

Hidden 971

Chapter 971: Wouldn't I Be Stupid If I Agree?

At that moment, Ning Xi who was napping at the rest area was suddenly awakened by the sound of her phone ringing.

It was an unknown number.

Ning Xi picked it up. "Hello, who's this?"

"Hello, it's me, Mo Lingtian! Do you still remember me, little bunny?"

"Oh, Mister Mo, of course, I do!"

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In the shopping area, Guan Ziyao thought she heard Ning Xi say "Mister Mo" and found it weird, but she did not pay too much attention.

"Hehe, good that you remember!" Mo Lingtian changed his tone into one that sought a favor. "Little bunny, you're so cool! I heard that you're the owner behind Spirit?"

Ning Xi raised her brows in surprise, then she sat up and replied, "How did you know? Did Lu Tingxiao tell you?"

"I've got my sources. I'm thinking about asking you for a favor, Boss Ning. I wonder if that's possible. Just do it for Lu Tingxiao's sake! I'm Lu Tingxiao's best bro!"

"What favor?"

"Well, I'll just cut the long story short. Xinyan wants to put your brand on her retail shelves but she did not get shortlisted, so do you think you could bypass the rules a little? After all, this lady is still Lu Tingxiao's cousin, isn't she?"

On the other end of the phone, a slight laughter was heard.

This sound gave Mo Lingtian goosebumps. "What is it, Boss Ning? Is there a problem?"

Ning Xi looked towards Lu Xinyan and Guan Ziyao, who were not too far away in the shopping area, and lowered her voice to say indistinctly, "I'm just a little surprised. I couldn't tell that you're actually a loyal one, Master Mo, you're really working hard just for your little beauty! You know that she's doing it for another man, yet you continue to help her without regrets?"

The moment she said that, Mo Lingtian was flabbergasted. "You...how did you know!"

He did not even mention Guan Ziyao at all, did he!?

"It doesn't matter how I know. Let's leave work and our private lives separate. Plus, there's no way I would agree," Ning Xi firmly rejected.

"Why? Money is not an issue! Just treat it as a favor for a bro!"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes. "In terms of work, our studio does have rules. If one is not qualified, then they definitely cannot do retail. Personally, Guan Ziyao is doing so much to get close to my boyfriend, so wouldn't I be stupid if I agree?"

Mo Lingtian was speechless. She had left him with nothing to say! He would never have thought that this little bunny would know everything! How amazing! Initially, such a thing would not be an issue as long as one had connections and wealth, but it was clear that in this situation, an abundance of wealth was of no use...

After Ning Xi hung up on Mo Lingtian's call, Guan Ziyao's phone rang.

"How did it go? Did your friend call you back? Quickly answer your phone!" Lu Xinyan asked excitedly.

Guan Ziyao smiled and nodded. "Yes, don't be anxious, I'll pick up now!"

"Hello?" Guan Ziyao picked up.

When she heard Mo Lingtian share what happened, Guan Ziyao's expression changed.

Obviously, there was no way Mo Lingtian could tell her the truth, so he simply answered that the other party had told him that they could not go against the rules and did not budge.

"Okay, I understand, no worries. Thank you so much, this is something that can't be helped. Thank you anyway!" Guan Ziyao just uttered, then hung up.

"I'm so sorry, Xinyan, it still won't do!"

When Xinyan heard this, she instantly drooped her head in disappointment. However, a moment later, she still consoled Guan Ziyao, "Never mind, Sis Ziyao, I understand the studio's point of view. It's a little hard to handle but I'll think of more ways later on. Hmph, the more they won't let me do this, the more I want to!"

As she watched Lu Xinyan's reaction, Yan Ruyi looked amused. "You stubborn girl, when will you change!?"

Chapter 972: Our Boss Is Here To Reallocate The Stock

Because the storeroom was messy with a lot of boxes and stock around, the shop assistant that had gone to get outfits from the storeroom had gone for quite a while and not yet returned.

