

Hidden 1821

Chapter 1821: Fight For Love

"Can't sleep?" The man's voice came from behind her.

Ning Xi turned away from the computer screen and looked at Lu Tingxiao. She seemed distracted.

"Mmm..."

Lu Tingxiao glanced at the videos and search logs on the screen, then he tousled the girl's silky hair with his broad palms. "I told you I'll support you no matter what decision you make."

Ning Xi turned around and rubbed her head against the man's body, remaining silent for a long time.

After some time, the girl's eyes became more and more determined. "Lu Tingxiao, I want to go back."

"Okay."

Jiang Muye had done it for her this time, so she could not just leave him be.

Similar to Jiang Muye, there was also Keer and many others that she might not know about, including the fans that had been supporting her all this time.

If her first debut was meant to fulfill her dreams, this time would be for the people supporting her from behind.

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After deciding that she wanted to help Lu Tingxiao's nephew now, Ning Xi spent some time recovering. At the same time, she caught up with what had happened to the entertainment industry in the past year.

After she finished scrolling through the old news, Ning Xi was sitting on a rattan chair in the garden and was looking through the recent entertainment news.

Ning Xi's eyes stopped scanning when she saw a familiar name in the corner.

Xu Tao...

In the picture, Glory World Entertainment's most experienced top manager was dressed in a messy outfit to buy himself some alcohol. Then, he got into an argument with one of the female artiste he previously handled. To make things worse, he was publicly slapped and humiliated by her assistant.

The news was obviously inclined towards the female artiste as sarcasm was embedded all over the article, indicating that Xu Tao was bullying his artistes and that this was karma for him.

Ning Xi frowned when she was reading the article.

Xu Tao had always kept up a good reputation in the industry. After things kept getting messy, he had held Glory World up. He even sold his property and he would never do something so unprofessional.

Well, it was not unusual for this to happen.

The artistes he raised were scouted by Starlight. Afraid of being labeled as being ungrateful, they wanted a proper excuse for them to betray the company, which was why they framed him.

Ning Xi had asked Lu Tingxiao to check on Sis Zhizhi. Her family members did not seem to be in the best of health and she had been busy caring for them.

Sis Zhizhi had put in so much effort to bring her to that position and she did not want to burden her again.

Ning Xi was bothered about who she should get to be her manager this time...

"Xu Tao..." Ning Xi gently pointed at the name on the paper with a thoughtful expression.

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Somewhere nearby.

"Boss, you... What did you call me here for?"

Liang Feixing never expected that he would be summoned by the Big Boss one day.

He had been guessing why the boss had called him, but he did not dare to ask much, so he just followed the man behind anxiously.

A while later, after he followed the man, going through layers of foliage and leaves, he vaguely saw a woman on a rattan chair nearby. However, the woman's face was obscured in the shadows, so he could not see well.

A suspicion formed in his mind. Liang Feixing looked doubtful, but soon he thought it was impossible.

At this moment, the woman stood up. That bright face of hers that could put the afternoon sun to shame slowly appeared before him...

"Director Liang, long time no see."

Chapter 1822: A True Winner In Life

"N-Ning Xi..."

Liang Feixing's eyes widened when he saw who the woman was. He felt as if a thunderbolt had just struck him.

He gaped in disbelief at the woman who had vanished for a year, not just because of the shock, but also because of her current aura.

Back then, Ning Xi was enough to attract the spotlight all to herself, and currently, this woman in front of him felt like time had reversed for her. Not only did her appearance not seem any duller, but she even had a more dignified presence now.

Liang Feixing could not imagine what everyone's expression would be when they saw her, especially the anti-fans who were guessing Ning Xi had gone through a botched plastic surgery, or that her body size had spiraled out of control.

He could not imagine how much of an impact it would be if Ning Xi reappeared in front of the public again!

The whole entertainment industry would turn around for her sake.

As long as she was willing to...

She was born to be the king of the world...

The chatterbox Liang Feixing suddenly became mute at the moment as he was in shock and could not believe what was happening.

At this moment, he saw a low-profile ring on the woman's finger...

He then looked at the Big Boss. As expected, he saw the same design... Wedding rings!

