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Chapter 481: Even When I'm Not Around

After Long Jie left, Tangning turned back to the magazine on her desk. However, she could no longer focus, so she ended up looking out the window. She had long become impenetrable to the darkness in the industry because she was never afraid of putting up a fight.

But, she was now pregnant with her and Mo Ting's child. So, she had to put in as much effort as possible to take good care of it.

Did someone want to scheme against her?

Then they should give her all they got...

If she was afraid, then she wouldn't be the Tangning that always got her revenge.

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Over the next two days, the fans that were injured at the airport were gradually discharged from hospital. As they left, they were given a full refund of their hospital fees. Someone had helped them pay the full amount, but the identity of this person was not revealed.

The hospital staff didn't quite understand why they had to keep the identity a secret, but since it was organized by Hai Rui, they accepted the money without hesitation.

However, after leaving the hospital, they declared that they were now anti-fans of Tangning. Even though Tangning showed concern as soon as she arrived back in China, they failed to sense her sincerity.

They also posted on social media, "I must have been blind to have liked Tangning for so long."

"In Tangning's eyes, we are nothing."

"In the past, when we were insulted by the public, she never stepped out to protect us. So this time, I finally saw through everything. When we were faced with danger, Tangning was worse than a stranger."

"She sure is cold-blooded."

Because of these posts, these new anti-fans were attacked by Tangning's remaining fans. This triggered the anti-fans to be even more extreme. In fact, they even used their identity as long-time fans to respond, "I have already been a fan for many years, but I'm now an anti-fan because there is no limit to the hype she creates."

"Let me convince you guys not to be tricked by her. She is much too arrogant and barely interacts with her fans."

"I can clearly say that she's always been aloof from the world, but that is about to change."

As long-time fans knew a lot of insider information and made a lot of half true half false statements, they ignited an internal argument amongst fans.

Externally, people from the industry had their eye on Tangning. Meanwhile, internally, her own fans were in an uproar. Tangning was in quite a predicament. Although stuff like this no longer hurt her, if her long-time fans decided to team up with her enemies, it would be a recipe for trouble.

Late into the night, after Tangning fell asleep, Mo Ting headed into the study room. He knew that Tangning was in more of a crisis this time because her enemies did not have a conflict of interest like her usual enemies.

Although, the obstacle she faced this time was something that was bound to happen on her path to fame, as her husband and manager, there was no way he would let her get hurt.

But, he never expected that Tangning would suddenly wake up.

"It's already late. Why are you hiding in the study room?"

As Mo Ting watched Tangning walk in and approach his side, he reached out his arm and pulled her into his embrace, "I still have a bit of work to do."

"Who are you trying to fool?" Tangning sat down on Mo Ting's lap and looked at his laptop screen, "You're making preparations for my upcoming talk show appearance, aren't you?"

"I can't keep anything from you," Mo Ting replied in a slightly tired voice as he placed his chin on Tangning's shoulder.

"Actually, I've already made a decision," Tangning looked at Mo Ting seriously, "I want to use the talk show as an opportunity to announce my temporary retreat from filming."

Mo Ting was obviously surprised by these words.

"What's wrong?" Tangning asked as she saw his reaction.

"It's nothing. It's just...previously, when you were about to become an international supermodel, you had to give up because of me. This time, just as your career is on the rise, you need to give up because of our child. I can't bear to see you like this."

"I want you to be happy. I don't want you to keep giving up on stuff."

"Right now, the outside world is saying that I am two-faced. On the surface, I appear to not care about Hollywood, but behind everyone's backs, I've met with an American director. Whatever I say at this point will sound like a lie. If that's the case, it's better for me to move away from all this gossip," Tangning said gently. "At the moment, I simply want to put all my heart into our child. That's why I've decided to temporarily retreat from filming."

"But...it wasn't easy for you to get to this point..."

"Ting...there's nothing that I can't do. It's just a matter of time. That's why I want to take care of our child even more."

Mo Ting hugged Tangning tightly. Thinking about the way she trusted him and the sacrifices she made, he subconsciously told himself again, in this lifetime, he was going to do all he could to give her the best things in the world.

“OK,” Mo Ting eventually nodded his head. “After giving birth, I want you to return to being a brightly shining star, as soon as possible. In fact, I want you to be more dazzling than before...”

Tangning smiled and sat up straight. Holding onto Mo Ting’s face and taking aim, she gently matched her lips with his.

Tangning had always been like this: whether right or wrong, as long as it was the path she had chosen, she would finish it even if she had to crawl...

Especially when Mo Ting and her child was involved, she felt that even risking her life was worth it.

Afterwards, Mo Ting gave Lu Che a phone call and instructed him to stop what he was doing. Tangning’s announcement of her retreat was already going to be the best attack on all the rumors.

In fact, Mo Ting suddenly realized, according to Tangning’s personality, the only reason that she said what she did in the US was because she was already prepared for the ramifications.

So, rather than saying others were scheming against her, it was more likely that she did what she did to find an excuse for retreating from filming...

Mo Ting understood that the only reason why Tangning chose to do this was so she could protect their child. She wanted to keep it away from the public eye...

“I really don’t know what to do about you. You almost tricked me too.”

Tangning understood what Mo Ting meant and let out a laugh, “What others do, has nothing to do with me. I simply don’t want to cause you trouble. So, isn’t retreating a good thing?”

“You do everything for my sake. Have you ever thought about yourself?”

“Of course. Once upon a time, my biggest dream was to be someone that matched you well. Now, my biggest dream is to take good care of you and our child...” Tangning replied seriously. “So, don’t get involved this time. They can give me all the scheming they got. Before I retreat, I will let everyone know that even when I’m not around...”

“...no one will be able to forget me!”

Mo Ting nodded his head as he laughed, “OK.”

If someone wanted to team up and scheme against her.

Then they should ready themselves for a good show.

Chapter 482: One Fan Against Anti-fans

The talk show that Tangning was to go on this time was called ‘Superstar Talk’. It was the leading talk show in the film category. As Tangning would be appearing as an actress this time, the programme would be very different to when she went on Feng Cai.

The incident with her converted fans slandering her was still ongoing. As for rumors about her being two-faced and coming in contact with an American director, that was still spreading rapidly...

This time, her attack involved the combined power of multiple people within the industry. But, Tangning wanted to sit back and see what this group of people had planned.

“Ning Jie, here’s some information for your interview on the talk show,” Song Yanshu said as she sat opposite Tangning in Hyatt regency and handed her a stack of paper. “In order to not be exposed, I’ve already organized an outfit that will hide your stomach.”

“Thank you...” Tangning received the information and nodded her head. At that moment, she suddenly remembered something, so she put down the information in her hands and turned to Song Yanshu, “You were originally brought here to temporarily take care of me. After my pregnancy, I will have a good few months with nothing scheduled. What do you plan to do during that time?”

Song Yanshu had mentally prepared herself long ago. So, she tugged her violet scarf nervously and smiled, “President Mo has already arranged another job for me.”

“Huh?”

“President Mo has asked me to manage your brother,” Song Yanshu explained.

“That’s not a bad idea.” After hearing this, Tangning felt relieved. “Although Jingxuan has adjusted to this industry, he is still young, so he is bound to make mistakes. I will feel a lot better with you by his side to keep him in check.”

“I won’t disappoint your expectations,” Song Yanshu suddenly stood up and bowed sincerely at Tangning, “I’m really thankful for all that you have taught me during this time.”

“I should be the one that’s thanking you for taking care of me,” Tangning replied as she held onto her hands.

“Regarding the interview on ‘Superstar Talk’, are you sure it will run smoothly?” Song Yanshu wasn’t oblivious; working in the industry, she was bound to hear things.

“Of course, it will be fine,” Tangning smiled.

After receiving reassurance, Song Yanshu bid farewell and left.

