

Little Brat's 571

Chapter 571: Rehearsals

The photo on Tang Yi's computer was the one that Lin Fengmian had posted on Weibo.

Yan Qiu took a closer look and realized that it was actually Ning Li.

"At just a glance, I thought... Little Junior Sister must have been around twelve or thirteen years old there, right?"

Fu Niannian had a look of disdain on his face.

"Eldest Senior Brother, how did you look at it that you could see Little Junior Sister as the Boss?"

Even though Little Junior Sister's family circumstances were not good back then, she was still a pretty little girl.

Yan Qiu rubbed his chin.

"The boss was only fourteen when he went to Xijing University. The photo from that time really does look a little similar to this one. But if you look closely, it doesn't look that similar."

Tang Yi smiled.

"I told you earlier. Her brows and eyes are very similar to the Boss. You can see it clearly when she was younger."

Yan Qiu stared at the photo for a while longer before asking, “Why do you have this photo? I thought I heard you two talking about Junior Sister when I came in just now?”

Tang Yi knew that he did not know much about the current situation, so he immediately explained the matter briefly.

“... and that’s about it.”

The more Yan Qiu listened, the more serious his expression became.

After Tang Yi had finished speaking, he remained silent for quite a while.

Actually, he had read the posts about Ning Li on the Internet before and had thought that he knew her pretty well. All this time that Ning Li had been in the lab, he had been very careful never to mention her past.

The same was true for Fu Niannian and Tang Yi.

However, he had not expected that her real life in the past would be even more...

After a long time, he nodded.

“Okay, I got it.”

He thought for a while and said, “Let’s give Junior Sister a break. If she doesn’t want to come in, we’ll just let her have a good rest. Anyway, the Boss is back in Bai City this week and won’t be here.”

Fu Niannian made an “okay” gesture.

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After one lesson, the professor left with satisfaction.

Ning Li carried her backpack and prepared to change classrooms for the second lesson.

The moment she stood up, all the girls in the classroom stood up in unison and looked at her eagerly.

Ning Li, "..."

As she walked outside, they hurriedly made way for her and followed behind.

They did not dare to get too close to Ning Li, so they remained a short distance away from her.

When Ning Li looked up, she saw a group of boys from her class standing behind her, giving her a thumbs up.

Her phone vibrated.

She took it out to take a look and noticed that someone in the class group had tagged her.

[Thank you, Boss, for helping the Institute of Physics!]

A series of comments followed.

[Thank you, Boss, for bringing good fortune to the Institute of Physics!]

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Ning Li took a deep breath, then turned around and said to the group of girls, "Actually, you don't have to do this. Just go back to your classes."

As soon as she said this, the group of girls immediately said, "I don't have any classes!"

"I don't have any classes in the afternoon either!"

"Sister, your class schedule is so full!"

Ning Li, "..."

One of the girls carefully asked, "Sister, are you unhappy?"

Ning Li was silent for a moment before she finally accepted her fate.

"No."

After saying that, she turned around and went to the classroom for her next class.

The girls quickly followed behind her.

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The teacher for this class was very young. He probably knew about the things that were happening on the Internet, so when he saw the girls who had followed Ning Li to participate in the class, he was briefly surprised and guessed the general situation.

This young teacher had a very fun mentality, so during class, he specially called on Ning Li to answer a question.

The question was about a very basic concept. Ning Li stood up to answer. Just as she finished speaking, she heard a soft wave of compliments coming from the classroom.

“Wow! Sister even knows this! How amazing!”

“Do you think that brother often follows in sister’s footsteps to learn this? Should we follow her and learn as well?”

“What are the elective courses in the Institute of Physics? Why don’t we try it next semester?”

Ning Li sat down quietly.

It was not easy for her to finish this class. Ning Li was ready to go to the cafeteria to eat.

They quickly surrounded her.

“Sister, what would you like to eat tonight?”

“There are a lot of people in the cafeteria. Let me help you to order some takeout!”

“Sister, when will you be going to visit brother again?”

In the end, Ning Li chose to go directly to the lab.

The lab building of the Institute of Physics required a swipe card, especially to the sixth floor, where fingerprints had to be verified.

Twenty minutes later, Ning Li stepped into the lab and finally had some peace and quiet.

Tang Yi, who was running some data, looked up and was shocked to see her.

“Little Junior Sister, why are you here?”

Ning Li walked to her seat.

“Nothing, it’s just—”

Looking at the pile of pink and blue letters on the table, her voice became stuck in her throat.

Tang Yi coughed lightly.

“... Junior Sister, these were specially sent to the courtyard. We rejected all the gifts, but these letters, they said they had to deliver them no matter what, so—”

Some were addressed to Ning Li, and some were addressed to Lin Fengmian.

Ning Li rubbed the space between her eyebrows.

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The Institute of Physics had become very lively lately.

Many more students had come to participate in classes, and most of them were girls. More importantly, they were very well-behaved and had excellent class etiquette.

Some of them had genuinely become interested in physics and enthusiastically spoke up in class.

The teachers were in a much better mood during class.

It was harmonious.

For Ning Li, after a few days of struggle, the girls finally stopped following her everywhere.

However, every time she appeared in various places within the school, she was often called sister.

There was even someone on Weibo who had created a special tag for her— # Ning Li #, and every day, she was sent cards and posts by many people.

There were two pictures in the top post.

One was of Ning Li's college entrance exam score, and the other was of her full score from the national competition finals.

The topics of the post were also very interesting. Most of them revolved around learning.

—How could they pull their own weight when their Sister's grades were so good?

—What were their own difficulties compared to their Sister having to take on the responsibility of supporting her family when she was young?

Ning Li would always be a role model!

By the time Ning Li found out about this, she had more than 500,000 fans.

Seeing that most of their posts were positive, Ning Li was not bothered by it anymore.

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In the blink of an eye, it was late October.

The G&S Fall/Winter collection show was about to start.

George sent a message.

[The last rehearsal will be held tomorrow afternoon. Ning, would you like to come and take a look?]

Ning Li pondered for a long time.

[Okay.]

Chapter 572: Does She Deserve It?

The first two times, she had only been responsible for handing over the sketches to George. As for the presentation of the show, she had handed the responsibility over to George and the entire G&S design team.

Although the results had been very good, George always believed that as the main designer, she was also the key point of the entire show.

It was a pity that she had to be absent.

So no matter what, he hoped that Ning Li could come to the venue personally.

Firstly, in this way, he would be able to communicate the details of the show in a timely and convenient manner. Secondly, only by being present could he truly immerse himself in the charm of the show.

He admired Ning Li's talent, and also hoped that he would be able to use the overall performance of the show to perfectly display her talent.

He wanted the world to see it and also for her to see.

Therefore, after receiving Ning Li's affirmative reply, George was extremely happy.

[Okay, then I'll personally pick you up tomorrow!]

Ning Li thought of the flamboyant car that he usually used and refused.

[There's no need. I'll take a taxi there.]

George shrugged, feeling a little regretful.

However, it was already a pleasant surprise that Ning Li had agreed to come, so he did not insist on anything else and decided to go along with whatever she wanted.

[Sure. However, you may still have to make a trip to G&S headquarters first. There are some things that you need to confirm personally. After that, we will go to the venue to watch the rehearsal.]

Ning Li replied with an "Okay".

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The next day, after Ning Li finished her lunch, she went to the G&S headquarters.

Liang Yue was already waiting at the door.

As Ning Li got out of the taxi, Liang Yue immediately greeted her the moment that he noticed her.

“Miss Ning.”

Ning Li nodded and greeted her.

“Assistant Liang.”

She had been here a few times, so Liang Yue was very clear about her identity.

“Please come upstairs.”

After saying that, Liang Yue pushed the door open for her and led the way.

Ning Li followed.

As the two of them entered, a group of people was escorting a woman out of the G&S headquarters building.

She was tall and slender, her white fishtail dress accentuating her exquisite curves. Her dainty face had been covered up with sunglasses and enhanced by her snow-white skin and red lips.

It was Xu Yini.

She had come today to discuss a collaboration with the high-end brand, MY.

Ever since Lu Huaiyu had personally suppressed her, her career had been greatly affected.

