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Chapter 1061: Mo Ting Understood Her

Perhaps, it was because of her age, or perhaps it was because she had been in the industry for too long, the well-experienced Tangning hated getting dressed up for fancy events. After all, everyone knew that, upon that long red carpet, celebrities appeared harmonious on the surface, but they were actually arguing and fighting behind-the-scenes and using all kind of methods to grab onto the spotlight.

But, for Tangning, if she had spare time to seek attention, she'd rather use that time to keep her children company or experiment with the post production of a film!

That's why she no longer cared what she wore to an event. As long as it looked elegant and respectful, she didn't care if it was the best or not.

However, she was, after all, a two-time Fei Tian Best Actress, a legend in the industry, and now a producer. So, her appearance was naturally the most anticipated at the Film Festival; this could not be avoided.

That night, all the biggest media outlets began to report on the event.

"This year's Film Festival will officially commence in a few days. Behind me is the venue for this year's festival, The Eastern Cathedral. As like previous years, it will be a colorful and spectacular event. And this year, the highly talked about Tangning will be presenting her newest film, 'The Ant Queen', at the festival..."

After finishing her shower, Tangning lay on the bed and waited for Mo Ting. As soon as she spotted her man return to the room with a towel around his body, she turned off the television and said, "Before attending the Film Festival, there's somewhere I would like to go."

Mo Ting threw back the blankets, climbed into bed and pulled Tangning into his arms, "Let's go then."

After hearing this, Tangning placed her head on Mo Ting's firm chest and closed her eyes.

She knew Mo Ting would understand her!

Since completing 'The Ant Queen', she had yet to share the good news with Qiao Sen. So, before the festival, she wanted to visit the cemetery.

Hence, the next morning, Tangning and Long Jie arrived at the cemetery with a bunch of fresh flowers and a copy of 'The Ant Queen'.

Tangning had always wanted Qiao Sen to rest in peace...

"Qiao Sen...I'm back. The film has been completed, you see?"

"I've done what I promised I'd do. I'm sure you'll be happy to hear this in heaven because I know how much you wanted to see this film appear on the big screen."

"I've fulfilled your wish, but I'll hold onto your dream and continue moving forward!"

Long Jie stood behind Tangning and watched as Tangning conversed with Qiao Sen. She felt quite emotional because she knew that Qiao Sen's death left a scar in Tangning's heart that would cause her to forever feel guilty towards him.

"Let's go, otherwise you'll be late," Long Jie reminded.

Tangning stared at Qiao Sen's tombstone for a good few seconds before she turned and said to Long Jie, "Let's go. I'll get changed in the van!"

"Zihao is already on the way. We'll meet up in a moment."

Originally, as the male lead, Mo Ting was expected to attend as well. But, considering his identity and the fact that acting wasn't his main profession, he continued with his meetings in Hai Rui.

It didn't take long before Tangning returned to her van. Onboard, she successfully changed and even applied her own makeup.

"Looking at you like this, you could easily be mistaken for an extra. You don't seem to care about your identity at all. Look at other artists, they all have two makeup artists on call at all times. To be exact, these makeup artists put their entire teams into action just to make their stars shine!"

In comparison, Tangning was becoming more and more simple in this aspect.

"But, then again, with your current status, even if you were to wear a potato sack as a dress, you would still dazzle everyone!"

Tangning gave a gentle laugh as she reminded Long Jie to protect her stomach in crowded areas. She was, after all, pregnant, so nothing was more important than her own body.

Long Jie nodded her head cheerfully. After what happened with the Lu Family, she had learned to cherish the people around her a lot more. Especially when she thought of Father Lu and Mother Lu's divorce, it made her more determined to live her life happily.

Soon, Tangning and Long Jie arrived at the spot where they were to meet An Zihao and An Zihao arrived with the cheeky little Coco Li who he had picked up along the way.

Children sure grew up fast. It had only been a few months since they last met and the little girl had already grown a little taller.

But, as soon as An Zihao saw Tangning, he pointed her up and down and asked, "Are you turning up looking this simple?"

Tangning wore a simple silver dress and her hair hung gently to her back in loose waves. Her makeup wasn't anything extravagant and she had no jewelry to go with her outfit; not even a simple pair of earrings. All she had was her wedding ring.

"I went to visit Qiao Sen, it wasn't right to look too fancy."

"Fine," An Zihao nodded, his handsome face showing a sense of respect.

Tangning was a loyal person; this was something that An Zihao always admired.

She may have looked simple, but her presence was on a whole other level...

However, the media were all anticipating what this ex-model would turn up wearing. After all, this would be the first time she'd be promoting her new film and it was also her official comeback. She was bound to find a special way to dazzle everyone, right?

Which artist didn't try to stand out?

"Quick! Look! Tangning's here...Tangning...Quick..."

"She's finally here..." the media surrounding the place began to frantically snap at their cameras.

But, as Tangning stepped onto the red carpet, everyone was shocked by her simple appearance.

Tangning had obviously kept a low enough profile, yet the media expected her to head in the opposite direction this year. Instead, she made a minimalist approach. She looked plain and pure; a look that brought out the colors in her eyes and made her even more beautiful than if she had dressed in a fancy outfit.

Meanwhile, the other female celebrities walked past in regret. Why did they get so dressed up to fight for attention when they could have just displayed their natural self?

Tangning's skin was in a good condition.

Her body was clean and flawless, and her eyes were beautiful like diamonds...

Netizens that saw the live broadcast of the red carpet burst into laughter.

"The female celebrities this year were all trying to outshine each other with their outfits, like a bunch of parading chickens! But, Tangning's minimalistic appearance completely destroyed them. What a surprise!"

"You're wrong! This year's red carpet was like a jewelry contest where no one could beat the simple wedding ring on Tangning's finger!"

"The teams working with the celebrities failed badly this year. What a hilarious joke!"

"Am I seeing things? Which company's artist is this? How is she so brave as to wear the same dress as Tangning?"

"She's clashing with Tangning?!"

"If no one compares them, then no one would get hurt. Tangning's entire presence attracts attention, she's clean and pure like a goddess from heaven! But, it's still awkward to clash outfits at an event like this. It's best if the two women don't run into each other!"

Chapter 1062: Clashing With Tangning?!

Unfortunately...

“That big sister is wearing the same dress as Auntie Ning,” Coco Li said as she pointed to a young artist in the distance.

Now that Coco Li pointed it out, Long Jie focused her gaze and furrowed her brows, “Tangning, why don’t we swap clothes?”

“Swap?” Tangning laughed. “Our measurements aren’t the same. If we swap then it would be even more awkward. Besides, she looks quite good in the dress too...”

As he watched the scene unfold, An Zihao said to Tangning, “You are an award-winning actress, you should be wary of your identity.”

Tangning looked down at her dress. Originally, she wanted to make a few changes, but she had gotten too close to the other woman and people nearby began to notice that they were wearing the same dress.

What was Tangning’s identity? How could she be clashing with a nobody...

Who chose her outfit? Were the stylists at Hai Rui useless?

“I guess, even an award-winning actress has her awkward moments!”

“Who told her to act all minimalist. She’s in trouble now.”

“It’s always best to pick something unique. After all, limited is precious. I have plenty of dresses like the ones on their bodies. Tangning didn’t even consider her identity!”

Every year, at the film festival, the outfits of the female celebrities had always been a highlight. Yet, Tangning chose to act differently. She was praised for her minimalist approach at first, but in the end, look what happened.

What was she going to do now?

