

Hidden 1971

Chapter 1971: Stunned

"Thank you!" Ning Xi nodded and sat on the female lead's assigned seat under everyone's stunned gazes.

Han Zixuan, Zheng Anru, several other assistants, and every reporter at the scene were totally floored.

Zheng Anru's mocking smile froze on her face as if she was petrified.

Ning Xi had actually walked up and sat down in the seat for the female lead of "Assassin"!

Lilian was glancing at Ning Xi from time to time. She could not understand what the producer was thinking!

For a Hollywood movie, especially a remake of a classic movie like "Assassin", why would they use a Chinese female star?

However, even Director Simon was wary as he reminded Lilian with an unusual tone not to cause any trouble.

While she was displeased, she did not do anything about it.

Of course, if they did not reach the expected box office numbers when the movie was released, they could just blame everything on the female lead.

At this moment, all the members of the media were so shocked that they forgot about asking questions.

A Hollywood movie had decided to use a Chinese actress as the female lead, and it was Ning Xi of all people...

Every camera was aimed at Ning Xi.

"Hello, Ms. Ning Xi, are you taking up the role of the female lead, Anna?" A reporter asked.

"Yes," Ning Xi nodded and replied.

Some people were still in doubt, but as soon as Ning Xi admitted it, she caused a huge ruckus in the venue.

Zhen Anru, Han Zixuan, and the few assistants were looking at Ning Xi as their minds went blank.

"Ning Xi is... the female lead? Im-impossible..."

One of the assistants lost the shine in her eyes.

"No way!"

Zheng Anru came back to her senses and there was a big shift in her expression.

It was already a rare chance for a top star in China to play a minor role in the movie "Assassin". Now, to become the female lead...

Was this some kind of international joke?

“Zheng Anru, resting down here with your minor character? Don’t you want to have a seat up there?” Xu Tao went up to her and smiled.

Zheng Anru clenched her fists tightly as her expression darkened. She could never have anticipated this.

Ning Xi as the female lead of a huge Hollywood movie? What kind of concept was this?!

Xu Tao grinned cheekily. Ning Xi would become an international star after her appearance in the “Assassin” as the female lead!

From then on, who else in the Chinese entertainment industry could compare to Ning Xi?

Han Zixuan? She was no different from trash!

Except if Han Zixuan could outperform herself in “Assassin”.

But as a mere minor character, was it possible?

“Don’t you get so cocky, Xu Tao!” Zheng Anru burst with rage as she saw Xu Tao’s cheeky smile.

She thought that Han Zixuan’s position in the entertainment industry would be enhanced after they announced her involvement in the movie, but God knows what happened to the production team of “Assassin” to make them decide on the female lead to be Ning Xi!

“So what if I’m being cocky? Bite me! I’m worried that your teeth might fall off though!” Xu Tao chuckled.

Xu Tao was really enjoying himself when he saw Zheng Anru’s frustrated expression.

“What are you being so happy about?” Zheng Anru pointed her finger at Xu Tao furiously. “Who knows if your outdated artiste will get changed halfway through. Even if she doesn’t, I’ll see how you’re going to deal with it if the movie doesn’t reach the expected box office figures!” Zheng Anru’s voice trembled.

Chapter 1972: I Am Ning Xi’s Fan

“It doesn’t matter what I’m going to do about it. What matters is what you’re going to do now!”

Xu Tao pivoted away happily and broke eye contact with Zheng Anru.

Zheng Anru’s expression darkened. She stood there and remained silent. It was a mess inside her head.

She was freaking out for real this time.

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“Ms. Ning Xi, how did you get the role of the female lead in this movie?” The reporters asked Ning Xi.

Before Ning Xi could answer, the assistant director Simon Joseph replied, “Simple, that’s because Ms. Ning Xi’s image fits the image of the female lead, Anna.”

“This is the first time Hollywood is using a Chinese actress as the female lead in a movie. As the most popular star in China as of now, we believe she’s the best choice,” Weir added on.

This was a big slap on Han Zixuan's face.

