

## Hidden 1841

### Chapter 1841: Live PK!

"Uhm, I believe everyone didn't expect us to invite the national goddess of the former days, Ning Xi, to attend today. Everybody must be surprised!"

"Even the hosts were shocked! Ning Xi has left the industry for a year after all!"

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After receiving signals from Zheng Anru, the hosts looked passionate but were talking with hidden motives behind their words. Then, suddenly they took a sharp turn. "Ms. Ning, what do you think about Zixuan's performance earlier? The fans and audience were really satisfied with Zixuan's acting as Meng Changge!"

This question...

The host said that the fans and audience were satisfied. If Ning Xi said otherwise, would she not be going against the fans?

If she replied that she was pleased with it, it would indicate that Han Zixuan's actual performance was worth looking forward to.

As long as Ning Xi tried to be a little bit humble, it was easy to imagine how they would take advantage of it. The article titles would revolve around the lines of "Ning Xi Was Impressed By The Live Performance", "The New Generations Are Taking Over", and become a stepping stone...

Ning Xi did not bat an eye to the trap set by the hosts. She just said, "The eyes of the fans and audiences are never wrong."

Zheng Anru smiled sarcastically as Ning Xi had fallen into the trap.

It was unexpected for Ning Xi to appear here, but it would be beneficial!

"Thank you, Senior, I still have lots to learn," replied Han Zixuan humbly.

But the term "Senior" she used was full of sarcasm.

No matter the hosts or Han Zixuan, they had deliberately used the terms "formerly", "Senior", "once"... Constantly reminding that Ning Xi was a past tense...

Zheng Anru spoke up casually, "Zixuan still has a lot of room for improvement. Since it's a rare occasion that Senior Ning Xi is here today, why don't we have a short battle here and give Zixuan a lesson?"

"That's right, Ms. Ning, give us a performance! Everyone must be looking forward to it, right, everybody?" The hosts went along.

Xu Tao's expression changed before Ning Xi could say anything. "Nope, Ning Xi's not feeling well lately. She might not be able to take it."

Zheng Anru felt even gleeful as Xu Tao rejected. She would never let this chance slip away.

Ning Xi had been a stuntwoman before. With her extraordinary capabilities, she had herself a huge fan base, but she must have become rusty after a whole year out of the industry. So what if her face had not changed? The character Meng Changge needed something more than just an appearance!

Judging by her weak and gentle demeanour, it was obvious that she could not handle it.

If Ning Xi's image were to be destroyed in front of all the fans here, Zixuan's future would be tightly secured!

"Ah... I see! How unfortunate! But it's just a short one, so it should be fine, right? Ms. Ning's Meng Changge was loved by everyone after all, so I'm sure there are a lot of old fans here who'd love to witness Ms. Ning's performance once again!" The host insisted, driving the point that they would not let her go until she performed.

"Bro Tao is too worried. It's alright. Is there a pike here?" Ning Xi did not seem to mind and asked.

Xu Tao looked concerned as he remembered that Liang Feixing had reminded him that Ning Xi was sick and had just recovered recently, so he could never let her do anything too tiring or extreme.

#### **Chapter 1842: Continuous Brilliance**

Xu Tao's expression sunk. He was about to continue when Ning Xi shot Xu Tao a look. She gave him a consoling gaze, indicating that she knew what to do.

When Xu Tao saw that Ning Xi looked at ease, he could only hold back for now. However, his back had tensed up and he was ready to handle an emergency at any time.

However, even if he had already been vigilant enough, he never would have thought that the other party would be shameless to this extent...

Earlier, that staff who had sparred with Han Zixuan held a pike each in both hands. He stood far away and then actually tossed one of the pikes towards Ning Xi with force...

An average person would definitely have not been able to catch that immense force of a toss. In fact, by reflex, they would dodge it in a sorry manner.

It was clear that this was the effect that the other party hoped to achieve. The cameramen were probably already ready to capture the shot of Ning Xi embarrassing herself...

Xu Tao was so mad that he could puke blood. Just as he was about to rush up and stop the pike, he saw that Ning Xi did not even blink. She moved back slightly to dodge, then with a slim and fair hand, she steadily caught the pike.

