

Work Hard 431

Chapter 431: No Words Could Be Sweeter

By the time Tangning arrived home at Hyatt Regency, it was already 11:30pm.

In order not to wake up Mo Ting, she gently pushed open the bedroom door and walked barefoot to the bedside.

Under the moonlight, Tangning spotted some documents in Mo Ting's hands as he slept.

Her heart ached as she pulled the papers from his hands and placed a bunch of red roses on the bedside table.

Mo Ting did not wake at all. He had promised to pick up Tangning early the next day, so he tried his best to quickly finish all his work in order to have a free day with his wife. However, he never expected, in the last hour, she would return home to his side.

Perhaps it was because he could sense someone was looking at him, Mo Ting cautiously opened his eyes. As Tangning came into view, he was shocked. He then sat up and asked, "Why are you back?"

"I was hurrying back to be the first to say happy birthday to you," Tangning placed her gaze on the bunch of roses she brought home and Mo Ting curiously followed her gaze. As soon as he saw the flowers, he chuckled.

"Mrs. Mo, I've never heard of a woman giving a man flowers."

"Then I'll have to be the first," Tangning smiled. However, she couldn't hide the tiredness in her eyes. She had done over 20 hours of consecutive filming just so she could take a day off and accompany Mo Ting in peace.

Mo Ting's heart ached as he gently brushed her cheek and pulled her into his embrace. He knew, in this world, there would not be another person who'd work so hard and tirelessly just so they could rush home by 12am to spend his birthday with him. He also knew that there would not be another person who'd treat him wholeheartedly and make him their priority. Because in this world, there was only one Tangning...

"I haven't eaten or bathed yet," Tangning groaned.

"You must be tired."

"Uh huh. On the way home I was getting motion sickness and it made my stomach really uncomfortable," Tangning whined.

"Go have a bath and I'll prepare some food for you." After speaking, Mo Ting wanted to get out of bed, but Tangning pressed him back down and shook her head.

"Seeing you already makes me feel better."

No words could be sweeter...

Mo Ting felt, with all that Tangning sacrificed, his first 32 birthdays had been a waste. If he had been together with Tangning earlier in his life, how good would that have been?

“In that case, I’ll take you to have a bath and then eat with you.”

“OK,” Tangning nodded before burying her head into Mo Ting’s embrace. However, it didn’t take long before she fell asleep in the bathtub.

Mo Ting looked helplessly at the bruises on her body as his heart ached. He had warned her not to come home with so many injuries. Yet, she still ended up doing it.

In order to let Tangning sleep more comfortably, Mo Ting got into the bathtub to be her human mattress. He initially expected that she wouldn’t be able to wake up at 12am. But, as soon as the grandfather clock in the house started chiming, Tangning forced open her eyes and clumsily hooked her arms around Mo Ting’s neck, “Happy birthday, hubby.”

Mo Ting placed a kiss on her forehead.

“Let me take you somewhere tomorrow...”

“I want to give you a present.” After speaking, Tangning rubbed her head against Mo Ting’s chest and, once again, fell asleep.

Mo Ting hugged his wife tightly and couldn’t help but kiss her on the ear, “God knows you are my best present...”

As a man, especially such a manly man, there was no way Mo Ting would like something like roses. But, the bunch that Tangning brought home, were the most beautiful flowers in the world.

The next morning, Mo Ting expected to wake up before Tangning. But as he sat up, he realized there was no one next to him and all there was was a glass of warm water and a note on the bedside table.

“Hubby, I really don’t want you to turn 33. Or should I say...I hate that I am only 27. I don’t want these 6 years of difference. It makes me worry that when we get old, you will leave this world first and leave me all alone.”

“So, today you are turning 1. As it is the first year of our marriage, you will be turning 1 today...”

“Hurry out of bed and come to the address written below. I’ll be waiting for you.”

“I thought I’d see my wife as soon as I opened my eyes...” Mo Ting smiled helplessly before he pulled back the blankets and got up to get ready.

One hour later, Mo Ting arrived at the address that Tangning had given him...It was a photography studio.

Mo Ting walked in curiously. Upon seeing him, the staff smiled and said, “President Mo, please go to the third floor.”

Mo Ting walked into the lift. He had no idea what Tangning’s present was.

Until he reached the third floor...

Under the large crystal chandelier, there was a room full of wedding dresses. At this time, Tangning was standing behind a curtain...

Mo Ting reached out his hand and gently brushed aside the curtain to find Tangning standing in front of a mirror wearing a pure white wedding dress...

Mo Ting was speechless. He had never seen Tangning like this. Today, she wasn't a celebrity or an actress, she was a woman waiting to get married.

"I've worn multiple wedding dresses, but...after being married for so long, I have not taken official wedding photos with you. Previously, everything we did was for the sake of commercials or announcing our marriage. So, all I want to give you now, is a simple wedding ceremony that belongs to just the two of us..."

"I've already organized the church..."

"Mr. Mo, are you willing?"

Mo Ting felt moved as he reached out his arms and pulled Tangning tightly into his embrace, "Even if I was to repeat something like this with you a hundred times, I would not get sick of it."

It was meant to be something quite normal...

But, when Tangning was involved, he would immediately feel that it was extra special.

Plenty of women felt that being doted on by a man was the most fortunate feeling. But, when it came to Tangning, she not only wanted to be doted on, she also wanted to enjoy the process of doting on her lover.

Not long after, Mo Ting appeared behind Tangning wearing a white suit.

This was Tangning's first time seeing Mo Ting wear white. His noble presence wasn't shaken up at all; instead, he looked even more imposing.

Tangning started up her white car. Dressed in a wedding dress, she drove Mo Ting to the church she had booked. Although no one recognized them along the way, many people were still amazed, because this was the first time they had laid eyes on such a flashy wedding car.

The church was situated atop a hill. The couple walked into the quaint church hand-in-hand, presenting themselves in front of the solemn God. Tangning lowered her head and said to Mo Ting, "I originally wanted to give you something even better, but...I foolishly thought for a long time, only to discover that you don't need anything..."

Mo Ting faced Tangning and said in an extremely serious tone, "It's not that I don't need anything."

"It's just, everything added up, does not compare to one of you! Although I am turning 33 today, I am making a promise to you that I will protect you for an entire lifetime and won't leave your side – even when we're old!"

Chapter 432: Don't Leave Any Marks

Behind the church sat a seaside villa.

From the moment that the couple entered the living room of the villa, they were stuck together, breathing the air from each other's lungs. It was not until they both could no longer breathe that Tangning finally parted from Mo Ting's lips.

Standing in the middle of the living room, Mo Ting scanned all sides and chuckled beside Tangning's ear, "Did you also prepare for our wedding night?"

"Level two..." Tangning replied softly.

After hearing this response, Mo Ting lifted Tangning in his arms. A desirous look filled his eyes. After opening the second level bedroom, he directly pressed Tangning against the wall, lifted her arms and violently pressed his lips against her body...

Tangning started to feel pain from his kisses, so she gently pushed him away, "Don't leave any marks...I still need to film."

"I can't care about so much," Mo Ting directly tore off Tangning's wedding dress and pushed her onto the bed...

Tangning could sense Mo Ting's loss of self control as her smile increased. But, it didn't take long before he completely had his way with her.

Inside the spacious bedroom, the seabreeze wafted into every corner. Meanwhile, the reflection of two intertwined bodies could be seen from the bedroom mirror...

What a man wanted had always been this simple; one's heart and body was enough satisfy even the most vicious wolf!

After a few rounds of intimacy, Tangning lay weakly within Mo Ting's embrace. But, Mo Ting had not had enough...

"Ting, no more," within her drowsy state, she felt her entire body was out of energy. Mo Ting gave a gentle chuckle as he helped her tidy up. It was rare to hear 'no more' from her lips.

Tangning's wedding dress had been torn into shreds as if she was originally a neatly wrapped present. Looking at her snow white skin, Mo Ting thought to himself, if he could always tear open a present like this, he'd wish it was his birthday everyday.