"Mr. Weir, have you seen any of Ms. Ning Xi's work before?" A male reporter asked.

While they were really a team now, it was still unbelievable.

"Yes, after I found out that I'm going to act with Ms. Ning Xi, I looked through her work. 'The World' has a really strong flavor of China; while I don't fully understand it, Meng Changge's character is fantastic, and the blind mother she played in the movie 'Mother'... She really expressed humanity and motherhood to the fullest.

"As for Ms. Ning Xi's performance in the male outfit in the movie 'Dream Chaser', it further proved that she has the capability to handle the role of Anna in a male outfit!" Weir analyzed carefully, showing that he was really informed about Ning Xi's past work.

Actually, Weir had watched Ning Xi's work and was really fond of her performance.

"In a way, I'm a fan of Ms. Ning Xi's. I'm really looking forward to work with her." Weir smiled.

"Thank you, Mr. Weir," Ning Xi said to Weir.

It was out of Ning Xi's expectation to receive such a high praise from Weir.

"It's surprising that Mr. Weir would be a fan of Ms. Ning Xi's." The reporters were shocked after they listened to Weir's comment.

"Thank you for your answer, Mr. Weir. I have another question. If you had a choice, would you rather be in a scene with Ms. Ning Xi or Ms. Han Zixuan?"

"What?" Weir was confused.

"Ms. Ning Xi and Ms. Han Zixuan: who would you prefer to work with..."

The reporter thought Weir did not catch his words, so he repeated it again.

"I understand what you mean, but... the Ms. Han Zixuan you mentioned... I'm sorry, I've never noticed her before," Weir said.

Top international stars like him would never sugar coat their words at public events.

If they knew, they knew, and they would just admit so if they did not.

The expressions on Zheng Anru's and Han Zixuan's faces were darker than the bottom of a kettle at the moment.

The assistants were starting to complain.

"Mr. Weir, Ms. Han Zixuan is also a top star in our country. Well, her popularity is on par with Ms. Ning Xi's." The reporter sounded awkward.

"I'm sorry, I've only see the works of Ms. Ning Xi before and don't know about Ms. Han Zixuan. If any chance arises in the future, I'll definitely look at them and answer your question by then," Weir replied.

Chapter 1973: Capability To Crossdress

“Okay, thank you, Weir!” The reporter nodded and ended his stream of questions.

Everyone’s expression at the scene was indescribable.

Nevertheless, they soon they came back to their senses and continued with the questions.

“Ms. Ning Xi, the old version of ‘Assassin’ has already become a classic. Would you feel pressured by challenging such an important role?”

“I’ll give it my best shot. Of course, there’ll be some pressure, but...”

As Ning Xi was replying, Jiang Muye was entering with his manager and assistant.

Ning Xi glared at him when she saw that he had arrived. This kid was actually late for this important event today!

A lot of cameras were facing him following his sudden appearance.

“Sorry, really sorry. The car broke down halfway.” Lei Ming bowed his head in apology. He would never admit that this guy was too excited and had overslept!

Jiang Muye went up to Simon Joseph and said, “I’m really sorry, Director Simon.”

“Take a seat.” Simon Joseph waved his hand.

After Jiang Muye had received the contract from Ning Xi, he had gone to the producer’s team and met Jace. He had also familiarized himself with the rest of the crew.

He was usually not serious, but once he got fired up, it was hard for people to dislike him. Very soon, he was getting along with the crew.

When people saw Jiang Muye take a seat at the chair with the card “Carl” in front, some people screamed.

“Damn! Is Jiang Muye acting as Carl?!”

“Although Carl doesn’t have that many scenes, his popularity is not any lesser than the main lead’s!”

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The artiste, who played the cross-dressing assassin Carl, had now become an international star.

He was currently one of the highest paid comedians in Hollywood.

Lei Ming looked around, then he went up to Xu Tao and smiled. “Thanks to Ning Xi. She gave Muye such a big chance!”

Xu Tao chirped happily, “My queen is the best, isn’t she?”

