

Hidden 811

Chapter 811: Setting A New Sail

When Ning Xi heard this, she smiled and stood up to hurl her hand towards Chen Mian, her eyes clear. "Director Chen, you're betting your 10-year directing career on this while I've only got 'The World', so I'm still profiting either way. In fact, to be honest, I've waited very long for such a script, so there's no need for me to consider further, Director Chen. I'm happy to embark on this collaboration."

Chen Mian was stunned, then he stretched out his hand to shake hers. "It's my pleasure!"

Because this dream that had never extinguished from the depths of his heart, he cared so much about this script, and would not allow there to be any flaws.

His ambitions made him want to find an actress like the Oscar-winning Hillary Swank in "Boys Don't Cry", to really be able to act to the extent where it was hard to differentiate between male and female. But to let all those small, Internet female celebrities put on a male disguise? That shoot would end up as a horror movie! He would much rather let this script rot a lifetime in his drawer than touch it.

However, just as he had thoroughly compromised with reality, and had taken loads of investors' money to shoot commercial films that did not move him, he met Ning Xi and saw that his passion had yet to be extinguished...

Chen Mian muttered to himself for a while, then he said with a serious expression, "Maybe I should treat Jiang Muye to a meal. If it was not for him being so hard to serve, I wouldn't have met you."

"Uhh, well...there really is no denying that..." Ning Xi laughed, "Looks like I should treat him too!"

"Do you usually dress like this?" Chen Mian asked, evaluating Ning Xi again. Her body was clearly exquisite, yet no matter if it was her demeanor or posture, there was not a tinge of submissive femininity.

"Not too often, I guess, only when I need to."

When she was abroad back then, she would often be in a male disguise. She had done less of that upon returning. However, she was used to it, and the longing to do so lingered.

"You're very natural, even making me think that you were originally like this. Even acting skills are useless," Chen Mian probed as he examined her, "Initially, I was prepared to have the female lead prepare a month before, and within this month, she would live entirely in a male disguise so as to completely immerse herself into the role. It seems like you won't need it. I've observed that your speed of immersing into a role is pretty good."

Ning Xi actually wanted to say that she had not really used much acting because when she was in a male outfit, it came naturally to her...

However, in this movie, she would have to act as two characters; not only the female lead, she also had to act as the female lead's twin brother too, so the pressure was pretty high. She did indeed need to prepare and study the characters.

"I still have a few more days till I'm done with the show on my hand. Wait till it's finalized, and I will start to plan the shoot and choose the cast. You can use this period of time to prepare. If there's anything you don't know or need help with, look for me anytime. Have your phone on standby. When everything is in place, I will contact you to join the team."

"Okay, I understand, thank you, Director Chen!"

"One last thing, to avoid any disturbances, this time I plan to keep the entire shoot a secret and not do any promotions. Are you okay with this?"

"No problem!"

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When Chen Mian left, Ning Xi was impatient to convey the news to Ling Zhizhi. Ling Zhizhi was very happy for her, and said that she would support her fully. She also said that she would discuss the concrete details with the other side soon.

Ning Xi's new film was finally, officially decided upon.

Chapter 812: Did You Manage To Invite CEO Lu?

At Royal Jazz Hotel, VIP room.

In this year's competition-filled atmosphere, "The World"'s historic film had achieved the third best result in this year's box office. Everyone from the drama team had gathered for a celebration banquet.

Apart from the director, the producers, scriptwriters, camera crew and other acting members such as Ning Xueluo, Zhao Sizhou, Jiang Muye, Feng Yibo, and several main actors were all present. A few of the main characters' managers were present too. There were many people in the huge room, and it was bustling with excitement.

When Ning Xi reached the room and greeted everyone, she was immediately called by Jiang Muye to a corner.

"Tell me honestly! Why did that Chen Mian call you over for?" Jiang Muye looked at her seriously like he was interrogating a criminal.

Ning Xi rolled her eyes. "Why are you so tensed up for? Could he tank me?"

