

Work Hard 531

Chapter 531: She Had No Idea That Tangning Was Pregnant !

Of course, the Fei Tian Awards wasn't easy to receive...

It was an award that every actor dreamed of. Not only were the competitors talented, they also had some form of background or support. Although the results couldn't be tampered with, plenty of people put in a lot of effort for this award.

Even so, Mo Ting was certain they'd win the award. He had already asked Tangning to give up on too much: the international stage, the glory of being an international supermodel, a personal value with limitless potential and her original dream...

Thinking of this, a trace of seriousness appeared in Mo Ting's gaze. After all, in this entire world, only Tangning could make him give his all.

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The votes for the Fei Tian Awards came from three sources. 20% came from the audience, 50% from professional judges and 30% was dependent on statistics. In other words, apart from the audience, the other two sources could not be influenced whatsoever. After all, The Fei Tian Awards had been around for many years and always maintained its fairness; it was acknowledged by everyone because of its transparency.

As for the 20% of audience votes that could be influenced, it merely represented the popularity of an actor and had no real influencing power on the final results.

"Who cares about the Newcomer Award, you should directly win The Best Actress Award!"

Inside the living room, Tangning burst out laughing at Long Jie's response as she flipped through the information of the other nominees, "Rome wasn't built in a day! Plus, the judges of The Fei Tian Awards are all capable people. Rumor has it that they end up fighting every year over who to pick. This goes to show that the Fei Tian Awards is a prestigious award to receive."

This was what made Tangning excited. After all, she really wanted to see how she performed in the eyes of the professionals.

"According to your current popularity and your ability to attract attention even though you've been locked away at home for a few months, I don't think you need to worry about the votes at all."

"As long as they take it seriously, that's all that matters," Tangning replied with a smile. After all, she valued the judge's opinions the most.

Long Jie fell silent for a moment as her eyes drifted down to Tangning's stomach. Pointing to it, she asked, "When does Boss plan to announce that you're pregnant?"

"There's no rush," Tangning replied as she rubbed her stomach, "When the right time comes, we will announce it."

Hearing this, Long Jie had nothing else to say. She knew deep in her heart, with a piece of explosive news like this, Tangning was definitely well prepared. Perhaps, she had something else she wanted to achieve first.

However, at this moment, there was a piercing coldness in Tangning's gaze. She was getting ready to throw a painful attack at Tang Xuan and the people that ridiculed her for not being able to fall pregnant.

"Hey, isn't that Song Yanshu? Why is she walking back and forth downstairs?" Long Jie happened to see Song Yanshu standing outside through the floor-to-ceiling window.

"She's hesitating whether to come and have a chat with me," Tangning replied calmly.

"What happened?" Long Jie looked at Tangning confusedly. She was completely unaware of the complications between Song Yanshu and Tang Jingxuan.

Tangning gave a gentle laugh and walked over to the balcony. Looking down, she yelled, "Come up."

Song Yanshu looked up awkwardly; she never expected to be discovered. Gathering all her courage, she stepped inside the Spanish palace-styled villa and shuffled her way in front of Tangning, "Ning Jie, I want to have a chat with you."

"Speak up. Long Jie isn't an outsider," Tangning pointed to the chair with her chin, gesturing for Song Yanshu to sit. "I know you want to ask about Jingxuan, but I'm sorry, I seriously don't know what he is thinking right now."

"I...I just want to apologize, but I can't get in contact with him," Song Yanshu smiled bitterly.

"You don't need to apologize to him. He left the industry because he was sick of all the darkness involved," Tangning comforted. But, these words had no effect on Song Yanshu.

"Ning Jie, this wasn't the first time he's experienced the darkness of the industry. How come this time..."

"You need to ask yourself this question," Tangning cut in. "Forget it...Yanshu, why did you want so badly for Jingxuan to be famous anyway? Was it because of Jingxuan or for another reason?"

Song Yanshu froze when she heard this question...

"You sacrificed yourself to pull him out of the depressing swamp that Xia Jingyi had created; you gave him a second chance at love, but...if you did everything for the sake of someone else, then that is worse than betrayal."

"He won't be able to stop himself from wondering if you've been using him all along."

Song Yanshu's face turned pale.

"He is now in a new environment and it's pretty good. Yanshu, you should also move forward. You should not feel sorry towards him and there is no need to apologize."

In other words...

If you let someone go, then they're gone. Even if you try to get them back, it all depends on whether that person is willing to wait around for you.

Song Yanshu left Hyatt Regency without a word. Meanwhile, Long Jie saw through the deeper meaning in Tangning's words, "Yanshu may not have understood your words, but I've been around you for long enough to know what you truly mean. You were sticking up for Jingxuan, weren't you?"

"Was I?" Tangning gave a gentle laugh.

"Of course. With your vengeful attitude, even those around you wouldn't be able to escape."

"I'm just speaking the truth. Yanshu may be great at her job, but it doesn't mean I agree with the way she views love."

Especially when the person that Song Yanshu hurt, was her brother... Tangning had to teach Song Yanshu a small lesson for her brother's heartbreak to be worth it.

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Late at night. Tang Household.

Apart from staying at home and relaxing his body and mind, the extremely free Elder Tang had gradually developed a new hobby. He started counting down the days until Tang Xuan and Tangning gave birth.

Of course, to prepare for this, Elder Tang had invited his lawyer over to set up a trust fund as a gift for his great grandchildren. Elder Tang wanted to give 20% of his shares to his first great grandchild.

20%...

Elder Tang did not keep this from the rest of the family. After all, almost everyone knew Tangning was pregnant; only Tang Xuan was still left in the dark.

As for the meaning of 'first great grandchild'...

Elder Tang of course had his own determining factors.

Even if Tang Xuan's child was to be born earlier than Tangning's... Tang Xuan should not dream of getting a cent out of her child. Because she was going to be kicked out of the family as soon as she gave birth!

But, Tang Xuan did not know this as she began to feel hopeful. After all, she had no idea that Tangning was pregnant!

"Grandfather, would 20% be too much?" Tang Xuan said as she held back her glee and looked modestly shocked.

"Too much? Of course not," Elder Tang replied cheerily. But, what did the shares have to do with her?

Chapter 532: Tang Corps' Annual Celebration

"Grandfather, I really never expected you to accept my child and I," Tang Xuan couldn't help but feel a little choked up. Perhaps, at this moment, she was truly moved.

But, Elder Tang wasn't going to fall for her tricks again. Especially after all the wrong things she had done.

There was no way that Elder Tang would believe that Tang Xuan would change for the better.

"Say no more, go get some rest," Elder Tang waved his hand. He didn't want to continue playing along with Tang Xuan. After all, for two blood related people to each have separate motives was quite a joke.

"OK grandfather, I'll go up first," Tang Xuan said as she supported her stomach. But, just as she turned around, she noticed Xia Yuling standing behind them with a confused look.

Tang Xuan assumed that Xia Yuling had overheard Elder Tang's intention to give away his shares, so she couldn't hide the pride in her eyes.

Xia Yuling watched quietly as Tang Xuan walked away before she sat down beside Elder Tang, "Father...what is the meaning of this?"

Elder Tang held onto his walking stick with both hands and replied in a stern manner, "They are my shares. I can do what I want with them."

"But..."

"Yuling, you don't need to say anything," Elder Tang held out his hand to stop her. He then stood up and continued, "I've already made my decision. Come with me to the study room. There's no point disapproving. Don't let Xiao Xuan overhear us. After all, she's currently pregnant."

Xia Yuling suddenly understood what Elder Tang actually meant as she gently looked behind them and followed Elder Tang into the study room.

"Father..."