This was the first time Hollywood had selected three Chinese actors. Even if Han Zixuan’s minor role was not included, Ning Xi and Jiang Muye as the main lead of the movie and the other being an outstanding secondary character was simply unimaginable.

“But, Mr. Jiang Muye, I’ve never heard about you going for the audition! How did you get this role?” A certain female reporter looked at Jiang Muye with doubt.

Jiang Muye nodded and replied, “You’re right, I didn’t go for the audition.”

“Then...” the female reporter asked.

“Ning Xi helped me get it,” Jiang Muye told the truth.

It was not just the female reporter who asked, everyone else who heard Jiang Muye’s reply were surprised.

Ning Xi helped him get it? What did he mean?

Suddenly, everyone looked at Ning Xi.

“I just made a recommendation. It’s mainly Senior Jiang’s own capability.” Ning Xi beamed.

Jiang Muye was annoyed when he heard Ning Xi’s reply.

Capability to cross-dress?!

This person was hiding her true words!

The members of the media once again fell into silence.

All along, they had been comparing Han Zixuan to Ning Xi. By the looks of things now, it was nothing but a joke.

Chapter 1974: China’s Pride In Hollywood

Ning Xi had become the leading female assassin, and then recommended Jiang Muye, making him clinch the classic role of Carl in “Assassin”.

Look at Han Zixuan again. How hard had she prepared for such a long time, yet she had only gotten a minor role?

Jiang Muye did not even attend an audition. Just because of Ning Xi’s word, he had gotten the contract to play Carl!

What was going on right now?

King Weir only knew Ning Xi and had called himself Ning Xi’s fan. When Han Zixuan was mentioned, he looked confused and had not given her face at all. He straight up said that he did not know her.

Ning Xi sat in the seat of the female lead and was interviewed by various members of the Chinese media.

After Han Zixuan received the minor role in “Assassin”, Starlight Entertainment had been promoting it all over, so the title of Chinese pride was everywhere.

On the other hand, Ning Xi had not promoted anything at all. She just waited for “Assassin” to begin shooting in China before she walked right up to the sit of the female lead.

Han Zixuan did not even qualify to go on stage right now. She could stand off-stage and look up at Ning Xi...

What was disparity?

No need to make it explicit. This was the disparity.

Without comparison, there would be no damage!

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“Mr. Jiang Muye, can you share what you understand about Carl’s role?” A reporter asked.

“Sure.” Jiang Muye nodded. He pondered for a moment before answering, “Carl and the female lead, Anna, are from the same organization. The two of them always execute assassination missions. On one of the missions, Carl disguises as a woman...”

“Then, Mr. Jiang Muye, what are your thoughts about disguising as a woman? Can you personally accept such a large role?” The reporter immediately asked again.

Obviously, the other reporters were also very curious and hungry for gossip about this question.

Jiang Muye wished he could slap the reporter dead, yet he just replied, “I’m a loyal fan of ‘Assassin’. I like the role of Carl very much too. To be able to play Carl is my utmost honor. As for disguising as a female, it’s also a need of the storyline.

“As a professional actor, I should be trying a diversity of roles, and constantly challenging myself. The point is I will play this role diligently.”

Jiang Muye looked at all of the flashes down below and felt a huge headache.

If it were just a normal Hollywood movie, he definitely would not have hesitated and would have rejected such characters that needed him to disguise as a woman.

However, as a loyal fan of “Assassin”, it was hard for him to resist the temptation of remaking a classic, so he just braced himself.

The questions from the Chinese entertainment media continued. Most of them surrounded Ning Xi, King Weir and the rest.

Minor roles such as Han Zixuan’s had been completely ignored by the members of the media.

A certain reporter looked at Ning Xi and exclaimed, “Ms. Ning Xi, you’re really China’s pride in Hollywood, the glory of China!”

This time, after the press conference ended, Ning Xi was immediately crowned the title of “China’s Pride” in Hollywood that Han Zixuan had been previously bragging about.

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At Starlight Entertainment.

Wang Haojun slumped onto the wide real leather seat, his expression defeated.

“How could this be?”