Through the screen's magnification, all the fans off-stage could clearly see the speed of that pike, and when the spike was caught deftly by the girl's hand, the pike had violently trembled.

"Wow!"

The place was instantly filled with sounds of surprised cries and there was applause all around.

Zheng Anru's expression darkened. It was just catching a pike. What were they shouting for, making a fuss about nothing!?

The staff's brows furrowed. There was a flash of surprise in his eyes. After he received Zheng Anru's glare, he immediately raised the pikes in his hand and attacked Ning Xi swiftly.

Earlier, when he had sparred with Han Zixuan, Zheng Anru had already bragged that he was a professional martial arts actor. These past six months, he had been training Han Zixuan, and he did indeed have some skills up his sleeves.

When Ning Xi saw that he was aggressively coming for her, she stood where she was and the pike spun in her palm like it had a life of its own, then with a bam, it met the other person's pike and sparks flew.

It was only a short sparring session, and the martial arts actor instantly knew that Ning Xi was not like Han Zixuan who was attractive but lacked substance. Instead, she was the real deal, thus he suddenly did not dare to lower his guard.

At the start, he was still thinking about how to embarrass her without batting an eyelid, and to do so subtly, but in the end, he already had no mood to think about these tricks at all. He could only go all out to handle her styles that were becoming increasingly tricky...

Damn it!

This woman could actually handle the pike beautifully. Previously, he did not believe it when Guo Qisheng had said that Ning Xi had personally executed all the stunts in the movie, but now...

Apart from crying out in alarm from time to time, all of the fans off-stage and the hosts had fixed their eyes on them while holding their breaths. It was so intense that they did not even want to blink as if before them was not a bedazzling stage but a battlefield enveloped in flames of war, like it was not a performance, but a real battle to the death.

Finally...

With a clang, the girl hit the pike in the staff member's hand mercilessly to the ground.

In that instant, all of the fans present emotionally started to shriek and cry, then they whistled non-stop.

"Oh! Ning Xi is so awesome!"

"Amazing!"

"That was just too brilliant! I was so tensed that I'm breaking out in cold sweat!"

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When she saw the fans' reactions, Han Zixuan clenched her teeth. Her face remained smiling as she clapped, while Zheng Anru's expression that was hidden in the shadows already seemed extremely terrible.

### **Chapter 1843: Final Hit**

This useless thing! Rubbish!

This professional stunt double that she had hired at a high salary had actually lost to a woman on the spot.

After that receiving Zheng Anru's fierce gaze, the staff's body subconsciously shook. In the next second, there was a malevolence in the man's eyes as he suddenly picked up the pike by his feet and attacked Ning Xi who was off-guard without warning.

Swoosh!

At this second, the pike in Ning Xi's hand had flown out at lighting speed and brushed past his neck. With a loud bang, it pierced the wall behind him.

In the screen that enlarged the action on-stage, the pike had chopped off some hair by the man's ears. The pike had pierced into the wall and was stuck there upright, while the martial arts actor's body had stiffened. His extremely frightened expression was magnified just like that on the huge screen, creating an immense visual impact...

"Ahhhhhhhhh!" The venue fell silent for three seconds, then came the shrieks and whistling that went through the roof.

"You let me win." Ning Xi casually handed the pike in her hand over to the staff on the side and slowly took her seat once again.

There was no striking red outfit or heroic look using makeup. Even if she was currently in a demure qipao and had a bun on her head, no one doubted that at that moment, the soul in her body was Meng Changge's!

Even if there would be one day when that person returned to civilian life, even if one day that person's body decayed, she would still be Meng Changge!

"Changge! Changge! Changge!" The old fans present started to shout out. They were so emotional that they could not speak.

"Ning Xi, is your body doing okay?" Ning Xi had just returned when Xu Tao asked worriedly like an amah.

"I'm fine." Ning Xi shook her head. There was already a thin layer of sweat on her forehead and her wrist was also swollen with pain, but it was a good thing that it had not taken too long earlier, so there was not much of an issue.

At this moment, as she watched the reaction of the crowd, Zheng Anru clutched her fingers tightly. She was ashen-faced.

It was over...

There was no way to redeem this...

