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Chapter 401: An Unexpected Ending

Ning Xi allowed herself a small grin, carefully wiping off the dust from the garment. Tsk, now she'll need to give it a good wash as it was dirtied by all their hands...

This was a gift from the boss!

How could she possibly give it to Su Yimo as compensation!?

She would still need to pay it back anyhow even if it was taken!

Sometime after Su Yimo had left, the onlookers started talking amongst themselves in confusion...

"Uh, is that it?"

"I guessed what would happen at first...but I definitely did not expect the ending..."

"And, did you guys realize that in the end, Ning Xi just had to go back home, come back with a few words, and she got off the hook without needing to pay anything..."

"You're right!"

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As the crowd dispersed, Bai Lu came back to her senses, and she went up to Ning Xi anxiously, "Ning Xi..."

"Hmm? Sis Bai Lu!" Ning Xi carefully folded the nightgown and put it into her bag.

Bai Lu's brows knitted, "Ning Xi, even though the matter is settled now, you've offended them today. What if they trouble you later on?"

Ning Xi smiled, "Sis Bai Lu, do you think that they wouldn't cause trouble for me even if I hadn't offend them?"

Bai Lu shook her head.

Right...

With the drama Ning Xi caused today, she had a conflict of interest with Su Yimo, so no matter how careful she was, trouble would be inevitable...

"Furthermore, you can relax now. Su Yimo cares about her image a lot. While the matter almost got out of hand today, it'd be very obvious if she got back at you too soon. So, at least in the short term, you're safe!"

What Ning Xi did not mention was that their ill feelings were probably focused on her now, and they would not have time to mind about Bai Lu...

Bai Lu bowed to her gratefully, "Ning Xi, I'm really thankful for you today! If not, I'd have been kicked out of the company!"

"Sis Bai Lu, you're welcome! I didn't really do much, we're in the same boat!" She noticed bruises on Bai Lu's knees as a result of the kneeling earlier, "Sis Bai Lu, are you alright? Do you want to get those knees checked out at the hospital?"

Bai Lu quickly shook her head, "It's okay, it's just a small injury!"

She felt a little uneasy, "Ning Xi, you should just call me by my name normally. You don't have to add a "Sis" in front. I'm not qualified for that..."

Ning Xi smiled, "You're more senior than I am. Isn't it normal for me to call you "Sis"? Furthermore, I really like your works: "Crimson River", "Green Mango", "The Place Where The Wind Blows" ...I've seen them all! Your acting's great!"

Bai Lu was shocked, "You...you've seen my films before?"

These works were the few that had featured more of her scenes, but they were too artistic and were not really favored by the public. Plus, she had bad luck and did not win any awards from these films.

Ning Xi nodded, "I've seen them! Your acting is really unique, especially when it comes to the details. I've purposely studied them before. It's too bad you have such a small portfolio...but it's okay! I've watched your new release "Listen", and I think that the chances of it winning an award are pretty high! You can then participate in more films to showcase more of your acting to the public!"

Bai Lu was really surprised by Ning Xi.

She now believed that Ning Xi had really seen her work before, otherwise, she would not have known so much about her acting.

Chapter 402: I'm Just A Girl

Suddenly, her hardship over the years came to mind and a lot of mixed feelings welled up in her...

She had always thought that what she had been doing all along was useless, that no matter how much effort she put in, no one ever saw it. But today she found out that there was at least one person who paid attention to her.

Bai Lu was a little excited and with a shaky voice, she said, "Thank you...Ning Xi, I'm really thankful! As for getting an award...I wouldn't even think about it as long as I can stay in the company and make ends meet..."

Bai Lu then smiled bitterly, "Actually, I've thought of a career change before, but I've realized that 10 years is far too long and acting has already become a part of my life. I don't know anything else aside from acting..."

Ning Xi understood how Bai Lu felt and she continued to encourage her, "Sis Bai Lu, I have a hunch! You'll get popular! My hunches are usually very accurate!"

Bai Lu smiled at Ning Xi. Even though she knew that she was comforting her, she still felt touched. "Hopefully, it'll come true!"

"Ah! It's time! I'm already late! I'll talk to you next time! Goodbye, Sis Bai Lu!" Ning Xi looked at her watch and realizing that she was already half an hour late, she quickly parted with Bai Lu and ran upstairs.

"Goodbye..."

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Ning Xi reached Ling Zhizhi's office, panting.