"Huh, please, who would dare tank you? If he did, I should now be able to see the tabloid headlines that famous director Chen Mian had died in his home!"

Ning Xi was speechless. "Am I that scary?"

"Don't talk about unnecessary things. I'm being serious, what did Chen Mian talk to you about?" Based on his understanding of Chen Mian's character, he naturally knew he was not the kind of director to be inappropriate, but the way he acted in the afternoon was just odd.

"Oh, right, speaking about this, I have to thank you instead. My new film has been decided!" Ning Xi said as she poured Jiang Muye a drink.

"Chen Mian's?" Jiang Muye's eyebrows raised.

"Yes!"

"Which script?"

""Dreamchaser""

"Please! Ning Xiao Xi, not bad! That guy actually gave you the script he has been safekeeping ask along?" Jiang Muye was obviously a little shocked. "I have seen that script too. I wanted to take it, but he said he couldn't find a suitable female lead and was not willing to shoot. This script has probably been searching for the right person for three years now..."

Jiang Muye recalled the script's plot and instantly understood why Chen Mian had taken an interest to Ning Xi.

This brat, what horribly amazing luck was she on?!

This script was practically made for her!

"Who's the male lead?" Jiang Muye immediately asked.

Ning Xi shot him a look as if she had seen through him. "Don't think about it, Director Chen said that he would use an entire cast of newbies, so you don't stand a chance!"

Jiang Muye scoffed, "Looks like...Chen Mian is really ready to make you a hit! This film is, after all, led by a female protagonist, so if you choose me as the male lead, my halo would very easily overpower the female lead, so that must be why he's using new actors!"

As Ning Xi listened, she felt that what he was saying was quite reasonable. "Apart from that, he probably wants to return to his true self, follow his heart, and ditch all the complicated things to start all over again! Didn't he use an entire cast of new actors for his famous debut?"

"Can the current movie market compare to ten years ago? That was the generation of talents. How many classics were made? Now look again, how many are left? The point is, the risk is huge..." Jiang Muye muttered.

Ning Xi raised her brows defiantly. "I like challenging things!"

Jiang Muye knew she would say this, so he pat her on the shoulder and said, "Even though the risk is quite high, this could create a miracle. Whatever it is, I wish you good luck!"

"Thank you! I'll ride on your lucky words!" Ning Xi raised her glass and toasted with him.

As everyone was chatting and drinking, the door opened, and in walked the producer Wang Taihe.

A frenzy later, the director Guo Qisheng quickly walked over and asked, "How's it? Did you manage to invite CEO Lu?"

Chapter 813: Flamboyant Entrance

Wang Taihe replied, "I just called to confirm. Second Master said that he would come soon, as for Mr. Lu...he's probably not coming!"

Even though Guo Qisheng was regretful about it, he still nodded and said, "To be able to invite the Second Master is already not bad! The other Master is so busy, how could he come to our small little celebratory banquet?"

Fifty million dollars in investment was considered huge to them, but it was nothing to Lu Tingxiao; he might have even long forgotten such a thing happened...

"Who's Director Guo and Producer Wang talking about?" from the corner of the room, someone asked with curiosity.

"Who else could it be? It's obviously about our movie's investor!"

"It is Ning International?"

"What Ning International? I think you've drunk too much. Because Ning Xueluo caused that trouble, Ning International and Starlight Entertainment had withdrawn their investments midway. At last, because of Lu Jingli from Glory World Entertainment threw fifty million here, then Lu Corporation threw in another fifty million! That's how our movie managed to continue shooting!"

"Oh, oh right, look at me! Now that 'The World' is so popular, the investors have managed to profit quite a lot from their investment. Ning International and Starlight must be regretting?"

"Of course, when they withdrew investments to exert power and threaten the crew, it turned out all good in the end. All their wasted efforts..."

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As she listened to the discussions surrounding her, Ning Xueluo looked obviously miserable in the shadows.

