

Hidden 1871

Chapter 1871: Soul Mate

Actually, Meng Linlang had several regrets.

If they had taken Xiao Xi home sooner, they would have arranged a suitable marriage for her.

From an objective point of view, Lu Tingxiao's status was one of the best.

However, that was also what worried her. With Xiao Xi's personality, she might not be able to face such a huge and complex family on her own.

By comparison, the Li family was a suitable one.

Their position was stable enough for the Zhuang family. It was not too high up for Xiao Xi to feel too much pressure.

Most importantly, the family relationship within the Li family was much simpler.

The Li family was the richest merchant in Province S and Li You was the only daughter of the Li family. Lu Muyan was Li You's only son as well. Not only did he inherit the career as a diplomatic officer from his father, he also had the strong financial support of the Li family, smoothening things over the path of his career.

Coincidentally, both his parents had the same surname Li. Li You's family was really pleased with their grandchild that had the same surname, so the whole family was really supportive of him.

If Ning Xi were to be married to them, she would not need to worry about any complicated relationship matters in the future.

Moreover, given her close relationship with Li You, Xiao Xi would not even need to worry about her mother-in-law.

In just a short amount of time, Meng Linlang had mentally gone through the whole of the Li family.

Unfortunately...

What she could do now was to help Ning Xi to gather more connections so that she would be able to utilize them if she ever needed.

Of course, if worse came to worst, Xiao Xi could always go back to the Zhuang family.

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At the Heavenly Spring Resort, halfway up the mountain.

The Heavenly Spring Resort was called "Heavenly" was because there was a renowned spring fountain in the mountain. Rumor had it that the spring water could help chase away bad luck and make one healthy.

Being the tour guide, Li Muyan started from the origins of the resort and how it was formed, the origin of the name, the related events and people, up until the history of the whole of Imperial. The way he explained it was much more professional than a professional tour guide.

Ning Xi was focused. She had been staying in Imperial for several years, but after a chat with Li Muyan did she then realize that she did not know that much about the country at all.

Li Muyan saw how focused Ning Xi was. She gazed around the sky and the trees, and he...

The man looked like he was really talkative at the moment, but his palms had started sweating.

His heart was beating totally out of his control.

He was not focused on being a tour guide, and he had to keep talking to stay calm.

He had been following his father around since he was a child. His mother's family really doted on him and everything he wore and ate was the best.

The girls he came into contact with were daughters from prestigious families and even princesses...

His experience forged his extremely picky taste, and especially on the matter of a partner, he never had much interest in it.

The partner he wanted was someone who could touch his soul, not the people who went through the standardized education of their family. All of them looked like identical dolls to each other.

It was just a glance and he did not even know much about her, but he was deeply attracted by her aura.

"You didn't grow up here?" Li Muyan asked as he observed that she was not very familiar with most things that any person in Imperial would know.

Ning Xi shook her head. "Before I was 18, I was living in a town in Chang Chun City."

Chapter 1872: You're Really Interested In Xiao Xi?

A small town in Chang Chun City?

As the niece of the Zhuang family, how could she have grown up in such a place until she was 18?

He did not seem to remember which of General Elder Zhuang's daughters was married to someone from Chang Chun City...

"Is that so?"

With just one sentence, Li Muyan knew that there must be something that was best kept a secret, thus he immediately pushed the subject aside and did not ask further.

In just a short half an hour, the ladies' gathering had ended.

Ning Xi followed Meng Linlang to bid their goodbyes and left too.

With the sound of the springs and the tree shade with the shadows of flowers behind him, Li Muyan's lean figure stood at the resort entrance as he looked into the distance for the car that gradually left his sight.

As a diplomat, what he needed most was rationality, rationality, rationality.

Whether it was in handling state matters, or with his partner, he had a pretty harsh set of standards and criterion.

Yet, until he had met her, he realized that one day, he would also experience "love at first sight", which was a feeling that was without reason and lacked rationality...

The man pinched between his brows. In his eyes that had always been calm without revealing any gaps or emotions to his opponents, there was now a never-before-seen brightness.

This feeling made him frantic and helpless; even more so was a fresh experience that had detached him from his many years of inherent ideology.