Initially, his worst expectation had been that Lu Jingli would use the Lu Corporation’s relationship to help Ning Xi steal the role.

Even if this was the result, he could still turn the tables when it happened by saying that Ning Xi’s team had used tricks to steal Han Zixuan’s role and by using the public’s opinion to attack her.

Who would have thought that Han Zixuan’s role would not be stolen? Instead, Ning Xi had gotten the female lead role directly. Even Jiang Muye had joined the cast as an important character.

This was already a hopeless situation!

With this victory Glory World Entertainment finally made their comeback. From this day onwards, he did not dare imagine how Starlight Entertainment would be like...

Chapter 1975: Be Closer To Her

At this moment, there was a knock at the door.

When he saw who it was, Wang Haojun immediately got up. “CEO Su, why have you come?”

After Su Yan had transferred all his shares to Ning Xueluo, he rarely asked about things on this end.

Could Ning Xueluo have asked him to come?

It must be!

What if they borrowed some of the Su family’s power?

There was a glimmer of hope that suddenly flashed in Wang Haojun’s eyes. “CEO Su, this time, the subordinates handled things poorly and they lost such an important collaboration. I have to bear the blame! But the priority right now is to quickly think of a way to make it up. I wonder if you have any brilliant plans, CEO Su?”

Su Yan looked at the newspapers on Wang Haojun’s work desk.

Splashed across the front pages were pictures of Ning Xi sitting in the seat of the female lead of “Assassin” as she was being interviewed. The headlines read: “China’s Pride In Hollywood: Ning Xi”.

Su Yan looked at that picture, a blunt aching in his gaze, suddenly appearing.

His girl...

He should have gone to look for her to give her a reply.

However, now, he could only break his promise to her once again and sorrily evade her.

“CEO Su... CEO Su?”

Su Yan retrieved his gaze from the newspaper. "The artistes under us are not as skilled as the others. How do we make up for that?"

Wang Haojun was stunned when he heard him. "Um, in any case, Han Zixuan is now Starlight's top female artiste. She's their front face. This time, we've been toppled by Ning Xi like this. It really doesn't look good on us!"

"Natural selection. If she can't change, let her capabilities do the talking."

Wang Haojun was stumped by Su Yan that he was rendered speechless.

However, even though Su Yan's words were unpleasant, he actually made sense.

The roles had already been decided. What was done could not be undone. This could not be changed.

Now that Han Zixuan was being pushed down like this, Starlight could not just put all their resources into one basket.

"I understand what you mean, CEO Su," said Wang Haojun.

"Mmm, Xueluo hasn't been feeling too well recently. If there's anything, just contact me directly," said Su Yan with a hint of bitterness in his eyes.

He could only use this way to get closer to her now.

"Okay, I got it." Wang Haojun nodded.

Now that Su Yan had replaced Ning Xueluo in managing Starlight, even though he could not reverse the current state of things, he could only console himself that whatever it was, he had extra support behind the scenes.

Su Yan had just left not too long ago when Zheng Anru rushed into Wang Haojun's office like she was on fire.

"CEO Wang! You must demand justice for our Zixuan! Zixuan's so angry that she's in the hospital right now! We don't know what sly tricks that slut Ning Xi used. How did she get the leading role from thin air? This was clearly a result of her dirty tricks! How can our Zixuan be a supporting role to someone like that? Isn't that..."

Wang Haojun irritably interrupted Zheng Anru's rant, "Enough, don't blame everything on someone else. I've put all of our resources on her. How else can I demand justice for her? She's the female lead for a movie that Jace is personally producing. Do you think it can be done with just dirty tricks?"

Even if the Lu Corporation had pulled any strings, the actor themselves would still need to have sufficient capabilities to persuade the filming crew, even Jace himself. This was even harder to achieve than just pulling strings!

After all, Jace definitely would not ruin his own reputation.

If Wang Haojun was only slightly regretful before, at this moment he was so immensely regretful that he started to doubt his life.

If Ning Xi had continued to stay on in Starlight, this miracle, this huge honor would have all been Starlight's, while his name would forever remain in the history of the entertainment industry.

