

Work Hard 401

Chapter 401: She Never Hurt People, She Was Simply Cautious of Them

It happened at an awards ceremony. As a newcomer, Tang Jingxuan received a rare opportunity to appear on stage.

Two days before the ceremony, Tang Jingxuan was invited to a rehearsal.

As he had entered Hai Rui without anyone knowing of his real identity, he was currently being managed by a manager with multiple artists.

The boy band K&G were also invited to the rehearsals. As they were all newcomers, they were arranged to share the same waiting room. However, during this time, one of the boys grabbed a magazine with Tangning on the cover and started scribbling on it and insulting her.

“So, this model is called Tangning, right? She must be really good in bed to have caught a big fish like the CEO of Hai Rui. Look at her legs...I reckon all men would love to give it a stroke.”

“She’s taller than you. Keep dreaming...”

“Pffft. If I get the chance, I’d make it so she wouldn’t be able to get out of bed.”

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There was a loud slam on the table behind them. Tang Jingxuan stood up and glared piercingly at the boys sitting on the sofa, “Who do you think you’re insulting?”

The three 17/18-year-olds stood up as their purple hair fluttered. They looked at the angry Tang Jingxuan, “We’re talking about Tangning, so what?” one of the boys laughed in ridicule.

“Hey, don’t cause trouble, he’s from Hai Rui,” one of the boys warned his arrogant bandmate with an obviously calmer voice.

The arrogant boy scoffed, “Does Hai Rui think they control everyone? Can’t I insult Tangning if I want to?”

“Which agency are you from?” Tang Jingxuan asked.

“I told you not to offend Hai Rui,” the leader of the band held back his bandmate and said to Tang Jingxuan, “He was talking without thinking, I hope you can forgive him.”

Tang Jingxuan looked at the boys with a dark expression as he turned and left. After he left, the boys kicked the coffee table in front of them in anger.

“He is Hai Rui’s new singer. His voice is not bad and his singing is professional; he is bound to become our biggest rival.”

“Since he is a rival...let’s find a way to screw him over.”

The three boys looked at each other with understanding.

This was how one survived in the industry. Everyone stepped on each other and competition had always been fierce.

Actually, as he rehearsed, Tang Jingxuan felt he had overreacted a little. Although he mentally prepared himself, hearing people insult his sister in person was hard to bear. Anyone else would have said something too, let alone a man like himself.

Plus, Tangning wasn't someone they could afford to insult!

Thinking of this, Tang Jingxuan sent Tangning a message, "Sister Three, if you personally heard someone insulting you, what would you do?"

Actually, Tang Jingxuan wasn't the only one that reacted this way. In the past, both Huo Jingjing and Tangning had stuck up for each other in the same way. What the public thought, they didn't care, as long as they didn't hear it for themselves.

As soon as Tangning saw her brother's message, she could roughly guess what had happened. So she quickly replied, "Just ignore them. Remember their names and give it to me, that's all you need to do."

"Aren't you angry?"

"There's no point getting angry. But, the entertainment industry is small. One day, they are bound to fall into my hands..." she always destroyed people without them seeing it coming.

Seeing Tang Jingxuan did not response, she asked again, "Give me their names."

"As you know, I'll be appearing on an awards ceremony on Wednesday. Today I'm at the rehearsals and I came across the boy band, K&G. The boys were talking rudely about you, so I couldn't help it..."

"Don't be so impulsive from now on. The industry isn't as simple as you think it is."

Perhaps, at this time, Tang Jingxuan still had not fully understood the complexity of the industry. But, as soon as Tangning put down her phone, she immediately turned to Song Yanshu, "Give Long Jie a call. Ask her to look into the boys from K&G. Quick!"

"OK, focus on filming, I'll bring you the information as soon as I get it," Song Yanshu knew Tangning was loyal. Although she said she wasn't going to get involved with Tang Jingxuan's business, there was no way she'd completely not care.

She debuted at 17-years-old and had almost been in the industry for 10 years...

During this time, she had met all kinds of people. Under the current circumstance, she of course had to do all that she could to protect Tang Jingxuan.

3pm. Tangning had to relocate for her next scene. At this time, Song Yanshu demonstrated her speedy diligence by presenting Tangning with the information she got from Long Jie.

"This band has three members. Amongst them, Han Xiang and Rao Zihe are both from rich families. They seemed to have entered the industry for fun and are both troublemakers. Their families couldn't control them, so threw them into the entertainment industry. According to Long Jie's sources, they both have a

history of marijuana usage. As for the band leader, he was discovered from a talent competition and is quite talented. His personality is relatively calm and doesn't have any bad habits."

"All three of them come from Ice Age Entertainment Agency and because of their good looks, have been quite popular lately."

"They are Luo Xing's biggest rivals."

They were rivals and also sons of rich families.

"Ask Long Jie if she can get a hold of any records regarding their marijuana usage," Tangning instructed calmly. "Jingxuan isn't prepared for it, but under these circumstances where he is sharing the same waiting room as his rivals, it is much too easy for them to plan something against him."

"OK, anything else you want me to do?"

"Tell Long Jie to speak to the band leader. Since he is a clear-minded person, he should know how to weigh the pros and cons."

Being in a band with two people that had bad habits; he was bound to be dragged down with them sooner or later.

She never hurt people, she was simply cautious of them.

She wasn't going to let anyone hurt her friends and family, especially not within the entertainment industry.

"OK, I'll start working on it now."

Tangning's precautionary work was quite scary, but it covered all bases, "I hope everything I prepared won't actually be put to use."

After hearing Tangning's words, Song Yanshu felt a little touched. When making a move, she was ruthless like her husband. After all, someone had trespassed into her territory. But in reality, she was truly aloof from the world. She barely chased after money and power and everything she did was for the sake of her closest people and loved ones. A woman like this was indeed interesting...

Not long after, Tangning arrived at her new location and resumed filming. The closer they got to the second half of the film, the more difficult filming became. Tangning and Bei Chendong focused all their energies on their scenes together, trying their best to give their viewers the most thrilling experience possible.

Of course, Song Yanshu reported Tangning's every move to Mo Ting and Tangning secretly allowed it. She knew Song Yanshu was hired by Mo Ting, so it was expected that she'd report to him.

After hearing about the situation with Tang Jingxuan, Mo Ting did not give much of a reaction. He simply said, "Do as she instructed."

Chapter 402: I Can Only Teach Them a Lesson

Long Jie's sources had always been accurate and fast. She had a circle of contacts that she had built over the years, maintained from the time she started in the industry until now.

What Tangning wanted to know wasn't something difficult to find out. Long Jie simply had to do a quick search and she got what she was looking for. Most importantly, Lu Che also helped her out. The couple quickly grasped onto the details of the two rich boys and found records of their time spent in drug rehabilitation facilities.

More importantly, Lu Che also found hints pointing to the possibility that they were back in the habit. From what he heard, they were currently looking for a seller.

They were much too brave. Whose industry did they think they were in? Mo Ting was firm on his opinion against artists doing drugs. He had zero tolerance!

So many police sacrificed their lives every year in the war against drugs. Who was going to bring them back to life?

So, it didn't take long before Tangning held the evidence she wanted in her hands. After all, she had access to the best information resource.

"Ning Jie...what do you plan on doing now?"

"I will have to wait and see what the three boys plan to do. As long as they leave Jingxuan alone, I'll let the police handle it quietly. But...if they do anything, I will have no choice but to teach them a lesson." Tangning paused for a moment and continued, "It will also be a lesson for Jingxuan."

"It's your birthday that day, though..."

"It's not as important as protecting Jingxuan."

Since she had promised her mother to take care of him, this was her responsibility...

"What if Luo Xing does something wrong?" Song Yanshu queried.

"We will talk about it when it happens... To be honest, I've heard him sing and it is really not bad. So, I'm looking forward to hearing him perform on Wednesday." After speaking, Tangning looked at herself in the mirror and laughed, "Actually, I haven't been a good sister or daughter in the past. Before I have children with Mo Ting, I want to play out these roles properly. I hope the child we have in the future will be optimistic, diligent and have a healthy mind and body."

"Have you decided when you would have children?"