If it was not for Ning Xi, the huge number of profits earned from this movie should belong to Starlight and Ning International, then her status in the company and at home would have been one level higher.

Sadly, now, she had gotten nothing. When they were promoting, she had to be suppressed as the female lead, and they had to bring Ning Xi the co-star, letting her harp on her popularity as she wished!

"Huh, Xueluo, actually we aren't losing either. Think about it, they have spent double the amount of money and aren't they still making you famous in the end?" Chang Li could immediately see Ning Xueluo's unhappiness, so she quickly consoled her.

Before this, Ning Xueluo would have listened to words like these, but now she found it annoying.

"Making me famous? They're obviously using my popularity to make Ning Xi famous!"

From the start, "The World" had indeed paid the most attention to her as the female lead, yet as the movie continued to show in theatres, Ning Xi had been gaining more and more attention. From the Internet to the expert reviewers, they offered Ning Xi great comments, and some even commented that Ning Xi should be the real female lead in the movie.

In fact, Ning Xi was now in good relations with Glory World's higher management, Lu Jingli, and Jiang Muye. Her pathway to stardom was paving well...how could she just take all this in!?

Chang Li's expression stiffened as she thought about how Ning Xueluo's skills were not up to par with the other person. As the female lead, she could not even stop Ning Xi from taking the limelight, but could she blame anyone else?

"Right, I'm almost done discussing with Director Zhou about his literary film for you. The contract will be done next week!" Chang Li changed the topic, and only then did Ning Xueluo's expression start to soften.

After a round of drinks, the door was suddenly pushed open.

"Oh, how happening!"

The person who walked in was clad in a flamboyant tuxedo in pastel blue with a messy and unruly fringe, and a pair of eyes that seemed to be electric. When he smiled, his entire being was radiant, and the moment he appeared, he attracted everyone's sight like a strong force of energy.

"Aiya! Second Master is here! Quickly, come in and sit!" The producer and director rushed forward to greet him.

"Oh! It's the CEO of Glory World, Lu Jingli! He's even more handsome in person than on the magazines!"

"If Second Master entered the entertainment industry, other male celebrities would be nothing!"

"I'm so jealous of Glory World's artistes. Do they always get to see him in person?"

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Chapter 814: Got Hit Again

Among the shrieks of the girls, Lu Jingli laughed and said a few words to everyone. He was funny and charismatic, getting along with everyone soon enough.

All the girls were screaming from his sweet words...

"Oh my God! Second Master is so friendly! No ego at all!"

"Most importantly he is so, so, so handsome! Even compared to a celebrity like Jiang Muye!"

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Li Jingli was Glory World's boss after all, so after he entered, he naturally sat in the spot between Jiang Muye and Ning Xi.

When everyone saw that, they thought it was only natural and had no opinions, only envy.

In front of Lu Jingli, Ning Xueluo was slightly awkward. After she made some small talk with him for her public appearance's sake, she did not say anything further and could only be like everyone else, observing Ning Xi with an envious gaze.

Ning Xi speechlessly looked at Lu Jingli who had squeezed between her and Jiang Muye. She looked respectful on the surface to her boss, while she said in a lowered voice, "Second Master, there are so many seats over there, can't you just sit over on Jiang Muye's side?"

Lu Jingli immediately just crossed his legs and said, "No way, I just like sitting in the middle of you two!"

Ning Xi had no words to say. This devil of a protective brother was in motion again!

"Right, earlier I heard that Producer Wang invited Lu Tingxiao too. Will he come over tonight?" Ning Xi casually asked.

Lu Jingli took a sip of his drink and looked towards the dim light, with light rays dancing. Menacingly, he said, "Beg me, beg me, then I will tell you!"

Ning Xi's mouth twitched. "Do you think it's fun to tease me?"

Then, Ning Xi just took out her phone and sent Lu Tingxiao a message: [My dear, will you be coming over for "The World"'s celebratory banquet tonight?]