Meanwhile, the little artist that clashed with Tangning also noticed the awkward situation and fell into a panic. After all, the person she was clashing with was Tangning! So, she glanced left and right at the people beside her and at the director that had brought her along.

Tangning wouldn’t misunderstand and think that she was trying to leech off her fame, right?

With this thought, the little artist decided to step forward and explain herself or offer to change.

But, surprisingly, Tangning asked Long Jie to take off her black suit jacket and told her to cover her with it. She then waved the little artist to her side.

“Ning Jie...I didn’t do it on purpose...”

The young woman mustn’t have expected that Tangning would look at her and smile, “Don’t take it to heart. I’m simply here as a producer today. So, the spotlight should be left for those that belong on the stage.”

The little artist never thought she'd hear these words from Tangning; she was completely shocked. Moreover, she didn't think that a two-time award-winning actress would put on a jacket to give her the spotlight.

Afterwards, Tangning walked past her after perfectly using her identity as a producer to dissolve the awkwardness.

Meanwhile, the director that came with the little artist couldn't help but sigh, "Watch and learn. That's what you call a true superstar!"

Soon thereafter, news of the way that Tangning resolved the awkward situation began spreading. On one end, other artists were praising her for her high EQ, and on the other, she set an example for future clothes-clashing incidences.

A little later, someone revealed a photo of Tangning visiting Qiao Sen's grave in the morning.

After seeing this photo everyone finally understood why Tangning had appeared at the Film Festival in such a plain outfit. It was because she had mourned an old friend before going there.

When netizens realized this, they couldn't help but sigh, "I don't know why Tangning feels more dignified ever since she returned with her film."

"Back when she retreated from the industry, she promised that she would hold onto Qiao Sen's dream and keep moving forward. Now that 'The Ant Queen' is about to start screening, she must have visited Qiao Sen to tell him about this news."

"It's not hard for a woman to just be a pretty face, but it's hard to be interesting and smart."

"I don't think Tangning cares about what's on the outside."

Indeed, she didn't care. That's why she was willing to cover herself for the sake of a little artist and hide her shining brilliance...

"The move you just made was amazing," Long Jie reminisced after some time passed. Most of the solutions that an average person would think of in a situation like that, would usually make things more awkward.

But, Tangning handled it easily.

People indeed differed.

Tangning smiled. Just as she was about to respond, she came across a young man with a face that was 70% similar to Han Xiuche's. This man was Han Xiuche's older brother.

Sure enough, the man stopped in his tracks and smiled, "It's an honor to finally meet you. Now that I see you, you definitely live up to your reputation."

"President Han is being too polite. We've been implicated with each other in the past, so it's nice to meet in person," Tangning said as she shook the man's hand.

"Regarding the matter with Xiuche, I hope you don't take it to heart. He's just a child..."

“Of course. But, President Han, could you please tell your brother that the next time he decides to fake a video, don’t forget to erase the logo at the bottom,” Tangning laughed, “Also, please let him know that I’m still waiting for him to kneel and apologize.”

“It seems, there’s a strong misunderstanding between Miss Tang and my brother.” Han Jie’s expression turned serious, “Since Miss Tang was willing to let go of a little artist today, why can’t you be generous and let go of my brother as well?”

Tangning looked at Han Jie without saying a word. At this moment, Han Jie took a step forward and said in a lowered voice, “Should I tell the public that Miss Tang’s post-production was done with the help of Hollywood?”

Tangning furrowed her brows...

“You may be able to fool others, but you can’t fool Xiuche!”

After speaking, Han Jie moved away from Tangning and revealed a meaningful smile. He then left.

“Your expression changed. What did he say to you?” Long Jie asked

“Both he and Han Xiuche believe that the post-production for my film was done by Hollywood. Don’t forget, Han Xiuche also experimented with sci-fi films in the past!”

“Is that jerk still clinging to you?” Long Jie humphed. “I can’t understand why he insists on opposing you.”

“Does he have any evidence?” An Zihao asked.

“My team did all the post-production; the Americans never even touched it. So, what evidence could he possibly have?”

“But, if he creates a story out of nothing and starts spreading it, it will still affect the film. After all, you’ve always been selling this film as a domestically produced project, but you are also Jones’ student. The audience is easily manipulated. What are you going to do?”

“What else can I do? I can only respond to each move as it comes!” Tangning replied. “Since the post-production team belongs to me, then I naturally have my way of proving their innocence. If Han Xiuche dares to do another thing to hurt me, I will definitely drag him out and make him kneel and apologize!”

“Both Han Xiuche and his brother are trash!”

“Long Jie, after the Film Festival is over, immediately investigate the background behind these two brothers. I think the mother that abandoned them is their only cure.”

If one wanted to drill into a person, they had to aim for their heart!

Chapter 1063: You Can’t Fool Xiuche !

In the end, the opening ceremony for the Film Festival was completed with sighs all around. After all, everyone was fighting for the limelight, but none of them could outshine Tangning’s simple outfit. Yet,

Tangning covered herself with a suit jacket and left the limelight for a little artist without fighting for it at all.

This was because, all she wanted was to promote 'The Ant Queen'.

During the Film Festival, Tangning heard stories from Long Jie about the gossip going around in the industry. She heard about the female star that was caught cheating in bed and was pregnant with another man's child; about the male star that had multiple girlfriends and was being followed by the media; and the couple that had been married for many years and was denying it.

The entertainment industry had always been a place focused on fame and fortune.

Who wasn't trying hard to climb upwards? Perhaps, in these people's hearts, the only reason that Tangning didn't need to follow the rules was because she married a good man.

But, of course, Tangning had to agree with this. Mo Ting had indeed protected her from a lot of rules and regulations in the industry.

So, whenever she had time, Tangning looked for a quiet place to hide and rest. Unfortunately, there was still an awards ceremony at night that she had to stick around for.

When An Zihao noticed that her mind was elsewhere, he couldn't help but laugh, "You used to enjoy this kind of atmosphere. When you first started as a model, you enjoyed the attention. But these days, it seems like you don't want to attend events like this anymore."

"I became like this after I started working on my film," Tangning replied.

"I've decided to get engaged with Xingyan. I'm not young anymore and think it's time to have a child. It's best if we have one that's as well-behaved as she is."

After Tangning heard this, she nodded her head, "It is indeed time that you should have some stability in your life and settle down. Xingyan has suffered a lot and should be very tired. You're getting old and Xingyan's not young either. You should go easy on her."

"That's enough, let's head back out. People already gossiped about us in the past, if someone decides to use this against us, then we would have to waste a lot of time trying to explain ourselves again."

"You go back out first. I'm going to wait for Long Jie," Tangning replied.

An Zihao nodded his head and returned to the event.

However, Han Xiuche, who had his eye on Tangning, noticed this and took a photo. The reason he had accompanied Han Jie to this event was because he wanted to follow Tangning and take photos of her. Since this woman made it impossible for him to appear openly in the public, shouldn't he give a response?

Of course, those that knew Tangning, knew that she once had a scandal with An Zihao. If they saw a photo of them together, wouldn't it be evidence that they were using this event to meet and cheat?

Mo Ting was putting too much trust in his woman...

While taking photos, Han Xiuche also tried to get up close and listen to the conversation between Tangning and An Zihao. That's when he heard something about a child and stability.

This made Han Xiuche even more certain that their relationship wasn't normal.

Of course, Han Xiuche knew that the whole cheating scandal was seriously old news. Even if someone tried to create hype with it, it wouldn't stir up much of a response. But, a woman's cheating habits couldn't be changed.

So...Tangning could still be criticized.

