

Hidden 1881

Chapter 1881: Get It Back From Her

Some time after Xu Tao updated his status on Weibo.

Zheng Anru saw it right away.

"They're actually having a press conference! Might as well forget about the truth! He thinks he can distract everyone by uttering some weird and ambiguous phrase? The same old trick again! He's not going to get it easy this time!"

"Keep an eye on them." Han Zixuan stared at Zheng Anru.

She did not want any mistakes to happen again.

Jiang Muye's matter had really taken a toll on her.

She had spent a lot of effort playing the victim as she explained to her fans that she did not tell the truth because of her work ethics, but the fans would just be angry at her as they were disgusted and had wronged Jiang Muye.

It would not be easy to soothe the fans' anger. Moreover, Jiang Muye's fans were known for being aggressive.

She lost a lot of fans who shipped Jiang Muye and her after this incident.

More importantly, she could never create any news with Jiang Muye anymore after this, and she would need to avoid anything related to him.

She was going to get everything back from Ning Xi!

"Don't worry, Zixuan. I'll keep an eye on them. Our people will mix among the reporters. No matter what reasons they use, I won't let them off so easily! Think about it! Just what reason can they use to explain Ning Xi's disappearance for a whole year? Just going with the point of her abandoning her fans is enough to ban her!"

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The next night, at the Royal Jazz Hotel.

The whole entertainment industry was focused on Ning Xi's press conference.

Fans had flooded the hotel since that morning, and numerous media reporters were at the scene. The whole hotel was severely congested although the invitation to the press conference was extremely precious.

Just ten minutes before the press conference, a black car quietly parked several hundred metres across the street of the hotel.

Inside the car, Su Yan was staring right at the hotel entrance.

After a purring amble, a car stopped at the entrance and Ning Xi went into the hotel with her bodyguards.

From Su Yan's angle, he only saw a light-colored outfit, but it was enough to make his fists clench the steering wheel as his breathing was getting unstable too.

When he found out that Ning Xi had reappeared, he went to the place she used to stay at, including the places she might be at, but he could not find her, which was why he waited there.

Ever since he knew that Ning Xi was having a press conference yesterday, he had parked his car near the hotel for the entire night...

At this moment, the seats in the multipurpose hall of the hotel were completely filled up. Even the corridors were packed with reporters.

The press conference this time was being streamed on several popular video sites. Apart from the journalists on-site, a lot of fans were waiting on the streaming sites too.

"Is it true that Ning Xi retired because she became someone's mistress?"

"Ning Xi's not motivated and fell off the popularity bandwagon. Can her comeback this time pick up from her glory in the past?"

"Ning Xi irresponsibly missed many important events, even the award ceremonies. Countless fans were worried and concerned. She's come back out for money this time. Isn't she too disrespectful?"

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Soon after it started, the reporters were asking really harsh questions.

Terrible questions and words came out on the streaming sites as well.

"What should I do? Just accept that I have a weak heart... No matter what Bro Xi's reason is... I still felt that I was abandoned..."

"You're not alone in feeling that way!"

Chapter 1882: Truth

"Let's wait and see what Bro Xi says."

"What's there to see? No matter what, she could've said something and let us know, couldn't she? But no, there's nothing at all!"

"I still think Zixuan is better. She always interacts with us and it feels great! I feel like I'm being valued!"

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More and more comments like these popped up. The spammers Zheng Anru arranged to the point of Ning Xi "abandoning" her fans, stepping on Ning Xi and at the same time, trying to boost Han Zixuan's reputation.

"Thank you for coming to the media partners. Also, thank you to all the fans who are watching before the TV right now..."

The press conference started and Liang Feixing gave a short opening. Then, he handed the mic to Ning Xi. "Ning Xi will explain the reason for her retirement a year ago to everyone."

The venue became eerily quiet as Liang Feixing finished his sentence. Even the comments section of the streaming sites paused for a while.

Suddenly, everyone was focused on the girl in the middle of the stage.