Jiang Muye was really annoyed. When she saw her, he tossed aside his game console, "Ning Xi! You did this on purpose, didn't you? You make me wait so long every single time! Do you know how much money I earn every minute? Do you know how precious my time is?"

Ning Xi said self-righteously, "Blondie, are you even a gentleman? I'm a girl, what's wrong with waiting for me for a while?"

Jiang Muye almost fell off the chair, "Huh, a girl? Now you realize that you're a girl!"

Why did she not remember that she was a girl when she hit him back then?

"I'll be one whenever I want to be!" Ning Xi replied him indignantly, then she walked towards Ling Zhizhi apologizing, "Sis Zhizhi, I'm really, really sorry! Something got in the way and made me late! Sorry for making you wait!"

Jiang Muye was already used to this biased treatment.

While Ling Zhizhi was used to their arguments, she looked at her warily and said, "Got into trouble with Su Yimo?"

Crap! Sis Zhizhi found out!

Ning Xi was shocked, then proceeded to pour praises, "Sis Zhizhi, you even know about that! It just happened practically a few seconds ago! You're like another Zhuge Kongming! You know everything without even needing to step outside!"

Jiang Muye was speechless.

Ling Zhizhi stayed silent for a few seconds, then looked at her, "The news was spread all over the company network."

"Uhh..." Ning Xi was at a loss for words. She had praised her for the wrong thing!

"Hmm, so it's all over the network...everyone just loves to gossip, don't they?"

"What? Trouble with Su Yimo? What happened?" Jiang Muye felt left out and he walked towards Ling Zhizhi's table and took over her computer mouse.

Because Jiang Muye came over, Ling Zhizhi appeared a little uneasy but she returned to her usual calm expression quickly.

Ning Xi went over to look at the screen as well and she did not notice Ling Zhizhi's slight change in expression.

Chapter 403: Enter The Peak Of Life

Jiang Muye scrolled through the network chats and looked impressed. His eyes shined, then he gave Ning Xi a pat on her shoulder, "Ning Xiao Xi, good job! Well done! I'm relieved, it looks like you did listen to my advice after all. Not bad, keep it up!"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes, and then looked at Ling Zhizhi anxiously, "Sis Zhizhi, do you think my way of handling it was too high profile?"

Ling Zhizhi paused for a few seconds before replying her, "Under that situation, you were almost flawless. But it sure was a little too high profile..."

Ling Zhizhi's worries were warranted since the whole company knew Su Yimo was backed by someone from the Lu Corporation.

Despite Ning Xi's good relationship with Lu Jingli, it still felt dangerous.

The thing she worried about the most was that Ning Xi's wings might be broken before the feathers could even grow.

After all the time spent together, she really valued this girl and wanted to cultivate and groom her properly...

Jiang Muye glanced at Ling Zhizhi and instantly knew what she was worried about. He then said, "You don't have to worry about anything! Ning Xi has someone backing her up as well. As a matter of fact, he's far better than Su..."

Before he could finish his sentence, Ning Xi took an apple and put it into his mouth, "Eat your apple, stop interrupting when women are talking. Go stand aside!"

Jiang Muye took the apple out, "Ning Xiao Xi, are you looking for a fight?!"

Ning Xi cracked her knuckles, "I don't really want to, but it looks like you're ready to go, so I will grant you your wish!"

Jiang Muye quickly said, "I'll just eat my apple!"

Ning Xi nodded in satisfaction, then turned to Ling Zhizhi, "Sis Zhizhi, when you were handling him, was he a jerk then and always brought you trouble?"

Ling Zhizhi squinted and tried to recall, "Kind of."

"It must be a lot of trouble! Rest assured, I'll make sure he gets it back!"

Jiang Muye was grinding his teeth, not daring to say anything, so he could only munch on his apple angrily!

Payback will come some day...

"Oh right, Sis Zhizhi! I almost forgot! I wanted to talk to you about something important!" Ning Xi told her excitedly.

"What is it?" Ling Zhizhi asked.

"Sis Zhizhi, get me some projects! I want to work!" Ning Xi begged relentlessly.

Ling Zhizhi looked doubtful, "So soon? Your last job a tough one, so I allocated a month of holiday for you."

Ning Xi wrung her hands, "No need! I've completely recharged already! I want to work and earn money! Lots and lots of money! Then I'll get a rare cat to rear, stay in a grand house, open a grand company for charity, and enter the peak of my life!"