"I'm thinking the end of the year. I'm turning 27 and Mo Ting is already 33; it's time we should have a child," Tangning replied.

"Does President Mo know this?"

"He always understands me without me saying anything," Tangning smiled as she continued to remove her makeup.

Of course, Tangning's words changed Song Yanshu's opinion of her once again.

Before meeting Tangning, she had thought she was just like any other celebrity: eating, drinking and playing around all day. She assumed, since she had a lot of money, food and clothes wouldn't be an issue. As a result, she would live quite a shallow life.

But, after getting to know her, she realized she was a person filled with emotion. In fact, she could be described as quite an interesting person.

She did not follow the crowd or keep up with trends.

She did what she wanted and loved who she wanted.

She was happy to step down from a high position at any time and wouldn't complain if she was stuck at the bottom.

She seemed quiet, but she maintained her strength. On the surface she appeared weak, but in reality, she knew exactly who her friends and enemies were.

That's how she gained Mo Ting's adoration...

A person should be able to handle both highs and lows.

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This time, the set was located in a rainforest. As the conditions were harsh and it was night time, it didn't take long before Tangning and Bei Chendong ran out of energy to continue.

Because of standing continuously under the rain, Bei Chendong ended up with a fever.

Han Xiner ran around taking care of him, handing him medicine and an ice pack. In his fuzzy-minded state, Bei Chendong saw Han Xiner and mumbled, "If I knew you'd be this worried, I should have caught a fever a few more times."

"Stop joking," Han Xiner punched him in the chest.

"Are you going to keep me company tonight?" Bei Chendong asked pitifully as he sat in his chair, looking nothing like a 30-something-year-old man.

"If I don't keep you company, who would? If I wasn't your assistant, what would you have done?"

"I still would have had to deal with it even if your on my own."

These words somehow tugged at Han Xiner's heartstrings, so her voice softened, "Won't you feel lonely with no family or friends by your side? Humans are social animals; it is impossible for someone to spend their entire life on their own – unless their ill."

Han Xiner understood this feeling well; only illness had the ability to push everyone away. Apart from this, there was no other reason why a person would prefer to be on their own.

"It's cause I can't be bothered!" After speaking, Bei Chendong closed his eyes and did not say another word.

Han Xiner still had a lot of questions: why did Bei Chendong insist on her being his assistant? Why couldn't he be bothered to do anything? And if he couldn't be bothered to do anything, then why was he so serious when it came to acting?

He definitely had a story to tell! Han Xiner was certain.

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But, what could she do to make him open up to her?

In the middle of the night, Bei Chendong suddenly started shaking uncontrollably. Han Xiner was so frightened that she immediately covered him with a blanket. Bei Chendong took advantage of the moment to pull Han Xiner in for a hug, but she reacted with a slap across the face, almost breaking his nose.

"How could you take advantage of having a fever to get a hug, jerk!"

"How did you know I was fine?" Bei Chendong complained as he held onto his nose.

"You were overacting too much!"

"Really? Then I need to hold back a little next time," Bei Chendong took a deep breath and laid back down. "I've seriously got a headache, I'm not lying."

"When you got sick in the past, who took care of you?"

Hearing this question, Bei Chendong flipped over and mumbled, "You're disturbing my sleep... Go out."

"You moody b*stard."

But, the more he acted this way, the more Han Xiner was certain...

...he definitely had a secret.

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It didn't take long before Tuesday night came around. On this day, filming stretched on late into the night, but Mo Ting arrived early and waited patiently on set. He wanted to be the first person to wish his wife a happy birthday as soon as the clock struck midnight.

Tangning completed her filming. Seeing Mo Ting's noble figure in the distance, she immediately ran over and placed a kiss on his cheek, "My first kiss after turning 27 is for my most loved."

"Mrs. Mo, I am here to present myself to you," Mo Ting took the opportunity to hug her waist and continued, "Will you accept this gift?"

"I thought I'd receive jewelry or a diamond ring..."

"I thought you'd be more pleased with my stamina."

Tangning joined Mo Ting in laughter. The couple's affection quickly attracted the attention of the cast and crew, especially Bei Chendong...

His eyes glowed as he observed them...

“Ning Jie, happy birthday!” the crew cheered.

“Tangning, happy birthday!” An Zihao also said as he smiled at her. He raised a thumb at her, “My present for you, is to give you a day off. Do you feel the love?”

“Thank you,” Tangning pulled away from Mo Ting’s embrace and bowed to everyone, “Thank you everyone. Is it OK for us to leave now?”

“Hurry and get going, President Mo has been waiting for you in anticipation...” the staff teased. Unbeknownst to her, they had all placed gifts in her room. But, she wouldn’t find out until she returned.

Even Bei Chendong, under the coercion of Han Xiner, unwillingly prepared a gift for her. It currently sat amongst the huge pile in her room.

Of course, the biggest present was still Tang Jingxuan’s performance on stage...

However, this music-filled night, was destined to be different from normal...

Chapter 403: You Need to Make up for it

After returning home, it was already 3am the next day. As she pushed open the bedroom door, Tangning was greeted with a floor covered in rose petals. She was a bit surprised. A moment later, Mo Ting approached from behind and wrapped her in a hug.

“Do you like it?”

Looking down at the candles on the floor and then up at the present sitting on top of the bedside table, Tangning nodded her head, “I haven’t been home in a while and the hotel bed has been hard and lonely.”

Mo Ting carried Tangning in his arms and placed her on top of the bed. He pressed his body on top of hers as his deep and sexy voice resounded in her ear, “Madam, it’s bad for a man to resist his desires for so long. You need to make up for it.”

Tangning giggled as she lifted her head and pressed her lips against Mo Ting’s...

The passionate fire in the room was lit.

Perhaps it was because of the fragrance in the room, or perhaps it was because they hadn’t been alone together for a long time, the couple’s entangled bodies moved together intensely. Afterwards, they hugged each other for quite some time, unable to calm down.

“Give me your right hand.”

“Huh?” Tangning lifted her hand curiously.

Mo Ting let go of Tangning and turned around to grab the box sitting on top of the bedside table. He then pulled out a pair of gold bracelets from the box.

“This is the last remaining set designed by the international jewelry designer, Lisa. There is only one set in the entire world. The design isn’t extremely special, but it has a lovely meaning: ‘Together Forever’.

This was originally a present from Lisa to her husband. It was auctioned off in London and eventually ended up in my hands. I am now giving it to you.”

This was created by Lisa in her later years. At that time, she was already old and had bad eyesight, so she could no longer create extremely detailed pieces. As a result, apart from making the bracelets resemble vines, she didn’t do anything else to them.

“They’re beautiful,” Tangning cheered. She imagined how vines intertwined with each other and did not separate.

Mo Ting helped Tangning put on the bracelet and then Tangning helped Mo Ting put on the matching one. Afterwards, the couple clasped their hands, leaned on each other and chatted the night away.

“At the end of this year, I will take you to meet my grandfather.”

“Why at the end of this year?”

“Weren’t you thinking of having kids at the end of the year?” Mo Ting smiled. Let’s finish filming and get everything in order. By the end of the year, when your career is steady and you take home some awards, we can go home and present my grandfather with news of a child. He will be extra happy.”

“Did Yanshu tell you what I was thinking?” Tangning asked suspiciously, “And why can’t me meet him now?”

“I don’t want my family to hassle you about having a child and make things difficult for you. Would you be willing to have them pester you every 2-3 days about quitting your job? Since we are already on this path, I will walk with you until the end...”

In reality, Tangning had indeed worried about this before. If they went to meet with the Mo Family and they didn’t like what she was currently doing, what would she do?

Mo Ting knew it was likely that she would give up everything for his sake.

But, in his heart, fulfilling her dream and satisfying his family need not clash. So he thoughtfully gave them a bit more time.

“Hubby, you sure are good to me.”

“You’ve only just realized? It seems I will need to treat you even better in future.”

Tangning lay on Mo Ting’s chest as she absorbed his unique fragrance. This birthday was enough to make her forget all the past unhappy ones and her life felt like it had been reborn with new meaning and hope.