Lu Jingli's initial delighted handsome face instantly turned sour as he started to complain, "Hey! You're breaking the rules! I won't allow you to do that!"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes. "Are the rules up to you? I just like to do it that way, what can you do?"

Very quickly, Lu Tingxiao replied her: [We'll see, I have a dinner to attend.]

Ning Xi thought about something, then smiled cunningly and replied: [Oh, okay, drink less! Also, you're not allowed to hook up with girls, don't even look at any of them for more than a second!]

[I won't, they're not as pretty as you.] Lu Tingxiao replied.

Ning Xi instantly covered her face.

While Ning Xi was secretly texting, Jiang Muye and Lu Jingli were sneaking peeks. When they saw Lu Tingxiao's words, the two of them choked on their drinks almost simultaneously.

Jiang Muye coughed profusely and cursed, "Jesus!"

Lu Jingli chimed in, "Oh, my precious eyes!"

When Ning Xi heard their reactions, she immediately became alert and kept her phone away. These two horrible brats had actually peeked at her messages!

It was a good thing that she sat in the cornermost of the sofa, so there was no one on the other side, while Lu Jingli and Jiang Muye were on the other, hence she did not have to worry if anyone else saw.

Midway, a waiter came over to open a few bottles of especially expensive wine.

Wang Taihe was curious, he went up to say, "I don't think we ordered this wine."

"It was a Mr. Su who ordered for everyone. The bill has been paid!" the waiter politely answered.

"Oh..."

When they heard the name Su, everyone instantly knew who it was.

As long as it was an important dinner with Ning Xueluo around, Su Yan would spare no effort to make her look good. It was no wonder that he was in the entertainment industry's list of top ten best boyfriends.

Chapter 815: Aiyo! This Has Gone Overboard...

"Please! The price of these three bottles should add up to a few hundred thousand dollars, right?"

"Eh, eh, eh, I finally understood that no matter how hard a woman works, it's not as good as having a good husband!"

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Ning Xueluo's mood tonight had initially been at the pinnacle of misery, but when she heard all the crowd's praises and teases in reaction to the wine, she started to lighten up again. Su Yan was undoubtedly the best thing that happened to her in this lifetime!

A while later, Su Yan, who was having a business social nearby, came over to greet everyone, then he was asked enthusiastically to stay.

When Su Yan saw that Lu Jingli was present as well, he wanted to network with him, so he stayed and then walked over to chat with Lu Jingli.

Lu Jingli smiled and handled him skillfully with a few sentences before making him leave.

Then, he held his chin and walked past the two lovey-dovey Su Yan and Ning Xueluo and scoffed to Ning Xi, "Initially, I wanted to ask if you would be triggered, but then I thought never mind, you already have someone much better!"

Indeed, Ning Xi did not look the other side, she was texting Lu Tingxiao and teasing him.

Lu Jingli shook his head and sighed, he could not bear to watch all the lovey-dovey scenes going on around him. He started to grumble, "Eh, where's the fun in just singing and drinking? Let's all play a game!"

Since it was Lu Jingli who suggested, everyone naturally agreed and echoed his suggestion.

"Okay, okay!"

"But, what do we play?"

"Yeah, it seems like there aren't any new and fun games!"

Lu Jingli smiled cunningly. "It's not about it being new, as long as it's fun, so let's do 'Truth or Dare'!"

Ning Xi was speechless. Why was it Truth or Dare again? Could this guy come up with something different? The last time after she played it at his bungalow party, she was traumatized!

However, as one of the classic games that was suitable for a party with many people, Lu Jingli's suggestion immediately received everyone's approval.

As for the rules of the game, it was very easy. To pick the big ghost was to win, pick the small ghost was to lose. The small ghost could choose between truth or dare, but if they were unwilling to tell the truth or do the dare, then they failed and would be punished with three glasses of drinks.

Very quickly, the game started.

At first, everyone was still holding their courage in, but at last many different questions like "At what age did you start kissing girls?", "How many adult moves do you have in your computer?", and "How long did you last?" started to become frequent...

