

Work Hard 1181

Chapter 1181: How's That Possible ?

On the morning of the 16th, the mysterious coupons were finally all handed out. Although it wasn't hard to find a few lying around in rubbish bins, the majority of coupon-holders planned to attend the event that night.

Soon, a long line formed outside a particular theater. Everyone in line had something in common: they liked 'The Ant Queen' wholeheartedly.

Reporters soon arrived on the scene and they all wanted to know what film fans thought about Hai Rui's event. A large number of people actually answered enthusiastically.

"It's freezing cold today, so I didn't really want to leave the house. But, it's so lively inside the theater and Hai Rui is holding a big and interesting event for 'The Ant Queen'. Plus, I'm especially curious about the 'gift' in my hands," a young man said.

"Places like this are the best for dates. It's nice and warm in here."

"Yes, we're fans of Tangning's. We're attending this event to show support and encourage her to release 'The Ant Queen 2' soon," a couple said.

"As a fan of Tangning's, I had to come today. Every Tang Fan should be here today."

After this particular girl spoke, a few dozen other girls swarmed towards the camera from behind her.

The reporters sensed the enthusiasm in the theater and naturally developed their own ideas regarding the mysterious gift, "Looking at this long line of coupon-holders, I'm actually feeling a little envious of them. The way that this gift has been organized is so creative. On this cold winter's night, Hai Rui's Anniversary Event is definitely the hottest thing in town. I hope Hai Rui can continue to create new and unique experiences to give everyone warmth and happiness!"

The reporters ended their broadcast there and did not report any further.

Meanwhile, to truly see the audience's reaction, Tangning had to personally visit the theater.

At that time, the coupon-holders piled into one of the screening rooms and found their seat.

Were they perhaps watching a film to commemorate 'The Ant Queen'?

"If it's some kind of commemoration film, then I don't want to watch it."

"I don't think it's that simple. If it's a commemoration film, Hai Rui could have released it into the open instead of making it so mysterious and fancy."

"Exactly. It's still the beginning so let's remain patient in case we really miss out on a huge surprise."

Soon, the entire room was filled with faces of confusion. Afterwards, the lights turned off. Then, after the usual reminder popped on screen asking everyone to remain quiet, a giant ant appeared on the screen.

When they saw the ant, a few of the audience members wanted to get up and leave because they thought Hai Rui had invited them there for another screening of 'The Ant Queen', but they'd already watched it a countless number of times.

But, when the film title appeared on the screen, everyone screamed and cheered in excitement.

"Woo! Look! Look! It says '2'! It's not the first film!"

"Oh my God, it really does say '2'! Is this just the trailer?"

Everyone in the theater was so excited that they started questioning each other, "Is this real? Oh my God, I wasn't prepared for this at all!"

Seeing that the audience wasn't calming down, the staff in charge of the screening, temporarily stopped the film and stepped out to provide an explanation, "Welcome everyone. You guys aren't seeing things, this is indeed the screening of Tangning's latest film, 'The Ant Queen 2'! As you managed to get your hands on a coupon, you are the lucky guests of this film's premier. I hope you can all remain quiet for the remaining time and enjoy the film!"

"Wait, Miss, let me calm down first. I can't believe this!"

A young sci-fi fan in the middle felt like he had won a huge prize, so he needed some time to gather his composure.

"OK, sir, we will give you two minutes. After that, the film will resume screening."

"This is the sequel! Not the first film! I'm so excited! I need to post about this online!"

"Me too! Me too!"

"Oh God, Hai Rui sure knows how to create a surprise. This is like winning a major prize!"

"So, we're the first ones to watch this? We're so lucky!"

The audience shared their feelings and quickly released their emotions in two minutes. After that, the film officially started screening. Everyone tried their best to calm down and eventually immersed themselves into the film.

It was normal for them to act this way. After all, it was seriously hard to come across a great sci-fi film...

Afterwards, the social media accounts of the audience members went crazy. Post after post of disbelief fueled that cold winter's night.

"You guys watched 'The Ant Queen 2'? How's that possible?"

"You guys are lying. You must be watching the first film. We haven't heard anything regarding the sequel yet."

A particular audience member even had a huge argument online with his friend, until he showed him a photo and he finally believed he was telling the truth.

Afterwards, the friend logged onto the theater's official app and discovered that, without any prior notification, tickets were being sold for 'The Ant Queen 2' – it had officially begun screening!

“WTF, I’m not sleeping! I want to go over to the theater right now to watch it! But, I can’t seem to buy any tickets. Hai Rui, please explain...”

“There are only tickets available for tomorrow. I must book one for tomorrow, then!”

While Elder Nangong was completely oblivious, ‘The Ant Queen 2’ officially began screening. To highlight the importance of that night’s event and to make the coupon-holders feel special, Hai Rui spoke to the theaters and agreed to not have any more screenings until the next day.

When the people that had thrown away their coupons found out it was actually a ticket for the premier of ‘The Ant Queen 2’, many of them ran back to where they had disposed of it and tried to dig it out of the rubbish bins. This was observed in many places around the country.

The cleaners were shocked by this scene!

Why were these nicely dressed young men and women searching through the bins?

This was because Hai Rui’s event was actually more effective than any typical marketing plan.

After all, the first audience members were spreading word like crazy and promoting the film for them, while those that missed out on the coupons, could only listen with envy...

The desperation for tickets created by this event, put a huge smile on the faces of theater owners. Because, overnight, pre-booked ticket sales for ‘The Ant Queen 2’ went crazy...

No other agency was better to co-operate with than Hai Rui, because every time Tangning released a film, they would make a huge profit.

So, even though the weather was cold and they had to work late, the theater staff were brimming with energy.

Was ‘The Ant Queen 2’ going to be a huge hit? Need that be asked?

No one expected Tangning and Mo Ting to pull a trick like this. So, the next day, when everyone was already talking about ‘The Ant Queen 2’, Elder Nangong was still clueless about his situation...

Chapter 1182: Other People Have Dignity Too

Elder Nangong’s assistant carefully placed the news in front of the old man.

“What’s this all about?” the old man asked after he read through the news.

“Hai Rui held an anniversary event for ‘The Ant Queen’ yesterday. They teamed up with theaters around the nation to hold a mysterious promotion and surprised everyone with the premier of ‘The Ant Queen 2’.”

“No one expected ‘The Ant Queen 2’ to be released in this way. Everyone felt that Hai Rui’s method was very interesting and successful. Apparently, the ticket sales for ‘The Ant Queen 2’ has already hit the billions.”

"I heard it's such a big hit that tickets are hard to come by now!" the assistant said as he glanced awkwardly at the old man.

After hearing what his assistant said, the old man stood up and walked over to Nangong Quan's office.

"Nangong Quan, you went back on your word!"

Nangong Quan was in the middle of talking to a few newcomers. Although he expected the old man to eventually come looking for him, he didn't expect it to happen so soon.

"You guys can go out first..."

After the artist left, only Nangong Quan and his grandfather remained in the office. The old man's eyes burned with rage, ready to tear his grandson apart at any moment.

"If I was to tell you that I didn't say a word to the Mo Family, you probably wouldn't believe me, right?" Nangong Quan laughed. "But, Grandfather, that is the truth. I did not reveal anything to the Mo Family. Plus, I already told you ages ago that even if Mo Ting knew nothing, you would still be helpless around him."

"Do you expect me to believe you?" Elder Nangong refused to believe that Mo Ting and Tangning were this cautious. Of course, he preferred to believe that Nangong Quan had revealed his plan and they were teaming up to screw him over.