Even Xu Tao and Liang Feixing were a little anxious. Although they had definite proof, this step was the key.

There was a short silence after Ning Xi took the mic from Liang Feixing. She then started talking, "I'm sorry. It's only now that I can be here and speak to everyone... The reason that I retired a year ago was that I met an accident and fell into a vegetative state. I was in a coma."

The reporters were shocked by Ning Xi's words. After the short break, the comments section on the streaming sites went crazy.

"A vegetative state!"

"Bro Xi became a human vegetable?"

"Seriously!"

"Am I hallucinating?!"

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Liang Feixing and Xu Tao were watching everyone's reactions as they waited for Ning Xi to continue. They then realized Ning Xi had already put down the mic.

Liang Feixing was distraught. She had really just explained it briefly and did not say anything else!

Xu Tao looked helpless. He thought that from Ning Xi's performance at the press conference of "The World", he need not worry about that night, so he had just given her some reminders.

He finally realized that Ning Xi was really bad at acting weak to gain herself sympathy.

Was that why she had chosen to sing in order to express herself at that time?

Luckily, Liang Feixing and Xu Tao were great at controlling the circumstances. Liang Feixing quickly had people deliver the documents to prove to the reporters at the scene. They also put it up on the big screen behind them.

"What's this?"

"I don't know! Let me take a look..."

"Gosh! It's the diagnosis report... Brain injury... Vegetative state...!"

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The reporters and the fans on the streaming sites were dumbstruck by the solid proof before they had any chance to ask questions.

At the same time, Xu Tao said with a painful expression, "Back then, when Ning Xi was injured... Everyone thought a miracle would happen... That this girl would surely wake up...

"After all that she's been through... Putting in so much effort... She finally got what she deserved... She had so many... so many fans who were waiting for her...

"All of us believed that your thoughts, your love for her would wake her up...

"So, we did everything we could to hide the news..."

Chapter 1883: They Abandoned Her

No one said anything after Xu Tao started talking.

Xu Tao took a deep breath and continued, "But as time passed by, Ning Xi... did not wake up...

"Ning Xi's 'Mother' and 'Nine Realms' aired one after another. She became so popular. We had even hoped that... hoped that she could be less popular... so that we could buy her more time... even if it was for one more day...

"In the end, we put in so much effort, but we got the worst results possible...

"Three months, for three whole months, Ning Xi didn't wake up.

"The doctors said that in her condition, her chances of waking up was near to impossible after three months..."

Xu Tao narrated what had happened back then to everyone in detail. Everyone could feel the sadness and despair emanating from her.

Then, with a sarcastic tone, she continued, "Everyone knows what happened afterwards. From the fans rioting until Ning Xi was totally forgotten, it took just a short year..."

"We're apologizing about the fact that we've never told the truth about Ning Xi's retirement to every fan who was genuinely worried about Ning Xi!"

When he said this, Xu Tao took a sharp turn and said, "But if we had a chance to do it again, despite knowing what would've happened, we'd still do the same thing!

"Because if we told the truth, Ning Xi would have to face the constant disturbance and trouble from the media reporters! She wouldn't be at peace even when she was in a vegetative state!"

No reporter said a thing at the scene.

They had to admit that if Glory World broke the truth about Ning Xi's actual condition, they would surely comb through all the hospitals to look for Ning Xi and find out about the news as soon as possible. Even after some time passed, there would still be reporters standing by, waiting for a catch.

Ning Xi's fingers clenched as she listened to Xu Tao. She was unaware of a lot of things Xu Tao said.

While Xu Tao was just reciting what had happened according to what he heard from Jiang Muye and the bunch back then, she was brought back in time. She could feel what Sis Zhizhi, Jiang Muye, and Lu Tingxiao had gone through...

Xu Tao gazed at Ning Xi sincerely. "We apologized to Ning Xi about how we handled the matter and made everyone misunderstand, but Ning Xi told us that if it had been her, she would've chosen to say nothing."