Ning Xi continued to sit in the quiet rest area and she did not look like she was leaving.

Lu Xinyan looked towards Ning Xi and instantly shifted the anger from her failure to get the retail opportunity onto her. She said unhappily, "Sis Ziyao, Auntie, now do you believe that she's followed us here intentionally? Would anyone wait for this long someone else? Besides, there are so many other places...there's the milk tea shop, the coffee shop, the restaurant, yet of all places, why did she choose to sit here and wait?"

This time, even Guan Ziyao did not say anything.

Her instincts told her that there was no way Ning Xi would use such a forceful way to get close to them but when she thought again, she felt that it could be possible.

After all, for a woman of Ning Xi's level, any opportunity to ask for a favor or even wanting to get close the two elders of the Lu family was impossible. This time, she had unexpectedly bumped into them, so to seek for an opportunity to look good in front of Yan Ruyi was still quite understandable...

However, Guan Ziyao did not know what she wanted to do next now that she had followed them here. After the lessons learned from previous encounters, Guan Ziyao tensed up and did not dare to take things easy.

Lu Xinyan had a hot temper and at that moment, her patience threshold had reached its limit. She walked quickly to Ning Xi and said, "You there, are you done? Are you addicted to following us? Does my cousin know how thick-skinned you are? You come to this store and not buy any clothes, yet you rightfully sit here and sleep, treating this place like your home! Can your skin not be so thick?!"

Ning Xi felt her head hurt by the surge in the noise level and she looked up coldly, "Are you done talking?"

When she saw Ning Xi's arrogance, Lu Xinyan exploded and was ready to ditch her courteousness to scold her when suddenly a series of footsteps were heard from behind her...

The first person to approach them was the shop assistant who had gone to get the clothes earlier. "I'm sorry, I'm sorry. The storeroom was a little messy. Sorry I've made you wait for so long! Miss Lu, I've brought over all the outfits you wanted!"

Distracted, Lu Xinyan rushed off to look at the clothes.

Behind the shop assistant was the flagship store manager that Lu Xinyan recognized. There were also several other male employees and every one of them was moving stacks of garments.

"Miss Lu, you're here! I'm really sorry as I'm really quite busy today. Our boss is here in-store to reallocate some stock, so I can't personally assist you. If there's anything you need, please just let Xiao Zhao know!" greeted the manager courteously to indicate his regret.

When Lu Xinyan heard him, she looked suspiciously at him.

Spirit's boss?

She had been in the store for quite a long time. How come she had not seen anyone who looked like the boss? There were only a few of customers who came in and went out, and all the shop assistants who were busy running around...

The owner of Spirit seemed to be quite mysterious. When she was informed that she had not passed the retail audit process, she wanted to propose to meet up with the boss for a chat. In fact, she had continuously made a few calls, but the reply every time was that the boss was very busy, so she had not managed to meet up with the person until now.

So, when she heard the manager's words, Lu Xinyan was quite curious and was quite interested to meet this owner.

"Manager, is the boss already in the store? Why didn't I see him or her? Coincidentally, there are some collaborations that I would like to discuss with your boss!" Lu Xinyan told the manager.

Chapter 973: Their Boss Is Ning Xi?!

When the manager heard that, he quickly skimmed the store but did not immediately see her. "The boss said she's already here. Let me make a call to ask...ah! Boss! You're here!"

The manager, who was about to make a call, put down his phone and looked at Ning Xi who walking towards their direction from the rest corner. She quickly said, "Boss, all the stock you need has been moved out. Please check it. Oh, and Miss Lu here seems to have something to discuss with you!"

The manager then introduced Lu Xinyan, "Miss Lu, this is our boss. If you have anything, you may speak to her directly."

What?!

The moment the manager said that, not only Lu Xinyan but Guan Ziyao and Yan Ruyi were all taken aback.

What did the manager mean?

Their boss was...Ning Xi?