This man who had helped her with her career, given her a second chance at life and given her happiness, she was going to do all she could to keep him forever by her side...

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The next day, plenty of friends showed up to give their birthday wishes. Long Jie also delivered a whole pile of presents. Huo Jingjing was overseas in France, so she sent over a video with her well wishes. As

for Xia Yuling, she took the morning off and went over to Hyatt Regency to prepare breakfast for her daughter.

“Mo Ting and I prepared half each. These are all your favorite food. Now that you don’t need to appear on the runway, eat a bit more. It’s OK for you to gain a bit of weight.”

Tangning looked at the huge spread of food and couldn’t contain her tears, “Really?”

“Yes, from now on, don’t hold back. You can eat whatever you want,” Mo Ting said as he stroked the back of her head.

On the outside world, she was a strong and independent woman, but in front of Mo Ting and Xia Yuling, she was a simple little woman who was doted on.

“From now on, mom will come celebrate your birthday with you every year.”

At this moment, Mo Ting reached into his pocket, pulled out a gift box and handed it to Xia Yuling, “Mom, this is for you.”

Xia Yuling was stunned as she smiled, “I also get a present?”

“Her birthday is also a celebration of your motherhood. Thank you for bringing her into my life.”

Xia Yuling opened the box. Sitting inside was a precious-looking Jade bangle. She quickly closed it back up, “Mo Ting, mom should be the one to thank you for showing Tangning so much love. I can see that you treat her as important as your own life. I hope you can continue living happily together. For this to happen, I would be happy to sacrifice anything.”

“OK...enough talking. Today is Tangning’s birthday. After breakfast, go wherever you guys need to go, I need to return to Tang Corp. for a meeting.”

“Mom...are you getting used to being in charge at Tang Corp.?”

“Your mom did, after all, study finance. Although I haven’t worked for many years, my knowledge is still there. It’s just...” Xia Yuling suddenly paused and took back her words, “Don’t worry, if there’s something wrong, I’ll let you know.”

Actually, Tangning didn’t have any real birthday wishes. In fact, it didn’t really matter to her whether it was her birthday or not. She was already satisfied with last night and this morning and didn’t want her two most loved people to continue making a big fuss over it.

After breakfast, Xia Yuling left. Mo Ting then got Lu Che to bring over all the presents that fans had mailed to the agency.

Mo Ting’s social media page was also filled with messages from fans.

6pm. Mo Ting and Tangning arrived at the award ceremony wearing simple clothes and sunglasses.

The couple sat in the VIP section but kept a low profile. As the hall was dimly lit, not many fans recognised them...

Meanwhile in the backstage, Tang Jingxuan was also making preparations. However, within the same waiting room, the three boys from K&G were looking at the back of Tang Jingxuan with a sneer.

Tang Jingxuan was to appear on stage after K&G during the same part of the ceremony. Their appearances were only separated by a few minutes.

Just before the ceremony started, Tang Jingxuan sent Tangning a message, "Sister Three, I assume you couldn't make it, right?"

Tangning took a selfie of her and Mo Ting in the audience and sent it to Tang Jingxuan, "Your brother-in-law has made an exception for your sake. No other singer has had the ability to make him personally appear in the audience."

"Pffft, it's because of you, not me. Either way, happy birthday!" After sending his message, Tang Jingxuan saved the photo and put away his phone to prepare for his performance.

Although he had already debuted...this was his first appearance at such a big event, so he was a bit nervous...

Chapter 404: Eye for an Eye, a Tooth for a Tooth.

"Hey, don't you guys think the two people sitting in the first row of the VIP section look a bit familiar?"

"Where?"

A fan started looking around.

"What normal person would wear sunglasses and a hat at night?"

"Quick, look at those legs...Could that be Tangning?" someone guessed. But, because of their distance, they weren't 100% certain. "The person next to her looks like president Mo...they must have come here together."

"Forget it, what kind of event do you think you're at? Out of the two of them, one is the Big Boss of the entertainment industry and the other is a famous model. It wouldn't make sense for either of them to come to a small music award ceremony like this."

"I guess I must be seeing things then."

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A little while later, the awards ceremony officially started. The host was a witty speaker and quickly stirred the audience into fits of laughter. As for the awards like the Top Ten songs and best male and female singer, these were the upcoming highlights for the night.

Singers, actors and models were no different: they all needed exposure at different events so the audience could remember them and grow to like them. For singers, this started from guest appearances and small performances at events. Just like the fans had hinted earlier, the awards ceremony today was not very big nor significant, so there was no way someone like Mo Ting would take note of it.

But, this stage helped boost the dreams of many newcomers...

"K&G, time to prepare for going on stage," their manager said as he pushed open the waiting room door.

"OK," the three boys had on thick makeup and studded jackets. As they were to sing and dance on stage, they looked extra stylish.

In comparison, Tang Jingxuan was dressed a lot simpler because he was to sing a slow song.

The three boys glanced at Tang Jingxuan and left the room. Tang Jingxuan did not suspect anything, he was simply a little nervous about going on stage.

"Luo Xing, you will be heading on stage soon. Hurry over to the backstage," his manager patted him urgently on the shoulder as he held onto his phone, "Do your best, don't be nervous. Act like you normally do and you'll be fine."

Tang Jingxuan nodded his head as Tangning's confidence on the runway suddenly came to mind...

A moment later, he was waiting in the backstage...

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"This year we have been blessed with some great new talent. First we had the popular boy band K&G and then we were introduced to the unique voice of Luo Xing. Next up, let's hand the stage over to Luo Xing: a youngster with a passion for the stage..."

As soon as the host's words left his mouth, the lights on the stage dimmed. All that could be seen were the twinkling of light sticks in the audience which resembled a sea of stars. Although there were only a few people within this audience who were here to cheer for him, the light sticks looked like they were all twinkling for him.

A soothing melody started playing as Luo Xing appeared in the middle of the stage and the spotlight focused on him. He suddenly felt a little nervous...

Tangning and Mo Ting also felt a little nervous because of his frozen expression.

Could the brother that constantly begged to enter the entertainment industry...be suddenly struck with stage fright?

"Ting...What should we do?"

"Do you know this song?" Mo Ting asked.

"Is it called 'Far in the future'? Yes, I know it," Tangning nodded. This was an inspirational classic. Back when she was in France, she often sang this song to encourage herself.

"Then, you should go on stage and help him!" Mo Ting suggested firmly.

"Huh?"

"Go." After speaking, Mo Ting pushed her to stand up. Tangning was in the first row, so with her height, as soon as she stood up everyone turned their attention and started cheering.

With no other choice, Tangning walked onto stage and removed her hat and sunglasses. She then approached Tang Jingxuan, took the microphone from his hand and started singing along with the melody.

Tang Jingxuan was shocked...

Everyone was shocked.

The audience immediately erupted in discussion.

“Is that Tangning?”

“Yes it is! Who would have thought, someone at her caliber, would come show her support.”

“What’s so weird about that? Hai Rui’s artists have always supported each other. It’s quite reasonable for Tangning to make an appearance.”

Tangning continued to sing as she slowly led Tang Jingxuan into the song. The host quickly realized what was happening and handed Tang Jingxuan another microphone.

With Tangning leading, Tang Jingxuan finally let go...

When it came to his singing technique and voice, he was much more professional than Tangning. As soon as he opened his mouth, it made people feel like they wanted to cry...

Tangning’s voice slowly quietened down as she smiled and watched Tang Jingxuan become consumed by the song. His voice was indeed comfortable to listen to and full of life.

His technique and voice was enough to make him unforgettable to the other musicians present...

It didn’t take long before the song finished and the stage once again lit up. The host immediately approached the two and said in a surprised tone, “Who would have thought that Tangning would attend this awards ceremony and even appear on stage with her agency junior. What a surprise and honor. Hello, Tangning...”

“Hello everyone. I hope you can forgive my lack of self control. Because I love this song, I turned up uninvited. This song represents the dreams of so many people and I’m sure everyone once started off as a newcomer with dreams like this. I think this song is well-suited to Luo Xing and well-suited to all those that are striving for their dreams.”