What the heck!?

Did they get married?

Although he knew about their relationship long ago, he was still taken aback little.

Oh, his Boss, his queen, they really were married...

Damn, if this got into the news, it would surely make the whole entertainment industry explode!

He thought about those who said that Ning Xi had become a mistress to some rich old man, or had gotten pregnant by accident.

She's become a true winner in life, you foolish mortals!

"L-Lady boss! Long time no see... Long time indeed." After a long time, Liang Feixing finally regained his ability to speak normally again.

Lu Tingxiao was a little unhappy when Liang Feixing stared at Ning Xi, but his expression softened when he called her 'Lady Boss'. "Xiao Xi is looking for you."

"Ah... Lady Boss, you're looking for me? What do you need to see me about?" Liang Feixing's expression became even more anxious.

Ning Xi comforted, "Don't be so nervous, Director Liang, it isn't a big deal. Sit down and have some tea."

"O-Okay..." Liang Feixing sat down and took a sip of the flower tea.

"Director Liang, I called you here today because... I want to come out of retirement," said Ning Xi.

Liang Feixing spit out the tea and coughed profusely. "W-What! No... Lady Boss, what did you say just now?"

"I said I want to come out of retirement," Ning Xi repeated herself as a smile lit up her angelic face.

Liang Feixing could not say anything.

What did he just hear!?

Ning Xi wanted to come back?

How was that not a big deal?!

But how was it possible? Ning Xi had everything now, she had made it to the top of the industry, and married someone like Lu Tingxiao, so what else could she be looking for? Why would she want to come back out from retirement?

Chapter 1823: It Has Nothing To Do With Stamina

Ning Xi guessed that Liang Feixing had doubts, so she said, "I seemed to have brought everyone a lot of trouble after I retired, and I found out about Jiang Muye's matter recently. I'm the cause after all."

"Not at all! It's not because of you. Things became like this because of someone acting stupid!" Liang Feixing said quickly.

He did not expect that nearing the end of Glory World, when even the main group had abandoned them, Ning Xi would suggest coming back out of retirement.

It was not just a simple second debut. She was representing the Boss and the whole of the Lu Corporation.

"Lady Boss, you know what? A few days ago, I was chatting with Xu and a few others, and we were all thinking that it'd be great if you could come back! Lady Boss, are you sure you want to come back out of retirement? Who do you plan to appoint as your manager this time? Should we go and look for Ling Zhizhi?" Liang Feixing rattled off a bunch of questions.

"Sis Zhizhi has some issues at home. Let's not bother her. I'll go with Bro Tao," said Ning Xi.

"Xu? Are you sure? Damn! That guy would be mad happy if he knew!"

Liang Feixing was really excited, but suddenly his expression froze and he side-eyed the wife protector.

"Then... does the Boss agree to let you come back out of retirement?"

Ning Xi clung to Lu Tingxiao's arm. "Hmm, I've asked permission from Darling. As long as I'm not too tired because my body isn't in the best condition now."

"Huh? Lady Boss, are you pregnant?" Liang Feixing's eyes flew wide open and he looked at Ning Xi's stomach.

Ning Xi's mouth twitched. "I was sick pretty badly, and I'm still recovering..."

"Oh, I see! Boss, Lady Boss, please don't worry about the amount of work. Lady Boss, your pinky finger is enough to be compared to anyone else. You don't have to put in too much effort! Your comeback this time will just lead our taking back the world!"

Ning Xi chuckled. "Director Liang, you have too much faith in me."

"Lady Boss, it's the truth! Right, when are we starting?" Liang Feixing asked quickly.

Ning Xi thought about it. "As soon as possible. Tomorrow then. Let's look for Bro Tao tomorrow."

"No problem!"

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It was a quiet night.

Ning Xi kissed Little Treasure who was asleep, then she went beside Lu Tingxiao and stuck herself to him. "Darling, don't worry. I'll really take care of myself and won't tire myself out! My body is mostly recovered already!"

She was planning to rest for several days more, but she was worried that things might worsen for Jiang Muye if it dragged on, so she wanted to resolve it as soon as possible.