Chapter 1976: Warning

When he thought about this, Wang Haojun was even more annoyed. He said in a low tone, "Now that the situation is already like this, if she's dissatisfied with this role, and doesn't want to go, I'll arrange for someone else!"

"CEO Wang, that's not what I meant," Zheng Anru quickly said. She meant that she wanted to snatch the female lead role, and not outright quit the filming crew.

Wang Haojun said in a hostile tone, "Then, prepare well. Since she's sick, let her stay at home to recover now, but polish and refine her acting skills at the same time! Now, the competition is very intense. She's not the only artiste in the company!"

Zheng Anru obviously understood such a clear warning. She wanted to say something more, but she was afraid that it would make Wang Haojun even more upset, so she just mumbled to herself as she walked out.

Zheng Anru had actually predicted this outcome too, but she was really unwilling to let go!

How was it that the most popular female star in the entertainment industry that had been single-handedly managed by her could be overthrown by an outdated Ning Xi to such an extent?

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After the press conference ended, Han Zixuan's team had lost face. She returned at turtle speed and did not dare to brag anymore.

On the other hand, Glory World Entertainment had organized a lively celebration dinner.

Everyone was overjoyed and their hope was restored again.

After all, from Qin Shuang and Jiang Muye's matter, they could see that Ning Xi was not the kind of person who would dominate resources. On the contrary, from the moment Ning Xi made her comeback, she had never forgotten to help them to seek opportunities.

In an instant, Ning Xi's credit among the people had reached its pinnacle in all of the hearts of Glory World Entertainment's staff and artistes.

Not long after that, "Assassin" entered an intense phase of filming.

At the filming location, Ning Xi held the script all the time. Whenever she had some free time, she would study it in detail.

Harder to come by was Jiang Muye. He was almost living with the filming crew and was so serious to the point of obsession.

It really moved Lei Ming to the point of tears. His little cub had finally grown up!

The plot in China only took up about a week, then they were done shooting.

Ning Xi and Jiang Muye followed the filming crew to travel to Europe and continue shooting at several locations.

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At the same time, China's financial market had, in a short amount of time, suddenly been attacked by a huge impact.

Most of China's financial index, including short-term interest rates, foreign currency assets, stocks and bonds, real estate, and even some of the listed companies were affected, creating a worsening domino effect.

The one bearing the brunt of depreciating stocks was China's Lu Corporation.

The Lu Corporation companies were all over Asia and they paved the direction for China's economic system as they controlled almost all of Asia's economic lifeline.

Inside the meeting room, Lu Tingxiao abyssal eyes were all gloom and doom.

"Bro, what's the situation actually?" Lu Jingli quickly rushed to the meeting room and coincidentally saw that Lu Tingxiao had not left.

Lu Tingxiao studied the complicated data on the computer screen and said, "There's someone manipulating this from behind."

Now that China's economy was a mess, it looked extremely similar to the economic bubble in the past. Once the bubble burst, the outcome would be unthinkable.

And if someone wanted to collapse China's economy, they had to very first deal with the Lu Corporation.

"But what kind of person could have such capabilities? This is impossible!"

The other person's target was not one or two companies, but the entire China. How huge of a force would be needed to achieve that?

Now, some of Lu Corporation's large and small shareholders had announced to the world that they would be letting go of their shares by dumping .

Chapter 1977: That Woman Bewitched You

In just a night, the shares were all bought up by a mysterious finance group.

If the Lu Corporation fell into the hands of an outsider, a virtual bubble economy would be formed. In a short amount of time, it would cause a reaction that could destroy the whole Chinese economy.

Lu Jingli had goosebumps all over him as he had these thoughts.

It was surely a conspiracy!

Not just the Lu Corporation, several other powerful organizations faced a similar fate as the Lu Corporation. It was exactly the same circumstances!

“This means that we are not the only target. The opponent wants to control the economy of the whole of Asia?!”

Lu Jingli stared at Lu Tingxiao in horror.