"No...wait...manager, what did you say? You mean this woman is your boss?"

"Yes..." When the manager saw Lu Xinyan's shocked expression, he thought that it was because she was shocked that Ning Xi was so young and beautiful.

To be honest, the first time she had met her female boss, she was blown away by her age and beauty too!

The manager smiled and explained, "Our boss is usually very low key, plus she's quite a busy woman, so very few people have seen her. Miss Lu, you've come at a good time. Coincidentally, our boss came over to the flagship store to reallocate some stock, or else, we usually don't see the boss herself either!"

Ning Xi was Spirit's owner!

The reason why she had walked into the store and sat there without leaving was because she was waiting for the stock to be prepared...

When she heard the manager's words, Lu Xinyan's face turned a pale green hue.

Initially, Yan Ruyi had thought that Ning Xi was here for her. Now, she looked incredibly awkward but she was more surprised.

Who'd expect that this shop I thought was not bad would actually be owned by this woman?

Guan Ziyao frowned, suddenly thinking of a minor detail. Earlier, she had heard Ning Xi mention "Mister Mo" on the phone. Could she have been on the phone with Mo Lingtian earlier?

No wonder even Mo Lingtian could not get the other party to turn a blind eye to the rules. Spirit's owner was this woman...

She was alert but she would never have thought that this would be the outcome!

"Who would've thought? Miss Ning is actually Spirit's boss. Young and promising indeed!" Guan Ziyao exclaimed.

"Miss Guan, you're very kind. Please continue to take your time to browse. As for Miss Lu's request, I believe Director Qiao has already made it very clear to her," concluded Ning Xi.

Ning Xi then left to continue her work. All of a sudden, from behind her, she heard Lu Xinyan scream, "Ning Xi, stop right there! It was you! You intentionally stopped me from that retail opportunity, didn't you?! This is obviously your way of public payback for our private matters!"

Ning Xi did not want to say anything at first, but since so many employees were present, she had to say something.

Thus, she turned around and said to Lu Xinyan, "Miss Lu, I would like to ask you a question. If you didn't have the name Lu Tingxiao backing you, would anyone willingly work with you based on your highly unsuccessful career?"

If she did not have Lu Tingxiao's name backing her or the Lu family's background...

"I..." Lu Xinyan was surprisingly at a loss for words to answer Ning Xi.

"Spirit has just only gotten on track. I'm sorry that I really can't leave it at your expense, Miss Lu."

Chapter 974: Your Boss Has Stronger Support

After her confrontation, she saw that Lu Xinyan was biting her lip, looking embarrassed. Ning Xi paused and then continued, "But I can see that you really do like our brand and I thank you for your love and support. If you're really interested in putting Spirit on your shelves, if you can show us how serious you are and not forgetting how sincere you are, Spirit's door is always open to you!"

On that note, Ning Xi simply said, "Goodbye," and left.

"What's so great about Spirit!? Who cares!? It's just a crappy brand!"

Even though Lu Xinyan had been humiliated by those words earlier, there was no way she would admit that. She blurted out curses before she could control herself.

No one has ever dared to say such words to me and it has to be from the mouth of this annoying woman! Did she seriously just imply that if I don't have the protection of my family background, I'd be deemed useless?

Yan Ruyi looked at Lu Xinyan and shooked her head in disapproval. She said with a serious expression, "Xinyan, actually what that girl said makes sense. If you really want to show some results of your own, don't do things with a lack of perseverance. Do things seriously, focus on doing one thing right. Otherwise, just by squandering time and money, the Lu family doesn't need you to show your face in public."

"I don't want to! I don't believe that I can't!" Lu Xinyan ran out of the shop with tears threatening to fall.

Guan Ziyao and Yan Ruyi quickly chased after her but they could not find her.

"Sigh, this child! She's still young and hot-tempered. What an unruly girl for her age!" Yan Ruyi sighed.

