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Chapter 521: One Mistake Is Enough

The man's voice was like a bucket of cold water that was poured over Chi Xia's head, completely extinguishing her little bit of impulse.

His tone sounded as if she had made a decision that she could not turn back.

Suddenly, she regretted it!

At this moment, the car suddenly turned around. He was going straight back to school, so why did he turn around...

"Where are you going?"

"You're my woman now. What's wrong with coming back with me?" Go back with him...

Chi Xia's face paled. "Erm, I was just joking. I'm not that casual. I didn't promise you seriously."

Su Chen sneered. "I think you're just that casual."

Although he had given her a choice and she had tactfully agreed, which made him very satisfied, there was a trace of anger in his heart. This woman was really casual. Last time, she had casually slept with him, and this time, she had casually agreed to his suggestion!

Hearing Su Chen's words, Chi Xia's face burned.

"Su Chen, that's enough! Do you have to humiliate me like this? I'm casual, but you're not any better. If you're not casual, why did you have sex with me?!" Chi Xia's heart ached terribly and her vision blurred. She bit her lip, sniffed, and turned her face away.

The moment Chi Xia turned her head, Su Chen caught the tears in her eyes and her expression darkened.

Silence returned to the car. A moment later, the car stopped in front of Su Chen's apartment.

Chi Xia raised her head in shock and quickly jumped off the car. She was about to escape when Su Chen stopped her.

"Why are you running? Regretting it now? Who was the one who agreed to be my woman so confidently just now?" Su Chen dragged Chi Xia into the apartment building.

Chi Xia looked at him warily. "Why are you bringing me home?"

"Do what needs to be done!"

As he spoke, Su Chen pulled Chi Xia into the room and threw her onto the bed. His tall body leaned over her. "Didn't you say that I'm casual?" Then I'll show it to you casually!"

Chi Xia pushed him away with a pale face. "Su Chen, don't do anything rash.

You're breaking the law!"

"Breaking the law? You really study law. Then tell me, did you break the law when you raped me last time?" Su Chen's lips curled up coldly. "Also, have you forgotten that you're my woman now?"

Su Chen kissed Chi Xia's lips like a wild beast gnawing on its prey as he reached into her clothes.

Chi Xia's body stiffened and she shook her head vigorously. "No! Bastard, take your hand away. Don't touch me...Go away!"

She was wrong. She should not have provoked this man!

When she agreed to be his woman, she didn't think too much about it. However, when she was sober, she felt an indescribable disgust when she was so intimate with him.

She was not a casual woman. She had been with Gu Cheng for so long, but they had only kissed before. It was a very light kiss. There was no further relationship.

She had always been very conservative when it came to relationships. She wanted to give herself to her lover at the most important moment.

However, who would have thought that he would lose his first time so easily after drinking?

She tried her best to comfort herself and persuade herself to let go. At this moment, the man in front of her was like a beast, making her very afraid.

She didn't want it!

It was enough to make a mistake once. She could not accept it again!

Chi Xia's tears rolled down her face as she looked at the man in front of her in despair.. " I beg you, don't...'

Chapter 522: Mumu Misses You

Please, don't ...

Su Chen's body stiffened. He raised his head and met the pair of tear-filled eyes.

The woman in front of him looked at him in horror. The rejection in her eyes was obvious.

At this moment, Su Chen felt as if his heart was blocked by something. He was suffocating.

Damn it, he was just thinking about how she treated him so casually and wanted to scare her.

The moment his body touched her, he inexplicably lost control.

Thinking of her performance that night, she was so inexperienced that his body could not help but swell.

Su Chen took a deep breath and got down from her body. He looked down at her and said, " Chi Xia, you're not ready yet. I can give you time, but remember, don't go back on your word! "

Chi Xia's body curled into a ball warily. She only relaxed her guard when the man sitting by the bed got up and left the room.

Her tensed body relaxed, and she became dizzy. She fell asleep unknowingly.

After Chi Xia and Su Chen left, Qiao Mu followed Li Yan into the car.

Thinking about the upcoming competition, Ning Tongtong and Shu Xinyu, his mood immediately became low.