"Muyan... Muyan?" Li You looked at her son and had a thoughtful expression.

"Mother." Li Muyan turned around.

"You and Xiao Xi..." Li You paused for a moment, then she hesitantly said, "Do you want Mother to help you find out more about Xiao Xi?"

"Xiao Xi's situation is actually a little complicated. When she was first born, she had been carried home wrongly and for 18 years, she grew up in the countryside. Because of that, there was a huge gap of conflict between her and her biological mother, close to the point of severing ties.

"Back then, her biological mother had severed ties with Elder Zhuang because of some things...

"However, the point is that even though Xiao Xi did not keep in contact with her biological mother, the Zhuang family, from Elder Zhuang to Zhuang Liaoyun and Linlang, loved this granddaughter dearly.

"The reason Meng Linlang had been so angry today was clearly not to attack our Heavenly Spring Resort. On a larger degree, she was trying to support and establish power for Xiao Xi. Muyan, if you..."

Li Yu was about to continue when Li Muyan just cut his mother short. "Mother, there's no need. I don't want a blind date that will follow a prescribed pattern. I'll just go with the flow."

Li You had initially just wanted to probe, but when she heard her son, she was shocked. "You're really interested in Xiao Xi?"

Until now, the thumping in Li Muyan's heart had yet to calm down. He looked at his mother and said, "Mother, I've never felt anything like this about a girl."

When Li You heard that her son had finally fancied a girl, she was actually very relieved. Furthermore, her family background was pretty solid, and Meng Linlang was her close friend as well.

"Even though Xiao Xi's past history is a little bumpy, but with the Zhuang family's layer of relationship here, her family background would be compatible with us Lis too. However, our understanding of Xiao Xi is still not very clear. How about..."

"Mother, I don't care about these things. Besides, the most meaningful part about getting along with someone is the process of really getting to know someone."

Li You laughed helplessly. "Okay, okay, okay, Mother can't beat you. As you wish, go with the flow. I won't interfere."

At the same time, in Meng Linlang's car.

"Xiao Xi, how was your chat with Muyan?" Meng Linlang pretended to casually ask.

Ning Xi nodded. "It was pretty good. Bro Muyan is knowledgeable and he's easy-going too."

Meng Linlang watched Ning Xi's expression and confirmed that there was nothing odd. She thought in her heart that he most likely just had a good impression of her and that she had probably overthought it.

Chapter 1873: Too Breathtaking

At night, at History.

On the way home, Ning Xueluo got a call from the office.

She had just left Madam Li's gathering feeling annoyed and perplexed when the company called with bad news.

Spirit, which had been silent for an entire year and had almost vanished from the Chinese fashion market after being defeated by them, had suddenly gone viral because of that white qipao Ning Xi wore at the promotional ceremony of "The World".

Even more tricky was that riding this wave, Spirit had announced a new line of designs that would be released soon without warning. In fact, this set that was still in the pre-order stage was about to sell out.

"What 'Back To The Origins'?! Clearly, it's talent being exhausted and the designer doesn't even know how to design anymore! How could this rubbish without any highlights or unique qualities have sold out?" The assistant design director was so furious that he broke out into a string of curses.

"It's all because of the celebrity effect, isn't it? Wasn't that white qipao that Ning Xi wore the other day lacking any unique characteristic, yet the way she wore it..."

The designer who spoke seemed to have wanted to say "so breathtakingly", but then he caught sight of David from the corner of his eyes and suddenly changed to say stiffly, "was just so-so! I think it's all just been hyped up!"

One of the younger male designers said weakly, "Actually, I think... it's all because everyone's tired out by the previous Oriental aesthetics that have been so colorful with excessive ornaments. That's why 'Back To The Origins' suddenly exploded in popularity..."

Inside the meeting room, the atmosphere was stagnant and there was a moment of silence.

Then, someone said, "If they can do it, so can we! Spirit's horrible designs can go viral all they want. Besides, we have the Big Boss David! They're just a step ahead of us."

David's expression sunk and his gaze coldly skimmed the person who spoke. "Are you telling me to follow Spirit's tide?"