When she thought about how Ning Xi was probably only a few years older than Lu Xinyan but had already founded her own brand and was doing so successfully, Yan Ruyi could not help but feel rueful.

What happened today had really changed her view of the woman. She had thought that she only worked in the entertainment industry and relied on her looks, but who would have known that she was different? Every word she had uttered to Xinyan earlier had also rung true...

Just that when it came to her status...such a pity...

Seeing Yan Ruyi gaze admirably into the store at Ning Xi, Guan Ziyao suddenly felt worried. She held Yan Ruyi to walk forward and said, "Aunty, actually it's good that Xinyan has the heart and passion. If she perseveres, she might really achieve something?"

"Don't I know her well enough? She really doesn't have the talent!"

"But I can see that Xinyan seems quite sad. Actually, Spirit is really not all that amazing. I've heard some bad rumors about how Spirit's designer copied the work of another brand, History. Why don't I go back and help Xinyan contact History, so she can sell their products instead? History is well-known internationally and it's much more acclaimed than Spirit!"

Yan Ruyi patted her on the hand. "Sorry to bother you about her!"

"Aunty, you're too kind. This is just a small matter! Besides, Xinyan is my friend too!" Guan Ziyao said as a million thoughts crossed her mind.

She suddenly realized that unknowingly, that woman had slowly strengthened one step at a time. She had even changed Yan Ruyi's thoughts from using Little Treasure to today's incident...

Initially, she wanted to have a fair competition and not use any other methods to deal with that woman, but now she started to panic.

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When Lu Xinyan and the rest had left, the manager and a few shop assistants looked worriedly at Ning Xi. "Boss, Lu Xinyan has pretty good support behind her! Are you sure...it won't be a problem?"

Ning Xi checked the stock as she casually said, "Don't worry, your boss has stronger support!"

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Chapter 975: Make Him Wake Up

At night, in a high-class villa estate.

"What's the matter, Ziyao? Did something make you unhappy? Didn't you go out with Aunty Lu today?" Guan Rui asked out of concern as he saw her looking unwell.

Guan Ziyao frowned. "Father, when I was out with Aunty Lu today, we met that woman and I found out that she's the owner behind one of the top recently trending brands, which even got a grant from the government..."

Guan Rui smiled kindly. "That's what's got you down? I thought what could've made you upset. It must be because of Lu Tingxiao's help. Otherwise, what could she do on her own? But...I didn't expect Lu Tingxiao would go this far for her. He's probably trying to prepare her to marry into his family by attempting to raise her value..."

Guan Rui's expression darkened. "We can't let that woman continue with her plans anymore!"

Guan Ziyao looked worriedly at him. "What are you trying to do, Father? Lu Tingxiao is so protective towards that woman. Not even Aunt or Uncle Lu dares to do anything. If you..."

After spending some time with Yan Ruyi recently, she had been hearing a lot about that woman. She found out that the ever-filial Lu Tingxiao had actually rebelled against his family and even argued fiercely with his father all because of that woman. How unbelievable!

"Don't fret. I don't have to do anything. A woman in the entertainment industry like her will surely have a few skeletons in the closet," Guan Rui sneered coldly.

Guan Ziyao understood her father's meaning. "Father, do you mean...? But she's already with Lu Tingxiao now, so why would she be with someone else? With Lu Tingxiao, she doesn't have to make any shady deals!"

She did not think the woman would be stupid. Ning Xi was not an opponent to be taken lightly of.

Guan Rui shook his head. "Ziyao, you're still too naive. Human greed is infinite, especially for women living at the bottom of the food chain and with the worst personality possible, even being extremely flirtatious...No matter how well she hides it, it'll come out one day!"

"So, Father, does this mean that...you found out about something?" Guan Ziyao asked.

Guan Rui smiled, "Don't worry about it, I'll handle this matter. Just spend more time with your Aunt Lu. Avoid them still minding about what happened at the dinner."

"Got it!"

Guan Ziyao nodded and thought about the whole matter deeply...