As a result, Han Xiuche put on a disguise, deliberately tweaked the conversation between the two and began to discuss it with some of the cathedral staff. This way, rumors would definitely start.

From the moment that Tangning appeared at the Film Festival, her outfit, her film and her visit to Qiao Sen's grave had become the hottest topics of discussion. And now, an even bigger news exploded onto the scene: someone overheard a conversation between Tangning and An Zihao. Apparently, things progressed to a point where her children and stability were involved.

"Hey, have you guys heard? Some staff overheard that Tangning and An Zihao are using this event to cheat."

"No way! Tangning's not that blind, is she? Any normal person would know who to choose between Mo Ting and An Zihao, let alone someone as smart as Tangning."

"You still don't understand? She has a man at home and another one on the outside. That's the only way to highlight her attractiveness."

"But, is there any solid evidence?"

"Apparently, there are photos and a voice recording!"

"Then that's disgusting!"

On the surface, the other female celebrities simply smiled and laughed, but behind-the-scenes, they quickly began to spread what they had heard.

At that moment, Tangning had not discovered that Han Xiuche was creating rumors about her yet, but Long Jie soon heard from a few other managers about what was happening.

"Long Jie, be honest with me, is something going on between Tangning and An Zihao? I guarantee I won't tell anyone about it!"

"What are you talking about?" Long Jie asked blankly.

"Haven't you heard yet? Everyone at the event is talking about it..."

With a nosy attitude, the relatively familiar managers explained everything to Long Jie. As soon as Long Jie finished listening, she couldn't understand where this baseless rumor suddenly came from.

"I admit that their relationship is quite good in private, but things definitely aren't the way that you guys say it is."

“We knew you’d give a boring answer like that. Let’s go!”

Everyone knew that Long Jie protected her boss. Even if Tangning actually had ‘this problem’, Long Jie would do all she could to keep it a secret for her.

Afterwards, Long Jie returned to Tangning’s side and told her what was happening.

“What did you and Zihao talk about anyway?”

“Zihao said he wanted to get engaged to Xingyan, so I told him it was time he settled down.”

Long Jie sighed and said, “Someone overheard your conversation and started spreading rumors that you were cheating on Mo Ting at the Film Festival.”

“Didn’t they rumor this before? Why is it suddenly being brought up again?”

Long Jie shook her head, “Rumors like this are the most difficult to deal with. If you remain quiet, they say you are feeling guilty; if you try to provide an explanation, they think you are making excuses. Then there’s also your friendship!”

After hearing Long Jie’s analysis, Tangning laughed, “Since it’s hard to explain, then don’t explain anything...”

“If no one responds to this matter, it will eventually pass.”

“The more you respond, the more people will cling to it!”

“It’s easy to say...”

Long Jie couldn’t accept what was happening. Tangning had to endure a stupid misunderstanding like this, yet she didn’t care. Why?

She was more outstanding than other people, she had a good family, her acting was impressive and her film was even a hot topic. So, those less fortunate than her, were bound to hold onto her weaknesses and attack her with them.

“So, are we just leaving it the way it is?”

“If not, are you planning to explain things to each and every person? Time will eventually reveal the truth!”

Long Jie looked around at everyone’s gazes and couldn’t understand why they had to be so cruel. Soon, An Zihao also heard about the rumors, but he simply laughed and did not provide a response.

However, he did give Xingyan a heads up.

“I attended an event with your Ning Jie today and rumors began spreading again.”

“Why did you go there and cause trouble for Ning Jie?” Chen Xingyan asked as she rolled her eyes. “You aren’t a serious director, but Ning Jie still needs to roam the entertainment world, OK?”

“You’re not angry?”

“Of course not! I know Ning Jie’s not as blind as me.”

An Zihao held onto his phone and burst into laughter.

Meanwhile, Long Jie took advantage of an interlude in the event to give Mo Ting a phone call...

Chapter 1064: Is Something Going On ?

Tangning's high EQ helped resolve someone else's awkwardness, but what about her own?

That night, at the awards ceremony, Tangning did not try to avoid suspicions as she sat next to An Zihao. The two of them knew what the truth was, so nothing was going to affect their friendship. After all, an innocent person would eventually be proven innocent, especially when they each had someone they loved.

However, people still pointed and gossiped about them behind their backs.

They obviously knew there was a problem, yet they weren't avoiding suspicions. Were they waiting for the media to be all over them?

The other guests all felt a little awkward for them. Even two rows back, people were pointing and talking about them. On the surface, it appeared like they were truly concerned for the two, but...

...everyone knew what was really going on.

They were simply waiting to watch a show. And, they weren't going to complain if it blew up too big.

However, there was nothing abnormal about Tangning. Instead, Long Jie was the one that fidgeted in her seat like she was sitting on a pin. She couldn't stand that people were talking nonsense when the two were obviously just good friends.

"You're pregnant, your emotions shouldn't fluctuate so much..." Tangning comforted, "It's already been so many times, why haven't you learned to remain calm?"

"It's because I'm pregnant that there are huge fluctuations in my emotions! I can't handle being shocked!" Long Jie humphed.

It was normal for a pregnant woman to be anxious.

Tangning held her down and convinced her to watch the rest of the ceremony calmly, "It's almost over. Just hold on for a little longer."

As Tangning only had one new film that she was trying to promote, 'The Ant Queen' had nothing to do with any of the awards that were being presented. But, due to the fact that the film drew a lot of attention, the host ended up placing her gaze on Tangning after presenting the Best Documentary Award.

Tangning's eyes met with the hosts and understood what she was thinking.

"Tonight's event has been littered with stars and everyone looks dazzling. There have been so many good looking men and women here today that my eyes were overwhelmed by the beauty! However, I

felt especially moved today when I saw Tangning amongst the crowd. May I ask her on stage for a little chat?"

The host had seen the trailer for 'The Ant Queen' and was highly intrigued by it. So, she was more than happy to help them promote a little.

Tangning stood up from her seat, still covered in Long Jie's jacket. Meanwhile, Long Jie wore An Zihao's jacket.

"Quick, come here..."

This part of the show was improvised, but it was still within the host's control. Since everyone was interested in Tangning, the organizers of the event did not object.

As Tangning approached the host, the two women shook hands.

"I've seen the trailer for 'The Ant Queen' and I think it was amazing. Could you tell us a bit more about what the film has planned? For example, the release date or any other activities planned?"

Tangning received the microphone and said to audience, "We will be holding a test screening soon. But, we haven't confirmed a release date yet."

"Could you share any stories from behind-the-scenes?"

With this question, Tangning smiled, "That's quite a broad question. We've spent a lot of time and energy on this film and experienced many ups and downs. Even Qiao Sen passed away during this time."

"I heard that you visited Qiao Sen before coming to the festival today. Qiao Sen's death must have hit you the hardest at the time. It even created many misunderstandings and rumors. For you, which part of this experience has been the most painful?"

"From the time I first announced my comeback, I've been at the center of controversy. Even at this moment, I am no different."

Tangning was referring to the rumors created today about her and An Zihao.

"So, rumors can't hurt me. As for Qiao Sen's death, it once made me doubt a lot of things. But, because of him, I was able to persist until the end. So, I will never forget him."

"Are you returning to the industry as a producer this time? Does that mean your main focus will be on sci-fi films from now on?"

"Yes!" Tangning nodded. "Apart from events related to my films, I will no longer attend any other activities."

"What about other rumors related to you? You're not planning to clarify them or justify yourself in any way? Won't you feel wronged?"

"As long as I know that I am innocent, that's already the best way to fight back," Tangning replied with a smile.