What Tangning meant was: Tang Jingxuan was a newcomer and she hoped everyone would remember how they felt when they were newcomers.

So as soon as Tangning spoke, everyone below the stage started reminiscing about their past.

They suddenly became a lot more understanding towards Tang Jingxuan’s moment of stage fright earlier...

“Don’t be afraid,” Tangning said to Tang Jingxuan.

“Since Tangning is here...Let’s have a look around and see if President Mo is also here,” the host suddenly piped up nosily. It had been a while since the couple appeared in front of the public, so they obviously drew a lot of attention and curiosity.

The cameras panned across the audience and finally spotted him in the audience. Mo Ting did not give much of a reaction, he simply nodded at the camera as a form of greeting to everyone.

“Who would have thought President Mo is actually here too. This couple sure goes everywhere together...” the host said admiringly.

“I would like to give my well wishes to Luo Xing and everyone below the stage.” After speaking, Tangning bowed to the audience and left the stage.

As Tang Jingxuan watched her walk off the stage, his eyes began to get watery.

He had said he wasn’t going to rely on family. But, at a time like this, Tangning appeared on stage to save him without hesitation...

Tangning had always been like this: regardless if they were family or friends, as long as she cared about them, she would protect them until the end.

Meanwhile, below the stage, Mo Ting received a phone call. His originally calm expression suddenly sharpened. As soon as he saw Tangning, he handed the phone directly to her. It was a phone call from Lu Che: he had a full grasp of Tang Jingxuan’s situation in the waiting room.

“Madam, the rascals sure are brave! They wanted to frame Tang Jingxuan for taking drugs. They placed marijuana in his backpack and called the police.”

“Then, let’s give them an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth,” Tangning replied coldly.

Chapter 405: There Are People Waiting Everywhere to Step on You

After stepping off the stage, Tang Jingxuan’s manager patted him on the shoulder. Of course, he had no idea of his relation with Tangning.

“You little rascal, you sure are lucky that Tangning and the President were present and that Tangning has always had a sense of justice. In the past, both Huo Jingjing and Fang Yu were helped by her, now it’s your turn. I’m so jealous.”

“Tangning is a great person.”

“Of course, how could our President’s wife not be a great person?” the manager grabbed onto Tang Jingxuan’s arm and headed with him to the waiting room, “Hurry and get your makeup removed.”

“OK,” Tang Jingxuan pushed open the door of the waiting room as the three boys from K&G walked around him.

Tang Jingxuan did not give their actions a second thought as he sat down in front of the mirror and allowed the makeup artist to remove the light makeup he had on his face.

Not long after, some urgent footsteps echoed through the corridors of the backstage accompanied by chatter. Tang Jingxuan's manager tried to talk with the people that had gathered outside the waiting room but failed as a loud knock was heard on the door.

The makeup artist put down the makeup remover bottle in her hands and went to open the door. 4 policemen stepped inside.

"You..."

"We received a report that an artist named Luo Xing has been involved with marijuana usage, so we rushed over immediately. Which one of you is Luo Xing?"

Tang Jingxuan was a little surprised, but he quickly realized what was happening as he glared at the three impulsive youngsters.

"That's him!" Han Xiang yelled as he pointed at Tang Jingxuan. "Go search through his backpack. We witnessed it with our own eyes!"

"We have no past grudges, why would you slander me like this?" Tang Jingxuan asked. At this moment, his manager approached him confusedly and asked, "What's happening here?"

"They are slandering me and claiming that I take drugs. They even called the police!" Tang Jingxuan said in a cold tone.

"Slander? Just like you said yourself, we have no past grudges, why would we slander you? Officers, arrest him! At this stage, you should be honest!" exclaimed one of the gold-haired boys called Rao Zihe as he pointed to Tang Jingxuan arrogantly.

"Luo Xing, tell me honestly, is this true?" his manager asked.

"No," Tang Jingxuan replied firmly without hesitation, "They can do a drug test on me at any time..."

"Just because you don't smoke it, doesn't mean you're not in possession of it," Rao Zihe added. "It's in his backpack. If you don't believe me, you should search it."

Tang Jingxuan looked angrily at the three boys. He then looked at his backpack and handed it straight to the police, "Search it if you want. I'm innocent anyway."

The police received the backpack and emptied out the contents in front of everyone. But, apart from Tang Jingxuan's usual personal items, there were no signs of any drugs.

More and more people gathered around to see what was happening. Amongst them, many famous celebrities quickly realized Tang Jingxuan had been framed.

But...

...there was nothing in his backpack...

Everyone looked at the pile of items on the floor. Meanwhile, a confused expression swept across the three boys; how could there be nothing?

“Where’s the marijuana you spoke of?” Tang Jingxuan’s manager stepped up and spoke for him. “I am going to contact your boss. If Ice Age Entertainment don’t give Luo Xing an official explanation, I will report this to our President and let President Mo handle it.”

The three boys obviously did not expect this result as their faces changed from arrogance to guilt.

“This was all a misunderstanding. Just a misunderstanding...” the three boys suddenly changed their attitude as they spoke politely to the police and Tang Jingxuan’s manager, “We misunderstood Luo Xing...”

“Since I was searched, I think it’s only fair if they got searched too,” Tang Jingxuan suggested to the police.

“Who are you kidding? We’ve never touched that kind of stuff!”

Everyone looked at the three boys, including the police...

In the end, they had no choice but to hand over their backpacks to the police, “Search our bags if you don’t believe us!”

The police received the backpacks and started emptying the contents. However, a shocking scene played out in front of everyone. Three suspicious bags dropped out of their backpacks...

Their expressions changed dramatically. Even if the people around them didn’t know what these bags contained, there was no way they wouldn’t know what it was and there was no way the police didn’t know.

“What’s this? This is impossible! These were supposed to be in his backpack, I put them in personally...”

Put them in personally...

Rao Zihe was indeed an impulsive youngster. Just like that, he revealed their intention to frame Tang Jingxuan.

Everyone present was surprised...

What a scene! These three 17/18-year-olds were indeed evil..

“No, that’s not right, this has nothing to do with us.”

The three boys started denying their involvement. But, there was no way the police would give them a second chance as they stepped forward and arrested them, “Come with us.”

“No, no...” the three boys resisted. In the end, they were knocked out by the police.

It could have been a normal awards ceremony. But, while the audience sat on one side of the stage, the backstage was in a complete mess. The reporters were in for a treat.

“Are you OK?” Tang Jingxuan’s manager immediately checked.

Tang Jingxuan nodded his head, but his eyes contained a sense of confusion. If these three had indeed schemed against him, then who took the drugs from his bag and placed it in theirs, causing their plan to backfire

Now that he thought about it carefully, he was a bit frightened by what happened.

“Don’t think about it too much. This type of stepping on others to get ahead is common. You will come across it a lot more in the future,” his manager comforted. “You sure are lucky today. First, Tangning saved you. Afterwards, God watched over you. You little rascal, if you don’t become famous, this experience would go to waste.”

Tang Jingxuan knew it wasn’t God that was watching over him!

“These three idiots got their just desserts.”

The three boys were quickly taken away and all those that were watching dispersed. Tang Jingxuan thought carefully about what happened as he removed his makeup. In the end, he sent Tangning a message, “Sister Three, the incident with K&G, were you the one that helped me?”

After Tangning saw the message, she did not deny her involvement, “If I hadn’t done something, how did you think you’d argue your way out of this mess? I told you early on that this industry isn’t as simple as you think. There are people waiting everywhere to step on you. Just the two incidents that happened today for example, if I wasn’t around, either of these would have been enough to turn you back into a nobody – with no chance of revival.”

Tang Jingxuan was speechless; so it really was her...

“But, how did you know...”

“After you complained to me the other day, I already started taking note of these three boys. Since they are your rivals, we should never let our guards down. Jingxuan, you need to remember, in this industry, where there is competition, there is danger. The more famous you get, the more people would have their eye on your spot. Those that smile to your face, could easily stab you in the back.”

“The entertainment industry is ruthless and there is a limit to the amount of times I can help you.”

Needles to say, Tang Jingxuan was truly shocked...

He just sent her a simple complaint and she was able to do so much. He never thought his Sister Three was this capable.