As Tangning watched Song Yanshu disappear from her sight, she suddenly felt a little emotional. Each person was destined to complete certain phases in their lives and move forward. But, it seemed, Song Yanshu’s story hadn’t truly started.

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“Tangning is finally going on a talk show! Apart from sporadic news and rumors, she hasn’t made an appearance for a long time.”

“I hope she can give us some good news and get rid of the rumors that have been going around. I refuse to believe that she is a two-faced person.”

“Pfft, those ex-fans are disgusting!”

“Recently, there have been a few small-time actors that have stepped out to insult my Ning. I was a part of one of the arguments with them and it was so satisfying to yell at them.”

“The commenter above, you are one fan against ten anti-fans, it’s best you don’t ruin Tangning’s character.”

The promo clip for the talk show had just been released and Tangning’s name was already on the hottest entertainment search rankings. As a popular topic of discussion, it seemed, Tangning could do anything and she’d immediately attract attention.

The talk show was scheduled for 7pm that night and it was to be a live broadcast. So, editing and starting over was not possible.

4pm. Tangning arrived at the television station accompanied by Mo Ting.

Thanks to Song Yanshu’s thoughtful arrangement, Tangning was wearing a dark blue coat with a bow tied at the front that covered her stomach.

However, as soon as she stepped out of the company van, a group of people holding eggs pushed aside the media and threw the eggs towards her...

Mo Ting immediately protected Tangning and gestured for the bodyguards to control the crowd and stop the culprits.

The four bodyguards immediately stepped forward, restrained the five young girls and brought them to Mo Ting.

Mo Ting’s eyes burnt up like a torch as he gave the girls a fiery glare, “Are you girls crazy?”

“We are her ex-fans. When we were treaded on last time, where was she? Tangning, we were wrong about you...”

“Even strangers know how to show sympathy. How could you be so cold?”

Seeing more and more people were gathering around, Mo Ting knew he had no reason to drag on, so he directly sneered, “Naive!”

“Go and do some research at the hospital and see which stranger helped you pay for your hospital fees...” After speaking, Mo Ting protected Tangning as he escorted her quickly into the television station.

The bodyguards immediately released the girls and left them confused as to why Mo Ting brought up the hospital fees. So, one of them directly called the hospital and started questioning the staff.

But, before they found someone who could give them an answer, one of Mo Ting’s bodyguards crossed his arms and said, “Why bother investigating? It’s pretty obvious that in this entire world, there is only one person capable of forgiving the nonsense sprouted by her moronic fans. This person is our Madam, Tangning. All your hospital fees were paid from her own pocket...”

“I feel ashamed on your behalf!”

Hearing Tangning’s name, the girls were stunned as they stood speechless in place. They weren’t sure whether to trust the words of the bodyguard.

“As a celebrity, the Madam isn’t obligated to hold responsibility for the actions of her moronic fans. So, from now on, don’t appear in front of her ever again.”

“Hai Rui will release a statement to prove that the Madam paid for your hospital fees. If you still have the slightest bit of conscience, you should step out and admit your wrongdoings.”

“You bunch of ungrateful ingrates!”

Perhaps it was because Mo Ting had carefully selected his own bodyguards, even they knew how to talk and think with reason.

The bodyguard that was talking was a 1.82 meter tall, strong, muscly and handsome man. His eyes were hidden behind a pair of sunglasses as his body overflowed with testosterone.

Of course, Mo Ting selected these four men because they each had their own strengths.

As soon as the observers heard the bodyguard talk, they immediately realized what was happening. So, this was the truth behind the hospital incident that was still causing an uproar because the ex-fans thought Tangning didn't care about them.

“Oh God, how awkward. Didn't they say that Tangning didn't care about them? For a celebrity to pay for her fans' hospital fees, that's already pretty good.”

“If these morons had brains, they wouldn't be called morons.”

“F*ck...isn't this what you call returning kindness with ingratitude?”

“I can't believe they went around slandering her. Tangning must have had 8 lifetimes of bad luck to have come across fans like this.”

As the girls listened to the discussions around them, their faces turned red... They never expected that the kind-hearted stranger that had paid for their hospital fees, turned out to be Tangning...

It was Tangning!

The girls left the television station in a depressed state. Perhaps, in this lifetime, they would never suffer the same amount of humiliation again...

Worst of all, Hai Rui were planning to reveal this to the public.

Wasn't this indirectly telling the world that there was something wrong with them?

Chapter 483: Problem at The Talk Show

“Are you OK?” Mo Ting asked Tangning after they entered the television station.

Tangning nodded her head with a slight smile, trying her best to reassure Mo Ting.

“In future, deal with these problems immediately. Don't let it drag on,” Mo Ting's tone was a little cold. When it came to Tangning's safety, he never allowed anything to go wrong. So, today's scene was a good lesson for him.

“It won't happen ever again,” Tangning replied in seriousness.

Because of Tangning's status and the fact that Mo Ting was her manager, the staff in the television station greeted them with a warm smile.

After entering the recording studio, Tangning sat down in the guest's seat. Sitting opposite her was the long-haired female host. Meanwhile, Mo Ting stood behind-the-scenes observing the entire broadcast.

Below the stage sat Tangning's fans, holding handmade signs with Tangning's name on them. Looking around, the fan-shaped audience area was densely seated.

Apart from showing admiration towards Tangning, Mo Ting's presence made everyone view Tangning with an extra layer of awe. After all, the existence of this king-like man was like the best guardian angel for Tangning.

Not long after, the director gave the host an 'OK' hand signal. The host immediately sat up straight as a dazzling smile appeared on her face.

As 'Superstar Talk' aired during prime time and had a longstanding popularity, the programme received a lot of attention from film fans. With the addition of Tangning, the viewership ratings surpassed all other programmes of the same time slot...

"August last year, a model announced her comeback and made a succession of miracles with her own efforts. The Oriental Trend was one of the miracles that became a hit in the US. As a result, she received The Special Contribution Award at the Annual Model Awards Ceremony."

"Her every step after that was difficult but steady. However, just as she was one step away from becoming an international supermodel, she made a shocking move. She suddenly changed from being a model to an actress."

"I must say that hard work pays off because God always rewards hard workers. So, as an actress, she was also very successful..."

"The person I am speaking about, is also our guest for today, Tangning!"

The host's words appeared extra sincere. It was obvious that she had done her homework.

Afterwards, she placed her focus on Tangning and asked gently, "How does it feel to be an actress? Do you think it's better to be a model or an actress?"

"Actually, these two professions cannot be completely compared, yet they also have their similarities; both professions aim to create a comfortable viewing experience. As for how I feel about being an actress...all I can say is, I enjoy a challenge and making breakthroughs," Tangning replied seriously.

"Everyone is aware that you've filmed three films in succession this year. In fact, the last two are the main highlights. So, which character was your favorite?"

"My favorite was the actress in 'Stupid' because I'm a huge fan of the screenwriter."

"But, the screenwriter for 'Stupid' is anonymous. Does that mean you know who it is?" the host latched onto the main point and asked. "If it's convenient, could you reveal a little about the screenwriter's identity?"

Tangning glanced at Mo Ting, gesturing that she may not be able to hold onto the secret for much longer, and Mo Ting looked back at her nonchalantly; she could do whatever she pleased.

Hence, Tangning smiled and said, "His name will appear at the end of future films."

"Or, you guys can give it a guess..."

The fans below the stage became consumed in discussions. Even the host fell into deep thought... At present, it was hard to find a screenwriter in China that could create something of this quality. As for the best known ones, they each had their own unique style, and 'Stupid' was definitely not consistent with any of them.

In the end, the host gave up guessing and pleaded, "Tangning, can you just tell us and satisfy our curiosity?"

"It's actually quite easy to guess..." Tangning smiled with a deeper meaning. At this time, the fans below the stage finally came to a realization and yelled at the stage, "It's President Mo...Tangning, it's President Mo isn't it?"

