

Work Hard 1021

Chapter 1021: What Does This Have To Do With Tangning ?

Lu Che returned home while Long Jie was packing her luggage. Knowing that she was about to travel for work, he couldn't help but remind her, "Make sure you can always be reached by phone. If you have any difficulties, you can always contact me. Don't endure things on your own."

"I'm simply taking my new group to film a few scenes overseas, what difficulties could I have?" Long Jie laughed as she wrapped her arm around Lu Che's hip and placed a kiss on his lips. "It's only a few days. I'll be back really quickly. Take good care of our daughter."

Before Long Jie could move away from his lips, Lu Che quickly wrapped his arms around her body and increased the passion of their kiss, "No matter if you face difficulties or not, as long as you leave my sight, I will automatically worry about you. Return soon."

"OK," Long Jie nodded with her luggage in her hands. As she turned to leave, she said to Lu Che, "If Tangning returns, let me know straight away."

"OK," Lu Che nodded.

After Long Jie was satisfied, she smiled joyfully and left to join the rest of the cast and crew with S.A.J..

"Long Jie, are you personally accompanying your artists?" one of the camerawomen for the show laughed when she saw Long Jie. "It seems like you truly care about these newcomers."

"I have no choice. Newcomers don't understand the rules and youngsters don't know how to watch what they say, so I hope Ling Jie can help me take good care of them."

"Of course. Don't worry, everyone has experienced the anxiety of being a newcomer. I will try my best to guide them...Look at them, they are so eye catching. No wonder the show sent them an invite so quickly. A group like this is bound to be a big hit..."

These words worked well on Long Jie. After all, who didn't enjoy words of praise?

It's just, when she looked at the naive group, she wished they would smarten up soon...

As they were new and they were all good looking, the other artists in the cast took good care of them. During filming they were cautious of their feelings, but they did not treat them better than everyone else. S.A.J. understood this.

On their first day of filming, Long Jie kept a close eye on them. Anytime anything wasn't quite right, she would immediately point it out to her artists.

The youngsters weren't stupid and quickly learned the art of interacting with their seniors.

When Long Jie saw this, she felt reassured.

Filming was to take three days and things were everchanging. After confirming that the group were OK, she left them in the care of the crew and returned to the hotel to get some rest. She realized that the

four brats didn't come out of their training with nothing and that they truly had the brains to survive in the industry.

So, she confidently returned to the hotel.

The first two days of filming did not have any major problems. On the night of the second day of filming, Long Jie told the four about their schedule for the following day and they remained within her sight until roughly 1am. But, at 2am in the morning, someone suddenly knocked on her room door.

"Long Man, Long Man, something's wrong!"

As soon as she heard something was wrong, Long Jie immediately jumped out of bed and walked over to the door. The camerawoman, Ling Jie stood in the doorway with a troubled look on her face.

"What's wrong?"

"You'll know when you see."

Ling Jie led Long Jie to the roof where she found a few people watching over the kneeling members of S.A.J.. The two young men and two young women had their hands behind their heads as they knelt on the floor.

"What's happening here?" Long Jie asked confusedly.

As soon as Ling Jie heard this question, she pulled out something that she found from the bodies of the S.A.J. members.

With one glance, Long Jie was shocked.

"One of the hotel's cleaners discovered these four sniffing this stuff in the rooftop storage room. Although I've taken control of the current situation, I'm sure this matter will be leaked out by tomorrow. You can decide what to do about this. But, one thing's for sure, filming will definitely be canceled because no one can handle the repercussions of this matter when it gets exposed."

"We can be considered as acquaintances, so I suggest you report these guys to the police. At least you'd be able to protect a bit of your reputation."

After Long Jie heard this, she froze for a bit before she said, "This isn't the first time something like this has happened within the industry."

"When this happened to others, they've been able to keep it under wraps with their backgrounds. Moreover, no one's been personally caught in the act before. But this time... I'm not going to say anything else, you can handle it on your own." After she was done talking, Ling Jie turned around and left the windy rooftop.

Meanwhile, the four members of S.A.J. kept their heads down, too afraid to take a glance at Long Jie.

"When did this start?" Long Jie asked.

"..." the members looked at each other, not knowing how to answer.

"Speak!" Long Jie roared.

“From...from our university days,” they quickly responded in fear. They then tried to explain, “We only do it every now and then...”

“Every now and then?” Long Jie scoffed as she looked away. “Does Han Xiuche know about this?”

“No one apart from the four of us knows about this,” they answered confidently. They didn’t want to implicate the ‘innocent’, but they had no idea that they were discovered because Han Xiuche hinted the cleaner.

“Good.” After she was done speaking, Long Jie turned to leave, however, one of the women held onto the hem of Long Jie’s dress.

“Long Jie...are you abandoning us?”

“Do you think there’s anything else I can do for you?” Long Jie asked. “What am I supposed to do when you were discovered in the act by a staff member?”

“We were wrong...We were truly wrong.”

But, what was the use of saying those words now?

Long Jie freed herself from the woman’s grip and returned to her room without hesitation. However, she suddenly received a video on her phone at that time.

The video clearly captured the disgusting things that the four did on the rooftop.

When she looked at the name of the sender, Long Jie was a little taken aback. She then called Han Xiuche’s number.

“What’s the reason for sending me this video?”

“Long Jie, I think we should have a chat...” After Han Xiuche said these words, Long Jie heard a knock on her door. After opening it, she found Han Xiuche smiling at her smugly in the doorway, waving the phone in his hand.

Long Jie’s expression changed. No matter how stupid she was, she definitely knew what was happening.

So, she moved aside and let Han Xiuche into the room...

Han Xiuche glanced at Long Jie before he walked into the room and closed the door behind him.

“Why?” Long Jie asked with her back facing Han Xiuche. She was so upset that she didn’t even notice her hands were trembling, “I was cautious towards you at the start, but after such a long time working together, I trusted in you wholeheartedly.”

Han Xiuche shrugged his shoulders and laughed, “There’s no why. If I must give a reason, it would be because your relationship with Tangning is too good...”

“Tangning? What does this have to do with Tangning?” Long Jie asked confusedly.

Chapter 1022: Are You Really Planning To Give Superstar Media To Me ?

“Because Tangning triggered my interest in women and then destroyed it with her own hands. As a person that doesn’t like to be at a disadvantage, I naturally have to give her an eye for an eye,” Han Xiuche replied. “Tangning provoked me, yet she’s too afraid to show herself. First she hid in England, then she escaped to the US. If you must blame someone, then blame Tangning...”

“Actually, I don’t need you to suffer too much. You simply need to give me a bit of Superstar Media’s shares and let me be the boss. If you can do that for me, then I’ll cover up this matter and S.A.J. can continue filming like nothing happened,” Han Xiuche explained. “Otherwise, everyone will know by tomorrow morning that S.A.J. were caught taking drugs. When that time comes, not only will your efforts be wasted, but the entire Superstar Media will be implicated.”

“I’m not the only one that makes the decisions at Superstar Media.”

“I know that Lin Qian also holds some shares, but the majority are in your hands,” Han Xiuche said as he looked at Long Jie. “I can guarantee that Superstar Media will continue to operate properly in my hands and won’t be any worse than it is now.”

“Unless, you actually want to see Superstar Media being closed down?”

Long Jie never expected that Han Xiuche would dig such a deep trap for her to fall into.

Now, no matter what decision she made, none of her options looked good.

“Think it over clearly...” Han Xiuche said as he sat down on a sofa and waited for Long Jie’s response. “Don’t forget, I have a video in my hands and it’s very spectacular... Most importantly, if these four get exposed for taking drugs, you may be blamed for spoiling them and covering for them since you are their manager.”

Long Jie closed her eyes. She felt worse now than when Lan Xi betrayed her.