A huge amount of underground forces hid behind the economy of Asia. If the Asian economy was destroyed, handling the underground forces would be extremely easy. Whether it was to disband them or to use them, it would not be a difficult task.

“Just who could it be? I thought it was that Yun bastard again, but now that I think about it, that guy couldn’t have gone this far!” Lu Jingli’s brain was going haywire.

After a while, Lu Tingxiao blurted out two words, “European King.”

Lu Jingli was shocked when he heard those two words. “Damn... Seriously? We’re not even related in any way. What does that old guy want, stepping over his boundaries? And I feel that he’s especially against us this time!”

If the Lu Corporation could hang in there, the current situation could still be controlled. However, once the Lu Corporation fell, the consequences would be catastrophic.

The powerful organizations in the country would surely fall along with the Lu Corporation like a stack of dominos.

It was worrisome enough to have Yun Shen around, then this external enemy had stormed right in...

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At night, in a certain old house in Imperial.

In the dark came the cold voice of the white-haired man, “You’re really lucky, aren’t you, Uncle Qiao?”

Uncle Qiao’s expression was unusually calm when facing this person who had abandoned his duty for revenge and for his family. “Shen, you’ve been too obsessed. That woman bewitched you, so I can forgive you just this once.”

“Hahaha...” Yun Shen laughed as if he had just heard a joke.

“I’m giving you your last chance now. Work together with me. This is our only chance at overturning the Lu family!”

Yun Shen gazed upon the man. “It seems that your patron is pretty powerful this time. Why do you still need me?”

Qiao Yi was angered by his indifferent tone. “Bastard! Your mother is not avenged yet! And you’re here wasting your time. Think about it. What have you done in the past year?!”

“What did I do?” Yun Shen’s eyes brightened a little.

He did not really do anything in the past year, yet it was the time that he felt the most alive.

"I'm here to get you out of your slump!" Qiao Yi sounded determined.

Yun Shen guffawed. "Aren't you afraid that I might betray you and help Lu Tingxiao, in the end ruining all your plans?"

"You dare to?!" Qiao Yi was frustrated when Yun Shen mentioned the one sensitive thing.

Yun Shen raised his eyebrows. "With your powerful patron around, does anything I do make a difference?"

"Good that you know! No matter what, the Lu family have to die this time! If you work with me, I can pretend that all those things from before never happened!"

Chapter 1978: Dear Brother

Qiao Yi mellowed his tone and tried to convince Yun Shen, "If you really love that woman, that's not a big deal. Wait until the Lu family is finished, then you can just grab her!"

"Ye, see the guest off," Yun Shen lost his patience and said coldly.

"You..." Qiao Yi frowned when Yun Shen did not let up. "Shen, I don't have time to waste with you! I'm giving you two choices now: one, work with me and we'll fight as a family. If not, we'll be enemies in the future."

Yun Shen grinned. "Oh, I thought we already are enemies!"

"You... You... Sure! Okay! Fine!" Qiao Yi stood up angrily.

"Don't blame me since you're going against me and the European King!" Qiao Yi stopped trying to convince Yun Shen and left.

Tang Ye took his order seriously and sent the guest off.

Qiao Yi looked back at Tang Ye. "Ye, please talk to him about it. I've done everything for him! Even I can't help him by the time the European King takes over the whole Asian economy!"

Tang Ye did not say anything. He had a lot to consider, standing in between Yun Shen and Qiao Yi.

It was unexpected. Not only did the Master escape, he was even working with the European King. As far as he knew, even at the peak of the organization, they could never have worked with them.

This matter seemed to be shrouded in mystery.

Who had rescued Master? How did he come into contact with the European King?

The Chinese economic crisis was actually related to Master.

While Master was not capable of completing such a feat, but when the European King stepped in...

Not just China, the whole Chinese economy would be destroyed.

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The moment Qiao Yi left, another person dropped by.

Tang Ye was surprised to see the new guest.

Lu Tingxiao...

Ever since Ning Xi had fallen into a coma, Yun Shen and Lu Tingxiao had never met each other, but they cooperatively maintained a balance between their forces.