She had lost her endorsements, her publicity had been withdrawn, and even the number of good scripts had lessened.

After all, those people did not want to offend Lu Huaiyu, so they could only try their best to minimize their interactions with Xu Yini.

During this period of time, her popularity had declined greatly.

In the end, she had no choice but to ask her family for help.

After all, she was the only daughter in her family and she was pampered by her parents. They could not bear to see her being sad every day, so they had finally taken action.

Only then did her resources recover.

Of course, compared to when she had been at her most popular, it was still a little lacking.

For example, although the MY brand that she had come to discuss today was also an extravagant brand, it was actually lower in class than Esya.

However, these could still not be compared to G&S.

However, this was already one of the better endorsements that she had been able to receive so far, so she had still come.

If nothing unexpected happened, she should be able to sign the contract very soon.

Seeing the figure opposite her, Xu Yini's gaze froze, and she suddenly stopped in her tracks.

Mei Li, who was beside her, saw this and asked curiously, "Yini, what's wrong?"

Xu Yini did not say anything. She merely stared at the person in front of her, a tensed look on her face.

She was so close that of course, she could recognize who it was!

Ning Li!

The news of the Second Master of the Lu family bidding a sky-high price for 'The Night of the Milky Way' and publicly announcing his girlfriend had long spread through the social circles of the Capital.

Coincidentally, a few days ago, Ning Li had also been revealed as Lin Fengmian's sister.

It would be difficult for her to forget this person even if she wanted to!

Mei Li followed her line of sight and saw that Ning Li had already left with Liang Yue.

Click.

Xu Yini took her phone out and took a photo.

The two figures had already disappeared through the G&S door.

Xu Yini lowered her head and clicked on the photo.

"Is this Liang Yue?"

Mei Li took a closer look.

"Yes, it's him."

George's senior assistant.

Xu Yini smiled coldly.

“How interesting.”

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Ning Li followed Liang Yue to the conference room on the sixteenth floor.

George was already waiting.

When he saw Ning Li, George stood up to welcome her and said with a smile, “Ning, you’re probably the most difficult designer to hire in this world.”

Ning Li did not pay his words any attention and raised her chin.

“Let’s begin. After this afternoon’s rehearsal, I still have to go back to conduct experiments in the evening.”

George said, “Ning, you really know how to discourage my enthusiasm.”

Although he complained like this, he understood that it was a very rare opportunity for Ning Li to come over this time.

So, he did as she said and turned on the projector.

“This is the specific process of the rehearsal later. Take a look first. Is there anything else that needs to be adjusted?”

Ning Li looked up.

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An hour later, Ning Li had adjusted the order of appearance for the final gown show.

George said, "It's still best to see the overall effect at the rehearsal. So, shall we go over now?"

Ning Li nodded.

George picked up his car keys and teased with a smile.

"No one would believe that this will be the first time that Ning will be watching a rehearsal for her own big show. Will you come tomorrow?"

Ning Li put on her baseball cap.

"Depends."

George shrugged.

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It was already seven o'clock in the evening when Ning Li came out of the show venue.

She stood by the roadside, ready to take a taxi back to school.

A piece of news suddenly popped up.

Ning Li was about to delete it when she caught a glimpse of her name.

She narrowed her eyes and clicked on it.

[Gossip AA: National Sister Ning Li has appeared at the rehearsal venue of the G&S show. Is she about to enter the entertainment industry?]

Below was a blurry picture.

It seemed to have been taken from a distance. In the built-up set, the huge G&S logo was extremely eye-catching.

A girl could be seen standing right in front of the runway.

She was wearing a hat, but with her tall and slender figure and exquisite side profile, it was not difficult to recognize that this was Ning Li!

The comments below were rapidly increasing.

[This is the G&S show! Is the national sister going to make her debut by virtue of her younger brother?]

[Right, Lin Fengmian is the brand ambassador for G&S. It shouldn't be difficult for him to help his sister get a spot in the show, right?]

[She's a straight-A student. Why would she enter the entertainment circle?]

[The person above is too naive. How much money can you earn money in the entertainment circle? Won't it be faster than studying? Now that I think about it, these two siblings must have been hyping up the show since the last time, right?"

"G&S is the top luxury show. Can anyone just enter this show? Does Ning Li deserve it?"

Chapter 573: The Crown Prince of G & S' New Love

G&S was the absolute first-tier in luxury brands. They were extremely high-class.

The models who were selected for the brand's big show had all undergone a selection process involving thousands of candidates.

The Fall/Winter Collection launch of G&S would be held tomorrow.

And now, Ning Li had actually appeared at the show venue.

It was not surprising that everyone had a big reaction to this. It was just that this matter was too unbelievable.

[This is the picture of the rehearsal venue, right? This blogger actually managed to get this. It's really amazing...]

[I heard that G&S did a very good job of keeping this show a secret. Even the final list of models has not been announced yet. Could Ning Li be among them?]

[This... Is this a joke? I admit that Ning Li is a top student, but having good grades and being a part of the G&S Show are two different things right? What will she be doing on the stage? Solving physics questions?]

[Hahahaha! The person before is truly sarcastic! To be honest, I think that Ning Li's figure and face are not bad. She does indeed have the capital to enter the entertainment circle!]

[Are you serious? A show by a top-tier brand like G&S could almost be considered as the peak of the modeling profession. Countless supermodels at home and abroad might not even be able to squeeze their way up, let alone a non-professional like Ning Li? What is G&S thinking? Could it be because Lin Fengmian is the brand ambassador that he was able to so blatantly open the back door?]

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The fans quickly heard the news and rushed over, which sparked a fierce battle of words.

[It's just a picture, but you're trying to start another rumor with it? Previously, you used a picture to spread rumors about my brother and sister, but in the end, you were ruthlessly slapped in the face. Haven't you learned your lesson yet?]

[Exactly. In this picture, Ning Li didn't even change her clothes. How can you say that she's going to walk on the runway? So, if I stood there, would I also be able to walk on G&S' runway tomorrow? How hilarious.]

[In the opening picture, the content is all made up.]

The fans spontaneously defended Ning Li.

Previously, Ning Li and Lin Fengmian had been criticized for a long time because of these rumors on the Internet.

After the truth had been exposed, many people had firmly stood on their side.

Naturally, now that they saw this Weibo post and the countless mocking words below, they could not tolerate it.

This was not only an attack on Ning Li, but also an attempt at humiliating Lin Fengmian.

The battle situation in the comment section quickly escalated.

[Lin Fengmian's fans, can you have some common sense? For such a top luxury brand show, secrecy is the most important thing. From the director to the employees, everyone has to sign a confidentiality agreement in advance. Non-related personnel are absolutely not allowed to enter the show. This was the last rehearsal before the official launch of G&S. In what way was Ning Li qualified to enter?

[The person above is right. Ning Li is a complete stranger. She doesn't have any runway experience, yet she was actually allowed to come directly to a G&S rehearsal. Who would believe that it wasn't because of Lin Fengmian?]

[Weren't the siblings very poor in the past? Perhaps it's because they are afraid of being poor that relying on Lin Fengmian alone isn't enough. So, did they even bring Ning Li in so that they could make money together?]

[G&S' behavior really sucks!]

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This Weibo post had been posted half an hour ago, but within a short period of time, it had already caused quite a stir among the public.

Ning Li casually glanced through the comments section. Apparently, someone had bought the data.

However, when she refreshed it again, it showed that the Weibo post did not exist anymore.

She clicked on the blogger's homepage and found that he seemed to have deleted the Weibo post.

A lot of people flooded into his last post.

[Blogger, why did you delete that post?]

[Did Lin Fengmian's PR team do something? How efficient!]

[So what if it's been deleted? I saved it already and besides, everyone already saw it. This Ning Li is really something. To think that I had a good impression of her before. Now, it seems that she's a very shrewd person.]

Everyone was discussing animatedly below, but the blogger did not reply.

Just then, a call came in.

George.

Ning Li picked it up.

“Ning.”

George frowned.

“Did you see that photo?”

Ning Li replied with a “Hmm”.

“It was a major mistake by our internal staff that implicated you.”