After all, she never trusted Lan Xi, but she trusted Han Xiuche.

“I don’t like being threatened...”

Han Xiuche shrugged again, “But, there’s nothing I can do about it...”

“What has Tangning done to hurt you? Why do you hate her so much?”

“You need to ask her that question,” Han Xiuche replied coldly. “Long Jie, I don’t want to waste any more time. You are handing Superstar Media over today. I will pay you for the shares according to today’s market price so you don’t make a loss. That is the best I can do for you.”

“You can either take my money and withdraw with no loss, or go down together. I’ll give you three seconds to come to a decision.”

At this point, what else could Long Jie do?

“Can you guarantee that you won’t do anything reckless with Superstar Media?” Long Jie asked.

“I can guarantee that as long as I’m the boss of Superstar Media, I will let it operate as usual.”

That was, as long as he was the boss.

Long Jie took a deep breath. Han Xiuche had been too calculative and she had been too stupid. If she had continued to be cautious of him, would things have turned out differently?

“What’s your decision?”

“Do I have any other choice?” Long Jie asked.

“I like that you know how to accept your fate. After all, Superstar Media belonged to Tangning to begin with. Now that you’ve helped her pay off her debt, everyone’s happy.”

Long Jie turned to look at Han Xiuche and sneered, “I don’t know how Tangning provoked you, but I know she’ll definitely take Superstar Media back off you.”

“I’ll be waiting for that to happen...”

Han Xiuche came well-prepared, so he immediately pulled out an agreement for the transfer of shares and had a lawyer witness the proceedings. Everything happened within the blink of an eye. No one would have imagined, that the once famous Superstar Media, would change ownership overnight.

Afterwards, Han Xiuche stuck by his word and allowed S.A.J. to complete their filming as though nothing happened except for the fact that Superstar Media changed owners.

The people that Long Jie fostered and the effort she put in, suddenly belonged to someone else.

And everything happened because of Tangning....

Even so, Long Jie did not reveal to Han Xiuche that Tangning was about to return to China.

When S.A.J. found out that Long Jie was leaving the agency, they immediately ran to her room. And, as soon as the door closed, they fell to their knees, “Long Jie, we really didn’t do it on purpose. Please forgive us...We didn’t know that Han Xiuche was using us as pawns.”

Long Jie packed her clothes into her suitcase and sat on the bed with her back towards the group, “What’s the point of saying this now? You guys focus on filming your show...”

“Long Jie...are you ashamed of us?”

“What else do you want me to do?” Long Jie asked as she turned around. “I’ve already given you my everything. You guys can manage yourselves from now on.” After she was done speaking, Long Jie picked up her luggage, walked past the group of four and left the hotel.

Meanwhile, not far away, Han Xiuche was leaning against a stone column with a handsome smile, “I’m sorry for making you suffer such a loss, Long Jie. Goodbye...”

Long Jie did not say another word as she left the hotel.

She still did not know what she had done wrong and couldn’t accept what had happened.

But, she had no one to blame.

However, Long Jie did not go back to Beijing. Instead, she simply moved to another hotel and sat there in a daze. She didn’t know what else Han Xiuche had planned. But, even if he still had more to his scheme, she was not in the mood to deal with him.

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When Han Xiuche's manager found out that he had actually taken Superstar Media from Long Jie's hands, she immediately turned to him and yelled, "As*hole!"

"Long Jie didn't do anything bad to you. So, you're a complete as*hole. From now on, I won't be helping you with anything. I will tell your brother to find you another manager..."

"As you wish."

"Han Xiuche, you just wait. Tangning's going to bring you to a terrible end."

"Right now, she's too scared to even make an appearance," Han Xiuche laughed.

The manager did not respond. Originally, her job today was to pick up another artist from the airport, but she just so happened to see the Mo Couple returning quietly to Beijing.

Although they were fully disguised, Tangning's legs were too iconic.

Plus, with Mo Ting by her side, how could she not recognize her.

But, Han Xiuche was so confident that there was no reason for her to tell him what she saw.

Since Han Xiuche liked to play games, she was going to let Tangning teach him a lesson and show him how to behave.

Meanwhile, after Han Xiuche arrived back in Beijing, the first thing he did was contact Ma Weiwei, "It's done."

"Are you really planning to give Superstar Media to me? For free?" Ma Weiwei asked curiously. "I don't have any money."

"Of course it's for free. You can do whatever you want with it; even better if you manage to flip it upside down. Make sure to let everyone know about it."

Ma Weiwei officially seized ownership of Superstar Media's shares. If the media found out about this, they would definitely go crazy.

After all, how did Tangning's possession end up in the hands of her fake replica?

This was a big show waiting to happen. Han Xiuche refused to believe that Tangning would remain in hiding if that happened.

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Meanwhile, the first thing that Tangning did after returning to Beijing, was call Long Jie. But, Long Jie had turned off her phone.

She had mentioned that she was going overseas for a business trip. From the looks of it, it seemed she was still overseas.

Chapter 1023: You Should Have Known You'd Be Dealt With Sooner Or Later

Han Xiuche was acting brazenly, Ma Weiwei was acting arrogantly and the industry was acting outrageously because no one knew that Tangning had already returned to Beijing.

Meanwhile, as soon as she arrived back in Beijing, Tangning went to pick up her two sons.

The next day, she gave Lin Qian a phone call and plans to meet up with her after Long Jie returned. However, Lin Qian told her that she had lost contact with Long Jie.

Tangning immediately gave Lu Che a phone call. In response, Lu Che tried to contact Long Jie and S.A.J. straight away. But, on the other end of the phone, S.A.J.'s members were under Han Xiuche's control and couldn't say anything except that everything was fine.

Lu Che felt something wasn't right, so he personally visited Hyatt Regency, "Madam, I think I should go look for Xiao Man, she's never turned off her phone for no reason."

Tangning thought for a few seconds and nodded her head, "Go ahead."

"When you weren't around, rumors about you floated around the industry for a long time. Because of this, Xiao Man suffered a lot. To prove herself, she put in all her effort to form S.A.J.. She wasn't aiming to prove her abilities, she was aiming to prove that Superstar Media remained the same even without you around," Lu Che explained. He then added before he left, "So, Madam, Xiao Man has really given her all for you."

"I know," Tangning nodded. She had always been aware of Long Jie's loyalty to her friends.

Back when Lan Xi threatened her, she had never buckled under pressure, let alone now.

Lu Che was quick at finding people, but Han Xiuche was even quicker at transferring his shares.

In the blink of an eye, Ma Weiwei became the new boss of Superstar Media with the most shares in her hands.

Soon, Ma Weiwei arrived at Superstar Media's office with legal documentation of her ownership...

When Long Jie's secretary first saw Ma Weiwei, she knew who she was, but she had to keep her professionalism even though she disliked her. So, she asked with a smile, "May I ask what Miss Ma is here for?"

Ma Weiwei flinged the documents at the secretary and threw open Long Jie's office door, "I am the new boss of Superstar Media..."

The secretary was a little surprised, not quite understanding what was happening.

"This..."

"Director Long has already transferred her shares to me. If you don't believe me, you can have a look for yourself." After speaking, Ma Weiwei walked over to Long Jie's office chair and sat down.

The secretary immediately opened the document folder and looked at the documents inside. After confirming that Ma Weiwei was telling the truth, she immediately gave Lin Qian a phone call, "Director Lin, something's gone wrong, can you drop by the office right now?"

On the other end of the phone, Lin Qian was trying to support her protruding belly. As soon as she heard that something was wrong with Superstar Media, she immediately replied, "I'll be there in half an hour."

"There's no point calling anyone. Even if Tangning's standing in front of me right now, she's still not the boss of Superstar Media," Ma Weiwei laughed. "But, I guess it's only right for me to meet the other shareholders as well as the other artists. Help me call Luo Yinghong and everyone else while you're at it."