There was a small fuss at the venue and on the streaming sites when they heard Xu Tao.

Xu Tao made a short pause, he sighed and continued, "Ning Xi said that instead of making everyone cling onto that tiny little spark of hope and wait for forever... everyone might as well have forgotten about her..."

Sometimes, the truth was best forgotten.

So, this was the true meaning of Xu Tao's status on Weibo...

At the moment, the fans who were watching the stream were sobbing...

All along...

They had misunderstood...

From the beginning until now...

It was not Bro Xi who had abandoned them. It was they who had abandoned her...

Chapter 1884: Who Gave You The Confidence?

Xu Tao's gaze swept across all the reporters who had fallen into absolute silence. Then, from the corner of his eye, he skimmed the way the fans were flooding the online stream from his phone.

Huh, do you think it's over?

"Huh, a huge drawback in capabilities? Not improving herself? Deceiving fans? Ning Xi laid in a vegetative state for a whole year. When she woke up, even the basic acts of walking and speaking required a whole lot of effort. Even if she persevered with the recuperation, there was no way she could've returned to how she was back then, yet, even so, she could still wipe out a certain person's achievement from the so-called half a year of professional training!

"Who's the one that's not improving themselves?! Who's the one deceiving the fans?! Who's the one that's doing it for the money?!"

"Damn it! They can't even compare to a person in a vegetative state, and still, they dare to present themselves as a hardworking and diligent role model! Who gave you such confidence?!"

Xu Tao's voice echoed through the entire hall. His attack had unexpectedly targeted Han Zixuan directly.

"Ning Xi already swept all of the awards a year ago. She took over the entertainment industry. She put in all her hard work. Even if God had played a huge joke on her, even if she was forgotten by everyone in this world, she already had no more regrets.

"At the start, Ning Xi didn't have any plans to come out of retirement. However, some people weren't satisfied with their small gains and kept pressing on!"

When he said this, Xu Tao's gaze abruptly turned cold.

At the same time, Liang Feixing projected an edited video on the huge screen behind him.

In the video, a reporter in a red shirt mentioned that Ning Xi's portrayal of Meng Changge could not be surpassed by the likes of the fans of the original version. They had asked for Han Zixuan's opinion on this.

Up next was Han Zixuan's answer...

Every word and every sentence were insinuated with insults.

They had even said, "Zixuan cannot be placed on par with a sub-standard person who uses her face and body to make it to the top. This is an insult to Zixuan".

When Zheng Anru mentioned "sub-standard person who uses her face and body to make it to the top" in the video, the fans in the streaming sites instantly exploded and cursed in rage.

Zheng Anru finally said, "I hope everyone won't ask such insulting questions in the future. Don't mention Zixuan's name in the same sentence together with some unbearable people of poor moral conduct."

The wrath of all of the fans in the streaming sites reached their peak!

At the same time, something dawned on everyone.

[F*ck you! Bloody hell, Zheng Anru! You actually said such things about our Bro Xi?! As a gold-plated manager, you actually slandered her in a public setting without any evidence! You even slandered the industry's senior! Is this your professionalism, your attainment in self-cultivation?]

[Ah! My dearest, I suddenly found out about something! Jiang Muye! It turns out that Jiang Muye suddenly left the press conference and even posted that foul-mouthed Weibo on behalf of Bro Xi!]

[Oh my God! Really?! Jiang Muye suddenly left after Han Zixuan's manager said all those things! That's way too cool, man!]

[That Weibo scolded her justly! Completely to everyone's satisfaction!]

[Even cooler is our Bro Xi, alright? Do you guys still remember when Bro Xi answered that reporter, "Who said that I wasn't here to mess things up"?]

[Oh! I want to ship XiYe forever! Han Zixuan, whatever! Buzz off!]

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The reporters present would never have expected such a turn of tables, especially the reporters that Zheng Anru had slipped in. They were all dumbfounded.

Xu Tao caught them off guard one after another and they left in defeat.

