

## Work Hard 491

### Chapter 491: I've Never Been a Nice Person

"That's enough, what can I do? Xiwen won't let Luo Xing or I off. Whether I say anything, the result will still be the same. Miss Song, please leave," Xia Jingyi turned and looked fiercely at Song Yanshu. Her mind had long been in a mess.

Her message was clear: she couldn't help.

In reality, before Song Yanshu arrived, she had already predicted this outcome. But she still decided to give it a gamble. She wanted to see if the woman that Tang Jingxuan once liked, would have at least, the tiniest bit of conscience and courage.

But after hearing Xia Jingyi's response, Song Yanshu laughed...

"Since you've decided to give up on Luo Xing, then don't regret it." After speaking, Song Yanshu stood up straight and left the room.

Xia Jingyi slowly returned her gaze. At this moment, all she felt was self-mockery.

She understood Tang Jingxuan. Regardless of everything else, Tang Jingxuan was a kind person. She couldn't possibly push him off the edge, but Ruan Xiwen was different.

However, Xia Jingyi would find out later how wrong her decision was today.

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After leaving Xia Jingyi's waiting room, Song Yanshu gave Tangning another phone call to tell her Xia Jingyi's response.

Tangning remained silent for a few seconds before saying, "That means from now on, no matter what we do, we don't need to take this woman into consideration."

"Yes we don't, Ning Jie. But, I'm worried about Luo Xing..."

"Don't worry, he will never turn back," Tangning said confidently. "Yanshu, go discuss with Fang Yu. Reveal the entire story of Tang Jingxuan and Xia Jingyi's relationship to the public."

"The truth is always more stable than lies."

"OK, Ning Jie, I'll go handle it now."

Since Xia Jingyi wasn't willing to speak up, then they had no choice but to force her to make a decision.

But, even if Xia Jingyi was willing, she may not necessarily speak in favor of Tang Jingxuan...

So, under Fang Yu's lead, Hai Rui's PR once again explained the relationship between Tang Jingxuan and Xia Jingyi. But this time, they described it in detail and highlighted the fact that Tang Jingxuan was a victim in order to recover Tang Jingxuan's reputation.

But, when it came to gossip like this, the public wasn't concerned about who was innocent. In fact, most people just wanted to watch the show.

To put it simply, one sentence summed up everything: all three of the people involved weren't great.

"Luo Xing doesn't have such bad taste, does he?"

"Since Xia Jingyi's fiance reached his limit and stepped out to say something, then it must be true."

"I feel that the key figure in this incident, Xia Jingyi, should say something. Hai Rui has been emphasizing that Xia Jingyi lied to Luo Xing and I'm beginning to think that they are telling the truth. Both artists are from Hai Rui, if it wasn't the truth, why would Hai Rui clarify for Luo Xing?"

"If I was Xia Jingyi's fiance, I would directly castrate Luo Xing. How dare he play around with someone else's wife!?"

"I bet he caught them in bed! How does someone like this deserve fans to spend money on him and help him get on the billboards? He uses fans' money while flirting with people in the industry. How disgusting!"

"Men from the entertainment industry always make me question the lower limits of a human's values."

"This time, they've gone too far."

With increasing attention on the situation, the negative effects on Luo Xing also increased. Even his intended album release date had to be postponed.

Tangning sat at home and gave Xia Yuling a phone call, "Mom, find an excuse to postpone your trip to Switzerland until after the issue with Jingxuan has been resolved."

"I'm also worried about Jingxuan. Everyone at work has been talking about him. I'll find an excuse then. Tang Xuan can wait a little longer."

Tangning hung up the phone and looked up at the rainy skies. It was time...

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"Jingyi, Vice President Fang spoke to me a moment ago. The agency has organized a press conference for you so you can clarify everything," Xia Jingyi's manager said in a strict tone. "If it was another entertainment agency, for the sake of protecting their artists, they would think of a solution for both sides. But, this is Hai Rui..."

"President Mo has no tolerance for stuff like this. So, for the sake of the bigger picture, it's best you cooperate and at least prove Luo Xing's innocence. After he's protected and the entire incident is over, we can find a chance to start all over again."

"So, Hai Rui is trying to force me?" Xia Jingyi sneered as she asked her manager.

"Just because Luo Xing is Tangning's younger brother and can't be given up on, does that mean they can sacrifice me?"

“When it comes to sacrificing someone, I’m sure you understand that better than anyone,” her manager’s voice turned cold, “Luo Xing was so good to you, yet what did you do?”

“So, all I have to do is clarify everything, is that right?” Xia Jingyi changed the focus as she looked at her manager with a gaze that her manager could not understand.

“3pm,” her manager had nothing else to say to her as she left the room.

Xia Jingyi held back her tears as she remained seated in her chair. No one could understand the situation she was currently in. It’s not that she didn’t want to save Luo Xing, but, if Ruan Xiwen was to reveal what happened years ago, she would be completely destroyed.

If Luo Xing was to step foot out of the entertainment industry, he could still be the fourth master of the Tang Family. She, on the other hand, couldn’t afford to lose anything.

“Sorry, Luo Xing,” Xia Jingyi thought in secret.

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For the sake of the press conference in the afternoon, Tangning arrived quietly at the agency and met with Fang Yu and Song Yanshu.

“Ning Jie, Xia Jingyi has finally decided to cooperate. She has agreed to speak up and clarify for Luo Xing,” Song Yanshu said as she followed behind.

Tangning did not immediately respond. She never took gambles and didn’t actually trust Xia Jingyi.

“Go ahead and make preparations.”

“OK,” Song Yanshu replied before leaving Fang Yu’s office, while Tangning and Fang Yu remained.

As good friends and regular battle comrades, Fang Yu could understand what Tangning was thinking just by looking into her eyes.

“You don’t trust Xia Jingyi...”

“Regardless of whether I trust her or not, there’s no way I can place all my bets on her. She’s allowed to get in trouble, but I won’t let anything happen to Jingxuan,” Tangning replied coldly. “Have you already found something from your investigation?”

“I’m sure you already heard everything from Long Jie’s findings. Right now, all we need to do is compile what we’ve got and Luo Xing should be fine,” Fang Yu fetched some documents from his shelves. “I understand you. The only reason why you’ve planned things out this way is so that Xia Jingyi can’t keep hiding. And to avenge Luo Xing, the only way is to expose Xia Jingyi in front everyone.”

“I’ve never been a nice person,” Tangning smiled with deep meaning, “If she wants to bully a member of my family, she will first need to get past me.”

“Who could possibly get past you?” Fang Yu laughed. Hai Rui had so many people, including Huo Jingjing, and every single one of them had been convinced by Tangning.

When it came to Tangning, no one dared to disagree or challenge her.

So, that afternoon, there was bound to be a good show.

#### **Chapter 492: I'll Give You One Last Chance**

Regarding the matter of Luo Xing being a 'third person', the two males involved had expressed their opinions. Right now, all that was missing was Xia Jingyi's opinion, and her opinion appeared to have the power to determine the life and death of Luo Xing's career.

Xia Jingyi wasn't stupid. She couldn't offend Ruan Xiwen, nor could she retaliate against Hai Rui. So, her only choice was to compromise between the two sides.

Of course, she thought this would be the least painful solution for everyone involved...

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"At 3pm, Xia Jingyi will hold a press conference. When that time comes, she will clarify everything for you," Song Yanshu said as she stood behind Tang Jingxuan in the waiting room. "With pressure from President Mo, she wouldn't dare to act recklessly."

Tang Jingxuan looked out on the busy streets with an expression of ridicule, "Do you trust her?"

Song Yanshu listened in silence without saying a word. Deep down, there was no way that she'd believe in Xia Jingyi. But, she had her own plans and own method of protecting Tang Jingxuan.

"In a moment, you wait here in the waiting room. I'll deal with Xia Jingyi."

Tang Jingxuan nodded his head. Underneath his dense eyelashes, it was unknown what emotions he had hiding...

2:50pm, the media arrived at Hai Rui's conference hall. This time, they were on Hai Rui's territory.

"The female protagonist of the cheating scandal has finally decided to speak up. I really want to know the true story behind it all."

"I've come to see how Hai Rui handles it's PR. I wonder how the flawless Hai Rui will protect Luo Xing this time."