It was weird...

Their everyday life was already similar to this, but he still felt that his 33rd birthday was the best birthday he had ever had.

Tangning remained asleep all the way until late in the afternoon. After waking up, she did not rush to put her clothes on. Instead, she stood by the floor-to-ceiling window wrapped inside a blanket with Mo Ting as they watched the sun set.

"How many kids do you want in the future?"

“Two,” Mo Ting replied seriously. “The best would be for one to resemble you and one to resemble me. Our daughter should be smart, just like you, and be her father’s little lover.”

“OK, we should have two then...” Tangning smiled as she wrapped Mo Ting’s arms tighter around her body. But, this was not enough for her. So, she turned around, buried her head into his chest and wrapped her arms tightly around his waist. Mo Ting took this opportunity to tighten the blanket around them.

“Should I drive you back to the hotel?”

“No. I want to accompany you for a little longer...” Tangning shook her head shamelessly. “Also Ting, let’s take a photo and post it online. I want to share a bit of sweetness with our fans.”

“I feel that our love can give a lot of people courage to believe in love.”

“OK,” Mo Ting replied as he grabbed his phone from the headboard and took a photo of them leaning against each other. He then posted it onto his social media page. Of course, as soon as they saw it, the couple fans went crazy.

“Oh God! President Mo is handing out sweets! Where did they take this photo? There’s a sunset behind them. It’s so beautiful.”

“I knew Tangning would be by President Mo’s side on his birthday. So sweet!”

“Awww, they are so fortunate.”

“Am I the only one that noticed they are wrapped in a blanket? It seems...they are naked!”

“Haha, you even noticed that? You are amazing!”

After seeing the post, Huo Jingjing also joined in the discussions, “Don’t bully me for being overseas and not having my husband by my side. I hate you guys for being so affectionate. Happy birthday President Mo.”

“I want the whole world to be envious of me,” Tangning giggled as she put away her phone and continued to watch the sunset with Mo Ting until the stars began to show. The couple remained by the window until midnight. Only then did Mo Ting tidy everything up and drive Tangning back to the hotel. However, after arriving at the hotel, Tangning did not want Mo Ting to walk her to her room, “If you come in, I won’t let you go.”

“In that case, I won’t go...” Mo Ting grabbed onto Tangning’s hand, dragged her into her room and slammed the door shut behind them.

“The walls are thin here...”

After all, the film crew had not booked a fancy 5-star hotel.

“It’s fine...You won’t be able to make a sound after what I do to you.”

Tangning felt, from the time they got married, although they had their intimate moments, they had never experienced the intensity of the last two days. They could continue from day through to night and it would not feel like enough.

Did this mean...her love for Mo Ting had once again increased?

Early the next morning, before the sun began to rise, Mo Ting got out of bed while Tangning was still asleep.

Mo Ting did not wake her up. He simply left her a note like she had left for him and returned to Beijing. He still had an important board meeting to attend that day.

After waking up, Tangning looked at the note and headed straight to the film set. There was a huge obstacle waiting for her today. The big shot on set was waiting for her explanation.

"Tangning, you're back," Wei An looked at Tangning helplessly as he walked to her side and whispered, "We are supposed to film your scene with Elder Hei today, but..."

The crew had started to call Elder Mo, Elder Hei, because he had told them that his surname was Hei.

"He still doesn't want to film with me, am I right?"

"It's not that I don't want to film with you. You are the one that did not fulfill your responsibility as an actress. Just because it's your husband's birthday, does that mean you can abandon the entire crew? You're acting too arrogant!" the old man scoffed as he sat to one side. "I hope I get to work with a real actor. If you can't do it, I can ask to get you replaced."

Tangning furrowed her eyebrows because the old man did not hold back at all as he scolded her in front of the entire crew.

"Sorry, I know it wasn't right of me to take a day off. But, in my heart, my husband holds the number one position. This will never change," Tangning explained to the old man. "I'm sorry for delaying everyone's progress."

In reality, according to Tangning's contract, it was fair for her to take a day off. Not only this, even if another actress was in her place and had worked so hard to complete so many important scenes, it was reasonable to take a day off for some rest.

The production crew couldn't understand why the old man kept making things difficult for Tangning.

Everyone was convinced by Tangning, so what was the old man displeased about?

"I don't care. Replace her, no excuses."

Wei An looked at Tangning uncomfortably, "He is one of the investors, so...he has strong decision-making powers. Tangning, you should try to coax him."

"But...he's not giving me a chance," Tangning responded.

Wei An glanced at Tangning and turned back to the old man, "Elder Hei, what do you want Tangning to do. Give us a condition and we can negotiate."

Chapter 433: Could he Possibly Make Use of Him ?

“In what way have I displeased you? Don’t tell me that taking a simple day off was enough for you to completely deny my abilities.”

“Do you really think that your acting is better than Gu Heng’s? In my eyes, you are still far from her!” the old man scoffed. “Don’t be upset. Gu Heng’s acting is consistent, whereas, you overact in a lot of your scenes. Yes, you can use your talent to imagine you are the character you are playing, but you must remember you are a normal person. You can’t continue to be another person forever.”

“A normal person has a limit to how much energy they can focus on one thing. So, your quality of acting can’t be better than Gu Heng’s in every scene...”

“For a person to act as another person for a long period of time is impossible, unless they have multiple personality disorder.”

Elder Mo evaluated Tangning’s acting harshly. In fact, he did not state a single positive as he continuously insulted her.

“Plus...”

“You appear like you are willing to give up anything, but deep down, you carry a sense of arrogance,” the old man scolded. After speaking, he noticed Tangning’s expression had not changed, so he calmed down, “It appears you are already aware of all this.”

If she did not agree with him, she would have already erupted in anger like any other person.

It’s not that Tangning didn’t care, but what the old man said was indeed true. So, she could not refute...

Plus, in her eyes, this old man indeed had the right to scold her. After all, he was a lot more skilled than her.

“Not bad. At least you have the mental capacity to know not to argue back,” the old man lightened up after glaring at Tangning for a while. “It’s better to be scolded by me now than to be scolded by the audience later.”

Tangning remained silent as she listened to the old man nag.

As the crew watched the old man scold Tangning, they were seriously afraid that Tangning would storm off or do something even more frightening; after all, she had Mo Ting backing her. But, she instead stood still like a guilty student being lectured by a teacher. She did not look embarrassed at all because she indeed felt she was wrong.

Actually, Tangning was using the best method possible to deal with the old man.

Because everytime he scolded her a little, his anger would subside a little. In the end, he was left with nothing to complain about.

“If you want me to film with you, it’s possible. But, you will have to be my assistant for one week and see how my mood goes. Of course, I know you have a powerful husband, so you can also complain to him that you are being bullied and get him to come speak to me.”

Tangning looked at the old man and then looked at Wei An before she nodded her head, “OK.”

"You sure agreed quickly. Don't start crying later on!" After speaking, the old man waved his fan and stood up.

Wei An immediately turned to Tangning and asked, "Should I postpone your shoots?"

"No need Director Wei. Just try to schedule all my shoots this week for the night. I can handle it. Don't delay the entire production's progress because of me," Tangning replied sincerely.

"OK. If the old man bullies you too much, let me know," Wei An instructed.

"OK," Tangning nodded her head.

A little while later, Song Yanshu rushed to Tangning's side and apologized, "Ning Jie, sorry I was a bit late. Should we tell President Mo about what happened?"

"You shouldn't be sorry. Don't tell Mo Ting about this. I can handle it." After speaking, she quickly followed after the old man. However, the old man did not stay at the hotel like the rest of the crew. He instead lived in a small house nearby. In his spare time, he would play with his cats and dogs or grow some plants in the garden.

"From today onwards, you will take care of my daily living needs. Right now, I am hungry..."

"What would you like to eat?"

"Guess. If you guess correctly, I'll eat it all...If not, you will need to keep cooking until you get it right," the old man smirked as he rested in his bamboo chair.

Tangning looked at the old man and submissively nodded her head, "Please wait a moment..."