At first, because of her own pride, she felt that she would never lose no matter what tricks the woman played. But eventually, she realized that things were out of her control. Lu Tingxiao's attitude towards the woman was unbelievable. The man who was ever-rational, the man she thought was the only one that could stand beside her was charmed by such a cheap woman. She could never accept this!

Finally, Guan Ziyao convinced herself, she need not play fair against this kind of people. She had to make Lu Tingxiao wake up and return to the person she knew!

Chapter 976: Biased!

As Spirit Studio's business was booming, everything was going smoothly with the shooting crew as well.

The secondary female lead had finally arrived after finishing her dance competition. She danced ballet and her looks, aura, and acting were pretty good.

As for Chen Hanchen and Qi Fang, their attitude towards Ning Xi had changed for the better now. They tried to be cooperative when acting and not look for trouble anymore.

Without realizing how quickly time passed, the shooting process entered its final period. It was two months earlier than the estimated timeline and Chen Mian was really happy about it.

That morning when Ning Xi reached the set, she went up to Ke Mingyu and handed over a pink plastic bag. "Keke! I brought you some breakfast!"

Accepting the lovely breakfast brought by the wife, Ke Mingyu looked at Ning Xi gently. "Thank you Senior."

"Oh, here's some milk here! Drink it!" Ning Xi then gave him a carton of strawberry milk.

"Senior, what about mine? Why does only Ke Mingyu get it? Senior, you're being biased! You only get breakfast for Ke Mingyu every day!" Qi Fang complained.

"Because Ke-ke helped me catch that snake before!" Ning Xi looked at Qi Fang proudly.

Qi Fang pressed his hand to his chest in mock hurt...

That was so not worth it! I gave someone else the chance despite spending so much effort to catch that snake and now it benefitted Ke Mingyu. I should have saved her back then! Wait, she did not even need to be saved!

Nevertheless, when he thought about it, Senior had started to change her attitude towards Ke Mingyu since the day he caught the snake for her...

After finishing breakfast, Ning Xi went up to Ke Mingyu again.

"Keke! Come, let's practice!"

"Mmm." Ke Mingyu nodded.

"Senior! That's unfair! Why do you only practice with Ke Mingyu!" Qi Fang was at it again, his jealousy rearing its ugly head.

Ning Xi replied as a matter-of-factly, "Because Keke's not from a film school, so as a senior, of course, I have to help him!"

Qi Fang scratched his head. "Senior, don't you think it's ridiculous? Aside from you, he has the best acting skills among the crew! And why do you call him Keke and not call me Qiqi? Or Fangfang?"

Ning Xi blinked. "Qiqi...?Fangfang...? That sounds so weird!"

Qi Fang was speechless. He ran away with his heart feeling like it had been stabbed.

How frustrating!

Chen Hanchen aside, he did not care about Ji Yumeng and Jian Shu since they were girls but why was Ke Mingyu being more favored than him!? He was far better looking than Ke Mingyu!

Ji Yumeng also mumbled, "Bro Xi, you're actually quite biased towards Ke Mingyu. Even I'm getting jealous..."

"Hahaha, he's just too pitiful in the movie, so I've to treat him better in real life!" Ning Xi laughed.

Well, that and he is my boyfriend after all...

Chen Mian was touched when he saw the bunch of youngsters getting along together. He was reminded of his first movie shoot 10 years ago...

As the props were being prepared, Chen Mian clapped his hands. "Let's get ready, we're starting!"

"Noted, Director!"

"Alright!"

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Chapter 977: Everyone Has A Secret

"Three! Two! One! Action!"

In the current scene, all the six actors were present and this was the climax of the whole movie. In order to create a better effect, Chen Mian purposely shot this scene later so that they had time to bond with one another.

Set venue: a karaoke lounge.

Characters present: Si Xia, Ji Feixue, Ling Yu, Yin Qianli, Jiang Xiaomei, Ji Yumeng.

