubted that!"

Suddenly, Song Lin received a notification on her phone.

She picked it up and took a look, then her expression changed immediately.

Soon after, Jiang Xingzhou received a notification too. In one glance, he looked as shocked as Song Lin as rage filled him up.

Song Lin caught a glimpse of what was on his phone and she quickly tried to calm him down. "Director Jiang, please don't act rashly before we clarify things!"

Jiang Xingzhou had gone through a lot in life, after all, so he suppressed himself. "Let's finish this scene first. Don't affect her mood."

"Thank you, Director!" Song Lin was grateful, but at the same time, her face showed flashes of worry.

At this point, Ning Xi had no idea what was happening because she did not really pay any attention to anything else other than acting.

Until the evening and the shooting of the scene was over did Ning Xi realize that the crew members were acting oddly. They were glancing at their phones and whispering at each other while staring at her.

Ning Xi frowned and went towards Xiao Tao.

She noticed Xiao Tao was talking to someone on the phone anxiously.

"Xiao Tao?"

"Ah! Bro Xi!" Xiao Tao hung up the phone and looked at Ning Xi nervously.

"What's happened?" Ning Xi asked Xiao Tao.

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Xiao Tao was chewing on her lower lip. She could not bring herself to say it.

"Give me your phone," Ning Xi reached her hand out and commanded sternly.

Xiao Tao hesitated, but she knew she could not hide it forever. In the end, she surrendered it to Ning Xi.

Ning Xi saw a news bubble pop up when she unlocked the phone.

A catchy title appeared before her eyes: Golden Film Award Best Female Lead Sex Scandal!

Ning Xi frowned a little. Ever since her debut, news like this happened from time to time, but after Ling Zhizhi sued one of the magazines as a warning, and in addition to Glory World Entertainment's power in the industry, not even infamous and irresponsible media would report stuff like this.

However, this time, the news came from one of the influential media sources.

Judging from the staff members and Xiao Tao's reaction...

Ning Xi clicked on it and her pupils shrank.

Numerous photos were exposed. Even if they were censored, the couple's lewd position was still identifiable.

She was not shocked by these pictures, but by the woman's face in this pictures... It was her!

Could it have been Photoshopped?

Still, it did not seem like it...

Ning Xi scrolled down and saw that there was even a video. While the video was censored, the faces were clearly seen.

That woman was really her!

The video removed the possibility that the scandal was fabricated and proved that the pictures were real!

According to the news article, the man in the video was a famous, flirtatious, young heir to a rich family.

"Bro Xi... Stop watching it..." Xiao Tao said nervously, afraid that Ning Xi would be triggered.

Ning Xi pinched her glabella. She felt forlorn. Even Xiao Tao thought that she was the woman in the video, and the others...

This spelled trouble.

Ning Xi was reminded of the incident of the gun swapping when she was filming for "Thunderbolt Secret Service Squad". Despite the reach of Lu Tingxiao's power, he still had not found out who could have done it, and now this had happened...

So, since they were not able to kill her, were they now aiming to destroy her?

Or perhaps, these cases might be unrelated and this might have been done by another group of people.

She was really attracting a lot of attention lately.

"Ning Xi, the director asked you to go over for a bit!" As Ning Xi was deep in her thoughts, the director's assistant came over and shot her an uneasy look.

"I got it. Thanks."

Ning Xi did not explain anything to Xiao Tao first. She went straight to the director.

Both Jiang Xingzhou and Song Lin were in the room, and the atmosphere was heavy.

"Have you found out about it?" Jiang Xingzhou had a serious expression as he asked straightforwardly.

Ning Xi nodded. She did not look guilty at all as she replied, "Director Jiang, the woman in the video and photos isn't me. I'm sorry to have troubled the crew. I'll contact my manager to solve this issue quickly. I won't affect the filming progress!"

Since Ning Xi had such a scandal at that moment, according to the contract, she would have to pay a huge sum of money because her image was trampled due to personal reasons. While it was a small matter, the important point was that everyone's effort would have been in vain if they had to re-audition and start over again. They would not make it for the film festival, and her whole acting career would be destroyed as well...