Lu Tingxiao's visit tonight must be about the European King.

Their balance was at risk as the intervention of the European King loomed near.

Both the Lu family and Yun Shen would be affected.

No one could escape it.

As Master said, the European King was keen on the Asian forces. If they did not work with the European King, the first target after obliterating the Lu family would most probably be them.

Tang Ye kept his tangled thoughts to himself as he reported the arrival of the guest to Yun Shen and brought the guest up.

Inside the room.

Yun Shen popped his feet up on the coffee table. He tilted his head and said lightheartedly, "Ah, what a night! I have a lot of important guests. Please sit!"

Lu Tingxiao sat opposite of the white-haired man on a single-seater sofa. He did not mince his words. "Collaborate."

Yun Shen laughed. "My dear brother, your way of convincing people is really special. Do you know that my uncle told me just now that if the Lu family is done for, then..."

Yun Shen did not finish his sentence, but Lu Tingxiao could already guess what Qiao Yi would have said based on his personality. Lu Tingxiao's calm eyes were filled with a sharp light.

Yun Shen's eyes turned cold as well. He suddenly said, "Actually, you want to kill me, don't you?"

Just as he wanted to kill him too.

Chapter 1979: You Get Lu Family, I'll Get Tang Xi

Every day, every moment, he thought about it.

However, he endured his impulse because of a certain ungrateful brat.

He surprised himself by being able to endure it for this long.

Of course, the man opposite was doing the same too.

"You declined Qiao Yi," Lu Tingxiao said confidently.

Not only had he predicted that Qiao Yi would have dropped by, he also expected Yun Shen to decline Qiao Yi's offer.

Yun Shen sounded annoyed. "Just because I declined him then I have to accept you? I'm worried about your logic, brother!"

"You know about the truth of what happened very well," Lu Tingxiao said suddenly.

Yun Shen's pupils shrunk. "So what? Everyone involved deserves to die! Including the Lu family!"

"At the end of this matter, I'll leave the Lu Corporation," Lu Tingxiao continued.

Did he just say he would give up on the huge Lu Corporation so easily?

Yun Shen narrowed his eyes as Lu Tingxiao had just said something emotionlessly. He did not feel pleased at all. He smiled coldly. "Why don't we trade? You get the Lu family, and I'll get Tang Xi!"

Lu Tingxiao's expression turned cold. "She's not a tradeable item."

He then left after saying those words.

Behind him, Yun Shen's cold and sharp expression turned empty.

"Tsk, boring..."

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Half a month later, Ning Xi and Jiang Muye returned to the country.

The filming in Europe had gone smoothly.

As the crew members still doubted Ning Xi at first, all of them shut their mouth after witnessing Ning Xi perfectly play the role of Anna.

While Hollywood was not the most cordial place towards the Chinese, they were respectful towards people with true capabilities.

Even Lilian was on amicable terms with Ning Xi now.

There was news that Ning Xi was shopping with Lilian in Europe and that they even stayed at the same hotel.

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Ning Xi received a call the moment she landed.

"Hello, dear, have you reached yet?" There was the sweet voice of a woman over the phone.

"Yes, Lilian, I just got off the plane," Ning Xi replied.

"Oh! My dear! You know what? I just finished your movie 'The World'. You're so awesome as Meng Changge! If that were in Hollywood, I'm pretty sure you'll get an Oscar award!" Lilian's excited voice came through the phone.

Ning Xi could even hear some classic lines of Meng Changge in the background.

“You’re exaggerating, Lilian!” Ning Xi laughed.

“Alright, my dear, I’m at ease now that you’re back safely. Call me soon!”

“Don’t worry, I will!” Ning Xi smiled.

For half a month in Europe, Lilian and she had the most scenes together. They faced each other from dawn till dusk, and without realizing it, the both of them turned into good friends. It was a far cry from the tensed relationship they began with.

Ning Xi walked out of the airport after she hung up.

She could not wait to go back home.

She would soon travel to other countries for more filming. During this period of rest, she wanted to spend time with her darling and Little Treasure.