Jiang Muye laughed, "Haha, the peak of life, huh? Then you'll get married to the young, rich and beautiful? Ning Xiao Xi, are you high?"

It was a little creepy, given how excited she was...

Ling Zhizhi smiled, she actually really admired her Energizer Bunny attitude. But the rational part of her still advised, "Your attitude to work is honorable, but no! A month later, "The World" post-process will be finished, and you'd then have to start traveling to various cities to promote the movie. It'll be really tiring by then, so you'd better rest well now!"

"Oh..." Ning Xi looked down disappointedly.

Chapter 404: The One Above Lu Jingli

Ling Zhizhi continued, "But you don't have to be worried about not having anything else to do this month. Since you have some precious time now, aside from the shooting for the game endorsement, I've been selecting some scripts for you.

"After the shooting today, I'll give you the scripts. Take a good look at them at home, and see which one you like and pick one. I'll be looking for jobs such as live shows as well!"

When she heard that there were scripts to read, Ning Xi was energized again, "Okay! Thank you, Sis Zhizhi! You're the best!"

Jiang Muye rubbed the goose bumps on his arms, "Are you done with your flattering? Can we go now?"

"GO! GO! GO! Let's go! Earn some money!"

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A while later, they reached studio at the game company.

"Right...closer! Even closer! Ms. Ning, you have to be more feminine, act like you're really dependent! No, no, no, not this expression...more feminine..."

"Movie star Jiang, you're really stiff! Gentler! Yes! Give me more emotions, even gentler..."

Listening to the photographer's request, Ning Xi grimaced painfully while shrinking her body into Jiang Muye's arms, dressed in a glamorous traditional outfit, "Damn it! The sacrifice I need to make to earn this money is far too great!"

Dressed in a cool-looking swordsman outfit, Jiang Muye complained, "You think I really want this to happen? I'd rather let you beat me up!"

After a whole day of hard work, they were finally finished with the shooting session.

However, it was not the end yet. There was to be a promotional video afterward, and they would need to stream their gameplay for a few nights...

Indeed, earning money was not that easy after all!

"Damn it, Ning Xiao Xi. Shooting an advertisement with you is even more tiring than shooting a fight scene! I'll go back to sleep! Bye bye!" Jiang Muye crawled back into the car.

Ning Xi was really exhausted as well, but she brightened up at the thought of the scripts, "Sis Zhizhi, scripts! Scripts!"

Ling Zhizhi took out a deck of scripts for her with a troubled expression, "I'm just showing you these now because you have some free time. I actually have to request for permissions of the management, but the Second Master suddenly went on a holiday on some secluded island and I can't reach him now!"

Ning Xi was surprised, "Hmm, Lu Jingli will go through the scripts that I'm going with first?"

Ling Zhizhi nodded, "Second Master said so. He also mentioned that he needs to show it to the person in charge from the Lu Corporation. It's a good thing that they really did pay attention to you!"

Ning Xi touched her chin, person in charge from the Lu Corporation?

Could it be the boss?

As she thought more about it, the likelihood of it grew...

Anyway, it was Lu Tingxiao's idea to put her here. Maybe he wanted to control the themes of the movies she would be involved with.

"How long is Second Master's holiday then?"

Ling Zhizhi sighed, "Three months."

"What!?" Ning Xi yelled, "Three months long! Even a tortoise would die! How can he be this irresponsible? If he doesn't come back, then I can't start shooting in movies?"

Ling Zhizhi nodded helplessly, "According to the procedure, it has to be this way. I'm having a headache now as well. I've tried everything I could but I still can't contact him!"

What a nightmare!

How could it be!

She wanted to star in movies!

She wanted to earn money!

Ning Xi felt really desperate, then she suddenly thought of something. She asked carefully, "Hmm, Sis Zhizhi...since we can't contact Lu Jingli, can we then directly contact the one above Lu Jingli?"

Chapter 405: This Script Is Exciting!

"The one above Lu Jingli?" Ling Zhizhi immediately shook her head, "This would be stepping over the boundaries, I'm afraid that Second Master would not like it. Plus, people from the Lu Corporation are not so easily contactable by lowly employees like us."

Ning Xi smiled, "Sis Zhizhi, while stepping over the boundary might be a taboo, if it were someone else I wouldn't even think about it, but this is Second Master we're talking about. Do you think he'd actually mind?"