Initially, she was ready to destroy the image of Ning Xi in the fans' hearts, but instead she had proven that she could not be surpassed.

This was practically digging her own grave!

No!

She definitely could not let this happen!

Once such an impression was made for the fans, it would all be over!

"Senior, you've proven yourself to be worthy of being a senior. Indeed you're old but still vigorous. Our Zixuan is still very young. It looks like she's still too inexperienced!" Zheng Anru smiled insincerely as she clapped and praised Ning Xi, but she had intentionally emphasized on the word "old", giving prominence to Han Zixuan's youth.

In reality, Han Zixuan was about the same age as Ning Xi.

When Zheng Anru said this, she forced a smile and skimmed those emotional fans present, then she said unhurriedly, "It's a pleasant surprise that Senior Ning Xi could attend today. However, it's even more so a surprise, right?"

"After all, Senior Ning Xi has already retired a year ago. Back then, your fans were very sad!

"Today, after Senior has left for more than a year, you've suddenly appeared once again. Isn't there some anything that you want to explain to your fans?"

Zheng Anru sneered, her every sentence meant to instigate. There was no doubt that she was trying to incite the fans' resentment and the conflict between Ning Xi and her fans in this long one year.

Silly fans, have you forgotten how cruel this woman was back then? How she had irresponsibly vanished without a word?

Such a person... Is she really still worthy of you people continuing to like her?

With Zheng Anru's words, the fans, who had been still emotionally cheering earlier, instantly fell silent.

Among the fans who had come today, most of them were Han Zixuan and Jiang Muye's fans.

Almost all of Han Zixuan's fans and a part of Jiang Muye's fans had been Ning Xi's loyal fans back then...

On stage, Ning Xi sat there quietly and she remained silent for a good while.

Xu Tao's heart instantly tightened. The thing he worried most about had still happened...

#### **Chapter 1844: Shine In All Its Splendor With You**

As they watched the fans' reaction, Zheng Anru on stage and Wang Haojun backstage were both relieved.

"Zheng Anru is still the creative one!" Wang Haojun looked delighted.

On the side, the PR director lamented, "After all, she's considered the one who knows Ning Xi best. Obviously, she knew where her vulnerable spot was!"

At this moment, the entire hall was deathly still.

It was not sure how long had passed.

The atmosphere became increasingly stifling like the calm before the storm.

Just as a gloom was about to gradually spread across the crowd like a plague, there was finally the sound of a woman's voice in their ears.

"I'm very sorry... to have let everyone worry, to have let everyone wait... for so long..."

The fans off-stage were still in absolute silence.

"There are many things to say... that I don't know how to begin..."

In the quiet hall, the girl continued, "Let me... Let me sing a song for you!" The girl looked up and smiled, yet her eyes were filled with grief.

Still, no one said anything.

Ning Xi leaned over and said a few things to Xu Tao softly. Xu Tao looked momentarily hesitant, then he nodded and left to go backstage.

Zheng Anru and the rest did not stop them. They all just watched coldly. Haha, to sing at such a moment? Was it meant to divert attention? How hilarious! Was she thinking about switching industries and becoming a singer?

They did not believe that she could turn things upside down! Even if she did, they would have a way to turn things upright! She should see whose turf she was on today!

Moments later.

Boom!

The entire stage suddenly dimmed. There was only one source of light and it shone onto the girl who wore a white qipao and stood in the middle of the stage.

The girl retrieved her gaze as she sat there upright and extremely quietly.

The prelude started to play.

"Thank you..." The girl held the microphone, her gaze falling onto all the fans below the stage. She continued to sing softly, "For the glory you've given me..."

"I want to bow deeply to you... because, my hard work, there are people who understand..."

The instant the girl's voice was heard, the gaze of the fans suddenly tightened slightly.

"Thunderous applause, overwhelmed with emotions

This is the beginning, not the end

When you have clapped hard for me

What should I pay back with? You are a soft spot..."

With the girl's every word and line, the screen behind the girl suddenly lit up.

The screen presented a girl, who wore a red outfit and smiled shyly as she signed her autograph for a few fans. This was her first time giving out autographs.

"Thank you, everyone..."

Thank you for the glory you've given me

I was once so normal

It was you who brought my dreams to its peak ..."