George knew that Ning Li was unwilling to reveal her identity, so when he saw the photo, he had revealed a rare fit of anger.

“Don’t worry, G&S will handle this matter as soon as possible. You don’t have to worry.”

Ning Li had already guessed that G&S must have made a move with such high efficiency.

Such a top-class luxury group would have people monitor public opinion at all times, so they could react very quickly.

However, in the end, that photo had still been exposed.

George's voice carried a rare hint of helplessness in his apology.

"I'm really sorry."

Actually, Ning Li was not angry.

Since George had already expressed his stance, there was really no need for her to hold on to it.

The sound of a car engine could be heard. It was the car that she had called.

She said, "Got it."

After saying that, she hung up the phone and got into the car.

The car slowly drove forward.

Ning Li looked out of the car window.

After a moment, she said, "Sir, please change your destination and go to Shuiyuan Shijia."

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G&S was indeed very efficient.

Ning Li searched for another round of relevant content in the car and found that it had been blocked.

Although there were still some people discussing it, since that picture could not be sent out, and the relevant content could not be searched for, the scope of its spread was very limited.

This matter seemed to have been quietly suppressed.

Returning to Shuiyuan Shijia, Ning Li went to the bedroom and turned on the computer.

Then, she opened a proposal.

It was the presentation of the Fall/Winter Show of G&S.

She looked at it again and leaned back on the chair, as if she was hesitating about something.

Just then, another push notification popped up on her phone.

She glanced at it casually and raised her eyebrows.

[Shocking! The new lover of the Crown Prince of G&S has been exposed!]

George had been busy with preparations for the press conference recently and had not been able to bother much with romance for a long time.

Now, he was being filmed again?

Ning Li clicked on it casually and her gaze immediately focused as she slowly sat up straight.

The first person to post this message was a gossip entertainment account.

[The Crown Prince of G&S drove to pick her up in the middle of the night. This national sister is really something!]

There were a few moving pictures below.

The first time she saw it, she knew that it had been taken on the day she had gone to visit Lin Fengmian.

From the moment she had walked out of Lin Fengmian's apartment, out of the neighborhood, and up to a car parked by the roadside.

The entire video had been spliced and edited, but it was still very coherent.

Despite the thick code, with the video that had been exposed for more than four hours, Ning Li's appearance could be recognized at a glance.

As soon as this Weibo post was posted, it immediately caused a huge wave!

[I was wondering why Ning Li would appear at the rehearsal of G&S' big show. It turns out that it's not just because of Lin Fengmian. It's also because she has a "deep relationship" with the Crown Prince of G&S!]

[The Crown Prince is famous for being able to win the hearts of beauties. Since he personally picked her up, what would be so unusual for him to give her a spot in the show?]

[I'm confused. This sister and brother... Who was the first one to have a relationship with G&S?]

[I've long said that Lin Fengmian's status is not enough to be their brand ambassador yet. So, was it because he has such a "good sister"?]

Chapter 574: Waiting for Ning!

As soon as the news came out, all kinds of speculations surfaced.

The girl was Ning Li, and that car really did belong to George.

From these few moving pictures, it seemed that after Ning Li had visited Lin Fengmian on that day, she had gotten directly into George's car.

Then, the two of them had left together.

By this time, the sky had already gotten dark.

Anyone could tell that the two of them had some kind of connection.

Moreover, the Crown Prince of G&S was a well-known playboy.

He was always involved in some kind of scandal or other.

However, no one had expected that Ning Li would be photographed together with this time.

Numerous doubts emerged. Although the fans were trying hard to control the comments, the effect was minimal.

All the spearheads were pointed at Ning Li once again!

Ning Li flipped through the comments for a while, then put her phone aside and looked at the computer.

Then, her slender and fair fingers landed on the touchpad.

Ten minutes later, she picked up her phone and made a call.

“George.”

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It was a dense night, with no stars and no moon.

As the dark night fell, the entire city remained brightly lit.

In the quiet and spacious room, the four walls had been painted pure white.

The gentle light seemed to disperse as it shone down lightly, making the entire room seem even more quiet.

The entire room was empty, with only a white sofa in the middle.

There was a person who sat quietly there.

Clad in a black shirt, he had an indifferent and noble expression on his face.

At this moment, he was sitting on the sofa with his legs crossed. He raised his head slightly and looked straight ahead with his deep and cold eyes.

A black swamp overgrown with reeds stretched out before his eyes. The sky in the distance was hazy, making it difficult to tell what time of the day it was.

The reeds seemed to be swaying in the direction of the wind.

Gray-white catkins fell off the branches and drifted in the wind.

The swamp looked thick, heavy, and slightly fishy.

One of the catkins had fallen down and seemed to have kissed the swamp lightly.

Yes.

The name of this painting was–

“The Kiss”

This was also the first painting of the man that he had bought.

In order to display this painting, he had specially set aside this space as an exhibition room.

In other words, it could also be called a storage room.

Because in addition to this one, there were several other paintings hanging on the four walls.

The paintings hung on the walls, silently cutting through the white, yet perfectly fusing with it.

With the white background, all the paintings were clearly and deeply imprinted in his heart.

He actually could not remember how many times he had looked at this painting and all these paintings.

However, today was the most different.

He was silent, leaving only his long, clear, and shallow breathing. His heart was beating vigorously, interweaving with each other, like the sound of a drum playing in his ears.

After a long time, his thin crimson lips finally lifted in an extremely faint arc, and he laughed extremely softly.

“... It’s you...”

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This scandal quickly developed.

G&S Crown Prince Ning Li # quickly became a trending topic, and its ranking continued to rise.

Liang Yue knocked on the door and walked into the office, his mood tense.

Originally, he had thought that revealing the picture with the scene of the rehearsal had already been very excessive. However, he had not expected that such a big “surprise” would be waiting for them!

If it had been someone else who was rumored to be having an affair with George, G&S would not have interfered too much.

After all, it was normal.

However, this time was different.

That person was—

“I’ve already asked the public relations department to handle it. We must quickly suppress this news—”

“Just make a clarification. You don’t have to bother about anything else.”

George, who was leaning against the chair, was no longer as angry as before. He held a cup of coffee in his hand and looked at the computer leisurely. The tone of his voice was casual as he spoke.

“Whatever they want to do, let them do it.”

“What?”

Liang Yue thought about the proposed plans of the public relations department. He had not known which one his boss liked, but when he heard his words, he was stunned.

Not worry about it?

However, this matter...

George’s beautiful eyes narrowed slightly, and the smile on his face was subtle and strange.

“Someone has made ample preparations to mess with her. They’ve put in so much effort. Of course, we should give them a sufficient stage to perform well.”

“But...” Liang Yue was still at a loss. “If we let the public opinion develop like this, I’m afraid it will cause a lot of harm to Miss Ning.”

George raised an eyebrow and took a sip of coffee.

“That’s the way it should be.”

Liang Yue was stunned. He really did not understand what was “good” about this.

The smile on George’s lips carried a hint of schadenfreude.

“What she needs to worry about now is not these rumors and slander. Besides, do you really think that anyone can bully her?”

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After the scandal had broken out, the G&S official blog quickly made a clarification.

[G&S: In response to the many rumors about our Vice President, Mr. George, and Miss Ning Li that have appeared on the Internet recently, we hereby make a solemn statement that the two of them are not in a romantic relationship as rumored. In fact, Miss Ning Li is a friend that Mr. George values greatly. Please stop spreading rumors.]

In everyone’s eyes, this was an overly simple and even perfunctory clarification notice.

[A greatly valued friend? It seems that Ning Li has not been acknowledged by the Crown Prince yet!]

[Initially, I really liked this situation, but it has turned out to only be just that... It’s true, though, that with Ning Li’s background, it would be very difficult for her to be favored by the Crown Prince. It’s a little too much for her to expect to be his girlfriend.]

[Whether it’s true or not, let’s see if Ning Li will appear at the G&S show tomorrow. Won’t we know by then? Since all the arrangements for the show have already been made, let’s see if G&S will change their plans at the last minute?]

[Hahahaha! This statement from G&S is the weirdest in the clarification of scandals that I’ve seen this year!]

In the past, whenever George was linked to a scandal, the G&S officials would never respond to it.