"Don't you guys feel that this Luo Xing is quite mysterious? No one knows anything about his family background!"

Amongst the chatter of the reporters and under the lens of multiple cameras, Xia Jingyi approached the stage accompanied by her manager.

It was apparent that due to the recent scandals, Xia Jingyi was quite exhausted. Although she was wearing a thick layer of makeup, it wasn't hard to see her dark eye bags...

"Let's get started," her manager encouraged. They had already prepared a speech, so all she had to do was read it. On the surface, it didn't appear to be a difficult task.

Xia Jingyi turned and looked at her manager before turning back to face the media, "I know you have all been interested in the scandal between Luo Xing and I. I never expected the situation to be escalated to this extent."

"I'm standing in front of all of you today to prove Luo Xing's innocence."

Hearing this, Xia Jingyi's manager and Song Yanshu both let out a sigh of relief. However, it only lasted a second before their expressions were changed by the next words that came out of Xia Jingyi's mouth...

"There has never been any relationship between Luo Xing and I. My fiance simply had a misunderstanding."

"I've never cheated on my fiance and nothing has ever happened between Luo Xing and I..."

"But the public has photos of you and Luo Xing being very close," one of the reporters pointed out.

"We have been working together for a long time, so it's natural to have photos together. But, this isn't sufficient evidence that we were in a relationship..."

"But, Hai Rui has released a statement detailing your relationship," the reporter directly used Hai Rui's statement to slap Xia Jingyi in the face.

"The agency misunderstood. It was Luo Xing's one-sided feelings, but I never reciprocated. I know that he is really nice to me, but I'm sorry, I already have a fiance. So, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind Luo Xing to watch his conduct."

One-sided feelings...

Watch his conduct...

Hearing these words, both Song Yanshu and Xia Jingyi's manager furrowed their brows.

"So you're saying that Hai Rui's statement was all a lie?" a reporter latched on to this point.

"I know my words today have ruined Hai Rui's intentions. But, I must apologize to my manager, there is no way I can bear the blame for Luo Xing. I'm just a delicate woman, I can't take this level of pressure. So, I hope you can stop forcing me."

With these words, the entire hall was in an uproar. Was Xia Jingyi hinting that Hai Rui had forced her to rid Luo Xing of the scandals?

Xia Jingyi's manager was unimpressed; her impression of Xia Jingyi had now changed.

But, just as she was about to step on stage to drag Xia Jingyi off, Song Yanshu suddenly stopped her and said in a cold voice, "I'll handle it."

Xia Jingyi's manager was surprised as she looked at the cold expression on Song Yanshu's face. She then nodded her head.

Afterwards, Song Yanshu strode towards the stage, snatched the microphone from Xia Jingyi's hands and faced the media, "None of her words are the truth..."

"You are Luo Xing's manager, so of course, you'd be on his side..."

“The truth is, while she was dating Luo Xing, she was still in a relationship with another man. But, Luo Xing had no idea from the beginning and was deceived by her,” Song Yanshu announced loudly. “It’s bad enough that you got discovered for lying and decided to throw the blame on Luo Xing. You’ve even decided to sacrifice him to protect yourself. I’ve seen cheap tricks before, but I’ve never seen someone as cheap as you...”

“So, you’re saying your words can be trusted?”

“Of course, because I also like Luo Xing...” Song Yanshu replied bravely. “I’ve been observing his every move and I know the details of every single one of your dates. Do you want me to reveal the location of your dates so the reporters can do their own research?”

“Luo Xing has no feelings for me and I’m OK with that. So, I’ve simply decided to continue as his work partner. He is definitely not someone who would ruin a relationship. Otherwise, there’s no way he wouldn’t have accepted me...”

“Why do you think he would accept you?” Xia Jingyi asked questioningly with a look of mockery.

“Why?” Song Yanshu sneered. “Because my surname is Song. My parents are both diplomats. If there was something wrong with Luo Xing’s character, what reason would he have to reject someone with such a background?”

“There’s plenty I can do for him. On the other hand, what can you do?”

“You come from a third-rate family and are playing a game of adultery. This shows the morals that your family has taught you.”

Hearing this, Xia Jingyi’s expression changed...

“If you want to slander Luo Xing, then let’s see the truth. Xia Jingyi, remember everything you have said today, because I am going to make you realize how evil you are.”

“From today onwards, I will protect Luo Xing...”

“After the press conference, I am going to give the details of your relationship to the media. Since you are so shameless, the media can personally investigate the truth and make a decision for themselves.”

Song Yanshu’s words were full of power and made Xia Jingyi’s heart race...

The daughter of diplomats...

She turned out to be the daughter of diplomats!

And to protect Luo Xing, she did not hesitate to reveal her family background.

“I’ll give you one last chance. Will you speak the truth in front of the media?”

Chapter 493: Tangning’s Angry

No one expected a confrontational scene like this. Not only Tang Jingxuan, but even Tangning did not expect it. In order to protect Tang Jingxuan, Song Yanshu had actually stepped out courageously and revealed her own family background in such a firm way...

The atmosphere in the press conference suddenly turned stale. With Song Yanshu added to the mix, Xia Jingyi suddenly fell into a panic. The situation had fallen behind her control...

Song Yanshu stared at Xia Jingyi patiently as she waited for a response. At the same time, the mountain of dark cameras also focused on her.

“Speak...”

“Come on, speak...”

A few of the reporters were getting impatient so they started complaining. But, Xia Jingyi responded with a stutter, “l...l...”

“I want to know how you had the conscience to say that Luo Xing had one-sided feelings for you.”

Faced with the pressures from Song Yanshu, Xia Jingyi was forced to take a few steps back while everyone witnessed her response.

Just as Xia Jingyi thought she had no way out, a man suddenly appeared at the entrance to the hall. It was Xia Jingyi’s fiancé, Ruan Xiwen!

“I believe her!”

The media turned around and saw Ruan Xiwen struggling with a few bodyguards as he forced his way into the hall.

Xia Jingyi was surprised, but she quickly ran off the stage and warned the bodyguards, “Let him go...”

She then pounced into Ruan Xiwen’s arms and burst into tears, “I really didn’t cheat on you and have never been in a relationship with Luo Xing...”

“I know,” Ruan Xiwen patted her back in comfort, “I know you have been wronged.” Afterwards, Ruan Xiwen turned to the media as he hugged Xia Jingyi in his arms, “If you guys want to clean up Luo Xing’s reputation, don’t try to use my fiancée. If you have any problems, throw them at me instead.”

“I bet you guys don’t know why Hai Rui is trying so hard to help Luo Xing.”

“Hmmp, let me tell you the truth. It’s because Luo Xing’s name is actually Tang Jingxuan. He is the younger brother of the wife of Hai Rui’s CEO. In other words, he is Tangning’s brother and also the fourth master of Tang Corps.!”

“With this background, do you still think he is innocent?”

“For the sake of protecting her brother’s reckless actions, Tangning tried to throw all the blame on my fiancée...”

With the mention of Tang Corps., most people did not know how to respond. After all, Tang Corps. was from a totally different industry. But, the fact that he was Tangning’s brother was enough to stir the media into an uproar...

So...Luo Xing was actually called Tang Jingxuan!

So...he was the younger brother of the superstar, Tangning!

“No wonder Hai Rui tried so hard to clean up Luo Xing’s reputation. So there was another layer of relationship.”

“F\*ck, he’s Tangning’s younger brother? That’s huge news.”

“Is Tangning’s brother trying to force this married couple into a dead end?”

“I really never expected that Luo Xing had this background...”

Hearing the discussions of the media, Song Yanshu looked at the hugging couple in the distance and trembled in anger. She had never seen people as shameless as the two people in front of her.

“Hai Rui should tell Luo Xing to step out and say something.”

“Exactly, there’s no point hiding.”

“What else could he say? My fiancée and I have already made things clear. The truth is, my fiancée was harassed by Luo Xing.” After speaking, Ruan Xiwen wanted to drag Xia Jingyi away. But...just as they reached the doorway, they suddenly reversed one step at a time back into the hall.

All the reporters were once again shook up.

The imposing manner...

The dignified presence...