“Luo Xing, for the sake of shutting down any rumors, I think it’s best that you go to the police station tomorrow and do a drug test to prove your innocence,” his manager suggested.

“Yes, thank you Hua Ge!” Tang Jingxuan thanked. Afterwards, he promised himself that he would work towards being like Tangning.

But, did he ever realize that trouble always seemed to follow Tangning?

Chapter 406: The Release of ‘Stupid’

It was June.

After secretly filming for 3 months, 'W.H.' finally reached its last scene. In this scene, the wife gave birth to a child in the rain and the village was finally freed from the virus. The disaster was lifted.

Towards the end of the film, when the wife found out her husband was the carrier of the virus and everyone wanted to kill him, she spent her days in fear and anxiety. She needed to protect her husband, but she also wanted to save humanity...

Within these last few scenes, the thrill and excitement allowed Tangning and Bei Chendong to both feel a sense of satisfaction.

From start to finish, Tangning's character was stuck in a predicament.

She risked being infected but she also risked misunderstanding her husband. The predicament she faced, pushed her into a dead end.

The production crew cheered in joy. They felt, based on Tangning and Bei Chendong's acting, if the film wasn't a hit, something was wrong with the world. Actually, Tangning's scenes within 'W.H.' were a lot more difficult than Bei Chendong's, but she completed her scenes a lot faster. As a result, the entire crew including An Zihao were completely convinced by her.

"Tanging, congratulations," An Zihao said as he approached her with a bunch of flowers. "Happy Filming Completion. After 3 months of hard work, you're finally free."

"Thank you Director An, I look forward to the day the film starts screening," Tangning gently hugged An Zihao.

"How come President Mo isn't here on such a special occasion?" An Zihao asked curiously after he scanned the room and saw no sign of Mo Ting.

Whenever something important happened to Tangning, Mo Ting would never miss out on it. The couple always supported each other and no matter how busy they were, they would always put the other person first. A relationship like this wasn't common.

"He will definitely appear at the celebration tomorrow," Tangning smiled.

"I heard Luo Xing entered a singing competition and received first prize in popularity. Have you congratulated him yet?" An Zihao asked. Not many people knew that Tang Jingxuan was her younger brother; only her closest friends and family.

An Zihao knew their relationship because he had seen Tang Jingxuan visit Tangning on set. He also knew that Tangning had been busy filming so she probably wouldn't have seen the entertainment news.

"Of course," Tangning lifted an eyebrow and replied. She then waved her phone at him, "He's already reported to me."

Previously, after the awards ceremony incident, K&G were boycotted and shamed by the entire nation because they had been caught with drugs. On the other hand, because Tang Jingxuan volunteered to cooperate with the authorities and was found innocent, his popularity began to rise. Plus, with the help of Hai Rui, Tang Jingxuan received a lot more opportunities to appear behind cameras and even participated in a large-scale singing competition programme. So, the Tang Jingxuan today had already exceeded the one in the past.

“I was thinking of asking him to sing the theme song for the film. I wonder...”

“When it comes to business, you should speak to his manager. I will not get involved.”

After Tangning expressed her thoughts, she held onto her bunch of flowers and left with Song Yanshu. Meanwhile, An Zihao watched as she walked away and smiled; this mysterious woman always seemed to bring happiness to the people around her.

Not long after, Bei Chendong also completed his filming. Of course, this cool and uncaring national treasure actor would not need any flowers. All he wanted was his little assistant. Even though, to this day, she still thought he wanted her by his side because he liked to play tricks on her.

3pm. The production crew officially announced that filming was complete and the film would move into post production.

But...this did not mean Tangning could rest because, at this time, ‘Stupid’ was due for release at the end of June.

Also due for release at the same time was another popular film called ‘Devil Shooter’. It featured a few hot young actors and actresses and was a fantasy film with a budget in the hundreds of millions. It was highly anticipated by the youngsters.

After all, there now existed a category of films called ‘idol films’...

Even if the special effects were full of flaws and the storyline didn’t make sense, ticket sales would still be through the roof. This was because of the popularity of the actors. All they had to do was act cool and look good and the fans would be smitten.

This was a huge challenge for ‘Stupid’, because when it came to popularity, there was no way they could beat ‘Devil Shooter’.

Since no one had seen Tangning act before and a few months had passed since the commotion of her career change, people had long lost interest and trust in her acting.

Even though the top actor Lin Sheng was in the film, it wasn’t enough to save it from the youngster-dominated market.

From the time that Tangning changed career paths, she no longer appeared on the runway and news about her ceased for a good few months. As a result, the public’s impression of her had paused with the last time they saw her a few months ago. If it wasn’t because her name was mentioned every now and then, they perhaps would have already forgotten how hard she had fought for her glory in the fashion world.

Plenty of people felt pity for Tangning, including Tang Jingxuan. After seeing negative discussions from film fans about his sister, he couldn’t help but question her, “Sister Three, have you ever regretted changing to acting? If you weren’t acting, you’d definitely get a part in the August Victoria’s Secret show.”

“Look at you. You’re practically starting all over again...”

“Do you want me to announce our relationship?”

“I’m not at the stage where I need you to help boost my popularity,” Tangning laughed. “Either way, don’t you trust your brother-in-law’s abilities?”

“Of course I do, but I’m getting anxious because he hasn’t made a move in so long,” Tang Jingxuan complained. Right now, he was known as the prince of the singing industry and his popularity was no joke. If he was to reveal his relationship with Tangning, her fame would definitely jump back up to top.

“As a model, I did all I could as a model to achieve the best. Now that I’m an actress, I will do all I can as an actress to get to where I want to be. No one can stop me.” Seeing Tang Jingxuan’s impatience, Tangning said with confidence, “Your brother-in-law isn’t even anxious, why should you be anxious?”

“I’m worried about the sale numbers and reviews for ‘Stupid’.”

“That’s not something for you to worry about. Sing your songs and focus on your own career,” Tangning said firmly. After 3 months of keeping a low profile, Tangning had become even more mature and calm. “Hurry and get going. Don’t you have an appearance on a show tonight? You don’t want to participate in it anymore?”

“I’m just worried about you.”

“When has your sister ever needed you to worry about her?” Mo Ting asked as he entered the room and removed his jacket, “You need to have faith in her!”

Tang Jingxuan thought about it and nodded his head, but he still had a trace of doubt, “I’ll tell my fans to watch the movie. If you need me for anything, just tell me.”

“Your status is still miles from you sister’s,” Mo Ting said without holding back, “Even when she was a model, her popularity was higher than yours...”

“I will prove to you that I can be the top singer in Hai Rui.” After speaking, Tang Jingxuan left Hyatt Regency, leaving the couple to look at each other helplessly as they shook their heads.

“To be honest, I’m not as optimistic as you think,” Tangning said honestly after Tang Jingxuan left. “‘Stupid’ was my first film. It holds a lot of importance in my heart. But I’m not sure if my acting will be acknowledged; I’m actually quite nervous.”

Chapter 407: Something Outrageous

The release date for ‘Stupid’ was June 27th. As for ‘Devil Shooter’, its release date was scheduled for June 28th. There was only one day difference between the two movies.

Unfortunately, the film market wasn’t very fair. The film distributors’ first impression of a film was based entirely on popularity. Regardless of whether the film was good or bad, as long as it got people talking, they would take extra notice of it.

Of course, the combination of top actor Lin Sheng, French Director Coque and Tangning wasn’t as popular as a cast of good looking young actors, after all, young people dominated the film market. So, for those within the industry, they didn’t have high hopes for ‘Stupid’.

But, in the end, to truly determine if a film was popular or not, they still had to wait and see the attendance numbers.

This was practically 'Stupid's' only lifeline.

The film market was outside of Mo Ting's control, so the film depended entirely on its own capabilities.

"Even if I don't believe in anything else, I at least believe in your acting," Mo Ting said as he walked over to Tangning and hooked his arm around her waist, pulling her into his embrace, "I feel bad for not being able to come pick you up."

"Why would you feel bad?" Tangning leaned into Mo Ting's embrace feeling a lot calmer than before. This man's hug always seemed to provide her with the strongest sense of security.