The secretary was obviously against what was happening as she boiled in anger and disbelief.

How did the agency suddenly end up in the hands of Ma Weiwei?

What about Long Jie?

Why did she transfer her shares to Ma Weiwei?

Why Ma Weiwei of all people?

Ma Weiwei deliberately flaunted her power at Superstar Media, but she had no idea that Tangning had already returned to Beijing.

Lin Qian was pregnant and Li Jin was in the middle of a mission. If Tangning wasn't around, the Li Family would never allow Lin Qian to visit Superstar Media on her own.

So, Lin Qian gave Tangning a phone call, "Ning Jie, Superstar Media is in trouble."

Tangning furrowed her brows and immediately drove straight over to the Li Family Home to pick up Lin Qian. She then stormed up to Superstar Media with bodyguards arranged by Mo Ting.

Luo Yinghong arrived one step ahead of them and figured out what was happening after she saw Ma Weiwei sitting in Long Jie's seat.

"As expected, your relationship with Han Xiuche isn't simple."

"Since you expected something earlier, why didn't you stop this from happening?" Ma Weiwei asked as she raised an eyebrow. "Is it because Long Jie didn't believe your words? Look at yourself, you're already a 40-something-year-old hag, yet you're still trying to flaunt yourself. What an embarrassment. What woman would expect their career to go through a second high?"

"You have a son, yet you're not keeping your eye on him. You are a complete offence to public decency. That's why, as the boss of Superstar Media, the first thing I'm doing is placing a ban on you."

Luo Yinghong laughed in ridicule as she looked at Ma Weiwei, not taking her words to heart, "No matter how badly I offend public decency, I'm still better than a cheap replica. Do you actually think you are in control now?"

"Yes, you can ban me, but I am also allowed to sue you..."

"You can sue me all you like. After all, I don't care about Superstar Media's reputation. You can do whatever you want," Ma Weiwei shrugged. "As soon as the media find out that I've become the new boss of Superstar Media, I will already achieve my motive. Think about it, if I replace Tangning inside the business that she started, how big the news would be."

Luo Yinghong could only glare at the face that resembled Tangning while Ma Weiwei achieved her evil plan.

The two women had 80% similarity, but Luo Yinghong knew that no matter how similar to Tangning Ma Weiwei looked, she would never become mainstream.

Soon, footsteps resounded from outside Superstar Media. Ma Weiwei originally thought it was the pregnant Lin Qian and looked forward to insulting her. But, instead, Tangning was seen dressed in a little white suit, leading four bodyguards behind her.

“Tangning, you’re back,” Luo Yinghong was obviously excited to see Tangning.

“Hong Jie, I’ve heard your entire conversation. Don’t worry, no one would dare to ban you.”

Ma Weiwei immediately stood up from Long Jie’s seat. This was the first time she had seen Tangning in real life.

Luo Yinghong nodded her head and moved aside to clear some space so Tangning could release her full potential.

Afterwards, Tangning looked Ma Weiwei up and down and said, “Your face does look slightly similar to mine, but your height is too far off. I suggest you do some stretches...”

In front of the real thing, Ma Weiwei lost all confidence; she felt like she had been put to shame. Because, Tangning was perfect in every aspect. This was the face of a confident woman; the body of a supermodel; the presence of Superstar Media’s boss.

Ma Weiwei, on the other hand...

...could barely qualify as Tangning’s shadow.

“Ning Jie, Ma Weiwei claims that she is the new boss of Superstar Media,” Long Jie’s secretary said as she handed Tangning the documents in her hands.

Tangning casually flipped open the documents and saw the agreement for the transfer of shares. She then placed the documents on the table and glared at Ma Weiwei, “Firstly, tell me where Long Jie is.”

Ma Weiwei looked away and didn’t say a word...

Of course, Tangning wasn’t angry. She simply said to her bodyguards, “Before we figure out what’s going on here, don’t let Miss Ma leave this building. If she goes missing, I will hold you liable.”

“This is illegal detainment!” Ma Weiwei argued.

However, she was quickly frightened into retreat by Tangning’s sharp glare.

“When you have the ability to get out of here, you can go ahead and tell everyone that I held you here against your will...As a cheap replica, you should have known you’d be dealt with sooner or later...”

Chapter 1024: Haven’t I Returned ?

Tangning's presence was too overbearing. So much so that Ma Weiwei was too afraid to even look her in the eyes.

But, Tangning couldn't be bothered wasting time on Ma Weiwei. So, she immediately retreated with Superstar Media's people and launched an investigation on the incident between Long Jie and Superstar Media.

Afterwards, Tangning contacted Lu Che. At this time, Lu Che had just arrived in City Z, where, to his surprise, he ran into Han Xiuche when he went to visit the set of the show that S.A.J. were filming.

"Where's Long Man?"

"Long Jie said she had something urgent to deal with, so she returned to Beijing. Didn't you see her?" Han Xiuche asked as he acted innocent.

Lu Che had already heard about what happened with Ma Weiwei, so he immediately grabbed onto Han Xiuche's shirt and said, "If Long Man is missing even a hair on her body, both you and your brother will have your bones shattered!"

Han Xiuche freed himself from Lu Che's grasp and sneered, "What use do you have when you can't even keep an eye on your own woman?"

Lu Che couldn't be bothered wasting his breath on Han Xiuche. His main priority was to find Long Jie. So, he traced the information given to him by the hotel and eventually found Long Jie's new location.

It was rare for Long Jie to get drunk and to ignore the world by locking herself in her room.

Lu Che had to reveal his identity and warn the hotel that his wife was committing suicide before they opened Long Jie's room door in fear of being held liable.

As soon as he smelled the stench of alcohol, Lu Che carried Long Jie off the bed and placed her into the bathtub. He then turned on the shower to wake her up.

It took a while, but Long Jie finally came to her senses. As soon as she saw Lu Che, she asked, "Why are you here?"

"Your phone was turned off and I couldn't contact you!" Lu Che said coldly before he lifted her out of the bathtub and wrapped her tightly in a towel. "Don't you remember what I told you just before you left China?"

"Since you're here, you must know what happened," Long Jie turned and looked at Lu Che. "I was useless. I couldn't protect Superstar Media."

"Even if you couldn't protect it, you should have come home straight home. What's the point of wallowing alone in your failures?" Lu Che asked.

"Are you angry?"

"What do you think?" Lu Che asked. "I sometimes question whether I'm your husband. I'm never the first person you contact, no matter how big of a problem you encounter. You'd rather drink until you die than to say a single word to me."

Long Jie lowered her head, unable to rebuke, "Don't lecture me so quickly. I'm still trying to figure out where I went wrong."

"Do you know why Han Xiuche targeted Superstar Media?"

"Tangning offended him, so he took his anger out on me..."

"So? Are you trying to blame the Madam?" Lu Che asked.

"..."

"The Madam has returned..."

"She's back?"

"Otherwise, how would I have found you so easily? Han Xiuche has given his shares to Ma Weiwei and Ma Weiwei turned up at Superstar Media to flaunt her power without knowing of the Madam's return. The Madam has now detained her and everyone is worrying about you!" Lu Che took a deep breath after he finished talking before he dug out some clean clothes for Long Jie to change into.

Long Jie remained quiet like an obedient little wife.

She could tell that Lu Che was truly angered.

She had been inconsiderate and unrestrained. But, at that time, she was so upset that she didn't think straight...

After finding Long Jie, Lu Che immediately gave Tangning a phone call, "Madam, I found her. I'll bring her back right now..."

"Don't blame her too much, she's your wife, you should understand her better than anyone," Tangning reminded.

"I know what to do, Madam."