"Ning Xi, truth or dare?" the crew member who had gotten the big ghost card asked her with a malicious expression.

Ning Xi's luck was pretty good the first few times, and she had not picked the small ghost card, but after a while, she had unfortunately been hit.

Ning Xi then replied, "Dare!" On such an occasion, the truth was more dangerous than dares.

"Then, please ask for a kiss from the gentleman who picked the Ace of Hearts. If you're rejected, then the dare is considered a fail!"

Everyone started to ooh.

"Hey, this is too easy! Would there be a man who would reject our Ning beauty's request for a kiss?"

"Exactly!"

"Where's the Ace of Hearts? Who's the lucky man? Come out quickly!"

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At last, a moment later, someone from the sofa cleared their throat and said, "It's me."

The person who said this was Su Yan.

Uh oh...

Why did it have to be Su Yan of all people?

Everyone in the private room was instantly stunned, yet at the same time they were a little excited. Even though Su Yan's girlfriend, Ning Xueluo, was present, but to be faced with a beauty like Ning Xi, and coupled with the fact that it was just a game, would Su Yan...agree?

Jiang Muye frowned, while Lu Jingli looked alert and panicked. Aiyo! This has gone overboard...

'Truth or Dare' had been suggested by him. If his brother found out, then he would definitely be dead!

"Hello, Su Yan, do you agree or not?" Now many people had drunk quite a fair bit and were all cheering him on.

Chapter 816: Ask For A Kiss

"Hahaha...you guys, Su Yan's real girlfriend is still here! How could he agree!?"

"That's not necessary! It's just a game anyway, and Xueluo is so easy-going, so she wouldn't mind, right, Xueluo?"

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Under everyone's pressure, Ning Xueluo looked at Ning Xi, who was in a corner, then at the troubled Su Yan beside her before she said nonchalantly, "It's just a game, of course I won't mind. Su Yan, you decide yourself!"

"Oh, oh... I told you so! Su Yan, you're so lucky! You have such a considerate girlfriend!"

Su Yan looked at Ning Xi in the corner. Moments later, he revealed an apologetic expression and said, "I'm sorry."

Ning Xi shrugged, then downed the three glasses of drinks on the table.

Lu Jingli could not even stop her in time.

Damn it, this is over...

Everyone instantly roared and shrieked, "Damn it! We've been publicly shamed again!"

"I knew Su Yan wouldn't agree! His heart was already full, so other women are just floating clouds!"

There was also some smaller actors who envied Ning Xi and they started to whisper happily, "She's just pretty, did she really think that all men would fall at her feet?! Now, she's faced rejection! How funny!"

"For a vase like Ning Xi, only those vulgar men who don't care about what's inside would like her, right? How could a noble person like Su Yan like someone of her type?! Even if Ning Xueluo wasn't around, I think he wouldn't say 'yes' either! To be associated with such a small artiste that relies on her face for fame would just be degrading himself!"

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On the side, Ning Xueluo looked at Su Yan, clearly touched. "I thought you...Bro Yan, you didn't actually have to do that...I know it's just a game, I wouldn't mind!"

From the corner of his eye, Su Yan looked at Ning Xi who held her head in her hands. Even though though he looked sorry, he was still firm. "Even though I've always treated Ning Xi as a sister and wanted to care for her, I would definitely not do such a thing. Even if you understand, I wouldn't want you to misunderstand."

"Bro Yan..."

Up next, Ning Xueluo was picked. Ning Xueluo chose a dare, then she was asked to kiss any man present who was willing. At last, there was no question, Ning Xueluo obviously chose Su Yan.

The attractive couple's passionate kissing led to the crowd's teasingsomeone again...

Ning Xi was only asked to kiss someone in the game, yet after the ruckus, she felt like she wanted to press up to Su Yan. Just as she was thinking about this, it happened...

It was right at that moment that Ning Xi got chosen again.

The person who had gotten the big ghost card was a drunk cast member who slurred, "Ning Xi, truth or dare?"