"I like that response," the host raised her thumb at Tangning. "I hope 'The Ant Queen' does well in theaters and I would also like to wish you the best. We have a gift for you a little later on, I hope you like it."

The host had nothing else to say, so Tangning nodded her head thankfully.

Tangning's responses had become more and more indifferent, showing her disinterest in the industry's constant pestering.

Afterwards, Tangning returned the microphone to the host. But just as she turned around, the right heel on her silver shoes suddenly snapped off.

Everyone below the stage gasped as the host hurried over to support her.

"Are you OK?"

"I'm fine," Tangning stood up straight and tried to find her balance. But, because of the snapped heel, it was impossible to do so.

It seemed, she had walked on too many cobblestones this morning on the way to Qiao Sen's grave, so the heels had become worn out.

But, so many people had their eyes on her and the media were snapping photos like crazy...

Everyone below the stage realized that Tangning had never been this humiliated before.

She had rumors going around and she had a wardrobe malfunction. Perhaps, the media would have an entire article about her by the time she left the stage.

But, the majority of people were more concerned about how she was going to leave the stage with her pride intact.

At this time, Long Jie stood up from her seat. Just as she was about to approach the stage to help Tangning, a dark figure suddenly started walking down the aisle from the back row and headed straight for the stage...

After Mo Ting received Long Jie's phone call earlier, he had rushed straight over to the event. However, he remained hidden in the back. But, when he saw his wife stuck in a tricky situation, he had no patience to wait for Long Jie to come to the rescue.

His heart was already breaking into pieces!

"Hurry, look!"

"Look, President Mo is here!"

"Why is President Mo here?"

As everyone was seated and Mo Ting was especially tall, he particularly stood out as he walked down the aisle.

Everyone watched as Mo Ting walked towards the stage like he had been sent from heaven and knelt down in front of Tangning, "Take off the other shoe as well."

The host gasped in surprise...

No one expected that Mo Ting would be there. While everyone was still in shock, Tangning obediently took off her shoes and placed it in Mo Ting's hand.

Mo Ting then held onto Tangning's shoes with one hand and swepted his wife into his arms...

"Why are you here?" even Tangning was surprised.

"I flew down from the skies!"

Chapter 1065: His Heart Was Breaking Into Pieces !

"Wow! President Mo to the rescue! What a loving couple," the host said playfully as she watched the couple leave the stage.

However, Mo Ting did not carry Tangning out of the venue. Instead, he took her back to her seat before he returned to his low profile position in the back.

Long Jie wondered if she should leave and give President Mo her seat.

But, when she turned around, Mo Ting had already disappeared into the darkness.

Because of what happened, Long Jie leaned over and asked Tangning, "Are you OK? Do you want me to go buy you another pair of shoes?"

"I'm fine. Since Ting is here, you don't need to worry," Tangning smiled. Since Mo Ting took her shoes, then he was either returning at the end of the event to carry her out, or he had already gone off to buy her another pair of shoes.

"OK," Long Jie nodded.

"Since Mo Ting is here, then Tangning's rumor with An Zihao must not be true."

"Who knows? She could still be two-timing."

People in the back were still discussing the matter between Tangning and An Zihao. But, these words all fell into the ears of Mo Ting. So, while he stepped out of the cathedral to look for a shoe store, he also gave Lu Che a phone call.

"Come to the Film Festival. I have something for you to handle."

As soon as Lu Che received Mo Ting's order, he did not dare to delay. He immediately dropped what he was doing and rushed over to the festival.

By the time the awards ceremony was completed, it was already 9pm. Following on, there was still a banquet.

Guests gradually left the scene, but Tangning remained seated; she had no shoes...

At this time, Mo Ting reappeared at the entrance holding a box in his hands. He then kneeled down in front of her and pulled out her original pair of shoes; they were now fixed.

“President Mo’s so rich. Why didn’t he just buy a new pair of shoes?”

“Are you crazy? A new pair would cause blisters. The original pair is definitely more comfortable. Who would have known that President Mo would be so thoughtful,” a few artists commented as they passed by in admiration.

“Stand up and walk around a little.”

Tangning held onto Mo Ting’s warm hands and stood up. She then smiled, “It’s fine.”

“Let’s go, then...” Mo Ting hooked Tangning’s arm around his, “I’ll accompany you at the banquet.”

He was, after all, the male lead in Tangning’s film, so attending the banquet was not an issue. Not to mention the fact that he was her husband. As for the incident that just happened, it could have originally been an embarrassing topic for Tangning, but because of Mo Ting’s rescue, it turned into a story of a hero saving his damsel in distress.

The husband that appeared out of nowhere was as thoughtful as ever.

“Why is Tangning always so lucky?”

“President Mo is so handsome! Daddy Ting is such a doting husband – he’s practically perfect!”

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Of course, at the banquet, everyone continued to look at Mo Ting like they were watching a show. Why?

Because they weren’t sure if he had heard about Tangning’s affair with An Zihao.

What a pitiful man.

However, no one dared to approach Mo Ting to tell him. After all, they still wanted to survive in the industry...

But, when Tangning saw the secretive looks on these people’s faces, she simply smiled. The fact that Mo Ting was here, meant that he already knew what was happening. And the person that revealed it to him, was Long Jie.

“Don’t blame me for being nosy. I simply felt that Boss needed to be here to suppress the rumors. After all, your words cannot compare to his display of trust.”

Soon, Lu Che arrived after doing what Mo Ting asked of him. He then leaned into Mo Ting’s ear and whispered, “President, I’ve already checked the surveillance cameras and found the person that started the rumors as well as the security guard he spoke to.”

“The evidence?”

“I have it here with me!” Lu Che said as he looked at the storage device in his hand.

“Hold onto it well and wait for my instructions.”

Tangning didn't know what the two men were discussing. But, she did suspect that the rumors weren't simple. After all, suggestive words like 'children' and 'stability' weren't words that a normal person would extract and jump to conclusions with.

"President Mo..."

"Hello, President Mo..."

Because of Mo Ting's presence at the banquet, everyone had to temporarily stop their gossiping. Moreover, the people that Mo Ting and Tangning talked to, weren't people that small-time celebrities could compare to. So, the banquet became very boring.

Originally, Tangning thought the entire incident had come to an end. But, Mo Ting suddenly led her towards Han Jie.

"President Han..."

"Oh God, President Mo," Han Jie was, of course, shocked by Mo Ting's approach.

"I would like to ask where your brother is. Doesn't he still owe my wife an apology?" Mo Ting asked Han Jie. As soon as Mo Ting said these words, everyone was stunned. But, no one was as shocked as Han Jie.

"Just because I haven't said anything, doesn't mean I've forgotten about it. Your brother was the one that made the promise...why hasn't he upheld it?"

Han Jie looked around awkwardly, not sure how to respond...

"President Mo...it's not necessary to talk about this in the open, don't you think?"

Mo Ting gave a slight smile and said in an intimidating voice, "President Han sure knows how to have a double standard."

"While I was in the middle of a meeting today, my wife's assistant called. My wife was simply attending a film festival today, but a rumor somehow started about her having an indecent relationship with An Zihao. I'm sure that's what everyone is discussing in secret, right?"

"Those that suspect this must have no brains. Did you think that you're smarter than I am? That you discovered my wife's supposed affair, while I'm oblivious to it? If that's the case, then why am I the CEO of Hai Rui and not you?"

"Are you guys just picking on my wife because she's fun to pick on?"

"President Mo, even if there are rumors about your wife, what does that have to do with me?" Han Jie asked as he held back his anger.