"I don't want to miss out on any of your important moments," Mo Ting replied in seriousness, "Because they are also important to me."

Tangning started laughing as she bit down on Mo Ting's neck; this was her way of expressing the complex emotions she felt.

Mo Ting had long become accustomed to this habit. But, as soon as he felt her bite, he responded quickly by pressing her against the sofa, "Let me check if you've lost any weight..."

"President Mo, I like this excuse of yours...because...I also want to know if you've been too busy to take care of your body!"

Mo Ting laughed before lowering his passionate kiss onto her lips...

Tangning responded by running her fingers across her man's body, analyzing every inch of his muscles, "You've gotten skinnier..."

"Because I missed you," Mo Ting said in an enamored tone.

Tangning looked lovingly at the man on top of her and hooked her arms around his neck, "How badly did you miss me?"

"I missed you so much that my heart hurt." After he spoke, he took complete possession of her and showed her his most passionate affection. Even though it was only the afternoon, the living room of their home was filled with a lustful atmosphere.

After their desires were fulfilled, Mo Ting took Tangning into the bathroom for a bath. Seeing his wife had truly returned to his side, he hugged her tightly in his arms not willing to let go, "Don't ever leave me for such a long period of time again. I won't be able to handle it..."

"But, you still visited and saw me every weekend," Tangning pointed out that his 'long period of time' was merely one week.

"If I say it's a long time, then it's a long time!"

Tangning was helpless towards him. It seemed Mo Ting was whining to her like a little kid. But, he was to turn 33 next month...

“‘Stupid’ will be starting with its promotions soon. I may have to fly around a lot.”

“I’ll come with you,” Mo Ting responded gently. “Don’t forget, I’m your manager. It’s reasonable for me to accompany you.”

“Aren’t you worried about the performance results of ‘Stupid’ at all?” Tangning turned around and asked. “You put your heart and soul into ‘Stupid’. I hope everyone can see the film that my husband wrote.”

Mo Ting smiled without saying a word. To him, Tangning’s importance to him had long surpassed the dream he once had. He had already planned out the promotional activities ahead, so the final result was in the hands of fate. He simply hoped that Tangning would have the best start in the industry.

“I only care about you!”

“What’s with you today?” Tangning asked as she grabbed onto Mo Ting’s cleanly shaven chin, “You seem extra clingy.”

“I’m tired...”

Tangning held back a smile as she stood up and walked over to the bed. She then patted the spot next to her, “Let’s not do anything today. I’ll just rest here with you.”

Mo Ting walked over and lay down beside her as he buried his head into her chest.

She was like his oxygen...

...a nutrient he would not be able to part with for the rest of his life...

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The next day, Tangning and Mo Ting attended the celebration for the completion of ‘W.H.’. Of course, right afterwards, they had to jump straight into promoting ‘Stupid’. For Tangning to suddenly appear after disappearing for quite a few months, her fans felt like they had been revived, even though they had predicted Mo Ting must have hid her on a secret film set.

“Tangning’s finally come out from hiding to promote her film! It’s already been 3 months!”

“Although I’m a fan of Tangning’s, I actually want to see ‘Devil Shooter’ more. What should I do?”

“You betrayer! I don’t know about you, but I will definitely take my entire family to watch Tangning’s new film. If even her own fans don’t support her, what is the world coming to?”

“I’m honestly doubtful towards Tangning’s acting... If I support her and end up getting slapped in the face, what would I do? I don’t have the courage to stick up for her.”

“Haiz...I have no confidence in her either.”

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Online, because of doubt from industry professionals, film fans were also negative towards ‘Stupid’. Even though Hai Rui exhausted their efforts at promoting the film, they were still suppressed by the popularity of ‘Devil Shooter’.

Industry professionals predicted that 'Stupid' may be the first film produced by Hai Rui that would not make over \$500 million dollars.

If that was the case, Mo Ting's decision-making and capabilities may be questioned.

Because of this, Tangning felt extra pressured. She really wanted to prove there was nothing wrong with Mo Ting's judgment, decision-making and capabilities; that he would forever be a legend in the entertainment industry.

But...feedback from the outside world...wasn't looking good.

At this time, something outrageous happened.

Just before 'Stupid' was to hold a pre-screening...

An 'insider' claimed to have seen a preview of 'Stupid' and said it was terrible. She also said that Tangning's acting was nowhere as good as in her audition video and that everyone should avoid seeing it at all costs. On top of that, she also listed 5 reasons why 'Stupid' was no good.

It was hard to tell whether her words were true and it played with people's minds. So, as soon as the post went up, the industry's expectations for 'Stupid' further plummeted.

It was like they already knew that 'Stupid' was a bad film without seeing it.

This was definitely something planned by their rivals. When fighting for audience views, those working behind the scenes were full of schemes.

As a result, the attendance numbers for the pre-screening of 'Stupid' was quite worrying...

Tang Jingxuan thought Mo Ting was leaving everything to the hands of fate. He was so impatient that he ended up stepping out and telling his fans that he'd pay for them to go watch Tangning's film as a way of repaying her for saving him on stage previously.

His fans agreed; they felt Tang Jingxuan was righteous and loyal...even though they didn't normally watch this type of film, they still agreed to support it.

Of course, in the end, they bought tickets to the pre-screening expecting to fall asleep...

Chapter 408: Vouching for Tangning !

Probably because they wanted to compete with 'Stupid', 'Devil Shooter' decided to use the same marketing tactic as Hai Rui and host pre-screenings on the same day but at a different theatre chain. They tried to latch onto Hai Rui so they could use them as a stepping stone to improve their own reputation and status in the domestic market.

After all, it wasn't everyday that Hai Rui would release a rubbish film!

"Which agency produced 'Devil Shooter'? How could they be so shameless?" Long Jie phoned Tangning on the eve of 'Stupid's' first pre-screening. Of course, she had always been a straightforward person, so under these circumstances, she would not be satisfied until she completely spoke her mind.

"I heard it was produced by a real estate tycoon," Tangning laughed.

"Although I'm not familiar with how the film industry works, Lu Che told me 'Stupid' is in a worrying situation. The attendance numbers may be used by others to humiliate Hai Rui. Is it really that bad?"

"I can only say that this will be a tough battle," Tangning replied in seriousness.

If it was an issue concerning the fashion industry, she would be able to explain the situation in detail. But when it came to the film industry, she was practically an outsider who didn't understand how it worked.

"I don't care. I'm going to take all my friends and family to go watch it," Long Jie exclaimed.

"Aren't we already all your family and friends?" Tangning pointed out without holding back.

Long Jie did not say another word regarding the matter. She simply told Tangning not to worry or feel anxious, otherwise, she would fall into her enemy's trap.

"You're the one that's being anxious," Tangning replied helplessly.

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Meanwhile, in the office of Hai Rui's CEO.

Fang Yu was sitting opposite Mo Ting. His expression was casual and relaxed with a hint of amusement. Especially when he thought of 'Devil Shooter's' disgusting marketing tactics, he couldn't control his lips from curving upwards.

"I'm moved by the way they've helped us promote our film..."

"What are the shareholders' thoughts?" Mo Ting asked without lifting his head.

"The shareholders aren't worried. They've figured the other party are pretty much digging their own graves," Fang Yu replied leisurely.

The longer he stayed in Hai Rui, the more he appreciated a challenge. And the more he enjoyed working with projects like 'Stupid' that required them to put up a fight; not projects that were full of glitz and glamour with no drama.

Projects like that were too easy for him. Of course, if even he felt they were too easy, then to Mo Ting, they were nothing.

This was why, even though the public had already given 'Stupid' a death sentence, the two men in the office were still as calm as ever.

If someone insisted on comparing themselves with 'Stupid', they could compare all they wanted...

In the end, the last one left laughing was still to be determined.

"After tomorrow's pre-screening, organize another two pre-screening events of the same scale. Let's see the attendance numbers then," Mo Ting instructed calmly.

"Should we notify 'Devil Shooter' of the other two times?"

“No need... I’m sure they will only be brave enough to do one pre-screening,” Mo Ting replied confidently. “Their storyline is a mess.”