With the help of the female lead, Ji Feixue, Si Xia finally got together with the woman of his dreams, Yin Qianli, and secured a romantic relationship. It was Yin Qianli's birthday that day and Si Xia had invited some friends over to celebrate for her.

"Hahaha, here's a toast to our birthday girl, Qianli, and Si Xia! I wish that the both of you will stay together forever and have lots of kids!" Jiang Xiaomei raised her wine glass and smiled.

Yin Qianli blushed while Si Xia laughed and nudged Jiang Xiaomei's shoulder. "What are you talking about?"

"Ooh! The both of you should make a toast to your matchmaker!" Jiang Xiaomei looked at Ji Feixue.

Si Xia was a very insensitive man. Actually, it was all thanks to Ji Feixue that he was able to be with his dream girl. Yin Qianli's and Si Xia's expressions changed. This joyous birthday celebration hid a dark conflict beneath; everyone had their own unspoken thoughts.

Actually, Yin Qianli had fallen in love with Ji Feixue when she confessed to her in Si Xia's stead and she had told Ji Feixue how she really felt.

However, Ji Feixue loved Si Xia, so she rejected Yin Qianli directly. Yin Qianli had only agreed to be in a relationship with Si Xia for revenge.

On the other hand, Si Xia started to realize he had special feelings for Ji Feixue, so in denying his feelings for a man, he quickly started dating Yin Qianli. At the same time, he thought that his good friend, Ji Feixue, liked Yin Qianli as well, so he did not know who he should be jealous of.

As for Ling Yu, he was observing everyone as an outsider but he kept his own secrets as well.

In this scene, everyone had to be in top-notch condition and project the complicated parts of their respective character. They would need to redo it all over again if any one of them failed to catch up.

A few bad takes happened but they continued.

Looking at the lovey-dovey couple Si Xia and Yin Qianli, Ji Feixue smiled happily and drank, conveying the couple her best wishes as if she was the happiest person of the night but the sorrow flooded her eyes...

In the corner, Ling Yu was focusing at Ji Feixue.

Ji Feixue drunkenly went to the barstool in the center of the room and picked the song "Onion".

"If your eyes could just look at me, if you could hear the sound of my heart breaking, protecting you silently, waiting for a miracle quietly as if I'm one with the air..."

"Everyone was laughing and enjoying, tonight I was really happy. How much I'm blending into the crowd, the onions at the bottom of the plate is just like me, forever just a seasoning, quietly peeking at you, forever hiding myself..."

"If you're willing to peel me off layer by layer, you'll be surprised, you're my most hidden, deepest secret...I'm just like an onion, always playing the side character. I hope I'd have a second chance with you, only you and me..."

This song was like a sharp blade piercing through the disguise of everyone's characters.

Chapter 978: How Matching

After the song ended, Ji Feixue ran out of the room in uncontrollable tears.

The one who followed was Yin Qianli!

Yin Qianli thought Ji Feixue actually liked her and thought that the song was sung for her, so she assumed that he had given up his chance with her for the sake of his friendship with Si Xia.

The camera shifted to the corridor of the karaoke lounge.

"Feibai!" Yin Qianli caught up and hugged Ji Feixue from behind.

Ji Feixue froze. She knew she had to push her away but she was not able to control herself now. She turned around and hugged Yin Qianli.

Afterwards, Si Xia came out of the room and saw them. The scenario of his good friend hugging his girlfriend was too much for him to take. "Ji Feibai, what do you mean by this?"

Ji Feixue looked at him quietly without any expression. "Si Xia, tonight...you didn't even look at me once, but now you're finally looking at me."

"What?" Si Xia was a little frightened by Ji Feixue's intense gaze at the moment.

Ji Feixue stared at the man, her emotions building up inside. She said slowly, "The dragon can't write any letters. If it misses the knight, it'll kidnap the princess, so that the knight will come..."

Si Xia was shocked. "You...what do you mean?"