"Others may not have anything to do with it, but you are in no way innocent," Mo Ting said as he gestured to Lu Che.

Afterwards, Lu Che stepped forward with the security guard that started spreading the rumors.

“I’m innocent...I didn’t see anything with my own eyes, I was simply being nosy. I didn’t expect the rumors to get so out of hand,” the security guard explained as he waved his hands innocently. “The person that told me about this was a young man with a hat. He said he personally saw it.”

“What young man?” Mo Ting asked.

“A young man wearing a white hat with a big ‘G’ stitched to the front of it.”

As soon as Han Jie heard this, his face turned pale...This was the hat that Han Xiuche was wearing when he left the house earlier that day.

That idiot!

Chapter 1066: Doesn’t He Still Owe My Wife An Apology ?

“Is this him?” Mo Ting instructed for Lu Che to show the still they printed from the security cameras to the security guard. The security guard rubbed his eyes and immediately confirmed, “Yes, that’s right...that’s him.”

Lu Che held onto the photo and showed it to the observers around him. Afterwards, Mo Ting returned his gaze to Han Jie.

“President Han, is there something you want to say?”

“This...” Han Jie rubbed his forehead, unsure how to respond.

When Mo Ting saw this, he gestured for Lu Che to present their final piece of evidence and to explain it to the public, “This person came out of your car. He was the driver that drove you here. But, if everyone looks carefully at this person’s clothing and vibe, he’s definitely not a driver.”

“Who else could it be? He must be your brother, Han Xiuche! If you guys don’t believe me, feel free to go online and look for photos of Han Xiuche wearing a hat. This particular hat has made a lot of appearances.”

“Previously, due to Superstar Media, my Madam and Han Xiuche already had a grudge against each other. Because of that, Han Xiuche continuously schemed against my Madam without feeling any remorse.”

“He hasn’t even kneeled and apologized like he promised, yet his back at it again, framing my Madam for having an affair.”

“So, President Han, shouldn’t you claim responsibility for this?”

Just like that, Han Jie was thrown into the firing line by Lu Che as he exposed everything in front of everyone. It turned out, there was such a huge conspiracy.

“President...you obviously knew about the relationship between my Madam and Han Xiuche, yet you still brought him to the Film Festival. Is it because you have other plans? Based on this point, I hope you can explain yourself to the President and the Madam.”

“President Mo...I’m sure there must be a misunderstanding...Trust me...”

“Is that all you can say?” In reality, Mo Ting did not have high hopes that Han Jie would be able to do anything. If he was brave enough to shoulder the blame for his brother, then they would not be currently pointing their fingers at Han Xiuche.

“I...”

“What did you and Zihao talk about in the afternoon that made everyone so excited?” Obviously, Mo Ting’s tone took a 360 degree turn when he spoke to Tangning. He was a lot more gentle and soft and his words contained no sense of doubt. His purpose was for her to reveal everything openly.

“Zihao told me that he plans to get engaged to Xingyan. He said his not young anymore and that it’s time he has a child. So, I agreed that he should settle down and get some stability in his life. That’s what we talked about.”

As soon as everyone heard this, they immediately understood what was going on. At this time, An Zihao rolled his eyes and said, “Now that you’ve exposed me, how am I supposed to propose to her?”

Tangning shrugged, “I thought proving our innocence was more important.”

Mo Ting was truly angered by the actions of the Han brothers, especially Han Xiuche.

“You shouldn’t live your life like a street rat. Why can’t you do things in the open?”

“President Han, I’m waiting for the day that Han Xiuche kneels and apologizes!”

After being humiliated in front of everyone, was it possible for Han Jie to remain at the Film Festival? Of course, not.

While he sighed at Mo Ting’s ruthlessness, his head also ached because of his brother.

At a time like this, why did Han Xiuche use such methods to frame Tangning. It was bad enough that he framed her, why did he have to use cheap methods that made him appear so inhumane and unjust.

“That’s enough!”

Mo Ting revealed the truth in front of everyone and provided corresponding evidence. This destroyed the misunderstanding that everyone had towards Tangning, but deepened the hatred that they had towards the Han brothers. Did Tangning actually appear like someone that they could bully?

Following on, the rest of the banquet ran smoothly.

Mo Ting insisted on accompanying Tangning for the rest of the night because he wanted to clarify everything as early as possible. Once the timing was gone, the effect would be very different...

As a result, the media revealed that a lot of interesting things happened at the film festival. Amongst these, the most interesting was how someone was caught spreading rumors.

Tangning and An Zihao’s conversation had been leaked, but Han Xiuche craftily took the words ‘child’ and ‘stability’ and started spreading it to another person, allowing the gossip to spread on its own. With this, he successfully slandered Tangning and achieved his motive.

But, with the confidence of a manager and husband, Mo Ting went online and joined in with the public discussions.

He clearly expressed that it would be the last time he clarified the relationship between Tangning and An Zihao and that there was nothing between them but friendship!

Mo Ting's approach at the event and the way that he thoughtfully cared for his wife, made it obvious to anyone with eyes, that they were deeply in love.

Especially since the way that Tangning looked at Mo Ting was also filled with admiration.

So, if anyone dared to create more hype from this matter, Mo Ting was going to use legal methods against them.

"As for Han Xiuche and everything you've done. Please uphold your promise by coming forward to kneel and apologize. At least, be a man!"

Otherwise, not only would he not be a man, he wouldn't even be considered a human. How could any human continuously bully a woman like that?

The media was filled with joy. The things that happened at the Film Festival was more exciting than the festival itself, because it was much more spectacular.

It was true that no matter where Tangning went, there was gossip to write about!

Of course, Mo Ting's powerful display, clearly showed that Tangning's innocence was always proven with time. Now that everything passed, Tangning's focus returned to her film and Mo Ting returned to his role as a manager. He was going to flawlessly protect her.

In other words, if anyone had the guts to provoke them again, they were welcome to try!

Of course, the Han brothers were the most embarrassing topic at the entire festival. Yet, Han Xiuche still tried to oppose his brother even though his ideas were obviously stupid...

After the festival, Han Jie was furious. As soon as he stepped into their home, he immediately threw a slap across his brother's face, "You promised that you wouldn't show your face at the festival and that you wouldn't do anything. But, look what happened! Did you know that Mo Ting placed me in front of everyone and asked for an explanation?"

"Have you ever considered my feelings?"

Han Xiuche held onto his cheek and glared at Han Jie, "There's definitely something wrong with them..."

"That's enough. You're consumed by your own delusions and your life is controlled by jealousy. In my eyes, you've turned into a psycho!"

"Didn't Tangning simply reject you? Just because your pride was hurt, you decided to hate her so much...?"

"No! It's because she's a fake!"

“Stop trying to explain yourself, Han Xiuche. If you want to destroy me as well, then keep doing what you’re doing.” As soon as Han Jie said this, he opened the door and left.

In reality, Han Xiuche had already seen the discussions online. This time, he simply hadn’t been cautious of Mo Ting. Next time, he wasn’t going to make the same mistake again...

Yes, next time...

Chapter 1067: No One Can Bully You

He still wanted a next time!

After returning home, Tangning ran straight over to Mo Ting and hugged him without bothering to even take off her shoes, “Do you know how charming you were today?”

“Are you trying to say that I’m not usually charming?” Mo Ting carried Tangning in his arms and first checked that the three kids were sleeping.

The dietitian and the couple’s two mother’s helped with the kids on a regular basis. So, whenever Tangning wasn’t around and Mo Ting was busy as well, they would confirm that the kids were asleep before they left.