As soon as the host heard this, she covered her mouth in shock. After taking it in for a second, she asked, "Really? Is it really President Mo?"

Tangning looked at the host, then looked at the fans. Eventually, she nodded her head.

"Oh my God..." the host gasped. "This is big news. President Mo is actually the screenwriter of 'Stupid'? He wrote it much too well!"

"Uh huh, that's why I am a huge fan of his," Tangning was on a husband-bragging spree. It was almost like she wanted the whole world to know that her husband was capable of anything. Even though, everyone was already aware...

With the revelation of 'Stupid's' screenwriter, the atmosphere in the recording studio was filled with excitement. However, at this time...

...so called 'evidence' of Tangning being two-faced was revealed online. It was a photo of her meeting with the American director. And there weren't many people that weren't familiar with this American director.

The photo seemed to have come from the hotel's surveillance, but the photo did indeed make it appear like Tangning was enjoying her chat with the director...

"There is no limit to her hype-creating methods. She is shameless and has no bottom line. Didn't she say that she doesn't look highly on foreign directors?"

"Is this the morally intact Tangning that you all speak of? It turns out, her morals crumble at the feet of US Dollars."

"She did everything to create hype and to help promote her new film. But, her methods were too hypocritical and shameful."

"This Tangning, who appears to be aloof from the world, is she about to fall apart?"

"Just wait and see. It's not going to be long before the Americans announce that they will be working with Tangning."

“If that’s the case, then there’s no point watching any of Tangning’s future films. I hate people like that!”

“Let’s make a bet: if the Americans don’t announce that they will be working with Tangning, I’ll strip naked and streak across the streets.”

The discussion that sounded like something typical of fans was actually a discussion amongst relatively famous celebrities. As they were quite charismatic, they naturally attracted attention. With the added fact that it was rare to see a large number of celebrities gather together to slander an individual, the news of Tangning developing a stinky reputation in the industry ended up on the top trending lists of social media.

The related keywords included, ‘hype’, ‘hypocrite’ and ‘dirty wh*re’. As a result, a few of the celebrities involved in the discussions, waited to see Tangning receive a faceslap.

Was Tangning really going to take on an American film after what she said?

This was not a small matter. In an industry where even bearing another country’s flag would cause controversy, if Tangning actually did what they said, she would definitely be thrown into the depths of the abyss...

Especially since the people that were attacking her this time, were a bunch of celebrities...

Chapter 484: The Road Less Traveled

Inside the recording studio, Tangning was still in the middle of her interview. However, a few of the staff were notified about the incident online.

A large number of celebrities claimed that Tangning was a hypocrite and her actions were questionable.

To increase hype for the talk show, the host discussed with the director during one of the breaks to ask Tangning about her next film. She wanted to see what information they could get out of her.

So, in the next section of the show, the host’s smile was no longer as sincere as before. In fact, she looked a little awkward, “To be honest Tangning, a lot of your fans want to know what you are planning for your next project.”

Tangning could sense the host’s probing, so she could tell that something must have happened in the outside world.

“I’ve already planned something,” Tangning replied in seriousness.

“In that case, can you reveal a little bit of your plan to your fans? For example, what type of role are you planning to take?”

“To be honest, you don’t need to go around in circles. I know that you actually want to know if I’ve signed a contract with an American director,” Tangning directly exposed the host’s true motive as she looked at her seriously.

“Erm...” the host was a little awkward.

“So, do you think I’ve already signed a contract?” Tangning’s question carried a trace of provocation.

“The public’s reaction is very big...” the host’s face turned red.

“Don’t worry, since I’ve decided to appear here as a guest, you can feel free to ask whatever questions you want. Don’t forget, I’ve already revealed that my husband is the screenwriter for ‘Stupid’. I think you are more afraid of asking than I am afraid of answering.”

After seeing that Tangning wasn’t joking, the host finally pulled herself together. She took one glance at the director and gathered her courage.

Tangning’s words pushed the viewership ratings further up. It seemed, this was what the viewers wanted to see.

So, the director specifically prepared a tablet for the host to stay up to date with online discussions and the host finally relaxed. However, this was the first time she treated a guest in such a ruthless way...

“According to statistics, there are over 30 celebrities online that are claiming that you lied to create hype. What are your thoughts regarding this?”

“I just have one question. What are they basing this claim on?” Tangning asked in ridicule. “Is it simply because I met with a director?”

“I’m just thinking, now that the internet is in an uproar and the situation has gotten slightly out of hand, what do you plan to do next?” the host asked bravely. Although she could feel Mo Ting’s icy cold glare on her back, she still gathered all her courage and said, “Why don’t we contact one of the celebrities and see what triggered their outburst. If there is a misunderstanding, we can clarify it on the spot.”

“Go ahead!” Tangning said without any fear.

The director immediately used his contacts to get a hold of one of the celebrity’s phone numbers and made a phone call live in studio.

In reality, the only reason why the staff were brave enough to suggest something like this was because Tangning was full of confidence.

It seemed, she must have taken precautions for her to agree so easily.

After a few rings, someone picked up the phone. The host immediately notified the other party that she was in the middle of a live broadcast with Tangning before she presented him with her question. However, the person on the other end did not say a word and directly hung up the phone.

Anyone with brains would not express their standpoint directly to the public.

There were over 30 celebrities involved. If he was the only one being contacted and he told them everything, then he would become a target for criticism.

He wasn’t stupid.

The television station was quickly surrounded by fans. Some were here to protect Tangning, whilst others were here to show their dislike...

Was it necessary to cause such a commotion?

Tangning looked helplessly around the studio. Finally, she placed her gaze on the host, sat up straight and said, "Actually, today on 'Superstar Talk', I wanted take the opportunity to announce an important decision I have made. I'm sure this announcement won't disappoint."

As the programme was being broadcasted live, plenty of people started to insult her online.

"It looks like Tangning is about to announce that she has accepted an American film!"

"Does she need to tell us? It's already obvious."

"Although I feel disappointed by her, I'm still hoping that we will hear something different from her lips."

"Her reputation has already been ruined, how does she plan to remain in the industry?"

Just as everyone thought they knew what she was to announce, Tangning stood up elegantly and bowed to the audience and cameras, "I know making this decision will mean giving up on a big family."

"I'm also aware that there are a bunch of people waiting for me to be abused and faceslapped. But, I regret to tell you that I wanted to use 'Superstar Talk' to announce a decision that I have made."

"I would like to announce that..."

"...I, Tangning, have decided to retreat from filming indefinitely!"

Wait, retreat from filming?

It turned out that Tangning wasn't announcing anything to do with the American film; she was announcing her retreat!

Retreat!?

This simple word seemed to contain an incomparable power that slapped the 30+ celebrities across the face.

They said she was creating hype; they said she was shameless. But, at this time, her method of attack, was to announce that she was retreating! She did not fight back with any resources or Mo Ting. Nor did she try to find an excuse...

She simply retreated...

"Tangning, is it because you are disappointed by the industry? Or..."

"I'm already satisfied with filming three films in succession, so it's time to take on a different role," Tangning smiled. "I simply hope that those that hated me, tried to deceive me and claimed that I was creating hype, would receive a huge slap across the face."

"My decision is to stop filming and retreat now that everything has been completed."

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As soon as news spread of Tangning's counterattack, everyone was shocked. They expected all forms of excuses from her, but they never expected her to retreat from filming.

They said she signed a contract with an American actor, so she directly told them that she was stepping back from the entire industry altogether...

Plenty of people felt that Tangning was at the pinnacle of her career, so there was no way she'd do something to harm it...

But...she always took the road less traveled.

"Oh God, did Tangning just announce that she is retreating from filming?"