"It's up to you whether you believe me or not. But, if I had told Hai Rui about your plan, they wouldn't have waited so long to take action."

"Since you didn't keep your promise, then don't blame me for not sticking to our agreement. If something bad happens, you will just have to accept the consequences!"

After speaking, the old man stormed out of the office, leaving Nangong Quan with a helpless expression.

After all, he never expected that Mo Ting and Tangning would release 'The Ant Queen 2' without a word either. What could he do about it? Unfortunately, the old man refused to believe him...

But, this was how meticulous Tangning and Mo Ting was; how could anyone not admit defeat?

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After leaving Nangong Quan's office, the old man contacted the Americans over the phone. No matter what, the Americans had to release their film by the end of the month, otherwise, there would be nothing to distract the Mo Couple while he executed his Christmas scheme.

The couple were certainly sneaky!

He was shocked that his grandson had gone through such lengths to notify the Mo Couple about his plan. But, this was because he refused to believe that Mo Ting and Tangning were so smart on their own.

'The Ant Queen 2' was a huge hit in the theaters, but this wasn't purely based on the event they held the previous night, but because fans had anticipated its release for a really long time. More importantly, Tangning delivered what she had promised because 'The Ant Queen 2' was of a high quality. In fact, now

that they had changed their post production team, the visuals were actually more bold and unrestrained, making the film more exciting and thrilling.

Above all, the audience was ecstatic about the villain played by Mo Ting.

He had obviously never trained in martial arts, but his fight scenes with Senior Long were solid and very realistic.

The audience was thrilled by this.

So, 'The Ant Queen 2's' ticket sales and reputation both soared.

After watching 'The Ant Queen 2', film fans were truly convinced by Tangning. No matter what she went through before she started filming, the final results were always so satisfying.

She was the one that gave the domestic sci-fi market quality and progress.

As a result, film fans truly respected her. They even labeled her as the National Mother of Sci-fi.

"'The Ant Queen 2' is even better than 'The Ant Queen'. The plot feels more complete and satisfying and they've gotten a lot braver with the visuals."

"I used to be embarrassed by our domestically produced films, but now, I finally feel like we have a quality production to be proud of."

"I kept crying while I watched 'The Ant Queen 2'. I'm not sure why, but it must be because the film was so great."

In the end, the reviews were generally good. Of course, this was largely due to Hai Rui's friendly approach to the public; it made them feel respected. They could also tell that Tangning truly wanted to create a good film for everyone to enjoy and had no ulterior motives.

She was truly sincere!

On the other hand, Springfall had already completed their film a while ago, but still hadn't released it yet.

As Hai Rui's move was too sudden and unexpected, Elder Nangong was completely unprepared. Not only did he fail to forewarn the Americans, he knew that if he released 'Parasite' after 'The Ant Queen 2' now, he would be throwing it into the depths of the ocean. After all, with Hai Rui's impressive performance, would people still care about him?

Previously, Nangong Quan had planned to release 'Parasite' before 'The Ant Queen 2' because he wanted to avoid being compared to it. By releasing it first, the audience wouldn't be so critical towards it and they'd even feel like it was keeping them company while they waited for 'The Ant Queen 2'.

But now...

With something so good available, why would anyone bother to watch 'Parasite'?

Springfall's staff started to experience disagreements as their dissatisfaction towards the old man reached its limit. At the same time, 'Parasite' was being delayed for an unknown amount of time. From

the staff's perspective, Elder Nangong was a jerk that simply wanted to get revenge and he didn't care about the lives of others.

He was even ruthless enough to poison his own grandson. What wouldn't he do to others?

A few higher-ups ended up handing in their resignations to Nangong Quan, one after another.

Nangong Quan had long predicted that this would happen, so he understandably let them all go after finalizing their remaining pay.

But, for Elder Nangong, this was another thing to be upset about, "The agency belongs to us and the money is in our hands. We can do whatever we want with it. When did these guys have the right to judge and comment on our decisions?"

"Other people have dignity too," Nangong Quan replied.

"Plus, I'm sure you know why they're leaving."

"This wouldn't have happened if you didn't reveal my plan!"

"I already told you that I didn't reveal anything. Believe it or not, this is the truth," Nangong Quan began to raise his voice. "Grandfather, you need to remember that I'm the CEO here. If you still want to make a move on me, then go ahead. If you succeed again, then I'll kneel down to you!"

"Stop saying such useless things. The plan with the Americans will go ahead as planned!"

"I've said it before, I won't get involved with what's happening in the US. Whether you go ahead with your plan or not, it has nothing to do with me," Nangong Quan ended the conversation right there, "I really want to see how you plan on defeating the Mo Family."

Chapter 1183: What Do You Have To Be Sorry About ?

"If you interfere again, I'm not going to acknowledge you as my grandson anymore!"

After giving his warning, Elder Nangong turned around and left Nangong Quan's office. And, judging by his tone, it seemed he was being serious.

Nangong Quan did not attempt to explain anything because he knew that it would mean nothing.

Even Su Youran suspected her husband of leaking information to the Mo Family after she heard that 'The Ant Queen 2' had been suddenly released. But, Nangong Quan returned home with an exhausted expression and shook his head, "It would have been great if I had the courage to do that."

"It really wasn't you?"

Nangong Quan shook his head again, "I already said long ago that Grandfather wouldn't be able to compete against Tangning and Mo Ting. He just didn't believe me."

"What did Grandfather say to you?"

"Grandfather thought the same way as you did: he thought I leaked information to the Mo Family."

“Is Grandfather angry?” After saying this, Su Youran suddenly realized a huge issue, “Oh no, Little Eggshell’s playing at a classmate’s house after school today. I’m going to go straight there to pick her up.”

“That’s not necessary. It’s not easy for Little Eggshell to make a friend. Just let her go...” Nangong Quan said as he stretched out his hand to stop Su Youran.

“But...”

In the end, reality proved that Su Youran’s instincts were right. Because, even as night hit, Little Eggshell had not returned home.

The couple sat in the living room with their arms crossed and waited. Finally, they gave the mother of the classmate a phone call. But, the response they got was, “I personally drove Little Eggshell to your front door. Didn’t she go inside?”

After hearing this, Nangong Quan jumped up in anger.

Little Eggshell was taken away, right on front of their home.

“Quan...what do we do now?”

Nangong Quan did not say a word as he pulled out his phone and called his grandfather. His voice was no longer calm as usual. In fact, it was slightly shaky, “Give Cai Er back to me...”

“To guarantee that you no longer get involved in my plan, Cai Er will stay with me for a while. After everything is over, I’ll naturally return her to you.”

“Are you a monster? You won’t even let go of your own great-granddaughter?” Nangong Quan asked furiously. “I already told you that the recent incident had nothing to do with me. Nothing!”

“Since you’re aware that Cai Er is my great-granddaughter, then you should know that I wouldn’t treat her badly. Let’s just leave it at that!”

After saying this, the old man hung up the phone.

“What did your grandfather say?” Su Youran asked. “How can we make him return Little Eggshell?”

“He said we have to wait for everything to be over first!” Nangong Quan said in a tired voice.

“I’m seriously wondering if he’s got something wrong with his brain!” Su Youran said furiously. She then said worriedly, “Little Eggshell is still so young. If she’s forced to live with such a monster, what are we going to do if she’s left with a trauma?”

“Plus, Little Eggshell has a slight cold. Can that monster actually take care of her?”

Seeing the anxious look on Su Youran’s face, Nangong Quan stretched out his arms and hugged her, “I’m sorry...I’m so sorry...”

