

Work Hard 421

Chapter 421: You Were Born For This Industry !

“Are you sure you want to do that scene?” Wei An asked with a trace of doubt.

“Yes,” Tangning nodded in certainty.

“As you wish!” After speaking, Wei An gestured for his assistant to hand him the script. After familiarizing himself with the scene, he prompted Tangning, “Let’s get started...”

In reality, he did not truly care about fulfilling her request. He was simply challenging her to show him what she could offer.

So, he sat down in his chair, placed one foot on a dummy and pointed his fake gun at another one...

Tangning squatted about 2 meters from him. Her head was initially down, but, as she lifted it, her eyes were red with a complex mix of anger, panic and disappointment. She instantly shocked the judges!

In this moment, she was no longer Tangning – she had become the female fighter!

“You’ve been missing for 12 years, so I searched for you for 12 years. Everyone said I was crazy. One time, I saw someone wearing similar clothes to you drown. I hugged their dead body and cried for an entire day thinking it was you!”

Tangning lowered her voice as it became raspy and heavy. The slight tremble in her questioning tone made the judges surprised once again.

Wei An’s mind went blank for a moment, not knowing how to respond. He had never imagined that Tangning would get into character so quickly and bring the female fighter to life so vividly.

“Wait, let’s start again,” Wei An requested.

Tangning immediately drew back her expression and converted back to her usual calm self; it only took her a second to do so. Although she still had the same makeup on, it was clear to see that Tangning was Tangning and the female fighter was the female fighter.

Wei An was once again shocked. This time, he decided to take her seriously. After all, he had previously studied her acting and understood he shouldn’t underestimate this model-turned-actress.

A moment later, they were prepared for a second try. Once again, Tangning had her head lowered. To everyone’s surprise, she picked up exactly where she left off and did not need to start again.

“Our child stood beside me and told me the body in my arms was not his father; that I had made a mistake. In the end, I laughed and cried as the real family members dragged the body away. You b*stard!” Tangning’s voice sped up and became louder as an extra layer of suffering and hatred could be heard.

“You are a police officer and I am a criminal, it’s impossible for us to walk the same path,” Wei An finally caught on as he opened his eyes wide and sneered at Tangning.

“We will definitely walk the same path. We can walk the same path to death!” After speaking, Tangning suddenly pounced towards Wei An...

Wei An responded by shooting her. Tangning held onto her waist in pain as she lay on top of him, biting his arm.

Wei An had always been strict towards himself: whilst having high expectations for others, he naturally had high expectations for himself. As a result, he was actually well-trained in martial arts. But, as he entered into a fight with Tangning, he actually found it a challenge to win against her.

Because at this moment, the female fighter had completely disregarded the possibility of death. As she fought with him, her every punch was powerful and firm...

As for the thing that made Wei An the most amazed: Tangning’s skill and posture was comparable to Gu Heng’s! Especially the look in her eyes...The look that she was fighting with all she had!

Although, in the end, she was still restrained by him, Wei An could not forget the look in her eyes. The hopeful look that if she persisted she would be free, made him once again stunned.

The person in front of him...

...was like a person that had jumped right out of his script. She was so realistic and relatable.

But, Tangning’s performance had come to an end because of time constraints...

The judges were speechless for quite some time afterwards. They could not believe that someone was capable of acting so realistically that it made them break out in a cold sweat...

Wei An also froze in place. It took him quite some time before he finally recovered from his daze. He had never seen an actor with such convincing power.

For the sake of the role, she allowed it to fuse with her life.

Others acted; they acted as someone else. But, Tangning became the character and was merely performing as herself!

Wei An was extremely regretful. How could he have assumed that Tangning couldn’t do action? Wei An hated using stunt doubles because he felt it ruined the dynamics of his films, so he wondered...

“Do you use stunt doubles?” Wei An asked straightforwardly.

“I did not use one in ‘Stupid’ nor ‘W.H.’” Tangning replied. “Regardless, I’m willing to learn even the hardest moves myself.”

“Great,” Wei An nodded his head firmly. He then pointed to Tangning and said with certainty, “I don’t want anyone but you for ‘The Lost Relative’!”

Hearing this, the other people in the room were shocked again. They had never heard Wei An say such words to an actor during their audition.

Not only this, he immediately turned to his assistant and said, “The female lead has been decided. Following on...we will audition for the supporting roles.”

“Thank you, Director Wei,” Tangning bowed thankfully.

“I have one last question before you leave. I was sure I told someone to notify you the auditions were at 3pm, how come you arrived early?” Wei An asked straightforwardly. Since Tangning had arrived, it meant she was an intelligent person. He did not need to talk to an intelligent person in a roundabout way.

“I arrived at 9am,” Tangning also replied straightforwardly, “Regardless of the time, I was determined to get the role.”

What Tangning meant was – for the sake of the role – she had made a lot of preparations. She even arrived early and waited patiently without revealing the dirty methods that had been used on her. She did this to save Wei An some pride.

And Wei An responded, “I deliberately made things difficult for you.”

“But, it’s obvious to see that you were born for this industry!” After speaking, he returned to his seat, “You may leave. We can discuss your contact tomorrow.”

“OK,” Tangning nodded with a smile. She then exited the audition room as the judges sipped frantically at their glasses of water.

“She’s quite frightening...I’ve never seen anyone capable of getting in and out of character so easily. I can’t believe she’s only been acting for less than half a year.”

“But, the act of studying other people is something she’s done for the last decade,” Wei An responded. “What I’m most surprised with, is the fact that her fighting moves are quite impressive. It seems she has done a lot to prepare for this role.”

“I guess you have no way of rejecting an actress like this?” the other judges laughed. “I wonder how she managed to make me break out in a cold sweat from watching her.”

“This must be a gift from God.”

Even if God had given her the talent, without hard work, how would she have amazed everyone?

Wei An was well aware of this. Especially since he noticed the bruises on the back of her hands. It seemed, she had high expectations for herself.

Elder Mo was still seated in the hidden corner as he nodded his head in approval. His granddaughter-in-law had quite a personality. It was definitely worth his time to continue analyzing her.

Chapter 422: How Did You Lose to Tangning ?

“I heard the female lead has been decided...Did you guys hear about it?”

“That’s impossible! Half the candidates haven’t auditioned yet.”

“It’s true. I have a relative in the production crew. According to my relative, the female lead has been set...”

“Who was chosen? It must be Gu Heng, right?”

The remaining candidates slowly heard of the news. As for the people called in for auditions, they were all notified by Wei An’s assistant that they were only auditioning for the supporting role. But, even if it was just a supporting role, they still competed fiercely. After all, even an extra in Wei An’s films had a chance of making a breakthrough.

Everyone assumed Gu Heng had been chosen as the female lead, including Gu Heng herself. After all, fighter roles were practically made for her. Looking at all the candidates, her chances were definitely the highest.

However, to her surprise, that very night her manager was notified by the production crew that Tangning had secured the role of female lead and asked if Gu Heng would like to play the role of her older sister.

“How many benefits did Hai Rui bribe Wei An with?” Gu Heng stood under a crystal light as she crossed her arms and questioned her manager.

“From what I heard, Wei An has already sent Tangning her contract. Heng Jie, I suggest we take the role, even if it is just a supporting character. Firstly, this is a rare opportunity, and secondly, you can prove that you are a thousand times better than Tangning.”

“Of course I’ll take the role,” Gu Heng closed her eyes and took a deep breath. If not for anything else, she had to at least do it for the male lead of the film. Because the male lead was her boyfriend, Bai Qiusheng, a famous martial arts actor in China.

They had made a promise to each other that they’d try their best for the roles of male and female lead. But, while Bai Qiusheng’s role was secured, her role had been snatched from right under her nose!

“Heng Jie, don’t be upset. The most important thing is being able to act in one of Wei An’s films...” her manager comforted.

“What’s the point of saying all this? Who told your PR methods to not be as good as Hai Rui’s?” Gu Heng turned around and clenched the back of the sofa she was sitting on frustratedly. “Forget it. You can’t be completely to blame. After all, we are up against Mo Ting. It would be a surprise if you actually beat him!”