After hearing the conversation between the two, Long Jie felt even worse than before. She had no idea that she had caused such a mess and whether she could retrieve Superstar Media. She felt she had truly disappointed Tangning.

Lu Che could tell that she was upset, so he did not blame her anymore. As he drove, he said to her, "I didn't get angry at you because of Superstar Media. I was simply worried about you."

"I know..."

Soon, Lu Che returned to Hyatt Regency with Long Jie.

However, having to suddenly come face to face with Tangning made Long Jie a little nervous...

"Go ahead."

Lu Che led Long Jie into Hyatt Regency while Tangning was reading a contract. It was the contract set out by Hai Rui during the initial setup of Superstar Media.

As soon as she saw Long Jie return, Tangning stared straight at her and asked, “Why didn’t you call me as soon as something went wrong?”

Long Jie felt a little guilty, but she didn’t like to keep things to herself, so after a short silence, she replied, “Because Han Xiuche said he planned all this due to his hatred for you. I thought you guys had a deep grudge...I thought...”

“I don’t even know him,” Tangning cut in. “If I was to say that I only saw him a few times around the college in England, would you believe me?”

“Of course I believe you,” Long Jie replied. “I will always believe you. It’s just...”

“There’s no need to explain anything, I understand,” Tangning stopped Long Jie from speaking any further as she looked into her eyes, “While waiting for you, I’ve already done some research on Han Xiuche. He was brought up by his brother with a lack of motherly love. From his works, it’s clear to see that he has a desperate yearning for love, but he’s too arrogant; he does not acknowledge any women and does not think much of them.”

“It seems, I may have angered him during our encounter, so, I do hold some accountability.”

“But, Superstar Media is already in the hands of Ma Weiwei...”

As soon as Long Jie said these words, Tangning lifted the contract in her hand with a slight smile, “Not necessarily.”

“But, the media has already been notified about this and they will definitely create a huge commotion about it...”

“But, haven’t I returned?” Tangning said to Lin Qian. She then said to everyone, “Just because I was gone for a few months, am I no longer me?”

“When have I ever made a loss like this? If Ma Weiwei wants to be like me, then go ahead...”

“I will definitely give an explanation to all of you, especially regarding Han Xiuche. Just wait for a good show.”

For some reason, as they listened to Tangning’s words and looked at the gaze in her eyes, Long Jie and Lin Qian felt that Tangning had become a lot more confident.

“I will put Superstar Media back into your hands unscathed. As for S.A.J., I will send them directly to the police station. Long Jie, I understand that you put a lot of effort into this group, but if we don’t deal with artists that have an indecent history in a timely manner, they will eventually drag you down with them. I won’t let you receive a black mark against your name. It won’t help you in fostering other artists.”

Long Jie nodded her head after hearing this, “I understand. Do what you need to do...”

“Go home and get some rest...Lu Che must have been worried sick. You should go home and comfort him.”

Chapter 1025: She Simply Wanted To Get Revenge For Long Jie

“That Han Xiuche is crazy,” Lin Qian said after Long Jie left, “I feel embarrassed for his one-sided imagination.”

“There’s nothing I can do about it. What can I do about coming across someone like that?” Tangning asked. “He sure has his methods to be able to make Superstar Media into such a dirty place while I was gone. Reality has proven that I made the right decision to ignore him. It’s just, I feel bad that Long Jie was targeted for so long.”

“In that case, what do you plan to do from now on?”

“Long Jie wasted so much energy on training S.A.J., but what happened in the end? For their own benefit, these four simply watched as Long Jie was being bullied. In my eyes, they aren’t human at all. That’s why...before I deal with Han Xiuche, I will first deal with them.”

“The entertainment industry has never been lacking in good looking people.”

“Nor ungrateful wenches!”

“Since Han Xiuche used these people to threaten Long Jie, then...I need to use them to show him how wrong he was.”

After giving birth to Yan Er, Tangning’s body finally returned to how it once was. On top of that, she seemed to have even more energy than before.

“You’re still pregnant, so you should keep yourself out of this...If anything happens to you, Auntie Li is going to nag me about it.”

Lin Qian nodded her head. When it came to Han Xiuche and the ‘cowardly’ group, she knew that getting involved with them posed no benefit to her.

“In that case, be careful. Make sure the bodyguards are always with you so we don’t have to worry...” Lin Qian reminded.

“What do you think I’m going to do?” Tangning laughed. “It seems, I will need to pay City Z a visit.”

What was she going there for? Of course she was going there to make the group of four disappear from sight.

How dare they bully Long Jie? Did they think that Superstar Media had no backup?

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Through various sources, Han Xiuche quickly discovered that his secret collusion with Ma Weiwei had been exposed. But...he knew it would happen sooner or later. So, he didn’t mind that Superstar Media knew about it. After all, Superstar Media no longer belonged to Long Jie anyway.

But, he would have never expected that Tangning had already returned to Beijing!

Nor would he have predicted that Tangning would personally arrive at City Z!

Han Xiuche tried to give Ma Weiwei a phone call, but Ma Weiwei was being detained and her phone had run out of battery a long time ago.

So, he decided that after S.A.J. finished filming, he would take them back to Beijing with him. After all...he had promised Long Jie that he wouldn't act recklessly with Superstar Media.

But, at this time, Tangning was already driving to the set.

And, she had already made an appointment to see the producer.

Although the producer was shocked by Tangning's sudden appearance, she was still Tangning...

No matter how many rumors she had, as long as she was Mo Ting's wife, she always had a sense of intimidation. Especially since her presence had always been powerful to begin with.

However, Tangning did not let anyone know what she had planned. She simply met with the producer and head director on her own.

When the two saw Tangning, their eyes almost popped out of their sockets. After all, there were rumors that Tangning was 'running errands' in the US. Why was she suddenly in City Z?

"I'm sorry, President Wang and Director Feng for wanting to see you at such late notice. There's something I would like to give you a heads up about."

"Miss Tang...please go ahead."

"A problem has occurred with the group that Long Jie brought to you. To reduce your loss, I will provide you with compensation to cancel their contract. But, I hope you can personally kick them off your show."

"Miss Tang, I don't quite understand..."

Since Long Jie brought them to the show and they belonged to Superstar Media, why would Tangning suddenly request this?

"Let me be honest with you, the four of them were caught taking drugs! Do you want to deal with this matter in the open or ask them to leave quietly?" Tangning asked. "Do you want to maintain a good reputation, or do you want to be dragged down along with them?"

"But, aren't they Superstar Media's..."

At this point, Tangning shook her head and began to explain everything that happened with Long Jie. Especially the part about Han Xiuche's scheme, "Previously, I was overseas and couldn't avoid a problem like this. So, I've personally come here to show you my sincerity. Hopefully, I can fix the problem before it's too late."

After the two heard Tangning's explanation, they were so shocked that they broke out in cold sweats. Although they were already familiar with schemes in the industry, to actually encounter it and almost be dragged down by it, naturally made them scared.

"Since the matter is so complex, we, of course, want to stay out of it. Besides, the request that Miss Tang made isn't difficult to do. We can simply edit out their scenes. Since they are new to the industry, they didn't get much screentime anyway," the director said. "Lucky you were righteous enough to give us a heads up...Otherwise, the repercussions would have been too hard to handle."

“We are all just trying to make a living in the entertainment industry. Of course it’s best if we can help each other,” Tangning replied with a smile.

“Since that’s the case, please let us know if you need anything from us. We will definitely try our best to help you.”

Tangning looked at the two and smiled. Obviously, she already had something in mind...

The producer and director naturally understood her intent: she simply wanted to get revenge for Long Jie.

So, she requested they not let Han Xiuche know about their meeting...

Some shows weren’t in a rush to be played.