Ji Feixue looked at him in the eyes and poured out her heart, "I mean...Si Xia, I love you."

Si Xia was shocked and Yin Qinli could not believe what just happened. Qi Fang was dumbfounded while Ji Yumeng sighed and Ling Yu's heart sank. What was expected had happened...

"Cut! Good take! Pass!" Chen Mian yelled excitedly.

Even after the director said it was done, Chen Hanchen, Qi Fang, Ji Yumeng, and Jian Shu were all still in acting mode and were not able to snap out of it.

Only Ning Xi and Ke Mingyu returned back to themselves instantly.

Qi Fang commented, "Wow! This scene was intense!"

Ji Yumeng nodded. "Especially Bro Xi, your eyes! Hanchen was really great today as well! But who shocked me the most was Ke Mingyu! He had no lines at all but I felt pain for him!"

Not only Ji Yumeng felt this way. Xiao Tao, Ye Qiu, and a few other crew members were discussing it as well.

"Oh my gosh, I think I'm falling more and more for Ling Yu!"

"Me too, I really hope the female lead will be together with Ling Yu! He's just so sad, he sacrificed so much for the female lead yet she only loves the male lead...I'm so heartbroken!"

"And is it just me or does Bro Xi actually looks good with Ke Mingyu?"

"Hahaha, you're not alone..."

Chen Mian was looking through the footage as he declared happily, "Everyone performed well. We're way ahead of the schedule as well! We'll have two days of holiday for everyone!"

The whole crew cheered.

Chen Hanchen was holding a book in his hand and was looking for Ning Xi but she was nowhere to be found. At the same time, he noticed that Ke Mingyu had disappeared as well.

Chen Hanchen's expression darkened a little.

After witnessing Ning Xi in her female outfit, he could not take his eyes off her and slowly he realized that the way Ning Xi looked at Ke Mingyu was very different. Also, it was not the first time that the both of them had vanished together...

In addition to Ning Xi's special attitude towards Ke Mingyu, although there was no solid proof, almost everything hinted towards that direction. He just did not want to believe it.

Just by comparing his family background and looks to Ke Mingyu's, how could she possibly like Ke Mingyu instead?

Chapter 979: The Devil's Being Flirty!

In the empty rest area, Ning Xi tiptoed and kissed Ke Mingyu as he leaned against the door.

"What are you doing?" Ke Mingyu raised his eyebrows and avoided her kiss.

Ning Xi pouted unhappily. "I'm trying to comfort your damaged heart!"

The man smiled wryly. "Stop fooling around, we might get caught!"

Ning Xi was speechless. He had not been here for long but he had even more work ethics than her now...

"Impossible, we're being so low-profile. None of the big shots are here. None of the idiots will come here and look for news! Kiss! Kiss!" Ning Xi hopped around excitedly.

The man bent over her small face helplessly.

"Good boy, I only like you!" Ning Xi patted the man's head as she kissed his cheek like she was comforting a child.

"I'm alright, we're just shooting a movie."

Although he felt a little frustrated when he saw her scenes with Chen Hanchen, he had learned to control his emotions after experiencing real acting. He saw her effort and dedication for himself and he was now able to differentiate between acting and reality.

As Ning Xi looked at him, seeing how such a prideful man had changed for her little by little, she felt warmth bubbling inside of her...

"My dear, I must've saved the whole world in my previous life, so that I could meet you now!" Ning Xi said.

"Then, I must've been by your side in my past life, saving the world with you."

The devil was being flirty!

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In the evening, in the Guan family's villa, Guan Ziyao opened the door to the study room. "Father, what's the matter?"

"Ziyao, come over here, I'll show you something!" Guan Rui smiled like he was in a good mood.

"What is it?" Guan Ziyao went over, confused.

Guan Rui turned on the laptop on the table. "Look at this!"

Could it be what Father mentioned the last time...?

Guan Ziyao looked at Guan Rui, then walked over nervously.