Deep down, Gu Heng assumed that Tangning had secured the role purely because of Hai Rui’s effective PR and Mo Ting’s influence. She did not consider for a moment that Tangning actually had the skills.

After all, who would want to admit defeat in front of a newcomer?

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Tangning secured the role as she hoped, but Mo Ting was completely heartbroken. As soon as she returned home, he applied every single ointment prescribed by the doctor onto her body.

Tangning was sitting on the sofa at the time. Seeing that Mo Ting was quiet, she tried to comfort him, “It’s a little difficult at the beginning, but after I get over this hurdle, things will be a lot easier. These are just small injuries anyway.”

In reality, Tangning's every move today was taught by Mo Ting. So, he was well aware of how badly she was hurt.

"When I was going through your contract with Wei An this afternoon, we came to an agreement that you'd return directly home after filming every day," Mo Ting said as he lifted his head, "At night, I'll help you rehearse and teach you your fight scenes. I don't trust in anyone else."

"OK," Tangning nodded. With Mo Ting around, there seemed to be a solution for everything.

"On another note, I heard that Gu Heng accepted the role of your older sister," Mo Ting put down the tube of ointment and sat down beside Tangning. "You will have some scenes together and a few of them will be fight scenes. Give me a call when you are filming those scenes, I want to be present on set."

"Are you afraid she'll take the opportunity to seek revenge on me?" Tangning guessed.

"She is one of the top three national women boxers. If she wants to hurt you during a fight, no one would know it's deliberate."

"OK, I'll give you a call," Tangning reached out her arms and hooked them around Mo Ting's neck. This man had considered every possibility for her. What was there left for her to worry about?

However, there was indeed one thing for them to worry about: the secret relationship between Gu Heng and her male lead boyfriend...

And of course, there was also the guest appearance of a weird old man!

To the public, regardless of who got the lead role, the result wouldn't be much of a surprise. Whether it was Gu Heng or Tangning, they were well aware that one had skills and the other had background. Of course, fans were bound to argue a little, but this wouldn't affect the big picture. So, it didn't take long before the production crew for 'The Lost Relative' officially announced that Tangning was the female lead and Gu Heng was merely a supporting character.

"Tangning's acting is not bad, but when it comes to fight scenes, I am more convinced by Gu Heng."

"The commenter above, don't speak too soon. According to Tangning's history, she will definitely give you a huge faceslap. That's why I've decided not to side with anybody and am just waiting patiently for the film instead."

"Tangning always exceeds expectations. So, I wasn't surprised to find out that she got the role of female lead. After all, when she's serious, I think she scares even herself."

"Hmmp, our Gu Heng is an icon for this genre of film. Is the director crazy?"

"As a fan of Gu Heng's, I just want to point out one thing: Who could possibly beat Tangning's background? Is there anything her husband can't do?"

"To the commenter above, I'm sorry but our Tangning got to where she is by taking one step at a time. She's not much different to your Gu Heng, OK?"

All in all, netizens opinions towards the selection for female lead was quite varied. After all, Tangning had given out so many faceslaps in the past that no one dared to casually come to a conclusion.

Whenever someone said she couldn't do something, she would always prove them wrong.

There was nothing they could do about it.

Meanwhile, as soon as the male lead, Bai Qiusheng, found out who had secured the female lead, he immediately gave Gu Heng a phone call, "What happened? How did you lose to Tangning?"

"You shouldn't be asking me, you should be asking Hai Rui," Gu Heng whined, "Did you think I didn't give the audition my all? You should know how important this film is to me. However, our background isn't as strong as 'somebody's'. So, what can I do about it?"

The man on the other side of the phone remained silent for a while before he finally replied, "Let me think of something."

"What can you possibly do?"

"There are plenty of fight scenes in this film. What do you think?" Bai Qiusheng threw the question back at her. To Tangning, this film was merely an opportunity. But, to him and Gu Heng this was an essential step towards winning a Fei Tian Award. The couple had hidden their relationship for many years and was hoping that if they stabilized their respective statuses with an award, if one day their relationship was to be revealed, the impact would be reduced to a minimum.

But, Tangning had suddenly come out of nowhere...

"Qiusheng, are you planning to..."

"I want to force her to withdraw," Bai Qiusheng replied. "Stay out of this matter. You're suspicion will be the highest because you are the benefactor."

"But...if someone finds out..."

"No one will find out. A dangerous film like this is filled with danger around every corner," Bai Qiusheng replied in confidence. "Gu Heng, Hai Rui can't blame us for doing this. Tangning was the one that snatched your role to begin with."

Gu Heng contemplated for quite some time. She was already 32 this year and her time was running out, so she definitely had to hold on to this opportunity.

Chapter 423: You Finally Know How to be Cautious

The film was to start shooting in July and was due for release in December. As for the Fei Tian Awards, they would be held in February the next year.

So, 'The Lost Relative' was Gu Heng's biggest hope. Especially since her agency had hinted that they'd try to bribe the judges this year. If she missed this chance, her agency may end up placing their focus on someone else.

Bai Qiusheng was right...She couldn't afford to wait any longer.

Within the industry, who didn't strive for fame and fortune? Didn't Mo Ting also put a lot of 'effort' into helping Tangning? When it came to stepping on others, Hai Rui never held back, right?

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After becoming an actress, Tangning's appearance in front of the public reduced dramatically. Apart from attending events, she barely stepped foot out of her house because she wanted to spend all her time preparing for her new film. After all, the film this time posed quite a challenge for her.

In order to help Tangning get into her police role, Mo Ting hired an actual police officer to train Tangning like a cadet in a police academy. Whether it was the way she walked, her fighting stance or even the way she held a gun, she tried her best to look exactly like the real thing. As a result, Tangning began to appear more and more heroic. She was so impressive that Long Jie would raise her thumb everytime Tangning grabbed her gun.

"If someone didn't know, they might think you are an actual police officer."

Inside the training grounds, Tangning put down her fake gun and leaned against the wall, "Police are amazing. So, my mission is to show the audience how great they are."

"Well, it's time for a break. Your husband was worried that you'd be hungry, so he told Lu Che to tell me to deliver you a healthy lunch. Don't just focus on training, you should come here and eat some food first."

"OK," Tangning nodded.

Long Jie opened the lunch boxes and sat in the training ground with Tangning, ready to eat. But, just before they picked up their chopsticks, Long Jie suddenly said, "Do you want me to do some investigations regarding the male lead? As for the defeated Gu Heng, she auditioned for female lead but had to settle for the supporting character, I'm afraid she won't just accept the result so easily."

"You finally know how to be cautious," Tangning smiled. "If you have some spare time, you could have a look into it for me."

"OK, I'll look into it after we're done here." After speaking, Long Jie suddenly looked a little awkward.

"Is there something else you want to talk about?" Tangning could sense her hesitation so she prompted her to talk.

"Do you think, as a woman gets older, it's harder for her to get pregnant? I've been trying to get pregnant for a while now, but nothing seems to be happening. I'm a bit worried that there's something wrong with me," Long Jie said worriedly as she put down her chopsticks. "Tangning, I really want to give Lu Che a child as soon as possible."

"Have you done a medical examination?" Tangning asked.

"I'm too afraid to go..."

"It's best you discuss it with Lu Che. This is a matter concerning the two of you. Stop bottling up your worries or something bad might happen. Haven't you learned from your past?"

Tangning was referring to the time that Long Jie was forced to kneel.

Long Jie nodded, "You're right, I'll discuss it with him when I get home."

Tangning watched as Long Jie's head sunk and began to feel a little worried. Why was she so desperate to have a child?

After Long Jie left, Tangning couldn't help but give Lu Che a phone call.

"Madam? Let me get the President on the phone for you..."

"No need. I want to speak to you," Tangning said as she leaned against her desk, "Do you know what Long Jie has been concerned about lately? Her mind seemed to be elsewhere during lunchtime. I understand that the work given to you by Ting is important, but you mustn't forget to take note of the people around you."