The level of intimidation was something that probably only Mo Ting could induce. But this time, the person that appeared was Tangning!

It was the Tangning that only announced her retreat from the entertainment not too long ago!

She appeared wearing a loose trenchcoat and a retro scarf. She did not put up a front like a celebrity, but she still had an intimidating presence that made everyone afraid to approach her.

She was still the same Tangning and no matter where she went, she could still cause a sensation. Plus, regardless of everything, she was still the shining star that left everyone trailing behind...

“It’s Tangning! Dear God, it’s Tangning!”

This time, the media gathered around, not leaving a single gap. But, facing the media, Tangning remained calm as usual. In fact, she revealed a slight smile, “Since I’ve been implicated, if I don’t make an appearance, wouldn’t that be a shame for the show that you’ve arranged?”

Faced with Tangning; the extremely powerful Tangning, Xia Jingyi couldn’t help but tremble...

As for Ruan Xiwen, he continued to protect Xia Jingyi as he sneered at Tangning, “Your brother’s shameful act has already been revealed...Even if you make an appearance, there’s nothing you can do.”

“I admit that Luo Xing is my younger brother, Tang Jingxuan,” Tangning replied honestly, “But, that doesn’t mean he definitely harassed your woman. Just because he is my brother, doesn’t mean he is someone that does bad deeds. You seem to be making this assumption based on hatred.”

“It’s true that Tang Jingxuan harassed my fiancée.”



“Do you have evidence for your so-called truth?” Tangning chased. “Did you catch them in bed together? Or did you see them kissing?”

“I...”

“If you didn’t see anything, why would you originally assume that your fiancée had cheated on you and exposed that you were a victim? What man would do that without having a motive?”

“I know you are a good talker and there’s no way I can beat you. So, all I can do is suck it up,” Ruan Xiwen sneered.

“I’m not a good talker, I am merely speaking the truth. Plus, the fact that you knew Tang Jingxuan was my brother, yet you still dared to challenge him will prove to be a stupid decision.”

“I am indeed here to protect my brother. So, I will use my power to bully you. So what?” Tangning asked the couple as they were surrounded by reporters. “He was born into the Tang Family because he’s fortunate. But, he became a top singer because he’s talented and capable. Why do you make it sound like, just because you’re poor, your words are more reasonable than his?”

“Tangning...”

“You have no right to speak up here,” Tangning directly stopped Xia Jingyi from talking, “You make me question my understanding of the word ‘human’, so please shut up.”

Xia Jingyi’s expression was a little uncomfortable...

...because she could sense that Tangning was truly firing up...

Tangning was angry...

“Fine, since you are determined to be a bully today, then bring it on. I would like to see if Hai Rui has the ability to destroy both of us.”

“To be honest, if not for Luo Xing, I wouldn’t waste my time on talking to you.” After saying these words, Tangning headed for the stage...From this point onwards, Xia Jingyi would be thrown into a complete panic.

Tangning wasn’t someone that one should offend...

She’d never lost a battle before.

What did she have planned?

#### **Chapter 494: It’s Fair For Me To Destroy Them**

“Xiwen...” Xia Jingyi subconsciously grabbed onto Ruan Xiwen’s hand. She was so nervous, her hands began to sweat.

“Don’t be afraid. I would like to see how the infamous Tangning clears her brother’s name!” Ruan Xiwen was full of confidence because he did not expect Tangning to know any insider information.

Tangning did not immediately respond. She simply walked onto the stage and said to Song Yanshu, "You've worked hard. Leave it with me."

"Ning Jie..."

"I'll be fine," Tangning reassured confidently with a warm smile.

Song Yanshu glared at the disgusting couple below the stage and retreated behind Tangning; no longer implicating herself with the show that was playing out.

The cameras in the reporters' hands flashed continuously. Meanwhile, to conceal her stomach, Tangning deliberately hunched forward a little and placed her arms on top of the podium on the stage. Her entire body emitted an unapproachable vibe.

After a few seconds of silence, she threw a warning at Xia Jingyi, "Xia Jingyi, if you continue to put on an act and refuse to tell the truth, then...I have no choice but to speak up."

Although Xia Jingyi was extremely anxious, she could not imagine what information Tangning could possibly have in her hands. So, even though her heart was racing, she still replied stubbornly, "We've already told everyone the truth."

"Really?" Tangning's voice cooled a few degrees. "You've spoken the truth? OK then, let's start off by talking about what happened 12 years ago..."

Hearing her mention 12 years ago, Xia Jingyi's eyes grew wide and throat turned dry as she stared at Tangning.

"It seems, it's time for me to tell everyone a spectacular story. 12 years ago..."

"No, don't!" Xia Jingyi suddenly yelled. "I beg you, don't..."

Tangning's lips curved upwards, but she did not stop, "12 years ago, on a certain afternoon..."

"I was in a relationship with Luo Xing!" Xia Jingyi had no choice but to make an admittance. "I was in a relationship with Luo Xing...Are you happy now?"

"Happy? The way you're yelling makes it sound like I am forcing you," Tangning laughed. "It's either you come up here and explain everything, or...I send you to your doom. Your choice."

Xia Jingyi's eyes turned red and body stiffened. She had never imagined that Tangning would hold something so strong against her; she was holding onto the story of Ruan Xiwen's mother's death.

"Don't go up..."

"I have no choice." Xia Jingyi freed herself from Ruan Xiwen's embrace and suddenly yelled, "This is all your fault. Why did you force me? I already agreed to marry you, yet you still schemed against Luo Xing. I really didn't want to do this, but you left me with no choice."

After hearing Xia Jingyi's complex outburst, the reporters were shocked.

"I admit, I hurt Luo Xing and tried to destroy his career, but this was all a part of this man's plan...He wanted to take revenge on Luo Xing and I," Xia Jingyi said fiercely as she emotionally pointed to Ruan Xiwen. "I really didn't do it on purpose...nor did I want to hurt Luo Xing..."

"Since you didn't want to do it, why did you listen to this man? And why did you put on an act at the press conference?" Tangning pressed for an explanation.

"I..."

"Let me answer for you. It's because you were afraid he'd reveal your dark secret," Tangning said firmly, "The secret that 12 years ago, you caused the death of his mother!"

Hearing this, the reporters immediately pulled out their cameras to document Xia Jingyi's expression...

"That's why you had no choice but to compromise and go along with his plan! As for what happened 12 years ago, Hai Rui will hand their investigation report to the police in a moment, along with evidence of illegal activities that your supposed fiancé has taken part in over the years. You can leave your explaining for the police..."

"Hmmp, what is there for me to be afraid of? I'm completely innocent," Ruan Xiwen persisted.

"So, you were innocent when you took part in money laundering?" Tangning asked with a deeper meaning as she raised her eyebrows.

Ruan Xiwen's expression changed...He never expected Tangning to know such a deep secret of his.

Tangning looked at the expression on his face and smiled, "You can play your tricks on other people, but you made a huge mistake when you tried to bully my family member. If my brother did something wrong, I would discipline him myself. But...if someone tries to degrade him with bad motives, then sorry, I will do all I can to find them and reveal them to the public."

"If you try to destroy Luo Xing, I will destroy you. That's only fair." After speaking, Tangning turned around and said to Song Yanshu, "I'll leave the rest with you."

"You can rely on me, Ning Jie," Song Yanshu nodded.

As expected, when it came to power, no one could compare to Tangning.

"Tangning is still the same Tangning...She is so cool!"

"I'm totally mesmerized by Tangning's attitude. She's f\*cken boss!"

"Bl\*ody hell! I almost believed the disgusting couple's words. Who would have thought that as soon as Tangning appeared, all forms of demons had to reveal themselves."

In order not to effect her child, Tangning immediately left the stage after she was done and exited the hall under the protection of security. The reporters trailed her until she disappeared out of sight.

"We have something to write about again. Tangning's news is always popular."

"Of course. Tangning is exactly how an older sister should be..."

“Now that I think about it, Luo Xing does have some similarities with his sister. He obviously has such a strong background, but he didn’t use it to create hype. We can see that he is quite a low profile person.”

Song Yanshu returned to the front of the stage and looked down at the couple that was being surrounded by the reporters. It didn’t take long before the police arrived on the scene.