Lu Tingxiao did not say anything. Ning Xi cuddled him and kissed him playfully. The man could not wait anymore. "You're mostly recovered? Hmm?"

He picked the mischievous girl up from the bed and carried her to a guest room next door.

Ning Xi felt herself being lifted in the air for a while and then she landed on a soft bed.

Under the moonlight, the man's eyes look like fire. The heat was closing in on her, and a sudden kiss on her lips raised her temperature as well...

Mmm ...

Were they finally going to do? What were they supposed to do on their wedding night?

With their twirling tongues and their deep kisses, she felt like her soul was being sucked away. Ning Xi felt a tremble start deep down from her insides as her tender toes curled up.

Just a short while of foreplay was enough to make Ning Xi feel like a fish in a dry pond. She was starting to have difficulty breathing.

After some time, the man finally let go of her lips. He used up every ounce of his rationality to suppress himself. At the same time, his fingertips were leaving the girl's body slowly. "Can you still say that you have the stamina now? Hmm?"

Ning Xi buried her head in the man's arms as she playfully smacked the man. "How is that the same!? It has nothing to do with stamina, alright? Your smile is enough to make me go crazy. Moreover, you're doing so many things to me altogether at once..."

Lu Tingxiao was taken aback. Then, he laughed at her. "You and your nonsense..."

"It's the truth!"

Chapter 1824: Even If The Emperor's Father Returned

Because of the so-called "physical strength" or lack thereof, they did not manage to finish their wedding night business.

Ning Xi had secretly set her mind on increasing her recuperation pace. It was more reliable if she strived towards it.

Last night, they had already reached that extent, but Lu Tingxiao had actually held himself back when he saw that she physically could not endure it.

It was not sure whether it was just her illusion, but sometimes she really felt that in this aspect, Lu Tingxiao seemed to be a little too careful with her.

However, the feeling of being respected and treasured still moved her every time.

If that person were not him, she would probably never have such intimate encounters with a man ever in this lifetime.

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The next day, Liang Feixing personally drove over to pick her early in the morning.

Before they left, to avoid any trouble, Ning Xi temporarily took off her wedding ring and put it on a silver necklace to wear around her neck.

"Uhh, Lady Boss, well... Bro Xu's state hasn't been great recently... Later on, when you see him, don't be too shocked..." Liang Feixing gave Ning Xi a warning beforehand. He was slightly worried that when Ning Xi saw Xu Tao's wretched look, she would change her mind.

As a friend, he obviously hoped that Xu Tao could grab this sole opportunity of making a comeback.

"No worries." Ning Xi looked like she did not mind.

After a half an hour journey, the two of them stopped in front of an out-of-date apartment in a cramped environment.

"To promote the newbies under him, Bro Xu sold off all of his assets. He rented this place by himself here. When he finally helped them debut, who would've thought that the two of them would run off without a word and even make a false countercharge against him? Bro Xu has been dejected about this. He's been getting drunk every day and a few days ago, he was even slapped in public by an assistant at the bar, probably making his mood worse..."

Liang Feixing sighed as he carefully led Ning Xi upstairs.

The two of them had just reached the door when they saw that things were being thrown out of the house continuously. Then, they heard a shrill, harsh voice from inside. "Pah, you shameless and stinky alcoholic! What gold manager? And even the big stars, Liu Xiaorou and Yin Youyou, were managed by you? A gold manager with your revolting behavior? I'm telling you if you still don't pay up your rent tomorrow, get lost!"

After a series of crashes and bangs, the plump female landlord in a sleeping gown walked out from the house in an overbearing manner. When she saw the extraordinarily well-mannered man at the door and the woman in sunglasses beside him, she paused for a moment, then she curiously turned to look at the two of them a few more times before leaving and muttering to herself...

"Cough, Lady Boss, apologies! Slow down! This way!" Liang Feixing did not think that the reality would be worse than he had imagined. He carefully kicked the junk by his feet away and led Ning Xi into the house.

Once they entered, there was the pungent stench of alcohol. All of the things in the house were smashed and the place was a mess while Xu Tao himself was like mud as he lay unconsciously on the pile of junk.

Liang Feixing pinched his nose and reached out with his leg to kicked Xu Tao's shin. "Old Xu! Quickly wake up and see! See who has come!"