Ling Zhizhi thought about it, "Well..."

Ning Xi understood, Lin Zhizhi was very careful in handling things, which was why actually they made such a great pair, helping to cover each other's weaknesses. She then said, "Sis Zhizhi, if you are worried about Second Master, I can guarantee that there won't be any issue!"

"As to how to contact someone from the Corporation, coincidentally I know a...an assistant through Second Master. I could ask him to pass a message on behalf of me and explain the situation. It shouldn't be a problem and anyway, it's a special case this time!"

If she really had to wait for three months, she would have traveled to the island with a knife and killed Lu Jingli!

Ling Zhizhi thought about it again then after confirming that there would be no issues, she nodded, "Okay, you can go ahead and try!"

"Okay!" Ning Xi replied happily, as she put on her mask and sunglasses, "Then I'll go back and read the scripts! I'll quickly select one that I like!"

"Okay, be careful on the way back." Ling Zhizhi also mentioned, "It's really troublesome that you have no transportation but just be patient for a few days. After "The World" has aired, I'll apply for a company car for you!"

"Thank you Sis Zhizhi! Love you!"

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After she got back home, Ning Xi sat on her bed and looked through the scripts.

All the scripts that Ling Zhizhi had picked out were really great scripts, and more importantly, they all suited her.

In a stark comparison to Leng Manyu who specialized in artistic films, Ling Zhizhi's plan was for her to go down the commercial and credential route. The scripts she had picked were of high quality and had business potential.

Ning Xi was reading through the scripts when midnight came...

There were all kinds of genres were available: romance, comedy, fantasy, horror, and also traditional ones like "The World". All the scripts were great but for some reason, they did not pique Ning Xi's interest.

There was not a script as fantastic as the one she had from "The World" that could get her really excited.

Ning Xi flipped through again and in the end, her eyes landed on a script she threw aside.

The script's name was "I Only Like You". Browsing through initially, it looked like a plain old romance drama, so she was not interested and put it aside.

Hmm, but all the scripts she had read were really creative and had their unique points, so maybe this script might turn out to be special too?

As Ning Xi thought about it, she took the script up again...

After reading through it, her face shone like a beacon!

Wow!

This script was exciting!

And she had actually thrown it aside earlier!

What a mistake!

This script was actually your typical run-of-the-mill popular romance drama and even used the cliché dominant CEO in the storyline.

What was different was that it was not the male lead that was dominant, it was a cross-dressing female lead!

Chapter 406: Expert Flirter

In a nutshell, the female lead came from a rich family, in fact, the richest of all in the area. Her grandfather had two sons but for some reason, it was difficult for both of them to bear a child, hence they did not have anyone to inherit their business...

Finally, the female lead's mother became pregnant and the scan results said that it would be a boy!

The family was overjoyed!

What happened afterward was kind of predictable. After 9 months, the child turned out to be a girl!

Everyone was shocked.

The female lead's mother could not bear the self-blame and stress, so in addition to the father's intention for the child to inherit the family business, they decided to have their child cross-dress.

She cross-dressed for twenty over years!

One did not need to know how the female lead could keep her secret for so long. Nevertheless, dramas like this did not need logic to work.

Anyway, this topic heightened Ning Xi's interest.

Not just the cross-dressing part, the female lead's personality was also interesting as well...expert flirter, playful, loves excitement...

Now that she had looked at it thoroughly, it was a character tailor-made for her!

The male lead's persona was not too bad as well. He was the assistant butler to the female lead, loyal and kind. He was hired by the female lead's grandfather to keep an eye on her, so the female lead hated him at first and pulled all kinds of pranks on him. It was during their time spent together that sparks were produced...

"I Only Like You"! This is it!

After she had decided, she was so excited that she could not fall asleep. She went to see Ling Zhizhi in her office the first thing in the morning.

"Sis Zhizhi, I've picked one!"

Lin Zhizhi looked at her in surprise, "That's quick. Which one do you like?"

"This one!" Ning Xi handed the script to Ling Zhizhi like a piece of treasure.

Ling Zhizhi took it and looked at it, "'I Only Like You'...it sure seems like a hot topic, and it was adapted from a currently popular novel..."

"Yes! This is it!"