“What do you have to be sorry about it...?” Su Youran cried. “Others should be saying sorry to you. Why are you saying sorry?”

Without their daughter by their side that night, the couple were destined to have no sleep...

Their hearts hurt too much. In fact, while Nangong Quan was in the study room, Su Youran couldn't help but give Tangning a phone call.

She was out of ideas. At home, she could be Nangong Quan's gentle wife and Little Eggshell's loving mother. But, when faced with scum like Elder Nangong, she was at her wits end...

"Ning Jie, please tell me, do you have any way of freeing the father and daughter from that monster?"

Tangning never expected that there was so much drama happening because of 'The Ant Queen 2'. She especially didn't expect that Elder Nangong would think that their film release was due to leaked information from Nangong Quan.

"If the old man continues to pressure us like this, I think...I think I might accidentally kill him one day!"

"Don't say that. The only reason why Ting and I released our film in this way is because we personally saw Elder Nangong secretly looking at one of our actor's scripts back when he was hiding amongst our staff. We didn't want there to be any trouble."

"Well, this time, I'm actually going to tell you his entire plan. Because, compared to that old bag of bones, I'd rather trust in the two of you. Please help me save Little Eggshell."

After hearing this, Tangning felt a little upset.

"Youran, the biggest help I can give you, is to pretend that I never received this phone call. We won't make any preparations because it may actually put Little Eggshell in danger."

What else wouldn't the old man do?

"But..."

"We're not going to run and hide. We are ready to play whatever game the old man wants to play. Your job is to not aggravate him any further."

Did the two families have to reach this point?

What benefit did it have for Elder Nangong?

After hanging up on Su Youran, Tangning was quite upset. Luckily, she and Mo Ting were careful. Otherwise, they would have already fallen into one of the old man's schemes.

However, Su Youran did not entirely explain what was happening in the US in detail. After all, she didn't exactly know what the old man had planned. But, Hai Rui wasn't afraid.

"I guess, we have to face this head on. Otherwise, the old man will blame the Nangong Couple and possibly vent his anger on a 5-6 year old."

After Mo Ting heard this, he nodded his head, "Even without Su Youran's notification, we would not have made a loss anyway."

"That old man has already turned into a psycho."

"I'm starting to hate that my Grandfather ratted him out back then..." Mo Ting suddenly said.

“Don’t say that. Grandfather would have never imagined that things would reach this stage. Let’s just wait and see what tricks Elder Nangong wants to play.”

Unfortunately, they had no idea that the old man’s tricks involved something that they wouldn’t be able to handle.

The old man was simply using Hai Rui as a distraction, while his true targets – were the twins!

After Mo Ting and Tangning were occupied elsewhere, he naturally had a way to capture the two kids...

So, even though there were a few changes in his plan, ‘The Wild Dog Crisis’ still went ahead and started screening. The method was adjusted a little, but the results were going to be the same.

Since he was planning to slander them, did it matter how dirty his tactics were?

He was going to claim that a member of staff from ‘The Ant Queen 2’ had come in contact with the script from the US and he wasn’t going to give Hai Rui the chance to defend themselves. After all, Hai Rui was big, but they still couldn’t compete with Hollywood.

The member of staff that the old man planned to use, was none other than the identity he had used to sneak onto the set of ‘The Ant Queen 2’: the explosives technician.

After all, the man had indeed worked in the US before Elder Nangong used his identity to join the set of ‘The Ant Queen 2’.

Although the police were still hunting him down, the man did actually exist at some point...But, the best thing for Elder Nangong was, using this identity would leave Hai Rui with no living witness.

Chapter 1184: Who Plagiarized Who ?

The average person couldn’t possibly be as cruel as Elder Nangong.

After all, he even went as far as to hold his own great-granddaughter hostage. What couldn’t he do for the sake of revenge?

So, ‘The Wild Dog Crisis’ ended up being released at the end of December as the old man had hoped. However, as an old name in the industry, the agency that produced the film didn’t initially receive the attention that they expected. It wasn’t until the next day, when scandals broke out, that the American audience finally took notice of them.

“OMG! Supposedly, one of our films plagiarized a Chinese film. I can’t believe it.”

“I don’t believe the Chinese could possibly write anything good, but they did indeed start screening first.”

“What a joke! What hasn’t the Chinese plagiarized in the past? How could they have the audacity to make an accusation like this?”

The news quickly got hyped up because it involved the clash of two cultures.

Plus, Hollywood was a place where everyone in entertainment aimed for. How could they say that a Hollywood agency plagiarized the Chinese?

Even if the Westerners were beaten to death, they'd still refuse to believe it.

Because of this scandal, the Americans began to take note of 'The Wild Dog Crisis', as well as Tangning's film, 'The Ant Queen 2'. On one hand, they ridiculed the Chinese for their filming techniques, while on the other, they praised their own country's production for having an improved storyline.

They were completely shameless. Even though Tangning's film had started screening so far ahead, they still managed to grasp onto it to create hype and benefit from it.

A little while later, the American film agency announced that they would be seriously dealing with the accusations and claimed that a Chinese explosives technician stole their script and leaked it. On top of that, they also revealed evidence that the man had worked on the set of 'The Ant Queen 2'.

"We are going to punish the Chinese agency for what they've done. Our lawyers will be contacting them soon. I hope 'The Ant Queen 2' can be taken out of the theaters as a sign of respect."

The Americans expressed their standpoint clearly, but that wasn't the main issue. The main issue was the fact that the Chinese audience ended up being successfully riled up as well.

Plagiarism was something that no one could accept, especially when their favorite, Tangning, and the country's biggest agency, Hai Rui, were involved. If even their Hai Rui's production couldn't be trusted, then there was honestly no hope left for the domestic sci-fi market.

So, netizens began to express their opinions online.

"I think the Americans are being shameless and twisting the truth. 'The Ant Queen 2' obviously started screening first. How could they claim that they plagiarized off them?"

"Are the Americans using their power to bully the weak?"

"I've seen both movies. The similarities lie in just one particular supporting character; even their lines are pretty much the same. But, I can't tell who plagiarized who."

"Does Hollywood need to copy from others?"

"Don't blame me for being blunt, the two films have the same lines, but the lines definitely fit the context of 'The Ant Queen 2' more. In the American film, it's a bit out of place."

"I've also seen the American film. To be honest, it's not up to Hollywood standard. The plot is all over the place; even the protagonist doesn't have a main plot line. It's simply filled with blood and action. If we're talking about plagiarism, I'm sure it was the Americans that plagiarized!"

All of a sudden, the entire internet was filled with discussions. But, of course, Elder Nangong successfully affected 'The Ant Queen 2's' momentum, because a lot of people started to shift to a neutral standpoint. At least, until the copyright was confirmed, they weren't planning to buy any tickets to watch it."

For 'The Ant Queen 2' to experience such an incident while they were at their highest point, was quite a sudden blow.

Especially when the Americans acted frighteningly fast. Right after they said they were contacting Hai Rui, they immediately jumped on the next plane and headed towards Beijing.

The Americans acted like they were telling the truth and put up a strong and intimidating front.

But, only those involved, knew why this was happening.

As Su Youran and Nangong Quan sat at home watching the news, they were both furious and shocked. If Little Eggshell wasn't in Elder Nangong's hands, they may have already stepped forward to betray the old man. But, now that their daughter was in his hands, they were afraid to tread recklessly.

The public wanted Hai Rui to provide an explanation because the scandal involved national pride. If even an agency like Hai Rui turned to plagiarism, what hope did the industry have left?