The screen cut to another scene where Ning Xi wore a dashing male outfit and was with other filming crew members. She was surrounded by a huge crowd of enthusiastic fans, and the girl was in high spirits. She smiled and said to the security guards, "Be more gentle to my women..."

" That one minute, in my heart

Felt too much; it's hard to describe,

No matter how hard it gets, I won't relax

To prove that your choice is extraordinary..."

On the screen, the girl's face was tear-stained. She walked alone in the dense and desolate forest with the heavy rain pouring. Then, there were behind-the-scenes bloopers. However, because the girl was too exhausted, she had just laid on the ground, falling asleep in her clothes. She looked so beautiful...

" This is a glory that belongs to us

I already know what path I should take... "

The girl wore a red gown and as she received the Golden Film Award on the stage with all eyes on her, she gave her speech with tears in her eyes.

" This is a glory that belongs to us

This is a joyous ode to you

Every one of you is my great heroes... "

With the girl's last line of the song with her raspy voice that started to choke with emotion, the images on the screen stopped. In the audience, everyone's faces were already tear-stained.

On the other hand, the girl, who had been quietly singing on stage, already had tears streaming down her face...

#### **Chapter 1845: No Ning Xi, No The World**

The girl, who had been quietly singing on stage, already had tears streaming down her face...

The moment the music stopped and the lights were turned back on, the girl bowed to everyone.

Flooded with their memories of Ning Xi, countless pairs of bloodshot eyes and everyone's tear-stained faces looked back at her.

Among the crowd, someone spoke up and broke the silence.

"Xi fans are everywhere. Bro Xi is irreplaceable!"

This familiar slogan of the fans suddenly sparked something within people's hearts.

Suddenly, like a huge wave, everyone started shouting together.

"Xi fans are everywhere. Bro Xi is irreplaceable!"

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In the VIP seat, Zhuang Keer stood up as her eyes watered. She led the crowd and shouted, "Never forget our first aspiration! We'll follow you to your brightest."

Suddenly, everyone followed, "Never forget our first aspiration, we'll follow you to your brightest!"

Zhuang Rongguang wiped his tears beside Zhuang Keer and he shouted loudly, "No Ning Xi, no 'The World'!"

"No Ning Xi, no 'The World'!"

"No Ning Xi, no 'The World'!"

"No Ning Xi, no 'The World'!"

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Until Ning Xi bowed and left, the crowd still shouted unanimously. Their voices echoed through the whole venue as they watched the girl leave.

That was their idol, their belief, their youth...

So what if she left before?

We are here! We are always here!

Below the stage, there was a chubby girl crying on her friend's shoulder.

The friend patted her back and comforted her, "Alright now. Bro Xi is back now, isn't it?!"

"I'm not crying about that!"

"Then, what are you crying about?"

"I'm crying about why I was so stupid to betray Bro Xi, and changed myself to like that imposter Han Zixuan. I don't deserve to be Bro Xi's fan!"

"Uhh, don't be upset! A lot of people are stupid too!"

The chubby girl smiled and her eyes brightened. "There are some people who reappear and teach me what's irreplaceable..."

At the same time.

Han Zixuan's face turned pale. Zhang Anru was really frustrated. She should not have let Ning Xi sing. The two hosts had no idea what to say now. They did not know how to set things straight.

The investors in the VIP seats were dumbfounded, and backstage, Wang Haojun was looking at the fans still crying and yelling their slogan. He almost passed out when he saw Han Zixuan's fans shouting Ning Xi's name.

He had spent so much money inviting all the media here but in the end...

It had become a comeback show for Ning Xi.

The new version of "The World" was pushed to the back. The fans had all returned to Ning Xi just because of a song.

Now, he understood that Glory World Entertainment was here to mess things up! They had messed it thoroughly too! The whole stage was destroyed!

The PR Director hid somewhere as he looked at the excited fans outside. He was impressed.

He thought that Han Zixuan was really not surpassable, but once the original returned, no matter how popular and good looking Han Zixuan was, it would all become mediocre.

The light of a firefly could never compare to the sun.

#### **Chapter 1846: Who Said That I Wasn't Here To Mess Things Up?**

Inside the arcade.