Lu Che furrowed his brows questioningly. But of course, he understood Tangning's concern, so he nodded his head, "Thank you, Madam, for your concern."

"The most important people in my life are all under your care, Lu Che."

"I understand," Lu Che replied.

After Lu Che hung up the phone, Mo Ting lifted his head and looked at him questioningly.

Lu Che revealed an awkward smile as he explained, "The Madam called me regarding Long Man. President, please don't misunderstand."

"My wife called you because she's worried about you. You should pay closer attention to the happiness of your family." After speaking, Mo Ting lowered his head and continued with his work.

Lu Che took a deep breath. Although he had indeed sensed that there was something on Long Jie's mind, he did not expect it to be so serious. It seemed, the pressures she felt from his parents were stronger than he thought. It was time he found a chance to resolve it.

With this thought, he left Mo Ting's office and gave his parents a phone call to meet up. Sometimes, what a woman most needed was certainty from her man.

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Late at night, after Tangning returned from the training ground, Mo Ting was sitting all alone on the sofa. Tangning dragged her tired body towards him, but he suddenly wrapped his arms around her and pulled her onto his lap.

"You gave Lu Che a phone call?"

"How did you find out?" Tangning was a little surprised.

"He picked up the phone right in front of me..." Mo Ting replied in an upset tone, "Mrs. Mo, it seems you aren't the least bit worried that your husband would get jealous."

"President Mo, a suitable amount of jealousy is good for the heart," Tangning giggled. She then grabbed onto his cheeks and explained, "There were some private matters concerning Long Jie that I originally

didn't want to get involved in. But, Long Jie is sometimes too considerate towards others that she ends up hurting herself. I don't want to see her do anything stupid, so I gave Lu Che a slight reminder."

"I know," Mo Ting responded. It was inconvenient for a man to get involved in womanly matters.

"Are you still jealous, then?" Tangning sat up straight and placed a bite on Mo Ting's neck.

Mo Ting placed his hand on top of Tangning's hand and linked his fingers with her's. At this time, he noticed her hands had developed calluses from holding a gun for too long.

"My heart is aching Mrs. Mo."

Tangning gave him a kiss, "Is your heart still aching after this?"

"I really don't know what to do about you."

He was completely helpless.

Mo Ting had been in the entertainment industry for many years, but had never been met with a situation or person that had made him feel so helpless. It was not until he met Tangning, only this woman made him willing to do anything for her.

"Let's go. I'll carry you upstairs to apply another layer of ointment." After speaking, Mo Ting lifted Tangning in his arms, "Try and come home with this many injuries tomorrow and see what I'll do to you..."

"The film is about to start shooting... I'll personally bring home what you asked for and present it in front of you," Tangning said in a serious and confident tone.

She was going to get an award!

Because she deserved it...

"I will definitely make your wish come true." Of course, bribing judges was something Mo Ting would never do. Plus, it would be an insult to Tangning. But, he was confident what belonged to his wife would not be able to escape from her grasp!

After all, no matter if she was an actress or model, she always did her best.

Chapter 424: He is Watching The Live Broadcast...

It didn't take long before the production crew of 'The Lost Relative' held a press release for the commencement of filming. Tangning was confirmed to attend.

For Tangning's fans, this was the last chance to see her for a while before she locked herself away for filming. So, fans gathered from all over the country just for a chance to get close to her.

From the time she was a model to her current career as an actress, her fans witnessed a dramatic change. But, seeing Tangning take each step diligently, they learned a lot of excellent qualities from her.

The press release was the first opportunity for Tangning to meet with the rest of the cast. So, in the backstage, she met Bai Qiusheng and Gu Heng.

Bai Qiusheng was a tall and built man, but he had a gloomy presence. When he didn't talk, people around him would feel slightly repressed; he was exactly like the male lead of the film. Wei An's eyes were definitely sharp when it came to picking his actors.

Then there was Gu Heng. She had a head of long black hair and a polite and well-mannered presence. She was friendly but hard to read. She was obviously the type of person that changed according to who she was talking to.

"I heard your audition was quite impressive. I'm looking forward to working with you," Gu Heng smiled as she reached out her hand for a handshake.

Tangning smiled back as she grabbed her hand and gave it a shake.

"I see you've met?" Wei An suddenly stepped into the waiting room and smiled at them, "It's almost time to go on stage. The reporters are bound to ask some difficult questions, make sure you guys respond properly."

"Don't worry Director Wei," Gu Heng nodded at Wei An.

"But Tangning, how come President Mo isn't here?" Wei An had heard that Mo Ting was Tangning's manager. In fact, she was the only artist he managed. But, how come he didn't see Mo Ting at her audition or her press release?

"He will be here soon," Tangning replied.

Gu Heng and Bai Qiusheng exchanged glances but did not say a word. Hearing Mo Ting's name, their disdain towards Tangning increased. However, they hid their true feelings well and weren't discovered.

A little while later, the press release started. Gu Heng stepped on stage first because she was a supporting character.

Thinking of her boyfriend appearing with Tangning, Gu Heng felt a little upset. However, she knew at present, it was best for her to endure.

Not long after, the lead actors stepped up onto the stage. Experiencing the enthusiasm from the crowd, Tangning and Bai Qiusheng greeted the crowd warmly.

"Haha, while President Mo isn't around, can I say that the two main leads make a great couple?" the host bravely joked.

Tangning smiled awkwardly as she received the microphone, "He is watching the live broadcast..."

"Oh, that's right," the female reporter quickly covered her mouth, "Lucky Tangning is here to remind us."

"Actually, they do make quite a good couple."

"Well, of course, in the film they need to look good together. But, in the real world, who could compare to President Mo? Our Ning is married to the best of the best!"

Hearing the discussions of the fans, Gu Heng gave Bai Qiusheng a look of warning. Hearing her lover being tied together with Tangning, it was hard to describe the pain she felt inside. It was almost like her lead role was stolen along with her boyfriend...

However, no one present noticed Gu Heng's expression. After all, her and Bai Qiusheng were secret lovers!

Whilst the event continued progressing, Mo Ting arrived from Hai Rui and sat down right in front of all the fans. This couple stuck by each other's side as expected. Seeing this, the fans erupted in a shrill scream. But, Mo Ting remained calm, as usual, as he looked at Tangning and then scanned his eyes across the other people on stage.

Tangning was standing in line with Gu Heng, so she couldn't see Gu Heng's face nor notice her expression. But, Mo Ting could see something was not right. However, at this point in time, he could only guess that Gu Heng had bad intentions towards Tangning because she had snatched away her lead role and decided they should be more cautious of her.

Following on, the reporters were given some time to ask questions.

Of course, the cast were already prepared to be asked some difficult questions. However, they never expected the first question would immediately strike Gu Heng where it hurt.

"The first question goes to Director Wei. We are well aware that the two women on stage are both excellent actresses, but we would like to know why you chose Tangning over Gu Heng?" a reporter stood up and asked. Her tone was polite, even though her question was quite sharp. However, Wei An had already gotten used to questions like this.

"As you mentioned, these two women are both excellent actresses. But, I believe they each have their own strengths and roles which they are suited to. So, I made my decision based on the outcome that will be the most spectacular."

It was obvious...

...he was playing Tai Chi around the question.

"Could you give us more detail about the strengths you are referring to? In your eyes, what do you think of them?"

Wei An turned and looked at the two women. He then looked back at the reporter and smiled, "In my eyes, Gu Heng is like a ferocious tiger. Her performance is versatile and she knows how to let go of herself. Plus, she is powerful, her fight scenes are impressive and she has the ability to make violence seem aesthetically pleasing."

"As for Tangning, she appears weak on the surface, but she is like a sleeping lion. Not too long ago, I'm sure you all saw her performance in 'Stupid'. Although she started off as an actress, it does not change the fact that she has a talent for acting and is a hard worker."

"They each have their own strengths and cannot be compared."