The person suddenly stiffened and he quickly said, "Of course, that's not what I meant... Boss David, you've always been a pioneer that has stood out in this industry. You've always been copied and never been surpassed. You don't need to follow someone else's trend!"

"What I'm saying is that guy's designs are junk! This time, it's only because we want to seize every opportunity, so we don't have to care. Everyone will just think that that style of his is fresh for now, but it definitely won't last for long!"

"That's right! Wasn't it like this before too? That guy definitely won't be able to hold on any longer!" The others echoed.

David's expression still had not softened. Even though the issue this time was not that huge, it still left him very miserable.

At the head of the table, Ning Xueluo's face was cloudy. "Even though it's not a very severe problem, we can't let our guard down and ignore them. Today, you must come up with a plan to resolve this for me. I won't allow anything to happen to History!"

She already had enough of problems recently!

Ning Xi's appearance was like a curse. All the bad things came one after another...

Ning Xueluo clenched the pen in her hand and looked at the night scene outside her window. There was a flash of bone-chilling coldness in her eyes.

She could almost imagine how Zheng Minjun's attitude towards her would change in the days to come. In fact, it would become worse.

She had spent a whole year's effort in stabilizing her position in the Su family. Today, at the gathering, it had been completely destroyed.

When David heard this, his gaze was broody as he looked at the assistant director of design beside him.

When the assistant director received the hint, he adjusted his spectacles and looked at David. "Boss, I disagree. Now, how could you be following his style?! You've already discovered that the extravagant market was saturated and you were ready to change your style. You're even almost done with your designs. Just because you haven't completed them, you didn't announce to everyone. I can't believe that we've let those rubbish designs that were probably rushed out in a few days to get ahead!"

Chapter 1874: Raised Thoughts

The assistant director's tone sounded very indignant at the injustice. He looked like he could not endure it longer and was fighting for David's justice.

In an instant, there was a sudden buzz across the meeting room.

"Is that so?! That's too unfortunate!"

"Director David's control and sensitivity towards trends are indeed always a step ahead of us! Only you ask us to constantly improve again and again! Someone else did it before us just like that!"

"Actually, I think we don't have to care whether we're following their tide or not. The question is whose design is the best! Besides, who'd think that us History, the number one in the industry, would follow the lead of a little company that's been eliminated by the market?"

"Exactly! Even if there's any following of style, it should be them following ours!"

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With the words of the assistant director, everyone started to echo him.

However, in reality, the situation was indeed as such. Even if they knew which company had released it first, many consumers who did not know the truth would still subconsciously think that it was the smaller company following the trend of the bigger company.

In the industry, it would not be the first time such a situation happened.

Many of the smaller companies that started to pick up trends in the early stages would be pushed down by the bigger companies just like that.

The best case scenario would be that their designs got bought over. The worst case scenario would be the market being completely taken over by the big company.

When the assistant director saw that the time was about right, he went with the flow and seized the opportunity to say, "Boss, I think you shouldn't worry at all. Just finish the designs you have and then we'll release a new line of designs! It'll definitely end Spirit!"

"I agree!"

"I agree too!"

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As he listened to the sounds of agreement around him, delight flashed in David's eyes. He looked to Ning Xueluo at the head seat and said, "It's best if we listen to CEO Ning about this!"

Ning Xueluo only contemplated for a moment, then decided, "Let's do that then!"

Then, just to be sure, she still asked, "You're sure your designs are fine?"

David said in a certain tone, "If you believe in me, CEO Ning, I definitely won't let you down."

This one year had been enough for him to cultivate a group of "subordinates" that he could use with assurance. As long as he combined all of their designs, even if he had just written his own name and taken credit for it, it would be their honor too...

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Late at night, at the Su residence.

In reality, Ning Xueluo's guess was not even a fraction off.

Zheng Minjun immediately locked herself in the room once she reached home. Her thoughts were a mess.

Su Hongguang had just reached home and entered when he saw Zheng Minjun walking around the room anxiously. He could not help but frown. "It's already so late. Why are you walking around the room and not sleeping? Today, you went to Madam Li's thing, didn't you. How did it go?"

Su Hongguang clearly cared about this matter, so he had especially asked.