After downing three glasses earlier, Ning Xi started to feel tipsy because she drank too quickly. She wanted to say truth, but before these words could come out, she actually twisted it. "Dare..."

When she wanted to change her words, it was too late.

The cast member immediately smiled and said, "Aiyo, I've drank too much, I really can't think of anything for you to do. How about you do the same thing as earlier?! But, to avoid awkwardness, let's not choose anyone in this room. Just ask for a kiss from the first person who walks into this room later!"

Chapter 817: How About I Just Sacrifice Myself For A While?

"Oh right, let me add on, it can't be the same gender. It must be of the opposite gender!" the cast member added.

When the crowd heard this, they became even more excited. "Then, what if it's an ugly and vulgar man?"

"Hahaha, she wouldn't be that unlucky, would she?"

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Ning Xi did not know how to deal with this. To choose someone from the room would be awkward, but to choose a stranger who walked in later would not?

However, she had no choice. The rules of the game were as such, so she could only continue.

At that moment, even though the crowd in the room continued to play, their hearts were obviously still wondering who the next person to walk in would be.

The hotel was the liveliest at this hour, and every room frequently had people who walked into the wrong place, some of them even drunkards. In fact, a few had just done that earlier.

However, it was not sure why this time no one had walked in for a long time, not even the waiters.

"If no one walks in after ten minutes, is this considered over?" at last, someone suggested.

"How can that do!? If no one walks in after ten minutes, then we'll just choose someone from the room!"

"Eh, this is a good idea!" The girl who picked the big ghost earlier nodded in agreement. "Of course, if we choose from this room, then we have to choose someone of the opposite gender!"

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As they watched the ten minutes about to pass, they anticipated having to pick someone in the room. Ning Xi's gaze started to skim across everyone...

It was easy to choose just anyone, but if it had to be someone of the opposite gender...It would be better to wait for someone to walk in than have her choose!

After all, if she chose herself that would be too...

Director, producer? These identities were too sensitive, definitely not!

Lu Jingli, Jiang Muye...they were even more untouchable!

Su Yan was out of the question...

As for the other male actors and crew members...

Ning Xi looked around and at last, she could not even pick anyone of them!

Her head hurt...

When they noticed Ning Xi's gaze looking around to choose, most of the men present started to become restless.

"Hahaha, I wonder who would have the honor to be chosen by our beauty tonight?"

"I'm betting Jiang Muye! I've long noticed that these two people have something going on!"

"Why not Lu Jingli? This is a good opportunity to court the boss!"

"Could it be Su Yan? Su Yan rejected her earlier, maybe she's unwilling and would ask again?"

"Don't forget our male lead, Zhao Sizhou!"

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As the whispers and discussions in the room increased, almost everyone had been guessed by everyone, and Ning Xi's head was about to explode.

The girl who picked Ning Xi earlier looked at her phone and said, "Ning Xi, ten minutes is about to be up, but still no one has come. How about you just choose someone from the room?!"

In the corner, Jiang Muye mumbled, "How about I just sacrifice myself for a while..."

Actually, he was just casually saying this because he knew that Ning Xi did not want to start any rumors with him. However, would she be taken advantage of if she chose someone else? She might as well choose him!

Lu Jingli shot Jiang Muye a look, then looked at the time on his watch. "What's the rush? There's still a minute!"

At that moment, Lu Jingli looked calm while he was actually about to have a nervous breakdown. Damn it, it was over, he was dead! God bless him!!!

If he let Xiao Xi kiss someone else, he would definitely had to die here today! He was going to die tragically!

Chapter 818: Amazing! The Timing Is Perfect!

"Time's not up yet? I am counting..." The girl looked at her hand phone. "Oh, now it's really about to be up, there's still ten seconds...nine seconds...eight seconds..."

Ning Xi held her hurting head. "Uhh...I..."

I surrender!

Damn it, could she not just surrender and drink up?

However, before Ning Xi could declare surrender, the heavy metal door to the room was suddenly pushed in from the outside...