Chapter 485: Sticking Up For Tangning

"That's right, I won't be filming for a while!" Tangning confirmed.

The host covered her mouth in shock as she looked at Tangning. She never expected that Tangning would go to this extreme just to prove her innocence...

"Actually Tangning, you don't have to..."

"The American director isn't making any announcements and I did not sign any contracts. The only reason I met with him was so I could reject him, not so I could sign with him," Tangning explained to the camera. "From today onwards, Tangning will temporarily disappear from the entertainment industry. Thank you everyone for your continued support and acceptance. I hereby show my gratitude with a bow."

After speaking, Tangning sincerely bowed to the camera once again.

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[Tangning counterattacks rumors: "I've decided to retreat from filming!"]

[What is the cause behind Tangning's retreat?]

[Behind Tangning's retreat are a bunch of jealous monsters!]

It didn't take long before news of Tangning's retreat appeared on the headlines of every news website. Her announcement caught everyone completely by surprise.

It was especially a surprise for those that claimed Tangning was creating hype. These ambitious people were in disbelief after seeing the news. They realized they had once again misjudged her.

As Tangning left the recording studio, Mo Ting was on the phone with Lu Che, "Do an investigation and see who manipulated the celebrities to go against Tangning. I'll give you three days."

Lu Che knew that Mo Ting wasn't going to let the matter go, so he was already a step ahead. Whoever dared to target Tangning to this extent was not far from their impending doom.

Afterwards, Mo Ting escorted Tangning out of the television studio. The fans outside were no longer in an uproar. In fact, some of them felt guilty for misunderstanding her.

As they watched Tangning walk out of the television station, the fans quickly gathered around and pleaded, “Tangning, don’t retreat from the entertainment industry, keep filming. Just ignore those no-name celebrities.”

“That’s right Ning Jie, we will miss you. Can you reconsider?”

“Ning Jie...I support your decision. This industry is too disgusting. I can’t believe a whole bunch of people teamed up to slander one of our favorite people – how shameless.”

Faced with the opinions of the fans, Tangning turned around just before she stepped into her car and smiled, “Thank you everyone. If fate is on our side, we will definitely meet again.”

“Tangning...”

“Ning Jie...”

“F*cking hell, let’s kick those no-name celebrities out of the industry. I hope President Mo will put in some effort to avenge our Tangning.”

“That’s right! As soon as I get home, I’m going to get the names of all the celebrities that went against Tangning and broadcast it to the world. Let’s see how they team up against others when they themselves aren’t that great.”

Tangning couldn’t bear to see her fans upset, so she eventually did a hush gesture and told them, “I have two films that are waiting to be released and I’m confident that they won’t disappoint. You are my fans, so no matter where I am in the world, I will always wish the best for all of you.”

“I decided to retreat today, not because I admit defeat, but because I need some time to rest. Trust me, I won’t be gone forever.”

After speaking, Tangning finally boarded her car. As it drove away, her fans followed behind for a little while...

“Ting...we need to continue protecting my fans. I hope those that have supported me in the past will lead happy lives because of me.”

Mo Ting ran his hand through Tangning’s hair and nodded, “Fang Yu will organize it.”

Tangning relaxed; she had fulfilled her responsibility. So, she leaned onto Mo Ting’s lap and closed her eyes, “From now on, I will have time to take care of you and our child.”

Mo Ting gently curved his lips and placed a kiss on Tangning’s ear...

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Tangning’s fans did as promised. That very night, they compiled a list of all the celebrities involved and posted it online.

Since Tangning had already responded by announcing her retreat, she had indirectly proved that there was no contract-signing incident with the American director. So, Hai Rui's staff immediately stepped out and spoke on behalf of Tangning.

"All I can say is, Tangning must be too capable, that's why she attracted a pack of hungry wolves."

"As Tangning's senior colleague, I want to express my thoughts. Everyone at Hai Rui has used their own abilities to get to where they are. No one has ever played any dirty tricks. I bet the people that teamed up against Tangning must be regretting it now, because they have now revealed their true colors to the world."

"As a part of the Hai Rui family, as long as President Mo or Tangning needs us, we will support them without hesitation. How dare they bully Tangning? Are they qualified to do so?"

"I believe that President Mo will handle the matter professionally."

So, Tangning's retreat triggered a mighty counterattack. Apart from Hai Rui's artists, artists that had previously experienced suppression also stood out to express their thoughts.

"I feel bad for Tangning. The people that should be retreating should be the bunch of self-righteous garbage."

"Amongst the list of names, aren't there a few that are repeat offenders? It's already no surprise..."

"It only takes a small incident to see a person's true character. From this moment onwards, this list should be used as an agency blacklist. I wish them the best of luck."

"Let's wait and see their fate..."

Although a lot of celebrities were involved in the incident, the anger online had an earth-shattering power.

A few of the involved celebrities quickly deleted their previous posts. In fact, a few of them completely cleared their entire social media profile. But, Tangning's fans weren't going to forget what they had done; no one on the list should dream of escaping.

A few of the artists from smaller agencies also offered an apology to Tangning and claimed that they were manipulated because they were too young...

They wanted to apologize?

"Tangning doesn't care about your apology. All you have to do is leave the industry and everything will be fine. Even an A-lister like Tangning is brave enough to retreat from the industry, don't tell me a no-name like yourself doesn't have the guts."

"For someone to gather so many people, I wouldn't be surprised if there is a bigger conspiracy in the works..."

"I hope the people on the list stay out of our sights. Whenever I see any of you, I feel like vomiting. You are the perfect example of fake."

Of course, Hai Rui always lived up to expectations. Because the next morning, they released a statement that Tangning had paid for the hospital fees of her injured fans, allowing the truth to be finally revealed. Tangning had cared so much for her fans, yet they stabbed her in the back. Plenty of people were shocked and felt bad for her.

Afterwards, Hai Rui released a second statement. But, the thing that was extra surprising was that the statement was released by Mo Ting personally.

The main point of his statement was, whenever someone from Hai Rui was bullied, Hai Rui would do all they could to avenge them. So what if they had 30 celebrities?

Even if it was 300, Hai Rui would still find the truth and make all those involved pay for what they had done.

As the statement was released by Mo Ting, it caused quite a commotion. The statement was like a direct representation of the amount of concern that Hai Rui had towards the incident.

It was also satisfying to witness because everyone knew that Mo Ting was definitely going to make all those involved pay.

Definitely!

Chapter 486: Her Position is at Risk

Even though Tangning's announcement was quite shocking, Elder Tang remained calm. He was well aware of the real reason behind Tangning's decision.

Retreating was a good idea. It's what he felt she should do.

"Grandfather, don't you think that Sister Three's decision is quite a pity?" Tang Jingxuan asked as he looked at the entertainment news. "Sister Three has never been this fragile. Why did she suddenly make this decision?"

"Your brother-in-law will protect your Sister Three. You should just focus on yourself. Have you found yourself a girlfriend recently?" Elder Tang asked.

Tang Jingxuan smiled; silently admitting.

"When will you bring her home to meet me?" Elder Tang continued to ask.

"Hey, grandfather, now that Sister Three isn't a celebrity, does that mean she can come to Tang Corps. and take on the role of CEO? What do you think?" Tang Jingxuan deliberately changed the subject.

Elder Tang knew his intent and chuckled, "Since you're in the entertainment industry now, you don't need to worry about the family business. I have my plans."

The two men sat in the living room chatting and watching television. However, they did not notice that not too far away Tang Xuan was watching them from behind a column with a dark expression...

She wanted to destroy Tangning. But, she never expected that Tangning would rather retreat from the entertainment industry than be slandered by others.

Did Tang Xuan just shoot herself in the foot? She initially thought that if she ruined Tangning's reputation and career, Tangning would suffer a setback. Instead, she created the risk of Tangning returning to the household.

If Tangning really took on the role of CEO then all the endurance she put up with so far, would go to waste.