This comeback press conference had not only clarified everything. It had even savagely delivered one stinging slap after another on Han Zixuan's face...

Chapter 1885: Yearned For By The Public, Irresistible Trend

So far, Ning Xi's comeback was completely craved for by the public and became an irresistible trend, which could not be stopped by any external force.

At the final part of the press conference, Xu Tao sneered. "The culprit of Ning Xi's accident is still on the run."

This sentence carried a subtle undertone. Although no one was named, it instantly pushed Han Zixuan to where the wind and the waves were the fiercest, ruthlessly implicating her.

Once Ning Xi had disappeared, Han Zixuan had risen steadily from being a newbie in Glory World Entertainment to replacing Ning Xi and becoming an A-lister in the entertainment industry.

Then, was Ning Xi's car crash back then an accident or intentional?

If it was intentional, who could have been the orchestrator?

This unlimited imagination was left to those reporters who relished coming up with huge news!

After the press conference ended, in the car, Liang Feixing smiled and raised a hand. Xu Tao raised his brows and reached out to give him a high-five to celebrate.

Liang Feixing stared at his high-spirited manner and clicked his tongue. "Only you could ever do such shameless things! You really implicated her like an experienced thief!"

Of course, he was an expert in inciting the will of the people too!

Xu Tao was smug after being praised as he nodded. "Of course!"

Then, he virtuously covered his face and turned to take credit from Ning Xi who was sitting in the back seat. "My queen, what did you think about my performance today? Have I passed the probation?"

Ning Xi did not know whether to laugh or to cry. "Mmm, not bad."

She was used to Ling Zhizhi's way of doing things by the book, which was completely different from Xu Tao's style.

However, to handle such a complicated and sticky situation such as hers right now, Xu Tao's slick and sly way was indeed an advantageous thing too as it could make up for what she lacked.

"Hahaha, now Zheng Anru and Han Zixuan's team must definitely be exploding in anger! And Wang Haojun, that son of a bitch too! Who told you people to steal my people?!"

Xu Tao was elated as he felt that the resentment he had kept in for so long could finally be released.

The most important first step had been successfully executed, so Liang Feixing was relieved, but he still said carefully, "It's true that this time will be enough to dampen their strength, but it's impossible to cripple her with just this one blow."

Xu Tao shook his leg excitedly as he stared at Ning Xi with shining eyes. "What are you afraid about? Do you doubt that my green dragon crescent blade can't beat Zheng Anru's lousy kitchen knife?" Ning Xi was speechless.

This metaphor of his...

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At the same time, Jiang Muye had just finished watching the live stream of Ning Xi's comeback press conference.

When he saw all the flooding comments of "Jiang Muye is so manly" and "Jiang Muye and our Bro Xi are so matching", a certain blondie was in an incredibly cheerful mood.

Jiang Muye picked up his phone and called Lei Ming. "Hello, Bro Ming!"

"Hey, Master, what do you need?" Lei Ming asked nervously. It was always he who called this Little Master as this guy rarely looked for him first.

"Make an appointment with a stylist for me!" Jiang Muye instructed.

Lei Ming was shocked to hear this. "Oh my God! My Little Master, you've finally come around! I'll make the appointment right away! Um, but what style do you want?"

"You know what? I agree to change my style."

Lei Ming was speechless.

Was Jiang Muye unexpectedly being extremely cooperative?

"This time, the most popular male artiste must be me. Make progress with me! Got it?" Jiang Muye commanded.

Lei Ming had no words to reply yet again.

Not only was he cooperative, he even wanted to improve himself!

In the past, he had to beg him every time, pleading with him to improve himself while he looked indifferent and impatient.

He was in disbelief. He had finally made it!

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Chapter 1886: Ning Xi Again

There were tons of others who were paying attention to this press conference as well.

In Glory World Entertainment, inside the practice room, the new and experienced artistes watched the live stream together and cheered emotionally.

"Oh! Bro Tao's dominance! Now, Han Zixuan and the others will suffer!"