Ling Zhizhi thought about it for a little, then analyzed, "Are you sure that you want this? There isn't much invested into this project, only around 10 million dollars. Of course, it's not a small sum. When I picked this, I was thinking that it fits your current outlook and you seem like a good fit for a drama like this, but I didn't dare to just pick any drama because you might be easily labeled as another idol without real acting skills, and it'd destroy your reputation you've built from "The World". This is really a challenge to one's acting skills!"

Ning Xi nodded, "Sis Zhizhi, you're absolutely right!"

Ling Zhizhi looked at her, "To be honest, I'm a little surprised that you'd pick this...with your looks, are you sure you can handle cross-dressing? If you can't manage it and acted too feminine, it would seem really fake and viewers might diss you. It might even become a failed project in the end; there were a lot of precedents in the past."

"I'm sure, and I'm confident! Do you want me to go back and change into a male outfit?" Ning Xi was prepared to run back home.

Ling Zhizhi smiled, "It's alright, as long as you're confident, I have faith in you."

Actually, in "The World", there was a small part in which Ning Xi acted as the general, and she had looked really cool and exuded a masculine aura. If she really cross-dressed, it might be difficult, but it was not entirely impossible.

Ning Xi was touched and she expressed her gratitude, "Sis Zhizhi, I really love you! I'll contact the people from the Corporation now?"

"Mmm, okay."

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Chapter 407: The Boss' Voice Could Be This Gentle

Ning Xi left the company cheerfully, texting Lu Tingxiao as she walked.

[Tang Xiao Xi: Boss, are you available now? I have a favor to ask of you...]

At the same time, in a car factory under Lu Corporation.

A group of top managers surrounded the big boss with a cold face in a black suit. The factory head was blabbering non-stop to introduce the high-tech equipment in the factory, and he was bragging about his accomplishments...

Halfway through, a phone rang, it sounded like a text message tone.

Lu Tingxiao looked at the message, then he held up his hands to indicate he wanted some silence.

The factory head was still talking until the deputy reminded him to stop.

When they saw that their boss immediately made a call after receiving a text message, they looked at each other, could it be some emergency?

On the other side, Ning Xi was anxious, unsure if Lu Tingxiao was busy or if she was troubling him...

A few seconds later, Lu Tingxiao called.

Ning Xi quickly picked up, "Boss!"

"Mmm, what's up?"

The managers standing beside Lu Tingxiao were shocked when he started to talk. Who did he call? Had his voice always been this gentle?

"Well, there's something I want to ask. Are you free to talk right now?" Ning Xi asked.

"Yeap, sure."

Everyone near Lu Tingxiao was speechless...

"Oh, I actually picked the script I want for my next project, but there wasn't anyone to verify for me. Second Master went on a holiday and we can't contact him at all, and I heard that he'll only be back only after three months..."

Lu Tingxiao instantly understood, "I'm currently inspecting one of my car companies and I'm finishing up. You can wait for me at the company, I'll be back soon."

Everyone was shocked again, the boss actually uttered so many words today...

The factory head was especially dumbfounded. He thought about how he had talked so much earlier and only received a monosyllable reply!

Which was "Mmm".

What did he mean by "finishing up"? He had a lot more yet to be reported!

"Ah...you're inspecting..."

Yet you said that you were free?

Ning Xi quickly said, "Okay then, I'll wait for you at the company!"

"Mmm," murmured Lu Tingxiao, he then looked at his personal assistant Cheng Feng and said, "Make the arrangements for Xiao Fang to bring her directly into my office."

"Okay, I'll do it right now!" Cheng Feng had been by Lu Tingxiao's side for a long time, and he knew that the boss was speaking to Ms. Ning Xi when he used that tone. He quickly complied and made a phone call.

"Hey, Secretary Fang, it's Cheng Feng!"

"Assistant Cheng, anything I can help with?"

"Later, Ms. Ning will go over to meet CEO Lu. Please bring her directly into his office."

"Uh, is it appropriate to bring her directly into the office? Assistant Cheng, are you sure it's not the meeting room?" Secretary Fang wondered if Cheng Feng was mistaken since CEO Lu's office had a lot of classified documents. How could she just bring someone in without the master's presence?

Chapter 408: Getting A Date

"I'm sure, just follow my instructions. Also, be more welcoming to the guest," Cheng Feng reminded.

"Alright, noted!" replied the secretary.

As Cheng Feng finished his phone call, he saw his boss glanced at the factory head and said, "Make it short, I'll give you three minutes."