Fortunately, the three siblings were sleeping soundly. So, President Mo carried Tangning straight into the bedroom and into their ensuite, where he placed her on top of the vanity.

“Let me have a look at your foot.”

“It’s fine,” Tangning smiled. “I didn’t injure my foot. My heel simply broke off. I must have worn it out when I visited Qiao Sen’s grave in the morning. It was my fault for being too careless and not noticing.”

“If Long Jie didn’t call me at the right time, how would you have resolved the matter tonight? Huh?” Mo Ting asked as he held onto Tangning’s chin and looked into her eyes. “Do you know how much my heart ached when I looked at you standing helplessly on the awards stage? Everyone was looking at you in ridicule, waiting for you to embarrass yourself. If I didn’t come, what would you have done?”

“If worse came to worst, I would have just accepted the embarrassment. Either way, I’m still yours,” Tangning laughed. However, Mo Ting looked at her in seriousness. So, she replied honestly, “If I embarrassed myself, then what’s done would have been done. I couldn’t have turned back time. However, I could have relieved the situation. I will never be left helpless because I’m not a pushover. I’ve never been one and I never will be.”

“Fine, hurry and have a bath...”

Mo Ting did not ask any further because he knew Tangning would easily argue back. However, he was already there on the scene at the time, so he couldn’t possibly sit back and watch his wife being bullied.

“We still have Han Xiuche to deal with...”

“Have you thought of a plan?” Mo Ting asked Tangning as he helped her remove her clothes.

“Uh huh,” Tangning nodded. “Since he’s using my fan club to attack me, then I’ll attack him back with the same method. I’ll deliberately give him fake information and force him to kneel and apologize in front of everyone!”

After Mo Ting heard Tangning’s response, he gently brushed his hand through her hair and pressed his lips firmly against hers.

“No one can bully you...No one! They never could and never will.”

“What if you bully me?”

After hearing this, Mo Ting looked at Tangning in surprise, “Me? Bully you?”

“Aren’t you bullying me right now?” Tangning said with a hidden meaning.

Afterwards, a long dress and other pieces of clothing fell to the floor. Under the warm lighting and steamy atmosphere, the intimate couple forgot how long the night was. Because, they were busy for the entire night...

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The next day, interesting incidences from the film festival appeared on the headlines of all the national media outlets. Apart from Tangning’s appearance and the way she gave a face slap, there were also other arguments behind-the-scenes, celebrities vying for the limelight, fighting in the bathroom and more. Everything was rather spectacular.

But, no matter how one looked at it, Tangning was still the main attraction. No one could deny that.

Later on, Long Jie retrieved the security video of Han Xiuche at the film festival from Lu Che and looked at it in detail. After playing it over and over again for quite some time, Long Jie felt the urge to slap the jerk and wake him up!

“Even though everyone’s scolding him, this jerk is still in hiding. What a coward!”

Afterwards, Tangning also watched the video. She then said to Long Jie, “Ask the president of my fan club to assist by announcing that all members are invited to a test screening of ‘The Ant Queen’. Of course, we’ll schedule this for after the real test screening. Han Xiuche will definitely find a way to sneak in and watch the film. If I’m prepared for it, he will definitely be caught on the spot!”

“OK.”

“But, due to the fact that this jerk is so thick-skinned, we need to be careful when investigating him. Otherwise, he will continue to appear before us and annoy us.”

“Don’t worry,” Long Jie nodded. “Lu Che and I are working on this separately. I’m sure we’ll get the information we want soon.”

“That’s great.” After talking to Long Jie about their plan of attack, Tangning rubbed her eyes tiredly. As soon as Long Jie saw this, she couldn’t help but chuckle.

“Boss lost control?”

“You know too much,” Tangning said as she nudged Long Jie in the head.

“Get some rest. We are about to start the second round of promotions. The test screening is coming up. You are about to face the challenge of the entire film market.”

“I know,” Tangning said as she leaned back. She was still stressing over what the Han brothers said to her earlier.

Although it wasn't difficult to prove her innocence, what would she do if Han Xiuche made an unexpected move?

If he used the matter elsewhere, then she was going to spend a lot of time being cautious of him and cleaning up after him.

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In order not to attract suspicion from Han Xiuche, Long Jie waited a few days before she asked the club president to announce the news of the test screening on the official fan club page. As soon as the fans saw it, they cheered in excitement. Meanwhile, using the account given to him, Han Xiuche also saw the announcement.

The reason why Tangning arranged this, was to not only make Han Xiuche reveal himself, but to also distract him so he wouldn't play tricks at the real test screening.

Lu Che already had the guest list for the test screening in his hands. On top of that, he had already begun to send out invites after confirmation from Mo Ting. Apart from a few special requests from Tangning, the rest of the guests were selected by Mo Ting.

In reality, during the film festival, more people were focused on Tangning than her film.

Although the results from the first round of promotions was a hit, people were still more excited about seeing Tangning than seeing her film.

After all, there were plenty of domestically produced sci-fi films that made money from promotions.

Because film fans were aware of this tactic, they did not anticipate 'The Ant Queen' as much as expected...

Fans admitted that Tangning made them anticipate the film more than normal, but it was only a little more.

To receive actual acknowledgement, they still had to display something that truly proved their worth!

After all, people laughed in the past when they heard that Tangning was producing a sci-fi film.

Of course, they were tempted to go searching for something to prove the film's worth themselves, but, they were afraid that Tangning was putting on a fake facade. This made them both excited, yet anxious.

Chapter 1068: Give Tangning A Surprise

Soon, the test screening for 'The Ant Queen' was just around the corner and the second round of promotions were following closely behind. As promised, Mo Ting had said that he was going to select a suitable advertiser to help spread the film to a larger audience.

But, due to Tangning's involvement and the fact that she was popular to begin with, Hai Rui saved a lot of energy in their promotion efforts.

When it came to other artists, they probably had to spend ten times the amount of energy. But, with Tangning, they simply had to give a little push and they were already half way to their goal!

Everything seemed to be running smoothly. However, the Han Jie that had been humiliated at the Film Festival couldn't accept what had happened. Even though he hated his brother's lousy methods, he was still an adult with a status in the entertainment industry. How could he tolerate being humiliated in front of everyone?

So, he decided to get justice for himself!

Didn't Han Xiuche say that Tangning claimed her film was domestically produced but it actually accepted help from Hollywood...?

With that thought, Han Jie gave his secretary a phone call and told her to find the contact details for the best special effects agency in the country.

If Tangning got help from Hollywood, then he had to find the evidence to convict her. To get this evidence, he had to find a professional to study it.

The thing that was smart about Han Jie compared to Han Xiuche, was the fact that he acted carefully. Everything he did was so he could give Tangning a surprise before her test screening!

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The test screening for 'The Ant Queen' was held in the biggest theater in Beijing. Big shots from the film industry, slowly arrived at the 100+ capacity theater. They felt anticipation, anxiety and they were also afraid of disappointment.

Because, up until this point, this was still a film that was produced by an artist with an unacknowledged identity.

But, the funny thing was, true film lovers, did not underestimate Tangning's efforts.

The test screening was scheduled for 3:30pm in the afternoon. As the time approached, the audience slowly piled in. However, while the film was screening, a piece of news suddenly attracted a lot of attention.

"According to experts, Tangning claims her latest film was domestically produced, but traces of Hollywood have been found in her work. Our reporters have tracked down the best special effects technician in China for an answer."

"Special effects in the domestic market has indeed progressed quickly in recent years, but we can clearly see signs of international techniques in the trailer of Tangning's latest film. In a moment, I will present

you all with some comparisons. I know that Tangning wants to produce a sci-fi film that belongs exclusively to us, but I think it's best if she remains honest first!"