She could not let this happen.

So, Tang Xuan returned to her bedroom and made a phone call after locking her door, "Send Xia Yuling's schedule to me. If we don't make a move soon, Tangning will end up returning. I need to grab onto the right timing to seize control of the company."

The person on the other end agreed respectfully before hanging up the phone.

Of course, the only reason why Tang Xuan was willing to put up with being an insignificant member of staff for so long, was because she had a plan brewing. Firstly, she blamed Xia Yuling's secretary for almost causing her to have a miscarriage and used it as an excuse to remove her from Xia Yuling's side. Afterwards, she coerced the new secretary to side with her. All the while, Xia Yuling appeared oblivious to her scheming.

This time, Tang Xuan was quite desperate. She hated Tangning too much.

10 minutes later, Tang Xuan received an email. The email indicated that Xia Yuling would be going to Switzerland in a few days.

Switzerland...

"Since she's going away, then she shouldn't come back," Tang Xuan thought.

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Xia Yuling was indeed heading to Switzerland, but it didn't mean that her and Elder Tang were oblivious to Tang Xuan's every move. They even knew that Xia Yuling's current secretary was betraying them...

It didn't take long before Xia Yuling was notified by one of her company confidants that her secretary and Tang Xuan may be up to something and that she should be careful.

Xia Yuling immediately thought about her trip to Switzerland. Even though she wasn't 100 percent certain that something would go wrong, she still decided to be cautious.

Initially, she was supposed to travel on her own. But, since her secretary loved sharing her every move, she decided to bring her along...

After Xia Yuling settled on a plan, she gave Tangning a phone call, "Tang Xuan seems to be making a move. For her to make a move after enduring for so long, it must be because you announced your retreat from filming. She is worried that her position is at risk."

"I guess she's right," Tangning smirked. "Mom, make good use of this opportunity to destroy her once and for all."

"In that case, we need to put on a dazzling show," Xia Yuling replied after careful thought.

"I'll come back to Tang Corps.," Tangning suggested straightforwardly. "Since she keeps anticipating it, let's not disappoint her."

"What about your child?"

"Don't worry, I have my ways," Tangning reassured. Her grandfather had already given up on forcing her to take over the family business. But, if she allowed Tang Xuan to continue causing trouble and her mother couldn't do anything about it, then she had no choice but to personally deal with it herself.

Mo Ting watched as Tangning finished talking on the phone and placed a blanket on her body. He then wrapped her in a warm hug, "The weather is getting cold. You better stay in bed at all times and rest."

"But, you heard what I just said..."

"Didn't you say you'd take good care of our child?"

"I'm not going to work full time, there are just a few occasions where my attendance is necessary. It won't have too much of an effect on me. I'm simply afraid that if Tang Xuan continues to act recklessly, mom and grandfather might get hurt."

Mo Ting was a little dumbfounded. After a little while, he replied, "You must have heard my conversation with Lu Che. The person that paid people to slander you was Tang Xuan. She must have been secretly gathering people and developing relationships for quite some time."

"It's because I know that she is starting to act ruthlessly that I need to destroy her before she gets any worse."

"I didn't have enough time before, but I can now take care of you and our child as well as help mom."

"Don't tire yourself," Mo Ting had one simple request because he was well aware that Tangning's decision was right.

Although Xia Yuling could suppress Tang Xuan, she couldn't stop her mind from endlessly scheming.

"Don't worry. When have I ever disappointed you?" Tangning hooked her arm around Mo Ting's neck and placed a kiss on his mesmerizing lips.

Meanwhile, after returning to Hai Rui, Tang Jingxuan originally wanted to tell Xia Jingyi that that his grandfather wanted to meet her, but...

...just as he pushed open the door, he heard Xia Jingyi talking to a man.

"Why are you here?"

"Are you afraid that your little lover will hear us?" the man naturally revealed a sly smile. "Did you really think you could marry into a rich family? Don't forget you are still my woman. You once used every

method you could to pursue me. Now you want to give up on our years of love because of your rich lover?"

"Don't make things up," Xia Jingyi immediately responded.

"Fine. I'll be serious. I can't wait to see the expression on your little lover's face after he sees the real you." After speaking, the man turned to leave. Tang Jingxuan quickly took a few steps back and pretended that he hadn't heard a thing and had just arrived.

After bidding the man farewell, Xia Jingyi looked at Tang Jingxuan awkwardly and explained, "That was my classmate. He dropped by to catch up."

Tang Jingxuan nodded and watched as the man disappeared into the distance. The dangerous looking man also possessed an attractive face. How could he possibly be just a classmate?

Tang Jingxuan did not believe her, but he had no evidence, so he had no choice but to endure for now. Of course, the good news he was originally going to share, had now been swallowed into depths of his stomach...

Chapter 487: Why Didn't You Tell Me Earlier ?

"Didn't you say on the phone earlier that you had good news to tell me?" Xia Jingyi asked as she drew his attention back to her.

"I am releasing a new album," Tang Jingxuan replied with a smile.

"I knew our Luo Xing would become more and more famous."

Tang Jingxuan tried his best to maintain his smile, but as time passed, he found it harder and harder to conceal his true feelings. Just as he almost buckled, Song Yanshu suddenly appeared behind them and said in a professional manner, "Luo Xing, Vice President Fang wants to see us in his office."

Tang Jingxuan suddenly felt like he had been saved as he said to Xia Jingyi, "I'm going to go to a meeting first. I'll talk to you later."

"OK!" Xia Jingyi nodded her head understandingly.

Afterwards, Tang Jingxuan turned and left. As he left, he thought to himself, he never imagined that the kind and pure Xia Jingyi would have another side to her.

Song Yanshu took one quick glance at Xia Jingyi and turned to follow Tang Jingxuan. Only after they entered the elevator, did she ask, "If you're unhappy, why are you hiding it?"

"Because I don't want to be blinded by jealousy and doubt. I need to find evidence first."

"Vice President Fang didn't ask for you. I simply felt like you couldn't hold on much longer. This is the difference between you and your sister. Ning Jie never shows mercy to those that hurt her, nor does she ever fear them," Song Yanshu said as she looked at Tang Jingxuan's back, "Her sensitivity to human emotions may be at a level that you can never catch up to. Perhaps you haven't noticed and perhaps as your manager I shouldn't be saying this to you, but this Xia Yuling really doesn't suit you."

Tang Jingxuan sighed.

"If you need any help, just let me know. I will think of a way to help you."

"Thank you," Tang Jingxuan nodded his head and left Hai Rui with complex emotions. On the way home, he was in such a daze that he almost got into a car accident a few times. He really wanted to know, if Tangning came across the same situation, what would she do?

In the end, Tang Jingxuan turned his car around and headed for Hyatt Regency...

As he arrived, Mo Ting opened the door for him. After seeing it was Tang Jingxuan, Mo Ting raised his eyebrows questioningly, but he did not stop him from entering.

Tangning's stomach had now developed a slight bump. So...as soon as Tang Jingxuan saw it, he pointed to Tangning's stomach and gasped, "Sister Three, you're..."

"I'm pregnant," Tangning replied from the sofa.

"Why didn't you tell me earlier?" Tang Jingxuan immediately went to sit down beside her. "When did this happen?"

Thinking back on what Tang Xuan did, Tangning's expression turned cold, but she still ended up telling Tang Jingxuan the entire story, including the reason behind her retreat.

After hearing the story, Tang Jingxuan punched the glass table in front of him in anger, "I never imagined that you'd experience so much in this time. Big Sister...no, she's not my sister! 'That woman' has done so many evil deeds in secret. Does grandfather and mom know about it? If not, I'm going to go home and tell them about it right now..."

"Apart from you and Sister Chen, everyone else in the family already knows," Tangning immediately held him back. "Plus, I may return to the household to do some cleaning up. You need to forget everything I've told you today and pretend nothing happened."

