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Chapter 31: It Was Destined To Make Her Regret For The Rest Of Her Life

Zuo Xiaoqing's words stirred up a great clamor in the meeting room.

The Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Country Y!? It was the holy land in the heart of every young designer.

The entry requirements of the Royal Academy were extremely strict such that worldwide, less than 50 people were accepted as students of the academy. Every single student was a genius of all geniuses.

No one expected that Luo Chenxi would actually have once been a student from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Country Y! However, she had been expelled from the academy!

There were relatively quite a large number of students that dropped out on their own due to failing examinations in the Royal Academy of Fine Arts. However, it was rare for someone to be expelled due to misconduct.

The people that studied arts were much more open-minded than ordinary people. Issues that were regarded as immoral to many ordinary people were regarded as a norm in the eyes of many artists.

The behavior that could be identified as misconduct by the Royal Academy of Fine Arts could only be...

Everyone had the same thought at once.

"Could participant Number 12 have had a past record of plagiarism when she was in the Royal Academy of Fine Arts? Otherwise, why would she be expelled then?"

"You don't say. I heard that someone had a s*x party in the academy and was taken to the police station, but he wasn't even expelled!"

"Then, there can only be one reason, right?"

"I think so too..."

The corners of Zuo Xiaoqing's lips curled up. "Luo Chenxi, stop pretending. I know everything about your dark past! I thought that you've returned to the path of virtue after being expelled. I didn't expect that you'd actually manage to cheat your way into SL Holdings. It's a disgrace for me to be ex-schoolmates with a person like you!"

Andy realized the extent of the issue now. "Xing Chen, will you please explain yourself. Is Zuo Xiaoqing telling the truth?"

Luo Chenxi looked rather pale, but she still spoke calmly, "I don't know which part of the situation your question is referring to. I was genuinely studying at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Country, Y and it is true that I was expelled due to some reason. However, I've never had a past record of plagiarism and the work I submitted to the Chinese Style Competition this time is all by me too."

Andy did not believe the accusation that Luo Chenxi's work was plagiarized. It had been a few years since he had last seen the work of a genius like hers. Those were not some simple ideas, so how could she have possibly plagiarized it with ease?

Upon hearing her answer, he nodded. "Noted on that. We will be sending someone to verify the matter later. You are considered to have passed the audition for the time being..."

"How is that alright?" Zuo Xiaoqing interrupted once again, "Teacher Andy, how can a person possibly admit to plagiarism? It's obvious that she's lying to you. You said you've never plagiarized. Then, can you explain how you got expelled?"

Every single person was staring at Luo Chenxi, waiting for her response. However, she suddenly went quiet and the color of her face turned ghastly pale.

"Tell me! Tell me if you can!" Zuo Xiaoqing was certain that her accusation was right after seeing Luo Chenxi's expression. She attempted to pressure Luo Chenxi proudly.

Luo Chenxi's right hand was bunched up so tightly that her nails sank deep into the flesh of her palm. However, she was completely oblivious to it.

Four years ago...

It was the past that she could not bear to think about anymore. She grieved deeply every time this was brought up.

It had not only ruined her career and her future. In fact, it had made her pay a price which was a thousand times worse...

It was destined to make her regret it for the rest of her life.

"Why? You can't explain yourself, can you? If you don't want people to know, you'd better not do it! Why haven't you left SL Holdings yet?"

Luo Chenxi looked at Zuo Xiaoqing with a cold gaze. She was suppressing her emotions with great effort. Finally, she said in a frigid tone, "I told you that my expulsion is unrelated to plagiarism. It was due to some personal reasons. This is my privacy and I have no obligation to explain it to strangers."

Upon listening to her remarks, Andy could not hold himself back anymore. He did not expect Luo Chenxi to still refuse to reveal the true reason behind her expulsion at this point.

Could Zuo Xiaoqing have told the truth?

"Miss Xing Chen, if that's the case, I'm afraid we can no longer allow you to continue your participation in the competition..."