This particular special effects technician came out of the blue, accepted the media's interview and claimed that Tangning lied.

"I hope her fans don't try to attack me. I'm simply telling the truth!"

Afterwards, the camera returned to the reporter and the reporter gave a conclusion, "As we all know, the test screening for 'The Ant Queen' is being held this afternoon. According to reports from the scene, most of the people there are the same people from the Film Festival."

"Unfortunately, news like this broke out, moments before the film was about to start. I wonder if it will affect the opinions of those watching it. Let's wait and see everyone's reactions..."

Explosive news like this, naturally spread at an alarming rate. So, in the short span of 20-30 minutes, everyone had heard that Tangning was 'lying'.

Afterwards, Long Jie told Tangning about what was happening. Even though the theater was packed to the brim with people, Tangning simply stood at the back. She knew that there was nothing she could do at a moment like this. Even if everyone was biased towards her, they would have to talk about it after the test screening.

"Where did this rubbish special effects technician come from? How dare he talk nonsense?"

"Tangning...will this affect everyone's viewing experience?"

"You go out first and find out what's going on. The test screening has started, so let's let everyone watch the film in peace."

Tangning pushed Long Jie out of the theater.

From the time she first announced her comeback to that very moment in time, she was constantly crawling out of pits that people had dug for her, emerging with a body covered in mud.

So, this time, there was no such thing as too late for PR. She couldn't wait to see everyone's reactions after watching her film.

As expected, Fang Yu was sitting amongst the audience with Huo Jingjing. As soon as they saw Tangning stand up, they also stood up and joined her in the back of the theater.

"I saw the news..."

"Do you believe it?"

"Where did this special effects technician come from? Does he think he has the authority to speak on behalf of the entire industry?" Huo Jingjing laughed. "Of course I believe you."

Regardless of the results, Tangning felt Huo Jingjing's response already made everything worth it!

What was there to be afraid of? The special effects was something that her and her entire team spent grueling hours working on. It wasn't something that a simple 'authoritative figure' could put doubt into.

“You should put some faith in the media this time. Let’s see which side they take. You can’t oppose them forever...”

Tangning understood what Huo Jingjing was trying to say, so she nodded her head and gave Mo Ting a phone call to tell him not to do any PR. Since news had already begun spreading, clearing the searches at a time like this would simply make them look more suspicious.

“Yes, that’s the right amount of confidence. Trust me!” After speaking, Huo Jingjing patted Tangning on the shoulder and pointed with her chin, “Go, you belong at the front!”

After that, Huo Jingjing returned to her seat, placed her gaze on the big screen and focused on the film that was playing.

Tangning let go of all her worries and anxiousness. While watching the film, she was reminded of her time with Qiao Sen and his happy and warm smile. This memory made it feel like he was right there, telling her, “Don’t be afraid, don’t hide, you’ve done nothing wrong. Be brave!”

There were 134 guests in the audience. Amongst them, were authoritative figures in the film industry, fans of sci-fi, general fans, film critics, and good friends.

Throughout the entire film, no one fell asleep. In fact, no one even got up to go to the bathroom.

As a result, 2+ hours passed, just like that...

Although, towards the end of the film, there was an obvious change in filming styles because An Zihao had replaced Qiao Sen, when the credits started rolling and the lights turned on, Tangning found most people remained glued to their seats.

“Tangning!” Someone called from behind.

“Huh?” Tangning queried as she stood up...

Chapter 1069: I Trust You !

“I trust you!”

“Huh?” Before Tangning could see the person clearly, a few other people stood up and said, “We also trust you.”

“Us too!”

Soon, the entire theater was standing up expressing their thoughts.

“Previously, due to the media’s manipulation, we lost a great actress because you were forced to retreat and no longer act. One year later, we are faced with a similar situation; everything seems so familiar. I’m afraid that if I choose the wrong side again, we will end up losing a great producer as well!”

A film critic walked over to Tangning and stretched out his hand.

Tangning froze for a moment before she also stretched out her hand.

"I don't know if you convinced everyone else. But...you definitely convinced me!"

"Thank you," Tangning's eyes slowly turned red.

A moment later, the theater erupted into an applause.

"You've also convinced me!"

"Me too!"

At that moment, Tangning stood up, looked at the audience and gave a sincere bow, "Your acknowledgment means a lot to me."

"If Qiao Sen sees this in heaven, he will definitely be relieved!"

"The film is truly impressive!"

"I'm not sure what everyone else thinks, but, as soon as the giant ant appeared in the first scene, I began to wonder if those were the special effects that supposedly came from Hollywood. But, as I watched further, I realized that it wasn't..."

"I'm saying this because I've worked with the post-production team in Hollywood before."

Everyone was shocked by this film critic's words.

"In the past, I've been very critical towards domestically produced films because I really wanted to see the industry improve. So, I'm sorry, even without the rumors, I still would have entered this theater with doubt. But, after I finished watching your film, I suddenly felt like crying..."

"You've made me feel deeply ashamed."

"We are the same, we both want the film industry to grow. But, while I've simply been judging everyone, you actually went ahead and proactively did something."

"You went from a model to an actress with no prior experience. Whereas, I went to Hollywood for so many years with no intention of ever producing my own movie, because I was too afraid."

"You make me feel so ashamed."

Tangning shook her head, "You're being too kind!"

"If the public continues to criticize you over unwarranted filth and it has something to do with filming, I will definitely be the first to step out and speak for you. And, of course, I'll continue to keep my eye on you. When your film is officially released, I will take my entire family to the theater to watch it. That's all I want to say for today!"

After speaking, the 40-something-year-old man turned around and left. But, as he left, someone noticed him wiping a tear from his eye.

Afterwards, people began to investigate who this man was and discovered he had indeed worked in Hollywood for many years. He had even appeared on Time Magazine in the past!

Either way, the audience in the test screening felt a sense of relief. Even though their emotions were still hyped up by the film, they at least knew that 'The Ant Queen' wasn't a disappointment – that Tangning wasn't a disappointment.

A little while later, the theater cleared out...

A crowd of reporters were already gathered outside, waiting to hear everyone ridicule Tangning.

So, as soon as someone stepped out, they immediately surrounded them.

Of course, the film critic that had just had a heartfelt conversation with Tangning was amongst those being surrounded, "Since you've watched the film now, could you express your thoughts regarding the rumor that Tangning lied about the film being domestically produced?"

"What's wrong with her saying that it was domestically produced?" the man asked.

"A top class special effects technician already proved that she was lying. He said that Tangning..."

"Top class? How long has he been in the industry?" the man asked. "Tell him, if he has the guts to stand in front of me and tell me that he's top class, then I'll answer your question."

"Are you trying to say that Tangning didn't lie?"

"What reason would she have to lie? Is she lacking in popularity or is she lacking in box office sales?"

"Well..."

"Young lady, as a reporter, you should be positive and give Tangning more praise, rather than constantly looking for gossip," the man said before he left. But, the reporter was confused by the man's response.

At that time, the reporters were still unaware of who they had just questioned.

All they knew was, the people that they thought would come out of the theater with complaints, did not react as expected.

So, while Tangning's rumors were at its peak, the test screening for 'The Ant Queen' came to an end.

However, no one stepped out to review the film. Was it good or not?

Everyone simply had a secretive look on their face. Did this mean that the film was horrible?

No...