At the dining table, she did not show it because she did not want others to see her emotions. However, now that she had calmed down, she felt an indescribable feeling in her heart.

She realized that she was really a failure. All these years, whether it was her relationship with Yu Tingyun or Zhou Jieru, she had not developed any feelings for her. Even her biological mother did not want her when she was born.

Was she destined to be indifferent to family and unable to get a mother's love in this life?

Thinking of this, he could not help but sigh.

Li Yan looked at the silent woman. Ever since they got into the car, she had been in a bad mood. He held her hand and asked softly, "What are you thinking about?"

"Uncle, am I born unlikeable? Whether it's my stepmother or my biological mother, do they not like me?"

Li Yan frowned. " Nonsense. They don't like you, but I do. "

"But you're not my mother. Tell me, is there anything wrong with me? " Why is it that Ning Tongtong's relationship with them is so bad, but Ning Tongtong gets along very well with her stepmother? " Qiao Mu couldn't help but feel depressed when she thought of this.

Li Yan rubbed Qiao Mu's head. " It's not your fault. It's their fault that they don't like you.

Qiao Mu's nose turned sour when she heard the man's comforting words.

It was their fault that they didn't like her!

Only this man could say such unreasonable words.

Li Yan saw that the little woman was in low spirits. He took out his phone and sent a message to Yu Yiduo. "Mom, come home tonight."

Soon, Yu Yiduo replied, "Son, are you out of your mind?" In the past, you couldn't wait for me to not go back and disturb the two of you. Why are you suddenly begging me to go back?"

"Mumu misses you."

Yu Yiduo looked at the message and was stunned for a long time.

Although she didn't know what was going on, she immediately jumped up from the sofa and hurriedly picked up her coat to leave.

Li Zheng scolded, "Where are you going in the middle of the night?"

"My daughter misses me. I want to see my daughter."

Li Zheng was speechless.

If he hadn't reacted quickly enough, he would have thought that she had an illegitimate daughter outside.

On the way home, Qiao Mu was still in a bad mood.. When she reached home and entered the door, she heard a friendly voice call out, ""Mu Mu, you're back!"

Chapter 523: Too Bad to Be the Li Family's Daughter-inlaw

Qiao Mu looked over when she heard the voice and saw a figure rushing in front of her. Before she could react, she was already hugged.

"Auntie." Qiao Mu called out in a daze, completely confused. She looked at Li Yan in confusion. What was this great aunt up to?!

Yu Yiduo patted Qiao Mu's back. "I heard that Mumu missed Mommy, so

Mommy came back to visit you. You're indeed Mommy's good daughter, much

better than that heartless son!"

After hearing Yu Yiduo's words, Qiao Mu immediately understood what was going on.

It was Li Yan who asked Yu Yiduo to go home. She was feeling down in the car, so he wanted Yu Yiduo to come home to comfort her.

Qiao Mu's heart wavered. She looked at the nonchalant Li Yan, and her nose felt a little sour.

Although this man didn't know how to say sweet words, most of the words he said would make her mad and angry, making her suffer and not know how to fight back. Occasionally, he would say something flirtatious, but it would always be colored, making her embarrassed and angry.

To him, the best way to comfort her was not to use words to enlighten her, but to take action to resolve her unhappiness.

He wanted his mother to come home to tell her that her thoughts were wrong.

That's right. How could she forget that she had such a good mother by her side? Her heart ached for her, she loved her, and she treated her like her own daughter.

Yu Yiduo hugged Qiao Mu for quite a while before releasing her hand and pinching Qiao Mu's cheeks. "Aiya, why is your little face so listless? You look like you're about to cry. Did Li Yan bully you?" Tell me honestly. Although I can't beat him, I can let your father beat him!"

Qiao Mu was speechless.

Li Yan walked over to the sofa and sat down. "Mom, my dad is already so old. He was already no match for me a few years ago. '

At this moment, Li Zheng came down from upstairs and said with a heavy tone,

"You really know how to talk big. Come here, I'll compete with you now. Let's see if you still dare to look down on your father."