“Don’t worry, since you’ve been so thoughtful, we have no reason to turn down your request.”

Tangning had indeed helped them avoid a huge loss. If the group of four were exposed, the show would have definitely been affected. Since Tangning offered to make a sacrifice to help them, there was no reason they wouldn’t cooperate with her.

“In that case, let me thank you in advance,” Tangning toasted the two with a cup of tea in place of wine.

After Tangning left, the director said to the producer, “I finally understand why people say that Tangning is a vengeful person.”

“Plus, I never believed that Tangning was defeated over a small incident online. You saw it for yourself, the way that she strategizes in secret. How dare they say that she’s a thing of the past? I would never believe it!”

“Either way, we need to do this favor no matter what. The least we can do is to not offend her. Otherwise, we’d be dead before we know it.”

After finishing their discussion, the two returned to the set.

But, when the director looked at S.A.J., they now looked like a bunch of poisonous scum on society!

So, even if Tangning was being too harsh on them, they deserved it!

After a short pause, the producer looked at the director and gestured for him to make a move. In the end, the director had no choice but to approach the four, “The four of you, come with me!”

Chapter 1026: What Was Han Xiuche ?

The group members quickly looked at each other nervously before they followed the director to the nearby forest.

“Director, did we do something wrong?”

“Yes, please tell us. We can change...”

“Change?” the director sneered before he asked, “I have no faith that you can do that. I simply want to ask where Long Jie is.”

“Well...” the members looked at each other, not knowing how to respond.

“You didn’t even show any mercy to Long Jie who created you. For the sake of your own benefit, you watched as she was hurt. Was it worth it?” the director asked as he looked at the four. “I’ve already heard about the shameful things you’ve done. The four of you don’t need to stay around for the rest of filming. You can all return to where you came from.”

As soon as the members heard this, they were shocked as they immediately tried to explain themselves, “Director, have you misunderstood something?”

“Misunderstood?” the director laughed. “Must I go into detail about what you did on the hotel rooftop?”

The four members froze...

“I’m letting you keep your pride by telling you to leave!” the director humphed. “Youngsters should maintain their bottom line. Even if you took drugs, you could have still been saved by showing some gratefulness, but...”

“...you guys chose to be ungrateful because of greed. I can’t believe the four of you betrayed Long Jie just so you could stay on the show!”

“And I can’t believe Long Jie actually tried to protect a bunch of ungrateful wenches!”

“My show has no place for you. Get lost!”

After speaking, the director turned to leave, but one of the members quickly grabbed onto his sleeve, “Director, we can’t leave. If we leave, then everything we filmed, will go to waste.”

“Waste? Haha, you guys think too highly of yourselves. Because of Long Jie, we slotted in scenes of you, here and there. But now, all we have to do is remove those scenes.” After speaking, the director freed himself from the member’s grip and returned to the set.

Meanwhile, the defeated group had no choice but to leave with their heads down!

Han Xiuche quickly heard about what happened. When he saw the group packing their things, he immediately asked, “What happened? Did you guys cause trouble when I took my eyes off you?”

“We’re not sure what happened. The director somehow found out about us...so...”

“Let me go talk to the director,” Han Xiuche immediately turned around. However, he was quickly stopped by the members.

“Forget it. If the matter gets blown up, it won’t be of benefit to us. Besides, did you really not know about our secret...or did you purposely use it to hurt Long Jie?”

The four members weren’t stupid. Long Jie had been forced to leave and their secret had been exposed. No matter how they thought about it, it seemed as though Han Xiuche was involved.

“By the way, why did Long Jie give her shares to you? What happened between the two of you? Also, did you deliberately expose our secret?””

The members were suspicious of the fact that Han Xiuche had suddenly been put in charge of Superstar Media, “Previously, you simply told us that Long Jie was tired and left us for you to manage. We thought Long Jie disliked us and didn’t want to see us, but, according to the director, that doesn’t seem to be the case.”

Although these questions made Han Xiuche nervous, his expression remained calm.

“You guys must have misunderstood...Long Jie is honestly just tired. That’s all.”

The members wanted to ask further, but Han Xiuche quickly stopped them, “You guys will understand everything later. Let me first speak to the director about why he’s sending you away.”

At that moment, the members didn’t have any faith in Han Xiuche. Unfortunately, they were at his mercy, so they could only wait to see how he’d handle things.

Han Xiuche couldn’t understand the director’s decision.

Within the industry, plenty of artists did things because they couldn’t withstand their loneliness. He was sure that the director had seen more than he had. But, those things had always been the private lives of artists. As long as it didn’t affect the show, directors generally turned a blind eye to stuff like that. But, why was S.A.J. treated differently?

Hadn’t he provided enough benefits?

Because of this, Han Xiuche went to look for the director.

“Director Feng, can I have a few minutes of your time?”

Director Feng was in the middle of mapping out positions. As soon as he saw Han Xiuche, he was reminded of Tangning’s plan. So, he nodded his head.

The two men retreated to a quiet place for a chat and Han Xiuche immediately questioned politely, “I wonder how my artists have upset you. If you tell me what they’ve done, I can go teach them a lesson.”

The director laughed and said beside Han Xiuche’s ear, “Mr. Han must know that they have a bad history behind them, right?”

“Director...”

“Don’t say anything. These four can’t stay here. You can take them wherever you want,” the director said firmly. “The crew will make an announcement soon, so be prepared.”

“Director Feng...”

“I’m very busy. I hope we can work together again in the future.”

After speaking, the director disappeared from Han Xiuche’s sight. However, the director’s decisiveness made Han Xiuche suspect that the director had been influenced by someone. Otherwise, why would he be so firm and unwavering.

But...

...who could it be?

It couldn't have been Long Jie, Long Jie wasn't that capable.

After careful thought, Han Xiuche still couldn't figure out the answer. Soon after, the show released an official statement that they were canceling S.A.J.'s appearance on the show due to moral grounds, and after further investigations, have decided to blacklist the group entirely.

After this, Han Xiuche was even more certain that someone was playing tricks behind-the-scenes.

Especially since the four were stopped by the police as they were leaving their hotel.

"Someone has reported that the guests in room 2022 and 2023 were caught using illegal substances. After speaking to the hotel staff, this incident has been confirmed, so we would like to ask the four of you to come with us."

Han Xiuche couldn't believe that he'd end up standing there helpless as the four were taken to the police station for drug tests.

And, as the 'new bosses' of Superstar Media, he and Ma Weiwei were asked to cooperate with the investigation!

Han Xiuche followed behind as the four were taken out of the hotel and led into a police car. At this time, he noticed a familiar figure board a black Rolls Royce.

Tangning!

That's right, it was Tangning!

"Tangning...Tangning!"

But, even though Tangning heard his cries, she had no intention of looking at him. To her, what was Han Xiuche? Trash like him was to be disposed of...not to be given any attention!

Of course, now that she was back in Beijing, she was ready to put on a spectacular battle .

So, what was the rush?

Chapter 1027: A Jerk And A SI*t Make The Perfect Team

This explained it all: Tangning had returned. That was why so much had happened. Indeed, the ex-boss of Superstar Media wasn't one to provoke.

Han Xiuche simply never imagined that Tangning would act so quickly.

Was it because she had Hai Rui to back her up? She wasn't this capable when she was in foreign territory in England.

Han Xiuche had never seen a more fake and arrogant woman in his life.

Soon thereafter, Han Xiuche tried to contact Ma Weiwei again, but he still heard nothing from her.

It appeared, this had something to do with Tangning's return.

Since that was the case, there was no point waiting around. He would have to return to Beijing first...

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It had already been one day and night since Ma Weiwei was first locked up inside Superstar Media's office.

Her phone didn't work and she couldn't contact the outside world. By this time, her agency was probably panicking. So, Ma Weiwei tried to negotiate with the bodyguards, "You can't keep me locked up here. Aren't you afraid that my agency will call the police?"