Because a few lucky fans that got to join the test screening revealed, "My Ning is f*cken awesome! This was truly the best sci-fi film I've ever watched. After the film was finished, a film critic that previously worked in Hollywood even praised Tangning."

"It was sooo good! My Ning is the best!"

However, fans had always been biased, so, people following the story believed they were exaggerating. All the talk about Hollywood and praises from a film critic were just lies made for bragging.

Who could trust the words of a fan?

If their idol told them to die, they would even do it, so their words naturally couldn't be trusted.

"That's enough. Even if Tangning eats sh*t, her fans would still say it's great!"

"These people are bragging too much! Their words sound extremely exaggerated!"

"I bet it's nothing good! Aren't people saying that Hollywood helped with the post-production? If that's the case, then why don't I go watch a true Hollywood film instead?"

Online, a lot of people ridiculed the reviews from Tangning's fans. This made them furious.

However, not too long later, the first proper review for 'The Ant Queen' appeared online.

It seemed, the truth wasn't that no one wanted to provide a review. They simply needed some time to discuss it properly. Otherwise, they would feel like they wasted Tangning's persistence and effort as well as the film's magnificence!

"I must admit that 'The Ant Queen' is the best domestic sci-fi film. If you don't agree, then keep your mouth shut!"

"Why did I choose to respond so many hours after the event ended? It's because I didn't feel like what I wrote was sincere enough. I'm sorry to the staff of 'The Ant Queen, especially Qiao Sen, who passed away because of this!"

"So, after returning home, I sat in a daze in front of the computer for a long time. I'm sure the majority of people that saw this film also felt the same way!"

"Before watching 'The Ant Queen', I actually felt a complex mix of feelings. With the added scandal that Tangning was lying and she was using Hollywood to help with her special effects, I actually thought it was over, that the film was definitely a flop..."

"But, after I watched it, I ended up giving myself a face slap!"

Chapter 1070: If You Can't Accept It, Then Keep Your Mouth Shut !

"Because it made me hate myself. After all, the first thing I did when I heard an actress was producing a film, was ridicule her!"

"Reality has proven that Tangning's ability to give faceslaps is number one in the industry. So, I would like to give her an official apology and sincerely ask the media to stop listening to false rumors. The self proclaimed top class special effects technician, please scurry back to the planet where you came from. Don't ever show yourself in front of me!"

"Now that I've gotten some personal complaints off my chest, let's talk about the actual film. I would like to point out how this film completely stunned and amazed me!"

Following on, there was a second page...

...and a third page...

The ex-Hollywood film critic expressed his opinion, page after page. However, he didn't just use written words, he even filmed a video.

When the man appeared on the screen, everyone could see the bookshelf behind him was filled with classic international blockbusters. Amongst them, were films that he had worked on as well.

Because of this video, the media realized that this hidden expert was the man they had questioned before.

"I'm filming this video because I want to tell everyone that Hollywood was not involved with the post production of 'The Ant Queen'. Why am I so sure? Because I've worked in Hollywood before. Also, as soon as I got home, I already gave my American friends a phone call to confirm. Yes, Tangning did take her team to the US, but, they studied and experimented on their own without using any resources or techniques from Hollywood."

"I don't know how the supposed top class special effects technician concluded that Tangning lied. Perhaps, he has x-ray vision. But, I can responsibly tell everyone that 'The Ant Queen' was purely produced by China; there are no problems with it!"

"I'm clarifying everything because I don't want anyone to view our domestically produced 'Ant Queen' with prejudice. If anyone has the contact details for the special effects technician that spoke up earlier, please pass it on to me. I would love to reason with him."

"Lastly...don't ask me stupid questions like whether 'The Ant Queen' was good or not."

"The seriousness that Tangning puts into acting, is the same seriousness that she puts into producing a film. If she can convince an ex-Hollywood sci-fi lover like me, then she will definitely not disappoint you!"

"That is my honest opinion after watching the film!"

"Oh, by the way, the film critic that praised Tangning at the test screening – the one that the fans mentioned – that was me!"

It turned out, the fan post that looked really exaggerated, was actually true?

What an eye opener!

Afterwards, the film critic's video spread like wildfire, and in turn, 'The Ant Queen's' reputation rapidly improved.

Of course, with this review and support, the so-called top class special effects technician immediately hid his identity. In fact, he wanted badly to wipe away the stupid things he had said.

He had to admit, he had actually accepted money from Han Jie to say the things he did. Originally, he thought he could leech off Tangning's popularity, but obviously, he had shot himself in the foot instead!

This top class expert, was just an expert in lies!

After the test screening ended, 'The Ant Queen' experienced a huge shift in opinions. Because the film had gone through a lot of insults and lies, fans couldn't wait to see the real film appear in theaters.

“At first, I was afraid that it would be rubbish. So, I wanted to see how bad the film could get. But now that big shots in the industry and an expert film critic has given their praise, I’ve changed my mindset. Now I want to see how good it is!”

“Supposedly, the special effects are thrilling, the scenes are thrilling, in fact, the entire film is thrilling as hell!”

“I want to see the transparent body of the giant ant! Just the thought of it appearing on the big screen is so fascinating!”

“Aiya! Hurry and release it already!”

Amidst the anticipation from film fans...Tangning finally saw hope in ‘The Ant Queen’.

At that moment, she really wanted to cry. If Qiao Sen was still around and he saw this, how happy would he be?

Therefore, Tangning decided to send Qiao Sen’s daughter a film ticket. She really wanted to tell her that she had fulfilled Qiao Sen’s dream.

And, it was almost time for ‘The Ant Queen’ to be released!

But, ever since the end of the test screening, Mo Ting had been investigating the so-called top class special effects technician.

Who gave him the courage to start a scandal claiming that Tangning was lying at such a coincidental time?

“President, our findings have revealed that a lot of people recently contacted this man. But, there is one particular person that is especially suspicious. This man,” Lu Che revealed his findings to Mo Ting.

“Han Jie?”

“Maybe he held a grudge against you after the way you treated him at the film festival, or perhaps, he did it to get revenge for his brother. Either way, Madam’s incident this time, definitely had something to do with him,” Lu Che said, “Should we do something?”

“Notify people within the industry to suppress him a little. Let him panic over his own affairs. After that, we will think of a way to end everything,” Mo Ting said coldly. “What’s the other document in your hands?”

“It’s an investigation that the Madam told Xiao Man to do, it’s information regarding the Han brothers’ background. We’ve discovered some things, so I was just about to send this over to her,” Lu Che replied.

“Send it as soon as possible.”

The two brothers were so ill-conceived. It was no surprise that people wanted to put an end to them.

That’s why, after the test screening, Tangning actually had plans to drag Han Xiuche out into the open. If she didn’t deal with this sneaky man soon, he would probably cause bigger troubles in the future.

Soon, Tangning received the information from Long Jie.

“This information took Lu Che a lot of effort to find. Since the brothers have so many secrets, it’s no surprise that they didn’t want people to find out about them.”

“Their mother cheated on their father. In fact, she didn’t just cheat on him with one man. So, their parents got a divorce and the two brothers ended up with their father.”

“Perhaps, due to this reason, both brothers have a huge misconception towards women.”

“This may explain why Han Xiuche keeps thinking that you’re lying.”

“Now that you know their background story, what do you plan to do?”

“First, I’m going to make Han Xiuche step out and provide an apology. Ever since the incident with Superstar Media, there has been no end to this man’s tricks. I don’t want to waste my time on this piece of trash anymore,” Tangning replied. “So, let’s stick to our plan and get this sorted in two days time.”

“Are you planning to deal with it personally?”

“Of course. There’s something I want to ask him in person...”