"I didn't think that the reason Bro Xi had retired back then would turn out to be like this!"

"Oh my God, a car crash and ended up in a vegetative state! When I saw Bro Xi performing with that spike earlier, I even said things about how her skills had deteriorated. I want to apologize to Bro Xi! Bro Xi, you don't have to be so cool!"

"Senior Jiang is cleaned of injustice and Bro Xi is back too! Now, our Glory World really has a chance of being saved!"

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Compared to Glory World Entertainment that was in high spirits, Starlight Entertainment was in an unprecedented gloom.

The moment Ning Xi's comeback press conference ended, all of Starlight's upper management team immediately called for an emergency meeting.

Zheng Anru was so angry that she could puke blood at the moment. "That Xu Tao! He's extremely shameless! What did his last sentence even mean?! He's clearly trying to say that Ning Xi's car crash was arranged by us! Immediately get a lawyer! I want to sue him for slander!"

The public relations director, Liu Wenliang, shot her a side look and said, "He only said that the culprit is still on the loose. He didn't say anything apart from that. How are you going to sue them? On the contrary, it's you, the manager, who said things without thinking. You openly said such baseless things on that past occasion. 'Rely on her face and body to sell herself'? Now, you've given them something to use against you! Look at how they're cursing us online!"

Zheng Anru said coldly, "What do you mean baseless? Everyone knows that Ning Xi relied on her face and figure. Does this truly need proof?"

Liu Wenliang sneered. "If you have proof, then show it! Is it enough to just say that everyone knows? Are such things to be uttered by a gold-plated manager? I can't communicate with you at all!"

"You..."

Zheng Anru was about to retort when Wang Haojun angrily cut her short. "Enough, you two! Stop arguing! Did I call you over to fight?"

Ning Xueluo had just finished handling the issue with Spirit. Right after that, she received the news from Starlight about the drama and at this moment, she was extremely annoyed. "Didn't the last promotional event alert you people enough? Why do such problems keep happening?"

Damn it!

Ning Xi! Ning Xi! Why was it Ning Xi again!?

Zhao Wenliang said in a lowered voice, "Vice CEO Ning, it's not that we weren't alert. Ning Xi's team had solid evidence. Their reason couldn't be refuted at all. No matter how we tried to be vigilant, we were caught off-guard. We didn't think that Xu Tao would incite the fans, and even shamelessly attack us by subtly implying something!"

"Even though Xu Tao's side doesn't have proof, gossip is a fear monger. Once such a thing gets out, it'll affect an artiste's reputation hugely."

Ning Xueluo pinched the space between her brows. "Then, we'll just seize the fact that there's no proof. We definitely can't let the fans be riled up. As for Anru, post a public apology right now and be more sincere with your attitude."

"What? Me, apologize?" Zheng Anru's expression suddenly changed into one of disbelief. She subconsciously glanced at Han Zixuan.

Han Zixuan looked impatient with her immaturity. "If you don't apologize, are you waiting for me to do it then?"

Zheng Anru instantly fell silent.

Wang Haojun held his forehead while his head throbbed. "That's the only thing we can do now. Try our best to redeem the loss. Anru, you must take the burden for this matter. Zixuan's image cannot suffer any damage."

Chapter 1887: Definitely Get It

"I got it," said Zheng Anru unhappily.

Ning Xueluo reminded with a solemn expression, "The voting polls organized by the 'Entertainment's Light' is going to happen soon. Zixuan must win the number one spot among the female celebrities!"

"Entertainment's Light" was the most influential magazine in the industry. They would organize a large scale online poll every year, and they would make lists. The most highlighted list would be the popularity ranking. There were also some other lists like "Celebrities You'd Like To Marry", "Newcomers With Strong Potential", and even "Celebrities You'd Like To Sleep With". Each year was a war among the fans as the poll held large influential power.

In the last poll, Ning Xi dominated the top spot with twice as many votes as the first runner-up, which was when Ning Xi had disappeared from the public for three months.