Elder Mo watched as Tangning disappeared into the kitchen and scoffed under his breath, "Yesterday, you were playing with my grandson. Today, I will teach you a lesson." When it came to eating, Elder Mo was the pickiest in the family. Even when it came to expensive delicacies, they had to check if the old man liked it first. If Tangning could understand his tastes, her thoughtfulness would probably calm him down for a few days.

Tangning came to act, but she was now forced to wash clothes and cook for this old man. However, she did not feel upset at all...in fact, she found it quite enjoyable.

After half an hour, 3 delicate dishes were placed on the dining table. As soon as the old man saw that they were bland vegetables and tofu, he was displeased, "Do you think I'm a goat?"

"Give it a try first," Tangning said as she handed him a bowl and chopsticks.

The old man received the chopsticks and unwillingly picked up some of the vegetables. As he placed it in his mouth, the fragrant flavours immediately made his senses feel like they had been awoken.

Mo Ting, the little rascal, was sure lucky to find a wife that could cook so well. Tangning was unlike the other cheap women out there.

But, he couldn't go easy on Tangning. So, he put aside his chopsticks, "I don't want to eat such bland food..."

“Then I’ll cook again,” Tangning turned around without a second thought.

However, as soon as she turned around, the old man immediately emptied half the plates in front of him. He then held a cat in his lap and pretended that he had fed the food to the cat.

After torturing Tangning for half the morning, the old man finally took a break and headed on set to watch Bai Qiusheng and Gu Heng film their scenes. During the entire time on set, the old man continuously told the people around him how he would have handled the scene if he was still young. Everyone was fascinated by his analysis, including Tangning.

However, seeing her go from female lead to someone’s assistant, the people on set felt slightly unfair for her. Who was this old man and what was his deal? Why did the king of entertainment’s wife have to show him respect? It appeared, he wasn’t simply an old man with good acting.

But, no one had heard of this old man before.

Elder Hei; even when they searched back 30 years of records, they couldn’t find any information on him. What right did he have to torture Tangning like this?

Seeing the scene in front of him, the idea of replacing Tangning with Gu Heng once again arose in Qiusheng’s mind...

Since Elder Hei disliked Tangning so much, could he possibly make use of him?

So, he ended up contacting Wei An in private, “Director Wei, if Tangning goes to be an assistant, what will happen to her scenes?”

“She will film them at night...”

“But...that will delay my sleep. I could tolerate 1 or 2 days, but if it’s for a long period of time, I refuse to accept it,” Bai Qiusheng complained.

“What are you trying to say?” Wei An’s eyes squinted questioningly. Was Bai Qiusheng still thinking of doing something to Tangning?

“I’m just hoping that you make a reasonable decision...”

Chapter 434: There’s Nothing he Can’t do !

Originally, it had been agreed that Tangning could go home at night. But, with the old man deliberately trying to make things difficult, she could only instruct Song Yanshu to tell Mo Ting what was happening on set. Mo Ting never interfered with her decisions, but, he knew exactly who this old man was!

The old man would have to wait and see: the amount of suffering his wife was experiencing now, Mo Ting was going to let him have a taste of it later on. However, at present, it was more important to let Elder Mo learn about Tangning.

So, he could only tell Song Yanshu to write down all that Tangning had suffered; every little incident down to the finest detail.

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That night, Tangning was to have a scene with Bai Qiusheng. Perhaps it was because of the old man's nagging, Bai Qiusheng noticed that Tangning's acting had changed.

As she changed careers from a model, Tangning had talent but a lack of experience. Most of the time, she tried to amplify her strengths and avoid her weaknesses. But now, had she learned some technical skills?

The scene they were filming was of them passing by on the streets. Bai Qiusheng's character was aware that Tangning was looking for him, but, after finding out that Tangning's character was a police officer, he had no choice but to leave her.

Seeing the panic in Tangning's eyes, Bai Qiusheng fell into a daze for a moment. Wei An noticed this, "Cut! What's wrong Qiusheng?"

"I'm fine director, let's go again," Bai Qiusheng drew back his focus, but felt like he was caught in a predicament. He was once again unsure if he should get Tangning replaced.

Elder Mo also came to watch Tangning on set. In the end he gave a scoff, "At least she has potential."

On the surface, the old man seemed to be making things difficult for Tangning, but in reality, he couldn't deny that she was his granddaughter-in-law. He was allowed to bully her, but it didn't mean other's could. He was a typical Mo Family member.

The next day, Tangning looked a little pale. Seeing this, the old man decided to have a nap.

Tangning took this opportunity to also lie on the table for a little while before stumbling out to the set with the old man to watch others film.

"Everyone has their own strengths when it comes to acting. Even if one is playing a small character, they should not disregard their existence. Sometimes, even a small character could make or break an entire film," the old man explained to the people around him.

In reality, he was actually saying this to Tangning.

As a result, Tangning carefully watched each person act and took note of everything worthy of learning from.

Whilst filming, Bai Qiusheng lifted his head to look at Tangning and the old man. After contemplating a little, he decided to give his plan another go.

So, his assistant made contact with the old man and the old man agreed to meet with him that night. As Tangning had filming to do at night, the old man naturally did not bring her along.

Inside the private room of a hotel restaurant, Elder Mo waved the fan in his hand as he asked Bai Qiusheng, "Be straightforward, what do you want to talk to me about?"

"To be honest Elder Hei, I would like to make Gu Heng the female lead of this film. Since you also dislike Tangning, can you get her replaced? We can negotiate a price," Bai Qiusheng asked the old man bravely. He assumed the old man's disgust towards Tangning was a given.

The old man took one look at Bai Qiusheng and laughed as he closed up his fan, "Do you think that I dislike Tangning?"

"I at least believe that you like Gu Heng more..."

"Who told you that?" Elder Mo's protective instincts jumped into action, "I previously mentioned that Gu Heng was consistent with her acting, but, I have not yet pointed out her faults."

"I thought you already learned your lesson from the car scene."

Bai Qiusheng's expression changed. Because Tangning no longer mentioned the incident, he had almost forgotten about it. So, how did this old man know of it?

"That...that was..." Bai Qiusheng tried to explain.

"Enough. The only reason I asked Tangning to be my assistant, is because my expectations for her are high. On the other hand, I have no expectations for the rest of you because I simply don't care," Elder Mo said disdainfully. "I believe God will eventually punish those with evil intentions."

After speaking, Elder Mo stood up to leave, but Bai Qiusheng suddenly erupted in anger, "Did you think you are almighty just because you are an investor?"

"If I'm not almighty, would you be standing here before me?" the old man directly refuted. "Tangning let you off, so you should appreciate it. If you try to do anything tricky again, even God won't be able to save you." After speaking, the old man walked out proudly.

Bai Qiusheng was left behind, trembling in anger.

He really wanted to know what this old man's true identity was.

How dare he look at everyone with disdain?

That night, after returning home, Bai Qiusheng had no appetite. In the end, he gave his assistant a phone call and instructed him to handle some matters...

As a result of what he had done, the next morning, the production crew began to receive phone calls from the media asking if Tangning was being bullied and if an investor had done something indecent with her!

The media called repeatedly, trying to confirm this information. So, Wei An had no choice but to brush them off by saying there was no such thing happening. However, this did not prevent members of the crew from leaking information.

Information like photos of Tangning washing clothes and cooking for the old man.

This time, the rumors once again spread like wildfire! In fact, people started to say that Mo Ting knew of this and it had affected his marriage with Tangning.

After seeing the news, Elder Mo sat down with Wei An and sighed, "This Bai Qiusheng hasn't learned a thing."

Bai Qiusheng's scheme this time was quite ruthless. He thought, by leaking information to the media, everyone would assume the information came from Tangning. His intention was for Tangning and the old man to be at odds with each other while he sat to the side and reaped the benefits.

"Elder Mo, what do you think of this matter?"

"We can't let him stay," Elder Mo replied straightforwardly as he waved his fan.