When he mentioned it, Zheng Minjun immediately looked to her husband emotionally. "Hongguang, you're finally home!"

"What happened?" When he saw Zheng Minjun looking so frazzled, Su Hongguang frowned and asked.

Zheng Minjun said anxiously, "Today, at Madam Li's gathering, I saw Ning Xi!"

"Ning Xi? Hasn't she disappeared for over a year? I heard she was taken as a mistress by some rich merchant." Even though Su Hongguang did not pay attention to such things, he knew a little about it.

When this was brought up, Zheng Minjun's expression changed. "It wasn't like that at all! Ning Xi was probably with the Zhuang family in the past year!"

"How would Ning Xi have been with the Zhuang family?"

"Hongguang, you don't know! Ning Xi was at the Heavenly Spring Resort with Meng Linlang. She even introduced Ning Xi in front of everyone as her niece! I'm afraid the Zhuang family has already long acknowledged Ning Xi!"

When he heard his wife, Su Hongguang's expression instantly changed too.

Chapter 1875: Switch To The Real Phoenix

"Xueluo spent so much effort just to get two invitations, and we didn't even speak that much there. And she had to do so much to just get noticed, but when Ning Xi went... Just because of some petty matter, Meng Linlang went on a rampage for her. Everyone was afraid of them. Even Madam Li was really careful with her..."

Zheng Minjun did not fill in the details about how she had misspoken. Her tone was full of regret about how she had just lost what she deserved.

"Are you for real?" Su Hongguang was shocked.

"Why would it be fake!? I witnessed it with my own eyes! I also saw that all the other ladies were really interested in Ning Xi!" Zheng Minjun looked nervous. "We should've noticed back then. We were too careless!"

Su Hongguang's expression looked solemn. After a while of silence, he said, "Let's stop talking about the past. It doesn't matter what has become of Ning Xi now."

"How does it not matter!? We were supposed to take in the real daughter of a prestigious family! If Ning Xi married Su Yan, it wouldn't have been so tough for us to climb higher!"

"The Qi family has always been below us, but just because their son married the daughter of Officer Qin's daughter, they suddenly rose up. Do you know how I feel every time I see Mrs. Qi's face?"

Su Hongguang pinched the space between his eyebrows when his wife was nagging.

"Of course, I know, but things happen. It was us who determined that Ning Xi was not presentable and chose Xueluo even when we knew the truth. Su Yan and Xueluo have been married for over a year. Do you think it's going to be easy?"

Zheng Minjun fumed. "It's not our fault! The Ning family lied to us at first. It's not unreasonable if Su Yan divorces Xueluo and marries someone else!"

"You think Ning Xi would still marry into our family with her current status? Stop fantasizing and messing up our family!" He would love to have marriage ties with the Zhuang family, but the reality was before him. Ning Xi was not the same person as before.

Zheng Minjun noticed there was some space for negotiation, so she then said, "I'm pretty confident in this. You forgot how much that girl loved Su Yan back then. With Su Yan's talent and appearance, he's much better than most other men outside! Even if that girl has the Zhuang family behind her back, she's still not any better than some other daughters from a prestigious family. Do you think she won't say yes if I drop her some hints?"

Su Hongguang was shaken up, but he said cautiously, "We need to think this through."

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The next day.

While Ning Xi was resting for the day, the media, the fans, and all of the entertainment companies, even the whole entertainment industry went bonkers in just a day.

Everywhere, they talked about how Ning Xi had resurfaced in the press conference of "The World" after vanishing for a year.

At the airport.

Su Yan had just returned from abroad. He was taking a call from the company when he looked up and saw the big screen at the airport. He saw the girl who was singing with her teary eyes and felt as if a lightning bolt had struck him...

Chapter 1876: Reason of Retirement

"Xiao Xi..."

Su Yan could not hear what was being said over the phone anymore. The noise around him vanished. The only thing in his eyes and his mind was the singing girl in a white qipao .

The girl was pure and beautiful. Her image overlapped with the innocent girl singing in a floral dress in his mind as if she would just disappear in the next moment.

When the video finished, Ning Xi vanished and the man's heart experienced pain and was contracting rapidly.

Xiao Xi!