Zheng Anru nodded. "Don't worry, Vice CEO Ning. We'll definitely get it!"

With Zixuan's popularity, there was no doubt that she would be the top star this year.

"Tell me and CEO Wang if there's anything you need. We will fully support you," assured Ning Xueluo.

Even if Ning Xi came back, the voting was going to start next month. Her current popularity now could not compare to Han Zixuan, but Ning Xueluo simply did not want any more mishaps.

The meeting went on for two hours...

After deciding on a solution, Wang Haojun said, "That's what we'll do then! Meeting adjourned! I have to go and talk to the investors!"

The moment word about Ning Xi's press conference went out, the investors of "The World" started kicking up a fuss.

Wang Haojun was filled with regrets.

Ning Xi was originally an artiste from Starlight Entertainment!

If he knew that this girl had so much potential and influence, he would have killed to make her stay. Unfortunately, he now found himself in such deep trouble...

Since a collaboration was impossible, he would need to destroy her completely!

He had to protect Han Zixuan. Even if the investments could not return the estimated earnings, he had to drive Zixuan on top of Ning Xi. Pushing Ning Xi down would mean pushing Glory World Entertainment down.

He would never give any chance to Glory World Entertainment!

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After the press conference ended, Ning Xi went back to the office and had a meeting with Xu Tao and the bunch.

Her office was filled with flowers and presents from friends and fans.

After the meeting, Ning Xi looked through all the presents one by one. She then had some staff to help her put them away.

When she picked a flower up, a card fell out of it.

Ning Xi picked it up and saw a familiar name at the corner.

Li Muyan...?

Aunt You's son?

Had the busy diplomat actually sent her some flowers?

As her aunt said, although Li Muyan was young, he was really skilled with people.

Ning Xi did not mind at all, but she still sent a thank you message out of courtesy.

After five minutes, Li Muyan replied: [You're welcome. I didn't expect that you'd notice my flowers when you have so many fans. This means that you really look through all the presents one by one. You're indeed one idol that's worth loving.]

As expected of a diplomat, while he might just be playing nice, his praises were just sweet enough.

Chapter 1888: Abandoned By Everyone

In a black car near the hotel.

Su Yan remained stationary like a statue and did not move for a very long while after watching the live stream of the press conference.

Xiao Xi...

So, something of such severity had happened to her in the past year.

And he had known nothing about it.

There were even a few times that he had doubted her just like the others.

The pure-hearted girl has left her hometown for him and tried to adapt to an environment she did not like for him. She had changed herself for him little by little...

She had said, "Bro Yan, trust me. I can do it."

She had said, "Bro Yan, one day, I will be standing by your side."

She had given up many things and put in a lot of effort for their future, but in the end, he had broken the promise between them, leaving her alone as everyone abandoned her...

Xueluo got everything and had everything, yet Ning Xi had to start all over again because of an accident.

A sudden decision suddenly germinated within him and grew sky high...

However, she always ignored his text messages and calls. It was impossible to call her to meet up.

The man picked his phone up and hesitated, then he made a phone call.

"Hello, Xiao Nuo?"

"Ah... Bro Su Yan..." Tang Nuo's tone sounded a little awkward.

He had been on friendly terms with Su Yan when Su Yan and Ning Xi were still together. He almost took him as a real brother, but ever since Su Yan got together with Ning Xueluo, they never contacted each other again.

"Did you see the news? There's a report about your sister," said Su Yan.

"Huh? My sister? What's up with her? Isn't she studying overseas now? I've been preparing for my exams lately and didn't go online much!" Tang Nuo's first impression of "his sister" was Ning Xi. There was no one else.

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At Glory World Entertainment.

After Ning Xi was done and about to go home, her personal phone suddenly rang.

The screen showed that it was Tang Nuo calling.

Ning Xi felt a warmth in her when she saw the name, but she also felt a headache coming on at the same time.