Actually, Tangning had already told the bodyguards, "If Ma Weiwei wants to go, you can let her go."

"But, Madam, if she gets out and calls the police, what should we do?"

"Let's see if she has the energy to do that," Tangning replied.

S.A.J.'s incident had already started circulating at this point. Although, news that Ma Weiwei had become the boss of Superstar Media was already exposed long ago, the response to the earlier news was still stronger than the new one. No, to be exact, it was a simultaneous bomb.

Since Ma Weiwei wanted to be the boss of Superstar Media, then she could have that role.

However, Tangning also told the bodyguards that if Ma Weiwei didn't personally ask to be released, they shouldn't bring it up themselves.

So, as soon as Ma Weiwei asked to leave, the bodyguards replied, "You may leave."

Ma Weiwei looked at the bodyguards in surprise, she obviously didn't believe that Tangning would let her off so easily. But, the truth was, Tangning indeed had no traps set up for her. However, as soon as Ma Weiwei reached downstairs and stepped out of the building, she was immediately surrounded by reporters.

"Ma Weiwei, how did you become the new boss of Superstar Media?"

"Ma Weiwei, S.A.J. is being detained by the police. As the new boss of Superstar Media, how do you feel about this?"

"Ma Weiwei..."

Ma Weiwei's face turned pale in shock as she retreated into the building. She knew things wouldn't be so simple when Tangning let her go. Now that she thought about it, that was indeed the case...

After catching the elevator back up to Superstar Media, Ma Weiwei immediately charged her phone and called Han Xiuche, "What happened?"

"Where are you?" Han Xiuche asked.

“I’m surrounded by reporters. I can’t leave Superstar Media,” Ma Weiwei replied angrily. “What have you done? I only just took control of Superstar Media. Why have S.A.J.’s members been detained?”

“Wait for me, I’ll come and get you,” Han Xiuche instructed over the phone. “Don’t speak recklessly and don’t go anywhere.”

Where else could Ma Weiwei go? All she could do was call her agency and tell them not to worry about her.

However, her agency was also suspicious as to how she suddenly seized control of Superstar Media.

If not for S.A.J., what a great story it would have made.

What a shame...

Now, not only had Ma Weiwei not gained anything, she even had to cooperate with the police because of the group of four. Worst of all, more news was likely to arise from the incident.

Like that, news began to spread...

No one knew what happened to Superstar Media. All they knew was, the group trained by Long Jie was suddenly taken to the police station because they were caught taking drugs. But, how did the boss of Superstar Media suddenly become Ma Weiwei?

Would Long Jie come out to give an explanation? This was the question on the media’s mind. Especially since Superstar Media was given to the cheap replica, Ma Weiwei, of all people.

Did Long Jie not know the correlation between Ma Weiwei and Tangning?

The internet was in a mess. Mainly because everything happened too suddenly, causing the nosy observers to be dumbfounded.

But, the most attention-grabbing thing was still Tangning.

Was both Tangning and the business she created disappearing out of nowhere?

“This entire incident is filled with questionable points. I’m not taking sides until we receive more inside information.”

“It feels like another big show is on its way. I hope it doesn’t disappoint!”

“Can’t the media be more positive? They keep arguing everyday and tearing other people apart!”

“It’s not right for the commenter above to say that. Without these arguments, wouldn’t life be really boring?”

After looking at the comments online, Tangning closed her laptop.

She had already turned the tables. Han Xiuche was out in the open, while she still lurked in the shadows. No one knew how Superstar Media operated better than she did, yet Han Xiuche dared to steal it off Long Jie’s hands. Did he really think that there was no one else in Superstar Media to stop him?

“S.A.J. was created by Long Jie, what if the police call for Long Jie as well?” Lin Qian asked as she sat worriedly beside Tangning.

“Don’t forget who introduced these four to Long Jie...”

“The relationship between Han Xiuche and Ma Weiwei alone is enough to give the audience a good show. Did you think they would still care if Long Jie was in the know or not?”

“I’ve already asked someone to spread news about the two. They will now have to wait for trouble to find them.”

Tangning sat on the sofa, not intending to sacrifice a single pawn. After the two was finished with their act, she would step out to clarify everything about Superstar Media’s ownership.

As a result, the industry soon started spreading rumors about Han Xiuche and Ma Weiwei.

“Have you guys heard that the members in S.A.J. are university juniors of Han Xiuche? He deliberately introduced them to Long Jie and set up a scheme to reveal their problems after Long Jie exhausted her efforts training them...”

“He then blackmailed Long Jie into giving up on Superstar Media or he’d expose the matter to the public!”

“As for how Ma Weiwei became the new boss of Superstar Media, I’m sure the answer is obvious. She must be in a secret relationship with Han Xiuche.”

“If we look at it from another perspective, the reason why Han Xiuche was so determined to go against Superstar Media must have been because Ma Weiwei was a replica of Tangning.”

“Han Xiuche and Ma Weiwei must have schemed against Superstar Media from the start!”

“I know, right? A jerk and a sl*t make the perfect team.”

These were the results gathered from online speculation. But, why was it so close to the truth?

Because Tangning leaked some information...

“A despicable person deserves to be punished. Supposedly, the members of S.A.J. were caught taking drugs during filming, that’s why their contracts were canceled.”

“In that case, the crew of that show has a high moral standing!”

“But, was Long Jie aware of their drug-taking habits all along?”

Chapter 1028: Divert Trouble

This was perhaps the question that everyone wanted to ask.

Did Long Jie know about this and intentionally hide it to protect the group...?

“Tch, I heard Long Jie was the one that reported the four to the police. Didn’t you guys hear? The only way the police knew about this entire incident was because someone reported it to the police – and I received word that this person was Long Jie! Besides, the crew of the show that S.A.J. were supposed to

be on, said that Long Jie only found out about their secret recently...and as soon as she found out, she immediately broke all ties with them..."

"She must have been heartbroken and disappointed!"

"This explanation makes sense..."

This was the reason why Tangning had the four captured at the hotel. She wanted to clear Long Jie's name.

That way, no matter if it was S.A.J. or Superstar Media, both of them were Ma Weiwei and Han Xiuche's problems. Meanwhile, not only was Long Jie innocent, she was seen as the biggest victim!

Although no one stepped out to clearly explain the matter, the industry was getting closer and closer to the truth with their guesses and most people believed it.

During this time, Han Xiuche's brother and Ma Weiwei's agency tried their best to clear their names with their PR efforts. They claimed that the two weren't familiar with each other and couldn't possibly be in a secret relationship. They also asked the public not to make random guesses.

Meanwhile, Han Xiuche and Ma Weiwei were still at the police station waiting to be interrogated.

"The four members explained everything in detail. They've been covering for each other since their university days and have partaken in shady business. Were you aware of this, Mr. Han?" a police officer asked Han Xiuche with a piercing stare. "Although their only punishment is to be sent to rehab, they will never get the chance to be public figures again. Since you and Miss Ma are in charge of their agency, you should provide an explanation for everyone."

"Long Man was the one that created this group. She knew about everything from the start..." Han Xiuche said calmly. "She created these artists with her own two hands, does that mean I can sue her and demand for compensation?"

"Mr. Han, a person should have a conscience," the officer sneered. "Miss Long has her bottom line and principles, so she was the one that reported the group to the police. She has already dropped by and provided a statement on the entire incident."

"Don't you think it's shameless for you to try and throw the blame on her?"

While the officer was staring at him, Han Xiuche pulled Ma Weiwei up and said, "Let's go."

"But, what should we do now?" Ma Weiwei asked anxiously. "Tangning setup such a huge trap for us as soon as she returned to Beijing. How are we supposed to fight back?"