At that moment, countless onlookers were watching the screen. Just like the audience in the stream, their eyes teared as they shouted the slogan together.

Besides that arcade, in restaurants, on the streets, in companies, homes...

People saw the stream. The fans saw Ning Xi and they heard her song. They heard the uniform slogan...

The stream continued even after Ning Xi left.

"Ning Xi, are you making a comeback this time?"

"Ms. Ning, why did you reappear today after a year? Just because the organizers invited you?"

"You know about Jiang Muye's incident, don't you? We're waiting for Jiang Muye's apology today. Jiang Muye was supposed to attend, but why did it become you instead? Is it because Jiang Muye is unwilling to apologize, so Glory World wanted you to come?"

"You really grabbed the spotlight today! Are you just trying to seek attention? While it's nice to say that you've been invited, you're just here to mess up the event, aren't you?"

"Ms. Ning, can you please answer?"

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Numerous reporters surrounded Ning Xi as she came out.

Facing the bombardment of questions, Ning Xi suddenly stopped and faced the reporter who questioned Ning Xi about being a troublemaker.

The reporter freaked out a little and backed off a step.

Ning Xi then raised her eyebrows and said in a humorous tone, "Who said... that I wasn't here to mess things up?"

The reporters were speechless.

Jiang Muye started laughing on the wooden pony as he watched the stream.

The reporter, who was trying to embarrass Ning Xi, could not give a retort when he saw Ning Xi's indifferent expression. "Aren't you being too much and bullying your junior? Don't you know how terrible Jiang Muye is? And you're still protecting him? You're no goddess! You're the same as that trash!"

"Did you get that down?" Ning Xi did not reply. She turned to Xu Tao instead.

Xu Tao nodded and waved his phone. "Got it! We don't have to do it actually. There're plenty of people streaming! Everyone is watching!"

The reporter looked flustered. "I'm just telling the truth. What? I can't even say the truth now?"

Xu Tao laughed. "Truth or defamation, my lawyer will let you know real soon."

Ning Xi gazed at the group of reporters and said, "As for Senior Jiang's matter, I already know about it. I also know that the organizers wanted Senior Jiang to issue a public apology, and that's right, I also think there should be a public apology."

The reporter thought that Ning Xi was admitting defeat and put up a triumphant face. "Ms. Ning, it's too late to change..."

The next moment, Ning Xi's eyes turned sharp. "But it should be the organizers apologizing to Senior Jiang."

The group was startled when they heard Ning Xi.

What? Apologize to Jiang Muye? Had Ning Xi gone mad?

There was also a large group of reporters who thought that there might be some hidden agenda with Ning Xi's firm tone.

Ning Xi left with that last sentence and ignored all the other questions. She got into the car under the protection of Xu Tao and the bodyguards.

In the arcade.

Jiang Muye just stared at the big screen. He watched how the girl supported him and said bossily, "Who said that I wasn't here to mess things up?" He felt a warm, indescribable feeling inside him...

## **Chapter 1847: Strong Support**

In the car.

Xu Tao was in an extremely jovial mood. "Ning Xi, your singing just now was great! In addition to the video I brought, it made the whole scene so emotional! Even I cried like an idiot! Now, that's really efficient! I was still thinking about how to explain to the fans..."

Xu Tao then remembered how Ning Xi went against the reporter just now, then he said worriedly, "Um, but Ning Xi, don't you think that what you told the reporters just now was a little inappropriate? Jiang Muye's matter is really troublesome! I understand that you want to help Jiang Muye, but saying such words in public might get you dragged into it too!"

"They will apologize." Ning Xi's tone was firm.

Ning Xi then took out her phone and made a call.

Xu Tao looked over curiously, wondering who she had called.

It did not matter who she looked for on this matter, did it?

That photo was everything!

Unless Chen Mian clarified it personally...

But it was impossible!

Chen Mian treated that movie as his life. Because of that, Jiang Muye had not uttered a word until now.

Even with Ning Xi's relationship with Chen Mian, it was pretty impossible to convince him.

"Hello, Director Chen, long time no see!"

Xu Tao then noticed Ning Xi really had called Chen Mian after all!