The factory head was shocked.

Three...three minutes?

He held back his novel-long report and started to think really hard about how to compress his 30-minute speech into a three-minute report...

Cheng Feng went back to Lu Tingxiao and saw the factory head's painful expression, sighing.

Be grateful that you were given three minutes!

The boss had just made a date and it was a miracle that he did not give you just 30 seconds!

In the end, the factory head quickly skimmed through the important parts like their cost and profit. Due to the sudden decrease in time and the boss' scary expression, he stuttered a lot. When he was finished, he looked like he had failed everything in life...

He had such a rare chance to present in front of the big boss, yet he had screwed it up...

Lu Tingxiao looked at his watch, "Mmm."

Another "Mmm"?

Did it mean that...he passed? Was it this easy?

"Let's return to the office."

The managers were surprised and they all followed Lu Tingxiao out like a team of cheerleaders...

At the Lu Corporation company lobby.

Ning Xi walked up to the counter, "Hello, I'm here to find CEO Lu."

To avoid being recognized, Ning Xi wore a white mask.

"Do you have any booking?" the secretary asked without even lifting her head.

"No, but I..."

The secretary interrupted her before she finished her sentence, "I'm sorry, if there isn't any booking, you'd need to make one first! But you won't be able to see him immediately, CEO Lu's schedule is packed up for the three months."

There were too many people with different excuses to see CEO Lu every day. There were even people who waited at the main door for a few days in a row. The secretary had seen too much of these already, which was why she always rejected people without any booking.

"But I've spoken to CEO Lu already."

'Haha, spoken to him? Who are you! Do you think you can speak with him directly?' thought the secretary to herself.

As the secretary was about to reply her, she suddenly remembered Cheng Feng's call, "Wait...Miss, what is your surname?"

"I'm Ms. Ning."

The secretary instantly shifted to a welcoming attitude and put on a big smile, "Ah! It's Ms. Ning! Assistant Cheng has already informed me, follow me, I'll lead the way!"

Ning Xi was speechless at the secretary's shift in attitude, "Thank you!"

The secretary was looking at this woman while she led the way.

She wore a mask...how secretive...

When she remembered Assistant Cheng's tone on the phone, it seemed like this woman had a special relationship with CEO Lu...

This was in addition to the rumors before about how the boss had finally found himself a woman...

The rumors also said that the woman was the current popular artiste Su Yimo...

Could it be her?

But looking at her outfit, it did not seem like Su Yimo's style.

"Ms. Ning, it's here, please enter, I'll get you a cup of tea!"

"Thank you!" Ning Xi thanked her before she walked into Lu Tingxiao's office.

Chapter 409: Sudden Change Of Devil

Ning Xi stood in the middle of the room and looked around curiously.

This was her first time in Lu Tingxiao's office.

The room looked exactly like the owner's style - everything was in cold colors, with plenty of metal and glass, none of which could seem to warm up.

As Ning Xi looked around, she suddenly recalled Glory World Entertainment's glamorous and sparkling interior decoration and thought of how vast the differences between the two brothers were...

The secretary came back in, "Ms. Ning, your tea is ready. Please have a seat first!"

Besides tea, she had brought in some snacks too.

"Thank you, this is too much trouble!"

"You're welcome." The secretary waved a hand but did not leave the room.

Ning Xi picked up the tea cup and saw that the secretary was still here, so she asked, "Ms. Secretary, is there anything else?"

"Not at all! Enjoy your tea!" The secretary quickly went out.

Ah! What a waste! She wanted to see who was under the mask!

Ning Xi could guess intentions of the secretary and laughed. So, Lu Tingxiao's workers liked gossip as well.

Ning Xi sat on the sofa, took off her mask and sipped the tea and as she glanced around, she saw a thick album...

What was that?

It did not look like an ordinary document folder.

At the same time, Lu Tingxiao and his managers were back at the entrance of the company.

Everyone was curious to know what urgent matter had actually made the boss act this way.

Lu Tingxiao got down from the car and walked into the building when he suddenly remembered something, and there was concern written on his face. While he was impatient earlier, he looked bright, but now his face looked as tempestuous as a hurricane as if the sky was going to fall down...

All the managers were really terrified seeing him this way!

Was the company going to fall?

Lu Tingxiao hastened his footsteps and walked towards the lobby counter...

"Hi CEO Lu!" Secretary Fang quickly greeted him upon seeing him.