"Yuling, I've decided to hand over the position of chairman and I've decided to announce in front of all the staff at Tang Corps that Tangning will be the future chairwoman." Elder Tang leaned against his desk and sighed, "Tang Xuan can't be saved. After she gives birth, she can go wherever she wants, I don't care."

"So, you're saying you don't actually have the intention to give your shares to your first great grandchild?"

"Even if I give a gift to my great grandchild, what does that have to do with Tang Xuan?" Elder Tang asked with a deeper meaning. "Although I know that Tangning isn't willing to take over Tang Corps, I am truly getting old. With you and Jingxuan around, I think it's time I hand over all the responsibility."

"Xiao Ning won't need to do much. She simply has to hold the position of chairwoman and I'm sure Tang Corps will continue to be on the rise."

"Father..."

Elder Tang waved his hand as a smile suddenly appeared on his face, almost in self mockery, "It's decided. Vacation time is coming up and it's almost time for the company's annual celebration. I will

make this announcement at the celebration. Let's make proper preparations so Xiao Ning can be glamorously anointed."

Xia Yuling remained silent for a few seconds before nodding her head, "OK, we'll follow your arrangements."

"You can do what you want with Tang Xuan, there's no need to consult me. I'll pretend that I've never had this granddaughter."

Elder Tang had well and truly given up on Tang Xuan.

Even though Tang Xuan was pregnant – thinking about all that she had done in the past – Xia Yuling also could not feel an sympathy for her. The only thing she could do was treat Tang Xuan's child with fairness.

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Late at night, Mo Ting carried Tangning out of the bathroom and gently placed her on the bed. He then knelt down and gently rubbed her protruding belly.

"Mom made a phone call just a moment ago and asked us to attend Tang Corps' Annual Celebration," Tangning said as she leaned back on the soft pillow, "Hubby, do you think we should go?"

"Since you are currently in charge at Tang Corps, it makes sense for you to attend," Mo Ting held onto Tangning's right hand and placed a loving kiss on the back of it.

"But, I don't think I'll be able to conceal my pregnancy anymore," Tangning said as she looked down at her stomach.

"We were originally planning to announce it anyway. Let's start with the staff at Tang Corps then," Mo Ting put down Tangning's hand and covered her with the blanket. "Don't worry about taking our baby out, I will be your strongest support from behind."

Tangning nodded as she grabbed onto Mo Ting's head and looked at him seriously. She then smiled, "I hope our child will be boy. That way I can see roughly how you looked when you were a child."

"And I want a girl for the same reason..."

"Let's have two then," Tangning placed her forehead against Mo Ting's forehead. The couple leaned against each other lovingly.

On the outside, Mo Ting was still the Big Boss of entertainment; to outsiders, he was still the strict and ruthless CEO of Hai Rui. But, when it came to Tangning, his warmth always remained the same. Hence, Tangning could imagine, decades later, even after having children, Mo Ting would always remain as gentle as ever and grow more charming by the day.

Tang Corps' Annual Celebration...

This was the day that every staff member looked forward to. After all...every year, this was the day that they received their bonuses and other rewards.

Not only this, Tang Corps also planned a grand ball every year, allowing its staff to get dressed up and attend in a glamorous manner.

However, this year's annual celebration was going to be a little special.

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Meanwhile, 'W.H.' was still screening at the theatres and the feedback and sale numbers were beyond belief. But, the suspense-filled film made filmgoers cheer in excitement.

This not only meant that 'W.H.' was unaffected by the other films that were screening, it also made it appear extra precious.

"When will 'The Lost Relative' be released? I heard that Tangning plays the role of a fighter. Doesn't that sound even more exciting?"

"Tangning's amazing. She played three completely different characters in her three films, but she brought each one to life. It's such a shame that she was forced to stop filming."

"All I know is, 'W.H.' had been the most exciting film I have watched in recent years. I hope Tangning can continue to pursue the path of true acting and not go down the path of an idol..."

"I'm going to give all my votes to Tangning..."

"I wonder when we will get to see Tangning again."

Actually, it was rare to see a situation like the current one. In an industry where newcomers became famous everyday, as soon as someone lost their rate of exposure, people would easily forget them.

But, Tangning's popularity did not drop whatsoever. Especially after 'W.H.' became a hit, her popularity grew rapidly along with the film.

A person that had retreated from the industry...actually managed to shine above all those that were still active. Her superstar aura was very eye-catching, but often attracted hate.

But, who would have predicted that Tangning was about to release another piece of explosive news to excite the media?

Chapter 533: This Is The Tang Family's Territory !

How could a person that had already stepped out of the limelight, still be the talk of the town?

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Not long after, came the day of Tang Corps' Annual Celebration. As every single member of staff was invited, the atmosphere was extremely grand. When it came to rewarding their staff, Tang Corps always listened to the opinions of their staff. Especially after Xia Yuling took over, this thoughtfulness multiplied even further, so their loyalty also increased.

However, the turn-out at the annual celebration was higher than usual this year, because they had an extra motive: everyone wanted to see Tangning!

The staff at Tang Corps were mesmerized by 'W.H.' just like practically everyone else in Beijing. After all, it was a huge production with extremely good feedback. Whenever the film held any form of fan meetings, they were bound to turn up and show their support. However...Tangning had unfortunately retreated from the industry and even her closest fans didn't get to see her. So, their only chance, was at the annual celebration!

"Luckily I'm a staff of Tang Corps. I can actually get the chance to see Tangning."

"There are over 1000 attendees at this year's celebration and everyone looks stunning in their formal wear. I wonder how Tangning will look..."

"I know right? After all, she is a supermodel..."

"I prefer her as an actress. Her acting is amazing..."

Within the grand ballroom, underneath the luxurious crystal chandelier, guests gathered in small groups to chat. Amongst them, the hottest topic was naturally Tangning!

Tangning!

From August last year, this name had slowly seeped into all corners of Beijing. And today, her name had already become a legend.

It didn't matter that she was already married or that her husband was Mo Ting, the CEO of Hai Rui.

"Do you guys think she will attend today?"

"I'm pretty sure she will."

"It's best you guys lay off this topic, Tangning hasn't shown up, but the annoying Big Miss has arrived instead."

Everyone looked towards the red carpet as Tang Xuan appeared in a white gown and light grey fur jacket. Even though she had lost everything, she still maintained her attitude as the Big Miss of Tang Corps as she helped Elder Tang into the ballroom.

The guests slowly gathered around to give their greetings.

In particular, shareholders and important business partners stepped forward to shake the old man's hand. Of course, they had no choice but to give Tang Xuan a few words of praise.

"Old man Tang, if your granddaughter gets any more beautiful, she will be comparable to a goddess..."

"I know right. Even though Xiao Xuan is pregnant, her body is still as good as ever. I really envy her."

Although she knew that their words were just for show, Tang Xuan still felt her heart light up. After all, every woman enjoyed being praised.

"By the way, where's your family's Second Miss and Tangning? How come we don't see them?"

Elder Tang immediately replied with a smile, "Yichen still has a heap of surgeries lined up. As for Tangning...she's on her way. I'm sure you all know that Beijing is famous for its traffic jams!"

“That’s true. By the way Elder Tang, you are very lucky. Our entire family has watched Tangning’s latest film. You’ve really created a genius. My son told me, if I see Tangning, I have to get an autograph for him. Both my sons are currently obsessed with her...”

“Haha, if it’s just an autograph you want, that’s easy.”

Although it was meant to be Tang Corps’ Annual Celebration, hearing everyone praise Tangning still made Elder Tang’s heart fill with joy. He was pretending to be unfazed by it all, but he knew deep inside that he had once underestimated the profession of an actor and, in fact, underestimated the entire entertainment industry.