"CEO Su... CEO Su... Hello?" The driver asked as he did not hear a reply from his boss.

Su Yan ignored the questions and hung up the call, then he opened the search engine.

It did not take much effort. Just by punching in the keywords, he saw all the news about Ning Xi coming out of retirement...

The man finally felt the reality of it sink in after he saw the news article.

The vanished girl had really come back...

The man held onto his phone tightly, his deeply hidden feelings suddenly erupting like a volcano.

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At Starlight Entertainment.

Zheng Anru looked at her army in action and said confidently, "Don't worry, Zixuan! Ning Xi's just going to embarrass herself this time!"

After the full-blown excitement about Ning Xi's comeback had passed, under Zheng Anru's lead, more and more people started questioning about Ning Xi's disappearance.

"Ning Xi cunningly distracted everyone in the press conference! It's not so easy covering it up! She's just an abandoned and old star. Everyone spitting on her would be enough to drown her!"

Han Zixuan had been feeling really terrible for the past few days, but her expression softened a little when she saw people were starting to criticize Ning Xi on the Net.

[Motivational Queen of the entertainment industry? Can she tell us what happened in the past year?]

[She's been abandoned by her man, and she remembered she can squeeze out money from her fans. She really thinks everyone are idiots, huh?]

[To be honest, Ning Xi's fans, don't be angry at me. I was a loyal fan of her myself, so I can see that although the performance that day was barely presentable, it is so much different from before! She probably had it going well for the past year and stopped improving herself!]

[Yes! We want the best Bro Xi, not a secondary used item!]

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At first, only a few people questioned it, but many people followed the trend. Slowly, some fans were shaken up, but most of the loyal fans and Jiang Muye's fans stayed quiet.

Zheng Anru looked at the collaboration proposals which were increasing by the day. "After Ning Xi made a big fuss, you became even more popular now. It's much better than after the rumor between you and Jiang Muye. They wouldn't just leave you and go back to that old star!"

Han Zixuan was holding her iPad and scrolled through as she lavished in the online comments. "Don't be careless. Ning Xi's side wouldn't be unprepared."

Zheng Anru did not seem to mind. "What could she do? Even if she could do magic, she can't cover the fact that she disappeared for a whole year!"

Chapter 1877: The End Results Will Not Change

"She's just a fallen woman now and she wants to make a comeback? And she wants to get on top of you? Dream on! Just be obedient and make it a stepping stone! So what if that vixen can entice her fans? We got her fans the first time. We can do it the second time! Rest assured, the fans will surely come back to your side and will be even more loyal to you from now on!" Zheng Anru spoke confidently as if she was experienced.

Han Zixuan had never regarded Ning Xi as her opponent and seeing that she was on the advantageous side, she was totally relaxed. "Let's do some fan service later!"

"Don't worry. I've been preparing for it. The charts for the most popular star is starting soon. We'll ride on the waves and shoot for the stars. Let Ning Xi see who's the top dog of the entertainment industry!"

Han Zixuan did not seem to mind. "What's there to prepare? Do I have to fight with her?"

"Of course not, the end results won't change. It'll be our triumphant victory!"

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In Deer Town.

Liang Feixing was worried sick with the nasty rumors and criticisms flying around.

If they could not come up with an acceptable reason for the fans, everything they had done up till now would be wasted and Ning Xi's future would be extremely tough.

Just the assumption of her being a mistress and having retired would be enough to destroy her.

In the little garden, Liang Feixing paced back and forth. "Depression? Overseas study? Change of career? Even if it's marriage... No matter the reason, I can't explain the whole year of disappearance and not tell anyone about it!"

He understood that if they did not have a powerful reason, this would sting them forever.

Liang Feixing sighed as he carefully glanced at Ning Xi on the rattan chair.

Actually, even he did not know the real reason Ning Xi had vanished until now.

The Netizens were speculating that she felt guilty, which was why she left without saying a word. Some even suspected that she was a cold person and had never cared about her fans at all. If not, she would not have just stayed hidden with so many people worried sick about her.

Besides Ning Xi, Jiang Muye was also present, except that he had taken a shower. His hair and his outfit were still similar to that of a homeless old man. He did not care about his image at all and even Lei Ming had given up on him and he just hoped that he would not cause any trouble for now.