Because of this matter, Fang Yu ended up holding a press conference. As he stood on the stage, he said confidently to the media, "Thank you everyone for your concern regarding this scandal. Please let me provide an explanation on behalf of Hai Rui."

"Firstly, the script for 'The Ant Queen 2', which was produced by Tangning and distributed by Hai Rui, was completely written by the hands Hai Rui's CEO, Mo Ting. Here is the original handwritten draft with clearly marked dates. Which means, even before 'The Ant Queen 2' started filming, there was already a confirmed script. At that time, Mr. Ceng, hadn't even joined the crew yet. So, how could he have possibly leaked information for us to plagiarize?"

"Moreover, the final scripts and synopsis in every single actor's hands were issued on specific dates. Which meant, nothing changed during filming. So, how did the plagiarism occur?"

"Secondly, I'm sure everyone heard about the explosion that happened on the set of 'The Ant Queen 2'. The explosives technician that's in question, was the culprit behind the explosion. Even as we speak, the police are still trying to find him. But, according to one of our actors, he caught the man sneaking glances at his script during his break. Could it be possible that this man ran away to The States and leaked our script to the Americans instead?"

"Thirdly, we've analysed the plot of both films. I'm sure everyone can tell which film the 'plagiarized portion' is more suited to."

"A film that's involved genuine hard work compared to a film that's riding on the coattails of Hollywood; I'm sure everyone can tell which one's more sincere."

"The following, are words from Tangning herself: I've never thought about surpassing anyone, nor have I dreamed about going to Hollywood. I simply want the domestic sci-fi market to flourish."

"I've already expressed my thoughts towards Hollywood in the past and I don't think our abilities are any less than them."

"So, I hope that everyone can trust the 'The Ant Queen 2'. From production until release, our film had nothing to do with the Americans. We will leave the rest with our lawyers..."

Chapter 1185: They Disappeared From School !

Tangning's message was clear. There was no need to plagiarize off the Americans because she believed that they were capable of producing something great themselves.

Fang Yu's words represented Hai Rui, which meant, Hai Rui denied all claims of plagiarism and they had evidence to go with it.

Their aim was to tell everyone that 'The Ant Queen 2' completely belonged to them and had nothing to do with the disgusting foreigners.

Of course, Hai Rui's firm approach helped everyone relax.

"I'm one of the people that have watched both films. If we analyze both films calmly, the ridiculous 'wild dog' film makes no sense at all!"

"Are the Americans trying to leech off our popularity as well?"

"I absolutely believe that 'The Ant Queen 2' was an original production. Why would they plagiarize a rubbish film? The Americans must be joking!"

"I insist on supporting Tangning and 'The Ant Queen 2'. I hope Hai Rui will win the legal battle and shut the Americans up!"

"Even Hollywood is going downhill and slowly turning to the East. That's why, I don't think we should lose our confidence. Even if Hai Rui didn't provide an explanation, I would have still supported Tangning. If I trust her, then I'll trust her 'til the end."

It didn't take long before Hai Rui held a quick survey of Beijing's film fans. The results showed that more people were willing to trust in their country's productions than those that didn't. Even when faced with Hollywood, they refused to admit defeat.

These statistics were very comforting for Tangning and Mo Ting.

But, the American lawyers still showed up as planned...

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Mo Ting instructed Lu Che to seat the men inside one of their meeting rooms and told him to go home to pick up Tangning. He then called his legal team and asked Fang Yu to start off the meeting first. After all, not everyone got the chance to directly meet with Mo Ting.

Fang Yu felt the entire matter was quite a headache to deal with because he hated interacting with foreigners. Although, there were some foreigners that were very understanding, the team of men before him today were definitely nothing good.

"Regarding the plagiarism case, I hope to see your boss."

"I am Hai Rui's Vice President," Fang Yu replied sternly.

The men shrugged and pulled out some documents, “American copyright laws are very strict, so I hope that before the truth is revealed, you will temporarily remove your film from all theaters. After everything’s been clarified, you can screen it again.”

“But, of course, that’s if you can prove that you didn’t plagiarize.”

“I’ve never witnessed such a fraud in my life,” Fang Yu laughed without accepting the documents from the men.

“If you’re found guilty of plagiarism in the US, not only will you have to remove your film from the cinemas, you will also pay a large fine.”

“Have you finished talking?” Fang Yu laughed. “Since you’re standing on our land, then you should follow our laws. We’ve also sent a team of lawyers to sue you. In fact, we have a team of 8 that are already on their way to your film agency in the US!”

“Moreover, we have initial drafts, briefs and documents as evidence as well as an expert analysis from a world-famous screenwriter. Let’s wait and see who plagiarized who...” Fang Yu said confidently.

“Since you have no shame, we don’t expect you to back down. But, we don’t care, we are walking an honest path. So, let’s all investigate the truth together.”

“But, I don’t think this is the first time your agency has done something like this. If my memory serves right, your agency got involved in a similar case 5 years ago and ended up compensating \$US30 million.”

“Yet, you’re trying to repeat history?”

“Did you think we’re easy to pick on?”

The other party never expected Fang Yu to be so tough, nor did they expect him to investigate their background so clearly.

It seemed, intimidation wouldn’t work on Hai Rui. Didn’t the Asians always bow down with respect when speaking to Hollywood?

But, of course, this was their own overconfidence. It had nothing to do with anyone else.

Times had already changed. Did they still think they were so great?

“If you guys are planning to remain silent, then I’m sorry, I’m not going to stick around and waste my time. Hai Rui’s lawyers will speak to you soon.”

“As for all your talk about removing our film from the theaters and paying compensation...You must be dreaming!” After he was done talking, Fang Yu stood up and left the rest to the lawyers.

Did the foreigners think that Hai Rui was easy to pick on?

However, even though Hai Rui was confident that they’d be able to clear their name, the entire agency had to work really hard to achieve it.

Fang Yu was in charge of facing the public, Lu Che was in charge of compiling evidence and Mo Ting and Tangning spent their time finding ways to invite authoritative screenwriters, directors and authors to give an expert analysis on the matter.

So, Elder Nangong's motive was achieved.

While he watched Hai Rui being spun like a top, he took the opportunity to announce the release of 'Parasite'.

But, who would try to latch onto the hype at a time like this? Had his brain been caught between a door?

Didn't he notice that he was taking advantage of others while they were at their weakest?

Of course he knew; this was exactly what he wanted. He wanted to tread on the Mo Family and Mo Ting!

The old man's actions were extremely hateful. But, his final motive wasn't just this.

To find experts to help with giving an analysis, Mo Ting and Tangning had to travel overseas to speak to them. It was during this time when they weren't around, that the old man found an opportunity to kidnap the twins.

He had actually been in contact with the Mo Twins' teacher and had been using all kinds of methods to bribe him. At first, he tried to tempt the teacher with money. But, when money didn't work, he went ahead and blackmailed him with his family.

Everything led up to the current day; it was so he could give Mo Ting and Tangning a Christmas present.

As a result, that very afternoon, the Mo Twins suddenly went missing. Worst of all, no one knew how it happened.

Afterwards, the teacher pretended to be a victim by reporting the matter to the school and contacting Tangning...

At that time, the Mo Couple were at the airport. When Tangning heard that their children were missing, her expression turned complex.

"What's wrong?"

"Our kids are missing..." Tangning replied. "Our kids disappeared from school."

As soon as Mo Ting heard this, he immediately left the airport with Tangning and personally gave the school a phone call to see if maybe a family member had taken them or perhaps some other familiar person. But, the school simply answered that the kids disappeared into thin air after lunch and the surveillance cameras happened to be down, so nothing was captured...