Li Yan looked uninterested. " I'm worried that if I accidentally hurt you, my mother will have to take care of you. "

Li Zheng was speechless.

Qiao Mu's lips twitched. "Uncle, he's your biological father after all. Can't you give your father some face in front of your mother?"

Yu Yiduo said angrily, " Alright, what are you two arguing about? If you want to argue, go outside. Can't you see that my daughter is in a bad mood? Don't affect

Mumu's mood. "

"Auntie, I'm fine." Qiao Mu said softly, her heart feeling warm.

Actually, she liked to see Li Yan bicker with his father. Her uncle had never been at a disadvantage. Even in front of her father, he would not show mercy. The scene of a man who had always been calm outside getting angry with his father at home was quite funny.

Although the father and son quarreled from time to time, this scene was very heartwarming.

Yu Yiduo led Qiao Mu to the sofa. " Mumu, sit down and tell Mommy why you're unhappy. "

"I'm fine now, Auntie. I'm just a little nervous because I have a competition tomorrow. It's already so late, and you still came back for me. I'll feel bad."

Before Yu Yiduo could say anything, Li Zheng snorted coldly, " If you feel bad, then you should do well in the competition. If you're too bad, you won't be the daughter-in-law of the Li family. "

Li Yan raised his eyebrows and smiled faintly. " That's right. She has to be as outstanding as my mother. " He emphasized the last two words..

Chapter 524: Be MV Love Sister

Li Zheng was displeased. "What do you mean? Are you saying that your mother isn't outstanding?"

"You said it."

"You..."

Yu Yiduo stopped him. "Are you two done?" Although I'm very outstanding, is it really okay for you to say it in front of your daughter-in-law and give her pressure?"

Li Yan was speechless.

Li Zheng was speechless.

"Mumu is preparing for the competition tomorrow. Don't give her any pressure. The two of you should hurry back to your room. I want to have a heart-to-heart talk with Mumu."

Yu Yiduo sent the two men away with one sentence.

Qiao Mu and Yu Yiduo were the only ones left in the living room. Yu Yiduo held Qiao Mu's hand and patted it. "Mu Mu, don't feel pressured in the competition. After all, you're still young. You just have to do your best to perform to the best of your abilities."

"Yes, thank you, Auntie."

"Also, I know that the fashion design competition is very complicated. You need to design clothes and models. If you need anything, just come to me. After all, I'm the chairman of Yu Corporation now."

Qiao Mu felt grateful. "I will, Auntie. Don't worry, I'm fine now."

” That’s good. Mumu, remember, you have me as your mother now. No one can bully you. If there’s anything, just tell me, understand? ‘

Qiao Mu’s mood was already rather low, and with Yu Yiduo’s constant comforting and considerate words, her mood instantly churned.

She felt a lump in her throat and threw herself into Yu Yiduo’s arms. She said in a choked voice, ““Thank you, Mom.”

Yu Yiduo was stunned. She had always been the one who called herself Qiao Mu’s mother, and Qiao Mu had always politely addressed her as auntie. Now that Qiao Mu had suddenly addressed her as ‘mommy’, Yu Yiduo’s heart instantly bloomed with joy.

He hugged Qiao Mu with both hands and patted Qiao Mu’s back repeatedly as if he was coaxing a baby. ” Good girl, my good daughter. ‘

Qiao Mu couldn’t control her emotions in Yu Yiduo’s embrace and started crying.

Yu Yiduo was infected by Qiao Mu’s emotions, and her eyes reddened as well.

After a while, Li Yan went downstairs and saw two women hugging each other on the sofa. The scene was very touching.

He furrowed his brows. He had originally asked his mother to come back to comfort Qiao Mu, but why was she crying along with him?

Li Yan stepped forward and separated the two of them. He pulled Qiao Mu into his arms domineeringly and looked down at Yu Yiduo. ” Mom, you should go back to your room to sleep.

“I still want to develop a relationship with my daughter.” Yu Yiduo was reluctant to part with him, and Li Zheng went downstairs to take her back to her room.

Yu Yiduo excitedly boasted to Li Zheng, "Mumu called me Mommy just now. I'm so happy. It's so great to have a daughter!"