Xia Jingyi was so frightened that she immediately took a few steps back. But the police stretched out their arms and restrained her, “Be honest with us. We suspect that you are involved with an accidental death 12 years ago. Please follow us back to the police station to assist in our investigation.”

Of course, there was no way that Ruan Xiwen would escape unscathed...

But being taken away by the police in front of everyone, made Xia Jingyi feel like she’d rather die.

However, just as the police escorted them out of the hall, they saw Luo Xing coming downstairs. At that moment, Tang Jingxuan simply looked at Xia Jingyi with indifference.

But, Xia Jingyi still clung onto Tang Jingxuan’s shirt, “Luo Xing save me. Save me please.”

Tang Jingxuan stood still and slightly turned his head. The look in his eyes made Xia Jingyi’s hairs stand on end, “Why should I?”

“I really had no choice...”

“I’ve decided to pursue Yanshu...”

“Luo Xing...I still love you.”

“Oh?” After a simple response, Tang Jingxuan freed himself from Xia Jingyi’s grip and left. From this moment on, this person who had left wounds in his life would disappear from his heart forever.

There was no doubt that Luo Xing’s incident would provide the entertainment industry with some controversial news to write about.

After the press conference, Tang Jingxuan went directly to the CEO’s office. At this moment, Song Yanshu was reporting to Tangning about the aftermath of the press conference...

#### **Chapter 495: This Industry Is Too Messy**

Thinking about the words that he said to Xia Jingyi, Tang Jingxuan suddenly felt a little awkward. Tangning noticed Tang Jingxuan’s face turning red, so she put down the magazine in her hands and asked Song Yanshu, “Did you mean it earlier when you said that you like Luo Xing?”

Song Yanshu was stunned for a moment before replying, “I simply said it to protect Luo Xing...”

“I see,” Tangning deliberately provoked Tang Jingxuan.

She wanted him to think about what woman he had chosen when there was a great woman right beside him that he didn’t know how to appreciate.

Tang Jingxuan cleared his throat to signify that he was also present, gesturing for his clever sister to not continue making the atmosphere awkward.

Song Yanshu's ears burned red, but calmly stood to one side to give Tang Jingxuan some space. Mo Ting was sitting at his desk working the entire time. His silence meant that he was going to leave Tangning to do whatever she wanted. Only when Tangning no longer wanted to handle the matter, would he step in and take over.

"Sister Three..."

"The entire nation knows that Yanshu likes you now. How do you expect her to find a boyfriend?" Tangning raised her eyebrows questioningly. "She's a woman, but in order to protect you, she risked her image by bravely stepping forward. Yet, what did you do?"

"I will never forget the lesson I have learned today," Tang Jingxuan ridiculed himself. "Don't worry, my heart will get stronger with practice...I will never be this naive and stupid again. I will focus on achieving my goals and leaving a lasting impression on the music industry."

"Yanshu, help me take him home," Tangning knew the incident had given Tang Jingxuan quite a blow, so she deliberately tried to allow Song Yanshu to go with him and provide him comfort.

"OK," Song Yanshu's expression was professional, but when she heard Tang Jingxuan say that his heart would get stronger with practice, she couldn't help but feel a slight twitch in her heart.

Tang Jingxuan turned and left Mo Ting's office while Song Yanshu followed closely behind.

"Yanshu, sorry and thank you."

Song Yanshu shook her head gesturing that she didn't care, "Ning Jie was the one that protected you. I didn't play much of a role."

"No, your courage meant a lot to me." After speaking, Tang Jingxuan led Song Yanshu into the elevator.

After returning home, Elder Tang was waiting for Tang Jingxuan on the sofa. As soon as he saw him, he said, "Some people are completely ungrateful, while others are loyal and righteous. Old Four, doesn't grandfather have good taste?"

Tang Jingxuan's lips curved upwards but he did not say a word.

"The young lady made such a big sacrifice. You should pick out a present on my behalf to thank her."

"Understood." Tang Jingxuan was tired, so he returned directly to his bedroom, but it didn't mean that he dismissed Elder Tang's words.

As he lay in his bed, he looked at the glass equipment on his desk. Suddenly, a thought came to his mind: he knew what he could do for Song Yanshu.

At that moment, the room fell into complete silence. Meanwhile, Tang Xuan was in the living room standing opposite Elder Tang with her hands on her hips, "Grandfather, is Auntie Xia going to Switzerland tomorrow?"

There was a flash of deeper meaning in Elder Tang's eyes, but he did not let Tang Xuan pick up on it. He simply nodded his head, "Uh huh, it was a little delayed, but she still has to go."

Tang Xuan gave a slight smile and quickly changed the subject, "Is Jingxuan OK?"

"With Tangning around, nothing could possibly go wrong," as he mentioned her name, Elder Tang couldn't help but look proud. His reaction was a form of mockery for Tang Xuan, because when Tang Jingxuan was in trouble, she didn't do anything as his older sister. Now that everything was resolved, she finally pretended to show some concern.

"That's good to hear..." Tang Xuan's gaze showed a hint of sharpness.

His every word was Tangning. Did she hold no weight in his heart, she wondered.

She obviously had a Tang Family descendant in her stomach!

But, it didn't matter, Tang Corps. was about to undergo a change in management anyway, so she might as well let the mother and daughter act arrogantly for a few more days...

Once everything was finalized and Tang Corps. returned to her hands. She would let the two women see how she could torture them.

"I heard the Zhong Family has come across a small obstacle. Some prohibited items have been found on their ships. If you need help, let me know." Elder Tang said these words to remind Tang Xuan that the Zhong Family were occupied with protecting themselves, so she could no longer rely on them for support. In fact, there was a huge possibility that they would use her to empty out the funds from Tang Corps.

Yet, Tang Xuan still managed to reply with a smile, "It's fine, everything will be solved soon."

She sure was confident.

Elder Tang laughed on the inside because he knew who was actually controlling everything behind-the-scenes. Tang Xuan was temporarily left alone, but the fact that the Zhong Family were also involved was something that Mo Ting wasn't going to let go of.

Everything would be solved soon? It was more likely that it would never be solved.

How satisfying!

"Since everything is fine, then I'm relieved. Although your in-laws didn't treat you well, you should still show some concern at a time like this."

"Yes, I know, grandfather."

Elder Tang nodded his head and stood up to return to his bedroom. As Tang Xuan watched him walk away, she started thinking about her plan for going against Xia Yuling.

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Late at night. Hyatt Regency.

As the following day's trip was going to be quite dangerous, Xia Yuling headed over to Hyatt Regency to see Tangning and her precious grandchild.

"Luckily, Jingxuan's issue was resolved with no issues. This industry is too messy," Xia Yuling sighed.

"Tell me mom, what place isn't messy?" Tang Xuan was hinting towards the internal problems that Tang Xuan was causing at Tang Corps., "Now that Jingxuan has learned his lesson, he will naturally mature from this experience. You don't need to worry about him."

"It's not that I am worried about him. I am worried about you," Xia Yuling said as she looked at Tangning's stomach, "You're pregnant, yet you're running around worrying about others..."

"The trip to Switzerland tomorrow is definitely going to be dangerous. Mom, you need to always be alert," Tangning warned as she rubbed her stomach, "My child and I aren't that delicate, you don't need to worry about us."

"OK," Xia Yuling nodded seriously. "For the sake of seeing my grandchild, I will make sure nothing happens to me."

"Mo Ting has organized for some people to watch over you at the airport. If you have any problems, they will be there to help."

"I trust in Mo Ting's arrangement."

Since Tang Xuan wanted a good show, then Xia Yuling was going to give it to her. Otherwise, all her hard work would go to waste, right?

After Xia Yuling left, Tangning fell into a daze as she stared quietly into the distance. Mo Ting noticed a change in her mood, so immediately approached her and wrapped his arms around her, "Are you worried?"

Tangning shook her head, "With my husband around, I'm not worried about anything."

"Then, what's wrong?"

"I was suddenly thinking about the child in Tang Xuan's stomach. To be born without a mother is quite pitiful," Tangning sighed.

"Really? I'm actually looking forward to it. The moment that the child leaves its mother is the moment that it is free from a poisonous cancer-like woman. The child is actually very fortunate."