Chapter 1186: Your Grandfather's Dead !

The school immediately kept the incident under wraps and began to search for the kids. But, the culprit seemed as though they had predicted this, so they took the kids away without leaving any clues.

Meanwhile, the teacher in charge of the two kids pretended to break down in tears. He knew he couldn't handle the consequences, so apart from notifying the school and contacting the parents, he also called the police.

Therefore, by the time that Tangning and Mo Ting arrived at the school, the police had also arrived as well. They also began investigating everything that was suspicious. However, they didn't gain any useful evidence.

But, how could two kids disappear just like that?

"I'm so sorry, Mr. and Mrs. Mo, the school failed to monitor your kids. Under the current circumstances, I can only try my best to assist the police so they can find your two boys. I hope you can trust in us."

At that moment, Tangning didn't hear a thing. All she could do was stare at the bed where her kids once slept and not say a word.

Mo Ting looked at Tangning worriedly. He then turned to the principal and said, "Please step out first."

The principal wanted to do more convincing, but when he saw Tangning's dazed expression, he did not continue to bother her.

"This isn't real..." Tangning mumbled as she touched the little blue bed in front of her. "Ting...this can't be real."

"We'll definitely find them," Mo Ting replied. "Trust me, we'll definitely find them. It's not the time to be upset."

"I should have realized earlier. Elder Nangong went as far as to poison Nangong Quan just so he could go up against Hai Rui, but it seems, this was his motive all along," Tangning turned around and looked at Mo Ting with self-blame. "I shouldn't have left them."

"This wasn't your fault. The most important thing now is to find them."

Tangning remained silent for a few seconds as though she was trying hard to regain her composure. After a little while, she nodded her head, "Yes, we need to find our kids. But, the kidnapper hasn't left behind any clues. Where do we start? Will Elder Nangong let us find them?"

"Yes he will!" Mo Ting replied confidently.

Tangning tried her best to hold back her tears as she approached Mo Ting. However, just as they walked out the door, she almost twisted her ankle.

The two twins had suddenly gone missing...

They disappeared without a reason...

The media immediately caught wind of the incident and surrounded the school.

Soon after, news of the missing kids appeared on every single news source. In fact, it was plastered across the main headlines, “The sons of infamous artist, Tangning, and Hai Rui CEO, Mo Ting, went missing from their school on the XXth. At present, the police are still investigating the matter and haven’t received any new leads.”

[Twins apparently kidnapped: Tangning’s sons suddenly missing]

[Sons of Tangning missing: police currently searching for the kidnapper!]

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As a mother who had just discovered that her sons were missing, Tangning immediately called Su Youran, “Give me Elder Nangong’s phone number...”

“Ning Jie, I’ve seen the news.”

“Youran, I don’t have time to talk about other things. I simply want to find my kids,” Tangning’s voice slightly trembled.

So, Su Youran did as requested and immediately found Elder Nangong’s number on her phone. Afterwards, Tangning punched the numbers into her phone and called the old man.

“Give me back my kids,” Tangning said straightforwardly.

“I don’t understand what you’re saying...”

“Things have already gotten to this point. Why are you still putting on an act?” Tangning asked. “If there’s something you’re not happy with, you should direct your anger towards the adults. What kind of person would target helpless kids? Why would you do something like that?”

“Why? I did it so I could see you fall apart like this,” Elder Nangong laughed loudly. “Tangning, tell the Mo Family that I won’t be returning the kids to you. You can think of this as payment for the debt you owe me.”

“Let me tell you, I will definitely find my kids,” Tangning said clearly between gritted teeth.

“I’d like to see you try!”

After speaking, the old man hung up the phone. Although Tangning didn’t gain any information from the call, she was now certain that Elder Nangong was the mastermind behind the incident.

Meanwhile, Mo Ting had already instructed Lu Che to hire the best private investigator in the country and the investigator was on his way to the school.

A famous actress’ twin sons were kidnapped; for the citizens of Beijing, this was shocking news. Hence, within half a day, everyone in Beijing was talking about the incident.

At that point, it was impossible for Tangning to guess where the old man’s bottom line stood, nor could she guarantee the life and death of her kids.

She could only hope that her kids wouldn’t end up being poisoned like Nangong Quan and slowly die away. That would be too cruel!

Over at Hai Rui, Fang Yu was trying to keep public opinion under control while managing the PR. But, the news spread so quickly that it was impossible to suppress it.

Soon, everyone knew about this matter. This included the Tang Family, close friends, and even Elder Mo.

After discovering that his great-grandsons were implicated by the grudge he created many years ago, the usually optimistic old man was saddened by the news.

In the end, they each utilized their own contacts to hire their own private investigator, in hopes of finding even the slightest clue. The scene was quite a mess.

That day was difficult to get through, but Tangning ended up with no leads nor any idea of who else to ask for help and what else to do.

As for Mo Ting, he continued to expand his search in hopes of finding the slightest trace of his sons...

However, an entire day passed and there were still no results...

Meanwhile, after Nangong Quan heard about the incident, he was so angered that he almost had the urge to kill his grandfather himself. He never imagined that slandering Hai Rui was just a distraction, while the old man's true target were the twins.

How cruel was he...?

There was no way Nangong Quan could tolerate it...

"Quan, what should we do now?"

"Let's contact Mo Ting and help the police by joining the search. This time, we're not just searching for the two kids, we're also searching for ourselves." Nangong Quan didn't hesitate as he picked up the phone and called Mo Ting. He then explained everything, including how he was being blackmailed, to the police.

Soon, the police sent their men to escort Nangong Quan over and the father's joined forces to form a small search team.

Even though it was getting late at night, the men sat down together and held a meeting inside the school.

"This is a high-class private school, if no one allowed him access, he wouldn't have got in. So, he definitely had one or two accomplices, any more and he'd be at risk of being discovered. These accomplices must be staff at the school and they must be very familiar with the boys."

"We've already spoken to the teacher in charge, but he seemed like he didn't know a thing."

"We have another team of police that are getting an arrest warrant for the suspect." In other words, they were going to detain Elder Nangong for interrogation.

The police began to piece together what may have happened.

Mo Ting sat at the back with Nangong Quan by his side.

"After we find my kids, your grandfather's dead!"

Chapter 1187: If You Want To Report Me, Then Go Ahead !

Nangong Quan did not say a word. It seemed, he had the same thought too. In fact, he felt strongly about it.

After a short moment of silence, he finally said, "This time, I think he'd rather die than give your kids back to you."

"I'll definitely find them," Mo Ting was confident like Tangning.

"Then, what are your thoughts?"

"I think we still need to investigate the school. The teacher in charge discovered the kids missing within 20 minutes, so how did the kidnapper manage to take the kids out of the school? He must have hid them somewhere," Mo Ting explained.

"I'm thinking the same thing as you. Everyone was so focused on finding evidence and clues, as well as suspicious people outside of the school. What if the kids never left the school grounds?"

"What I'm afraid of is..."

They were worried that Elder Nangong drugged the kids.

"Let's split up in a moment and search through any suspicious areas in the school. I have a feeling that my sons are definitely nearby."

The strong blood bond between him and his kids made it impossible for Mo Ting to close his eyes for even a second. Simply thinking about the possibility of his kids meeting an unfortunate fate almost drove him crazy with stress. He had long forgotten everything that was happening at Hai Rui and the whole plagiarism incident.

He trusted that Fang Yu would handle it.

After hearing from Mo Ting, Nangong Quan patted him on the shoulder, "The old man's intention is to see you stressed and in a panic. So, you need to remain composed."