"Let's talk after we leave this place," Han Xiuche reassured calmly, "I dragged you into this matter, so I will definitely handle it. Go home and get some rest first."

"Han Xiuche! It wasn't easy for me to get to where I am today. I don't want to lose everything," Ma Weiwei said with seriousness as she glared at Han Xiuche.

"I know," Han Xiuche nodded. He then reminded Ma Weiwei to leave through the backdoor; he would handle the reporters out the front.

As he looked at the mountain of reporters outside the police station, Han Xiuche stepped out without any trace of fear.

"I'm sorry everyone, but the rumors online aren't true. Ma Weiwei and I really aren't familiar with each other. As for S.A.J., I was only made aware of their actions recently and I'm sorry for it."

"If you're not familiar with each other, why would you give Superstar Media's shares to her?"

"Well, that..."

"Please give us an answer!"

"Because I wanted to use Ma Weiwei and Tangning to create hype for Superstar Media. Although my method wasn't right, I honestly don't have the type of relationship with Ma Weiwei that everyone thinks. If you don't believe me, you can investigate into the matter."

"Ma Weiwei has nothing to do with this entire incident, so please stop harassing her."

"As for all the rumors online, haven't you guys thought about where they came from? The entertainment industry has never been a place where one receives the answer to everything they want to know. Let me tell you, all these rumors are because Tangning has returned to China!"

As soon as everyone heard this, they were shocked.

Tangning had returned!

But, what did this have to do with Tangning?

"If you think about the correlation between her and Ma Weiwei, you will realize that I'm not just making things up."

So, was Han Xiuche trying to say that Tangning was manipulating the public?

"That can't be possible. It's been a long time since we've seen Tangning. She can't be back just because you say she's back," the reporters hounded Han Xiuche.

"You guys just wait and see, Tangning is going to make Ma Weiwei suffer even more, simply because she looks like her. I've never seen a woman that's as cruel as Tangning."

After saying these words, Han Xiuche stormed off.

Because of Han Xiuche's words, the entire incident turned into a real-life 'Rashomon'. After all, everything about Tangning and Long Jie were just rumors with no solid evidence, but Han Xiuche had actually stepped out personally to give an explanation...

"This Han Xiuche sure knows how to lie with his eyes open. He appears to have a very strong mentality," Lin Qian laughed as she watched Han Xiuche being questioned by the reporters. "I guess manhua artists also know how to divert trouble away from themselves."

"He is indeed very smart," Tangning responded.

"What should we do now?"

“If I try to fight for Superstar Media with him, I will become the cruel woman that he claims I am,” Tangning laughed, “And, he will have reason to continue to slander me.”

“His target has always been you. He wanted to lure you out and make you angry! After the way he’s protected Ma Weiwei, if we continue to target her, we will eventually fall into his trap. So, we have to hold back a bit.”

“Especially since the media are trying to confirm if you’ve returned to China.”

“Han Xiuche will definitely think of a way to force you into the open!”

“When a person is shameless, they are indeed invincible!”

This wasn’t the first time that Tangning had met a person like this and it wasn’t the first time she had come across a matter of this kind. However, none of her previous experiences had been as disgusting as the current one.

He stole Superstar Media and hurt Long Jie, yet he was trying to throw the blame on her.

This Han Xiuche really made one feel competitive.

However, when President Mo tried to offer a hand, Tangning completely turned him down.

“I promise I’ll defeat this guy without him seeing my face. Otherwise, how am I supposed to continue in this industry?”

Chapter 1029: If That Was To Happen, The Face Slap Would Hurt Even More

Mo Ting did not say a word. It was a silent agreement to not get involved.

He knew that Tangning cared about his feelings more than anyone. So, the reason she said she wasn’t seeing Han Xiuche was not simply because she didn’t look highly upon him, but also because she didn’t want Mo Ting to feel uncomfortable; even though Han Xiuche was no match for him anyway.

Afterwards, Tangning told Long Jie, “Secretly invite Ma Weiwei’s manager out for some tea. I’m sure we can get some information from her. If Han Xiuche managed to steal Superstar Media with Ma Weiwei, he must have met up with her at some point.”

“But, Ma Weiwei’s manager might not necessarily cooperate with us!”

“I’ll tell you what to say to her,” Tangning said confidently.

To survive in the entertainment industry, talking required skills. This was something that Long Jie understood a long time ago.

“I understand.”

Between Han Xiuche and Ma Weiwei, the most likely place where things could go wrong was Ma Weiwei’s manager. That’s why Tangning asked Long Jie to contact her as soon as possible.

But, the public and the media were currently guessing if Tangning had returned to Beijing and whether Tangning had really planned everything like Han Xiuche said.

While all this was happening, Long Jie found contact details for Ma Weiwei's manager through her connections and quietly contacted her.

How did it feel to be contacted by Long Jie?

Although Ma Weiwei's manager looked dopey, she was well aware of the relationship between Long Jie, Tangning and Hai Rui. She didn't know what Long Jie was doing, but as a mere manager, how could she go up against the big guys.

So, without Ma Weiwei knowing, she went to meet Long Jie on her own.

The two women met at a convenience store where Ma Weiwei often ordered lunch boxes and Long Jie arrived in a disguise that no one could see through.

Even when Ma Weiwei's manager saw her, it took a while before she recognized her.

"Long Jie, the current situation is causing such a commotion, isn't it unsuitable for us to meet?"

"There's nothing unsuitable about it," Long Jie laughed. "Let me get straight to the point, has Han Xiuche and Ma Weiwei met in the past?"

Ma Weiwei's manager never expected that Long Jie would be so straightforward; she didn't even warm up with any small talk. So, the manager remained quiet and did not say a word.

But, Long Jie was very observant...

"I'm sure you know that Ma Weiwei was never meant to last for long; it was only a matter of time before she was replaced."

"By the way, Hai Rui hasn't responded yet because Tangning insists on handling Ma Weiwei on her own. In fact, she has no intention of showing her any mercy. If you're smart, you should know how to measure up the current situation. The entertainment industry is very realistic. I'm sure you know what's best for you."

Ma Weiwei's manager understood what Long Jie was trying to say.

"I know it's unfair to ask you to completely reveal everything. So, you don't have to give me any solid evidence. Simply tell me where they met in the past and when they met, I will naturally find a flawless coincidence..." Long Jie tempted the manager. "I'm sure you know the truth."

"Han Xiuche dragged you guys into this matter. I'm sure you want things to end slightly in your favour, right?"

"To be honest, I'm in a very difficult position," the manager put away her dopey look and lit a cigarette. "In this day and age, if a manager is too smart around their artist, they are prone to being bullied. It's very tiring."

"In regards to Superstar Media, I'm happy to see what's happened to it. After all, we are on different sides, so it's not unreasonable for me to feel this way. But, your words also make sense."

The manager was deeply frightened by Tangning.

“Without betraying Weiwei directly, I can give you a few hints. But, just this once,” the manager said. “Regardless of whether you find anything, I will only help you this one time!”

Long Jie looked at Ma Weiwei’s manager and nodded her head.

“Also, even if you find evidence, you can’t use it against Ma Weiwei, you need to guarantee me that!”

“As long as Ma Weiwei doesn’t go overboard again. Don’t forget, everything she’s done since her debut so far, is already enough for Hai Rui to blacklist her a hundred times. Yet, isn’t she still fine?” Long Jie asked.

The manager looked deep into Long Jie’s eyes, “We need to both forget that we ever met today.”

Long Jie wasn’t about to give the manager any real benefits, but the woman assumed that by doing this favor for Long Jie, she could ask for something in return.

This wasn’t someone else, this was Long Jie that owed her.

Even if Ma Weiwei got destroyed in the end, the manager believed she could still save herself. After all, helping Long Jie was like pardoning herself from the death sentence.