He never expected that Tangning would receive so much love and respect from everyone.

At first, people still noticed Tang Xuan, but as the celebration progressed and people began to mention Tangning, Tang Xuan slowly became just a part of Elder Tang’s background. No one noticed her any more.

At first, Tang Xuan still managed to force a smile. But, as time progressed, the fire in her heart began to burn fiercer...

Why couldn’t Tangning give her the slightest chance of survival?

Tangning obviously had everything already!

“Aiya, old man Tang...we are so honored. I wonder if we’ll get the chance to meet Tangning today...”

Along came another guest who wanted to know about Tangning. Tang Xuan couldn’t take it anymore, so she directly turned to Elder Tang and said, “Grandfather, I need to go to the bathroom.”

“Go then!” Elder Tang was well aware that she had reached her limit, so he allowed her to excuse herself.

Tang Xuan loosened her grip on Elder Tang’s arm and left the ballroom holding onto her handbag. But, because she was quite angered and her steps were rough, she accidentally ran into a young woman...

The woman was dressed in a light pink dress, but because Tang Xuan had run into her, red wine had tipped all over her body and she was left in an extremely helpless state.

But, even so, Tang Xuan did not respond. After glancing at the woman briefly, she directly walked away. At this time, the woman stopped her, “Don’t you know how to apologize after running into someone? Miss Tang?”

Tang Xuan was already in a bad mood. So, with the woman’s provocation, she directly replied, “Get lost!”

Get lost!

The woman didn’t seem to care who had said these words to her as she grabbed onto Tang Xuan’s wrist, “Apologize!”

“Don’t cause trouble. It’s not like I did it on purpose. Since you know that I am the Big Miss of the Tang Family, then you should know that this is the Tang Family’s territory!”

The woman was quite young, but her eyes revealed a sharp fire. From her presence, it was easy to tell that she wasn't an average person.

"So this is how Tang Corps treats its guests?" the woman's voice increased a few decibels. She was so loud that Elder Tang's attention was drawn over.

Elder Tang looked over and wanted to go over to handle the matter, but a few old friends suddenly interrupted and made it hard for him to brush them off.

Assistant Leng immediately understood what Elder Tang was thinking, so he leaned in and whispered, "The Third Miss has arrived..."

Elder Tang quickly relaxed as he nodded his head and allowed the argument to continue. After all, this was the best time for Tangning to make an entrance.

"Everyone, look over here, Miss Tang Xuan here ran into me. But, not only did she refuse to apologize, she even told me that this is the Tang Family's territory and told me not to cause trouble. I simply wanted to hear her say sorry. Miss Tang, don't tell me you're too good to lower your precious head and give me a simple apology?"

After hearing this, Tang Xuan's face turned bright red. Everyone knew that she was like a walking shell and was no different to a piece of decoration in the Tang Family.

But knowing was one thing and actually exposing it was another.

So, boiling with anger, Tang Xuan lifted her hand to slap the woman...

Chapter 534: Isn't This Only Fair ?

"Miss Tang, think about it carefully. If you throw this slap over, Tang Corps will end up losing one of their biggest business partners next year."

The woman stared directly at Tang Xuan. Her gaze was unwavering as she spoke in a firm tone.

In front of everyone, Tang Xuan was suddenly forced into a predicament.

If she threw the slap over, not only Elder Tang, but all the eyes in the ballroom would witness her every move...

On the other hand, if she held back her slap, what would happen to her pride?

But, just as everyone thought that Tang Xuan wouldn't dare to lay a hand on the heiress, a huge "PAK" echoed through the ballroom...Tang Xuan actually made a move in front of everyone.

She had suddenly remembered all the praise that Tangning had received from the guests that night and how they had ignored her. Since Tangning was so capable, she was going to wait and see how Tangning would clean up after her.

Of course, Tang Xuan only ever knew how to use methods that sacrificed herself to damage her enemies. She never looked at things with much foresight nor considered the consequences.

“Is the Big Miss crazy? She actually slapped the heiress of Xu Corps!”

“Is there something wrong with her brain?”

“The staff has worked so hard for the company for her to come along and ruin it!”

Tang Corps’ staff verbally expressed their displeasure. Especially since Tang Xuan had done something so stupid at such an important event. No wonder Tangning’s reputation in Tang Corps was ever-growing. After all, one was endlessly resolving problems, while the other endlessly caused them...

As for Miss Xu, who had been slapped, she obviously did not expect that Tang Xuan actually had the guts to make a move. All of a sudden, she was covering her face in shock and anger as she glared at Tang Xuan.

Tang Xuan suddenly felt a little scared, but she concealed it with a powerful tone, “You asked for it. Don’t blame me for being impolite! After all, this is Tang Corps’ Annual Celebration...”

“It seems, Tang Corps doesn’t want to work with Xu Corps anymore,” the heiress said coldly to Tang Xuan before she turned to leave. However, at this time, a loud voice resonated from the crowd.

“Please wait.”

Everyone turned to look for the owner of the voice as they gradually moved aside to form a path down the middle. At this time, everyone finally realized who had arrived.

Dressed in a black loose-fitting dress, the woman in front of them was sexy and mysterious. The diamonds on her wrist and ears made her sparkle like a sky full of stars. She was dazzling and captivating.

Her elegant vibe and unignorable presence, made everyone present suddenly forget to breathe...

Especially since Mo Ting was standing right beside her. A man that possessed an attractive face like his, was incomparable no matter where he appeared. He was like a king that had made an appearance in front of commoners...

Who else could compete for the limelight when faced with this couple?

“Tangning’s here...”

“The situation has a chance of revival!”

“Just in time...Third Miss must save Tang Corps’ pride and not let this wench ruin everything.”

Everyone expressed their excitement. But, of course, Tangning’s loose-fitting outfit today was deliberately chosen to hide her stomach. It wasn’t currently the right time to announce the child in her stomach. After all, there were way too many guests and a complex mix of people; she didn’t want to put her child at risk.

“Please wait,” Tangning repeated.

The heiress was a little surprised as she turned around to find Tangning and Mo Ting walking towards her.

Plenty of people had heard about Tangning's methods, but no one had personally witnessed her impressive PR skills. So, today's difficult situation was the perfect test of her abilities.

Tang Xuan had already thrown her slap. Was there still a chance of revival?

"The Third Miss Tang!" the heiress scoffed. "What? Don't you think your sister hit me enough? Did you want to join in?"

"Can Miss Xu please give me one minute?" Tangning asked in seriousness.

The woman really wanted to reject Tangning, but as she looked into Tangning's eyes, it was somehow impossible for her to say anything.

"Go ahead..." the heiress looked at Tangning with a doubtful curiosity as she gave her the chance to speak.

"Tangning, your older sister has been bullied. Don't tell me you are siding with an outsider at a time like this?" Tang Xuan took the opportunity to fan the fire.

Hearing this, Tangning turned to look at Tang Xuan coldly and asked, "If I'm not wrong, when it comes to Tang Corps, isn't Miss Tang Xuan the true outsider?"

"You..."

"As an outsider, you bullied one of Tang Corps' special guests on Tang Corps' territory. Miss Tang, how do you plan to explain yourself?" Tangning continued to question her sharply. Of course, Mo Ting stood beside his wife and protected her the entire time. A scene like this obviously didn't need his involvement, but no one dared to ignore his presence.

Tang Xuan froze, unable to say a word. Tangning did not continue to force her as she turned around and said to the heiress, "Miss Xu, when it comes to business, let's leave it in the hands of the elders. It's best we don't make things difficult for them. Instead, I will make sure that you didn't get hurt for nothing. What do we say?"