"Aiya, how could the director make our two beauties sound so beastly?" the host laughed.

“All beauties are beastly!”

“OK, second question is for Qiusheng. You are about to start working with Tangning, so we would like ask on behalf of our female viewers, what are the qualities you look for in a partner?” the reporter quickly changed the focus to Bai Qiusheng.

Dressed in a wine red suit, Bai Qiusheng turned to the cameras and smiled, “She needs to be tall and quiet...”

“Then, looking at the two women beside you, who is more suited to your style?” the host asked nosily as she dragged Tangning and Gu Heng into the conversation.

Bai Qiusheng looked to both sides and replied smoothly, “A woman like Xu Tong is my style.”

Xu Tong was the name of Tangning’s character in ‘The Lost Relative’.

Gu Heng’s eyes reddened at this moment. Although she knew he was just playing along, hearing that her boyfriend suited another woman while she was brushed aside, was hard to accept.

The scene playing out in front of her was much too ridiculous.

As a result, her hatred towards Mo Ting and Hai Rui once again increased. But, it wasn’t their fault that she couldn’t secure such a great resource.

If this was not the most important turning point for her, she would not even consider fighting with Tangning...

...but, unfortunately, she had no choice.

Chapter 425: You Might Get Hurt Like That !

‘The Lost Relative’ was officially announced to start filming in late July. Initially, Tangning wanted to start filming after Mo Ting’s 33rd birthday. But, as her manager, Mo Ting naturally wanted to protect the impression that the crew had on her, so he arranged for her to start filming at the same time as everyone else.

“I know you want to stay by my side. But, when that time comes, I’ll come get you,” Mo Ting smiled as he brushed his hand through her hair.

“OK,” Tangning said as she stood on her tiptoes and placed a kiss on Mo Ting’s lips. With his words, she was reassured to head on set.

Because, to her, the most important thing in this world was still her husband. Whether it was modelling or acting, neither compared to Mo Ting.

For acting, she could give all her strength, but for Mo Ting, she could directly give him her life...

Song Yanshu accompanied Tangning on set. On the first day of filming, they headed straight to the hotel after the incense burning ceremony as Tangning wasn’t to shoot her parts until the next day. So, she spent the night thinking about what present to get Mo Ting instead.

That night, after Tangning, Song Yanshu and Wei An finished having dinner together, they returned to their rooms. However, en route, Tangning spotted a pair of familiar figures in the hotel's garden. Although it was just a quick glimpse, she could still clearly identify who they were. Even Song Yanshu stopped in her tracks and exclaimed, "Ning Jie..."

"I saw," Tangning responded.

"Do you want me to investigate further?" Song Yanshu asked.

"Keep it to yourself for now..." Tangning instructed quietly, "Before we confirm this matter, don't tell anyone about it."

Gu Heng would have never imagined that the relationship she and Bai Qiusheng worked so hard to hide, would end up being exposed by Tangning so easily. Even though all she simply saw were their figures suspiciously passing by.

"OK," Song Yanshu nodded.

Tangning's response did not mean that she didn't take this matter seriously. In fact, it was the complete opposite. If the male lead and supporting actress were in a relationship, she knew her position as the female lead was extremely dangerous.

"You have a scene with Gu Heng tomorrow. You best be cautious around her," Song Yanshu had heard enough instructions from Mo Ting to know that Tangning's safety was a major priority.

"I know," Tangning nodded before she and Song Yanshu went their separate ways and returned to their own respective rooms.

Mo Ting had told her previously that if she had a scene with Gu Heng, she should give him a phone call.

At that time, she thought he was overreacting, but now...

...she pulled out her phone without a doubt and directly called her husband.

"What's up?" Mo Ting sounded like he was driving.

"Stop the car first and I'll tell you," Tangning was worried about his safety.

Mo Ting chuckled and stopped the car on the side of the road before continuing, "So, what is it?"

"I will be filming a scene with Gu Heng tomorrow. It's during the third set in the afternoon," Tangning replied. "I want you to come..."

After hearing from his wife, Mo Ting's eyes slightly darkened, especially when he thought about Gu Heng's expression at the press release. So, he quickly agreed, "I'll come by in the afternoon. Focus on preparing for your shoot. You don't need to worry about anything...I'm here."

"OK," Tangning replied. "That's all. Get back to doing what you were doing and sleep early tonight. Don't stay up too late just because I'm not around. I'll call later to check on you."

"OK," Mo Ting hung up after giving his response. He could roughly guess that Tangning had discovered something, otherwise, she would not have given him a call with such late notice.

But, since Tangning did not explain any further, he decided not to ask. If she wanted to tell him, she would have done so. This was a part of their understanding for each other.

In the middle of the night...

Inside a quiet hotel room. A couple had just finished an intimate activity on the king-size bed. They were huddled up together as they leaned against the headboard. Gu Heng wrapped her arms around Bai Qiusheng's neck and said quietly beside his ear, "I have a scene with Tangning tomorrow. In fact...there is an intense argument involved. Why don't I make a move on her first."

"You mustn't!" Bai Qiusheng refused, "It poses too much of a risk."

"But...if we wait for your scenes with her, I'm afraid we would waste too much time. Tomorrow, I am required to tug her hair and hit her head..."

"No, you can't."

"Why not? Incidences like this happen often on set. Before you and I became famous, we both experienced it before. I can simply say that I lost control and underestimated my strength."

"Just wait patiently," Bai Qiusheng pressed down on Gu Heng's shoulders, "Listen to me!"

Although Gu Heng did not refute any further, the idea continued to manifest in her mind. In fact, she became more and more obsessed with it.

This was a rare opportunity to injure Tangning and force her to withdraw from the film.

Yet, Bai Qiusheng was being over cautious...

Perhaps she should just act first and talk later.

With her complex emotions, Gu Heng endured until the next morning...

As Tangning was to film some solo scenes first, Gu Heng did not arrive on set until later.

As she arrived, Tangning was filming a scene where she was searching everywhere for a her husband.

However, Gu Heng did not pay attention to Tangning's acting. Because at this moment, she was still battling an internal struggle. In fact, the more she looked at Tangning's head, the more she imagined her withdrawing from the film after receiving an injury.

"Haiz, I must say, there are no words to describe Tangning's acting. She is simply born to be a great actress."

"I know right! She doesn't put up a front and does not cause trouble. She also gets into character really quickly. She's seriously not bad."

Right beside Gu Heng, the staff's discussions about Tangning, made her hatred for Tangning once again increase.

After lunch, the props crew made their final preparations as Tangning and Gu Heng appeared on set.

“Gu Heng, as soon as the cameras start rolling, I want you to grab onto Tangning’s hair from behind, drag her to the bathtub and dunk her head into the water. Taking safety into consideration, I made a little change to the scene,” Wei An explained. “Gu Heng, you’re well experienced. I’m sure you know how to control your strength.”

“Yes, I know, director,” Gu Heng nodded her head guiltily.

She was supposed to hit Tangning’s head against a column, but the scene had now changed to drowning her in a bathtub...

...if that was the case, then her plan would not be able to go ahead.

“Director, we don’t need to change it. At that point in the film, the older sister suddenly erupts in anger. I think we should stick to the original setup,” Tangning suddenly suggested.

“But...you might get hurt like that!”

“I’m sure Gu Jie is an extremely professional actress and won’t let me get hurt, right?” Tangning looked at Gu Heng seriously.

Gu Heng was caught by surprise for a few seconds, before a smile appeared on her face, “Of course, we are both professionals.”

“In that case...let’s do a quick rehearsal,” Wei An responded.

Chapter 426: We Must Think of a Way to Deal With Him

Gu Heng looked at Tangning confusedly. She could not understand why Tangning was willing to put herself at risk. Regardless, it seemed the chance she thought she lost, had now been recovered.

“OK, let’s get ready...”

Gu Heng looked at Tangning who had her back turned to her. According to her strength, injuring Tangning would be much too easy. But...for some reason, she felt extremely anxious. In fact, her palms were beginning to cover in sweat.