"Why don't you reveal your identity?"

"No rush..." Elder Mo held him back. "Let him play his game until the end before we give him a huge faceslap. If we defeat him so quickly, it's too easy on him. Meanwhile, find someone to replace him. The candidate can have an attitude, but can't have bad intentions."

"Yes, I understand," Wei An replied. In reality, even if the old man had not instructed him to do this, he still would have done it.

He believed, even if the film was a success, but the male lead was a dark-hearted person, it would be a stain on his production. There was no way he'd let that happen.

Initially, he was going to give Bai Qiusheng a chance if he changed for the better. Who would have imagined that the evil desire in his heart would be reborn. In that case, Bai Qiusheng could not blame them for what they were about to do.

"To be honest, the rascal's acting is not bad..." Elder Mo suddenly mentioned, "If he didn't have to take over Hai Rui, he probably would have become an award-winning actor."

"President Mo can act?" Wei An was suddenly interested.

"There's nothing he can't do!" this was something Elder Mo had always been proud of.

Chapter 435: She Was His Woman, Had He Agreed To This ?

"In that case, why don't you take care of Hai Rui for a few months and let President Mo come act?" Wei An tried to suggest.

"You wish!" Elder Mo scoffed. Who was he kidding? It hadn't been easy for him to brush off his business to Mo Ting. There was no way he'd stick his fingers back in. "Hai Rui can only be managed by Mo Ting, my brain can no longer handle it...All I can do these days is act."

Wei An smiled and did not say another word. The old man had definitely gotten a lot lazier. However, it couldn't be denied that he had built up the entire Hai Rui empire with his own hands. Those few years in Beijing were his glory years. But, after many years enjoying life with his grandchildren with no cares, the ambition he once had, had long faded. Yet, his brain was still one that not everyone could compete with.

"From the sounds of it, you've decided to acknowledge this granddaughter-in-law of yours?"

"Acknowledge? I haven't seen her true capabilities yet," the old man waved his fan furiously, "Let's wait and see how she performs from now on."

Wei An looked at Elder Mo helplessly. This old man had a stubborn mouth but soft heart. He was already protecting Tangning to this extent, yet he was still denying what he felt.

But that wasn't an issue to linger on, because he had to quickly go find a replacement.

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"Who is this scruffy old man? Why does Tangning have to follow him around?"

"Are the rumors true, President Mo? If he ends up splitting with Tangning, I will no longer believe in the entertainment industry or love."

"Anything is possible in the filthy entertainment industry. Perhaps Tangning has gone down the wrong path."

"Tangning don't act carelessly. What predicament have you put President Mo in?"

"I refuse to believe that the old man is an investor. Why does Tangning need to wash his clothes and cook for him? What's the story behind all this?"

"I wonder how President Mo feels about all this. Does he know about it?"

The public were in an uproar; spreading the rumors like wildfire. Of course, the public had a strong curiosity for the truth. They really wanted to know if Tangning had actually given up on herself and abandoned her pride. Did she really give up on such a great husband to go cater for an old man?

Plenty of media companies made phone calls to Hai Rui...

But the PR department simply told them that the rumors were a deliberate attempt at defamation and everything was made up.

Of course, Mo Ting saw the news as soon as it came out and his expression darkened. This was not because he believed in the rumors, but because he did not like that the old man had made his wife suffer in such a way.

He had always doted on Tangning, so he barely let her do any housework at home. Yet, this old man was making her wash his clothes and cook for him!

What right did he have? She was his woman! Had he agreed to this?

"President..." Lu Che couldn't quite read what Mo Ting was feeling. Was he angry? He shouldn't be. After all, Tangning was not at fault.

"Forget it. I'll tolerate it for now," Mo Ting closed his laptop and tried to contain the fire in his heart.

"What should we do about this matter then?"

"What did Wei An say?" Mo Ting asked. It was obvious someone had deliberately leaked the information and the culprit was quite obvious.

"Director Wei has asked Hai Rui for candidate recommendations. They are planning to hold secret auditions and replace Bai Qiusheng at the right time. As there aren't many martial arts actors, let alone

famous ones, Director Wei has been put on the spot,” Lu Che explained. In reality, Lu Che also wanted to add that Director Wei’s ideal replacement was actually Mo Ting himself.

Of course, he did not have the courage to tell him this.

“Does the old man have any suggestions?”

“He doesn’t either,” Lu Che shook his head, “Elder Mo does not have any interest in the candidates for male lead.”

As long as the candidate did not interfere with his acting and torturing of Tangning, Elder Mo did not care.

“Make a phone call to Bei Chendong.”

“But, the madam has just completed a film with him. If they work together again, would the viewers be sick of seeing them together?” Lu Che was a little reluctant. After all, they had already filmed ‘W.H.’ together.

“In that case, let’s contact an artist from overseas and make it an international production! I’ll write down a few names in a minute and you can hand them to Wei An. Once he has picked one from the list, I’ll contact them and see if their schedule is available.”

The main motive for Mo Ting’s decision was to help Tangning lay out a path to international stardom. Domestically, it wasn’t too hard to find an actor capable of fighting, but they weren’t very good at non-acting scenes. If they could invite someone from overseas to join the cast, it would be likely that they could help uncover Tangning’s hidden talents. After all, international actors had more refined acting skills.

Bai Qiusheng had no idea that the crew was preparing to replace him.

From the moment he decided on his vengeful plan, he should have expected this result. After all, all those that he offended were not simple people.

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That night, after Tangning prepared dinner for Elder Mo, she originally wanted to head on set to film some scenes, but the old man waved his fan and said, “Don’t waste your energy. Bai Qiusheng will be gone in a couple days.”

Tangning furrowed her brows and turned to look at the old man.

“Don’t tell me you don’t know who started the rumors that are going around,” the old man lifted his bowl and chopsticks to his mouth to conceal his satisfied smile as he spoke to Tangning.

“Does Director Wei plan on replacing Bai Qiusheng?”

“Why should we keep such a disgraceful person around?” the old man scoffed. “If he had no influence, he should have been patient. Since, he has influence, he should have used this to protect the purity of the entertainment industry. When it comes to evil people like this, I will destroy every single one of them.”

“This is the charm of the Mo Fam...”

“Huh?”

The old man froze for a second; he had almost exposed himself.

“Oh it’s nothing. Over the next few days, you are free to go film some scenes, but don’t stay up too late. You keep turning up every morning with a pale expression, who would want to look at a face like that?” the old man expressed his dissatisfaction.

Tangning nodded her head submissively as usual, “OK.”

In reality, the old man was hinting to her that Bai Qiusheng was about to be replaced so she shouldn’t be so serious. She should get some rest and reserve her energy for the real male lead.

For someone as smart as Tangning, she of course picked up on this layer of meaning.

So, she had a slight smirk on her face as she walked out.

Although the old man was indeed hard to deal with, he was doing it for her own good. He wanted to suppress her ego, in case the success of ‘Stupid’ had made her forget that she was still a newcomer. The timing of Elder Mo’s appearance was just right.

After returning to the hotel, Tangning happened to walk past Gu Heng. Their eyes met awkwardly, but Tangning said calmly, “He hasn’t let go.”

“Sorry, since he made a move, I can only stand on his side. After all, he did this all for me,” Gu Heng replied. “Let me give you a word of warning Tangning, I will gather fans to boycott you. After all, you have always been seen as a good wife to Mo Ting, but this time...”

“...you’ve insulted your identity in the eyes of the fans...”

Chapter 436: ‘MoTang’ Marriage on the Rocks

“Things aren’t going to go the way that you planned,” Tangning gave a gentle laugh as she spoke to Gu Heng without a trace of panic or anger. Seeing this, Gu Heng started to feel doubtful of herself.

“Tell me, why are you always so calm, no matter what happens?”

“That’s because I know that evil will never prevail,” Tangning laughed in ridicule. “At least, in my world, I have yet to come across anyone that’s done something bad successfully.”

Gu Heng could not see through Tangning, but she knew that Tangning had already seen through her.