This time, contrary to the norm, they made a clarification as quickly as possible. However, it only seems to have made things even more troublesome.

Under the G&S official Weibo post, the number of comments quickly soared.

Obviously, everyone did not believe it.

There were endless taunts, doubts, and abuse.

However, on G&S' side, there was no further response.

At 9 pm, the G&S official Weibo account made a second Weibo post.

[G&S: Waiting for Ning, 23rd hour of the countdown.]

There was a black and gray poster with a dark golden crown of thorns lying quietly in the snow.

A line of silver words with iron and silver hooks hung high above the crown of thorns.

—Ning!

Chapter 575: The Opening of a Good Show

The G&S' Fall/Winter press conference would be officially held at 8 pm tomorrow.

In that case, the meaning of this Weibo post was self-explanatory— Ning would be making an appearance in this big show!

Once the Weibo post was released, it immediately attracted a huge response on the Internet!

[Ahhhhhh! What does G&S mean? Is this what I think it means?!]

[Ning is finally going to show up and it'll be happening in my lifetime! I love it!]

[Woohoo! I thought I would never get to see Ning in this lifetime, but the day has finally arrived!]

The two shows that Ning and G&S had collaborated on had been extremely successful.

This top designer, who was the most mysterious in the fashion industry, had an amazing fashion design and aesthetic talent that made people speechless.

In each of the shows, every theme and every dress had all showcased an amazing beauty that garnered envy and admiration.

Unfortunately, Ning had never appeared in public.

G&S had always explained that Ning had been otherwise detained, which meant that they could not be there in person. However, for a designer, what was more important than their own design launch?

So for a long time, everyone had tacitly agreed that this was just Ning's refusal to appear in public.

Ever since Ning appeared out of nowhere, countless people, both in and out of the industry, had tried to find out about this person's background, but to no avail.

G&S had been very protective over Ning and had never revealed any information.

It was because of this that when this big show was about to be held, everyone had subconsciously thought that Ning would still not appear like before.

Who knew that G&S would suddenly give such a surprise!

Ning was highly sought after within the fashion and entertainment circles, with a large number of admiring fans.

Therefore, the moment this Weibo post had been posted, it had quickly ignited a hot spot.

A minute later, Tang Wei had shared this Weibo post.

[Tang Wei: Quietly waiting for Ning.]

Almost at the same time, Lin Fengmian also shared this Weibo post.

[Lin Fengmian: Waiting for Ning.]

These two were currently the only two brand ambassadors of G&S within the Zihua District. By making such a statement, it undoubtedly confirmed everyone's speculation.

Ning would really be appearing in tomorrow's show!

All the admiring fans immediately flooded the screen crazily.

[Waiting for Ning!]

[Waiting for Ning!]

[Waiting for Ning!]

...

Very soon—

Waiting for Ning

This entry was trending and had successfully reached the top in just ten minutes!

In comparison, the scandal between George and Ning Li was not as eye-catching.

For George, such rumors happened almost every month, and each time, the target was different.

As for Ning Li— she was still fairly unknown after all.

To put it bluntly, even if she relied on her relationships with Lin Fengmian and George to get onto the runway of G&S, she was still nothing compared to the real supermodels.

Ning was different.

This was the top international designer that countless people in the fashion and entertainment circles were looking forward to meeting.

This was completely different.

The entire Internet was looking forward to it.

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Shuiyuan Shijia.

After Ning Li had finished dealing with everything, she turned off her computer and looked at her phone. Only then did she realize that it was already past midnight.

She frowned slightly.

On her phone, she only found a goodnight message from Lu Huaiyu that had been sent half an hour ago.

Just like every other day, she went on with life as if she did not know anything about the situation on the internet.

But of course, that was impossible.

After the news had broken, she had planned to wait for G&S to deal with it first before contacting him again.

She had not expected to be so busy at this time.

Now was obviously not the right time to call him back.

After pondering it for a long time, she replied with a good night.

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After the official announcement that Ning would be making an appearance in this big show, many people were eagerly anticipating it.

This person was now a hot figure in the fashion industry. Who would not want to build a relationship with her?

The best seats in the front row had already been reserved by G&S, but whoever got the seats that were slightly behind would still have some leeway.

For this invitation card, many people had put in a lot of effort just for a chance to get to see Ning.

Xu Yini had also gotten one.

It was a corner seat in the second row.

Compared to other people, this seat might have been considered good, but she was different.

In the past, whenever she had attended Fashion Week and the press conferences of various high-end brands, she had always been one of the VIPs in the first row.

This was her first time sitting in the second row.

However, she had no other choice.

Firstly, her relationship with G&S was quite strained. Secondly, her current position was not as good as it had been before.

If not for her status as the eldest daughter of the Xu family, she would not have even been able to sit in the second row.

Many people thought that Ning was a designer that had been hired by G&S, but she knew that this was not the case.

They were just collaborating with each other.

Ning was not bound by the contract at all.

Therefore, if she could befriend Ning, she would definitely be able to raise her position within the fashion industry.

Fashion resources would also be a reflection of her status and strength.

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The next morning, Ning Li called Lu Huaiyu.

“Second Brother, are you free tonight?”

Lu Huaiyu lazily replied, “Probably not. I have something to take care of. What’s the matter?”

Ning Li pursed her lips.

“Nothing.”

This matter could not be explained with just a few sentences.

Lu Huaiyu said, “But I’m free tomorrow. Do you need me for something?”

Ning Li nodded.

“Yes.”

Lu Huaiyu smiled faintly.

“Alright, tomorrow it is then.”

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7:45 pm.

The official live broadcast of G&S began.

Countless fans who had been waiting for a whole day poured into the live broadcast room.

In just a short minute, the number of viewers had already reached an astonishing one million.

G&S had done a good job of hyping up the event this time.

On one hand, many people wanted to see if Ning Li would be appearing in this show. On the other hand, there were even more people who wanted to see Ning's true appearance.

Due to many reasons, the popularity of this show was already extremely high before it had even truly begun.

7:50 pm.

The live broadcast room's screen finally appeared.

This show, which was the focus of everyone's attention, had finally begun.

Chapter 576: Night of Thorns! Ning!

On the screen, the black color gradually faded away.

The G&S Fall/Winter Collection press conference was being presented to the audience bit by bit.

At first, a sharp and abrupt dark line could be seen. Then, as the dark color became lighter, its original appearance could gradually be seen.

It was actually a thorn.

Born from the darkness, its appearance was sharp all over.

The entire scene was dark and depressing, causing the people who were watching to subconsciously hold their breath.

The audience waiting for the big show to begin in the live broadcast room were all stunned.

[What... is this?]

[Has it started? Has it started already? Why don't I understand it?]

[It's so dark and depressing...]

Gradually, a dim light was projected down from above the venue.

The huge G&S logo appeared on the big screen before them.

Only then did everyone see that it was not just a singular thorn, but a bunch of thorns.

The messy vines intertwined with each other, disorderly and chaotic manner, tightly wrapped around the silver logo of G&S.

At a glance, it was like a cage, sealing in all the light and heat.

Below, a line of words was faintly discernible.

–The Night of Thorns.

The wilted and crazy exuberance, mixed with the gloomy and dark oppressive aura, interweaved and almost broke out of the screen!

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When this huge poster was completely clearly displayed on the screen, there was a brief silence in the live broadcast room.

Everyone was shocked.

Unlike the previous time, G&S had not released any related theme posters in advance.

In private, countless people were secretly speculating about what kind of design philosophy they would be adopting this time.

Ning's first two designs had been "Flowers and the Moon" and "After the Snow Melts, It Becomes Spring."

The use of color had been to the extreme, rich and pure, and had contained an extremely rich cultural heritage.

Therefore, everyone subconsciously thought that this time, they would follow a similar style.

The thought was that Ning might present a "Warm Autumn and Winter".

However, no one had expected that this time, Ning would actually go with a dark style!

After a moment of dead silence, the entire live broadcast room began to boil up!

[Ahhhhh! The Night of Thorns!]

[It's completely different from before! What a surprise!]

[It's just a poster, yet I'm breathless just from looking at it. I really don't know how shocking it will be when the show really begins! My heart is beating so fast!]