After hearing these words, a smile appeared on the heiress's face. These two sisters were indeed worlds apart.

Tangning was giving her a way of stepping down with her pride intact.

After all, there was no way that Tang Corps and Xu Corps would cancel their cooperation over a mere slap. They were talking about billions of dollars and something that would affect the entire operation of the business. She had simply made her threat out of impulse.

But, the thing that made the heiress the most happy, was the fact that Tangning did not try to protect her sister at all. Her unconcealed disgust towards Tang Xuan, showed the heiress that Tangning was on the same side as her.

"Fine. I would like to see how the Third Miss plans to resolve this issue."

After receiving the woman's response, Tangning understood her standpoint. Freeing herself from Mo Ting's arms, she walked over to Tang Xuan and demanded, "Give Miss Xu three bows and say sorry three times..."

She then turned to the heiress and asked, "Miss Xu, what do you think?"

She had asked Tang Xuan to bow...

...in front of so many people?

The heiress remained silent for a few seconds before she nodded her head. If Tang Xuan was willing, then she was more than happy to accept. It was, after all, a proper apology.

"You must be dreaming!" Tang Xuan yelled at Tangning

"Does that mean you would prefer a second option?" Tangning looked at everyone and said loudly, "I have always been a vengeful person. I'm sure everyone is aware of this. Since the Big Miss refuses to apologize, then I will not force her to bow. How about we get Miss Xu to return the bump and slap that you gave her instead?"

"Isn't this only fair?"

Chapter 535: Provoking Someone That Should Not Be Provoked

After hearing Tangning's words, Tang Xuan's entire body shook in anger as she roared at Tangning without restraint, "Tangning!"

Tangning noticed Tang Xuan's eyes had turned red from anger. With a calm and cold voice, she responded, "Don't you think, considering all the times that the Tang Family has cleaned up after your arrogant behavior, that a simple apology and bow is already a merciful request from you?"

"If not because we are blood related and the fact that you are a part of the Tang Family, you would already be defending yourself in court right now. Did you think you'd still have the chance to be standing right here, acting arrogantly towards our guests?"

"It's either you apologize today or you let Miss Xu hit you back. With so many witnesses, I refuse to believe that you can still ignore what's right from wrong."

Tangning's words were so powerful that it gave everyone a definite conclusion: Tangning was firm on her decision. The Xu Family heiress suddenly felt like she had provoked someone that was no fun to provoke...

Someone that she shouldn't have provoked...

Tang Xuan's face turned red as she clenched her fists by her sides. In the end, she let out a laugh, "Tangning, don't think that I don't know what your motive is. Is it because you heard that grandfather plans to give his shares to my child that you decided to scheme against me?"

Under the current situation, at a grand event like this, if Tang Xuan didn't use her child as a shield, she was afraid she wouldn't be able to escape unscathed. So, she stuck out her belly, reminding everyone that she was currently pregnant and that they couldn't act recklessly towards her.

Tang Xuan was well aware of the advantage that she held!

"How annoying. Just because she's pregnant, does that mean she should be let off the hook?"

"How shameless. How could God allow someone like her to fall pregnant?"

"Is she going to get away with what she's done, just like this?"

Hearing the discussions around her, a smile naturally appeared on Tang Xuan's face. She knew, as long as she had a child in her stomach, Tangning did not dare to do anything to her. So, she simply scoffed and turned to leave. But, Tangning suddenly grabbed onto her wrist and held her back...

"I didn't say you could leave..."

"What can you possibly do to me?" Tang Xuan asked.

"Since we've gotten to this point, let's calculate everything you owe, all at once. Did you want me to tell everyone about how you bribed a doctor to remove my uterus, or do you want me to tell everyone about how you teamed up with my mother's secretary to get her kidnapped?"

Tang Xuan suddenly began to tremble...

"I've already kept all your witnesses and evidence in a safe place. It's either you shut up and apologize right now, or I'll get the police to ask you to lower your precious head."

"You...you can't possibly have..."

"Go ahead and try..."

The two sisters kept their conversation between themselves, not allowing a third person to hear. However, Tangning's words were lethal enough towards Tang Xuan.

Tang Xuan was so frightened that her face suddenly went pale before it slowly turned red. In the end, she could only grit her teeth as she said, "Tangning you are despicable as always."

"Did you think you deserve to be treated fairly?" Tangning asked back.

Tangning's smile appeared warm and gentle, but to Tang Xuan, it was full of mockery.

"Fine, I'll apologize!"

Everyone was surprised by these words. They didn't know how to react to Tang Xuan's sudden change.

Tangning let go of Tang Xuan's wrist and gestured for her to immediately apologize.

Tang Xuan had no choice but to walk over to the heiress of Xu Corps. As she got down on her knees and bowed, she said, "Miss Xu, I'm sorry. I was wrong, I hope you can forgive me."

"Three times," Tangning emphasized.

Tang Xuan held back her anger as she apologized to the heiress three times.

"It's all over now." The heiress originally thought that no one would be able to deal with this pregnant lady. But, no matter how shameless she was, she was up against Tangning.

Tangning!

The heiress was completely convinced by Tangning's abilities.

"Is that enough?" Tang Xuan asked, after bowing three times in a row.

Tangning looked towards the heiress and the heiress nodded her head in satisfaction.

"I hope this does not happen again."

Tang Xuan glared at Tangning. But, there was nothing she could do...

"You can return to your seat now, Miss Tang. You better watch where you walk from now on. If you accidentally lose your child, I don't want the public to think that I schemed against you."

Tang Xuan was asked to return to her seat and not to leave...

Tang Xuan's chest rose up and down; it was obvious that she was trying to control her anger. But, what could she do? The person before her was the flawless Tangning and she was hopeless around her.

So, all she could do was return to her seat under the gaze of all the guests...

"Although I don't know what the Third Miss said to Tang Xuan to make her submit, the result was f*cken satisfying."

"Seeing this woman being defeated completely cures my anger."

"I can't believe the Third Miss actually managed to make her bow and apologize. She dealt with this difficult woman so easily."

Tang Corps' staff all cheered inside. Just like the heiress from Xu Corps, they were helpless towards Tang Xuan's arrogance. After all, she was pregnant, so they had to be cautious around her.

But, when it came to Tangning...

...she easily made Tang Xuan admit defeat!

The heiress of Xu Corps had witnessed an impressive show and Tangning also helped her retrieve her pride. So, she looked at everyone and smiled, "I've long heard that the Third Miss is a very wise woman. She sure lives up to expectations."

"With a person like this in charge, no wonder Tang Corps is continually on the rise. Third Miss, I am well and truly impressed by you."

"You are too polite, Miss Xu. I'm sorry that you had to go through all this tonight."

"A small matter like this is nothing," the heiress replied. "If Miss Tang doesn't mind, could we perhaps be friends?"

Tangning resolved a huge crisis in front of so many people, so the staff were naturally convinced by her. Seeing that the atmosphere returned to normal, Elder Tang couldn't help but smile proudly.

If there was one person in this world that could stand her ground in front of both the good and bad, then that would be Tangning.

In the end, he brushed off his old friends and weaved through the crowd towards Tangning and Mo Ting. All of a sudden, he raised Tangning's right hand, "I would like to take this opportunity to announce a very important decision..."

"I'm sure no one will have any objections towards this. From today onwards...I have decided to step down from my position as chairman and hand it over to my third granddaughter, Tangning!"

Chapter 536: Tangning Is Also Pregnant ?

Hearing this, everyone was stunned as they held onto their red wine glasses and looked at each other. At this time, the most shocked person was none other than Tang Xuan, who directly jumped right out of her seat.