When it came to intelligence, she would never beat Tangning; not even in her next life. But, she refused to believe that Tangning could overcome all obstacles. Everyone was bound to have bad luck at some point in their lives.

“I know Qiusheng’s actions aren’t beneficial to any of us. But, I will still give my all to protect him.” After speaking, Gu Heng left and Tangning returned to her room.

It seemed, Gu Heng had not found out that Bai Qiusheng was getting replaced yet.

Tangning wondered: what was the point of challenging her, when in the end, they would be left with nothing?

That night, Long Jie made a phone call to check on the situation, "What happened this time? What's up with the old man? You're such a magnet for gossip; as soon as something can't be explained, you're up there on the hottest searches."

"Someone did all this on purpose..." Tangning explained helplessly before she recapped everything that had happened on set. After hearing the whole story, Long Jie was in an uproar.

"What's wrong with your luck? Since the male lead and supporting actress are a couple, they will definitely try to kick you out of the cast. Why hasn't anyone considered who would benefit after you leave?" Long Jie sighed, "However, I'm already used to seeing you come across obstacles in everything you do. If nothing goes wrong, then you wouldn't be Tangning."

"What has the director said about this issue?"

"They are looking for a replacement," Tangning replied.

"Are they replacing you?"

"They are replacing Bai Qiusheng," Tangning laughed at Long Jie's high pitched response.

"Good..." Long Jie breathed a sigh of relief. "If I wasn't trying to get pregnant, I would be following by your side every day. What kind of assistant did Boss hire for you? She doesn't seem to be handling matters seriously."

"Just focus on getting pregnant. Don't worry about my problems."

"Since nothing is actually wrong, then I'm of course not worried. It's just, continuously hearing rumors about you and Boss getting a divorce, is really firing me up."

Tangning understood that Long Jie truly cared about her, so she let her continue nagging for a while before she finally hung up.

Afterwards, she received a phone call from Mo Ting. The first thing he said as she picked up the phone was, "Who were you talking to for so long? I kept trying to call, but it couldn't get through..."

"Guess," Tangning replied in a cheeky tone.

"Long Man," Mo Ting assumed, "I was only teasing."

"Regarding the rumor, we originally suppressed it, but then Bai Qiusheng stepped out again to say a few words, reigniting the flame."

"I'm prepared for the backlash," Tangning replied calmly. "Hubby...if Bai Qiusheng didn't have bad intentions, I would have enjoyed seeing his relationship with Gu Heng. Gu Heng is the type of woman that is willing to do anything for Bai Qiusheng. I can tell how helpless she must feel."

“I don’t enjoy seeing anything, I simply want to destroy those that bully you,” Mo Ting replied in seriousness. “Wei An already knows how to handle this matter, so you don’t need to do anything. Hai Rui will also deal with everything PR related.”

If Bai Qiusheng wanted to cause a stir, they were going to let him do as he liked.

So, when the media interviewed Bai Qiusheng, he directly told them that he wasn’t sure why Elder Hei kept picking on Tangning and explained that Tangning was following him around because she wanted to cooperate with him. As for anything else that might be happening, he wasn’t sure.

The way he spoke, hinted that Tangning was indeed being treated indecently.

The entertainment industry had always been an industry of groundless accusations. Bai Qiusheng simply provoked them a little and the media’s imagination immediately went wild.

[Confirmed: Tangning’s been treated indecently!]

[Actor from same cast proves that Tangning has been treated indecently! What is the future of the ‘MoTang’ marriage?]

[‘MoTang’ marriage on the rocks. Mo Ting locks himself in office after revelation of incident.]

Facing the aggravated media, Hai Rui stopped trying to suppress the rumor and instead sent Bai Qiusheng a warning, “The first step to being a good actor is learning how to be an honest person.”

This was Hai Rui’s method of hinting that Bai Qiusheng was a liar. In an instant, the public could no longer determine what was true and what was false.

However, Mo Ting and Elder Mo weren’t in a hurry. Bai Qiusheng’s actions weren’t reason enough for him to be replaced yet. So, they waited to see if he would do something worse. After all, faceslap-inducing incidents like this were always more enjoyable when it hit the climax.

Logically, with the crew in a mess, Wei An was expected to focus on managing the film’s PR. After all, the involvement of any indecent act was damaging for the film.

But, Wei An remained calm and did nothing. In fact, he took a few days off work, claiming to be sick, and handed filming over to the assistant director. While he wasn’t around, he asked the assistant director to give everyone a bit of a break and to only film a few unimportant scenes.

In reality, he had flown to the US to meet with the actor that Mo Ting had helped him scout. The man had heard that Wei An would be directing and was excited to open up to the Asian market, so he agreed to see him.

Wei An felt, everything that had happened, was a blessing in disguise.

But, someone was going to end up quite pitiful...

How dare he make up rumors about Elder Mo!

Wei An tried to imagine the expression on Bai Qiusheng’s face once Elder Mo’s identity was revealed. Just the thought of it was satisfying.

Meanwhile, because of Mo Ting's calmness towards the issue, Tangning was unaffected by the rumors. She continued to take care of Elder Mo and learned a lot from his years of experience.

Song Yanshu tried to convince Tangning to hide out for a bit, but Tangning shook her head and refused, "I have been innocent from the start. If I am to hide, then it would prove that what they are saying is the truth. Plus, there's nothing for me to be afraid of."

She had the entire crew and Mo Ting backing her up...

If Bai Qiusheng was to benefit from this incident, not only Mo Ting, but also Wei An would be humiliated

"OK. Your fans have also expressed that they will believe whatever you say."

Tangning nodded her head as she smiled. It seemed her fans had already developed a heart as strong as a diamond. They must have realized by now that they couldn't trust any words that did not come directly from her mouth.

"Tell them to remain patient. The truth will eventually be revealed."

"OK." Seeing Tangning's confidence, Song Yanshu felt she no longer had reason to be worried. So, she did as Tangning instructed and relayed her message to her fans.

After hearing from Song Yanshu, the fans' minds were at ease. Although Tangning was being torn apart in multiple discussions, the pride that Tangning brought them, outweighed all this negativity. They all knew how good Tangning was. So, even if the rumors continued to spread to the ends of the earth, they refused to believe it.

After all, their idol did not handle matters the typical way.

So, they decided to sit and wait for Bai Qiusheng to be taught a lesson.

Of course, Bai Qiusheng still had more up his sleeves. To be able to get to where he was in the entertainment industry, he of course had his ways.

Chapter 437: We Will Never be Defeated

At the same time that Tangning was rumored to be treated indecently and having a rocky marriage with Mo Ting, her phone number was also leaked to the public.

An immoral media company got hold of her number and immediately made a phone call, "Are you Tangning? Are you? This can't be."

At first, Tangning could still handle the random phone calls. But after the media called her one after another and confirmed it was her, Tangning's phone did not stop ringing for the rest of the day.

"Ning Jie, that 'Bai Something' seems to be taking things too far," Song Yanshu decided to stop referring to Bai Qiusheng with his full name. She was originally indifferent towards him, but now, she was extremely angered.

Tangning looked at her phone with a dark expression. A little while later, Mo Ting arrived at the hotel. As he stepped into Tangning's room, a reporter called.

As soon as Mo Ting saw this, he picked it up.

"This must be Tangning. Is it true that you've been treated indecently?"

"What company are you from?" Mo Ting asked without a second thought.

"I am from Huaming Media and Communications Company," the reporter answered, obviously not realizing who was on the phone. He simply thought it was a nearby staff who wanted to reveal some information. But, to his surprise, Mo Ting replied without flinching, "Wait for your company to be closed down." After speaking, he hung up the phone and gestured for Song Yanshu to leave the room.

"I'm fine," Tangning reassured as she looked at Mo Ting and held onto his hand. "I know you guys have your plans, so I'm just patiently waiting."

"I got Lu Che to change your phone number..."

Mo Ting understood that Tangning was a sentimental person, so he added, "Hold onto your old number. Once the media have stopped bothering you, you can use it again."