Afterwards, Long Jie took the information she got from Ma Weiwei’s manager and contacted someone that lived near the location where Han Xiuche and Ma Weiwei met, to see if they could have possibly captured any footage.

Private residences weren’t likely, but small retail businesses were different.

Even though it took her some time, Long Jie eventually found something.

Was Han Xiuche still denying that he had any relationship with Ma Weiwei?

It didn’t matter. There was bound to be evidence to slap him in the face.

And the second piece of evidence, was Long Jie herself.

When Han Xiuche first introduced S.A.J. to her, he already knew that they had a history of drug use, yet he used this information to blackmail her.

This was a fact that Han Xiuche could not get rid of. As long as he had done it, there was bound to be evidence. So, before Long Jie was to attack him, she stood her ground firmly.

But, the most lethal point for Han Xiuche, was the fact that he was mentally unstable.

Due to his lack of motherly love, he developed a skewed and psychopathic view of women.

Even though Tangning didn’t want to attack him with such despicable methods, she didn’t think he was humane enough to deserve respect.

Didn’t Han Xiuche want the media to know that she had returned?

Since it was the truth, Tangning was going to let him take the upper hand.

The most important thing about Tangning's approach, was that she never denied nor tried to hide something that had actually happened. All her calculations were carefully crafted around the truth because it was the only way to withstand doubt.

If she didn't do that, someone was bound to discover a secret lurking in the shadows. After all, the entertainment industry had so many eyes on it.

While all that was happening, Mo Ting suddenly told Tangning, "While you had your phone off during the day, Jones contacted me. He's planning to visit Beijing with his wife. As his loyal student, you should keep them company while they're here. As his first stop after his retirement, don't let Jones feel like he made the wrong decision."

After hearing Mo Ting's words, Tangning looked at him in seriousness, "President Mo, why do I have a feeling that you were the one that actually contacted Jones?"

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"I don't want him to be dragged into a dirty matter like this..."

Mo Ting raised his arms in surrender, "I swear, Jones was the one that contacted me. I didn't approach him first."

Tangning looked at her husband and laughed, "Since that's the case, then help me make arrangements so my teacher can enjoy himself. In the meantime, let's suppress Han Xiuche's matter so my teacher doesn't think my career in Beijing is a mess!"

"Even you know it's a mess?" Mo Ting asked as he wrapped his arms around Tangning and sighed beside her ear, "You never let me get involved, but aren't you aware that the entire family is worried about you...?"

"Yan Er too?"

"A mother and daughter are connected by heart, so what do you think?"

Tangning couldn't help but laugh, "That's enough, this isn't a big matter. If I really can't handle it, I'll definitely come crying to you for help."

Tangning never expected Jones to come to Beijing. She really didn't want Jones and Qiao Sen's film to cross paths with the small matter that she was dealing with.

So, she tried her best to avoid Han Xiuche for a little while. She was going to wait until Jones was gone before she made a move.

As a result, Tangning made arrangements for Jones and made sure that he would not be disturbed by the media.

She hoped to leave a good impression on Jones. She wanted him to feel that her country was a great country with no issues.

The next day, Tangning told Long Jie that Jones would be arriving soon. Long Jie didn't mind. In fact, she was extremely excited.

After all, she had the chance to meet 'The Father of Sci-fi'...

This was not a chance that came by often. Especially since Jones was retired.

"I'll leave Han Xiuche's matter with you for the next few days..."

"No problems," Long Jie said as she made an OK gesture with her hand. The entertainment industry was still shrouded by mystery, so it wasn't difficult for her to keep everyone hanging for a little longer.

Soon, Tangning and Mo Ting personally went to pick up Jones and his wife from the airport.

After not seeing each other for a little while, Jones still looked full of energy. Meanwhile, his wife was elegant as she greeted Tangning like she was meeting with her own daughter.

"Jones has told me a lot about his clever student. I finally get to see you today."

Tangning appeared polite and well-mannered in front of Mrs. Jones.

The four soon arrived at a hotel for lunch. However, during their meal, Jones put down his knife and fork and said to Tangning, "I heard from Ting that you came across some troubles after returning to China."

Tangning was surprised as she glared at Mo Ting.

Mo Ting chuckled dotingly as he patted Tangning on the head and explained, "She's too stubborn to accept my help."

"This is how the pretentious entertainment industry is like. There are always people that are willing to do anything for their own benefit."

"I understand you, my dear student. You're not a cruel person. Everything you do is based on self defense."

"But, I'm on Mo Ting's side this time. There aren't many people in this industry that have access to multiple resources, since you have that ability, why don't you use it? Do you still remember the present I gave you in the US that you turned down?"

"If it was someone else, they would already be mingling amongst the directors in the US."

"But, you were different, you chose to go home and fulfill your initial dream."

"Child, you are too kind."

"Since I accepted you as my student, it meant I was happy for you to show it off to the world. Don't tell me you're embarrassed by a teacher like me?"

"Or did you think I would mind?"

"To be honest, I'm anticipating it because I know it will create a safety shield around you. You're not doing it out of vain, you're doing it so you can save your energy for film production instead of wasting it on insignificant matters and despicable people."

“You need to remember that our time is precious!”

After hearing these words, Tangning was moved.

“Every industry has its unspoken rules. You’re just using it to protect yourself. What’s wrong with that?”

Tangning did not say a word. However, Mo Ting laughed as he responded, “Jones, this is what I find the most charming about her. She always insists on being herself.”

“But, your way of handling matters makes it hard for your family and friends to share your burdens. When those that care about you feel like they aren’t needed, it will make them feel useless; we need to feel like we are needed.”

Jones looked at Mo Ting as he said these words.

Because he was saying these words for both of them to hear.

“So, go ahead and let the Beijing reporters approach me. I can face them with a smile, it’s no problem for me.”

Jones had, after all, faced the cameras for many years, so he was very casual and natural as he said these words. Meanwhile, his wife looked at him admiringly.

Indeed...

Jones had seen through the adversities of life.

“Xiao Ning.” This was the only Chinese that Mrs. Jones had learned. “Listen to Jones.”

“Since all of you are teaming up on me like this, how can I refuse? I can reject kindness and help, but I can’t reject love.”

The heartwarming lunch ended on that note. Afterwards, the group of four left the hotel in a much more natural manner; less bodyguards surrounded them this time.

The reporters quickly picked up on the scent of gossip and rushed over.

However, the scene they saw afterwards made them a little curious...

Mo Ting returned to Hai Rui, leaving Tangning to accompany the old couple on her own.

“Tangning did indeed return to China. But, she’s back with a couple of foreigners!”

“Is Tangning having an affair?”

“That’s not possible. She’s not being secretive at all, so it can’t be an affair.”

“Since Tangning is back, does that mean Han Xiuche was telling the truth? Did Tangning plan everything?”

“Tangning’s at the Beijing Museum of Film, hurry and follow them...”

In an instant, the reporters flocked towards Tangning like they had gone crazy. They were planning to corner her and force her to give an explanation. What happened with Superstar Media and did she frame Han Xiuche and Ma Weiwei?

At this time, Han Xiuche caught wind that Tangning had made an appearance. Originally, he thought Tangning would return to the US and avoid the public eye for a while.

But, in the end, she made an appearance in front of everyone. Didn't she know that he was deliberately luring her out?

Long Jie knew that Tangning was meeting with Jones, so she wasn't worried at all. She simply never expected that the matter would be blown out of proportion. Tangning was meeting with the almighty 'Father of Sci-fi'! What was all this talk about having an affair and seducing a rich businessman? Would everyone faint once they found out the truth?

"Han Xiuche, the piece of trash, is probably waiting to diss Tangning," Long Jie thought.