"But..."

"I have my plans. Everyone knows how she truly is. She is the only one that thinks she's putting on a convincing act," Tangning said with a wise expression.

"OK then..." Tang Jingxuan nodded his head and calmed down. That's when he remembered the real reason why he had come. However, thinking about Tangning's current situation, he didn't know how to bring up the topic.

But how was it possible to hide his feelings in front of Tangning?

"You mustn't have come here for nothing. Tell me...what is it?"

Tang Jingxuan hesitated for a moment before he finally looked into Tangning's eyes and asked, "Sister Three, what are your thoughts on Xia Jingyi?"

"I don't know her very well," Tangning replied straightforwardly. "Why are you asking me this all of a sudden?"

“If...I told you I was dating her, what would you say?”

Hearing this, Tangning’s expression changed...

“If you felt like nothing’s wrong, then you wouldn’t have come to see me,” Tangning pointed out the problem. “Back when you were slandered for taking drugs, I already told you that the industry is not as simple as you think. If you’ve noticed something isn’t right, then is there any point in asking for my opinion?”

Tang Jingxuan fell silent; he had nothing else to say.

Tangning understood that Tang Jingxuan was still young, so it was easy to develop feelings after spending a long period of time with someone.

If they were both honest with their feelings, then she would be happy for them. But, if someone was using Tang Jingxuan or hurting him, she would teach them a painful lesson.

“Sis...you know it’s rare for me to develop feelings for someone.”

“If the truth is what you think it is, then it doesn’t change the fact that you’ve met scum. You are a member of the Tang Family...” Tangning said straightforwardly.

“...go prove it. Regardless of whether it is a misunderstanding or the truth, you need to clarify it first.”

Tang Jingxuan nodded his head. He originally wanted to continue chatting to Tangning, but Mo Ting directly approached them to send him away, “Your sister needs to rest.”

Remembering that Tangning was pregnant, Tang Jingxuan immediately nodded his head without refuting, “OK, I’ll leave then.”

Tangning wanted to laugh, but felt bad. So, after Tang Jingxuan left, she asked, “Can’t you be a little gentler on him?”

“He came to steal my wife’s time, why would I be gentle with him?” Mo Ting asked back.

Tangning couldn’t help but let out a laugh, “I really don’t know what to do about you...”

...

After leaving Hyatt Regency, Tang Jingxuan directly drove over to Xia Jingyi’s apartment. Just as he entered her front door, he noticed her bedroom door slightly ajar and heard screams of help coming from inside. He immediately pushed open the door and found her so-called ‘classmate’ trying to steal her handbag.

“Luo Xing, you came right on time. Quick, restrain him.”

As soon as the man saw Tang Jingxuan stretch out his arms, he threw away the handbag and escaped.

Xia Jingyi had received such a fright that she collapsed on the floor in tears.

“What exactly happened?”

“He’s really just a classmate. He simply dropped by the agency to visit me today. But he ended up stalking me all the way home and tried to steal my stuff,” Xia Jingyi explained.

Tang Jingxuan helped Xia Jingyi off the floor and led her to the sofa...

However, he did not try to comfort her. He simply kept her company until she fell asleep. Afterwards, he had a quick scan of the apartment and left.

She was being stalked, yet she still had the time to brew tea? When her apartment was broken into, wasn’t her first response to retaliate?

Plus, he was well aware that she had returned home for quite some time. Why did he wait so long to steal her stuff?

Of course, there was still a possibility that the man had waited...

But...

Chapter 488: Giving Them What They Deserve !

After a few days, the entertainment industry seemed to have quietened down. As Tangning had stepped out of everyone’s sight, all those that had previously slandered her, felt relieved that everything was over.

However, they had no idea that Hai Rui always left their revenge to the end. In fact, they always struck back in a definitive way, making it impossible to retaliate or find loopholes.

For example, a certain actor had originally secured a video game endorsement, but later found out he had been replaced without prior notification.

And then there was a certain singer who received a decent result in a singing show, but ended up being eliminated.

Examples like this were aplenty. But, whether it was the video company or the show producer, they all managed to find a reason for what they did, so the celebrities had no idea that Hai Rui was involved.

They also had no idea that a list of names were sitting on top of Vice President Fang’s desk, and those that were crossed off, would have to say goodbye to the entertainment industry forever.

Perhaps other people may not have noticed, but Tangning’s fans observed everything in silence. They had long considered these people as scums of the earth and had been finding a chance to cause trouble for them. But, over the last two days, these people were met with problems, one after another.

“Oh God, is this Hai Rui’s doing? Aren’t they too efficient and secretive?”

“This is so satisfying! I heard, one of the female singers that insulted Tangning the most, is currently kneeling on the floor begging her manager not to give up on her.”

“I knew President Mo wouldn’t let this pass. This must be his legendary method of making his enemies disappear one by one.”

“So cool!”

“Someone made an official apology to our Ning. Too bad though...our Ting hates people that ignore the consequences even though they know they will get in trouble. If they want to dig their own graves, there’s nothing he can do about it.”

Fans were in the middle of a heated discussion. Younger fans wanted to step out and show off Mo Ting’s capabilities, whilst more mature fans convinced them not to.

“Our Ting and Ning have always been black-bellied. We should learn from them and stay in the shadows to avoid trouble.”

“I agree with the commenter above!”

“Me too!”

“As long as everyone is aware that President Mo is already seeking revenge, that’s all that matters. The remaining people will know that they are in danger and can only wait for their impending doom...”

“Exactly! The way they treated Tangning will now be turned on them! Karma exists in this world!”

Finally, Fang Yu who was given the task of protecting Tangning’s fans, posted a hush emoji on the discussion boards. Everyone went quiet and responded to him with the same emoji...

Fang Yu gave a warm smile. They were indeed Tangning’s fans; they got the hint straight away.

A large number of those that had gotten in trouble ended up pleading Hai Rui for help.

But, in all its years of operation, Hai Rui had never shown mercy to dirty scum like them. Did they not expect this result when they did what they did?

At that time, they had taken a gamble, assuming that Hai Rui would never seek revenge on so many people...

But...they were wrong.

No matter how many people there were, Hai Rui would not let a single person off the hook.

“Vice President Fang, we have an artist from another agency kneeling at the entrance of our building,” Fang Yu’s secretary reported as she entered the office.

“Ask her to leave...If she has a problem, she should speak to her own manager – not Hai Rui,” Fang Yu instructed without batting an eyelid. “Call her agency to come collect her. If she’s not embarrassed, we’re embarrassed on her behalf.”

“Yes, I’ll organize it immediately.”

Fang Yu did not feel like he had gone too far. After all, these people did not feel like they had gone too far when they were bullying Tangning...

He was merely giving them what they deserved.

...

After returning home from Xia Jingyi's apartment, Tang Jingxuan ran into Tang Xuan in the living room.

"Jingxuan, I've prepared supper for you. Have some."

Tang Jingxuan looked at Tang Xuan's face and realized she had never looked as ugly as she did now. In fact, he didn't even want to say a single word to her as he directly returned to his bedroom.

As Tang Jingxuan's temper had always been like this, Tang Xuan did not suspect that he had already found out about her shameful act. She simply continued with her plan...

The day after the next, Xia Yuling would be leaving for Switzerland...

She had to make good use of her time.

Elder Tang noticed there was something wrong with Tang Jingxuan's expression after returning home, so he called him over to the study room. To prevent Tang Xuan from eavesdropping, they decided to sit on the balcony.

"Grandfather, why didn't you tell Sister Two and I about everything that's going on with Tang Xuan?"

"Xiao Ning told you?" Elder Tang probed as he held onto his walking stick.