But, when she thought about it, this was all because of Tangning’s provocation. So, she did not feel she should be blamed for making a move.

However, just as Gu Heng was preparing to make a move on Tangning, Mo Ting suddenly appeared within their line of sight. He simply walked onto set with his king-like presence and looked at the two women. For some reason, Gu Heng’s back suddenly broke out in a cold sweat.

“President Mo, how come you’re here?” Wei An stood up and asked, “Here to visit Tangning?”

“No,” Mo Ting replied as he continued to look at the two women. “Perhaps I’ve been scarred by seeing the incident on the set of ‘Hidden Expert’, so whenever Tangning has a dangerous scene, I feel like I should come watch it. I hope Director Wei doesn’t mind.”

“This is a normal reaction, why would I mind?” Wei An smiled as he shook his head.

He was merely being exposed to Mo Ting's care for Tangning because they were a loving couple. Why would he have any opinions about it?

"Come Gu Heng, get ready."

Gu Heng glanced at Mo Ting and noticed his piercing glare. It seemed her every move would be under his observation. His glare contained a sense of warning that made her unable to get into character due to guilt. Even during rehearsal, she made mistakes multiple times.

In the end, Tangning turned to the nervous Gu Heng and asked, "Gu Jie, are you bothered by Ting's presence?"

"N...n...no, it's my own problem."

"I'm sorry. It's because previously on the set of 'Hidden Expert', he witnessed someone deliberately cause my fall, so he has decided to attend all dangerous scenes from now on. If it causes you stress, I'm really sorry," Tangning explained as she looked seriously into Gu Heng's eyes, "I don't want him to feel anxious, so I allowed him to visit like this."

"It's because President Mo cares about you," Gu Heng replied. However, she probably didn't notice that her voice was currently trembling.

"I can't help it. Our lives are now connected and he can't handle seeing me being bullied," Tangning laughed.

Hearing this, Gu Heng suddenly realized what was happening. Tangning was indirectly warning her. If anything was to happen to her, Mo Ting would not let her off the hook even if she made excuses.

A cold shiver ran up her spine, straight to her head. Gu Heng suddenly felt extremely cautious of Tangning and Mo Ting. At this moment, a voice in her head clearly told her that she could not make a move on Tangning, otherwise, she would meet her end.

"Let's try again."

Gu Heng nodded her head. This time, she readjusted her emotions and focused all her energy on acting in an attempt to suppress the hatred she felt for Tangning...

This time, the scene was a success. Of course, Gu Heng still did not take notice of Tangning's acting; she was too focused on controlling herself.

Mo Ting stood quietly on set. After the two women finished filming their scene, he approached Tangning and asked, "Is everything OK?"

"Of course," Tangning smiled, "Gu Jie is a professional. Nothing could possibly go wrong."

"If anything happens to you, this film will no longer have a reason to exist." After speaking, Mo Ting placed his arm across Tangning's shoulder and walked her to one side, leaving the disappointed Gu Heng standing all alone in fear. Lucky she did not make a move, otherwise, what would Mo Ting have done to her?

The couple headed for their van as Tangning needed to change sets. At this time, Tangning finally turned to Mo Ting and explained, "Before you appeared, I definitely sensed a burning gaze on my back. Ting...I have a feeling there is something wrong with Gu Heng and Bai Qiusheng. Last night, Yanshu and I spotted them in the garden. Although it was just a quick glimpse, their movements were suspicious and did not seem decent."

"In that case, don't act in this film anymore..."

Seeing the serious expression on Mo Ting's face, Tangning suddenly started laughing, "I'm sure with your warning, Gu Heng wouldn't dare to do anything from now on. She was definitely frightened by you. Moreover, I told you about this matter not because I want to withdraw from the film, but because I want to solve the problem."

"Hubby, I'm sure you know that I'm capable of solving problems like this on my own. But, I never hide anything from you. Apart from working together as a couple, I want you to know that I would never take my safety lightly. As soon as something unusual happens, I will tell you straight away."

Mo Ting looked at Tangning as he pulled her into his embrace and placed a kiss on her forehead, "No matter what happens, I am here."

"But, I must remind you to take special notice of Bai Qiusheng. A man's mind has always been more secretive than a woman's."

Tangning smiled at this warning, "In this entire world, you are the only one that can make me willingly surrender. When it comes to others, I won't easily lose."

Of course, Tangning always knew the right things to say to Mo Ting. So, he had no reason to stop her from filming?

"Of course, it would be ideal to complete this film safely. But, if someone has any bad intentions, I'm not easy to bully. Even if someone was to bully me, it would only be you."

Mo Ting took a deep breath helplessly, "How could I bear to bully you..."

"In that case, I'll bully you instead," Tangning habitually bit Mo Ting on the neck.

Gu Heng watched Mo Ting leave the set, but she no longer dared to scheme against Tangning. She had finally realized Tangning wasn't simple. In fact, she was highly meticulous. Not only did she give her reminders, she also gave her warnings.

Afterwards, Gu Heng sent Bai Qiusheng a message in fear, "Don't do anything to Tangning, otherwise you will be damaging yourself. I can live without this award. I am willing to wait."

Seeing her message, Bai Qiusheng lifted his head and looked towards her. Without responding, he put his phone away.

Gu Heng knew Bai Qiusheng was stubborn. But, Tangning wasn't someone they could afford to offend...

No matter how good of an excuse they made up, Mo Ting would never let go of anyone that hurt Tangning. Lucky she didn't realize this too late.

Even though she was still unhappy that she was merely a supporting character, perhaps it was better for her to improve her relationship with Tangning instead. Maybe that would prevent Bai Qiusheng from doing something stupid.

“Ning Jie, should we continue to take note of those two?” Song Yanshu asked after a long day of filming.

“We can relax around Gu Heng, but let me think about what to do with Bai Qiusheng...” Tangning thought about the dull and secretive man. “We will need to see who’s tolerance lasts longer. We must think of a way to deal with him.”

Chapter 427: Nice to the Nice, Mean to the Mean

Everyone thought Tangning would appear small next to Gu Heng...

...and would have the presence of a supporting character. Instead, her usual calmness and impressiveness on set created a clear comparison. So, in just two days, she was able to convince the majority of the production crew.

Especially when Tangning and Gu Heng were in character, Tangning’s presence completely overshadowed Gu Heng. Everyone felt she was undoubtedly the Queen of the set.

Gu Heng also found herself subconsciously feeling this way as her uncertain heart began to lean towards Tangning.

No matter how dirty or messy the set was, as long as the director arranged it, Tangning would agree to act in it without worrying about her image.

This wasn’t something that every actor could do, let alone an actress.

Moreover, she never used a stunt double in any of her dangerous scenes. The director would simply explain the scene to her and she’d go home to practice it with Mo Ting. Then the next day, she’d return on set and complete the shoot in less than two takes.

But, most impressive of all, were her fight scenes...

Even Gu Heng couldn’t deny that her seriousness deserved praise. Just because she didn’t know how to pull off a move now, didn’t mean she wouldn’t be able to do it in future.

Meanwhile, Mo Ting continued to visit on set every time Tangning had a dangerous scene; the production crew had gotten used to it. Whenever Wei An became overexcited on set, he would turn to Mo Ting and exclaim, “President Mo, I’ve never met a more versatile actress, she adjusts so quickly...”

At this time, Mo Ting would always nod his head and say, “I know.”

“Train her well...don’t let her talent go to waste.”

“Dinner for everyone is on me tonight...” Mo Ting’s lips curved upwards as he rewarded the crew.

Gu Heng stood to one side patiently waiting for her shoot. Everytime she saw Mo Ting on set, she would involuntarily fall into a panic. This was because she was afraid Mo Ting would discover she once had bad intentions towards Tangning.

Meanwhile, whenever she looked at Bai Qiusheng, she would feel extra guilty. She wasn't sure if he'd given up on their original plan or if he'd been doing things in secret.

At this time, she suddenly received a message from Bai Qiusheng, "Wait a little while longer..."