"You... Ning... Ning Xi?" Chen Mian sounded like he just went through a horrifying experience. "Damn! I just saw the stream! I thought I was having hallucinations! Are you really back? Heck, it's been a year and three months! I thought you've gone back to space!"

"Ah, I'm honored that the renowned Director Chen still remembers me," said Ning Xi.

Chen Mian realized that Ning Xi's tone held some tightness, then he coughed lightly, "Well, you called me because..."

"Jiang Muye," Ning Xi straightforwardly stated Jiang Muye's name, "Director Chen, aren't you being really irresponsible about this?"

Chen Mian sounded awkward. "Ah, I know, I know it must be really tough on Jiang Muye! But I'm a victim too!

"I've been carefully keeping it a secret. I didn't expect there'd be a leak!

"I don't know if they told you about it, but my movie revolves around a sensitive topic and can never be released here. I'm aiming for an international movie festival!

"Well... My movie is going through the screening process at the moment. If I reveal it now, my higher-ups would surely forbid me from joining an international event, then who should I go to? The movie would go to waste then!"

"So, you're letting Jiang Muye bear all the consequences?"

Chen Mian was struggling. "Ning Xi, I know you feel unjust on behalf of Jiang Muye. I've worked with him in many movies and know him well. I'm really grateful that he's been so kind to me. After I'm done with the screening process and confirm my entry, then I'll clarify it instantly. Is that okay?"

"It would be too late by then!"

"B-But it's the only way now! If not, what do you want me to do?" Chen Mian sounded helpless.

"Clarify everything now."

"My dear Lord, aren't you giving me a hard time? If I clarify now, my movie will be destroyed!"

"I'll give you one back if it's destroyed."

"Okay! I'll clarify right away!" There was a quick change of tone from Chen Mian.

#### **Chapter 1848: Amazing, My Queen!**

On the side, Xu Tao had vaguely heard their conversation and almost spurted blood out!

Bloody hell! This Chen Mian... he really lacked integrity! The way he changed his tone was just...

Ning Xi did not expect that Chen Mian would change his mind so quickly too. She looked at her phone and her mouth twitched.

"Ning Xi, you said so yourself. You said you'll compensate me with another movie, so I'm booking you in advance for the next movie's female lead. If the female lead won't do, then I can schedule you to be the male lead too! You can't go back on your word!" Chen Mian had been pretending to be all miserable earlier, yet now his tone sounded like he looked forward to the movie being ruined.

Ning Xi could not help but chuckle. "Got it! When have I ever broken a promise to you?"

"Hahaha... Good! Then, I'll go clarify right now! You just wait for it!" Chen Mian giddily answered.

On the side, Xu Tao was astonished, watching this from the start to the end. He was not prepared at all.

"Uhh... It's resolved then...?"

Amazing, my queen!

"Tsk, but you've really let that Chen Mian guy take advantage of you! The first movie after you come back out of retirement? Man, you let him booked you just like that! Let me tell you. After Chen Mian finished filming that 'Dream Chaser' with you, even though the other two movies he shot after that were pretty good, they still couldn't compare to 'Dream Chaser'.

"Probably because people kept saying that he could not surpass 'Dream Chaser', he's becoming quite irritable. He actually took a risk out of desperation and got Han Zixuan to shoot a movie that he knew

would be banned within the country. He wanted to bag an international award." Xu Tao could not help but roast the guy.

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At the same time, the International Exhibition Centre was already deserted.

Wang Haojun, Zheng Anru, Han Zixuan, and all the investors exchanged looks backstage. The atmosphere was morose.

At that moment, the person who felt the most awkward there, apart from Han Zixuan, was Starlight Entertainment's Vice CEO, Ning Xueluo, who had come in her best clothes.

Tonight was supposed to be a premeditated opportunity that she had waited for a long time to happen. She had especially decided to appear last and wanted to grab the chance to rid of her past. Even the idea of inviting the original cast as guests was her idea to seize an opportunity.

Yet, who would have thought that Ning Xi, who had disappeared for so long, would be like a time bomb? She had appeared without warning and exploded in her world with a loud bang.