### **Chapter 496: You Are Quite Brave**

3pm in Switzerland. Xia Yuling and her assistant exited the airport together. Tangning had told her that Mo Ting's people would be waiting for her and they were to be dressed in brown coats and black caps with a newspaper in their hands. On their chest would be a badge with Hai Rui's Italian name written on it.

So, as soon as Xia Yuling walked out of the airport, she immediately spotted Mo Ting's people. Knowing that she now had assistance, she let go of her nervousness and relaxed.

“President Xia...that’s the man that is picking us up...” her secretary said as she pointed to a man wearing a black trenchcoat and holding a sign.

“You go ahead and confirm. I don’t understand Italian,” Xia Yuling deliberately instructed. In reality, she just wanted her secretary to let down her guard; she had actually studied quite a few languages in school.

“OK,” her secretary rushed over to the man and whispered something. She then turned around and waved at Xia Yuling, “President Xia, it’s all fine.”

Xia Yuling nodded her head and walked over. Meanwhile, Mo Ting’s people trailed behind...

“President Xia, please this way.” Outside the airport, Xia Yuling’s secretary opened the door to a Lincoln Limousine for Xia Yuling to board.

Xia Yuling looked at the man and then looked at her secretary before she happily boarded the car and sat down like there was nothing wrong.

“President Xia, the farm we are heading to will take 2 hours by car. You can have a nap if you want.”

“OK,” Xia Yuling nodded. Via the rearview mirror, she spotted a car following behind, so she pretended to have a nap.

Afterwards, her secretary said to the driver in Italian, “What time do you plan to make a move?”

“On the way to the farm, we will come across a dangerous three-way crossroad. The terrain is extremely difficult and there are criminal groups from Eastern Europe that commit robbery and ransom in that area all-year-round...give her a glass of wine, the wine contains tranquilizer.”

A surprised look appeared on the secretary’s face, but she quickly contained her emotions. With her trembling hands, she poured Xia Yuling a glass of red wine while she was sleeping.

“President Xia, would you like some wine?”

Xia Yuling slowly opened her eyes and nodded, “Pass it here.”

Xia Yuling received the tall wine glass and gently closed her lips over the rim of the glass, pretending to take a sip, before returning it to her secretary.

She then closed her eyes and pretended to fall asleep...

“OK, we’re good,” seeing Xia Yuling had fallen asleep the secretary finally relaxed. “Don’t blame me for doing this President Xia, but Miss Tang has treated me really well...”

Xia Yuling remained still. It appeared she had been put into a deep sleep because of the tranquilizer in her wine. After double checking that she was completely knocked out, the secretary turned and said to the driver, “Don’t treat her too ruthlessly...”

“This is not your concern.”



The car continued to race forward, but Xia Yuling did not show any signs of waking up. After one hour of driving, they finally reached the so-called dangerous three-way crossroad. Standing at the crossroad was someone ready to meet with them.

The driver stopped the Lincoln Limousine and placed Xia Yuling inside a black bag before carrying her out and handing her over to the man, "Deal with this."

The secretary watched as Xia Yuling was taken away and closed her eyes nervously. Her palms were sweaty as her hands trembled.

Especially when she heard the words, 'deal with this'...

She wanted to back out, but she couldn't say anything as her words clung to the sides of her throat.

It didn't take long before Xia Yuling was taken away in the black car. The driver returned to the limousine and said to the secretary, "You can call the police in a moment..."

She was going to report that they had encountered a robbery and Xia Yuling had been kidnapped!

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Xia Yuling was indeed kidnapped, but the car was quickly blocked by another vehicle. A dozen strong bodyguards immediately restrained the men in the car. Not only did they take Xia Yuling away, but they smashed the car and delivered the men to the police station.

"President Xia, are you OK?"

Xia Yuling tore open the black bag with the assistance of a middle-aged man and took a few deep breaths of fresh air. She then replied, "I'm fine."

"That was quite a scare...you are quite brave to play along!" the man handed her a glass of warm water.

"I trust in my son-in-law." Actually, now that Xia Yuling thought about it, she was a little traumatized by the incident. But, in that moment, if she hadn't pretended to be unconscious, the driver may have made a move right there in the car. That would not have been worth it.

"Don't worry. President Mo's plans are flawless. We will take you somewhere to get some rest."

"OK," Xia Yuling nodded her head. She couldn't believe that her secretary was actually ruthless enough to do what she had done.

What a traitor!

And what about Tang Xuan?

After settling down in safety, the first thing that Xia Yuling did was give Tangning a phone call before calling Elder Tang and explaining the entire situation in detail. As soon as Elder Tang heard what had happened, he angrily flipped the desk in front of him, "What an inhumane animal! She deserves to die!"

"Grandfather, what's wrong?" Tang Jingxuan rushed into the room after hearing a loud bang. Seeing Elder Tang's furious expression, he was quite surprised. It had been a while since Elder Tang had been this angry.

Elder Tang took a deep breath and calmed himself down. Seeing his grandson before him, his anger subsided, "Yuling, I'm glad you are OK. Let's wait and see what that foul creature wants to do!"

"Father, I'm OK, don't worry."

Hearing the conversation between Elder Tang and Xia Yuling, Tang Jingxuan roughly guessed what was going on. Who else in the family would cause such an uproar?

"Grandfather..."

Elder Tang put down the phone in his hand, held his chest and shook his other hand, "How did the Tang Family produce such a ruthless monster?!"

Tang Jingxuan immediately rushed over and held onto the old man before he heard bits and pieces of what had happened to Xia Yuling.

"Grandfather, there's no need to worry. With Sister Three and brother-in-law around, no matter how big of a mess that woman stirs up, she will simply be shooting herself in the foot."

"Let's wait and see..." Elder Tang took a deep breath. "Let's see what she plans to do to Tang Corps! If not for the child in her stomach, I would have dealt with her a long time ago!"

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The Tang Family received news that Xia Yuling was missing via her secretary. At the time that the housekeeper received the phone call, he was so frightened that he almost dropped the phone on the floor.

Tang Xuan was in the living room at that time. Seeing the housekeeper in a panic, she immediately asked, "What's wrong?"

"The madam...the madam has been kidnapped and her whereabouts is currently unknown..."

"How did this happen?" a worried look appeared on Tang Xuan's face. "Don't tell grandfather about this. I don't want him to worry."

In reality, Tang Xuan had already heard Elder Tang's footsteps approaching and deliberately said these words.

"Immediately contact the Swiss police and check on the situation. Tang Corps is currently expanding, we can't do without Auntie Xia."

Elder Tang was standing behind Tang Xuan. Seeing her putting on an act, he was so tempted to walk up and throw two big slaps across her face, but he knew he had to temporarily endure.

"Chairman..." the housekeeper furrowed his brows as he looked at the old man standing behind Tang Xuan.

"Grandfather..." Tang Xuan turned around and gasped.

"What happened to Yuling?"

Chapter 497: She Was Tangning; She Always Got Her Revenge!

"It's nothing. The people in Switzerland haven't made contact with Auntie Xia, so they made a phone call to enquire," Tang Xuan replied.

"You tell me what happened instead..." Elder Tang was aware of Tang Xuan's motive, so he turned to question the housekeeper instead. The housekeeper was a little taken aback as he looked at Tang Xuan. He then turned to Elder Tang and replied seriously.

"The Madam's secretary called. She said they encountered a robbery and the madam was kidnapped. Her whereabouts is currently unknown."

After hearing the housekeeper's response, Elder Tang took two obvious steps back, "How did this happen?"

"Grandfather, don't worry too much for now. The information might be incorrect," Tang Xuan immediately held onto Elder Tang as she tried to comfort him.

"You, hurry! Contact the guys in Switzerland and confirm the information. Also, ensure that this news doesn't spread around Tang Corps.," Elder Tang instructed the housekeeper.

Elder Tang returned to his study room urgently. It appeared he was going to see if he could contact anyone to locate Xia Yuling. As Tang Xuan watched him leave, a sneer appeared on her face.

"You think you can find her? Never!"

In reality, for everyone in Tang Corps. to find out about Xia Yuling, Tang Xuan didn't actually need to spread word herself; there was something called the news. Since the incident involved the CEO of an international perfume empire, news quickly spread from Switzerland.