Jiang Muye turned over and looked at Ning Xi. The girl was thinking about something intensely and she looked troubled.

Jiang Muye rested his chin on his palm. "Why are you thinking so much about this? Just tell them the truth! You've been in a vegetative state for the past year, so how could you have appeared and talked?"

"W-What!" Liang Feixing was shocked when he heard that. "Ning... Ning Xi, you were in a vegetative state for the past year?!"

He somewhat guessed it might be because of health issues, but he did not expect it to be so severe. Taking into account Ning Xi's relationship with the Boss, what had happened in between might be really complicated...

This was probably the reason why they had not announced the real reason for Ning Xi's retirement.

As countless thoughts passed through Liang Feixing's mind, there were sounds of solid footsteps from behind him.

Liang Feixing quickly turned around. "Boss!"

Lu Tingxiao handed him an envelope and said, "Release this."

"This is..." Liang Feixing took it hesitantly.

He opened the envelope and was thrilled. "The records and diagnosis reports from the Imperial Military Hospital! With this, there shouldn't be any problem now!"

Chapter 1878: Suddenly Feel Like I'm Very Bright

Ning Xi looked at the thing in Liang Feixing's hand and could roughly guess what it was. Her brows could not help but furrow.

Lu Tingxiao knew what the girl was concerned about, so he walked to her side and slowly squatted down. Holding her hand, he said, "I'm sorry. The reason I didn't announce it back then was that I was worried that the media would try to get to the bottom of it in their madness and disturb your recovery. Apart from that, you don't have to worry about any other thing, whether it's the Lu family or the Zhuang family."

Liang Feixing nodded on the side as he listened.

Right, right! In any case, there was Big Boss, this super strong plug-in here!

As long as these proved her state, it was enough. As for how she had turned into a vegetative state, whether it was an accident or a car crash... He could come up with a flawless reason.

Ning Xi sighed lightly, "It's not your fault. Actually, had it been me back then, I'd have chosen not to tell the fans the truth too."

When Ning Xi said this, she thought about how Lu Tingxiao had lived through every day, every minute, and every second in unlimited and repeated disappointment. She felt her heart ache for him again.

Beside them, Liang Feixing and Jiang Muye were speechless as they watched the tender couple.

Liang Feixing mumbled, "Um, I suddenly feel like I'm a very bright lightbulb!"

Jiang Muye calmly shook his leg to bide his time. "You'll be fine once you get used to being this bright!"

Liang Feixing was speechless.

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After they finished discussing and arranging the follow-up, Liang Feixing set the upcoming plan for public relations.

For now, he could wait until the Internet hyped it up further. Tomorrow night, he would organize a press conference and officially announce Ning Xi's coming out of retirement. At the same time, he would share the truth about Ning Xi's retirement a year ago.

Xu Tao, who was at home, was racking his brains on how to handle the matter when he received Liang Feixing's call and found out the reason Ning Xi had vanished. Needless to say, he was shocked too.

"I didn't think it'd have been like that... Then, what's the reason we should give? What do we say then?"

"The real reason implicates a lot of people, so we can't use that. Second Master's end will handle the lockdown and not let any information leak out. On our end, we'll just say it was a car crash. Even though it's simple and a bit rough around the edges, it's something that's the most easily accepted by the wider public."

"Then, I'll inform the media now to announce that we're having a press conference tomorrow."

"Sure."

"Okay."

After they finished the call, Xu Tao lit a cigarette and pondered momentarily before posting up a Weibo.

[Tomorrow night 8 p.m. at Imperial Royal Jazz Hotel. Press conference on Ning Xi coming out of retirement.]

Clear and simple.

This Weibo had just been put up when it caused a commotion in the whole Weibo community.

Ning Xi was finally going to officially have a press conference on coming out of retirement!

Apart from that, they were still curious about the reason Ning Xi had vanished.

The comments below that post were filled with questions...

[What's the reason Ning Xi retired then? Was it really because she degraded herself, and like other female celebrities, once she got slightly famous, she found herself a bankroller?]