Tangning knew that Mo Ting understood her, so she simply smiled submissively without a word.

"Also, if you want to do something, then just do it. Don't worry about anyone else. Wei An's plans will not affect you," Mo Ting encouraged. He simply wanted Tangning to be happy. If he could get revenge her, he was willing to break all rules and overlook all schemes.

"OK," Tangning nodded, acknowledging Mo Ting's support.

Mo Ting's heart ached as he pulled Tangning into his embrace and gently ran his fingers through her hair, "I will definitely boost you up to the pinnacle of the entertainment industry. That way, everyone will be left so far behind that they won't dare to do anything to you."

Tangning understood Mo Ting's intentions, so she hugged him tighter...

"I just need to know that we will never be defeated and I'm satisfied."

"That's a given!"

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After visiting Tangning, Mo Ting walked out of the hotel and instructed Lu Che, "Huaming Media and Communications Company. I want to see news of them being shut down tomorrow."

"Also, have you found out where the old man is living?"

"I'll take you to see him," Lu Che immediately led the way.

Mo Ting followed behind Lu Che with a dark expression and entered into the garden of Elder Mo's villa. At this moment, Elder Mo was standing leisurely under a cage and playing with the bird inside. As soon as he saw Mo Ting, he frantically ran to hide.

“There’s no point hiding,” Mo Ting’s voice was cold, “From the moment you stepped foot out of the airport, I already knew you had returned. Come out!”

Elder Mo furrowed his brows and had no choice but to step out from hiding to face his grandson.

The old indeed had to make way for the new. This rascal had actually known he was here from the day he arrived. From the looks of it, his every move had been monitored by this precious grandson.

“Since you pretended not to know for so long, why didn’t you continue pretending?” the old man asked as he waved his fan. Seeing that Mo Ting did not respond, he assumed he knew the answer, “Worried about your wife?”

“How much longer do you want to analyze her?” Mo Ting was indeed getting a little impatient. He had already given the old man so much time, was he still not happy with her?

“Why are you in such a rush?” Elder Mo sat down calmly at a stone table, “When the time is right, I will eventually reveal myself to her.”

The grandfather and grandson’s eyes met. Mo Ting of course knew the ‘right time’ that his grandfather was referring to. Since Bai Qiusheng had blown matters out of proportion and wanted to delay the work of the crew, there was no reason for him to play nice.

Mo Ting scoffed. Just as he was about to turn and leave, the old man looked up and said, “The young lady hasn’t passed my last test yet, but she’s been doing pretty well so far.”

Mo Ting turned around and gave the old man a glare of warning; if the old man was to go too far with his tricks, he would have no choice but to step out and help his wife.

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After Tangning’s phone number was leaked, the public had another reason to focus on her. So, when Wei An returned on set, Bai Qiusheng began to make slight hints to him.

“Director Wei, is it worth continuing filming like this?”

Wei An looked at Bai Qiusheng with a slightly amused look, “It’s my fault that I didn’t discipline my staff properly. That’s why both rumors and Tangning’s phone number were leaked at the same time.”

“Director Wei, we both know what’s going on here. Stop playing Tai Chi with me,” Bai Qiusheng wanted to get his plan going, so he tried to drag Wei An into it.

This time, Wei An gave him a piercing glare, but still managed to smile, “Give it two days. Something will happen in two days. A big piece of news will be announced.”

“I will definitely help you,” Bai Qiusheng smirked. Assuming that Wei An also had the intention to replace Tangning, he decided to stir up the crew one last time.

Wei An understood his expression. So, as soon as Bai Qiusheng left, Wei An immediately contacted Elder Mo, “It seems like Bai Qiusheng still has something big up his sleeves.”

“That will be the best time to destroy him once and for all...” Elder Mo said suggestively.

Bai Qiusheng was, after all, in Wei An's crew. It wouldn't be hard for him to keep track of his whereabouts.

Wei An nodded his head. His mind was completely clear of his path ahead.

Once Bai Qiusheng made a move, they would be able to collect their trap. Wei An had already signed a contract with the international actor he met and he was scheduled to arrive in 3 days. The timing was perfect!

"I really don't want to reveal my identity...I haven't played enough yet."

"Then don't reveal it. I can handle that b*stard on my own," Wei An laughed.

"I have no choice. The rascal came by not too long and gave me a warning...If I continue to play tricks, you might find me shot dead on the beach. It's best I pick the easy path," Elder Mo scoffed. Regardless of everything else, Mo Ting was in control of Hai Rui. So, he had to show the almighty President Mo some face.

"Is Elder Mo afraid of President Mo?"

"A king today, becomes a subject tomorrow. The world now belongs to him. I simply want to eat, drink and play. It's best I don't play with fire, or else I could land in serious trouble. The consequences would not be worth it," the old man weighed his options.

Chapter 438: There Will be a Good Show Tomorrow

Everyone waited patiently for Bai Qiusheng to pull his last move. However, he did not show any signs of action for two days. Although he still expressed his dissatisfaction towards the cast, he was not persistent with it.

With the help of Hai Rui's PR, filming eventually continued as usual.

Although Tangning had experienced a slight distraction, after changing her phone number, her life also returned to normal.

All this was thanks to the power that Mo Ting had. As a result, Bai Qiusheng realized, if he didn't make a move soon, the entire incident would eventually be swept under the rug by Hai Rui.

So, that night, while Tangning was waiting to film her scene, a visitor appeared on set claiming to be Bai Qiusheng's friend. The friend asked Tangning for the whereabouts of Bai Qiusheng, so she casually pointed to where he was filming a fight scene. The friend thankfully nodded his head and disappeared from sight.

Tangning had a feeling something wasn't right, but she couldn't figure out what it was. So, when Song Yanshu returned to her side, she whispered some instructions into her ear and Song Yanshu swiftly left.

Although Tangning couldn't pinpoint the problem, her instincts were strong. Why would someone visit at this time?

Of course, she couldn't directly pull the man over and interrogate him. So, she had to be careful in her investigation, in case she was overreacting.

However, this simple exchange with a stranger was enough to trigger the trap that Bai Qiusheng had laid out...

1am, a huge news once again stirred up the entire entertainment industry. The actor, Bai Qiusheng, had been attacked and was in a coma at the hospital!

As soon as the crew of 'The Lost Relative' received news of the incident, Wei An immediately rushed to the hospital. Meanwhile, Bai Qiusheng's management agency tried their best to contain the news.

"What happened?" By the time that Wei An arrived at the hospital, all he saw was Bai Qiusheng's manager sitting on a chair covered in blood. He appeared to have undergone quite a battle.

"Director Wei, after returning from the set, someone was unexpectedly waiting to ambush Qiusheng at home. Originally, Qiusheng's skills were enough to fend the culprit off. But, because he was trying to protect me, he ended up being stabbed. He was just sent into the emergency room. This is a phone that the culprit dropped. Inside, I found Tangning's phone number."

The manager handed the bloody phone to Wei An.

Wei An furrowed his brows. He suddenly realized what was going on. The 'help' that Bai Qiusheng said he was going to provide, turned out to be a self-scripted, self-directed act.

Since he had no hesitation in arranging his own injury, it was clear to see how calculative he was. A simple car accident was definitely not enough to scare him away.

"I will investigate this matter thoroughly," Wei An said to Bai Qiusheng's manager. "But before I find out the truth, don't tell the media anything. After all, this matter does not benefit Qiusheng."

"I understand. However, I feel bad for Qiusheng. We only spoke the truth, yet we were attacked. Can the Mo Family do whatever they want? Is there no longer any justice?"

Wei An held back his disgust towards Bai Qiusheng and patted the manager on his shoulder, "Don't worry, I will get justice for him."

"I hope so. Otherwise, our agency definitely won't let Hai Rui get away with it!"

After comforting Bai Qiusheng's manager, Wei An instructed the assistant director and a couple of staff to stay at the hospital. His intention was for them to keep an eye on Bai Qiusheng's every move. Afterwards, he contacted Mo Ting and warned him about Bai Qiusheng's intention to slander Tangning. He also explained Bai Qiusheng's entire plan to both the grandfather and grandson.