Facing the excited woman, Li Zheng frowned. "She calls you mom and Qiao Jiannan dad. You guys are a family, but I'm an outsider?"

Yu Yiduo was speechless.

On the other side, Qiao Mu followed Li Yan back to her room. She calmed down and felt a little awkward.

She had cried in Yu Yiduo's arms without any regard for her image, and it was

so embarrassing to be seen by him.

Li Yan looked at her reddened eyes and felt a little helpless. "Are you feeling better now?"

Qiao Mu nodded and took a step forward to hug his waist. "Thank you, Uncle. 'Thank me for what?'" He asked even though he knew the answer.

Qiao Mu thought about it and grinned. "Thank you for having such a good mother. I even have the urge to be your younger sister. '

"Yes, that's not impossible." Li Yan's lips curled up. "I'll let you be my love sister."

Qiao Mu was speechless..

Chapter 525: Ning Tongtong Secretly Provoked Him (1)

The next day, Qiao Mu gathered at the venue for the semi-finals.

It was indeed true that enemies would meet on a narrow road. As soon as she entered the door, she bumped into Ning Tongtong.

When Ning Tongtong saw Qiao Mu, she was extremely shocked. " Qiao Mu, you passed the preliminaries as well? I didn't expect you to be so lucky.

Congratulations."

The other party's expression was filled with shock and disbelief. Although he said congratulations, there was no intention of congratulating him at all.

"Thank you," Qiao Mu said politely. Then, he walked past Ning Tongtong.

Ning Tongtong stared coldly at Qiao Mu's back, and she felt an indescribable rage in her heart.

In the first round of the preliminary round, Key reviewed the works alone. There were 120 people, and there were less than 50 people left. The competition was very intense.

He originally thought that Qiao Mu would be eliminated no matter what, but he never expected that she would actually pass!

How could a student who was still in school pass the strict checks of the Key and enter the semi-finals?

It seemed like this woman had a lot of connections. She had almost forgotten that Qiao Mu had another backer, and that was Li Yan! She really knew how to make use of her beauty. Initially, she thought that Li Yan was a decent man who never had any scandals or gossip. Now, Ning Tongtong finally understood that Li Yan was not as lecherous as the rumors said. It was just that these women who could not be seen had no right to be exposed.

Wasn't there a rumor that Li Yan had a fiancée? As expected, only the real deal had the right to be exposed!

Hmph, what's so great about this Qiao Mu! Perhaps Li Yan would lose interest in her before the semi-finals ended. By then, she could forget about getting in through the back door!

At this moment, two contestants walked by, laughing and chatting. When they saw Ning Tongtong, they greeted her with a smile, " You're also a contestant, right? I haven't seen you in the preliminaries. I wonder which company you're representing as a fashion designer?"

Ning Tongtong looked at the two women in front of her, and a scheming look flashed across her eyes. " I'm Ning Tongtong. I'm the fashion designer for Xinyu Clothing Company and Tong. "

"Xinyu Clothing Company? Isn't he the investor of our competition?" The other party was very surprised. Realizing that she had lost her composure, she smiled and said, " I haven't introduced myself. My name is Anting. This is my junior, Tang Xiaozhu. We are both designers of Huaya Clothing Company. " Tang Xiaozhu smiled at Ning Tongtong and said," I have an impression of the TANG brand. It should be a girl's clothing that has only become popular in recent months, right? "

Ning Tongtong smiled lightly. " I didn't expect my brand to be so popular. You two are also designers in the same industry, but you two sisters actually know about TANG. "

An Ting was stunned. " Your brand? In other words, you are the one who designed Tongs?"

Ning Tongtong smiled and nodded, only to be praised by the other party. " You're really amazing. Although we've been designers for many years, we haven't launched our own brand yet. "

"Yeah, you look very young. You should have just graduated, right? It seems that the competitors in this competition are very strong!" Tang Xiaozhu looked envious.

Although many of the designers present were famous, most of them were in the workplace. Their reputation was built by their contributions in the company. It was true that very few people had their own brands. Even if it was just a small brand, it was still very powerful.