As the announcement came too sudden. It was practically like a huge bomb had been thrown upon them...

At first, the staff did not know how to respond. But then, Mo Ting suddenly started clapping. Everyone quickly joined in as they erupted into an applause.

"That's great!"

"Wow, amazing!"

Not only was there clapping, but because of their excitement, the staff also erupted in sharp screams and cheers. They were truly convinced by Tangning. If it was someone else, they may not have easily accepted it.

This was a true example of a well-deserved result!

"Xiao Ning, there are so many eyes on you. Do you still want to reject my offer? Grandfather doesn't expect you to focus 100% of your energy on Tang Corps, you simply need to protect the Tang Family's foundations and pass the company on through the generations. That's all you need to do for grandfather to be satisfied."

Tangning looked at Elder Tang and then turned to look at Mo Ting. Finally, she placed her gaze upon the out of control Tang Xuan and nodded her head, "Grandfather, I'll do the best I can."

"Great, that's great," Elder Tang took a deep breath like he had lifted a huge load off his shoulders. Now that Tangning had finally agreed to take over Tang Corps, he no longer needed to worry about the future of the company.

However, just as everyone was celebrating that Tangning had accepted the role of chairwoman, a shrill scream suddenly resonated from the crowd, "Blood...She's bleeding!"

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[Tang Corps to undergo changes: Tangning takes over while Tang Xuan has a miscarriage!]

[Sisterly fight reaches new heights: Tang Xuan gets kicked out of Tang Corps three times; resulting anger leads to miscarriage!]

[Tangning a winner at life: leads the box office and becomes chairwoman of Tang Corps at the same time]

The hottest news in Beijing at the moment was focused around Tangning becoming the chairwoman of Tang Corps and Tang Xuan having a miscarriage and being sent to the hospital.

Of course, it was true that Tang Xuan had started bleeding at the Annual Celebration, but the child in her stomach was fine after the doctors stabilized her condition.

Tang Corps' Annual Celebration was the highlight of the year, but no one expected that it would end because of Tang Xuan being sent to the hospital.

Inside the quiet VIP hospital room, Tang Xuan was hooked up to a drip as she leaned weakly against the headboard. Her face looked pale and exhausted.

Elder Tang walked in with his walking stick and sat down on the edge of Tang Xuan's bed, while Assistant Leng and Xia Yuling stood to one side. Although there were plenty of people watching over her, none of them were people that she wanted to see.

"Grandfather, don't you think you were too ruthless?" Tang Xuan suddenly said with a raspy voice after a moment of silence. Tears slowly seeped out of her eyes, "I am your granddaughter as well. Why do you only dote on Tangning?"

"You've given Tangning the entire Tang Corps and haven't left me with even a dime..."

"Do you know how much hate I feel?"

After hearing Tang Xuan's words, Elder Tang lowered his head for a moment before looking up and saying, "The most important thing for you right now is to take care of yourself. The doctor said you almost had a miscarriage."

"Grandfather...how could you go to such extremes?"

"Tang Xuan..." Xia Yuling spoke up on behalf of Elder Tang, but Elder Tang held her back.

"Perhaps, to you, I may seem really cruel because I am the most ruthless towards you," after a short pause, he continued, "But, have you ever wondered why?"

Tang Xuan looked away without responding.

It was almost like Elder Tang's mistreatment of her was the entire cause of everything that had happened.

"Grandfather once loved you and even hurt Tangning for over 20 years because of you. But, what did I get in return? Xiao Xuan, be honest with me. What did you do to Xiao Ning?"

Tang Xuan suddenly froze. She did not dare to look Elder Tang in the eyes because of guilt.

“You’ve done plenty of bad things in the past, but grandfather has always turned a blind eye to it. However, I never expected that you’d team up with the hospital to get my Xiao Ning’s uterus removed.”

“Then there’s Yuling. Over the years, she’s upheld her responsibility towards the Tang Family. Even though she’s not your birth mother, she’s sacrificed herself and her own daughter just to make you guys feel comfortable. Yet, what did you do in return? You actually found someone to kidnap her.”

As soon as Tang Xuan heard Elder Tang mention these two incidences, her eyes grew big in shock, “Did Tangning tell you...”

“I knew from the start,” Elder Tang directly cut in, “From the very start...”

“In other words...”

“In other words, I spent everyday facing such a cruel granddaughter but never got to see her turn back. Instead, I found myself becoming more and more disappointed in her. As a result, grandfather no longer feels an ounce of sympathy towards you,” Elder Tang said coldly.

Tang Xuan thought about the act she had been putting on for so long and how she thought she had the Tang Family playing into her hands.

Tang Xuan’s heart suddenly turned cold...

In fact, she began to laugh at herself inside. It seemed, she had been too self-centered.

“I guess all of you viewed me as an idiot?”

It turned out, in front of the Tang Family, they had already seen through her from the start...

“You guys really know how to put on an act. No wonder you created an actress like Tangning. You should all go and be actors,” Tang Xuan yelled at Elder Tang and the others, “Leave! All of you! I don’t want to see any of you! Get lost!”

So this was the true humiliation that Tangning gave her.

She was so humiliated that she wanted to dig a hole and bury herself inside.

Elder Tang and the others did not say another word. They simply called for the personal caretaker and asked her to watch over Tang Xuan before they left the hospital and disappeared from Tang Xuan’s sight.

“Miss Tang, you need to get some rest. By the way, the Tang Family is surrounded by good news. I looked at the photos in the newspaper and it appears that Miss Tangning is also pregnant,” the caretaker suddenly pulled out a newspaper to show Tang Xuan after Elder Tang and the others left.

“What did you say?” Tang Xuan turned to look at the woman.

“Although she’s trying hard to conceal it, most doctors can easily tell that she is obviously a few months pregnant...”

Tangning is also pregnant?

That's impossible!

Because of the caretaker's words, Tang Xuan immediately snatched the newspaper out of her hands and scanned Tangning's photo in detail.

"Even if she found out that I tried to get her uterus removed, it's true that she can't fall pregnant! You're lying to me!"

"Miss Tang, although I'm already retired, I still have over 20 years experience. If I say she's pregnant, then it's certain. It's up to you whether you decide to believe me or not," faced with doubt, the woman simply emphasized what she saw.

In reality, it really wasn't hard to tell.

But, because of the previous rumors that Tangning couldn't fall pregnant, no one thought otherwise.

Chapter 537: You Don't Mind Getting a Little Bloody?

Tang Xuan tried to imagine Tangning's recent figure in detail. In the end, her lips curved upwards in self-mockery, "Is there any difference to me whether she is pregnant or not? I've already lost everything..."

After all, everyone in the Tang Family already knew about her bad deeds. Would anyone still show her pity?

No!

"I'm sure you will make a fair sum of money if you reveal this to the paparazzi," the caretaker joked.

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Over the past few days, because of the end of the year, everyone's attention was focused on the Fei Tian Awards.

The Fei Tian Awards was a recognition from professionals in the field. This year's main judge was the previous winner of The Fei Tian Lifetime Contribution Award. Under him were 2 team leaders and over 20 well-experienced artists, actors and directors. Elder Mo was one of these team leaders.

As it was almost time to announce the nominees for all categories, the judges were frantically trying to get their votes in. However, Mo Ting only signed Tangning up for The Best Newcomer Award using 'W.H.'.

The Best Newcomer Award...

On the surface, it appeared like an easy award to win. But, in reality, there was a large number of nominees and they were all equally talented.

The judges were to go through three rounds of voting to select 10 of the best for discussions. Eventually, through methods of elimination, they would settle on the final 5 nominees.