"I must take my hat off to him if he really dared to injure himself for an act," Elder Mo scoffed as he waved his fan. "I can't believe this Bai Qiusheng would result to doing anything."

"Since he wants to put up allegations against Tangning, he can't simply depend on a phone number. This isn't substantial evidence. He must have something else..."

“Last night, Tangning gave directions to a strange man. The man claimed to be visiting the set as a friend of Bai Qiusheng’s. Tangning instructed her assistant to follow the man and to take some photos of him. So, I instructed Lu Che to investigate further into it. If the incident today involved this man and we manage to find him, we will have Bai Qiusheng in the palm of our hands,” Mo Ting explained to Elder Mo and Wei An.

“Tangning has always been wary of her surroundings. I’m not surprised that she realized something was wrong,” Wei An nodded approvingly. “So, our main focus is now on this mysterious man.”

“Bai Qiusheng is talented, but he schemes against others too much. Now that I look at the entire situation as a whole, I can feel my hairs standing on end. It’s lucky that Tangning takes one step at a time carefully. Otherwise, she may have already been killed by this man without knowing it. It’s all my fault for not getting to know him properly,” Wei An sighed as he looked guiltily at the two men in front of him. “Is Tangning OK after all that’s happened?”

“She’s asleep. She’s long gotten used to stuff like this,” Mo Ting chuckled; if he had not coaxed her to sleep, he may still be in the room right now.

“That’s good. I was worried she had been affected. But from the looks of it, she already mentally prepared herself last night. I must bow down to her calmness,” Wei An praised.

These days, there really weren’t many actresses, or even women, that were like Tangning. On the surface she appeared weak and fragile, but in the end, she always stunned people with the way she handled matters.

She was serious and hardworking without any intention to harm others. This was definitely the reason why Mo Ting adored her so much.

“Regardless of what’s happening, the results will be revealed tomorrow.” He had complete faith in Lu Che’s investigation skills.

“I don’t think Bai Qiusheng will sit back and do nothing. Just wait for it, I’m sure there will be a good show tomorrow.”

Elder Mo sat to one side and listened to the conversation between the two men. In reality, hearing about all this suspicion and deception hurt his ears. This was what he hated most about the entertainment industry. It was also the reason why he had handed everything to Mo Ting as soon as he could.

For those that spent all day thinking about harming others and not focusing on their acting, he wondered how were they to progress and receive awards?

This was why he liked Tangning’s calm presence.

She was not easy to deal with, but she never initiated any attacks. It was obvious she had a bottom line.

If Tangning did one more thing that he liked, she would be perfect...

It didn’t take long before the night passed and dawn hit. However, the news of Bai Qiusheng’s injury had not completely disappeared.

Without a doubt, Bai Qiusheng had spread word of his injury as much as he could. He wanted everyone to see his injury and claimed that Tangning was to blame!

Although Bai Qiusheng's agency did not specifically state that Tangning was involved with Bai Qiusheng's injury, they revealed to the public that Tangning's phone number appeared on the culprit's phone. In other words, they were telling everyone that Tangning was behind the entire incident.

"We will report this matter to the police and let them look into it. I'm sure we will see a result very soon. We would like to thank the public for their concern. As soon as Qiusheng wakes up, we will tell you about his condition. I hope everyone can be at ease."

Chapter 439: We Will Not be Lenient

Bai Qiusheng was determined to push Tangning into the firing line. So, as soon as he woke up, he arranged to see the reporters and the police.

He appeared to be quite badly injured. His head was wrapped tightly with a thick layer of bandages, while his pale face made him look extra skinny. As one looked into his eyes, they could see that they were slightly bloodshot.

"The culprit wanted my life..."

"I hope the police can get justice for me by investigating the truth."

"We must punish the instigator!"

"That's enough for now. Qiusheng's condition isn't too good, so we will not be accepting any more interviews today. Regarding his attack, he will hold a press conference to explain everything once he is fully recovered. I hope the media can be understanding towards him," Bai Qiusheng's manager said as he led the reporters out of the hospital room. The only person left behind was a police officer who was recording Bai Qiusheng's statement.

A little while later, the police officer left the hospital and headed over to Hai Rui to summon Tangning.

As soon as everyone heard of this, the entertainment industry was in an uproar. Was Tangning the one that instigated Bai Qiusheng's attack?

If not, why did the police directly summon her and not anyone else?

To avoid commotion, the police did not act during the day. Since they presented Tangning with proper documentation, she had no choice but to cooperate.

Mo Ting offered a meeting room for the police to use as Tangning rushed over from home. Of course, Mo Ting wasn't a force to be reckoned with. As Tangning headed for the room, 3 lawyers followed closely behind.

"Relax, everything will be fine," Mo Ting reassured Tangning as he patted her on the shoulder.

"Yes, I know," Tangning nodded her head. She understood this was normal legal procedure that could not be avoided.

Mo Ting gently patted her on the head as he watched her walk into the meeting room with the lawyers. After she sat down, the police began their interrogation.

“Miss Tang, I would like to show you a video that was recorded on set,” the police officer handed Tangning a phone. As soon as Tangning saw it, she smiled.

“This man claimed to be a friend of Bai Qiusheng’s. In this video, he was lost, so I merely pointed him the way to where Bai Qiusheng was filming.”

The police officer put away the phone and continued with another question, “Then, how do you explain that your phone number was in the culprit’s phone?”

“Mr. Police Officer, how do you expect me to answer this question?” Tangning asked calmly. “My phone number was recently leaked to the public – everyone knows it. Yet, you are asking me how he got my number?”

“It has been proven that the man in the video was indeed the person that attacked Bai Qiusheng. We are currently looking for him. As soon as we find him, the truth will be revealed,” the police were well aware that they weren’t going to get any information from Tangning. After all, their evidence wasn’t substantial. So, even though Tangning was the biggest suspect, they couldn’t do anything to her.

“We will not be lenient towards any criminal actions whatsoever.”

The words of the police seemed to contain a deeper meaning. So Tangning replied in seriousness, “I hope you remember what you have said today.”

“Let’s go,” after they were done with their questions, the police got up to leave. But, just as they started walking out the door, they turned around and added, “Now that things have been blown out of proportion, you are going to be affected. You should take extra note of your safety.”

“I have my methods of proving my innocence. Thank you for your concern,” Tangning smiled elegantly.

The two police officers were a little surprised by her response, but they quickly turned to leave. However, after they left, Tangning’s expression was no longer comfortable and relaxed.

Back during Yue Shanshan’s incident, she had also encountered a self-scripted, self-directed act; back then, she remained quiet and kept herself out of it. However, this time, Bai Qiusheng’s act had completely dragged her into the midst of the situation and made it impossible for her to get out.

Afterwards, Mo Ting entered the meeting room and held onto Tangning’s hand tightly, “Lu Che has already secured some evidence. He will definitely find the man before the police do.”

“Why don’t we work alongside the police?”

“I need to personally get evidence of your innocence before I hand him over to the police.”

Mo Ting was used to taking the initiative. Since Bai Qiusheng wanted to hold a press conference to explain the incident, Mo Ting was going ensure that he put on a good show.

“Trust in Lu Che. Nothing will go wrong.”

Tangning nodded her head, "Of course, I'm confident you won't let me suffer from injustice. In reality, I'm more worried about you. I don't care what the public say, because I know the truth will eventually prevail."

"You have a strong heart," Mo Ting hugged Tangning as his heart ached and felt comforted at the same time. They then returned to Mo Ting's office together.

Mo Ting worked while Tangning accompanied him.

Actually, for Tangning, no problem was big enough to drag her down, as long as her man continued to love her.

However, to counterattack Bai Qiusheng, not only did they have to find the man, they also needed to prove that he had a reason. In other words, they had to prove that he was in a relationship with Gu Heng.