It didn't take long before word spread to Tang Jingxuan. He immediately rushed home and ran into Elder Tang's room, "Grandfather, this..."

Elder Tang waved his hand, gesturing for him to dismiss the topic.

"But..."

Elder Tang looked at Tang Jingxuan with deep meaning. Tang Jingxuan's eyebrows were furrowed as he said in a panic, "Grandfather, you can't ignore what's happening to mom."

Outside the door, Tang Xuan listened quietly. After confirming nothing was out of the ordinary, she knocked on the door and entered the study room. As soon as she saw the two men, she handed her phone to Elder Tang, "Grandfather, you have a phone call from the higher-ups at Tang Corps."

Elder Tang looked at Tang Xuan and received the phone from her hands, "What is it?"

"Chairman, we heard that President Xia has been kidnapped. What's happening with our collaboration in Switzerland?"

As soon as Elder Tang heard the tone being used, he sneered, "What? Yuling has only just got in trouble and you are already eyeing her position? Let me tell you, the Tang Family will always hold authority over the company and no one can take it away."

“We aren’t doubting that. It’s just, Switzerland has called us multiple times. To avoid being implicated with the news, they’ve canceled their collaboration with us and used the fact that our representative didn’t show up as an excuse. We’ve suffered a huge loss. Plus, Tang Corps. can’t continue operating without someone to lead,” the man complained, “Because of this reason, the board of directors have decided to hold an urgent meeting. Chairman, it’s best if you also attend.”

“Rubbish!” Elder Tang hung up the phone, trembling in anger. “Yuling only just went missing and these people already can’t resist trying to seize power. I’m not dead yet!”

“Grandfather, don’t be angry,” Tang Xuan immediately comforted. “Let’s first think of a way to find Auntie Xia. Afterwards, we can deal with the problems at Tang Corps.”

This time, Elder Tang was truly angered. He knew that even though a large portion of these people were manipulated by Tang Xuan, a lot of these long-time staff members had long developed ulterior motives towards Tang Corps. So, this time, they were given an excuse to revolt.

“Xiao Xuan, go and calm down the shareholders. I will go look for Xiao Ning.”

“OK grandfather, I will protect Tang Corps well.” Tang Xuan had been waiting for these words all along.

“Go,” Elder Tang waved his hand. “Don’t disappoint me this time,” he said with a deeper meaning.

“Don’t worry...” Tang Xuan smiled before leaving the study room. It was only after she left that Tang Jingxuan finally spoke up.

“Grandfather...”

“It’s not time to reel in the line yet. Let her be happy for now,” Elder Tang said with meaning. “I want to see her comfort the shareholders. I will wait until she thinks that she has victory in her hands before I serve her a fatal blow.”

“What about mom...” Tang Jingxuan had long treated Xia Yuling as his birth mother so he always called her ‘mom’; only Tang Xuan called her auntie.

“With your Sister Three around, Tang Xuan can’t possibly escape from the palm of her hands.” As soon as Elder Tang thought of the witty Tangning, he couldn’t help but look proud. Of course, this time, Tangning was only acting out the plan. The true black-bellied mastermind was hidden behind-the-scenes.

“That’s good to know...” Tang Jingxuan slowly relaxed.

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At this moment, in Hyatt Regency.

“According to sources, the woman who has encountered an accident in Switzerland is Xia Yuling, the current president of Tang Corps and the mother of well-known artist Tangning...”

As soon as she saw this piece of news, Tangning directly turned off the television and put down the remote in her hand. Of course, those that weren’t aware of the truth, for example Long Jie, quickly rushed over to Hyatt Regency. But, they were simply met by a calm-faced Tangning.

“Aren’t you worried?”

“My mom is already on her flight home,” Tangning went to sit on the sofa as she explained to Long Jie in an amused tone.

“What do you mean?” Long Jie asked with a puzzled expression.

After a short while, Tangning managed to explain Tang Xuan’s entire scheme to Long Jie. It was none other than another attempt to seize control of Tang Corps. After Long Jie finished hearing the explanation, she suddenly realized something, “She is currently heading over to the company to comfort the shareholders. What would happen if she succeeds?”

“This time, apart from dealing with Tang Xuan, we are also trying to single out all the shareholders that have doubts about my mother. So, we will just let them fight amongst each other for now...I quite enjoy watching the show...” Tangning said calmly.

She wanted Tang Xuan to think that she had done a great deed. She wanted to wait until Tang Xuan assumed Tang Corps would definitely end up in her hands. At that time, she would demonstrate to Tang Xuan how it felt to be unaware of the oriole behind...

Long Jie fell into deep thought for a while and finally understood Tangning’s intention as she raised a thumb in praise, “You want Tang Xuan to work hard but reap no reward.”

“Since that’s what she wants, I’ll give it to her,” Tangning smirked. “After all, she tried to hurt my child and I, and she also got me slandered recently. I am going to make her pay back for everything she had done.”

Although Tangning was pregnant, Long Jie did not worry one bit that Tangning would show mercy.

She was Tangning; she always got her revenge!

“Since this is all a part of your plan, I will wait patiently for a good show...But, one thing I don’t understand is, why is Tang Xuan so persistent at challenging you? Your minds are obviously focused on different things.”

“Some people are naturally born with no self awareness.” After speaking, Tangning gently stroked her stomach. It seemed, up to this point, Tang Xuan was still unaware that she was also pregnant. Tang Xuan thought she was precious...but, she had no idea that Elder Tang only wanted the child in her stomach.

However, some truths, when revealed too early, wouldn’t be as spectacular. So first, Tangning was going to take over Tang Corps and make Tang Xuan’s biggest fear come true.

Chapter 498: Surviving in The Entertainment Industry = Good at Managing a Business?

Tang Corps. The board of directors decided to hold an urgent meeting. At this time, Tang Xuan shocked the shareholders by making an appearance.

It’s not that they didn’t know that she had returned to the company, but the fact that Elder Tang had placed her in an insignificant position for so long, they did not take too much notice of her. So...had she suddenly been given a chance to redeem herself?

Tang Xuan was aware that these people had never trusted her and thought her capabilities were so-so. So, this time, she had to prove herself to these stubborn old folk.

“Today, I am here on behalf of my grandfather. If you guys have anything you want to say, go ahead.”

The shareholders looked at each other. Finally, a 40-something-year-old man standing to the right of Tang Xuan neatened his suit and said with an arrogant expression, “I would like to know when President Xia will return...A big company like Tang Corps can’t operate without someone in charge.”

Tang Xuan lowered her head and thought for a few seconds before smiling, “We are currently uncertain whether Auntie Xia is dead or alive. I hope everyone can give us a bit of time.”

“Time? Do you know how much we invested into the collaboration with Switzerland? Yet, it was canceled just like that! Who’s going to hold responsibility?”

“Big Miss, although we understand your difficulties, you still need to protect the interests of your shareholders,” another old man said as he crossed his arms. “It’s OK for the Tang Family to hold control of the company. After all, the business was founded by your family and you also hold majority of the shares, but...you still need to provide us with an explanation, right? President Xia is temporarily unable to return, so shouldn’t the chairman take over?”

“My grandfather hasn’t been well lately!”

“Well, Second Miss is a doctor, so we don’t want to force her. What about the Third Miss? Hasn’t Tangning retreated from the entertainment industry recently? If she can temporarily take charge, that would be better than leaving the company unattended.”

Tang Xuan’s eyes darkened. Just as she was about to respond, another shareholder suddenly spoke up, “Handing the company to an entertainer? Are you guys joking?”

“Although Tangning is in the entertainment industry, she is held in high prestige. Moreover, she treats people well. So, isn’t she the best candidate?”

“That’s enough. There’s no way I will accept a clown as the leader of the company. How ridiculous is that?”

“Then, who do you propose?”

Because of Tangning, a few of the shareholders were red in anger. They did not view highly on acting as a career, let alone the fact that Tangning was also once a model.

“I wonder how many people she’s had a disagreement with...If we get her to lead Tang Corps, isn’t that submitting Tang Corps to humiliation? Rather than that, I’d rather the Big Miss take control...”

Someone suddenly changed the focus to Tang Xuan and Tang Xuan was quite surprised by this.