Meanwhile, a deep male voice was heard coming from the door and interrupted him, "What's with the racket?"

Andy spun around and his expression immediately turned to panic. "Ch-chief Sheng!"

Chapter 32: Stung Her Eyes

A tall, muscular, and strong silhouette was standing at the entrance to the meeting room. He had gorgeous facial features and a figure that could rival a male model. He was dressed in a long black trench coat that could arouse anyone. Every detail of his body was ultimate perfection from head to toe.

However, he looked rather annoyed.

"Chief Sheng? Which Chief Sheng is that? Is he the administration of SL Holdings?"

"How could you not know about Chief Sheng?! He's the chief designer of SL Holdings! He's nicknamed the Godfather of Fashion and is the most influential male god of the fashion world in the country!"

"He looks even better than in magazines! Oh my god, we are truly in luck! We actually have the chance to see him with our own eyes. I heard that Chief Sheng only comes to the headquarters a few times a year..."

The participants discussed animatedly and their excitement was apparent on their faces.

Luo Chenxi's gaze also landed upon Sheng Yu.

So, this was the legendary Godfather of Fashion. He looked much younger than she had imagined and was probably less than thirty years old.

Sheng Yu's brows were furrowed. "Andy, Old Huang told me that there's a genius designer from the audition today. Where's the person? My time is very precious. Send her to me quickly."

"Uh, about that..."

Cold sweat emerged on Andy's forehead at once. He did not expect Sheng Yu to arrive at this very moment.

The judging panel thought that they had discovered a rare genius, so they had gone over to Chief Sheng to claim merit for themselves in excitement. Unfortunately, the person actually had a dark past of plagiarism!

How was he going to justify himself to Sheng Yu?

"Cough, cough, Chief Sheng, there has been a small mishap that happened during the audition. We have made a mistake. We would like to request you to take a rest in your office for a moment. I shall come over to explain to you after I'm done handling the matter here..."

"SL's spring collection launch is starting at 2 p.m. today. Do you know how many tasks I've pushed away just to come here today? Stop talking nonsense. You just need to tell me whose portfolio this is."

Sheng Yu procured a portfolio from his trench coat and waved it at Andy.

The huge number '12' printed on the cover immediately stung Zuo Xiaoqing's eyes.

Was Sheng Yu actually here because of Luo Chenxi's portfolio? He had even announced his purpose of looking for her! How was that possible? How could Sheng Yu possibly show interest in the wicked girl's work?

"Chief Sheng..." Zuo Xiaoqing could not refrain herself anymore, so she spoke.

Sheng Yu squinted his eyes. "Does this portfolio belong to you?" As he was speaking, he looked at Zuo Xiaoqing from the dress she wore to the mid-top leather boots on her feet. He instantly frowned. "That can't possibly be right, can it?"

Noticing Sheng Yu's gaze and hearing his doubt made Zuo Xiaoqing blush scarlet at once. Shen Yu's dismissal of her outfit today was exactly the same as Luo Chenxi's!

"The portfolio isn't mine actually, but..."

"If it's not yours, why are you speaking? Have I asked you a question?"

Zuo Xiaoqing was incomparably embarrassed and infuriated by his remark. However, she had no choice but to brace herself and continue, "Chief Sheng, the portfolio has been plagiarized! Participant Number 12 was expelled by the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Country Y for misconduct! Don't be fooled by her!"

Upon listening to her words, Sheng Yu finally looked at Zuo Xiaoqing for the very first time. "What did you say?"

Zuo Xiaoqing became even more excited because she was under the assumption that Sheng Yu believed her. She hastily repeated the story which she had told Andy earlier with exaggeration.

When she was done speaking, she took a provocative glance at Luo Chenxi.

Luo Chenxi had always thought that she was a noble empress. Did she really think that she was a genius? She was still going to be chased out of SL Holdings with a broom anyhow! Perhaps, she would even be barred from the entire fashion world!