Xu Tao impatiently waved the bottle of alcohol in his hand. "Go away... All of you, get lost... Even if the emperor's father has come... I don't care to meet..."

Liang Feixing looked awkwardly towards Ning Xi beside him. He was so anxious that he snatched the bottle in Xu Tao's hand and threw it away. "Look properly. Ning Xi, it's Ning Xi who's returned! She wants to hire you to be her manager!"

When he heard the name Ning Xi, Xu Tao was stunned for an instant, then he giggled until his tears fell. "Ha... hahaha... Liang, why are you even drunker than I am? Ning Xi's returned... Ning Xi wants to hire me to be her manager... haha... If Ning Xi's returned, I'll let you manage me!"

Liang Feixing replied, "Thanks, but I'm not interested in you!"

Chapter 1825: Let's Go Get It Back

"Thanks, but I'm not interested in you!"

When Xu Tao heard this, he instantly exploded, "Pfft! On what basis are you not interested in me?! Do you know how many pretty boys I wiped out back then with my mind-blowing looks? Do you know how many female artistes and male artistes wanted to sleep with me? Bloody hell! Now, all of them dare say that I was inappropriate with them, that I forced them to sleep with me? I wouldn't sleep with them even if they offered themselves to me!"

Liang Feixing looked at his rotten uncle with disdain, then he buried his face in his hands speechlessly.

"Pfft..." Ning Xi who stood on the side could not help but snicker out loud.

When he suddenly heard a girl's gentle laugh in the house, it was as if Xu Tao, who was being all foul-mouthed, had his throat in a clutch. He instantly kept quiet.

It was only now that he realized that there was still another person behind Liang Feixing.

Ning Xi controlled her laughter, then she took her sunglasses off and looked at the man who was lying among the junk. She softly said, "Bro Tao."

Xu Tao was still stunned.

"Director Liang didn't lie to you. I do want to hire you to be my manager," continued Ning Xi.

"B-Bloody hell! Liang Feixing f*ck you!"

Moments later, Xu Tao uttered an earth-shattering curse in rage and abruptly stood up. All the things around him fell all over the ground.

The man did not care much. Like a spinny top, he quickly found the only clean chair amidst the mess and then used a bed sheet to wipe it before he brought it to Ning Xi. "Sit... Goddess Xi, quickly sit! I'm sorry that the house is terribly messy!"

Then, he pulled Liang Feixing, who was standing relaxed on the side and enjoying the show, to a corner. "Damn you! Why didn't you tell me earlier?!"

Liang Feixing smirked. "If I had told you earlier, how would I have gotten the chance for Beauty Xu to offer himself to me?!"

"Get lost!" Xu Tao scolded the man as he kicked him. When he turned to Ning Xi, he immediately switched to flattery. "I... I'm not dreaming, am I?! Movie queen Ning, you've really returned and you're ready to make a comeback?"

"Yes, I do have such plans."

"But... Why me? Are you sure you want me to be your manager?" Xu Tao was a little awkward as he looked at his own sorry state.

Damn Liang Feixing! Had he told him earlier, then he would not have left such a terrible impression to the goddess.

Liang Feixing seemed to have guessed what he was thinking. His arms were crossed as he raised his brows. "Don't mutter to yourself now. Do you think Ning Xi doesn't know how sorry you are right now? Your rotten uncle pictures have long spread all over!"

"Bro Tao, you're the person who understands the company's state most right now. I think you're the most suitable candidate. Besides, I also admire the loyalty that Bro Tao has held fast up till today," said Ning Xi.

When Xu Tao heard her assessment, he was astonished and tears started to well up in his eyes.

"If Bro Tao thinks it's okay, we can already start to arrange the work right now. Is there anything I need to do now?"

Xu Tao's confused and stunned gaze instantly turned sharp as he finally realized that Ning Xi was serious. He finally realized that all of this was real and that he was not dreaming.

He had really managed to wait for the chance to make a comeback...

Xu Tao wiped his face and quickly dug out a stack of materials from a drawer, speaking very quickly, "This is YLD's skincare product advertisement. I managed to get it for Liu Xiaorou after chasing for a month. In the end, it became Starlight's credit after they stole her... They're signing the contract this morning! Even the time was set by me back then!"