In that instant, everyone's gaze fell on the gold door, their eyes full of gossip potential.

Woah! Someone finally walked in!

A guest who had walked the wrong way? Or a drunkard? A waiter? Or other crew members who were late?

First, they saw the long fingers that pushed open the door, then their line of sight followed upwards to his low-key but luxurious obsidian cuff link, then his grey patterned tie...and at last, they finally caught a clear glimpse of his face...

Those sharp features, defined eyebrows, broad nose bridge, and tight lips all formed a face that had clearly been favored by God when he carved it delicately.

Under the dim light and musty air, the man was akin to wind from a winter land, his eyes sharp and clear while his temperament cool. He stood there quietly as he skimmed the crowd. Only his nonchalant look could make people revere him as they dared not look him in the eye.

Only those in a higher up position would have such a palpable force.

When she saw who had walked in, Ning Xi blinked, then blinked again, as she thought she was starting to have delusions...

Big Boss???

In that instant, everyone in the room was stunned. Who...was this man?

Guo Qisheng and Wang Taihe knew him alright, but they had not expected him to come, so they were stunned in shock.

"Bro..." Lu Jingli who had been silently praying almost cried tears of joy when he saw the man at the door.

Amazing! The timing is perfect!

Thank goodness, he was saved!

Jiang Muye was surprised. Something flashed in his eyes, but his expression did relax quite a bit.

This way...Ning Xi would not be in trouble...

When all those who were immersed in the man's aura heard Lu Jingli called him "Bro", they were suddenly shocked to their senses.

What?

Bro?

What did Lu Jingli just call that man?

This man was Lu Jingli's brother? Then, would that not be...the CEO of Lu Corporation, Lu Tingxiao?!

The director had prepared to invite him over, but did they not fail?

"Bro, you're here! Come in quickly!" Lu Jingli ran over to him at the speed of light and brought him over.

The director and producer reacted too, and they quickly ran over to greet him in fear and trepidation.

"Mr. Lu, you're so busy, we really didn't think that you could come tonight!"

"We're too honored! Quick, come in!"

Woah! It really was Lu Tingxiao!

But this was no wonder. Apart from Lu Tingxiao, who else would have such a charisma?

The first person who walked in was unexpectedly Lu Tingxiao...

Instantly, everyone looked at each other and their expressions could not help but look sympathetic.

This Ning Xi was just too...unlucky!

First, it was Su Yan, second was worse -- it was Lu Tingxiao!

At last, they did not need her to ask before they knew that she would definitely be rejected on the spot! Maybe she would be regarded as intentionally trying to get close to him with this incident, possibly inciting negative feelings...

Chapter 819: Really Wanted To Kiss Him!

Everyone knew that Lu Tingxiao disliked seductive women, especially those who came up to him with ulterior intentions. He would not care even if it was a beauty.

However, it was such a great chance to get closer to Lu Tingxiao. No one would give it up even though they knew they would probably get rejected!

Ning Xueluo had her expectations up...

Ning Xi was going to embarrass herself tonight!

"Ning Xi, quickly go!" someone excitedly reminded Ning Xi.

Then, Ning Xi was pushed forward to Lu Tingxiao.

As he heard what they were saying and he realized the air in the room was a little odd, he looked at Ning Xi and asked, "What's wrong?"

It was obvious that Ning Xi had drunk; her cheeks were red and she did not look fully conscious as well, so Lu Tingxiao was on alert.

Director Guo Qisheng coughed. "It's nothing, we're just playing a game..."

"A game?"

Lu Jingli touched his nose, then he pointed at Ning Xi and explained, "We're playing 'Truth or Dare' and she was picked to ask for a kiss from the next guy who entered, or she'd be punished if she failed, Bro, you're the first person who came in..."

Lu Tingxiao's expression changed. No wonder Lu Jingli urgently needed him to come within ten minutes...

What if he did not make it?

Then, Ning Xi would have...

Lu Jingli freaked out a little as he felt the icy cold aura from his brother.