"I saw her stomach, but she doesn't want to announce it to the public because her own sister tried to remove her uterus," Tang Jingxuan said coldly. "I want to know why I have the same mother as Tang Xuan, but we are so different?"

Elder Tang sneered and looked into the distance, "She even has plans to do something to Yuling."

"In that case..."

"It's none of your business, we have our plans," Elder Tang replied. "If not for the child in her stomach, I would beat her to death in front of our ancestral shrine."

"Grandfather, there's actually someone that I like," Tang Jingxuan suddenly gathered his courage and told Elder Tang. "But, she may be different to what I think."

After seeing the real Tang Xuan, Tang Jingxuan truly realized how scary a woman could be.

There were people in this world who didn't necessarily treat another person nicely, just because that person was nice to them.

"My grandson should not worry about finding a woman. I'm sure you know what you should do," Elder Tang left the problem in Tang Jingxuan's hands. But, before the conversation was completely over, Elder Tang asked, "By the way, last time when I visited you at the agency, who was the pretty woman that I saw?"

"Pretty woman? Are you talking about my new manager? She is the person that previously took care of Sister Three. Her name is Song Yanshu..." Tang Jingxuan replied calmly, not understanding why Elder Tang would suddenly ask this question.

"She's not bad...she's a reliable and thoughtful child," Elder Tang said as he stood up, "She noticed straight away that I was afraid of the elevator, so she helped me up the stairs."

“Yes...” Tang Jingxuan nodded.

“Why don’t you take her into consideration?”

Hearing this, Tang Jingxuan finally realized what was happening. So, this was what Elder Tang was trying to suggest. It seemed, he had his eye on Song Yanshu as his granddaughter-in-law.

Tang Jingxuan fell silent. Song Yanshu had the ability to make one feel calm. In fact, when he thought about the incident with Xia Jingyi, he no longer felt so bad.

The next day, Xia Jingyi took a day off work without specifying what she was doing. So, Tang Jingxuan decided to follow her and see what he could find.

He hated the feeling of being suspicious of others, but...

...like Tangning said, there were some things that had to be clarified.

Chapter 489: She’s...Cheating

Xia Jingyi was born into a family of scholars. Logically speaking, it didn’t seem right for her to be with Tang Jingxuan simply because of his identity. But things weren’t always logical...

Tang Jingxuan pulled out his phone and gave Song Yanshu a phone call, “Yanshu, leave my schedule free for tomorrow, I have something personal to deal with.”

“No problems, but I have one request: please remember your identity.”

“Yes,” Tang Jingxuan hung up the phone but ended up spending the rest of the night in the study room, deep in thought.

He thought about the way that Tang Xuan schemed against Tangning and the variety of expressions on Xia Jingyi’s face; he had never imagined that the people around him would be so frightening.

The next day, Tang Jingxuan watched as Xia Jingyi left her apartment and drove off in her car. He followed behind until she stopped halfway to pick up her so-called ‘classmate’. The man stepped out of his villa and naturally boarded Xia Jingyi’s car.

Tang Jingxuan tightened his grip on the steering wheel and began to tremble. The flames in his eyes gradually sunk into darkness.

However, he continued to follow quietly behind the two people until they entered a cemetery.

On top of the steep hillside, Tang Jingxuan watched as Xia Jingyi and the man approached a tombstone with a bunch of flowers. Of course, it was impossible for Tang Jingxuan to hear their conversation, but he did see the man wrap his arm around Xia Jingyi’s waist and pull her in for a passionate kiss...

Xia Jingyi did not retaliate...

Seeing this, Tang Jingxuan’s heart almost jumped out of his chest...

There were no words necessary. Tang Jingxuan directly turned around to leave. However, at this time, the man spotted Tang Jingxuan and gave an evil laugh, "Your little lover seems to have witnessed us being intimate."

Xia Jingyi's expression changed as she fell into a panic. She quickly ran up to Tang Jingxuan and grabbed onto his shirt, "Luo Xing, let me explain."

"There's nothing to explain," Tang Jingxuan brushed her away with a frighteningly dark expression.

"I really had a reason..."

"No matter the reason, there's no need to kiss another man," Tang Jingxuan growled.

"His mother died because of me."

"So he's allowed to kiss you and even sleep with you? Xia Jingyi, don't you think this is ridiculous? I won't expose what happened here today, but Xia Jingyi, we are officially over." After speaking, Tang Jingxuan turned to leave but Xia Jingyi broke down in tears as she grabbed onto him again.

"Luo Xing, I truly love you..."

"So, how did you manage to act intimately with another man when you loved me? What about him? What does he mean to you?"

Xia Jingyi took a couple of steps back. She was suddenly speechless, "I...I..."

"I am her first love. It's always hard to forget one's first love," the man ran over and said coldly. "Luo Xing, you saw it yourself: when I kissed her, she didn't retaliate at all. This is the best proof."

"I wish you both the best of luck," Tang Jingxuan had no intention to linger on the subject as he turned to leave, but Xia Jingyi clung on with all her life.

"Luo Xing...don't give up on me, please."

This time, Tang Jingxuan did not respond. He simply sped up his step.

How could a cheating woman plead for others not to give up on her?

"Why are you crying?" the man wrapped his arm around Xia Jingyi and pulled her into his embrace.

"Stop dreaming about joining a rich family. Just marry me. After slandering me yesterday, I'm going to torture you for the rest of your life."

Xia Jingyi cried as she watched Tang Jingxuan leave. Her heart broke, but...

...she couldn't deny that, even though the man beside her was ruthless, she did indeed still have feelings for him...

There were some things in life that appeared good on the surface, like a fresh apple, when it was actually rotten on the inside.

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Tang Jingxuan had suffered a shock, so his heart was in a mess. He swallowed his anger and headed straight for Hyatt Regency; in this whole world, the only people he could still trust were Tangning and Mo Ting.

After entering the front door, he directly walked over to Tangning and lay his head on her lap in a depressed mood.

Seeing him like this, Tangning could roughly guess what had happened.

"It's OK..."

"Sis, why are there so many selfish people in the world? For the sake of their own desires, how could they conscientiously deceive others?" Tang Jingxuan asked in a dull tone. "How could she think it's OK to do something like this, then ask for forgiveness after?"

"You should blame yourself for being blind... Of course, I was also blind once. Hurry and get up, stop squashing your nephew," Tangning shooed.

Just as Tang Jingxuan sat up, he received a phone call from Song Yanshu, "Xia Jingyi is looking everywhere for you, what happened?"

"Yanshu, from now on, directly hang up on on Xia Jingyi's phone calls. She's a cheater."

"Are you OK?" Song Yanshu softened her voice and asked.

"I'm just feeling a little tired and want some silence." After Tang Jingxuan finished talking, he was about to hang up the phone, but Tangning suddenly grabbed it from his hand and said to Song Yanshu, "He's at my place. Come and get him."

"Sister Three!"

"Yanshu is someone you can trust. Have you not noticed? Don't keep this from her and try to handle it on your own. Give her the respect she deserves. If something unexpected happens, at least she will know how to handle the PR," Tangning convinced Tang Jingxuan. "You're a man, can't you handle a small setback? Sure, you came looking for me this time. But, can you look for me every time? Your brother-in-law will break your legs if you do!"

Tang Jingxuan fell silent. He could not refute.

He then closed his mouth and took a deep breath before he said calmly, "Sis, I'm sorry."

"It's fine, you made a small mistake," Tangning comforted as she patted her brother on the shoulder. However, she really wanted to see the innocent-looking Xia Jingyi again.

Was the Tang Family cursed? Why did they always experience being cheated on?

Yet, all that was currently happening was just a small matter, because that night, it escalated dramatically.

Xia Jingyi's other man wanted to take revenge on Tang Jingxuan and Xia Jingyi. So, he revealed to the media that he and Xia Jingyi were engaged and hinted that Tang Jingxuan tried to seduce his fiancée.