Mo Ting nodded his head even though he had an intense desire to kill.

Afterwards, the two fathers determined the most suspicious areas around the school and carefully searched through them.

Although the police had already done a search, the fathers believed they would be more thorough than them.

Room after room, floor after floor, including the bathrooms and the rubbish room, the two fathers did not let go of any possibility.

Finally, in one of the storage rooms on the top floor, they discovered Mo Zichen's shoe.

"As expected, they were hidden here until they could be moved."

It didn't take long before the police arrived to sweep and search the storage room for more evidence. They also examined the shoe for fingerprints. Unfortunately, they only found traces of the two brothers' fingerprints.

The kidnapper was obviously careful and had worn gloves.

As a result, they once again hit a dead end.

But, this shoe certainly made the fathers suffer.

The search continued. Even though the night was long, Tangning did not dare to rest because she couldn't remain calm...

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As he watched the young family getting torn apart, Elder Mo's heart ached with self-blame.

It seemed, the grudge had to be broken by the ones that started it. So, Elder Mo decided, it was time for him to meet with Elder Nangong. Perhaps, this was the only way to put an end to the old man's antics.

So, before the sun even came out, Elder Mo changed into a suit that he hadn't worn for a long time and styled himself the way he did 20 years ago. Afterwards, he drove over to Elder Nangong's home, rang the doorbell and waited for the old man to appear.

The meeting between the two enemies wasn't as dramatic as expected. It seemed, Elder Nangong had predicted that Elder Mo would show up. So, he already had a seat prepared for him.

"If you had shown up earlier, things wouldn't have gotten to this stage; the city wouldn't be in a frenzy and your grandson and granddaughter-in-law wouldn't be searching everywhere for their sons."

"Brother Lin, it's been so many years, but you haven't changed one bit. You're still as ruthless as you used to be," Elder Mo laughed. "I insist that I did nothing wrong 20 years ago, so I've been able to live with a clear conscience. But, now that you've caused such a big drama, how do you plan to end things?"

"This was originally a grudge between our generation, why did you involve the youngsters?"

"Why didn't you come out and say this earlier?" Elder Nangong laughed. "Why did you hide behind your grandson and not show yourself? If you had come out earlier, I wouldn't have targeted the innocent."

"It's because I never thought you'd take things so serious," Elder Mo laughed in self-ridicule. "Since I'm here today, shouldn't you show some mercy and let the kids live a peaceful life? They simply want to make a living in the entertainment industry. They aren't as tough as you think. How painful would it be for them to lose their children?"

"If you want me to reveal where the kids are, I can do that for you. But, you may need to make a big sacrifice," Elder Nangong said. "You need to think it over carefully."

"We're already at this age. What else do we have to worry about?" Elder Mo laughed. "Go ahead and tell me what you want."

"Kneel down and apologize! Let's end an underworld matter with underworld methods. From now on, I won't cause you trouble again!"

Kneel!

Elder Nangong actually wanted Elder Mo to kneel! If he actually kneeled, then he would be admitting that he was wrong.

“That...”

“I already warned you. Think it over carefully. Your great-grandchildren and your grandson are waiting for you to save them.”

Elder Mo did not say a word as he pulled out a knife from his pocket and stabbed himself in the back of the hand, “I won’t be able to kneel. But, I’m aware that the underworld also has this method of payback.”

“I’ll paralyze my right hand as payback for your 20 years of loneliness. But, don’t forget, even if I didn’t do anything, you still wouldn’t have avoided prison.”

Seeing this, Elder Nangong laughed, “If you had been this resolute from the start, then I wouldn’t have wasted so much energy.”

“I went to prison for 20 years. Now, your right hand is paralyzed. I guess, my anger has been neutralized, so this whole incident is over!”

“So, you’re letting go of the little ones?”

Elder Nangong pulled out a handkerchief from his pocket and threw it at the old man, “Stop your bleeding.”

“Your two great-grandsons are at my place. Little Eggshell likes them, so I invited them over...I’m not compromising because of you, I’m doing this for my great-granddaughter. I honestly wanted to go down together, but the kids are still so young...”

“I must say that the two little rascals are quite lovable,” Elder Nangong said as he looked up.

“I know that Mo Ting won’t let me go for kidnapping his kids. But, paralyzing your hand has already made me feel like a winner!”

After 20 years of grudges, Elder Nangong got to see Mo Ting suffer and Elder Mo apologize, so he no longer persisted, even though he knew he wouldn’t be let off.

“If you want to report me, then go ahead!”

Chapter 1188: He Began To Cry !

Elder Mo wasn’t happy with the outcome, but, the police arrived soon after.

Because of the information that Nangong Quan provided, the police were there to interrogate Elder Nangong. But, when they arrived, the old man immediately stretched out his hands and said, “I kidnapped them, so go ahead and take me.”

In reality, Elder Mo had already hidden his wound, so Elder Nangong could have easily brushed off the matter.

But, he did not leave himself a way out. Instead, he revealed everything in detail to the police, “Not only did I kidnap the Mo Twins, I was responsible for Qiu Jin’s death, I created the explosion at Hai Rui and I sent someone to poison my grandson.”

“You...”

The police pulled out a pair of handcuffs and cuffed the old man. At this time, Elder Nangong laughed, “As expected, something like this is more suited to me. To be honest, prison actually feels more like family.”

A moment later, Little Eggshell ran out with the two twins; all three kids were fine.

“Great-grandfather,” Mo Zixi cried as he pounced towards Elder Mo.

“You’re not hurt, are you?” Elder Mo asked.

Mo Zixi and Little Eggshell both shook their heads. Only Mo Zichen placed his gaze on Elder Nangong.

“Zichen?”

“I will come visit you,” Mo Zichen said as he watched Elder Nangong leave.

No one understood what he meant by these words, but this was indeed what he said. It seemed, something happened between Mo Zichen and Elder Nangong in private.

Soon, Mo Ting and the others received news that the kids had been found.

So, they quickly rushed over to Elder Nangong’s home. As soon as she saw her sons, Tangning stretched out her arms and hugged them, “Lucky you boys are fine. Lucky...”

“Mommy...” Mo Zixi complained, “You’re hugging too tightly.”

“Sorry, Mommy was too happy,” Tangning immediately let go. Afterwards, the Mo Couple each carried one child in their arms, while Little Eggshell ran into Nangong Quan’s embrace.

“What happened?” Mo Ting asked after seeing Elder Mo in Elder Nangong’s home with an injury on the back of his hand.

“Everything was just a grudge between the older generation. From now on, you won’t be threatened again,” Elder Mo said casually.

After speaking, the old man left with his injured hand.

Mo Ting and the others looked at each other, unsure of what had just happened between the two old men. Why did Elder Nangong suddenly let everyone go?

By this time, the media had the entire home surrounded. So, as soon as Mo Ting and the others stepped out, the media went into a frenzy. The kids had been found and they were safe.

The Mo Couple had spent an entire day and night in fear, so, as they faced the cameras, they did not say a word. They simply carried their kids out of the commotion.

Everyone was waiting for an explanation, but the Mo Couple decided to take the kids home first.

After returning to Hyatt Regency, Tangning first gave the kids a bath and checked that they had no injuries. From the looks of it, Elder Nangong really didn't intend to hurt them. But, Tangning couldn't understand why the old man suddenly gave up when he had been so adamant about getting revenge. In fact, he even admitted to all his wrongdoings.

"Mommy, is the old bearded grandfather going to prison?" Mo Zichen suddenly asked while he was being dressed.