[We only care about the reason Ning Xi retired! Why did she just leave without saying a word!? Who did she think the fans who supported her were? She just threw them away once she was done using them!]

[What are you guys rushing for? The official portal has already announced that they'll have a press conference, so of course, they'll give us an explanation! Before the matter has even been clarified, you keep saying that she was a mistress and found a bankroller. There isn't even the most fundamental level of trust. Is this all of your so-called love and support?]

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With the spammers, the fans who were influenced by the spammers, and some of Ning Xi's die-hard fans who had appeared because they could not bear to watch any longer, all of the comments mixed together, creating a war on there.

Xu Tao watched the development that he had predicted unfold and posted a second Weibo: [Sometimes, the truth is best forgotten.]

Hehe, f*ck you Zheng Anru! When I started in the industry, you were still playing in the mud somewhere! Want to play a game of inciting public discussion with me?

Chapter 1879: I've Given Them The Guts

Liang Feixing was on the way back to the office when a notification on Xu Tao's second Weibo popped up on his phone.

When he saw this genteel and moving Weibo that was a huge contrast to Xu Tao's messy old-man image, Liang Feixing was rocking between laughter and tears.

Based on his strong point of shamelessness, Xu Tao was quite suitable for being Ning Xi's manager because he could complement what Ning Xi lacked.

Ning Xi was too honest. Even her previous manager, Ling Zhizhi's style was like that too.

One must know that Han Zixuan was someone who would post on Weibo to gain sympathy even if she just caught a cold or scraped off some skin from her arm during acting.

As for Ning Xi, it did not matter how injured she was, or how much hard work she had put in. She had never complained about it to the fans. There was a saying that everyone would ever only see her bright and beautiful side. The media could only say that she was a rare and elusive, talented actress in the entertainment industry as if all of her achievements were only dependent on her gift.

Liang Feixing had just knocked on the door to enter Xu Tao's office when he noticed that Yi Xudong was there too.

Yi Xudong's expression looked unusually dark. "What's the meaning of this? Such huge news about Ning Xi returning, yet you didn't tell me a thing? As the company CEO, I had to hear it from other people! Now, you two, first you decide on a manager for her and then you hold a press conference! Have you even bothered to ask me first? You leave when you want to, and return when you feel like it. What do you think Glory World is?"

Behind him, Liang Feixing raised a brow. "It turns out that you don't hope for Ning Xi to return to Glory World, CEO Yi... Don't worry, I'll help you pass the message!"

Yi Xudong, who had still been flaunting his authority earlier, suddenly had a change in expression. "Liang Feixing, don't try to drive a wedge here. When did I say that I didn't want Ning Xi to return? I'm just saying that whatever it is, you should've first asked me, the CEO, for instructions!"

"Look at the comments online right now! They're unbearable to look at, and that's because you two didn't prepare anything. You just messed things up without saying anything, which is what caused us to

be in such a passive position! I'm telling the both of you, from now on, everything about Ning Xi will be taken over completely by me!

"You're both temporarily suspended and I want you to go home right away! What right do you have to rise above the company and decide all of this? Who was it that gave you such guts? You're practically revolting!"

Yi Xudong was like the guilty party filing the suit first. He was even ready to kick them aside while he held on tightly to Ning Xi and relied on her to make his comeback.

Xu Tao and Liang Feixing exchanged a glance. Suddenly, their expressions sunk too. Even though they expected Yi Xudong to make things difficult for them, they did not expect that this guy would be this shameless.

If Yi Xudong really strongly interfered, they would have a lot of trouble on their side too...

At this moment, there were footsteps at the door, followed by a knock. Then, the three of them saw a man in a flashy light blue tuxedo leaning by the door. That delicate and dazzling face was enough to wipe out all the pretty boys in the entertainment industry.

"I've given them the guts. Do you have an opinion?"

The instant the man's lazy voice finished, Xu Tao and Liang Feixing instantly looked emotional as if they had seen their savior. "Second Master!"

Especially Xu Tao, who did not know Ning Xi and the Lu family's layer of relationship, never would have thought that Lu Jingli would appear in the office!

Since Ning Xi's departure, Glory World seemed to be slowly let free by the corporation. After all, in the huge Lu Corporation, with the thousands of companies under its banner, Glory World was just one of Lu Jingli's practice projects.