As expected, Tang Nuo's nagging came over the phone the moment she picked it up. "Sis! I didn't know that something so huge happened to you! Your assistant said that you went overseas to study and I just believed her!

"I didn't think about looking for you even though we haven't been in contact for a year. I'm not worthy of being your brother. You always treat me so well, yet I couldn't help you when you were in trouble, and even..."

Ning Xi interrupted the young man helplessly. "Fine fine, it's not your fault. It's mine. I'm sorry that I made you worried, but don't despair, I'm alright now!"

"How can you be alright after you've been in a coma for a year?! Those people are too much for spreading rumors about you!"

"It's okay. It's in the past now."

"Sis, where are you now? Can I go and look for you? Hmm, if it's too difficult... then it's fine..." Tang Nua asked carefully.

"What's so difficult about seeing me? I'll look for you! But it's a bit late now. I'll go to Chang Chun City tomorrow, alright?" Ning Xi said.

"Uhh, Sis, I'm in Imperial now. Did you forget?"

"Oh, right! My awesome brother is at Imperial University now!" Ning Xi laughed. "I'm in my company now. It's pretty near to you. Give me a few minutes and I'll be there!"

"Are you sure? What if you cause a commotion!?"

"It's late at night now. It'll be fine. I'll disguise myself too."

"Oh okay, then I'll wait for you at the observation platform on the school sports field!"

"Sure!"

Chapter 1889: His Cabbages

"Bro Tao, I'm going to Imperial University. Can you get me an outfit that won't attract too much attention?" Ning Xi asked Xu Tao.

Xu Tao nodded. "Okay, my queen, but what are you going to do at Imperial University this late at night?"

"I'm going to see my brother," replied Ning Xi.

"Do you want me to follow you?" Xu Tao looked like he wished he could become a foot accessory of hers.

"It's alright. I'll have a bodyguard nearby." Ning Xi laughed.

"Alright, give me a moment and I'll get it for you!" Xu Tao contentedly went to serve his queen.

After a moment, Xu Tao came back with a shirt. "Ning Xi, how about this? It definitely won't attract attention!"

"Uhh..." Ning Xi was speechless when she saw the Imperial University uniform in his hands.

Of course, it would not attract attention. She could just disguise as a student.

"How did you get the uniform?" Ning Xi asked.

Xu Tao shrugged. "I don't know. I just grabbed it from the storeroom. This should be the real thing! I checked the size and it should fit you!"

The Imperial University uniform was known to look appealing. Even though the university did not make it compulsory to wear the uniform, most students still liked to put it on.

"I'll take this then. Thank you, Bro Tao!"

Ning Xi changed in the fitting room. She then tied up her hair into a ponytail and wore a mask, swiftly finishing her disguise.

Xu Tao's eyes lit up like a light bulb when he saw Ning Xi come out in her new outfit.

Damn! His queen was attracting attention!

Even a blind person would know she was a super beauty! She might as well not wear the mask!

Oh, how worrisome! He would love to look after her tirelessly, rather than always worrying that his cabbages would be destroyed by some boars!

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At Imperial University.

At night, the lights in the school were turned on. Students were strolling around, talking and laughing together. Several couples were sitting by the field, and some people were also training by themselves...

Wearing the uniform, Ning Xi walked in, feeling a peaceful silence within herself.

With her grades back then, she had no problem getting into Imperial University at all, but unfortunately, because she had gone back to the Ning family, she spent most of her time trying to adapt to the so-called high-class society and in turn, affected her grades.

Xu Tao's accidental discovery of this uniform made her feel like she had completed her dream.

Ning Xi looked around as she walked slowly towards the observation platform.

She looked up and saw a familiar figure.

Ning Xi sped up the stairs and walked towards Tang Nuo.

Tang Nuo was wearing the Imperial University uniform as well, but he left the collar open and his jacket was casually slung on his shoulder.

After a year, the young man's face and body had clearly grown up. He looked handsome and active. Ning Xi was sure that he was probably popular among the girls at school.