The incident back then had initially been forgotten with Ning Xi's retirement. With the success of her career, she had even gradually started to take the route of an encouraging goddess. She was no longer denounced for her identity as an adopted daughter. Instead, she had received sympathy and the understanding of some people in the lower rungs of the society.

However, once Ning Xi appeared within everyone's line of sight, all of those things that humiliated her, that she hated the most, and that she did not want people to find out about the most had entirely surfaced again.

As long as Ning Xi was around, everyone would remember clearly that Ning Xi was the real heiress while she was just a counterfeit who was reaping where she had not sown.

Even if she already had everything today, she could not get rid of this damned shadow over her...

"When Glory World's side agreed to it, why didn't you guys check properly?" As sophisticated as Ning Xueluo was, she was agitated at the moment as her blood boiled

"I'm asking you! Why didn't you check properly?!" Wang Haojun rebuked angrily.

The public relations director, who was forced to be the scapegoat, looked miserable. "I've asked clearly. They confidently said that they'd definitely give us a proper explanation. How would I have known that Glory World would come up with this? I never would've thought for the life of me that Ning Xi would show up..."

Glory World was rubbish already struggling at death's door. Forget about this higher management, actually, everyone did not pay attention to Glory World either, which was why they had lowered their guards and how such a huge mess had happened.

The public relations director continued, "In fact, from the way Ning Xi answered those reporters, they had... clearly planned... to intentionally come and mess things up..."

## Chapter 1849: Want To Change?

"You don't say! Do we need you to tell us that?" Wang Haojun's anger rocketed.

His event had been crashed and he had even paved the way for her!

At this moment, some of the investors muttered among themselves. One of them represented everyone else and stood up to say, "Uhh, actually... from the way today went... the line-up of actors for our movie... can actually still be revised..."

Zheng Anru's expression instantly changed when she heard that. "CEO Qian, what are you trying to say?"

CEO Qian stood with his beer belly and chuckled, "Today, all of you saw for yourselves this Ning Xi's popularity and the way she was such a hot topic. We've invested so much money in this movie. Obviously, we hope to get the highest return, don't you think?"

Zheng Anru obviously understood what he was implying. She instantly looked very upset and said, "Zixuan's contract has already been signed. Don't tell me you still want to change it? To swap her for an outdated female star who has retired for so long?"

"CEO Qian, CEO Lee, CEO Cui, you guys don't understand the entertainment industry well enough. That's why you were deceived by tonight's scheme. The fans couldn't help but be a little emotional because Ning Xi had appeared after being gone for so long. This is just short-lived!"

"If you really let her play the leading role, do you really think she could do it? She's now without opportunities, without connections, and still at that damned Glory World. What does she have to compete against Zixuan? She's not even worthy enough to carry Zixuan's shoes!"

Zheng Anru had rattled all this out, causing CEO Qian and the few investors to exchange glances. Suddenly, they were hesitating again.

Wang Haojun quickly took the opportunity to say, "Please, everyone, keep calm and don't be impatient! Manager Zheng is the most outstanding gold-plated manager in the industry. She's definitely right! Our Starlight has invested the most this time, and we wouldn't dig a hole for ourselves!"

Ath this moment, a well-groomed, middle-aged man on the side grumbled, "You think that we don't know anything, that we wear ten-dollar hats on a five-cent head. Even if Ning Xi is completely unpopular today, her appearance today has completely destroyed all the promotional campaigns that we've been doing for so long!"

"The movie 'The World' is an existence that can never be surpassed in the audience's hearts! Even if we keep throwing money at it, it'd be useless! Things are already like this. Even the original can't be surpassed. Do you still think you can surpass 'Nine Realms'? Are you dreaming?"

"With what? With your so-called popular queen, Han Zixuan? Han Zixuan who can't even control her own fans?"

Tonight, Han Zixuan's fans changing sides had, in the end, no doubt been a slap in the face for her.

At the moment, as she was being criticized by the investors, Han Zixuan was so furious that she trembled. After she had become popular, she would always be chased after and flattered no matter where she went. She had never been subjected to such petty annoyances.

Just as Han Zixuan almost lost control, Ning Xueluo piped up from the side, "CEO Lee, what you're saying is wrong. You ought to know that not all the fans who came tonight were Zixuan's fans. At least half of them were Jiang Muye's die-hard fans.