The camera zoomed out gradually, and the dim light spilled down from the top of the venue.

Only then could the audience truly see the entire venue.

Immediately, the audience fell into a deep state of shock once again.

Because...

It was only now that they could see that this stage was an extremely orderly square.

The runway had been extended forward, and there were seats on three sides. Rows and rows of neatly arranged seats surrounded the stage that was in the middle.

Between the rows and rows of seats, sharp thorny bushes had been placed, ruthlessly cutting through the closed and orderly space!

—The atmosphere of this huge show was clearly of a cold wilderness of thorns!

It looked like a place where all living beings were trapped here, in a state where they were neither alive nor dead. A place where they screamed in silence!

...

A huge shock came over everyone.

Even though they were separated by the screen, the hearts of the many audience members were easily shocked.

Immediately, the bullet screens began to flood like crazy!

[Ahhhhhhh!]

[Ning! YYDS1!]

[Amazing! As expected of G&S! What a show of strength! This show is really amazing!]

[Full of thorns, trapped in a cage... Winter is coming!]

However, after giving the first full view of the show, the audience in the live broadcast room was already in an uproar.

Soon after, the deep sound of a cello was heard.

Along with the music, a figure appeared on the stage.

The opening model this time was still Tang Wei.

She wore a strapless gown with thick black gauze layers, and the hem of her skirt had been stretched out exaggeratedly.

Her swan-like neck was slender and beautiful. Even though the lights were dim, her delicate and fair skin was still exceptionally dazzling.

Today, she had changed from her usual light makeup to smoky makeup.

There was now a look of deep loneliness and coldness in her usually clear and pure eyes.

The skirt on the young girl looked like it could bear the warmth and purity of spring, as well as the winter wind and snow.

She seemed to be trapped in a cage, but she was still full of pride as she walked forward amidst the thorns.

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Darkness, oppression, and heaviness.

This was the tone that this grand show had set from the very beginning.

From the posters to the stage, from the scenery to the music, it seemed to form a huge net that locked people in and made it difficult for them to break free.

However, at this moment, it was as if everyone had been possessed and did not want to break free.

Their hearts felt heavy and there was a choking feeling in their throats. Even the noise in their ears seemed to echo continuously, not giving anyone the slightest chance to escape or breathe.

It was like a deep nightmare, but no one wanted to wake up.

Walking through the thorns, stepping on the cage.

Despite the blood flowing everywhere, sticky and sweet, there was still the will to sink, falling forever.

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Tang Wei walked to the front of the stage, posed in a particular position, and turned around.

Then, she moved away until her figure gradually disappeared into the darkness, and the second model came on stage after her.

She had the same style of smoky makeup, but the difference was this gown had flowy tulle.

A thorn pattern had been embroidered onto her waist. It looked as if it was so tightly bound that with even a slight movement, it would completely cut off this slender waist.

As she walked, the hem of her skirt swayed, and the thorns on her waist seemed to sway with the wind, swaying in the ice and snow.

After that, it was time for the third outfit.

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The entire show venue was very quiet.

Watching the show live, one could feel the atmosphere more deeply, and it was easier to immerse oneself in it.

The dim lights and shadows intersected and fell on the serious faces that were staring at the stage. It was like a dream.

The camera zoomed in and Lin Fengmian's exquisite and beautiful face came into everyone's sight.

Today, he had dyed his hair a wine-red color, which made his skin look even fairer. The cross-shaped diamond earring on his left ear swayed slightly, echoing with the little mole at the end of his eye.

He looked at the stage with a focused expression.

At first glance, he looked like a demon who had strayed into the cold wilderness. Beautiful and fragile, pure and clean.

Countless people cried in amazement at this scene.

[Hubby! Big sister loves you!]

[Oh my god! What kind of celestial beauty is this?]

[Red-haired little brother, you look so cute! How can there be someone who has such a combination of purity and lust, obedient yet succulent? Little brother, I'm so amazed!]

The screen was already occupied by the crazy bullet comments of the fans.

Among them, there was a rather abrupt one.

“Wait! Who is the man behind Lin Fengmian? He's so handsome!”

This bullet comment quickly flashed past, but it quickly attracted the attention of everyone.

Many people subconsciously looked behind Lin Fengmian.

There was an extremely young man who seemed to be in the best seat in the first row. It was just that the camera lens was a little too far away, and because the bushes nearby partly obscured him, they could not see very clearly.

His long legs were crossed, and his figure was hidden under the dim light, but it still could not hide his elegance.

All that could be seen was just his side profile. The lines from the brow to the bridge of the nose were extremely smooth, and the jawline was clean and sharp.

[I'm shocked! How can such a handsome man exist? Why didn't I notice him before?!]

[Who is that! ? I don't think this person belongs to this industry!]

[Brother, I'll become your fan for a moment first! This man is really amazing!]

Soon, however, the camera flashed and turned away.

The bullet screen was filled with regretful voices, and there were many who shouted for the director to cut back to him again.

However, the camera did not show that astonishing figure again.

So, everyone's attention was once again focused on this big show.

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Time passed, and the models finished coming on to the stage.

At this point, the big show seemed to be coming to an end.

Suddenly, the poster of the crown of thorns appeared on the big screen again.

Everyone was excited!

—Ning!

[Ning is coming!]

[God Ning! I will first kneel in respect!]

[Welcome to God Ning!]

The bullet screen was unprecedentedly unified.

At this moment, in and out of the show venue, countless industry bigwigs and sincere fans were quietly waiting!

Everyone's eyes were focused on the middle of the stage!

Finally—

Ta-da!

The crisp sound of high heels stepping on the ground rang out, and the deep sound of cello suddenly stopped!

Following that, the crown on the screen also shattered!

Black-gray and dark-gold colors interweaved, and a face was gradually outlined.

Almost at the same time, a tall and slender figure appeared on the stage!

On the Night of Thorns, someone stepped through the shattered crown and came out!

Chapter 577: The Uncrowned King!

The air seemed to freeze, as the scene seemed to come to a standstill.

Everyone's attention was attracted by the appearance of this person, with all their eyes drawn to her!

The figure that was concealed by the dark thorn bushes then walked out from the dark light!

Countless people subconsciously held their breaths in anticipation.

At the same time, on the huge screen behind her, there was a surge of waves and the blurry scene gradually became clear.

Everyone was stunned because it was revealed to be the face of an extremely young girl!

On the black-gray background, the eyes of the girl's face were closed, but she was still incomparably beautiful!

Following that— Swish!

A beam of light descended from above, illuminating the tall and slender figure!

It was like a sharp sword piercing through the darkness, heralding the return of a king!

On the huge poster, the young girl's tightly shut eyes then opened!

Dong!

Dark gold words appeared!

Ning!

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In the next moment, she walked forward, out from the wilderness of brambles into this resplendent scene!

Tap.

Tap.

Tap.

She walked towards the center of the runway, each of her steps seemed to be a step on people's hearts.

Finally, she stood still.

The fog dispersed, and everything became clear!

She was wearing a simple white shirt, black straight-cut pants, and high heels of the same color.

Her waist and legs were long and slender, and her curves were exquisite.

Her wavy hair had been casually tied up in a bun at the back of her head. Her swan-like neck was long and slender, and her collarbone was exquisite, giving off a faint glow.

The entire stage was dark, and only this beam of light fell on her, becoming the only focus!

The very youthful, yet clean, and unbelievably beautiful face finally appeared in front of everyone!

“Hello everyone, I’m Ning Li.”

Her clear and calm voice echoed throughout the entire show venue.

She looked at the camera.

“I’m also the main designer of this show... Ning.”

...

—I’m Ning Li.

—I’m also the main designer of this show, Ning!

Just two sentences, yet they contained an astonishing amount of information!

In an instant, it was as if a huge rock had been thrown onto the calm surface of a lake, stirring up huge waves!

Everyone was shocked!

In the live broadcast room of the show, there was dead silence!

Ning Li... was actually Ning?!

This was the legendary, extremely mysterious top designer who stood at the top of the fashion circle. The same person who had stirred up the curiosity of countless people who were full of admiration for her, Ning!