Ning Tongtong had always been praised by others, but she couldn't help but feel proud when she was recognized by her peers..

Chapter 526: Ning Tongtong Secretly Provoked Him (2)

Although what they said was the truth, she still said humbly, "Sister, you guys praise me too much. I'm not that good."

"A capable and humble girl is really likable." An Ting smiled.

Ning Tongtong shook her head. "That's nothing. Compared to me, that guy over there is more impressive. He's a student and has no work experience. He's really impressive to be able to pass the preliminary round!"

Ning Tongtong's tone was extremely modest, and it led the others to look at Qiao Mu.

"A student? Are there still students who haven't graduated among us?" An Ting said in surprise.

Someone heard An Ting's words and came over, asking, "Who are you calling a student? Isn't it unfair for us working designers to compete with an inexperienced student?"

"That's right. No matter what, we're designers of a big brand. Isn't competing with a student the same as competing with a new assistant in our company?"

"What a waste of time!"

The group of people complained in dissatisfaction. The corners of Ning Tongtong's lips curled up slightly.

It wasn't that her heart was dark, it was the truth.

Anyone who knew of Qiao Mu's identity would accept it! How could someone of her status compete with someone like Qiao Mu who had pulled strings through the back door?

Ning Tongtong smiled and said, " Don't say that. The students in school might be capable. Miss Qiao must have something special about her to be able to pass the registration and preliminary round. "

"Tongtong, do you know her?" An Ting asked.

' Not really. I just met her once at a large banquet. She was someone's female companion at that time, so we got to know each other. "

Ning Tongtong's words were just right, making people's imagination run wild.

Being able to attend a large banquet meant that her identity was not simple.

She was hinting that Qiao Mu had entered the competition through the back door and connections.

An Ting was a straightforward person. When she heard Ning Tongtong's words, she said bluntly, "Did this person get in through the back door?"

Tang Xiaozhu tugged at An Ting gently. " Senior, you can't say that. Although the other party is a student, he might really be capable. "

" I hope so. Otherwise, it's too unfair for us who relied on our abilities to advance. '

Ning Tongtong looked at Qiao Mu's back and smiled triumphantly.

At this moment, Key walked out.

Most of the players present had never seen Key in person, so when Key appeared, they immediately turned their attention away.

Qiao Mu found a seat and sat down. She heard Key speak on the stage, "" There are a total of 48 contestants here, and I personally selected them to advance. You can be said to be very outstanding

designers for being able to design clothes that meet the standards given by me. Next, I'm going to talk about the rules of the semi-finals."

"The semi-finals will still be the same as before. However, this time, each contestant's theme will be different and confidential to prevent plagiarism. Your designs will be shown to everyone in the fashion show. The models and clothing will be provided to you. Everyone here is an experienced designer. These are all within your scope of work, so there should be no pressure on you.

After Key finished speaking, someone suddenly raised his hand and stood up. The person who stood up was An Ting.

"Mr. Key, we are indeed very experienced, but it seems like there are some among us who are inexperienced."

Chapter 527: Ning Tongtong Secretly Provoked Him (3)

Qiao Mu raised her head and met An Ting's gaze.

An Ting looked at Qiao Mu expressionlessly. "This contestant is a student. Teacher Key, isn't it unfair for us designers to compete with an inexperienced student?"

An Ting's words caused a commotion.

In an instant, Qiao Mu became the center of attention.

Qiao Mu had long expected this scene to happen. After all, she was indeed different from these designers. Knowing that she was a student, it was normal for them to face her.

She didn't need to think to know how others knew that she was a student.

Who else could it be other than Ning Tongtong?

However, Qiao Mu had a clear conscience. She had relied on her own ability to pass the preliminary round.

Key stood on the stage leisurely with his hands in his pockets. He looked at An Ting indifferently and said, " I was the one who planned the competition. Do you think my selection was unfair? "

An Ting was stunned. " No, Mr. Key, " she quickly said. " We all think that having an inexperienced player is a waste of my time. "

Key's long and narrow eyes swept toward Qiao Mu, and Qiao Mu instantly felt a little nervous.