Ning Xi nodded as she stood up determinedly. "Then, let's go. Let's go and get it all back from this advert onwards."

Chapter 1826: Classy and Intelligent

Let's go and get it all back from this advert onwards.

It was just a simple sentence, yet it instantly sparked a flame in Xu Tao's cold heart.

When he saw that Xu Tao had recovered his spirit, Liang Feixing was relieved. "My mission of mediating is done. I should get busy too."

Now that Ning Xi was making a comeback, he still needed to prepare a series of public relations plans.

Ning Xi nodded. "If anything happens, contact me through the phone."

The three of them discussed for a while, then they began to execute their plans separately.

Xu Tao quickly made himself more like a presentable human, then he immediately brought Ning Xi to rush towards YLD's company branch in China.

Being a spokesperson for a top international brand was no doubt something that every female artiste, who wanted to ascend to being gold-plated, would yearn for.

Liu Xiaorou was now only a few huge brands ambassadorship and renowned awards away from leveling up, which was why he had spent so much effort to get this endorsement job for her.

Because Liu Xiaorou was completely different from Ning Xi, Yi Xudong did not think highly of her. He was not willing to spend much energy on her either. You could say that he had really risked his old bones and fought for all of her opportunities.

For this ambassadorship, he had gone back and forth with his thick skin and found many connections. All of the expenses for social niceties had been borne entirely by him too, but in the end, he had fallen to such a degree. How could he not have lost control of his emotions?

He knew that this time, Starlight had done it deliberately. Previously, he had offended Starlight viciously, so the other party had long been waiting to catch him with the ultimate strike.

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At the YLD company building.

The person-in-charge of YLD, Parker, Liu Xiaorou, and Liu Xiaorou's new manager, Cheng Yibin, were conversing merrily in the office.

Cheng Yibin said in an earnest tone, "Sigh, now there are so many substance-less vases out there. There aren't many artistes with distinguished features and distinctiveness such as our Xiaorou. I'm not boasting. In China, we have a great saying that an elegant temperament comes from being knowledgeable. Well-known and profound brands such as YLD need someone as classy and intelligent as Xiaorou to be their spokesperson!"

Liu Xiaorou's appearance was not prominent. However, she exuded a very comforting, educated appearance like a rush of clear spring water in the giddy entertainment industry, which was also why Xu Tao had initially fancied her.

Indeed, at last, after Liu Xiaorou had acted in a few classic roles because of her unique aura, she had attracted a huge group of diehard fans. It also proved that Xu Tao's judgment was spot on.

Parker smiled and said, "Haha, we also fancy this special quality of Miss Xiaorou's."

Parker was clearly very satisfied with Liu Xiaorou. Although at first, the person who used this pretext to convince him was Xu Tao, this did not make a difference to him.

As long as the results were the same, it would be fine. It did not matter to him who Liu Xiaorou's manager was changed to. Besides, Starlight was much stronger than Glory World, so Liu Xiaorou joining Starlight was instead more favorable for them.

Cheng Yibin looked at Liu Xiaorou beside her. When she thought about Xu Tao's flustered and exasperated expression, she felt pleased on the inside. "Director Parker, if there aren't any other problems, let's sign the contract today. I've already made reservations at the Grand Count Hotel to celebrate our wonderful collaboration this time!"

Parker nodded, then he flipped open the thick stack of contracts next to his hand. "Of course, there's no problem. This is..."

He was speaking halfway when suddenly there was a knock on the door.

The assistant apologetically pushed the door to enter. She walked up to Parker and seemed troubled.

"What is it?" Parker asked in a lowered voice. He was a little annoyed about being disturbed.

Chapter 1827: The Only Chance To Surpass SS

"Director, well... Mr... Mr. Xu is here..." The assistant looked at Liu Xiaorou and Cheng Yibin, and said hesitantly.

"Xu Tao?" Parker frowned.

Liu Xiaorou and Cheng Yibin glanced at each other and frowned as well.

"Yes."

"What's he doing here?" Parker asked.