From the audience seats of the show, there was finally a gasp.

As Xu Yini sat in the second row and looked up at the figure standing in the middle of the stage, her face was pale and her entire body had gone cold.

How could this be...

Ning Li was Ning?

And the millions of fans who were watching the live broadcast finally came back to their senses at this moment!

[F*ck! ! ! !]

[Ning... Ning?!]

[Ning Li is Ning, Ning is Ning Li! ? Am I seeing things? Am I deaf? Otherwise, how is it possible that I'm seeing Ning Li standing at the G&S show and announcing that she's Ning?! I must be crazy!]

[How is that possible... How is that possible?!]

[Ahhhh! So my sister is Ning! No wonder she appeared at the rehearsal yesterday! She wasn't going to walk the runway. However, this big show is clearly hers!]

[Hahahaha! I see! So, Ning Li is Ning. If she didn't come to the rehearsal, dare I ask... who else would have the right to come?!]

[No wonder G&S made such a statement yesterday! Who wouldn't know that Ning is G&S' most valued collaborator? Ning Li is truly worth it!]

[To those rumor-mongers, slanderers, and unscrupulous people, why don't they come out and take a few steps now? Ning Li has appeared at the G&S show and has even gone on stage now. What do you think? Are you satisfied now?!]

[Ning! There's no need for a crown. You're a god!]

...

The number of viewers in the live broadcast room reached a new high, and the entire screen was occupied by crazy bullet screens!

From yesterday until now, the scandal between Ning Li and the Crown Prince of G&S, George, had become a hot topic.

The statement by G&S had been quite innocuous, and it had even attracted the ridicule of countless people.

If she had really hooked up with George, she could still have been considered capable. The key was that even though she had been photographed, she had still not been acknowledged.

What could be more ridiculous than that?

However, it was only now that everyone realized that it was not that Ning Li had not been acknowledged. She clearly had an even more valuable identity!

Ning!

This genius designer had appeared out of nowhere last year. With the “Flower and Moon” show, she had gained a firm foothold in the fashion industry. Subsequently, G&S had even made an exception for her, naming her as the only main designer for their Spring/Summer collection.

This had been the first time in the 100 years of G&S’ history that such a show had been given to an independent designer who was not from within the G&S Group.

Only one person had ever had such an honor.

Of course, Ning had delivered an answer that had amazed everyone. She had become a top designer that was admired by countless people in and out of the industry.

The fashion industry was obsessed with her, and she had countless fans who eagerly awaited her every move.

Unfortunately, she had never appeared in public before, and all her personal information had been strictly kept confidential.

Before today, the public had known almost nothing about Ning.

Now, however, under the gazes of everyone, she had finally appeared.

With such a strong and dominant attitude, she had shattered all the rumors and shone with boundless brilliance!

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With just these two simple sentences, she had shocked everyone on the spot and they could not calm down for a long time.

However, Ning Li, who was at the center of the vortex, seemed to be unaware of this.

Or perhaps, she did not care about this at all.

She merely stood on the stage, becoming the center of the show.

Her shoulders were straight, her peach blossom eyes were extremely clear, and there was a hint of indifference and pride between her brows.

There were thorns all around her, but they all seemed to have surrendered to her feet.

“The reason why I didn’t show up at the two previous press conferences was indeed because I had been held up by something else.”

Ning Li said calmly, “The ‘Flower and Moon’ collection was because I had to rush back to school for class, and the second time, I happened to be preparing for the National Physics Competition finals. As the main designer, it was indeed inappropriate for me to miss my own big show press conference. Therefore, I would like to express my special thanks to Mr. George and the entire G&S design team led by Mr. Edmund. Thank you for your time and effort in organizing these shows.”

With these words, the show and the live broadcast room fell into a strange silence.

For a long time, there had been a lot of speculation about Ning’s unwillingness to appear in public for her big shows.

Some people had thought that Ning might have had some sort of facial or physical defect. Some people had thought that Ning might have some social difficulties. Then, there were also some people who had speculated that Ning was trying to make use of this to increase her fame.

Besides, a genius designer like Ning was probably an eccentric person.

If Ning did not want to show her face, no one could persuade her otherwise.

In short, there had been a lot of speculation.

However, they had not expected the reason for her not coming to be because she had a class to attend! She had an exam?!

The sound of footsteps suddenly came from behind.

It was George.

Behind her were Edmund and the others, as well as all the models for the show.

The crowd walked toward her and surrounded her.

George was at the front as he stood beside her. His sky-blue eyes seemed to be smiling.

“It should be G&S who is thanking you. After all, without you, there wouldn’t have been such a talented and amazing press conference.”

He looked at the camera and smiled lazily.

“I’ve already said it. Ning is a friend that I, as well as the entire G&S company, greatly cherish.”

Everyone held their breaths.

This meant that George, as well as the entire G&S company, would support Ning Li!

Ning Li tilted her head and raised her eyebrows slightly.

At that moment, someone in the first row of the dimly lit auditorium suddenly began to clap.

Clap.

Clap.

Clap.

The clapping was very rhythmic and carried a lazy and lazy energy.

Ning Li's heart skipped a beat.. She followed the sound of the clapping and looked over.

Chapter 578: Introducing Ning?

At the left side of the front of the runway, in the first row, a man sat quietly with lazy posture.

The light was dim, and he was partially concealed by the thorns.

However, his facial features and figure were very familiar.

Lu Huaiyu!

The corner of Ning Li's eyes twitched slightly.

This morning, she had even called him specifically to ask if he was free tonight.

At that time, he had said that he had something to deal with and would only be free tomorrow.

But now— he had appeared at the G&S show!

Situated among the crowd, his long legs were crossed as he lifted his chin slightly, and looked at her from afar.

The fingers of his slender and fair hands drummed against each other, carrying a sense of nobility and insouciance in his bones.

Even though the surroundings were dim, it did not hide the noble air of his entire body.

At the moment their eyes met, he raised an eyebrow slightly and gave a faint smile.

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Standing beside Ning Li, George sensed her reaction immediately.

He followed her line of sight and immediately smiled meaningfully.

When they had been in Yunzhou, he had known that Lu Huaiyu had not known about Ning Li's identity as Ning.

However, he had not expected that this secret had only finally been revealed to him tonight.

The smile on his lips deepened with a hint of schadenfreude.

Lu Huaiyu's applause finally caught everyone's attention.

Soon, some people began to follow his lead.

Gradually, the applause became louder and louder.

There was no other sound in the entire show, except for this concentrated applause, which covered the sky and the earth!

...

As the applause sounded throughout the entire venue, the warm and dense atmosphere seemed to overflow from the screen.

The countless fans who were watching the live broadcast seemed to be affected by the atmosphere and became even more excited.

All the bullet screens were unified.

“Ning! There’s no need for a crown, you are a god!”

“Ning! There’s no need for a crown, you are a god!”

“Ning! There’s no need for a crown, you are a god!”

At this point, all the rumors had been shattered.

She stood in the center of the stage and accepted the endless admiration and praise that belonged to her!

On this Night of Thorns, everything was a tribute to the god, Ning!

Ning Li regained her senses slightly. She finally placed her right hand on her left chest and bowed slightly to express her gratitude.

The moment she raised her arm, the cuff of her shirt slid down. A small section of the watch dial shining brilliantly was revealed on her snow-white wrist.

Lu Huaiyu, who was sitting below, finally relaxed his brows and let out a light laugh when he saw this.

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The launch of G&S' Fall/Winter Collection tonight had caused a shock.

Eight of the top ten trending topics on Weibo were related.

Ning appeared on the show for the first time

G&S Night of Thorns

Lin Fengmian's red hair

Among them, # Ning Ning Li # was even more popular.

The number of people who were watching the live broadcast of G&S had broken a record. The part where Ning Li had appeared on stage and publicly announced that she was Ning had even been spliced out, which the entire Internet had gone crazy over.

All the slander and rumors from before had easily been torn apart tonight!

...

This was Ning Li's first time making her appearance as Ning to express her gratitude, finally giving a perfect ending to this big show.

Ning Li followed George and the others back to the backstage area.

Everyone's eyes were still burning as they fell on Ning Li.