Gu Heng's heart skipped a beat. She wanted to respond to him, but she was afraid someone would discover what she was doing, so she decided to talk him out of doing something stupid next time they were alone together.

"President Mo is paying for dinner tonight. Let's all have dinner together," Wei An announced.

Hearing this, Gu Heng felt even more afraid. Because she knew, every second together would pose another opportunity for Bai Qiusheng to make a move on Tangning.

So, as Tangning passed by in front of her, ready to get changed, Gu Heng suddenly called out to her, "Hey..."

Tangning stopped in her track and turned to look at Gu Heng. This was the first time she had tried to initiate a conversation with her.

"You know...this film has a lot of fight scenes. You need to take note of your safety."

"Thank you Gu Jie, I understand," Tangning smiled. On the surface she appeared indifferent, but in reality, she definitely took these words into consideration. However, there was no way Gu Heng would be able to tell.

"Ning Jie, what are your thoughts?" Song Yanshu asked as she followed behind. She had spent everyday in fear that someone would do something against Tangning. But Tangning had remained calm the entire time.

"She's understood that there's no benefit in hurting me, so she's trying to get on my good side instead," Tangning replied quietly, "Since she's given us a warning, we should be extra cautious."

"OK."

"Mo Ting's birthday is coming up, I want to resolve everything as soon as possible and not make him worry," Tangning continued, "So I have no choice but to initiate an attack."

"Ning Jie, what are you thinking...?"

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After filming ended that day, everyone headed to the restaurant in the hotel. On the way there, Tangning deliberately stayed back and gave Wei An and the assistant director a lift to the restaurant.

"Tangning, I hope you don't mind that I had my opinions about you in the past. I've wanted to say this to you for a while, but I haven't had the chance."

Tangning shook her head and smiled, "It's normal to have your doubts when we haven't worked together before. I understand, Director Wei."

"But Director Wei, I remember I still have a car drifting scene with Bai Qiusheng. Can we bring that scene forward? I want to place all the dangerous scenes together so Mo Ting doesn't have to come back and forth so often. Will that be difficult to do?"

"That's not hard to do. We can film it tomorrow. We simply need to adjust the schedule a little," Wei An nodded.

"Thank you Director Wei," Tangning smiled.

"No need to thank me," Wei An actually felt slightly guilty because he had made a promise with Elder Mo. In two days, Elder Mo would be heading on set to throw difficulties at his granddaughter-in-law.

So, he was secretly hoping that Tangning made more requests...

That way, the guilt he felt would be reduced.

Not long after, they started walking into the restaurant. Everyone had already arrived except for them.

Tangning and Song Yanshu sat down. Afterwards, they swepted their gaze across Gu Heng and Bai Qiusheng. As they both weren't big talkers, they were extra quiet at events like this.

Wei An did not immediately notify everyone of the change in filming schedule, instead, he waited until the dinner was almost over before he mentioned it briefly.

After being notified, Gu Heng's expression changed as she subconsciously looked at Bai Qiusheng. Tangning noticed this action.

Tangning looked at the two without a word as the corners of her lips contained a trace of a smile.

After the dinner finished, Tangning and Song Yanshu stood up to leave. But, Gu Heng suddenly ran over and said, "I heard the drifting scene will be done at a real location. Be careful."

"Yes I will, Gu Jie."

"I'll come on set tomorrow and demonstrate what to do. I've done many of these scenes in the past."

"Thank you in advance then, Gu Jie."

Gu Heng smiled as she shook her head, but she was too afraid to look directly into Tangning's eyes. She was worried her guilt would show through.

Afterwards, Tangning watched as Gu Heng left. She then turned to Song Yanshu and instructed, "Go speak to the set designer and find out more about the location and props that will be used. Most importantly, help me find out which car I will use."

"Don't worry."

"Although I don't want to think too much into it, Gu Heng's consistent warnings make it hard for me not to be cautious."

“If there really is something going on between them, Bai Qiusheng might try to get rid of you for the sake of his lover. After all, if you get into an accident, Gu Heng will naturally replace you.”

“He can try...” Tangning sighed. In this world, it was hard to differentiate between good and bad. But, many times, an adult’s actions were influenced by the possibility of benefits.

She had said a long time ago, she’d be nice to the nice and mean to the mean.

Chapter 428: Give me a Life in Return

After Song Yanshu reported to Mo Ting about Tangning’s safety, he immediately instructed Lu Che to watch over her. If Bai Qiusheng dared to lift a finger, he could not blame Mo Ting for responding ruthlessly.

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That night, Gu Heng tried multiple times to visit Bai Qiusheng at his room. But, everytime she knocked on the door, there was no one there. Worst of all, he didn’t pick up his phone and even his assistant was nowhere to be found.

As a result, she was pretty certain that Bai Qiusheng would use the car scene to force Tangning out.

He would be really lucky if he succeeded, but if Tangning found out...

Gu Heng did not dare to think of the consequences. So she spent the rest of the night in fear.

The next morning.

Tangning headed out for her shoot, but ran into Gu Heng at the front of the hotel.

“Gu Jie?”

“I’ll come with you on set. Didn’t I promise to show you a demonstration?” Gu Heng reminded.

Tangning smiled, “How could I bother you like that?”

“It’s OK. I’m doing it for the sake of achieving a better result for the film in front of the audience,” Gu Heng replied.

“OK then...”

The three women headed on set together. As they arrived, they found that the crew had already contacted the police to block off a stretch of road and everything was ready to go.

Gu Heng placed her gaze on Bai Qiusheng and tried to get his attention, but he completely ignored her. Obviously, he felt she was being too merciful.

This was Tangning’s first time filming a car scene. Even though all the cars followed a planned sequence, the director still ran through all the fine details with Tangning.

Bai Qiusheng stood beside Tangning. As Tangning looked at him, she wondered what thoughts were running through his mind.

Did he not consider, if things got too serious, there was a possibility she may lose her life?

As expected, Tangning's car was tampered with. 3am that very morning, although the cameras did not capture him, he did not escape the eyes of Lu Che.

Meanwhile, Gu Heng was standing opposite Tangning. As she looked at the way Tangning looked at Bai Qiusheng, she had a feeling her gaze contained a sense of disdain and ridicule.

"Tangning, when the cameras start rolling, you simply need to focus on that camera and remember which route to take. Let's do a practice run," Wei An suggested.

Tangning glanced at Bai Qiusheng and nodded her head, "Director, can I test out the car first? I've never filmed such an intense scene, so I'm feeling a little nervous."

"Of course..." Wei An nodded.

"Why don't I test it out for you," Gu Heng nudged the assistant director aside and offered, "I have more experience in this. If I demonstrate, Tangning will be able to learn faster."

Wei An analyzed Gu Heng and nodded his head, "Fine. Gu Heng demonstrate. Tangning watch carefully."

Bai Qiusheng looked at Gu Heng with a stunned and angry expression. His gaze also contained an obvious panic. Because he never expected that Gu Heng would directly block him from hurting Tangning to the extent where she would be willing to risk her own life.

This was because she was trying to protect him...

So, she did not regret her decision.

"Tangning is a professional, she doesn't need your demonstration," Bai Qiusheng grumbled in front of everyone. "Director, I'll show Tangning to the car. I'm sure she'll get used to it after a quick drive."

"This does sound like a better use of our time..." Wei An nodded, agreeing to Bai Qiusheng's suggestion.

Tangning looked at Bai Qiusheng as her lips slowly curved upwards, "Director Wei, I think if Bai Ge takes me for a drive, the result would be even better."

Hearing Tangning's suggestion, Gu Heng's face turned pale...

Because this was proof that Tangning knew what her and Bai Qiusheng had planned. Including Bai Qiusheng's plan today to injure her.

"Tangning's right. Qiusheng, we will need to trouble you for a bit to go give Tangning a demonstration," Wei An said as he pointed to the car parked not too far away.

Although Bai Qiusheng was given a difficult task, he remained calm. Because instead of walking over to Tangning's car, he simply walked over to his own one instead.