Ning Xi looked up and stared at the devil's handsome face. Ah...she really wanted to kiss him!

No way...

Ning Xi restrained herself with her leftover rationality as she remembered the game and that they were strangers here right now. The public did not know about their relationship. Under normal circumstances, she would have been rejected.

Ning Xi let out a cough and acted as if she did not know Lu Tingxiao. She gave him a signal to act as if they did not know each other. She respectfully greeted Lu Tingxiao, "Well...Mr. Lu, it's just a game, you don't have to mind too much about it, I can just drink as the punishment!"

Ning Xueluo was a little disappointed, realizing that she was smart enough to anticipate that she would be rejected right away. Su Yan's tightened fist relaxed as he heard Ning Xi's reply.

Ning Xi bent over and took a glass filled with wine.

As she was about to drink it, her hands lost control.

Lu Tingxiao was pressing her hand and he took away the glass, putting it back on the table. Then, he wrapped his arms around her waist, and amidst her confusion, he closed in and kissed her...

Suddenly, the room went into complete silence, but someone's glass dropped to the floor and made a shattering sound...

Ning Xi was extremely confused.

What just happened!? What was the devil doing? Did she not signal him? Did he not get the message?

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Everyone regained their senses soon.

Wow! What just happened?

Lu Tingxiao kissed Ning Xi!

Ning Xi actually succeeded in getting a kiss?

That was not exactly right. Ning Xi did not even ask. She gave up trying, but Lu Tingxiao still kissed her!

Ning Xueluo almost broke her glass, then she heard the sound of glasses breaking and beside her, Su Yan's wine glass fell onto the floor.

"Sorry...I...I need to go to the washroom..." Su Yan quickly went out.

Ning Xueluo looked unhappy as she noticed Su Yan's reaction. What did he mean by this? Why was he so worked up to see another man kiss Ning Xi?

She thought she already had total control over Su Yan, that he only had guilt towards Ning Xi, but at that moment, a sense of urgency floated up in her mind...

What troubled her the most was that Lu Tingxiao actually kissed Ning Xi! How was this possible!?

Lu Tingxiao sat down on the sofa casually and ignored everyone's gaze as if he did not just do something outrageous.

Realizing Ning Xi was still staring at him in horror, Lu Tingxiao asked, "Anything else?"

Ning Xi covered her mouth and shook her head. She stood up straight, turned around, and then sat back down on the sofa.

Jiang Muye held his fists in balls and avoided everyone's eyes.

The damaged Lu Jingli covered his chest and pushed Lu Tingxiao over. "Bro, give me some more space!"

There was still some space between Lu Tingxiao and Ning Xi. After Lu Jingli pushed, Lu Tingxiao now sat right next to Ning Xi.

"Ha...haha...Mr. Lu is pretty considerate!"

"Ning Xi made it!"

Everyone started talking again and the atmosphere became more relaxed.

At the same time, there were people whispering around as well...

"What was Lu Tingxiao trying to do?"

"What could he be trying? He's just trying to play nice, he's a man after all! Isn't it normal?"

"It's normal for men, but this is Lu Tingxiao we're talking about. What happened was too shocking!"

"What's wrong with Lu Tingxiao? He's a man as well! With a beauty like Ning Xi, there aren't many men that can restrain themselves. Take a guess, if Ning Xueluo was not around just now, would Su Yan have let this chance slip away?"

"Well...it's pretty hard to say..."

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Everyone had thoughts of their own, but Ning Xi just sat there obediently. As she was being all quiet and shy, she suddenly felt a warm hand on her thigh! Ning Xi's back straightened, then she glared at Lu Tingxiao and stopped his hand with hers.

What are you doing?

Lu Tingxiao held his chin with one hand and sat there with his usual cool attitude, but under the table, he was holding her hand and not letting go.

Ning Xi tried to take her hand back but failed, so she just let him do what he wanted, her heart racing quickly.

What was this? It felt like a secret lover's meeting.