Ning's identity had been hidden so tightly that even very few people in G&S had known about it.

Today, she had finally revealed her identity, which of course had caused many people to be excited.

A top designer!

A person who stood at the top of the fashion industry!

More importantly, she was only eighteen this year. It was obvious that she had a bright future ahead of her.

Who would not want to build a relationship with such a person?

However, George had been standing next to her the whole time. The Crown Prince was in charge, so no one dared to be presumptuous. They kept a small distance from Ning Li.

George asked, "Ning, there will be a celebratory cocktail party in Yishuijian next door. Will you be going?"

This was the usual rule of G&S.

All the guests present had been invited by G&S to watch the show. Every time, it was a star-studded gathering filled with important VIPs.

Ning Li had not made an appearance at either of the previous two shows, let alone these celebratory cocktail parties.

This time was different.

"I don't know how many people are waiting to see you," George said with a smile.

Ning Li did not answer immediately, seeming to be a little distracted.

George smiled and called out to her again.

"Ning?"

...

After the show, the crowd gradually dispersed.

All kinds of chatter could be heard.

"So Ning Li is Ning! What a surprise!"

"Who said it wasn't? I thought she was relying on Lin Fengmian to enter the entertainment industry, but I didn't expect that... She's already standing at the top of the fashion industry! Her status is much higher than those in the entertainment industry!"

"By the way, today's show was truly impressive. Ning is indeed..."

"If she wasn't impressive, how could she be valued so highly by the Crown Prince of G&S? Don't tell me you don't understand what that person said on stage today? With the support of G&S, won't she be able to do whatever she wants in this industry in the future?"

"Do you think Ning will attend tonight's celebratory cocktail party? Since she has already appeared publicly, she shouldn't be absent from this cocktail party, right?"

“Can’t we just go and take a look? Originally, I had a job to do tonight, but I just turned it down. If only we could meet Ning at the cocktail party, it would be good to have a few words with her...”

Ning’s status in the fashion industry was extremely high, so even if the people who had come today were all celebrities with high statuses in the entertainment industry, they were still far inferior to her.

Just as George had said, there really weren’t too many people who would not want to take this opportunity to become on good terms with Ning.

The surroundings were bustling with activity.

However, one person remained alone in her seat and had not moved for a long time.

It was Xu Yini.

She was in a daze. Her lips were pale, and she looked as if she had lost her soul.

From the moment she had seen Ning Li appear on the stage and announce that she was Ning, she had been in this state.

Her mind was a mess, and she had no memory of what happened after that.

“Yini?”

A female voice suddenly came from the side.

Xu Yini slowly raised her head.

“... Sis Wanwan?”

The person who had come was Qi Wanwan.

She raised her chin towards the backstage area.

“Ning is over there. I’ve asked someone to make an introduction to her. Would you like to meet her together?”

Qi Wanwan was the editor-in-chief of the top fashion magazine in the country, so she had connections.

Although Xu Yini’s status had declined, she still had the Xu family behind her, so Qi Wanwan was still very polite to her.

Xu Yini had also asked for her help in getting the invitation card to this event this time.

However, when Xu Yini heard this, her expression suddenly became very ugly.

She had endured it for some time before she could suppress the surging emotions in her heart. She said coldly, “There’s no need.”

Qi Wanwan was stunned.

“What’s wrong? Didn’t you say that you really wanted to get to know her?”

Xu Yini suddenly stood up and gripped her handbag tightly, her face turning red.

“I still have things to do, so I won’t be going.”

After saying that, she moved her feet to leave.

Qi Wanwan frowned, feeling a little impatient as well.

She had invited her out of the goodness of her heart, but in the end, Xu Yini had thrown it back in her face?

This young lady's temper is really getting more and more difficult to please!

Chapter 579: Introduces Me?

Ning Li was actually not very interested in George's proposal.

She had more important things to deal with now.

"I'll be leaving in a while."

She said.

Obviously, George knew what she was going to do. Recalling the expression of the man sitting below the stage, he said mockingly, "You're the absolute focus tonight. Everyone will be scrambling to meet you. Why are you leaving?"

Ning Li rubbed the space between her eyebrows.

How would he know how hard it was to coax Lu Huaiyu?!

"Let's talk about this later—"

Ning Li said, intending on walking out.

However, the moment she pushed the door open, countless flashlights lit up!

She frowned slightly and narrowed her eyes.

“Ning!”

“Look over here! Ning!”

“Ning! Can you tell me about the inspiration for tonight’s Night of Thorns?”

All kinds of voices were heard.

Only then did Ning Li realize that she was surrounded by all kinds of media.

Countless reporters with long guns and short cannons were waiting for her here.

Ever since the G&S official blog had released the poster of the Crown of Thorns yesterday, the news that Ning would be publicly appearing at the show had attracted the attention of countless people.

Several media outlets had already made ample preparations, just waiting for today.

The fact was that Ning’s appearance was already big news. What’s more, this person was Ning Li!

How could they let such a hot topic go?

Therefore, they had all been waiting here for a long time.

Just then, Lin Fengmian walked over from behind.

Seeing this scene, his brows furrowed slightly.

Sensing his arrival, the reporters started to take photos of him again.

There were actually quite a number of celebrities at the venue. At that moment, there were also some who were heading over.

However, Lin Fengmian was the one who received the most attention. After all, he was Ning Li's younger brother.

"Lin Fengmian! You and Ning are siblings. So, you should have known about her identity as Ning a long time ago, right?"

"Do you have anything to say about this big show?"

"You must be very proud to have such an outstanding sister, right?"

Suddenly, a sharp and abrupt voice sounded.

"Lin Fengmian, you've only debuted less than a year ago, yet you've already managed to defeat many competitors to become the G&S brand cooperation ambassador. Did Ning have any hand in this?"

This question was extremely ear-piercing.

For a moment, the scene fell into dead silence.

Lin Fengmian's footsteps stopped, and he aimed a cold stare at the particular male reporter who was asking the question.

The sound of pictures being taken was incessant. Everyone was looking at him.

Ning had become famous last year, and Lin Fengmian had become the brand ambassador of G&S this year.

It was not surprising that someone would think this way.

The male reporter met Lin Fengmian's gaze. Not only was he not nervous at all, but it could be said that he was even slightly excited.

As long as Lin Fengmian gave a reaction, he would definitely be able to come up with an explosive angle!

However, before Lin Fengmian could reply, someone spoke first.

"Which reporter is this? Please leave."

George raised his chin and spoke in a casual tone. There was a smile on his face, but there was a hint of coldness in his eyes.

"While you are on G&S' territory, you are not welcome to question G&S."

As soon as he finished speaking, a bodyguard immediately stepped forward.

Only then did the male reporter panic.

Seeing that the bodyguard was about to make a move, he was both flustered and angry.

In a moment of desperation, he raised his voice and blurted out, "Ning! You and Mr. George have a very close relationship. Do you dare to say that there was not the slightest bit of profit transfer in this?!"

The smile on George's face gradually disappeared. Just as he was about to get angry, out of the corner of his eyes he caught a glimpse of a tall and straight figure who was walking over from behind the crowd. Suddenly, he laughed again.

He smiled lazily and said, "You're right. Ning and I do have a very good relationship. A brand ambassador title is nothing for a men's ready-to-wear line. Even if she wants a higher title, as long as she asks, I'm willing to give it to her."

When he said this, everyone was stunned.

It had been just a guess before. Who would have thought that George would actually say such a thing in public?!

Was he... serious?!

Ning Li also saw the approaching figure.

However, before she could do anything, she had heard George say this from the side.

She gritted her teeth and turned her head to give George a blank stare.

George shrugged helplessly with a face full of regret.

"It's a pity that she didn't give me the chance."

As he said that, he looked at Ning Li with a smile.

"Ning, you can just state what it is you want now. We've known each other for so long. How can I not agree to a small request?"

Ning Li, "..."

Very well. She could now confirm that George was deliberately taking advantage of this opportunity to get back at her!

All the drafts that she had delayed in the past, the blacklists that she had pulled, the phone calls that she had rejected...

He was making her pay for all of them together today!

George seemed especially happy, even winking at her.