However...his car happened to be out of fuel.

Seeing this, the props assistant immediately apologized, "Sorry, I forgot to check it. I'll go add some fuel now."

“In that case, drive Tangning’s car for now,” Wei An said to Bai Qiusheng.

Bai Qiusheng furrowed his brows and looked at Tangning. However, Tangning looked back at him with a sense of interest and slight mockery...

Bai Qiusheng was surprised, but he still stepped out of his car and headed for Tangning’s car. At this time, Gu Heng suddenly blocked his way, “I still think it’s best if I do it...”

This time, Wei An sensed something was a bit unusual, so he asked, “Why are you guys fighting over something like this?”

Gu Heng turned and looked at Tangning, hoping she could show some mercy.

However, Tangning laughed and said, “That’s right. Gu Jie, you were supposed to have a day off today. You really don’t need to worry about my safety, everyone is here. Although it’s my first time doing a scene like this, I’m not afraid.”

Gu Heng looked at Tangning, at the way she wasn’t willing to back down, and suddenly felt helpless.

“Qiusheng?” Wei An queried.

Bai Qiusheng pushed Gu Heng aside and boarded the car, locking the door firmly behind him...

He of course couldn’t tell anyone that there was something wrong with the car brakes. So he looked at Tangning through the rear view mirror with a dangerous gaze.

He had never imagined that he’d fall into Tangning’s hands; a woman’s hands...

How did she find out what was happening? Or did she actually not know and all this was just a coincidence?

Gu Heng watched as Bai Qiusheng sat in the car. She was still unsure whether she should take on all the blame to save him. If she was to do that, her future would be destroyed...

But, she knew that Bai Qiusheng did all this because of her. She couldn’t let Bai Qiusheng take such a huge risk.

So, she had no choice but to beg Tangning...

She even dragged Tangning to one side, “Tangning, I don’t want to see either you or Qiusheng get hurt today. Could you please convince the Director not to use the car?”

“So, Gu Jie also knows that there’s something wrong with the car?” Tangning tested.

“I simply don’t want...” Gu Heng looked extra uncomfortable. “Everything he did was for my sake. I hope you can show some mercy.”

“Have you considered what might have happened if I started driving that car?” Tangning asked straightforwardly.

“That’s why I came. Whether it’s you or him, I wasn’t going to let either of you drive that car...”

“Even if you can prevent this incident, what about the next?” Tangning asked.

Gu Heng was speechless...

She was right. What would she do next time?

“Since he has the courage to gamble with my life, he should give me a life in return. I have always been one to give an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. Even if you kneel down and beg me today, I will still make him drive that car. I need to let him know that not everyone can do as they please.”

For the sake of her husband, she had to ensure that she lived better than others.

Of course, Tangning did not tell her this.

Chapter 429: He Still Needed to Analyze Tangning

Gu Heng looked at Bai Qiusheng sitting in the car and felt all her strength had been sucked out of her body; all she had left, was fear.

“Qiusheng, let’s get started,” Wei An reminded, oblivious to what was happening. Bai Qiusheng did not resist as he started the car and started demonstrating his skills...

The entire production crew cheered. Meanwhile, only Tangning, Song Yanshu, Gu Heng and Bai Qiusheng knew that there was something wrong with the brakes...

It’s not that Bai Qiusheng wasn’t afraid. He simply didn’t expect Tangning to be so ruthless. However, he could never admit to the production crew that he had tampered with the car, unless he was willing to give up his identity as an actor.

So, he decided to take a gamble...

“Director Wei, something doesn’t seem right. It looks like Qiusheng can’t stop the car. His been continuously driving around in circles for quite some time,” a staff member noticed, so he immediately pointed it out to Wei An.

Wei An’s expression changed as he ordered, “Hurry and investigate what’s happening...”

Bai Qiusheng was sitting in the car. But, all he could do was drive around in circles. Although the speed of the car had already decreased, there was still a terrified look on his face.

“Qiu Sheng, jump! Jump out of the car...”

Bai Qiusheng felt his head spinning as he swerved the car into a safety barrier. The car was immediately shrouded by a blanket of smoke. As it faded, everyone ran anxiously towards him. Luckily, apart from a bit of shock, Bai Qiusheng did not receive any major injuries.

It turned out – this car was also low on fuel...

Gu Heng immediately ran to Bai Qiusheng’s side without caring what others would think and tried to help him out, “Are you OK?”

“I’m fine,” Bai Qiusheng replied after a short delay.

However, he did not notice that his back had subconsciously become soaked in sweat...

He had created this danger himself, but Tangning used it to ruthlessly teach him a lesson. Because only now did he realize that the car had been tampered with for the second time. Even though it had fuel, it was destined to stop on its own.

“What’s wrong with the car?” Wei An hurried over and asked. “Is Bai Qiusheng hurt?”

Bai Qiusheng shook his head, “I’m fine. The brakes just suddenly stopped working...”

“Who’s in charge? I want you to immediately do a thorough investigation!” Wei An yelled angrily at the crew. “Luckily Qiusheng is a good driver. If it was Tangning, what would have happened?”

Wei An’s words hammered down onto Gu Heng and Bai Qiusheng’s hearts. One of them witnessed the incident, while the other experienced it first-hand. No one would understand the fear of death better than them.

“Everything’s fine, as long as he’s fine,” Gu Heng said guiltily.

“No, this won’t do. He needs to get examined at the hospital. We should postpone today’s shoot.” Although Wei An was strict, he cared about his actors. In order not to effect their performance, he took extra notice of their physical and mental status.

“Thank you, Director Wei.” After thanking the director, Bai Qiusheng left the set with the support of Gu Heng. As they passed by Tangning, Gu Heng whispered, “I give up against you, Tangning. After this incident, I hope our grudges can be forgotten.”

Tangning remained calm as she slightly lifted her chin, “I’ve said it before: I won’t attack those that don’t attack me first.”

Bai Qiusheng had a good look at Tangning before he left with Gu Heng. After they left, Wei An ran over to Tangning to offer comfort, “Did the incident frighten you?”

Tangning shook her head, “I’m fine.”

“That’s good. Tangning, you were very fortunate,” Wei An said briefly before he turned and left...

His words seemed to contain a deeper meaning.

After he left, Tangning pulled out her phone and gave Mo Ting a phone call, “Everything went smoothly.”

“Turn around...” Mo Ting’s voice was gentle.

Tangning held onto her phone as she turned around and spotted Mo Ting’s car parked on the side of the road. She immediately ran over. As soon as she boarded the car, Mo Ting wrapped her in his arms, “It’s all over now. I’m here.”

Tangning held tightly to Mo Ting’s waist. Today’s incident had been rough on her. If she had not discovered something was wrong early on, today she may have ended up on the news headlines...

“You don’t think I was too ruthless?” Tangning questioned.

“If you hadn’t requested to resolve it yourself, I would have been more ruthless than you...” Mo Ting’s eyes darkened as it emanated with coldness.

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En route back to the hotel, Wei An sat in his car with Elder Mo. The two men looked at each other like two cunning foxes.

“Your family’s Tangning is not a simple woman,” Wei An said to Elder Mo. “Initially, I simply had my suspicions. But seeing how Gu Heng ran anxiously to Bai Qiusheng’s side, I finally discovered what was happening.”

“Those two were obviously scheming against Tangning...”

“But she firmly forced Bai Qiusheng onto the tampered car. He was certainly taught a difficult lesson.”

“I was wondering why she wanted to film this scene in advance. It turns out...I can’t underestimate her.”

“Her method barely passed,” Elder Mo scoffed. Of course, since he was Mo Ting’s grandfather, he naturally thought in the same way.

This world was fair and just, so some people deserved to be punished.

The lesson Tangning taught Bai Qiusheng wasn’t bad, but if it was up to him, he would be like Mo Ting and do something even more ruthless.

However, Tangning still passed in his eyes. At least she wasn’t like Gu Heng, who only knew how to panic and cry when something went wrong. Although Elder Mo didn’t want to admit it, Tangning had won a lot of brownie points from him.