She didn't care about other people's comments and opinions, but she was worried that Key's stance was not firm enough. In order to appease the players, he would really cancel her qualification.

Right at this moment, Qiao Mu heard Key's deep voice. I've personally checked every contestant here. If anyone feels that it's unfair or a waste of time, please leave. Don't waste your time here. '

Hearing this, the tiny bit of worry in Qiao Mu's heart was completely dispelled. As expected of her idol, upright, handsome, and mighty!

An Ting's face turned red and white, but she couldn't help but say, "" Key, be honest. I don't mean to doubt you. It's just that we all know that students who haven't graduated, even if they have some ability, have no experience in turning designs into clothes. If we give her a fashion show, I'm afraid she won't be able to touch anything. '

It's not your concern whether she can differentiate north, south, east, and west. If she doesn't have any experience, the judges won't be blind during the competition. They will naturally dismiss her. If you have the energy, why don't you think about how to treat the competition instead of targeting a particular contestant!

Key's words made An Ting speechless.

Tang Xiaozhu tugged at her gently. " Sister Anting, Teacher Key is right. If you continue talking, it'll be detrimental to your competition. It's better to stop talking, "

An Ting sat down with a red face and a wave of anger in her heart.

Ning Tongtong, who was silently watching the show, had a dark expression on her face. She did not expect Key to be so protective of Qiao Mu. It was the same in front of her mother the last time. Could Qiao Mu have bribed Key?

Key glanced at the players and said coldly, " In my competition, I will not allow any impurities to be tolerated. It is useless to have any opinions against me. The way to defeat your opponent is not with your mouth and your messy thoughts, but with your strength! ' "

Key left after he finished speaking, and Amy walked up to them. " Everyone, please wait here. Those whose names have been called can go to the office to get the competition information. ' "

When the contestants regained their freedom, Ning Tongtong came to Qiao Mu's side and sat down. " Qiao Mu, don't mind them too much. It's normal for them to feel unbalanced. You should understand the feelings of the other contestants. They didn't mean to target you. ' "

Qiao Mu found Ning Tongtong's act of concern extremely laughable.

She looked at him coldly and said without giving him any face, "Miss Ning, do you think I'm a fool?"

Chapter 528: An Unexpected Discovery (1)

Ning Tongtong was stunned and smiled apologetically. " Qiao Mu, you've misunderstood. I didn't start the incident just now. They accidentally found out that you're a student. After all, this isn't a secret. Don't tell me you also feel that it's shameful to be a student who hasn't graduated? " "

A hint of coldness flashed across Qiao Mu's eyes. " Why would I feel ashamed? I'm just a student, but I'm already recognized by Teacher Key. This can only mean that I have the ability, right?"

Ning Tongtong snorted coldly in her heart, and her expression turned ugly when she saw Qiao Mil's arrogant manner.

At this moment, Qiao Mu's name was called.

Qiao Mu stood up and entered the office.

In the office, Key was sitting in front of work. Qiao Mu walked in, and Amy pointed at the chair in front of the desk. " Sit, Key has a few questions for you. "

Qiao Mu sat down, and Key, who was reading documents with his head lowered, looked up at her. " Qiao Mu, tell me about your design concept for the preliminary round. "

After the contestant in front entered, he left after taking the information for a while. Qiao Mu thought that he was only here to take the information and had nothing else to do.

Since Key asked, Qiao Mu calmed down and answered very seriously, "" To be in a bud refers to two states, and the competition requirement is to design two sets of clothing. In other words, the two sets of clothing will represent two states. My design concept is very simple. One set of clothing is conservative while the other is explicit. It is to interpret the process of a flower bud blooming. "

Key leaned back in his chair and said lazily, "" Your design concept is very good, and your work is outstanding. However, have you ever designed finished clothes? "

"Of course! We have a costume course, and I've made a lot of outfits."

"Other than that, you haven't designed a set of clothes that can be worn?"