Of course, everyone still had to wait patiently to see what results 'W.H.' would get.

Meanwhile, the audience votes had also begun. As soon as voting started online, fans immediately flocked to cast their votes.

At this time, a small interlude happened.

Because Tangning's character in her latest film was very popular, plenty of fans decided to cast votes for her. So many fans tried to log on at the same time that the website ended up crashing. When voting finally resumed, it was discovered that the organizers had wiped a few of the nominees' votes completely clean. This was because they believed that some fans had cheated and cast multiple votes.

"Cheating? Does our Tangning need to cheat?" Long Jie was sitting in front of the computer. Seeing that the other nominees had hundreds of thousands of votes while Tangning's were only two figures, Long Jie couldn't help but point out the injustice.

"Up until this point, the Fei Tian Awards has always been fair. If the organizers say that someone cheated, then they cheated," Lu Che said as he held onto his coffee cup and leaned against Long Jie's seat.

"What do you mean?" Long Jie glared at Lu Che.

Seeing his wife's reaction, Lu Che immediately put down his coffee cup and sat down beside her, "Of course I'm not trying to say that the Madam is cheating. What I mean is...someone deliberately gave their competitors fake votes."

Long Jie nodded her head, "It only counts for 20% of the total, is it necessary?"

"How is it not necessary?" Lu Che began to explain, "Perhaps, you don't view any significance in this 20%. But, as long as it could be a deciding factor for the final results, other people aren't going to be stupid. Why wouldn't one fight for every single vote they can get?"

"What should we do now?" Long Jie asked in a frustrated manner as she looked at Tangning's votes.

She had only ever been the manager of a model, so she didn't know much about the film and television industry. There were many underhanded methods that she wasn't aware of.

"Right now, it's still impossible to find out who did it..." Lu Che replied with a dull tone.

"So, Tangning can't do anything but to take the blame?"

"It may not be a bad thing," Lu Che said with a deeper meaning.

Long Jie did not understand what Lu Che was thinking; she simply trusted her husband. But, she couldn't help but feel a little anxious. After all, this decided whether Tangning would win an award fairly.

"That's enough. We should believe in the Madam and get some rest." Lu Che noticed Long Jie still looked troubled, so he directly lifted her in his arms.

"Lu Che..."

"I almost forgot, there's something I want to discuss with you," Lu Che said gently after he put her down on the soft bed.

“Huh?”

“I’ve already discussed it with my parents. I want a DINK (Dual Income, No Kids) family!”

Long Jie was stunned for a moment before she asked, “Is it because I can’t fall pregnant?”

“How long have we been married? It’s normal to not have kids yet. There are plenty of couples that don’t have kids until they’ve been married for a few years. What do you mean you can’t fall pregnant?”

Lu Che couldn’t help but knock her on the head. “Can you stop assuming that you can’t fall pregnant? What if I’m the one that has a problem?”

“You’re strong and healthy, how could you have any problems?”

“Well, that’s what I told my parents. I told them there’s something wrong with me, so they wouldn’t get any weird thoughts.”

“What?” Long Jie’s voice increased in volume, “How could you say that to your parents? If I suddenly fall pregnant one day, would they think that I’ve had an affair?”

After hearing this, Lu Che burst out laughing, “You always speak before thinking.”

“But, I remember that you’ve always liked kids...”

“If I have to compare kids to you, I like you much more,” Lu Che suddenly hugged Long Jie and buried his head into her neck, “You probably don’t know how much you mean to me. I don’t want you to spend every day just thinking about having kids.”

Hearing this, Long Jie was quite surprised...

Out of nowhere, her eyes began to heat up as tears naturally rolled out, one drop at a time.

Although their identities weren’t significant or famous, Long Jie knew that she was holding true happiness in her arms.

“Who cares about having kids...I haven’t enjoyed the relationship between the two of us enough yet.”

Lu Che sat up and smiled as he kissed her tears away. Just as he was about to move down to her lips, Long Jie suddenly gripped onto his hands and said apologetically, “I have my period...”

“What bad timing...” Lu Che flipped over and lay on his back.

“Unless...you don’t mind getting a little bloody?”

“What are you thinking about? Go to sleep!” Lu Che tapped Long Jie on the head. After a gentle show of violence, he pulled his woman into his arms and hugged her to sleep.

He wasn’t Mo Ting, so he knew that what he wanted to give Long Jie wasn’t any award, empire or glory; all he wanted to give her, was a warm and happy home.

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The next morning, after the vote-clearing incident, Tangning’s vote count once again caught up to the others. Her fans were indeed powerful and loyal.

But, that night, her votes were once again cleared...

Inside the living room of Hyatt Regency, Mo Ting looked at what had happened and furrowed his brows, "I think we can lock down on the culprit very soon."

Tangning lay down on Mo Ting's lap and said in a gentle voice, "We can't avoid this. Even if my votes keep catching up, it may still end up getting cleared."

"But, you must not know, if someone is suspected of cheating three times, they will immediately be disqualified from audience votes."

"The public won't care if you've been framed or not. All they know is, your votes are always the highest, but keeps getting cleared."

Chapter 538: 6th

So they say, better the devil you know.

Only until this point did Tangning finally understand that her path wasn't particularly filled with more obstacles than everyone else. Being in the industry that she was and holding onto the position that she had, even if it was someone else, as long as they stood in someone's way, their result would be the same.

Thinking of this, her heart sank a little.

Perhaps the person that was playing tricks was determined to make their actress win. But, they couldn't forget that Tangning was also competing for the same award this year!

They were influential, but that was only because Mo Ting didn't normally get involved with the voting process of the Fei Tian Awards. But, this time, they had impacted Tangning. If someone dared to touch his wife, there was no way he'd let them off easy. Especially when she would be disqualified from receiving audience votes after three warnings. He couldn't possibly let them effect her votes.

It was impossible!

So, the next morning, a good show played out in front of everyone. Every single nominee was suspected of cheating. In fact, the numbers were more dramatic than the first two times. As a result, not only did the organizers clear all the votes, they also changed the rules for voting.

Each ID number could only vote once and votes from the same IP only counted as one. All the nominees had a fresh start in a fair race.

If anyone dared to compete with Mo Ting, they had to consider their abilities.

Otherwise, they were shooting themselves in the foot!

That night, just as the final votes were piling in, Tangning received a phone call from Elder Mo, "You don't have anything that you'd like to ask of grandfather?"

“I’ll let the heavens decide,” Tangning replied with a smile. “I’ve already done everything I can and should. I have no regrets.”

“That’s the true Mo Family spirit...”

Elder Mo originally wanted to praise Tangning a little more, but her phone was suddenly snatched out of her hand by Mo Ting, “Old man, it’s getting late. Ning needs to sleep.”

“Rascal! Don’t you want to do anything for your wife? Shouldn’t you be asking me to help out behind-the-scenes?”

“Ning doesn’t need help,” Mo Ting replied confidently.

“Fine...”

Seeing Mo Ting’s childish behavior, Tangning couldn’t help but warn, “Don’t treat grandfather like that next time.”

“I just want you to get some rest. Plus, he’s obviously trying to get acknowledgment of his existence. Don’t let him have his way.”

Hearing Mo Ting’s words, Tangning couldn’t help but laugh. In the end, she leaned into Mo Ting’s embrace and fell asleep...

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The next day, outside the Starshine Entertainment Building, it was time to announce the final five nominees. Out of the ten newcomers only five would be selected and, of course, out of the five only one of them would eventually receive an award.

Elder Mo was involved with the voting process, so after the first round of voting, the judges placed the 5th and 6th ranked together to compare.