“She still has a long road ahead. Just wait and see old man. Your granddaughter-in-law is just like you. Simply looking at the way she dealt with Bai Qiusheng in such a slick manner has made me convinced by her,” Wei An smiled. It was common to see underhanded schemes and unwritten rules pop up on set. But he never imagined Tangning would be able to neutralize the evilness.

She was indeed Mo Ting’s wife. The couple both knew how to defeat ruthlessness with ruthlessness.

“We’ll talk again once she gets past me,” Elder Mo scoffed again. If she wanted to be Mo Ting’s wife, there was more she needed to show.

Elder Mo did not expect his granddaughter-in-law to be highly educated nor have a strong family background. He simply wanted her to be on the same page as the rest of the Mo Family.

If the way she thought and her morals were not in line with theirs, he’d feel like he had given away his grandson for nothing.

So he still needed to analyze Tangning carefully.

“You should stop being so strict. After what happened today, I hope Bai Qiusheng will learn some self-control. I’m assuming he was pretty badly frightened; his face was pale when he stepped out of the car,” Wei An was quite satisfied at the thought.

Tangning obviously didn't want to take away his life, so she made sufficient preparations. But, in the end, her method was certainly ruthless.

Was she always this ruthless? Or did she learn from Mo Ting?

Chapter 430: Tangning Always Made Mo Ting Her First Priority

"Qiusheng, from now on, don't challenge Tangning again. She's not as easy to go up against as we thought," Gu Heng persuaded as she sat at the foot of Bai Qiusheng's hospital bed. "I've already looked into it. From the time she announced her comeback as a model to becoming an actress, her every move has been flawless. She has received endless praise and did not merely rely on Mo Ting."

Bai Qiusheng remained silent. Perhaps it was because he had not withdrawn from the thrills of earlier.

Only now did he understand how it felt to be scared...

"Let's just focus on filming and leave her alone, OK?"

Bai Qiusheng hesitated for a moment, but ended up nodding his head.

After Bai Qiusheng agreed, Gu Heng finally let out a sigh of relief. She was seriously afraid of Tangning's meticulous nature. In fact, she had no idea how Tangning found out about their plan and if she knew anything else. Tangning was certainly terrifying.

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The next morning. As soon as Bai Qiusheng and Gu Heng arrived on set, Wei An immediately approached them, "Is everything OK?"

"I'm fine. It was only a little bit of shock," Bai Qiusheng replied calmly.

Tangning also approached, but she did not say anything to expose or humiliate them. She simply pretended like nothing had happened.

So, as soon as filming ended that day, Gu Heng looked for Tangning and asked, "Why didn't you just destroy us? You obviously had the chance to get us replaced..."

Tangning looked at Gu Heng and smiled, "I expressed my intent from the start: I will not initiate an attack on anyone. Since the incident yesterday is already in the past, then in my heart it has passed. There's no need to bring it up again."

"The two of you may have had bad intentions, but I did not respond kindly either, so I have no right to send you away."

"Above all, Wei An selected the cast for this film. So, he definitely had his reasons. For the sake of the film, I won't do anything else."

"I'm sure you both know why I was so ruthless yesterday. But, there won't be a next time."

"Our job is to complete this film to the best of our abilities..."

“Plus, a couple’s relationship should not be influenced by outside forces. It should simply depend on your heart.”

“Don’t try to provoke me again. For the sake of my own safety, I could do anything.”

After speaking, Tangning left with Song Yanshu, leaving Gu Heng all alone trembling in fear. Only now did she finally realize the huge difference between herself and Tangning.

She had never imagined there was a woman like Tangning in the entertainment industry: a woman that drew a fine line between love and hate.

At this point, she could only approve of Tangning’s methods, stance and pretty much everything about her...

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When Tangning said she wasn’t going to mention the past, it was like she completely wiped it from her memory. She would never refer to it, humiliate them about it, nor remind them of it.

This made Gu Heng’s admiration for her increase once again. How many people stood on the moral high ground while bullying others? Yet, Tangning did not care about doing this.

The dangerous car scene ended up being filmed 2 days later. However, this time, Bai Qiusheng gave a serious demonstration and Tangning studied it seriously. Although a few mistakes were made, the dangerous scene was eventually completed successfully after everyone’s hard work.

During filming, Tangning’s head was hit quite a few times and she emptied her stomach quite a few times from nausea. But after 5 minutes of rest, her energy would be restored and she’d start again.

From that day onwards, Bai Qiusheng’s attitude towards Tangning also changed.

Some people were born with more talent than others. So if they also put in more effort, it would be no surprise that they’d secure the best resources.

A little while later, Gu Heng decided to look at Tangning’s audition video. In the end, she turned to Bai Qiusheng and told him she was happy to accept her role as a supporting character for Tangning.

“Ning Jie, it’s almost President Mo’s birthday. What do you plan on getting him? Do you want me to go buy it for you?” Song Yanshu asked during one of Tangning’s breaks. She assumed Tangning was too occupied with filming to find time.

Tangning thought for a moment and shook her head, “I’ll prepare it myself...”

“But, you don’t have time...”

“What he wants, can’t be bought,” Tangning smiled as she looked at Song Yanshu. “The next scene is about to start. I’m going to go get ready.”

Song Yanshu watched as Tangning walked off and nodded her head in agreement. Mo Ting already had everything, so nothing would make him feel pleasantly surprised...

However, 2 days before Mo Ting's birthday, Wei An notified Tangning that a VIP would be joining the cast. Although he was only making a guest appearance, everyone was requested to 'cooperate' with him.

At first, Tangning did not understand what Wei An meant by 'cooperating'. But she soon found out when the VIP appeared on set.

His character in the film was a sloppy ex-police officer. Because he had injured someone when he was young, he ended up being dismissed from the police force. But, he was known for being an expert investigator, so Tangning's character decided to ask him for help.

However, not only was he sloppy in the film, he was also sloppy in real life. It was almost like he didn't want to get out of character. As a result, no one on set knew his real identity. A few people tried to ask Wei An, but he simply laughed and told them they were in for a surprise.

The VIP had no problems talking and joking with almost everyone on set. The only exception was Tangning, who he looked at with suspicion and mistrust.

This made Tangning wonder if she had offended him in some way. But, from memory, she had not met this man before.

However, she couldn't deny that this man was a great actor. Although he was old, he was able to become whatever character he portrayed. On his first day on set, he was already able to impersonate everyone on set. His acting ability was definitely something that had been developed over a good few decades.

As the old man's first few scenes were with Bai Qiusheng, Tangning had not had a chance to come in contact with him. It was not until the day before Mo Ting's birthday that Wei An notified Tangning of her scene with him and warned her to be careful because the old man was very strict.

Afterwards, Tangning requested for a day off from Wei An, but word somehow traveled to the old man's ears. So, after being told that he'd have a scene with Tangning, he angrily stormed out, "I hate acting with people that take days off. I don't want to act with her. Replace her with someone else."

"Everyone is waiting on set. Why does she get treated differently?"

"She can't even be considered an actor, yet she's already acting arrogant."

The old man's words were very straightforward as he expressed his thoughts in front of everyone, making them feel extremely awkward.

But, Tangning did not get upset. She simply bowed to the old man and explained, "Sorry, I normally wouldn't take a day off even if the sky was falling, but today, I must leave."

"Would you believe that I can get you replaced?"

"Tangning, why don't you..."

"Director Wei, I definitely need to take a day off. I am willing to exchange it for anything," Tangning said sincerely.

Wei An nodded his head and waved his hand, "Go ahead."

"Thank you," Tangning nodded thankfully.

"Why is she taking a day off?" Wei An asked his staff curiously. Didn't she know this was an opportunity for her to perform?

"I heard from Assistant Song that it's President Mo's birthday."

"Oh, no wonder," Wei An immediately understood as he held back a smile and looked at Elder Mo. Tangning always made Mo Ting her first priority. Was the old man satisfied to see this?