Tangning was still unaware of Elder Mo's identity. So, she had no idea that Wei An had already set a trap within a trap.

The public barely heard anything about Bai Qiusheng and Gu Heng, so those that knew of their relationship were rare.

Thinking of this, Tangning's expression darkened. She then told Mo Ting, "I want Bei Chendong to help me put on an act to get evidence of Bai Qiusheng and Gu Heng's relationship."

"What do you want to do?" Mo Ting asked with an interested smile.

"This plan might work," Tangning stared into Mo Ting's eyes.

Perhaps it was in their DNA, Bei Chendong's ability to impersonate others was impressive, just like Elder Mo's. Mo Ting found a whole heap of Bai Qiusheng's audio recordings and handed them to Bei Chendong. He then asked him to act as Bai Qiusheng.

Of course, Bei Chendong did not want to be involved in this matter. But, not only was a family member being bullied, Han Xiner was also encouraging him to help. So, in the end, Bei Chendong spent some time practicing Bai Qiusheng's voice. After his voice was 80-90% similar, he picked up his phone and called Gu Heng.

At first, Gu Heng did not pick up the phone. But after Bei Chendong sent her a message, she finally picked up.

"Gu Heng speaking."

"It's me," Bei Chendong skillfully imitated Bai Qiusheng.

After hearing a familiar voice, Gu Heng let out a sigh of relief and complained, "Why are you calling me at this time? Didn't we agree not to contact each other for a while?"

"I need to see you about something. We can't meet at home, so I can only meet you outside. Let's meet at our usual meeting spot."

"OK, wait for me there."

“Don’t try to call me. I don’t want the media to find out.”

“Understood,” Gu Heng was extremely obedient.

Bei Chendong hung up the phone and threw it aside. He then looked at Han Xiner and Tangning proudly. It was almost like he was telling them not to ask him to do something so simple again, as it was a waste of his time.

Han Xiner made a biting gesture at him, while Tangning looked gloomily out the window. She had her fingers crossed that the person she sent to follow Gu Heng would gain some useful information.

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It’s not that Gu Heng wasn’t being cautious, but over the past few days, Bai Qiusheng had made her extremely tense. So, she could no longer tell when Bai Qiusheng was telling the truth or lying. He simply told her, “Everything will be settled in a few days. When that time comes, you will be the female lead.”

By this point, Gu Heng had long given up on the idea of being female lead. All she was worried about now, was whether Bai Qiusheng would be exposed.

However, Bai Qiusheng didn’t share any information with her. He simply told her to wait and to make sure not to reveal their relationship. But, this cluelessness was the reason that she took Bei Chendong’s bait as soon as he threw it out – because she had no idea what Bai Qiusheng had planned.

In the middle of the night, Gu Heng left her home without her assistant. All alone, she drove to her usual meeting place with Bai Qiusheng; an underground cafe.

However, after she arrived, she realized Bai Qiusheng was not there. She then received a phone call from Bei Chendong, “I was discovered by my manager, so I won’t be able to come out tonight. Go home first and we’ll meet another time.”

Gu Heng did not question the voice that she heard. So she quickly returned home without realizing that she was being tailed.

She was in too much of a panic to notice...

Those that were sent out by Mo Ting, had always been trustworthy. So it didn’t take long before he received information from the cafe about a nearby hotel that Gu Heng and Bai Qiusheng often frequented. He even got hold of a record of their stays and photos from locals of the two entering and exiting the hotel.

The hotel was in a hidden location and had strong confidentiality procedures. However, the staff couldn’t resist bribes. After all, there was no way for their boss to find out who leaked the information.

While all this was going on, Lu Che also sent over an update. Although the culprit had escaped once again, he had already secured important evidence and believed he’d capture the man in the next two days.

With evidence in their hands, Tangning finally let out a sigh of relief. Meanwhile, Han Xiner looked admiringly at Tangning and praised, "I knew it, Ning Jie is the smartest..."

"Why don't you ever say that my acting is good?" Bei Chendong scoffed unhappily as he looked at Han Xiner.

"Now, we can only hope that Lu Che puts in enough effort...He can't let anything go wrong at this point!" Han Xiner placed her palms together and prayed sincerely to the skies.

Bei Chendong was helpless against her. So, he stood up and forcefully dragged her out, "Since my job is done here, I'll be making my leave. I have a lot of plants at home that need taking care of; I can't be gone for too long."

This was Han Xiner's new method of curing Bei Chendong's laziness. His home now had 5 cats, 5 dogs, 5 parrots, 5 turtles and a garden full of plants.

Surprisingly, her method worked on him. Apart from filming, he now spent most of his time at home, improving his character.

"Don't worry, nothing bad will happen," Bei Chendong comforted. After all, Wei An was also preparing something.

Elder Mo was still waiting to serve Bai Qiusheng a lethal attack.

Actually, when they looked at the problem as a whole, it wasn't a high level of difficulty. Even though Bai Qiusheng had control over public opinion, they still had more evidence in their hands.

Perhaps due to fear that the longer they dragged out the issue, the more likely Tangning would find evidence, Bai Qiusheng decided to hold a press conference three days after he woke up.

Because the incident this time was extremely disgusting and involved both Tangning and Hai Rui's reputation, the media crowded into the press conference organized by Bai Qiusheng's agency. It was to be held in hall 5 of a random 5-star hotel...

Bai Qiusheng did not need to prepare much. He simply had to ride a wheelchair onto the stage and the scene was enough to spark headline ideas for the media.

Bai Qiusheng's manager held onto a microphone and started off by thanking the media. He then said in a serious tone, "Regarding Qiusheng's attack this time, all I can say is that we were extremely heartbroken when we found out the truth."

"Of course, I can't jump to conclusions since the police are still investigating the matter. So I can only ask Qiusheng to describe the incident in detail," the manager handed his microphone to the wheelchair-bound Bai Qiusheng.

Bai Qiusheng was dressed in a hospital gown and the bandage on his head still had traces of blood. His head was initially down, but after receiving the microphone, he looked up and faced the countless cameras and flashes.

"I...am quite baffled by this incident."

“In fact, I don’t know what I’ve done wrong to be attacked in this way.”

“On the night of the incident, my manager escorted me home to get some rest. But, to our surprise, there were a bunch of people waiting in front of my house with axes, iron poles and other weapons. I started my career as a stunt double, so my skills aren’t bad. But, one of the men decided to target my manager, so I had no choice but to block a hit for him. As a result, I lost consciousness. Fortunately, my manager got hold of the man’s phone during the struggle.”

“The police have not come to a conclusion yet, so I don’t know what the truth is...”

“But, I can confirm that Tangning’s phone number was found on the culprit’s phone...”

“Plus, police investigations have found that the man that hit me has previously come in contact with Tangning.”

“I really don’t want to tie such a horrible incident to a woman, but...”

“...if I pity her, who would pity me?”

Bai Qiusheng paused for a moment, pretending to hold back tears.

His manager quickly tried to control his emotions as he added, “I hope the conclusion that the police come to in the end won’t have anything to do with Tangning. Or else, I will use the law to battle with Hai Rui until the end.”

“As the Big Boss of entertainment, Hai Rui have a status that can’t be easily shaken. If the incident this time was really caused by Tangning, I hope President Mo can let her step out and give a formal apology.”

“As an outsider, I don’t want to get involved with your marital affairs. I am simply expressing my standpoint and have no intention to offend. If Tangning feels angered by what I have said, I would like to apologize in advance. I am still waiting for the results from the police...”

Bai Qiusheng firstly expressed his innocence, then he explained the situation. Lastly, he placed Hai Rui’s reputation on the line.

He also claimed that Tangning’s motive was because he had said a few things that he shouldn’t have. This included claims that Tangning had a bad temper while Mo Ting spoiled and protected her.

The media had heard stories long ago, but now, they received confirmation.

Bai Qiusheng successfully lured the public’s opinion onto his side by playing the image of a victim perfectly.

Otherwise, why would he have entered on a wheelchair and why did his bandages have blood?

He obviously wanted to get pity from them!