Their rival was indeed good at real estate...

But, they knew nothing about the film market.

Films that were brave enough to hold pre-screenings were films that were confident about word of mouth. But, their rival obviously had no self-awareness of the quality of their film. Or perhaps, they were overly confident in their fans.

“OK, I will contact some of the top theatre chains.”

The reason Mo Ting managed to rule over the entertainment industry for so many years was never dependent on luck. It was instead based on a strategy to appear like everything was luck.

The more tricky his enemies tried to be, the more excited he felt. After all, men often enjoyed displaying their power and making their enemies feel helpless.

The next day...

The pre-screening for the two films commenced at the same time at different theatres. Because of the hype around ‘Devil Shooter’, their tickets were in high demand and rare to get one’s hands on. As a result, their attendance numbers were very high.

The industry had high hopes for the film because of the hype around it. Even if the storyline wasn’t great, it didn’t matter as long as fans were willing to pay...

On the other hand, the attendance numbers for ‘Stupid’ were quite average. But, no one knew, amongst the attendees, Mo Ting had invited some top class critics, film experts as well as representatives from film fan groups. These people’s opinions were well-trusted.

So, after their first pre-screening, ‘Devil Shooter’ walked away with \$10 million in ticket sales; almost double of what ‘Stupid’ received. But, the reviews slowly highlighted the difference in quality of the two films.

Some reviews wildly praised that the actors were extremely good looking and the storyline was exciting. These reviewers were obviously fans.

Meanwhile, film fans complained about the film to the point where they had nothing positive to say about it.

“A real estate tycoon’s investment indeed can not be trusted. Even though he spent hundreds of millions, it could not save the movie from a lousy storyline.”

“Wow! Xiangxiang was so hot in the film! Those that say the film wasn’t good, must be blind.”

“This film was so painful to watch. Even if I like a particular actor, I will never expose my eyes to such torture again.”

On the contrary, ‘Stupid’ started off not attracting much attention since everyone was focused on the reviews for ‘Devil Shooter’. But, quickly, the reviews of trusted sources began to stand out.

The first thing one of the famous verified personalities on social media did after watching 'Stupid', was vouch for Tangning.

He wrote an entire post titled, 'Tangning alone is enough to beat down next door!' As soon as the post went up, it triggered a wave of responses.

Since their rivals knew how to utilize Hai Rui's influence, Hai Rui also knew how to turn things around and utilize the popularity of their actors.

This verified personality had a lot of influence in the film industry.

This was the reason why Mo Ting insisted on inviting him to the pre-screening even though he had low expectations for 'Stupid' and Tangning...

However, after sitting in the theatre for 2 hours, he found himself walking out completely speechless.

He was so pleasantly surprised that he had an immediate urge to write down his opinion. Of course, he resisted until he finished watching the other films he had been invited to for the day. But, even as the day ended, the only thoughts he had in his mind, revolved around 'Stupid'...

"5 reasons to vouch for Tangning."

After reading the post a so-called 'insider' had previously posted to criticize 'Stupid', the verified personality wrote a completely opposing post.

His 5 reasons all boiled down to one.

It was simple. Tangning went from being a model to an actress, but her acting was miles better than the 'professionals' in the other film!

Attached to the post were a few pictures of scenes from the movie that included Tangning.

A post from an unknown source VS a post from a trusted film critic. The latter was definitely more influential...

With the public's curiosity towards Tangning piqued, the hype around 'Stupid' also increased quite dramatically. Hai Rui's first step was steady. It was so steady that 'Devil Shooter' started to worry.

But, they told themselves not to worry. The true results would be revealed after their official release.

No matter what the results were for the pre-screening, 'Devil Shooter' would definitely be screened much more often than 'Stupid'. This was something predetermined by the market.

But, when President Mo was involved – nothing was definite...

Chapter 409: There's Nothing She Can't Do !

In reality, even Tangning herself had not seen the completed version of 'Stupid'. When the crew sat down for a test screening, she was in the middle of filming 'W.H.'. So, throughout the pre-screenings, her thoughts followed the flow of the public's reactions.

To her, it felt like 'Stupid' was struggling for survival.

"According to your progression, 3 films a year should be your limit. So, in the next half of the year, I will help you take on one more film. After that, you can wholeheartedly focus on preparing for a kid."

That night, the couple looked through scripts in the study room. Mo Ting browsed quickly through all of them and swept them aside.

"I'll do as you say..." Tangning replied as she leaned against Mo Ting's back, "I like the future you have planned for us."

Hearing Tangning's response, Mo Ting's lips curved upwards in satisfaction.

"I want you to go home with this year's Fei Tian Best Newcomer Award."

"You have that much faith in me?" Tangning put down the script in her hand and buried her head in Mo Ting's back. "How's 'Stupid' going, I really want to know its progress."

"Mrs. Mo, are you doubting your husband's abilities?" Mo Ting turned around and raised an eyebrow.

"Of course not. I'm just naturally anxious because it's not an industry that I'm familiar with."

"Relax," Mo Ting wrapped Tangning in his embrace and pulled her onto his lap. "You haven't watched it yet, have you? Wait until the second pre-screening, we'll go watch it together."

"Is it good?"

"The best critic in the industry has already stepped out to vouch for you. What do you think?" Mo Ting lifted his eyebrows slightly, "This is the first time you've been so unconfident."

"I can't control it..."

"Let me teach you how to control it," Mo Ting sat Tangning beside him and continued, "The film market isn't difficult to understand. Everything related to the entertainment industry is quite similar. You've simply been frightened by your rival's intimidation."

"Don't look at others. Just look at yourself."

"From the screenwriter, to the cast, to the director and production; we have the courage to hold three pre-screenings because we have confidence in our film. Hai Rui has always been a leader in its field. We don't care about comparing with our rivals, we simply focus on our strengths and utilize what we have around us."

After listening to Mo Ting, Tangning let out a gentle laugh, "Ultimately, your main point is that you have confidence in the film."

"Of course. I've always had a good sense of judgment."

As Mo Ting spoke, his eyes filled with confidence and his body emitted a king-like presence.

This was the Mo Ting that Tangning was most mesmerized by.

Her man's capabilities were never something to be questioned. So, towards 'Stupid', she slowly let go of her worries. Instead, her body now felt fully invigorated.

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"Oh my God! Failed judgment! Tangning's acting is surprisingly good."

"I don't care about anything else. Let's just focus on 'Stupid'. All I saw throughout the film was the character Tangning played, there was no trace of Tangning herself. This film was surprisingly good..."

"I wouldn't say Tangning's acting ability was superb, but I admit it was enough to beat the rivaling film. Yet, she came from a modeling background!"

"I can tell that Tangning put a lot of effort into her acting. It's quite amazing that I couldn't find any trace of her true self within the film."

"If Tangning's character was given to one of the popular young actresses, the character would have made everyone want to slap her in the face. But, the way that Tangning portrayed the character was surprisingly likeable."

"It's clear to see that the person that defamed Tangning's acting earlier, did it with bad intentions. At least I didn't feel disgusted by her acting! I am definitely siding with 'Stupid'. I wish them the best."

All of a sudden online, those that had watched 'Stupid' were stepping out to vouch for Tangning. Compared to 'Devil Shooter's' exaggeration, 'Stupid' was well produced and thoughtfully executed.

Even though the two films still varied in popularity, the positive reviews for 'Stupid' helped them advance steadily...

Apart from the film itself being spectacular, Tangning was the most pleasant surprise. This was partly thanks to the defamation from 'Devil Shooter'.

If film fans did not have the lowest expectations for Tangning to begin with, how could they be so pleasantly surprised after seeing her on screen?

As a result, due to their curiosity towards Tangning, many people expressed their interest for the second pre-screening. But, the number of screenings did not change due to demand. This was all a part of Mo Ting's plan. He did not want to satisfy everyone too quickly. They would have to wait until the official release.

Two days later, the second pre-screening commenced. Just like last time, Mo Ting invited a few 'special' guests. This included business partners and famous directors. His motive was simple, he wanted those that doubted Tangning to see that there was nothing wrong with her acting and to give them the confidence to send over any offers.