Tangning was a little taken aback by this straightforward question from the young kid.

But, she truly felt that Mo Zichen understood what prison was. So, she asked him back, "Do you want him to go to prison?"

Mo Zichen shook his head, "He never hurt me, so he doesn't deserve to go to prison."

"Son, can Mommy ask you why you're showing mercy for someone that kidnapped you?" Tangning asked curiously.

"The strange old man said a lot of weird things to me and Zixi..."

"He probably thought we couldn't understand. But, I understood..."

"He said that the reason he hated the actress from the past was because she indirectly caused the death of his wife. That's what he said." Mo Zichen's explanation made Tangning a little shocked.

"Zichen, you don't normally say so much to Mommy. Especially not in so much detail and clarity."

"He also sat in his room all night, looking at a stack of photos..."

Needless to say, the photos must have been of his wife.

"I think he's lonely and pitiful."

After hearing this, Tangning stretched out her arms and hugged Mo Zichen. They had always said that Mo Zixi was a bright and cheerful kid. But, in reality, Mo Zixi's emotions weren't as mature as Mo Zichen's. Not only was Mo Zichen good at expressing his feelings, he was also capable of putting himself into an adult's shoes and viewing things from their perspective – even though he was so young. This was such a surprise.

"So, did you comfort him?"

"I told him that the woman in the photo was beautiful..." Mo Zichen explained, "...and he began to cry..."

Tangning actually understood how Elder Nangong felt. He was one step away from getting his revenge, but he suddenly felt empty inside. Especially when he looked at the three adorable kids and realized that one of them understood him.

On top of that, Little Eggshell was his great-granddaughter. So...he gradually lost his desire to seek revenge.

At that time, Elder Mo came to give an apology, so he finally felt a sense of release.

Elder Nangong's actions proved one thing: in this world, there was no definite good and no definite evil.

After arriving at the police station, Elder Nangong refused all visits and turned down his right to hire a lawyer, because after spending so many years in prison, he realized he was more suited to prison life.

That night, the conversation between Tangning and Mo Zichen became a secret between the two of them.

But, Elder Nangong left behind quite a lot of problems. For example, there was still the matter with the Americans and the mess at Springfall.

Fortunately, he realized what was right and his hatred was dispelled in the end.

After Elder Mo discovered the truth, he became even more of a hermit than before. The grudge from 20 years ago was enough to make him realize many things and understand people that he didn't before.

A few days later, Hai Rui revealed everything that Elder Nangong had done to the public. This included his cooperation with the Americans and their intention to slander Hai Rui for plagiarism.

Elder Nangong personally admitted to plotting this scheme, but the Americans still denied it.

Although he started everything, the progression of the matter was now beyond his control!

Chapter 1189: Let Her Pick The Younger One

In the end, Nangong Quan stepped out to take full responsibility for everything. He then asked the Americans to speak to him if they had any issues and not to bother Hai Rui. After all, what they had done was an embarrassment to Hollywood and wasn't something they'd want to promote to the world.

Nangong Quan's approach was quickly acknowledged by his peers in the industry, so he worked hard to sort things out with the Americans.

But, how could Mo Ting let Nangong Quan face something like this on his own?

Hai Rui had evidence in their hands and had full confidence to tell the world that 'The Ant Queen 2' was an original story and that the Americans had lied to everyone.

Soon after, Hollywood stepped forward with a response: they did not acknowledge the film agency in question, nor their productions. They also revealed that the agency had plagiarized many times in the past and had even lost court cases because of it.

The truth was apparent. 'The Ant Queen 2' was indeed an originally-produced Chinese film. This outcome shocked many people. In the past, many people refused to acknowledge Chinese creativity, but after hearing that even Hollywood tried to plagiarize them, it was obvious that this particular film was a success.

So, it didn't take long before 'The Ant Queen 2' confirmed their international copyright and announced their release in theaters across the globe.

The foreigners couldn't wait to see the quality of the sci-fi film produced by the Chinese...

Because of this, Tangning's fame once again rose to a new high!

In fact, many international events ended up requesting for her attendance. But, Tangning rejected them all.

She even stood in front of everyone and said, "I simply want to invest my heart into filming and leave the stage for actors and celebrities to stand on. That's why I hope everyone can give me some privacy and turn your focus to all the talented newcomers instead."

After the entire kidnapping incident, Tangning simply had one wish: she wanted to leave as much time and energy for her husband and children as possible. She knew what her priorities were...

Shortly afterwards, Tangning heard that Elder Nangong was trialed in court and was sentenced to 5 years in prison, with 1 year probation.

Elder Nangong happily accepted the results, because for him, it was a form of release...

Just before the old man headed into prison, he finally accepted a visit from Nangong Quan.

But, the first thing that the old man said was, "My dear grandson can't even compare to the little 3-4 year old from the Mo Family..."

"In the future, if Little Eggshell decides to choose one of them as her husband, let her pick the younger one; he's smart. Don't pick the older one."

"Grandfather..."

"Go ahead, leave. Don't visit again, in case it makes both of us suffer," the old man said calmly. After all, prison was like his home. On the other hand, the short time he spent in the outside world made him very uncomfortable.

In the end, Nangong Quan had no choice but to leave with Su Youran.

And just like the old man requested, he never visited again.

"Although it's cruel, I'll do as grandfather requested because it's the only way to make him feel a little better."

Nangong Quan should have been grateful that the old man didn't murder anyone in cold blood and become a psychopathic killer nor someone sick enough to hurt children. This, at least, left a trace of the Nangong Family's pride intact...

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Soon, it was once again time to submit the annual Fei Tian Awards nominations.

This year, Hai Rui submitted a list of names and it was predicted that 'The Ant Queen 2' would own the ceremony.

But, Tangning and Mo Ting no longer cared about fame. So, when the awards ceremony arrived, neither of them attended the event. Instead, they spent the night in the study room, discussing 'The Ant Queen 3'.

"We've written about a father-daughter relationship and a student-teacher relationship. What should the third one be about?" Tangning asked as she leaned comfortably against Mo Ting.

"I've already thought about it," Mo Ting replied.

"Huh?" Tangning looked at her husband in surprise.

"Let's talk about an unstable friendship," Mo Ting suggested.

"We can talk about two friends that grow up together; one is smart, while the other is dopey. The smart one always gets the dopey one to do things for him and then rewards him with something that he doesn't want, just so he can maintain his kind and generous image."

"Because of his actions, the dopey man grows up trusting his friend."

"The smart friend decides to do something big, but he needs someone to act as bait. With no other choice, he decides to use his dopey friend."

"The dopey man thinks his friend has been really nice to him, so he does the favor and shows up at the dangerous location."

"But, when the smart man sees his friend approach without hesitation, he begins to reflect on himself and runs out to stop his friend from risking his life."

"However, the dopey man ran into some peers along the way and they revealed what the smart friend was doing. As a result, he developed a hatred towards his friend."

"The story...will start from them."

After hearing Mo Ting's brief synopsis, Tangning smiled, "Although you skimmed through that really quickly, I understand the basis of the story. I think it's very interesting and I like that there's the possibility of countless twists and turns."

"President Mo, I have a feeling that the third film will be even better than the first and second one."

Tangning said this because she knew that Mo Ting never wrote anything superficial or inadequate. His content always had substance to it and it even dove into the depths of human nature.

The previous two films were relatively simple. The father-daughter and student-teacher relationships were straightforward. But, this time, the relationship between two friends was a lot more complex.

"Thank you, Mrs. Mo, your praise means a lot to me."