She thought to herself, "The young man of the house has grown!"

"Xiao Nuo!"

Tang Nuo was looking around when he suddenly saw a girl in a mask beside him, calling his name. He looked over doubtfully. "You are?"

Ning Xi took off her mask, surprising Tang Nuo whose eyes flew wide open.

"Sis!"

Chapter 1890: Your Brother-in-law

"But, Sis... you... why are you wearing our school uniform?"

"I'm disguising as a student! Do I look like it?" Ning Xi chuckled.

Tang Nuo nodded vigorously. "You do! I couldn't even tell that you apart from the others!"

"Xiao Nuo, you've grown much taller again, and you're even more handsome now. I almost didn't recognize you! How's it going? There must be a lot of girls in school who like you! Do you have a girlfriend already?" Ning Xi teased.

Tang Nuo instantly blushed and he scratched his head. "Sis, don't tease me now. I just want to study properly. I've never thought of getting a girlfriend!"

"Pfft..." When she heard the young man say that he wanted to study properly in such an earnest manner, Ning Xi did not know whether to laugh or cry.

"Sis, how did you come over?" Tang Nuo asked.

"I walked over. It's not that far anyway."

"Ah! How tiring was that?! Quickly sit down and rest for a while!" Tang Nuo quickly rushed over to hold her.

Ning Xi waved her hand nonchalantly. "I'm not that weak! My manager was just exaggerating at that press conference video you saw. Actually, I have a friend who concocted some medication for me and I've recovered pretty quickly. At least, now I'm pretty much fine."

"Really? That's great!"

"Let's go. Let's walk around the field!"

"Okay." Now, the young man was assured.

The night breeze was a little cool. Tang Nuo considerately put his coat on Ning Xi's shoulders. "Sis, don't catch a cold!"

Ning Xi gathered the coat around her and her face was covered in warmth. "Thanks! Good boy!"

The two of them walked and chatted.

Ning Xi asked in concern, "Are you adapting well to Imperial?"

Tang Nuo fell silent for a while, then he said, "At first, I wasn't adapting too well... After all, we were from a small village. When I was back there, the entire village was proud of me, but I only found out when I reached here... that actually I'm nothing. This feeling of disparity actually hit me quite bad..."

The young man looked melancholic, but very soon he seemed fine again. "However, that was just the start! After that, I slowly adapted and now I get along quite well with everyone!"

The young man had only mentioned it briefly, yet one could imagine the kinds of twists and turns he must have experienced back then.

When Tang Nuo finished his reminiscing, he glanced slightly wistfully at the girl beside him. "Sis, back then... when you left home to come here... it must've been like this too, wasn't it?"

Ning Xi sighed softly. She gazed up at the night sky above her. In front of Tang Nuo, she would not deliberately hide the truth, so she slowly said, "Yep... every day... every day I missed home. I wanted to go back but... I can't miss... I couldn't miss home. Since I had already made such a decision, I couldn't go back anymore..."

As he listened to the girl's words, Tang Nuo's fists clenched. Apart from feeling his heart ache, he did not know what to say.

Unfortunately, he had been too young back then and could not do anything.

"Sis, do you still hate Bro Su Yan?" Tang Nuo asked.

Ning Xi looked at the young man who felt anguish for her. Her sparkling eyes reflected the bright starlight. "Hate? I should thank him! If it wasn't for him, how could I have met that person?"

When the girl said this, warmth spread across her face and there was not a hint of gloominess.

Tang Nuo was instantly infected by the girl's emotions too. "Sis! Are you talking about your boyfriend?"

Ning Xi smiled and corrected him, "Not boyfriend. It's your brother-in-law. We're already married."

When Tang Nuo heard this, he immediately looked shocked, then he exclaimed incredibly joyously, "Really?"

Probably after his experience with Su Yan, he had actually been disturbed that Lu Tingxiao was not sincere towards her, that he might have just fancied his sister's charm and wanted to mess around or something. He would never have thought that they had already gotten married!