The assistant coughed awkwardly and replied, "He said... he's here to sign the contract..."

Before Parker could reply, Cheng Yibin laughed. "Sign the contract? Who did he bring to sign the contract?"

"I saw that he's brought a female artiste here," the assistant replied.

"A female artiste? Who?" Liu Xiaorou tried asking.

He did not remember anyone outstanding under Xu Tao.

"She was wearing a mask and a pair of sunglasses. It might be a newcomer under him," the assistant guessed.

Cheng Yibin looked angry. "This drunkard must be crazy! He just brought someone here randomly and said he wants to sign the contract? Who does he think he is?"

Liu Xiaorou put on a somber cast. "Bro Tao is probably still unhappy that I left..."

Cheng Yibin's expression darkened. "Unhappy? Should he feel unhappy? Xiaorou is such an extraordinary talent that should've bloomed a long time ago. Had she come to us Starlight earlier, she didn't need to suffer and waste her time there!"

Liu Xiaorou pouted and seemed slightly bitter as well.

Because of Cheng Yibin's brainwashing, she kept assuming that she was where she was today all because of her own capabilities. She was determined that Xu Tao and Glory World had been pulling her leg. She never thought that was it not for Xu Tao, she never would have been exposed at all.

Parker was really upset with Xu Tao's behaviour. He said with a darkened expression, "Ask him to leave. Tell him that I've decided to sign the contract with Ms. Liu."

"Okay." The assistant nodded, but because Xu Tao had handed him a big red packet just now, he casually added another remark, "Right, Director, Mr. Xu asked me to send you a message. He said..."

"What did he say?" Parker asked.

"He said if you insist on signing the contract with Ms. Liu, you'll lose the only chance to surpass SS," the assistant replied.

Parker's expression changed as soon as he heard his assistant.

Being international brands together, SS was YLD's largest competitor in the country. Their sales were always below SS's every year. As the director of the Chinese region, he was criticized harshly every time in the regional meeting, and he had also been ordered to surpass SS this year.

Unfortunately, the ambassador SS had this year was the popular female star, Han Zixuan. No matter what, he could not find another one to topple her, so Xu Tao had convinced him to go for another direction and they picked Liu Xiaorou.

However, Xu Tao, who had convinced him back then, was now telling him that if he signed the contract with Liu Xiaorou, he would miss his only chance at surpassing SS. What irony!

Cheng Yibin quickly said something when he noticed that Parker's expression was not right. "Director Parker, please don't listen to that guy's nonsense! He just has nothing to lose and is trying to trick you! What does he mean by losing the only chance to surpass SS? Is he saying that signing the contract with him would mean you could surpass SS? Nonsense!"

Chapter 1828: True Capabilities

Liu Xiaorou also followed up. "As far as I know, after Sis Youyou and I left, there wasn't really anyone with Bro Tao anymore. Even within the whole of Glory World, there aren't any decent artistes left..."

Parker was silent when he heard Cheng Yibin and Liu Xiaorou.

He had to admit that what Xu Tao said hit him right in his weak spot. That sentence was simply impactful.

After some time, Parker stood up before the two of them. "Mr. Cheng, Ms. Liu, please wait here while I meet him. I'll be back as soon as possible."

Cheng Yibin was distressed but he did not show it. Instead, he smiled and said, "You're one considerate man, Mr. Parker. I believe you'll be able to explain enough for him to not come back to trouble us again."

Cheng Yibin's expression darkened after Parker left in a hurry. He slammed the coffee table. "Damn you, Xu Tao! Do you dare to play tricks with me now? It seems like I've been too easy on him! That damned thing!"

Liu Xiaorou comforted him, "Don't worry, Bro Bin. He doesn't have anyone presentable under him, so even if he's able to talk to Director Parker, he'd just humiliate himself."

Cheng Yibin had a cruel gaze. "I'll make him pay after we sign the contract!"

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YLD's meeting room was designed with an artistic vibe, equipped with retro-styled colored glass, sofa with hand-stitched floral patterns, and a furry, white velvet floor carpet, whilst big camelia and peonies were blooming beautifully from a vase. The huge cupboard beside it had the whole series of their classic products lined up.