This man had intended to do this all along. Not only did Xia Jingyi cause him to lose his mother, she even fell in love with another man. If this happened to anyone else, they too would not be able to accept it.

As Tang Jingxuan and Xia Jingyi worked together often, their relationship had always been quite ambiguous. Hence, it wasn't hard to find photos of them together.

Anyone could imagine the impact that a scandal like this would have on a famous singer...

But, Song Yanshu wasn't going to allow the man to succeed with his evil scheme. So, after discussing with Fang Yu, she immediately responded to the scandal with an admittance of the relationship that the two once had. She then revealed that Tang Jingxuan was the true victim and that he had been tricked. As a result, he suffered quite a blow.

But, according to the current situation, there was no way that the public would side with Tang Jingxuan. After all, Xia Jingyi's fiance had even stepped out to express his thoughts.

Didn't this signify that he had been pushed to his limits?

Chapter 490: Just Because He Has Money, Does That Mean He Should Let You Off?

Luo Xing was known as a singer born out of nowhere and trained into a superstar by Hai Rui, but...no one knew his true identity. They didn't know that he was the fourth master of Tang Corps., nor did they know that he was Tangning's younger brother...

So, now that it was revealed that he had stepped into someone else's relationship and became the hated 'third person', the reputation he had worked so hard to build, was completely destroyed.

After all, he wasn't Tangning. So, one simple scandal was enough to return him to nothing.

Inside the artists' resting lounge, Tang Jingxuan saw the hottest news story of the day and laughed in ridicule. Meanwhile, behind him, Song Yanshu remained quiet for a while before saying, "It's fine, Hai Rui is doing their best to recover the situation."

"I'm not worried about my image being destroyed, I'm just..."

"You're just hurt. So you're bound to think this situation is unfair," Song Yanshu finished his sentence calmly. "Luo Xing, you need to be clear of your own identity. Not only are you Hai Rui's new superstar, you are also the fourth master of the Tang Family. No matter what your identity is, I will prove your innocence."

Tang Jingxuan remained silent for a small moment before finally saying thank you.

Not everyone could deliver coal in the snow like she did. Based on this fact, Tang Jingxuan agreed that Song Yanshu was exactly how Tangning described; she was someone that could be trusted.

"If you really want to thank me, then toughen up and be strong like your sister," Song Yanshu suddenly revealed a rare smile. "To be honest, you and Ning Jie are the same. Both of you don't belong to the entertainment industry. But, Ning Jie has the ability to change the rules of survival in the industry, whereas you..."

“What my sister can do, I can also do!” Tang Jingxuan responded confidently.

Song Yanshu tilted her head and looked at him with a smile, “I believe you.”

Tang Jingxuan also looked at Song Yanshu. He was originally depressed because he did not expect anyone to believe his words. But, the look in Song Yanshu’s eyes told him that she truly believed.

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Because of the scandal, traveling became very difficult for Tang Jingxuan. Song Yanshu tried her best to protect him and escort him out of the hoards of reporters, but they pushed and pulled her repeatedly.

He never expected – the person to protect him at a time like this – would be a woman!

Did she not know how tiny she was?

Seeing Song Yanshu completely surrounded, Tang Jingxuan finally couldn’t take it anymore. So he grabbed her hand and pulled her to him before he protected her out of the crowd.

Song Yanshu looked at Tang Jingxuan in surprise, before she freed herself from his grip, “Are you crazy? Do you want things to become more complex?”

“Did you expect me to watch you getting trapped in the crowd and not do anything about it?”

“That’s exactly what I wanted you to do. After your actions today, the reporters are going to start saying something’s going on between us.”

Tang Jingxuan gritted his teeth and said in an uncaring manner, “If worse comes to worst, I’ll just retreat from the industry. I’m determined to protect you.”

This time, Song Yanshu did not refute. Only after they boarded the company van and Tang Jingxuan’s assistant drove them to a safe location, did she finally say, “You’re too reckless.”

“Yanshu, I joined this industry because I like to sing, not because of fame and status.”

Song Yanshu simply sighed, “No matter what, I will definitely prove your innocence.”

Tang Jingxuan did not say another word, but he secretly made a decision in his mind. At this moment, Song Yanshu had to admit that she suddenly couldn’t understand Tang Jingxuan.

After returning home, Tang Jingxuan headed directly to his bedroom. As for Song Yanshu, as soon as she left the Tang household, she received a phone call from Tangning.

“Ning Jie...”

“I saw how the situation has escalated,” Tangning said to Song Yanshu. “Tell Xia Jingyi to step out and clarify everything. The fourth master of the Tang Family isn’t someone she can offend. If she wants to keep her status and doesn’t want her career to be destroyed, she better understand the situation before her.”

Song Yanshu was a little surprised. Because, the impression she had of Tangning was, if a situation had nothing to do with her family or lover, she was not one to attack. She could endure anything and keep it

to herself. But, as soon as a situation involved Mo Ting or her friends and family, her ruthlessness would come seeping out from the depths of her bones.

“OK, I’ll talk to Xia Jingyi about it.”

“Be careful not to let anyone else know and not to let Xia Jingyi use you instead,” Tangning warned.

“Don’t worry Ning Jie, I know what to do,” Song Yanshu understood straight away.

After putting down her phone, Tangning leaned back on the cushion behind her as Mo Ting placed his arm around her shoulder, “You’ve already retreated from the industry, yet you’re still getting involved with stuff like this.”

Tangning looked at Mo Ting and laughed, “I’ve gotten this far for you, for me and for the sake of protecting those around me. Jingxuan took a big hit from the incident with Xia Jingyi. I understand the feeling of being betrayed and slandered, better than he does.”

“Fine. I already know how you are like; no need to explain yourself...” Mo Ting placed his hand on Tangning’s slightly protruding stomach, “You can seek revenge if you must, but don’t tire yourself out. If you feel like you can’t handle it anymore, hand it over to me.”

“You? Forget it. Your level of destruction is too powerful. I’m afraid Xia Jingyi won’t be able to handle it.” Tangning was well aware that if Mo Ting was to make a move, he would completely uproot her because he disliked leaving chances for recovery. “I can handle it...”

“You are the boss of the family. Your words are final,” Mo Ting placed his lips against Tangning’s hair and breathed in her unique fragrance, like he was absorbing his days worth of nutrients.

Tangning closed her eyes satisfyingly. Her heart still felt moved by being close to the one she loved. This was something she would never get sick of.

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After talking to Tangning, Song Yanshu contacted Xia Jingyi’s manager that afternoon. Because of her relationship with Tangning, the manager did not dare to delay her request, so she immediately arranged for Song Yanshu to meet Xia Jingyi in the waiting room.

Xia Jingyi was well aware of the reason for Song Yanshu’s appearance. As she stared at the mirror in front of her, she simply said, “I know why you have come today, but I’m sorry, I won’t be able to help you.”

“Oh, so you know,” Song Yanshu smirked. Her voice increased in fierceness, “So, you think that I am here to ask for your help?”

Xia Jingyi was holding onto a stick of mascara as her hand began to tremble.

“Luo Xing was deceived by you. You were the one to cheat, yet you are allowing Luo Xing to be slandered. Did you think your appearance would help him?”

Xia Jingyi looked displeased.

“Both you and I know Luo Xing’s identity. Don’t forget whose brother he is. Xia Jingyi, I’m not here to plead for your help. I am suggesting for you to clarify everything. Otherwise, if the situation escalates, the one to get hurt in the end, would be you,” Song Yanshu sneered.

“I can’t. Even if Luo Xing is no longer a celebrity, he is still the fourth master of the Tang Family. But, if I’m no longer a celebrity, I will have nothing.”

“Just because he is a part of the Tang Family, doesn’t give you reason to slander him. Just because he has money, does that mean he should let you off? Who do you think you are?”