In reality, the majority of people in the room were aware of the limits to Tang Xuan’s capabilities, but it was too awkward to point it out in front of her...

Tang Xuan knew what they thought of her, so she smiled and said in a sincere voice, “I know I had many flaws in the past and have made everyone disappointed. But, after a long period of reflection, starting all

over from the grassroots of the company, I have developed a new understanding of Tang Corps. This is something that I want to tell everyone regardless of who is to take over.”

“Support for Tangning!”

“Support for the Big Miss!”

“Tangning!”

“Big Miss.”

“From what I’ve heard, Tangning doesn’t seem interested in management. The chairman has looked for her multiple times in the past, but she firmly replied to the chairman that she didn’t want to sit around in meetings all day with a bunch of old people. Management is not where her interests lie.”

As soon as this particular shareholder spoke up, everyone stopped arguing. This was something that plenty of people knew about.

Tangning had indeed rejected Elder Tang. In fact, she had rejected him more than once.

“Since we can’t count on her, what else can we say?”

“As long as the Big Miss can take over, I will be rest assured!”

The discussions were obviously leaning towards the result that Tang Xuan wanted. But, she remained calm as she said, “I would like to thank everyone for your belief in me, but, I have made a mistake in the past.”

“Since it’s so hard to settle on a decision, let’s cast a vote.”

“That’s right, let’s vote.”

After mutual agreement, the shareholders decided to use the fairest method. Tang Xuan was confident with this decision, because she had already bribed a large number of people. But, unexpectedly, the results between her and Tangning were a tie.

“You are all recommending Tangning, but too bad, she would rather expose some flesh to the public than to take Tang Corps into consideration!”

“Everyone calm down. The best thing for us to do is to let grandfather make the decision. I may not be able to repay everyone’s kindness...” Tang Xuan acted modest. “Grandfather has the final say.

“What else is there to consider? Which one of you have seen Tangning’s abilities? Just because she survives well in the entertainment industry, does that mean she is good at managing a business?”

“If you guys insist on putting Tangning in charge...then I will consider selling my shares.”

After a round of voting, there was no resolution to their problem. They were still in disagreement between the choice of Tangning or Tang Xuan. At this time, a phone call arrived from Elder Tang. No matter how disrespectful they were, the shareholders still endured their anger and answered the phone.

“Yuling has encountered a kidnapping in Switzerland and we currently don’t know if she is dead or alive. The entire Tang Family are working together to locate her. So, tomorrow, I will be announcing who the Acting CEO will be. I’m certain that no one will have any doubts about my decision.”

Tang Xuan lowered her head and let out a cold and gentle laugh. She was sure that apart from herself, no one else in the Tang Family could truly take charge.

“Tomorrow, I will get my granddaughter to hold a meeting with all of you.”

He said granddaughter...

...but he did not say which granddaughter!

Tang Xuan was certain that Elder Tang was going to place her back at the top.

The shareholders also misunderstood Elder Tang’s words, assuming that he was going to get Tang Xuan to temporarily take over, so they clapped their hands in agreement, “That’s right! The model should step aside. To be blatantly honest, Tangning is only suitable as a man’s toy. Someone like her, who can’t handle responsibility, should never step foot through the company’s doors.”

“Watch what you’re saying,” one of Tangning’s supporters warned. They were already displeased that Tang Xuan would be placed in a position of power again, yet Tangning was also being insulted in front of them. How could they tolerate it?

“Since grandfather has made a decision, then let’s meet again tomorrow!”

“It’s still not certain who we will be meeting with tomorrow. You aren’t the chairman’s only granddaughter,” someone sneered as they left. These words hit Tang Xuan exactly where it hurt.

Chapter 499: Not Just a Model and Actress

Deep down, Tang Xuan was actually aware that if she truly wanted to gain trust amongst the shareholders, she had to show them results. If she couldn’t resolve the problem in Switzerland this time, even if she got the position of Acting CEO, things would be just like before and no one would be convinced by her.

As for Tangning, she had already been in the entertainment industry for almost ten years and had no idea about business. So, Tang Xuan did not need to worry that Tangning would produce results before her.

Regardless of everything, she had already been in business for many years. She wasn’t someone that Tangning could easily compare with.

“Thank you Xia Yuling for your sacrifice and for fulfilling my wish!” Tang Xuan thought inside.

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10pm. The flight that Xia Yuling was on, arrived in Beijing airport right on time. The people that Mo Ting sent, protected her flawlessly. Even though they walked directly out of the airport, no one noticed a thing.



After 40 minutes, Xia Yuling entered Hyatt Regency. As soon as she saw Tangning, she stretched out her arms and wrapped her in a tight hug.

Although she knew their plan was flawless she was still frightened at the thought of it.

“Mom, you sure have guts,” Tangning had heard about the entire incident and knew that Xia Yuling had taken a huge risk.

“Aren’t I fine in the end?” Xia Yuling removed her jacket and spun around in front of Tangning to show that she was unscathed. “When Mo Ting is involved, could you possibly not be rest assured?”

Tangning took a deep breath and dragged Xia Yuling over to the sofa.

“How’s the situation with Tang Xuan?”

“She seems to think that grandfather will give her the role of Acting CEO tomorrow. She’s probably wracking her brain at the moment, trying to think of a way to make a contribution by saving the collaboration with Switzerland,” Tangning replied calmly.

Xia Yuling looked seriously into Tangning’s eyes. Her eyes appeared to have a life of its own, making those that looked into it feel like their true self would be revealed right in front of her. She was too good at judging people. In fact, there were many times when she’d see through someone, but not reveal it.

“What do you plan to do then?”

“Grandfather has recommended a secretary for me. I think it’s best if I get her to temporarily represent me. When the time is right, I will make an appearance,” Tangning explained thoughtfully. “As for the collaboration with Switzerland, I’ve already given them over 40 phone calls. Although they haven’t picked up once, I will continue to try.”

At a time like this, sincerity was the most important thing. And it just so happened that Tangning was a persistent person.

“Are you confident?” although Xia Yuling believed in Tangning’s abilities, after managing Tang Corps for so long, she still hoped there was no chance of failure.

“Mom, trust me. Sleep here tonight. I’ve already prepared the guest room for you.”

Xia Yuling had experienced so much in 2 days that she was left in a tired state, so she had no energy to refute as she headed for the guest room.

Tangning watched as Xia Yuling disappeared into the room before she picked up her phone to attempt another call. However, the other party still refused to pick up. She kept trying until 2 hours later when she fell asleep because her pregnancy made her lethargic. Mo Ting walked out of the study room to find Tangning huddled up on the sofa. He immediately straightened out her body, picked up her phone and continued to help her call.

Xia Yuling was sensitive to the movement in the living room, but it was already 3am. So, she was a little worried. Hence, she got up out of bed and tiptoed over to the living room. Just as she reached the living room, she spotted Mo Ting keeping Tangning warm as she slept. He was propped up against the sofa as he pressed the phone in his hand repeatedly.

Xia Yuling was a little surprised as she stood in place. She felt Tangning had made a huge gain by marrying a man like this; she was very fortunate.

Although Tangning also loved Mo Ting, compared to what Mo Ting did for her in secret, Xia Yuling felt her heart ache for her son-in-law.

Mo Ting attempted a few more calls before someone finally picked up on the other side. Using a mouth of fluent Italian, he conversed comfortably with the man. After roughly ten minutes, he put down the phone and carried Tangning towards the bedroom.

Halfway there, Tangning woke up. She sleepily looked at the side of Mo Ting's face and mumbled, "Hubby...I'm still making phone calls. You go to bed first."

"If you continue to work 'til this late at night, then don't think about taking over Tang Corps!" Mo Ting warned.

"Fine, it doesn't matter if I don't take over. But, there's something that's bothering me."

Hearing this, Mo Ting fell silent. He was well aware of what Tangning was referring to...

Tang Xuan wanted to remove Tangning's uterus and almost made her lose her baby. If she didn't make her pay for what she had done, Tangning would not be able to live in peace.

"Whatever she wants, I will take it from her."

"I will always be here to back you up," Mo Ting assumed that Tangning wanted him to be a spectator as usual. "The guys in Switzerland finally picked up the phone and I've already arranged for Lu Che to make arrangements. We've sent a private plane to bring their representatives here to meet with us."