Mo Ting was not affected by distractions from 'Devil Shooter'. As usual, he was quick at making decisions and worked efficiently.

During this 'special' screening, Tangning and Mo Ting were also sitting in the audience; this was Tangning's first time watching the completed film.

It was a strange feeling for Tangning. Especially when she saw her own name appear on the screen. The sense of honor was something she never felt as a model.

Next to Tangning sat Mo Ting.

He remained focused on the film the entire time. Even during Tangning's kissing scenes and bed scenes, he did not give much of a reaction.

This was because he did not think of the character on screen as Tangning.

This was a strange feeling for him...

The two-hour film was compact and after experiencing a few reversals, it was finally revealed that the embarrassingly stupid student turned out to be the athlete's son and was a genius at swimming...

Time passed quickly. It was not until the lights of the theatre turned on that everyone acknowledged the film had finished.

In the film, the son stood on the awards podium and revealed that his father had abandoned him multiple times. At this moment, the audience watching the film felt like the anger in their hearts had also been released. Especially when he announced his father's name in front of the whole world, everything finally felt like it came to an end.

This was not a film suited to the mainstream market. But, it was surprisingly entertaining.

It wasn't extremely attractive and did not feature any fresh good looking faces, but it was unforgettable.

Most importantly, even till the end, no one could believe that the tragic actress in the film was played by Tangning. It was only after the film ended and they checked the names of the cast that they confirmed it was really her.

Tangning!

How could a supermodel have such good acting ability?!

This was a huge slap to the face for all those that doubted her.

It seemed, whether she was a model or an actress, she could use reality to prove that there was nothing she couldn't do.

Chapter 410: How Dare You Help Me Decide ?

"Tangning, this time you can hold your head high!"

Tangning's fans gave a sigh of relief after watching her second pre-screening. Tangning did not disappoint and gave those that supported her a reason to be proud.

Although her role was essentially a supporting character and didn't have that many scenes in comparison to the other characters, she left a lasting impression and stunned everyone.

As discussions about Tangning's acting was reignited and there were plenty of positive film reviews to go with it, the negative post from early on ended up being mentioned again. The so-called 'insider' was exposed as a common trick used by rivals that everyone in the industry knew about.

Following on from the second pre-screening, although ticket sales did not exceed \$10 million, the attendance numbers doubled from the first event and exceeded the attendance numbers of 'Devil Shooter'.

As predicted, their rival did not dare to hold a second pre-screening since the first event had already highlighted an obvious contrast between the two films. Compared to the standout performance of 'Stupid', the few hundred million dollar investment paired with special effects typical of a huge production, could only attract pre-existing fans. It no longer had anything worthy of attracting others to watch it.

Mo Ting always advanced at a stable rate. After the two pre-screenings, 'Stupid' was already showing signs of a reversal and was giving out faceslaps to those that doubted it in the industry.

Of course, this progress wasn't enough!

After all, 'Stupid' was not a mainstream film. So even up to this point, it still wasn't clear who would ultimately walk away with victory. They still had to wait and see the box office results for the official release.

But, with Mo Ting's tactics, no one in Hai Rui felt worried at all about 'Stupid's' results.

Because Mo Ting was a legend.

This was also the reason why Mo Ting could spend a lifetime with Tangning; their instinctive nature was too similar.

No matter how anxious the outside world was, they would always remain calm and make the right decision quickly, surprising everyone with a shocking outcome.

As expected, after the second pre-screening, Tangning received an influx of messages from directors

With her background and her acting, one would be stupid not to go looking for her!

However, their ultimate move was yet to come: 'W.H.' had not been announced to the public yet...

Mo Ting was confident that the announcement of 'W.H.' would stir up the public even more!

Long Jie, Lu Che and Fang Yu found some spare time to check out Tangning's film. Although they already expected Tangning's acting to be good, they didn't know it would be good to this extent.

Long Jie was especially surprised. Although she had observed Tangning when she was filming, seeing the completed film, still gave her quite a shock.

After finishing the film, the trio walked out of the theatre speechless. After quite some time, Fang Yu finally turned and asked Long Jie, "Did Tangning secretly study acting?"

"No f*cking way, how could she possibly have time to study? However, I know she's always enjoyed practicing until she masters something. Haven't you guys noticed? Every single film and commercial

she's been in, she completely loses herself in her role. This is what you call a gift from God!" Long Jie scoffed at Fang Yu.

"Well, it's my first time witnessing God's miracle!" Fang Yu was completely convinced by Tangning.

"She's put in a lot of effort. She can even recite every single line in the script! Has Jingjing seen the film yet?"

"When she returns tomorrow I will take her to watch it, don't worry." Fang Yu then turned to Lu Che, "Hurry and take your wife home, she talks too much."

"Are you trying to start a fight?" Lu Che immediately stuck up for his wife.

"You guys are bullying me because my wife isn't here!" Fang Yu laughed in defeat. "Anyhow, I finally know why the President had such confidence towards 'Stupid'. To be honest, back when they had the test screening, I couldn't be bothered to go because I didn't have much interest in it even though I trusted in the President's judgment. Now that I think about it, this film is really not bad."

"Our Tangning can finally give everyone a slap in the face. Come on...let's go home and celebrate."

Fang Yu couldn't stand Long Jie's noisy chatter. Even though, in reality, Huo Jingjing wasn't any better...

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Meanwhile, in the back row of a small theatre across town, Bei Chendong was hiding himself under a cap as he watched a screening of 'Stupid' with Han Xiner.

Of course, he was dragged here to accompany her.

Although he didn't have much interest in this genre of film, he couldn't deny that Lin Sheng and Tangning's acting was quite impressive.

As an actor, he sincerely recognized those that were serious about acting. So he felt, Tangning and Lin Sheng were in the same category as him.

This was the reason why he was willing to accept Tangning from the start.

He could tell she was serious about playing a character and wasn't aiming for fame and fortune.

People like her were hard to come by in the film and television industry.

It didn't take long before the two-hour film finished. Han Xiner was in a crying mess as she blew her nose, "As expected, Ning Jie is amazing and the film was great. The person I like is finally on the big screen."

"What are you crying about?" Bei Chendong asked in an irritated tone, "You'll see more of this in the future."

"That's true," Han Xiner dried her tears and looked at Bei Chendong, "This makes me look forward to 'W.H.' even more. Ning Jie is the female lead and the scenes she plays in are bigger and more exciting."

Bei Chendong glared at her.

Every word from her mouth involved Tangning...

In Han Xiner's eyes, was there only Tangning?

"Now that the film is finished, let's go home."

"Dong Ge...Why don't you cooperate with Tangning again? That way I can see her all day long..."

"I won't work with her again for the rest of my life," Bei Chendong grumbled.

"Huh?"

"I've already rejected all offers for the next half of the year. I need some rest." Bei Chendong waited until everyone left the theatre before he stood up from his seat and headed for the exit. Han Xiner quickly followed behind.

"You're not filming anything? And not attending any events? Are you just going to sit at home and eat away at your bank account?"

Little did she know, he didn't even get paid for 'W.H.!'!

If he depended on acting to survive, he wouldn't be able to keep himself alive. He didn't produce many films and it always depended on his mood.

"Most importantly, if you don't do anything, what would I do? You can't expect me to play around with you all day, right?"

"You're right," Bei Chendong crossed his arms and looked at Han Xiner, "The weather's getting hot. I want to go to the north pole for a holiday. I'll take you with me!"

Han Xiner: "I like to work hard, I don't want to muck around with you all day. If you continue to be this lazy, then I don't want to be your assistant anymore. I hate lazy men..."

Bei Chendong: "..."

The heated discussion between the two quickly attracted the attention of passersby. To prevent himself from being discovered, Bei Chendong quickly hooked his arm around Han Xiner's neck and dragged her out of the theatre, "I'll work, I'll work, I'll work...as soon as we get home I'll start looking through scripts."

Although Han Xiner was being hurried out of the theatre, she still managed to sneak in a smile.

"You should film one more film and one television series," Han Xiner tested her limits.

"You must be feeling brave. How dare you help me decide?"