Tangning leaned on Mo Ting from behind and wiggled forward to place a kiss on his cheek, "After everything that's happened, I'm a little tired."

"Come to the front," Mo Ting instructed.

Tangning moved to the front and lay her head on Mo Ting's lap. She then closed her eyes.

“President Mo, I think ‘The Ant Queen 3’ can start filming next spring.”

“In that case, does Mrs. Mo plan to give me a part in this film as well?” Mo Ting asked gently as he looked down at his wife. “Do you want me to act as the smart friend or the dopey one?”

“What do you think about getting Bei Chendong to be the dopey friend?” Tangning asked with a smirk.

“He’s normally dopey, there’s no need to act as one.”

Tangning started to feel sleepy, so she said with a soft chuckle, “There are plenty of actors to choose from. I’ll select one later.”

As Mo Ting watched his wife nod off to sleep, he gently leaned over and placed a kiss on her lips, “I love you. Do you hear me?”

“Huh?” Tangning asked confusedly. It seemed, she didn’t hear a thing.

Chapter 1190: You Are My Queen !

One year later, on the set of ‘The Ant Queen 3’, Mo Ting did indeed end up with the role of the dopey friend. However, this dopey character wasn’t easy to play.

As for the smart friend, this role did not end up with Bei Chendong because he was about to become a father for the second time. So, the role ended up going to an actor scouted by Superstar Media instead; an actor that wasn’t very famous but had spectacular acting skills. This actor’s name was Li Shengyi.

Now that the kids were one year older, Tangning often visited the set. She felt that seeing Mo Ting act was a form of luxury. As a result, she practically became Mo Ting’s assistant as she followed him around the set and took care of his every need.

To be honest, Lin Qian’s tastes had gotten a lot better. The actor that she scouted was indeed impressive in many aspects.

So, it was truly a shame that he had been neglected by his previous agency.

It was hard to understand why, even though his skills were good and his looks were decent, this particular actor did not gain much fame. He had wasted over a decade of his youth in the entertainment industry and was even at the point where strands of white hair were beginning to show.

Now that Tangning watched him act alongside Mo Ting, she was both excited and thrilled.

Meanwhile, as the assistant director, Bai Junye was in charge of filming the supporting actors.

Unlike the scenes that involved highly experienced actors like Mo Ting, these scenes were a little less up to standard.

“Cut! Your expressions aren’t right. Start again.”

“Cry more painfully!”

“Relax a little more...Exaggerate your expression a bit.”

During her spare time, Tangning watched Bai Junye direct and couldn't help but smile. She was right about this crazy guy. After changing from arthouse films, he seemed to have discovered his rightful path and became obsessed with sci-fi as well.

He had always been a person with brave ideas, so the scenes he filmed were a lot more dynamic and multi-faceted. On top of that, they were quite theatrical.

At this time, Qiao Man was also standing behind Tangning watching Bai Junye as he directed the film.

"What do you think?" Tangning asked.

"It has the artistic aspects that I like," Qiao Man replied.

"With the addition of Bai Junye, 'The Ant Queen 3' feels even closer to perfection," Tangning smiled in relief.

"I heard you guys never celebrate your wedding anniversary," Qiao Man suddenly changed the subject.

"How did you discover that?"

"If my guess is correct, I think President Mo is preparing a surprise for you," Qiao Man said with her arms crossed. "Sorry, I'm not good at keeping secrets."

Tangning giggled and raised an eyebrow.

For her, every day was an anniversary; there was no need to celebrate anything. After being married for so many years, the couple barely spent time apart. This was already the best gift. All she wanted was to spend the rest of her life with Mo Ting.

Even so, Tangning had to admit that she felt a little excited after hearing what Qiao Man said.

But, Mo Ting did not give away any clues.

Even when their anniversary arrived two days later, he was still consumed in filming. In fact, he seemed busier than before and barely had time to speak a word to his wife. It seemed, he had actually forgotten their anniversary. How could he have time to prepare a surprise?

With this thought, Tangning laughed at herself. How could she have actually taken Qiao Man's words seriously?

But, she had no idea that Mo Ting was working so tirelessly because he was trying to free up some time.

So, that night, while Tangning was asleep, he directly carried her straight onto a plane to France.

It wasn't until she woke up that she discovered she was already on a plane.

"What's happening? Where are we going?"

Mo Ting hugged her and said gently, "You've been my wife for so many years, but you've never had a proper holiday."

"But, you can't just take me away like this," Tangning said helplessly as she looked at her pajamas.

"I've prepared a fresh set of clothes for you. You can get changed when we land."

“Is this your supposed surprise?”

“Huh?”

Seeing that Mo Ting didn’t understand what she was talking about, Tangning shook her head and replied, “It’s nothing. I’m going to go get changed.”

“Go ahead.”

Mo Ting did not say a word nor did he tell Tangning where they were going after they landed, she simply followed him in a clueless manner. After getting out of the plane and boarding a car, she didn’t even know where the final destination was.

It was only when they arrived and she stood in front of a particular building that she finally understood where they were. This was where she walked her first runway as a model and the place that launched her career.

At that time, she was only in her early twenties.

“Why are we here?”

“To watch a show,” Mo Ting replied before he held her hand and dragged her into the building. “I’ve booked the entire venue today and prepared an outfit for you. I want to see you walk on the runway again.”

“But, I’ve already forgotten how to do it.”

“This is an instinctive thing. You can’t possibly forget it,” Mo Ting said as he looked at her. He then led her to the backstage and handed her over to a fashion designer who was waiting for her.

“Mrs. Mo, I’ve been waiting a long time for you.”

Tangning had no idea what Mo Ting had planned, but she instinctively allowed the fashion designer to take down her measurements.

Afterwards, the designer disappeared into the backstage, presumably to adjust the outfit she prepared. A few minutes later, she returned with an outfit on a rack. As soon as Tangning saw it, she was stunned.

This wasn’t just a simple outfit, it was something she had worn in the past.

The silver mermaid dress was a dazzling reminder of the supermodel that once was.

“Let’s put it on,” the designer suggested. “I’m sure, even after all these years, this dress will still look beautiful on you!”

“Would you believe it if I told you that this is the exact same dress you once wore?”

Tangning was surprised by this.

“It took President Mo a long time to find it!”

It had already been over a decade; Tangning couldn’t even remember the exact amount of years. But, she suddenly felt like she had returned to her youth and was looking at the woman that she once was.

“Are you ready? It’s time to head on stage.”

As Tangning put on the dress, the supermodel vibe once again returned to her body. She simply nodded her head like she did during her prime, when she had to prove herself to everyone below the stage with her walk. But, the difference this time was, the entire venue only had one member of the audience: Mo Ting.

Mo Ting looked at her from a distance and imagined that she was the young girl from the past who stepped onto the runway full of hope...

As the music started playing, Tangning walked down the runway with confidence, and when she reached the end, she struck a pose like she used to.

After she was done, Mo Ting walked onto the runway and wrapped her in his arms tightly, not leaving the tiniest gap between their bodies.

“Why did you organize this?”

“I wanted to see how you were before you met me!” Mo Ting said gently. “I wanted to see how beautiful you looked the first time you stepped onto the international runway...”

“That was nothing. It was only after I met you that I truly found myself!” Tangning pressed her lips against Mo Ting’s and the couple entwined in a passionate kiss atop the stage. “I once dreamed of being worthy of you, so I tried really hard and worked tirelessly towards that goal. I even asked myself numerous times whether I was worthy yet.”

After hearing this, Mo Ting assured her with a firm answer, “Of course you are, you are my Queen!”