"The way someone was so loud today, whether it was authentic or whether someone had deliberately arranged and incited to put up a show to achieve their hidden agenda, and even... steal the role... CEO Lee, you know the entertainment industry well. I'm sure you know the intentions of this, don't you?"

When CEO Lee heard Ning Xueluo, he frowned. He was listening at last, and indeed he could not guarantee the authenticity, but based on his instincts, he did not think that tonight's incident could have been faked. After all, even he as a spectator had been moved and was convinced by Ning Xi.

### **Chapter 1850: Thought Too Highly of Her**

Wang Haojun and Ning Xueluo had finally calmed the investors down when, on the other side, something had happened.

The public relations director, Liu Wenliang, had his forehead slick with sweat as he ran over with his phone. "C-CEO Wang... Vice CEO Ning..."

"What is it now?" Wang Haojun huffed impatiently.

On the side, Ning Xueluo, Han Zixuan, and Zheng Anru frowned and looked over when they saw him arriving flustered.

Facing everyone's gazes, Liu Wenliang's pale face had scrunched up like a fried dough twist, he gulped and said with much difficulty, "Chen... Chen... Chen..."

"Chen, what Chen?" Wang Haojun cursed.

"Chen Mian!" Liu Wenliang finally blurted out the name, then he peeked at Han Zixuan and Zheng Anru. "Chen Mian has just posted on Weibo to clarify that Zixuan and Jiang Muye's kissing picture is a movie still!"

"What did you say? That's impossible!" Zheng Anru's face suddenly changed in color and she was clearly displeased.

Liu Wenliang looked miserable and said, "It's true. Chen Mian has even released the details of the movie to prove it!"

"Is Chen Mian crazy? Does he know what he's doing?" Zheng Anru gaped in disbelief as she started to shriek at the top of her lungs.

Han Zixuan's expression changed too, but her tone was calm when she said, "There must be some misunderstanding. Director Chen definitely wouldn't do that!"

Chen Mian would be the person who did not want this to be exposed the most, which was why they had leaked the picture earlier without any worry at all.

Han Zixuan quickly took her phone out to click on Chen Mian's Weibo.

However, in the next second, she saw the eye-grabbing Weibo that Chen Mian had currently pinned to the top...

[I would like to clarify something for everyone here. This picture is a still from a new movie, "Manchuria Chaos" that I shot not too long ago. In fact, I shot it with the illusion of position. Because of my selfishness, I did not come out to clarify even though I knew the truth. I've let innocent people be affected and implicated, so I'd like to express my deepest regret about this!]

Below these words, he had attached the detailed still comparisons and information on the movie, even including some sensitive content.

Han Zixuan was suddenly stunned.

Chen Mian had indeed gone mad.

In fact, he was really mad!

Zheng Anru's expression sunk, then she said sternly, "We definitely can't just let this matter go! What is up with Chen Mian? Even if he's gone mad, he can't drag our Zixuan down too. Doesn't he know how important this movie is to our Zixuan!? At this crucial moment, he's actually exposed his own movie! And made it public, so everyone knows! Wasn't he afraid that the higher-ups would ban it?"

Liu Wenliang cleared his throat. "I think this matter isn't as simple as that. Chen Mian wouldn't have done this for no reason..."

"You don't say! Do you need to spell it out? It's definitely Glory World pulling tricks!" Wang Haojun said angrily.

Liu Wenliang frowned. "But... with Glory World's abilities right now... How would they be able to persuade Chen Mian into making such a huge sacrifice and personally step forth for Jiang Muye?"

"Ning Xi..." At this moment, Ning Xueluo, whose eyes were dark and gloomy, muttered a name from the side.

Even though Zheng Anru hated Ning Xi, she did not quite agree with Ning Xueluo. "Does Ning Xi have such power? Vice CEO Ning, you've thought too highly of her!"

Wang Haojun was in terrible shape. "Enough! No more nonsense. Now, the question is how should we resolve this!? Liu Wenliang, I'm asking you! You've caused one mess after another. What are you doing as the public relations director? No wonder they keep saying you're always number two, forever pushed down by Liang Feixing!"