When Yi Xudong saw Lu Jingli, his overbearing demeanor changed all of a sudden. He turned pale and said with a trembling voice, "Second... Second Master..."

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Damn it! Had the Second Master not returned to the corporation? Why did he suddenly come to Glory World?! And he had appeared at such a time too!

Yi Xudong wiped the cold sweat on his forehead away and said politely, "Second Master, it's not what you think it is. These two people have really been behaving unscrupulously. Ning Xi coming out of retirement is such a huge matter. How can they act so recklessly!?"

"This past year, Glory World's situation hasn't been fantastic..."

"However, back then, Ning Xi had suddenly gone missing. Ling Zhizhi didn't care about the company and just resigned too, so I could only rack my brains and find Han Zixuan, the most suitable person to replace Ning X, but who would've thought that Han Zixuan and Zheng Anru would be so ingratituous and take all the opportunities with them to jump to a different company? They even took away so many of our people. All of this was Starlight's plot!

"Nevertheless, Second Master, don't worry! I'll personally take over everything on Ning Xi's side. I'll definitely make Glory World return to the way it was!"

As long as he could make a comeback, all of this would not be a problem anymore...

Yi Xudong expressed his loyalty as he pushed away all of the blame. It was Ning Xi's fault, Ling Zhizhi's fault, Han Zixuan's fault, Zheng Anru's fault, Starlight Entertainment's fault... Whatever it was, it had nothing to do with him.

This level of shamelessness made anyone astonished.

Lu Jingli was all smiles as he looked at this man who was full of flattery before him. "Do I look like an idiot?"

On the side, Xu Tao's mouth twitched and Liang Feixing had turned his head to suppress his laughter.

Yi Xudong's features suddenly twisted. "No... no way! Second Master, where did you get that idea!?"

The smile on Lu Jingli's face suddenly faded away and turned into a sharp and cold expression. "I've never touched the company's artistes, but you've got a huge appetite. Do you think the company is your harem? Do you want to bestow favor upon whoever you wish? Do you want to give opportunity to whoever as you wish?"

When he was in raging anger, Lu Jingli's tone was on par with Lu Tingxiao's. That huge, repressing aura had completely toppled Yi Xudong's thoughts of initially wanting to get away by cracking jokes.

Yi Xudong broke out in cold sweat as he braced himself and gave a final struggle. "N-no... How could I have touched the company's artistes? All of those were rumors. Don't trust them, Second Master... I was really doing it wholeheartedly for the company!"

Lu Jingli already did not have the patience to hear this person's rubbish. He just raised his hand and let the people behind him, who had been transferred to handle Glory World, handle Yi Xudong.

Yi Xudong was struggling until he was taken away. He could not figure out why Lu Jingli would have suddenly appeared.

Damn it!

Liang Feixing! Xu Tao!

It must be these two bastards!

They had actually lodged a complaint about him behind his back!

He would really like to see what Glory World Entertainment, which was just left with an empty shell, would turn out to be like after chasing him away.

No matter how Han Zixuan was, he had still managed her. Did they really count on Ning Xi to defeat Han Zixuan, and even save the whole Glory World?

What a joke!

When he saw that Lu Jingli had handled Yi Xudong without an ounce of demure, Xu Tao let out a long sigh of relief. He did not forget to brownnose him. "Second Master, you're indeed wise and brilliant, distinguishing right and wrong with acuity!"

Lu Jingli said without any expression, "I've already helped you resolve what should be resolved. The new CEO will coordinate your work. If you need anything, just go to him."

"Thank you, Second Master."

"Mmm." Lu Jingli nodded and left.

As he watched the man's departing figure, Xu Tao lamented, "Having had not seen him for a year, the Second Master is like a totally different person!"

Liang Feixing nodded too. "I heard that in the past year, there's been much unrest in the corporation."

Just as Xu Tao and Liang Feixing were lamenting about Lu Jingli's maturity...

In the car, a certain koi was impatiently taking credit on the phone. "Sis-in-law, I'm telling you, I was so cool earlier! So cool that it's enough for you to personally cook me sweet and sour ribs..."