The actress in the 5th place starred in a surrealist film called ‘Survive’. And sitting in 6th place, was Tangning...

Tangning was 6th!

Elder Mo did not understand this result. With Tangning’s acting abilities, she was more than capable of at least ranking in the top three. Why did she have such a small amount of votes?

“I think we should just eliminate Tangning. After all, she is relatively new amongst the newcomers, whereas, there is no doubt that the other nominees have more experience, so they must have better acting than her.”

“No doubt?” Elder Mo cut in and scoffed. “The Fei Tian Awards isn’t based on experience, it’s based on skills.”

“Elder Mo, those that are sitting here, all have decades of experience. Don’t you think we can tell who can and can’t act? If you’re so good, why don’t you tell us, out of the 10 nominees, who can’t act.”

“You want to talk to me about acting?” Elder Mo wasn’t willing to admit defeat, so he asked for someone to fetch the two films submitted for the two women that were currently in 5th and 6th place. Of course, at a time like this, he had to use comparison to prove his point, “Since we’ve gotten to this point, let’s look at their acting in detail.”

“There’s no point looking at when they entered the industry and how many films they’ve produced, let’s skip that and jump straight to acting ability.”

After speaking, Elder Mo asked for the staff to skip to the climax of both films and broadcasted it on the screen behind them...

The female lead of ‘Survive’ played a blind engineer. To highlight small details, she purposely wore her clothes the wrong way around, and when bullied, she could only kick and punch into thin air. She perfectly portrayed the pitiful nature of a small, insignificant woman.

Then there was ‘W.H.’. The female writer played by Tangning was worried that she had contracted the virus, so in the scene they were viewing, she was examining her body in the bathroom. From imagining herself turning into a monster to confirming that she had not been infected and looking relieved, her entire performance was extremely smooth and complete. In fact, in just 3 minutes, she displayed a perfect transformation of emotions.

Both women were flawless...

From a glance, it was indeed hard to decide on a winner between the two. However...

...after they finished watching the excerpts from the two films, Elder Mo smiled and said, “It’s not that I want to protect anyone in particular, but there is no reason that Tangning’s acting makes her deserving of being eliminated.”

“In that case Elder Mo, are you trying to say that we should eliminate the actress from ‘Survive’?”

“I didn’t say that. The young lady’s acting is versatile and full of spirit. I just want to question whether the actresses that are ranked higher, are as flawless as them? I simply don’t understand why, the two actresses with the best acting are ranked 5th and 6th.”

“What are you guys trying to do? I know the higher ranked actresses have more experience and it is time for them to be rewarded, but is the Fei Tian Awards that cruel and realistic? This is not an award based on experience. If you want to comfort them on their hard work, you can go buy them a lolly. But, when it comes to judging the Fei Tian Awards, it’s best to put away your casual approach.”

After his warning, Elder Mo presented everyone with the profiles and film excerpts of the top 4 actresses. Since ‘some people’ weren’t being fair, then they had no choice but to do some overtime and discuss everything in detail.

“Also, may I ask for the reason why you are all so certain about eliminating Tangning?”

Hearing this question, everyone fell silent.

“Absolutely ridiculous...”

“Are you guys blind to good acting?” Elder Mo couldn’t help but stick up for what was right and get justice for his granddaughter-in-law. But, Elder Mo had no idea that the real trouble was yet to come.

Chapter 539: The Deserved Fairness

“Since you guys are seated in this position and are judges, please display your professionalism and objectiveness. What you should be focused on, is an actor’s abilities and not their experience.”

“I’ve already said what I needed to say. If you still feel the need to eliminate Tangning, then I have no objections. But, please provide a reasonable explanation for your decision. Otherwise, the public and I won’t be easily convinced,” Elder Mo crossed his arms in front of his chest and leaned back in his chair. “Let’s go around the table. Tell me what you honestly think.”

Everyone hesitated for a moment before a senior film critic adjusted the glasses on his nose and responded, “The Fei Tian Awards represents the highest quality art form in the country and is currently held in the highest regard. The person we choose, not only needs to be great at acting, but also needs to be respected by the public.”

“The reason I want to eliminate Tangning is simple, it’s because she has too many enemies in the industry. She has a bad reputation, she’s arrogant, and she’s broken too many rules within the industry.”

“When it comes to acting, all 10 nominees can act. But, while some stick to their responsibilities, others create headlines all day long.”

“She hasn’t produced many films, but news about her has continuously carried on from the beginning of the year until the end. That’s why I don’t like her.”

Elder Mo nodded his head and asked the others, “What about you guys? Do you also think this way?”

“More or less...”

“Me too...”

“If this is your way of being objective, then you should do some research into the other nominees. Do you truly understand all of them?” Elder Mo questioned. “I would like to know, how does Tangning have a bad reputation?”

Everyone was suddenly faced with a difficult question. But, they maintained their opinion.

“Fine, since none of you have anything to say, it must mean you truly dislike Tangning and won’t vote for her sincerely; I won’t force you. I’ll simply show you one last thing,” Elder Mo waved at a staff member and whispered a few words into his ear.

No one could predict what Elder Mo had planned. All they could do was wait as the staff retrieved behind-the-scenes footage from ‘W.H.’.

Elder Mo disregarded everything else and directly broadcasted the footage onto the screen.

He allowed everyone to clearly witness how Tangning filmed her fight scenes in water, how she escaped from the jungle and how she put in all her effort to practice when no one was looking...

“When it comes to filming, she puts in as much effort as everyone else. In fact, she may suffer a bit more than the average actor. Did you all think that the film was easy to make? She worked on it, one step at a time. How could you disregard the hard work of others because of your prejudice?”

“I have no say when it comes to her other identities. But, when it comes to being an actress, I don’t understand why you are all against her.”

“Also, when it comes to reputation, it seems we are living in very different worlds. From what I know, Tangning’s fans truly admire her and she is loved by almost everyone in Beijing. I don’t understand why you think she is full of enemies. And arrogant? Huh? Please explain!”

Everyone lowered their heads, unable to refute.

“How about this, let’s postpone the selection for another day. I’ll let you all go home and think things over carefully before we come to a decision.”

Sometimes, one could not explain why they disliked someone. Perhaps, these people did not like that a simple woman like Tangning could perform better than a man.

“Let’s postpone until tomorrow. We can come to a decision tomorrow.”

Everyone probably felt that Elder Mo was asking for the votes to be reviewed, simply because he was trying to justify for Tangning’s flaws. This was the first time something like this had occurred during the Fei Tian Awards.

“No matter when it gets postponed until, my decision is firm,” the man with the glasses said, before he stood up and left the room.

This was destined to be an unhappy discussion.

Of course, this was not something that was unexpected of the Fei Tian Awards. After all, the judging panel consisted of well-experienced professionals. So, for the sake of art, they would argue over the smallest detail. But, it did not sound good when news of the disagreement spread to the masses. After all, with Elder Mo and Tangning’s relationship, Elder Mo was bound to be suspected of being bias towards his granddaughter-in-law, regardless of what he did.

“Is there even a question as to who would win the Fei Tian Award? It’s bound to be Tangning.”

“According to sources from within the industry, a decision was already set, but Elder Mo refused to accept the results. It seems, he is determined to make Tangning win.”

“Is the Fei Tian Awards going to lose its usual fairness?”

During this incident, the votes that belonged to Tangning were cleared, while the nomination that belonged to her, was considered as ‘having back-up’...

For Tangning, the situation seemed a bit bleak.

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“President, how should we handle the matter?” Lu Che asked worriedly as he stood inside Mo Ting’s office. “I don’t understand why these people are so blind.”