Ning Xi had already taken off her sunglasses and mask at the moment. She was sitting on the sofa and flipping through an art book available there.

Xu Tao did nothing but stare at Ning Xi like a slave guarding his treasure.

He could not be blamed. Any man or just any person, in general, could never be able to avert their gaze away from Ning Xi.

They did not wait long. Sounds of footstep came closer outside the door.

The footsteps stopped right before the door. Parker opened the door with a cold and unhappy expression. "Mr. Xu, what did you mean? You're the one who recommended me Liu Xiaorou. Even if she's not under you now, you shouldn't interfere..."

As Parker was talking angrily, the next moment he felt like his eyes had their own consciousness and was attracted to the figure on the sofa. His pupils contracted and he was in disbelief. "My God... Ms... Ms. Ning..."

Xu Tao was not surprised at Parker's reaction at all, he shrugged, "Director Parker, I'm not contradicting myself. I told you before that if you use Liu Xiaorou, you might be able to go in another direction and take some risks to win. This time..."

Parker understood almost instantly and his attitude changed completely. "I'm really sorry. I was a little busy just now. Please wait for a little while."

He turned around, opened the door, and hissed to the assistant, "Go and prepare a new contract now!"

"Huh?" The assistant was taken aback.

The director had just gone in for just a few seconds. What happened?

At this moment, Xu Tao smirked with an indescribable feeling.

He had really given it his all when he tried to convince Parker to use Liu Xiaorou, and now he just had to utter this one short sentence.

With true capabilities unfolding before them, not all skills were needed.

Chapter 1829: Fulfill Any Requests

Parker wiped off the sweat on his palms, then he gave a gentlemanly bow and extended his hand to Ning Xi. "Hello, Ms. Ning Xi!"

Ning Xi extended her hand to connect. "Hello, Director Parker."

Parker was extraordinarily excited when he saw Ning Xi's seemingly time-reversed face. "It's been a really long time, Ms. Ning! The last time I saw you was at a dinner. It's been a year! I didn't expect Ms. Ning to look much more beautiful in just a year's time!"

Not taking into account the impact caused by Ning Xi's reappearance, just the title of "time-reversal" was enough to become her greatest selling point.

In the history of advertising, many big brands were able to break records with the resurfacing of retired top celebrities. Moreover, Ning Xi had just retired not too long ago, so it would surely spark a lot of debate.

If he never saw Ning Xi after a year, he would not be so sure about her winning the current trend, Han Zixuan, but after he saw her in person, he forgot all about his worries.

Han Zixuan and Ning Xi were at different levels after all...

Xu Tao was right. If he missed it this time, he would probably have blown his only chance at beating SS.

He would need to do anything to collaborate with them this time!

"Director Parker, you're exaggerating."

"Not at all. I'm simply saying what I'm thinking!" Parker's expression looked oddly genuine. "I just didn't expect that you'd come back out of retirement, Ms. Ning. It's really a big surprise! If I knew about it beforehand, I would surely pay a visit instead of you coming here..."

He then looked at Xu Tao gratefully. "Mr. Xu, please forgive me if I've ever been rude to you before. Please sign the contract with us YLD, and of course, we'll discuss the price again. Just give me an offer. Even I'm able to handle such decisions!"

Xu Tao grinned happily. "Haha, is that really alright? Don't you still have people waiting for you? It might not be good if people accuse us of snatching the contract away."

Parker then said, "I'm supposed to meet Mr. Xu today. I don't think there's anything wrong with it. Everyone in the company can bear witness that I've been discussing the collaboration with Mr. Xu."

Xu Tao was a little speechless. This foreigner was good...

"Alright, then let's talk about the details now!" Xu Tao let him off the hook.

"No problem, please look through the contract. I'll make sure to fulfill any requests of yours and Ms. Ning's!"

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At the same time, in his office.

Parker had told them he would be back shortly, but he just vanished. Cheng Yibin and Liu Xiaorou had waited for about half an hour and he was still not back yet.

The impatient Cheng Yibin became annoyed. "What happened?! Where's he?"

Xu Tao was a veteran manager in the industry, after all. He was the real deal after surviving in the entertainment industry for so many years. Could he have used a trick, so things were going his way?