As she thought about something, there was a sense of worry in her eyes.

Recently, she had been filming while being cut off from communication. She had just only found out there were huge tremors of economic crisis within the country with the Lu Corporation bearing the most damage.

She wondered how things were with Lu Tingxiao...

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Ning Xi went into the car and rushed back to Deer Town. Suddenly, her phone rang.

It was Han Xiao.

Chapter 1980: Guaranteed Financial Support For The Rest of Its Life

As this was the second time receiving the Master’s call, Ning Xi was already less shocked. She just raised her brows ever so slightly and thought to herself, “He would not be asking her to go settle his bills again, would he?”

“Little girl!”

“Master, which KFC are you at? I’ll go settle the bill right way,” said Ning Xi very cleverly.

“No need to settle any bills,” said Han Xiao on the other end of the phone.

Could her luck be so fortunate this time around?

Ning Xi was shocked. “Then, why are you looking for me?”

“Take my tiger away,” said Han Xiao.

“Uhh... Huh? What are you saying?”

"This guy eats up half a year of my food expenses in a day. These few days, when I eat KFC, I can't even afford the family bucket. I can only get a drumstick. I can't even have milk tea," Han Xiao sighed. He was filled with complaints.

Imperial was not a forest. To raise a tiger was indeed difficult, especially for someone like Han Xiao, who could barely even feed himself. Forget about feeding the tiger well.

She realized that even though the Master was amazing, his capabilities of maintaining a livelihood and taking care of himself was practically negative. She really did not know how he had stayed alive until now.

Ning Xi said, "So, what're you saying?"

"Help me take care of it for a few days!" Han Xiao said with no trace of courtesy.

Ning Xi was speechless and did not want to say anything at this point.

The first time, he made her settle his bills. The second time, he just let her be his financial support, and it was to financially support a tiger with a huge appetite!

Thankfully, this request was exactly what Ning Xi wanted!

Oh! Her cute tiger!

"No problem. Just send it over! I'm in that little town I was in the last time!"

Not too long after she hung up, Han Xiao sent the tiger to Deer Town.

Thankfully, Deer Town was remote and was considered an undeveloped area, plus it was already night time. Otherwise, the appearance of this tiger would surely cause panic.

When she saw the white tiger beside Han Xiao, Ning Xi's eyes immediately shone. "Master, what does it usually eat?"

"Just feed it whatever!" Han Xiao yawned lazily, then he just waved and left.

Ning Xi's mouth twitched. She sighed and stroked the white tiger's head. "Your master is too unreliable. Next time, you should just roll with me! I guarantee I'll feed you well!"

"Mommy!"

Ning Xi was speaking with the tiger when suddenly, there was a soft bump on her leg. A delicate little rice ball had run up to her.

"Oh! Baby Little Treasure! I miss you so much! Quickly let Mommy kiss and hug you!"

Little Treasure stuck to Ning Xi's embrace and was delighted. At this moment, when he saw the white tiger beside Ning Xi from the corner of his eye, his eyes widened. "Mommy! Careful!"

Then, the little guy quickly squeezed his way in between Ning Xi and the white tiger, making a blocking gesture. He glared at the tiger opposite him like a little tiger cub himself.

Ning Xi was so moved that she rubbed the little guy's head. "Little Treasure, don't worry. This is Mommy's friend, he won't hurt people."

"Mommy's friend?"

"Yes."

When he heard Ning Xi say that, Little Treasure was relieved.

After he was no longer vigilant, he started to observe the huge white tiger curiously.

"Let's go inside and play. Don't frighten the neighbors."

"Mmm."

Thus, Ning Xi led the little bun and the white tiger into the house.

When Lu Tingxiao heard the sound of the front door, he knew that Ning Xi had returned. He subconsciously looked over at the entrance.

When he saw the familiar white tiger by Ning Xi's side, Lu Tingxiao was slightly taken aback. "Han Xiao came by?"

Ning Xi shrugged. "No, that guy said that he can't afford to raise it. He's asking me to help him take care of it for a few days! This master is unreliable!"