“Although Elder Mo attracted a lot of trouble, he actually did something good for once. At least he gave Tangning a chance to have the votes reviewed.”

“What if the results don’t change?”

Mo Ting did not respond, so Lu Che did not dare to continue asking. After all, the problem this time was a lot more difficult than usual.

“We need to solve the displeasure that these people have.”

He did not expect them to be objective, but he at least hoped that they wouldn’t use a casual reason to eliminate Tangning from top 5.

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“I never thought that receiving an award would be this difficult,” Long Jie said as she supported Tangning while they strolled through the gardens of Hyatt Regency.

“It has never been an easy task to achieve. Just like it wasn’t easy to become a supermodel,” Tangning sighed.

“But, doesn’t your heart ache? You were originally deserving of the award, but now, even if you win, you will simply feel relief rather than excitement.”

“I believe that the organising committee will give me a fair judgment. The Fei Tian Awards is, after all, the Fei Tian Awards, they will definitely protect its glory.”

“You are always so confident,” Long Jie grinned disdainfully, “If I was you, I would have given up hope a long time ago.”

Tangning was unfazed because she had long expected that plenty of people would compete for such a precious award...

Plus, she was never one to sit around and do nothing.

While Long Jie was in a panic, Tangning smiled as she shook Long Jie’s arms, “Don’t worry. What is mine, is mine, no one can take it away from me.”

“You have a plan, don’t you?” Long Jie suddenly realized an underlying message to Tangning’s words.

“I will simply get the fairness that I deserve,” Tangning said with a deeper meaning as she turned her head.

Chapter 540: I Feel a Little Wronged !

The Fei Tian Awards was a prestigious award; insiders couldn’t possibly let anyone know of their internal disagreement. So, Tangning couldn’t possibly believe that outsiders received information from an inside source.

Every single Fei Tian Award in the past had gone through heated arguments, but the organizers always stepped out to end it in fear of an ensuing fight. So, when it came to Tangning, would they really expose

her to the public's judgment? If they did this, it wouldn't matter if Tangning received an award or not, she would still be criticized.

If she didn't receive it, others would say that she caused such a huge commotion only to go home empty-handed and she would be treated like a joke.

And if she did receive it, everyone would say it's because she had a strong backing. As a result, the award would lose its original significance.

But, was this predicament a coincidence?

The more fair a place appeared, the more darkness it had hidden behind-the-scenes; this was something that Tangning understood well.

She didn't care who she was up against nor what their motive was. As long as someone made a move, she would fight back without any fears.

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Late at night. Hyatt Regency.

The light in the study room was still on and Mo Ting was still seated in front of the computer, tapping away at his keyboard. Tangning peeked in at her husband through the slight gap of the door as she supported her belly. There was no doubt he was working on her issue.

However, she did not open the door and enter. Because she understood, from the moment that she decided to give up being a model to pursue acting, Mo Ting had felt guilty towards her.

And this times incident was obvious that someone was trying to provoke Hai Rui and provoke him!

"It's cold outside, go back to bed," Mo Ting did not lift his head, but he was well aware that Tangning was standing outside the door. Tangning was a little surprised as a smile appeared on her face.

"I haven't been able to sleep well lately. It's been a while since I've seen my husband's manly face."

Mo Ting lifted his head and took a deep breath before he waved his wife over, "Come, hurry over..."

Tangning opened the door, walked over to Mo Ting and successfully slipped into his embrace, "Hubby..."

"Huh?"

"Don't worry, I won't get involved with the way you handle PR this time because I view this award highly. I can't possibly say that it doesn't matter to me whether I win it or not. I'm not generous to the point where I'd happily give it to someone else."

Mo Ting hugged Tangning as he nodded his head, "No one can stop you from getting what you deserve...I bet these people have forgotten who your manager is!"

Tangning looked into Mo Ting's eyes. The couple had long developed an understanding towards each other, so there was no way that Tangning didn't know what Mo Ting had planned.

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Since the issue had escalated to this point and varied opinions filled the internet, Hai Rui had no choice but to speak up and put everyone back on the right track.

So, the next morning, Hai Rui released a statement to reaffirm the fairness of The Fei Tian Awards. Firstly, in the eyes of the public, this decade-old award was well-trusted and was held in high esteem, so its fairness couldn't possibly be doubted just because of Tangning.

Following on, Mo Ting posted up a letter addressed to fans. The title of the letter was simple: "Why I nominated Tangning for the Fei Tian Awards!"

In reality, Mo Ting's motive was to tell everyone that Tangning deserved to win an award. But, he simply chose a more widely accepted approach to not attract dislike.

Within the letter, the recipients of The Best Newcomer Fei Tian Awards for the last 3 years were used as examples. And the film critics that critiqued them for those respective years were also mentioned. He did not compare Tangning to her current competitors because he believed, even if he wasn't related to Tangning and he was viewing the situation from an entirely neutral position, Tangning's acting was obviously better than the others.

"Tangning is capable, but we can't deny that she has a strong backing in the form of Hai Rui."

"The competition seems fierce for this year's Best Newcomer Award...I'm looking forward to a good show."

"Ye Lan is also quite impressive. It's rare to find someone that can act so well as a blind person."

"I feel that the public has exaggerated the influence that Tangning has. She actually keeps a very low profile. It's just, everyone views her as a legend..."

"If this issue continues, even if Tangning is actually the best, the organizers couldn't possibly give her the award...I don't know why I feel a little wronged on behalf of Tangning!"

Actually, people within the industry could tell that no matter who competed for this award, Tangning was still the biggest competitor. This was because, not only was Tangning capable, she also had the support of Hai Rui and Mo Ting...

She had a continuous aura that was dazzling and intimidating!

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Meanwhile, over at the Xu Household.

The heiress of the Xu Household had just returned from a camping trip and was still dressed in athletic clothing.

As she walked towards the living room, she spotted her father and the woman she hated, sitting on the sofa, chatting and laughing. She was emotionless as she approached them and gave a dull greeting, before she turned and left. As she walked away, she briefly heard the woman say, "Thank you, Second Master. If not for your assistance, I don't know how I would have gone up against Tangning."

Second Master Xu said in a businessman's attitude as he hugged the woman with one arm and smoked a cigar with the other, "After being with me for so many years, your only hobby has been acting. Since you wanted an award, is there anything I can't give you?"

Hearing the two flirting in the living room, the heiress scoffed in disgust. Although she walked away like nothing happened, the word 'Tangning' continued to resonate in her mind.

She had a deep impression of the woman who had helped her retrieve her pride at Tang Corps' Annual Celebration. She was a woman that the heiress greatly admired...

It turned out, the news that had been spreading about Tangning over the last couple of days, was all because the woman that was currently sitting in her home.

After getting changed, the heiress returned to the living room. Seeing the woman was all alone on the sofa, she walked over and sat down beside her, "You've always been a sneaky person. But, I never thought you'd be sly even when it comes to receiving an award."

"What are you talking about?" the woman asked as her face turned red.

"Am I wrong? I admit your acting is not bad, but you must be intimidated by Tangning, aren't you? Otherwise, you wouldn't use my father and his contacts to go around and slander Tangning."

"Xu Qingyan, you better show me some respect! I am, after all, your stepmother!"

"If I remember correctly, you're younger than me, right?" Xu Qingyan scoffed "So what if you're my stepmother? In this household, the only person that is blood-related to my father, is me. If you have the capability, why don't you give him another child?"

"You..."

Xu Qingyan couldn't be bothered wasting her breath on the woman for another second. However, just before she left, she added one last thing, "I actually quite like Tangning. If given a choice, I would definitely side with her..."