"Is she here already?" Lu Tingxiao asked harshly.

"She?" The secretary got scared by the boss' scary expression, after a while only she recovered, "CEO Lu, you mean Ms. Ning? Yes! She's already waiting for you in your office!"

"What!?" Lu Tingxiao raised his voice.

The secretary was terrified, almost to the point of crying, "C...CEO Lu...is there a problem? Assistant Cheng told me to let her wait for you in your office!"

Cheng Feng freaked out as well when he saw Lu Tingxiao's expression, as he remembered that it was him who instructed to have Ms. Ning wait in the office!

Lu Tingxiao pinched the area in between his eyebrows, "How long has she been there?"

The secretary was shaking and looked at the time, "Around seven or eight minutes."

Lu Tingxiao did not say anything but his face darkened and he rushed towards the elevator...

The secretary quickly held Cheng Feng back, "Assistant Cheng, what happened? Did I do anything wrong? You're the one who asked me to bring her up! I confirmed it with you just now!"

Cheng Feng was really confused as well, "Who am I to ask? Don't worry too much, I'll check out what has happened and let you know!"

"Please do..." the secretary almost cried. A second of waiting was another second of suffering...

After he got out of the elevator, Lu Tingxiao pulled his tie loose and ran all the way to his office. Along the way all his employees were confused...

The person that just ran through...why did he look like our boss?

Chapter 410: Seducing Me! Seducing Me Again!

Finally he reached his office.

Bam! Lu Tingxiao opened the door with great force.

He saw that Ning Xi was sitting quietly on the sofa while holding the red-colored thick album...

When he saw that the girl was holding the album, Lu Tingxi's usual calm demeanor was replaced by a wave of anxiety, and even his voice shook, "Ning Xi..."

Ning Xi blinked, surprised at the sudden appearance of Lu Tingxiao, who looked anxious and was panting with his tie and outfit a little messed up...

"Uh, boss...what...what happened to you?"

Lu Tingxiao went towards her, his gaze fixed on the album she was holding...

Ning Xi quickly apologized, "Ah! I'm...I'm sorry...I saw that it was placed here...and I thought it shouldn't be anything confidential...so I just picked it up and looked through..."

She then put the album back quickly.

"Ning Xi, my mother had someone put it there. I haven't actually seen it myself," Lu Tingxiao said, failing to hide his anxiety.

"Oh..." Ning Xi scratched her head.

"You don't believe me?"

"Ha? Of course, I do!"

"You..." Lu Tingxiao was not very good at explaining things, so after a pause, he continued, "Please don't get angry, it was my parents' decision to do this. I don't have any intentions to go on a blind date. I won't go even if they had it arranged for me."

He had gotten all excited because of her text and had completely forgotten about something so important.

Only when he reached the company lobby did he remember that the blind date album was still in the office. Ning Xi had gone in for quite a while already, so most probably she would have seen it...

After a while of processing his words, Ning Xi realized what had happened and she was surprised.

Lu Tingxiao rushed here...for this?

At that moment, she felt something nudge deep in her heart...

She did know that to make things possible, she would need to put in a lot of effort, but she was not so selfish as to make Lu Tingxiao wait for her until the end.

If he met someone he liked even more along the way, she would have given him her blessings!

The worst case was that if it happened, she would have a wedding to attend...

Ning Xi looked up with a gentle gaze towards the gloomy man, "Lu Tingxiao, actually you don't have to be like this. What was that sentence again? It's a big ocean out there, you should go out and explore for yourself. Who knows? You might meet a girl you like even more."

Lu Tingxiao spoke up before she could finish, "Ning Xi, there is no one else, you're my ocean, my whole world."

Ning Xi was speechless.

The devil did not even need to think now, every thing that came out of his mouth was already flirtatious...

"Hmm, let's not talk about this now. Your time is precious. Take a look at this script!" Ning Xi quickly took the script out.

Lu Tingxiao glanced at Ning Xi and after confirming that she was not angry, he sighed in relief, "Wait."

He took off his tie and coat, then hung them on the clothes stand.

He should really be glad that she was not angry, but he felt a little disappointed...

She was probably not angry because that she did not care...

When Lu Tingxiao was not looking, Ning Xi was chanting silently in her heart and she avoided looking at Lu Tingxiao take off his clothes!

Damn it, seducing me! Seducing me again!