Qiao Mu crossed her hands on her legs. " That, does the clothes made for dolls count? "

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Key stood up and crossed his arms in front of his chest, his gaze landing on Qiao Mu. " Although I'm interested in your design ability, if you don't have any actual experience, you won't be able to pass the semi-finals no matter how good your design is. "

Qiao Mu clenched her fists and said firmly, "'Teacher Key, I can do it! I'm a qualified fashion designer. This kind of thing can't stump me!"

Key looked at the confident girl in front of him and smiled. " Then I'll wait and see how you perform. "

Amy handed the information for the semi-finals to Qiao Mu. " This is the detailed competition process, the questions for the semi-finals, and the detailed requirements for the works. The questions set by the contestants are confidential, so don't share them with the other contestants. '

Qiao Mu nodded and prepared to leave with the documents. When she reached the door, she paused and turned to look at Key.

' Mr. Key, I've seen your magazine interview. I remember you saying that fashion design and tailor are two completely different professions. Your hands are used to draw design drafts, not to do needlework with scissors. But just because you don't do it doesn't mean you don't know how to do it. '

Qiao Mu raised her chin, and her face emitted a dazzling glow. " I have the same thoughts as you. I want to become a designer like you in the future. Even if my ability to make clothes is inferior to my ability to design drafts, as long as the drafts I design are outstanding enough, there will naturally be people who can make my designs into finished products. '

Key narrowed his eyes, and a hint of surprise flashed across his eyes when he heard Qiao Mu's words.

Immediately after, Qiao Mu bowed to Key. " Thank you for your recognition of me. I'll try my best to perform well.. '

Chapter 529: An Unexpected Discovery (2)

Amy looked at the girl in front of her. Her face was calm, and her clear eyes were sparkling. She had an extremely determined expression, and she looked very annoying.

This was the first time someone had said something like that in front of Key, comparing herself to Key. It was as if she would definitely reach Key's level in the future.

After Qiao Mu finished speaking, she turned around and left the room.

Amy looked at Key's interested expression and smiled. " Why? Are you interested in this kind of ambitious little girl? "

Key's lips curled up. " I just didn't expect someone to brag to me. "

But it looks like she's really your loyal fan. She actually remembers what you said in the interview. "

Key rubbed his chin with his slender fingers, and his eyes were filled with admiration. " She's right. There are many tailors who can make clothes now, but there are very few designers who can design unique clothes. I'm looking forward to her next performance. "

Qiao Mu had just left when the next person to be called was Ning Tongtong.

After Ning Tongtong entered the office, Amy gave her the documents and said that she could leave.

Ning Tongtong was very puzzled. Qiao Mu had stayed in the room for a long time just now, but she was sent out so quickly. She wondered if Qiao Mu was trying to get close to Key.

Just as Ning Tongtong was thinking about whether she should say something to get closer to Key, she heard Amy exclaim, " Ah, Qiao Mu's submitted and preliminary competition works are still with me. I forgot to give them to her. "

Ning Tongtong was very curious about what kind of work Qiao Mu had designed, so she took the initiative to ask, ""Amy, give it to me. I'll give it to her. "

Amy thought for a moment. These works needed to be completed and displayed during the semi-finals, so there was no need to keep it a secret. She handed a few design drafts to Ning Tongtong. " Then I'll have to trouble you. '

The design sketch placed at the very top was Qiao Mu's registered work. Ning Tongtong was stunned when she saw the design sketch at a glance. This design...

Amy noticed her strange behavior and asked, "What's wrong?"

Amy, is this Qiao Mu's work? "

"Yeah, is there a problem?"

Ning Tongtong realized that she had lost her composure and frowned. " Don't you think that her design technique is very similar to my TANG brand? " In other words, Qiao Mu had plagiarized her style.

Amy looked at Ning Tongtong's doubtful expression. She didn't seem to be faking it. She smiled and said, " This design draft is indeed very similar. Take a look at the other two works. '

Ning Tongtong flipped to the next page. When she saw Qiao Mu's design with the budding flower as the theme, her grip on the draft subconsciously tightened.

If one were to say that the first design was similar to her work and was an imitation of her, then the latter two designs were much more outstanding than her work. There was no reason for Qiao Mu to plagiarize her work.