"If it was anyone else, I might not agree. However, you're different. Our friendship is still here, isn't it?"

Ning Li's eyelids twitched.

The male reporter probably had not expected to hear such an answer, so he was completely dumbfounded.

The bodyguards had moved quickly and led him out.

The reporters looked at each other.

Suddenly, someone exclaimed.

"Second Master Lu!"

In the entire Capital, there was only one Second Master Lu.

Hearing this, almost subconsciously, everyone turned their heads to look over.

There was a young man who was walking over.

He was extremely tall, and the high-grade handmade tailored suit was worn on his body. It especially matched his broad shoulders and narrow waist, and the proportions were excellent.

Every step he took was casual and elegant. There seemed to be an invisible aura around him, which made people subconsciously feel in awe and submissive towards him.

It was the current leader of the Lu family— Lu Huaiyu!

One of the reporters raised his camera, but the camera was immediately blocked by the person next to him.

The person warned him in a low and stern voice, “You’re crazy! How dare you take a picture of him?”

In the entire Capital, everyone knew that Second Master Lu was famous for his arrogance.

His name and photo were rarely seen even in the finance section, let alone entertainment news like theirs.

It was said that the last media person who had taken pictures of him had only posted a side profile of him, yet his career had immediately turned cold.

Who would dare to be touched by his bad luck?

As Lu Huaiyu slowly walked over, the crowd automatically made way for him.

All the reporters were lined up on both sides. All kinds of cameras and microphones were held in their hands, but none of them dared to face him.

The scene fell into a strange silence.

The reporter who had been stopped was also shocked and quickly stopped talking.

However, at the next moment, Lu Huaiyu suddenly stopped in front of him.

“Did you have an interview question to ask me?”

Lu Huaiyu asked casually.

That reporter’s heart was about to jump out of his chest!

He raised his head in panic:

“I, I didn’t...”

“Ask away.”

Lu Huaiyu said.

The reporter was stunned, and so was everyone else.

What, what did this mean?!

Lu Huaiyu narrowed his eyes.

In an instant, the reporter felt blessed.

“Mr... Mr. Lu! I’ve heard that you never attend shows like these. So, why did you come here tonight? Will the Lu Corporation and G&S be working together on a collaboration soon?”

This was a question that everyone wanted to ask.

Therefore, after he had asked this, everyone looked to Lu Huaiyu, awaiting his answer.

In the next moment, Lu Huaiyu looked at George.

“I’ve heard that Mr. George has a close relationship with Ning. I wonder if you could introduce me to her?”

As he spoke, he tilted his head and his gaze finally landed on a person. The corners of his lips curved into an extremely faint smile.

“After all, I have admired her for a long time.”

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—I have admired her for a long time.

When these words fell from his mouth, a silence settled all around them.

Shock could be seen on everyone’s faces.

Lu Huaiyu had actually said that he had admired Ning for a long time?!

Then..

In an instant, everyone present turned to look at Ning Li at the same time!

Surprise, shock, envy... The expressions on everyone’s faces were different.

Ning was in the limelight tonight.

Generally speaking, it was extremely difficult for an ordinary person to build a relationship with a top luxury brand like G&S.

Tonight, however, the Crown Prince, George, had publicly declared that the whole of G&S was willing to support Ning.

When the news had spread, it had attracted the envy and jealousy of countless people.

Who would have known that this would not be the end?

The Lu family's Second Master, Lu Huaiyu, had also expressed his admiration for Ning in front of the media!

How lucky was it that the actual people in power of these two major financial groups were giving such special treatment to Ning?!

Noticing the envious stares upon her, Ning Li's lips twitched. However, she felt her entire body stiffen and her neck turn cold.

Her throat tightened. Facing the man's half-smiling gaze, she felt really uncomfortable!

Her lips moved slightly. Just as she started to open her mouth, she was interrupted by George who was next to her with a smile.

"Since Second Master Lu has opened his mouth, we have to give him face."

As he spoke, he took half a step forward and stood between the two of them.

His expression was especially pure and sincere.

"Ning, let me introduce you. This is the Second Master of the Lu family, Lu Huaiyu."

"Second Master Lu, this is Ning"

Ning Li's breath was stuck in her chest, and her eyebrows were twitching violently.

The people around them were still stunned, but George's voice was exceptionally clear.

His eyes curved, making him appear to be especially understanding

He said sincerely, "The two of you shouldn't be very familiar with each other, but it doesn't matter. You'll be able to get to know each other much better now."

"After all, we're friends. So, you can just take it as giving me some face?"

Ning Li's hand trembled slightly.

If it were not for the fact that there were still so many reporters around, she really could not guarantee that George would be able to walk out of this venue

in one piece today!

Lu Huaiyu however, was well-behaved.

He took a step forward and stretched out his hand, the corners of his lips slightly raised.

“Ning, it’s nice to meet you.”

Ning Li pursed her lips slightly and finally reached out her hand.

Lu Huaiyu seemed to be very polite and their hands separated as soon as they touched.

It was as if they were really meeting for the first time.

Only a faint trace of warmth remained on her fingertips.

Ning Li looked up at him.

George, however, was already asking with a smile, “Second Master Lu, since you’re here, why don’t go to the celebratory cocktail party with us? Ning will be going as well, so you guys can chat more there.

Ning Li, “..”

She had not said that she wanted to go!

Just as she was about to refuse, she saw Lu Huaiyu raise his eyebrow and nod.

“Okay.”

Ning Li silently swallowed the rest of her words.

George looked at the crowd full of media in front of him.

“I believe that all the questions have been asked, and we’ve taken all the photos that we should take. We still have to rush to the celebratory cocktail party.

Could everyone please give way?”

George was the Crown Prince of G&S, so he had a lot of power to speak.

Moreover, Lu Huaiyu was standing here as well.

Everyone tactfully stepped back.

George narrowed his eyes and smiled in satisfaction.

“Ning, shall we go then? You’re the main person tonight. You can’t miss out on

this.”

Ning Li closed her eyes.

Forget it, forget it. I don’t have the time and energy to deal with him tonight.

We’ll discuss it another time!

With that thought in mind, she walked out.

Ning Li had originally thought that George had gone to the extreme today with his devilish actions and that he would stop now.

However, she soon realized that this thought was too naive.

Outside the show venue, there was a large open-air parking lot.

The group had just reached the entrance when George raised his hand and pointed in a certain direction. His tone was very warm and familiar.

“Ning, get in my car and go with me. It’s over there. You should know the one that you sat in last time.”

Ning Li glanced at it out of the corner of her eye and saw a familiar white car.

Yes, it was the same one that she and George had been photographed in.

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her eyes twitched again.

“There’s no need.”

She rejected it very straightforwardly.

George blinked. “Why not? Don’t you like it?”

At this moment, Lu Huaiyu happened to be standing beside her.

Yi Bin had gone to fetch the car.

The light smell of cedar wafted over and surrounded her.

She said very firmly, “It’s because your car has the fragrances of more than three different women.”

She looked straight at George.

“It’s time for you to wash the car.

The smile on George’s face finally cracked.

This was really insulting!

He had only driven this car a few times, where would the smells have come from?!

Ning Li could not be bothered with him.

She turned her head to look at the man standing beside her.

“Second Master Lu, may I get a lift in your car?”

Lu Huaiyu raised his eyebrows slightly but did not make any comment.

“It’s only a ten-minute drive from here to Yishuijian.”

In other words, it did not matter which car they took.

At that moment, some other guests who had come to watch the show were around them.

Many people were looking in their direction.

Ning Li opened her mouth and whispered something.

Lu Huaiyu saw it, but he did not hear it clearly.

“What did you say?”

Ning Li took her phone out.

A moment later, Lu Huaiyu’s phone vibrated.

He looked down and squinted his eyes.

Ten minutes is very short, but I just want to smell your body.]

His Adam’s apple moved.

Just then, a black Bentley stopped in front of them.

Yi Bin was driving.

“Second Master?”

Lin Fengmian walked over.

“Sister, are you coming with me?”

He had his own nanny van.

Ning Li put away her phone.

“Sure.

A lazy and low voice came from the side.

I have something to ask Ning, so why don't we go together?”