Guan Ziyao was shocked the moment she saw the image on the screen! It was a picture. The woman in the picture was smiling sweetly and on tiptoes to kiss a man. Both of them looked extremely intimate.

The picture was pretty clearly shot. The woman was obviously Ning Xi while the man was not Lu Tingxiao!

All the other pictures were of Ning Xi with this stranger as well. They both acted very close; apparently, it was not their first time.

Guan Ziyao murmured in disbelief. "How could this be...?"

Guan Rui sneered coldly, "There's nothing to be surprised about. I've said so, a flirt will leave her traces one day!"

Guan Ziyao felt her blood boil. "This is too much! Lu Tingxiao treated her so well! How could she be this shameless!?"

Guan Ziyao looked through the pictures again but while she was angry at Ning Xi, she felt at ease in her heart. All her anxiety and unease in the past few days had vanished.

It was over...With these pictures, Ning Xi is finished! No matter how much Lu Tingxiao was charmed by her, no man could accept his girlfriend cheating on him!

Chapter 980: It's About A Man's Pride

"Father, how do you plan to handle these pictures?" Guan Ziyao asked.

Guan Rui analyzed, "I actually wanted to hand them over to the newspapers and totally destroy that woman's reputation but after some thought, I felt it's pointless. With Lu Tingxiao's ability, he'll surely find out that we're the ones who did it. If he realized that we revealed his dirty laundry to the public, he might turn hostile towards us. This is directly related to a man's reputation after all!"

Guan Ziyao nodded. "You're right, I don't want him to be troubled as well."

"So, I suggest that you pass these pictures to him directly, then tell him that I sent people to investigate her. As for that woman, she'll be done for after Lu Tingxiao sees these pictures."

"Noted, Father, I'll contact Lu Tingxiao now."

"Alright, now go!"

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At the same time, in Platinum Palace, Lu Tingxiao was completing some work in the study room when Ning Xi opened the door with a bowl of soup she had taken a while to prepare.

"Boss, time for supper!"

During this entire period of time, he had to work on his company related stuff while acting. Ning Xi was really worried about his health, so she came over and cooked for him every day. She also made supper for him every night.

Lu Tingxiao even gained a little weight and his face looked rosy with no signs of fatigue. Even Little Treasure had put on some weight as well.

"What is it today?" Lu Tingxiao asked as he put down his documents.

Ning Xi replied, "Ginseng chicken soup with deer's antler. It's really nourishing! Drink up!"

A strong aromatic smell filled up the room the moment she removed the lid.

Lu Tingxiao froze, his expression indescribable. "Antler..."

Ning Xi suddenly realized something as well. "Ugh...antler is supposed to be good for a man's potency as well, eh? Well, it's nourishing anyway! Quickly drink it! It took me a long time to make this! It must've been hard on you during this period of time. You must really take care of yourself!"

Lu Tingxiao's expression darkened a little. "I don't need any more nourishment in a certain area."

It was a man's pride after all!

"Well, just ignore the antler. There're ginseng and chicken as well!" Ning Xi fed him with a spoon.

"Are you going to take responsibility for what's going to happen afterward?" Lu Tingxiao looked at her suggestively.

It was Ning Xi's turn to freeze this time. "W-wha...? Nothing's going to happen...right?"

As they talked, Lu Tingxiao's beeped with a new message.

Ning Xi's sharp eyes saw Guan Ziyao's name. Lu Tingxiao saw it as well and he opened the message in front of Ning Xi.

[Lu Tingxiao, I'm really sorry, my father investigated some matters behind my back and he found out that Ms. Ning is cheating on you with a male actor from her shooting cast...I contemplated for a long time but I think I have to let you know about it. I know you might not believe me but I've already sent the proof to your inbox. Take a look at it if you have the time.]

Ning Xi blinked after reading the message. "I'm...cheating with a male actor...from my shooting cast?"

Lu Tingxiao was speechless.