Ning Tongtong quickly regained her composure. " Maybe it's a coincidence. " Amy didn't think too much about it. She also felt that it was very likely a

coincidence.

In terms of plagiarism, only Qiao Mu could have plagiarized Ning Tongtong. However, Qiao Mu's work was more perfect than Ning Tongtong's, so this possibility would not be profitable. On the other hand, it was even more impossible for Ning Tongtong to copy Qiao Mu's work. After all, the Tongs brand had already been on the market for a few months, and Qiao Mu was only a first-year student at that time.

Ning Tongtong walked out of the office with an ugly expression on her face. The design drafts in her hands were almost deformed in her grip.

This was Qiao Mu's design. This was actually a work of art designed by Qiao

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How was this possible? Qiao Mu, whom she had always looked down on, actually...

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After Qiao Mu received the information, she immediately left. Just as she entered the elevator, Ning Tongtong followed behind her.

Qiao Mu, Amy asked me to give this to you. She forgot to give it to you." Ning Tongtong entered the elevator and handed the draft to Qiao Mu.

Qiao Mu received it and thanked Ning Tongtong.

Ning Tongtong looked at Qiao Mu and asked nonchalantly, "Qiao Mu, is this really your design?"

Qiao Mu could hear the disbelief in the other party's tone, so she smiled faintly. "What do you mean, Miss Ning?" "Could it be that I can use someone else's drawing to participate in the competition? Are you questioning my work?"

Ning Tongtong secretly bit her lip and said coldly, "Qiao Mu, I didn't say anything, so you don't have to feel guilty. Although you passed the preliminary round, the real fight will be in the next two rounds. We'll compete again in the semi-finals!"

Guilty? Qiao Mu felt that it was baffling. What did she have to feel guilty about?

The elevator door opened and Ning Tongtong left in big strides. She got into the car, and her face, which was pretending to be calm, almost twisted in an instant.

She took out her registered work from her folder. The design sketch was very similar to Qiao Mu's registered work.

She knew Qiao Mu's work and design techniques very well. It was exactly the same as her Tongs brand!

Back then, she had just graduated and racked her brains to launch her own brand, but she had no inspiration. She accidentally saw a design draft on the Internet that was very suitable for the girl theme she wanted to launch. After communicating on the Internet, she decided to buy the design draft from him.

However, she never imagined that the person selling the drafts would actually be Qiao Mu!

She had always looked down on college students who she looked down on! Thinking about how she had relied on a university student for so long to achieve what she had today, she could not restrain the anger in her heart.

No! It was absolutely impossible!

That person could have sold the draft to her, or he could have sold it to someone else. Perhaps Qiao Mu had also bought the draft from that person to participate in the competition!

That must be the case! As long as she did not have proof, she would never believe that Qiao Mu was that person!

Ning Tongtong sat in the car and watched as Qiao Mu walked out of the main door. A cold glint flashed across her eyes.

This Qiao Mil must not be left alive!

If Qiao Mu was allowed to continue the competition, the matter of her design drafts would be discovered sooner or later, and her hard-earned achievements would go to waste!

As long as she had a dark history in this industry, she could forget about making a comeback!

Qiao Mu walked out of the building and took out her phone to call Chi Xia. She wanted to ask Chi Xia out for a meal.

Qiao Mu dialed Chi Xia's number, and it rang for a long time before the other party picked up. "Hello," he said in a hoarse and lazy voice.

Qiao Mu was stunned. "Xi Xia, it's already late in the morning and you're still sleeping?"

Chi Xia was still in a daze when she was woken up by Qiao Mu's call. She felt dizzy and opened her mouth, but her throat hurt like smoke.

She turned over and rubbed her temples. Suddenly realizing where she was, her face turned pale.

She suddenly sat up. Her movements were too fast, and her head hurt even more from the panic.

She actually fell asleep at Su Chen's house last night!

She actually slept in such a dangerous place for the entire night!

Chi Xia was in a daze as she held her phone. She looked up and saw a tall figure standing at the door. Her mouth fell open and she was stunned. Since when was this man standing outside the door?