"You always know what I am thinking."

"But, this is the limit to what I can do for you."

Tangning opened her eyes wide, straightened her body and placed a kiss on the corner of Mo Ting's lips before she said seductively beside his ear, "Our baby wants to greet his father..."

Mo Ting's gaze immediately deepened as he increased his speed towards the bedroom.

He then gently placed Tangning on the bed and leaned over to kiss her...

"The doctor recommended a safe...position. When I went for my checkup, she taught it to me," Tangning's ears turned red as she spoke gently. Perhaps it was because she was pregnant, she had an extra womanly aura around her.

"So?" Mo Ting teased.

"I want you," Tangning bit Mo Ting on the ear...

"As you wish..."

Tangning mustn't have known that during the time that she was pregnant, her skin had gotten more supple and her body had gotten closer to being perfect. So, she of course did not know that everytime

Mo Ting hugged her to sleep, he had the urge to be intimate with her and to kiss every inch of her body...

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The next morning, the family of three had breakfast in the dining room. After taking one glance at Mo Ting, Xia Yuling began to nag her daughter, "You should take better care of Mo Ting. He was making phone calls for you until 3am last night."

Tangning was a bit surprised. Although she knew Mo Ting had made phone calls, she didn't know he stayed up 'til so late for it.

"It's fine. Let's eat," Mo Ting reassured Tangning. "The representatives from Switzerland will arrive this morning and the board meeting will be held in the afternoon. So, you have plenty of time to re-secure the deal with them before you hand your victory to your secretary and get her to take it to the meeting on your behalf.

"OK," Tangning nodded. "But, if we come across a similar situation again in the future, I hope you can ignore it and come to bed with me. Nothing is more important than you."

"Are you confident about re-securing the deal? The representatives from Switzerland won't be easy to deal with."

Tangning knew what Mo Ting wanted to ask and also knew that he was trying to change the topic, so she replied with a smile, "Your wife isn't just a model and an actress."

## **Chapter 500: Expert Negotiator**

10am. Mo Ting arranged for the representatives from Switzerland to stay in a hotel near Hai Rui. The 3 men and 2 women seemed a bit annoyed by the trip.

"Didn't we already avoid having to work with Tang Corps? The CEO is currently missing, so there is no way to continue with our collaboration. There are plenty of big companies waiting to work with us, why did the Boss insist for us to come to Beijing?" one of the representatives said in a puzzled tone as he sat on the sofa.

"Did you think you are the only one that doesn't understand? We had to come all the way to this hell hole, where even the air is hazy."

"Endure for a bit. We can leave after we meet with them."

They each tidied up their stuff and followed a hotel staff to one of the hotel's meeting rooms. However, as they arrived, they did not see the CEO of Hai Rui nor did they see Tangning.

"What is this all about? Why isn't a representative from Tang Corps here to greet us?"

"I've never seen a host arriving later than their guests. Is this Asian etiquette?"

They were already frustrated by the fact that they were sent to Beijing. Now, with the added fact that no one from Tang Corps had appeared to greet them, they couldn't help their expressions from turning sour.

However, 5 minutes later, the door to the meeting room was pushed open. Tangning walked in wearing a black coat and flat shoes as she greeted the group of representatives in fluent Italian, "It's a pleasure to meet all of you."

Out of the group of five, only one woman stood up to shake Tangning's hand. Meanwhile, the remaining four, leaned back on their chairs and glared at her, "Based on your attitude today, there is no way we will work with you."

"Let's put business aside for now and have some food," Tangning maintained her smile as she turned and signaled to the waiter.

The representatives' expressions did not change. But...as soon as the waiter brought in one dish at a time and placed it on the table in front of them, their eyes lit up in surprise.

"How did you know that I like to eat lasagna?"

"This is my favorite cookie to go with coffee..."

"This..."

The party of five were surprised that Tangning knew what they all liked. In fact, some of this information, they had never shared with the people around them.

Seeing this, one of the representatives finally revealed an interested smile and crossed his arms as he asked, "Can I ask, how did you find out what we liked?"

"I've looked at your profiles. Some of this food was written down – others I guessed," Tangning smiled. "For example, the lady beside you doesn't seem to like drinking water."

The woman that Tangning was pointing to, nodded her head, "That's right! How did you know?"

"That's a secret. Feel free to give this food a taste and we can chat about it afterwards," Tangning deliberately kept them guessing as she held onto their curiosity. As they really wanted to hear Tangning's response, they forgot about their previous frustrations and started trying the food that was prepared for them.

Tangning lowered her head and smiled, but she only drank water the entire time.

Half an hour later, everyone finished their meals. At this time, the man called Jean put down the knife and fork in his hands and said to Tangning, "Although we are very thankful for your hospitality, we have already decided to cancel the collaboration with Tang Corps. We simply flew over this time to show Hai Rui some face."

"It's fine, I won't force you. But, I have some statistics that you might be interested in." After speaking, Tangning gestured for Song Yanshu to distribute the information to the five people seated at the table.

“This is the sales performance for Tang Corps in the final month of last year. The second document is the product that Tang Corps intends to promote in Europe. From our research, we have found that Europeans have been fascinated in Chinese medicine in recent years, but no one has invested into that market. Tang Corps has always been a leader in the perfume industry and have always given preference to our partner companies...We are planning to invest into this new market, and we would like to give you the opportunity to be at the forefront.”

The representatives looked at the information in their hands and threw it to one side, “There are plenty of big companies that have given better offers than you. Plus, Miss Tang, do you even understand perfume?”

“What if I add on one year of free endorsement?” Tangning offered, “As a model, I am quite famous in Europe...”

The people around the table froze in surprise as they looked Tangning up and down. At this time, someone suddenly realized, “You’re the famous Asian supermodel, Tangning?”

“I wouldn’t consider myself a supermodel...”

“So you are the new CEO of Tang Corps?” their opinion of her began to change.

“Yes.”

“I thought you looked familiar. So, you’re Tangning, the legendary Asian model. The model that ignited the Oriental Trend in the US and walked multiple high-class runways in Europe,” one of the female representatives started getting excited, “You’re amazing, we’ve heard a lot about you.”

“Thank you,” Tangning remained modest.

“But you still need to answer our questions, do you understand perfume?” Jean insisted on getting an answer.

“I don’t understand perfume, but I know how to help you achieve the most rewarding return,” Tangning replied straightforwardly.

After hearing this, the representative finally smiled, “I like your honesty. Compared to those that only know how to talk business, you are definitely a lot more likeable.”

“That’s because I can read people’s minds and that’s how I know what you all like. Do you believe me?” Tangning placed both hands on the table and raised her chin as she spoke.

“In that case, what do you think I’m thinking right now?” Jean asked with an interested smile.

Tangning looked at Jean in seriousness and replied sincerely, “You’re wondering how you can resume the collaboration with Tang Corps.”

Jean looked at Tangning in surprise and clapped his hands.

“What about me? What about me?”

Tangning looked at the young woman opposite her and replied, “You’re wondering if you can have another platter of cookies.”

“How did you know?” the woman asked in surprise.

“Because you just whispered to your colleague a moment ago and asked if you could get more.”

The woman was shocked by Tangning’s thoughtfulness as she raised a thumb at her.

Because of everything that happened, Jean finally said to Tangning, “Let’s work together.”

Tangning shrugged her shoulders.

“Miss Tang, you have displayed to us your detailed observational skills because you wanted to convince us, right? I must admit that you’ve succeeded. You are an expert negotiator!” Jean praised. “Your personality and charisma has convinced me that our collaboration will be a success.”

Tangning smiled as she stretched out her hand and shook hands with Jean. After finding out that Tangning was Mo Ting’s wife as well as a famous supermodel, he realized the value that Tangning and Tang Corps had. He simply needed to find a reasonable excuse to resume their cooperation.

“I’m really happy to have received your praise. As for the contract, please make your way to Tang Corps this afternoon to sign it. However, due to reasons related to work, I may not be able to greet you there. Please forgive me.”

“It’s OK, that’s fine. Do what you need to do,” Jean said politely.

Of course, they had no idea that they were about to witness a good show.