Liu Xiaorou looked at the door's direction. She believed that no matter how good Xu Tao was, he would not be able to change anything. She said casually, "He's probably being bothered by Xu Tao. You know how difficult it is to get Xu Tao off..."

Cheng Yibin looked impatient. "They should've just asked the security guards to chase out jerks like him. What's the point of talking so much to him and wasting our time!?"

As Cheng Yibin was complaining, Parker's assistant came in.

Chapter 1830: Both of You Don't Need To Come Anymore

"Assistant Feng, you're finally here! Where's Director Parker?" Cheng Yibin peeked behind the assistant, but he did not see anyone.

The assistant said courteously, "Apologies, Director Parker is currently receiving honored guests. Please come back another day."

Cheng Yibin was stunned when he heard the update. "Honored guests? Which honored guests could make Parker interrupt such an important contract?"

They were just one step away from signing the contract, and he had even made reservations for the celebratory feast too, yet now there was a sudden change. Cheng Yibin immediately looked quite overwrought. He lowered his tone to say, "Assistant Feng, could I trouble you to pass the message to Director Parker that we've long made an appointment to sign the contract today? On my end, I've rejected quite a few important gigs for Xiaorou just to rush here. Now that your company is suddenly changing the dates like this, it's quite inappropriate. If we have to reschedule the appointment, we might not be able to free up our time within the next one month on our end."

Cheng Yibin's tone came with a severe warning.

When Liu Xiaorou heard Cheng Yibin, her confidence was boosted. Now that she was an artiste with Starlight Entertainment, things had changed.

A hint of mockery flashed in the assistant's eyes. Not only did she not look nervous at all, instead she replied unhurriedly, "We're not changing the dates. The both of you don't need to come anymore. We've already decided on a different candidate to be the spokesperson."

"What did you say!?" The second the assistant finished, Cheng Yibin immediately shot to his feet.

Disbelief flooded Liu Xiaorou's face.

"Who do you think Starlight Entertainment is? You want to change the spokesperson as you wish, but you're not even going to talk to us?" Cheng Yibin felt utterly embarrassed and his face was covered with rage.

The assistant laughed, then slowly said, "Mr. Cheng, your words are too serious! You know the rules in the industry as well. Verbal promises don't count. As long as nothing's signed, anyone can have the chance to compete. Besides, even if it's a verbal agreement, it would also be between Director Parker and Mr. Xu, so it should have nothing to do with Mr. Cheng, am I right?"

"You..."

"But the person Xu Tao fixed to be the spokesperson was me!" Liu Xiaorou whined unhappily.

"Well, now Mr. Xu has recommended an even better candidate for us."

Cheng Yibin's lungs were about to explode, yet he did not dare to really cause a scene at YLD. He could only suppress his anger and ask with a gloomy expression, "Who's the spokesperson that Director Parker has recently decided upon?"

He really wanted to see who had not watched their step and actually dared to steal the ambassadorship from Starlight!

So what if they had stolen this spokesperson's gig? He would immediately shut her out. See if Xu Tao can protect her!

"Apologies, this is classified information. Forgive me for not being able to reveal more," the assistant simply said before leaving right away.

Liu Xiaorou fell onto the chair in a stupor. "This can't be... Xu Tao couldn't have had any better candidate to offer..."

Cheng Yibin snorted, "He probably pulled some dirty trick!"

Liu Xiaorou was incredibly anxious. "Bro Bin, what do we do now? This ambassadorship was supposed to be mine! Bro Bin, you must help me get it back! I've waited for so long and then..."

"It's just a small spokesperson's gig. What are you anxious about? Your horizons are too narrow! You're with me. Are you worried that you won't be able to get any other ambassadorship?" Cheng Yibin said.

Parker was already behaving with this attitude. How could he get it back?

He would not be like Xu Tao, acting all shamelessly just for a spokesperson's job!

Liu Xiaorou wanted to say something more, but when she saw Cheng Yibin being so impatient, she just kept quiet and felt aggrieved.

Cheng Yibin had strong cards in his hand. All of the excellent opportunities would go to the others first, so what good opportunities would he have for her?

