

Work Hard 651

Chapter 651: Who Took This Photo ?

It was the time of day when the sky was not completely bright, but could be seen slightly peeking through the clouds, while the houses in the vicinity were still blurred shadows.

Hai Rui were the first to receive news of An Zihao's scandal. As soon as Tangning found out, she subconsciously looked at Auntie Bai.

Bai Lihua didn't understand what was going on. But, as soon as she looked at Tangning's phone and saw the game that her daughter and An Zihao were playing, her face involuntarily turned pale. She then pulled out her own phone and gave An Zihao a phone call. But, because An Zihao had spent the entire night taking care of Chen Xingyan, he was currently lying unconscious on the sofa.

Bai Lihua paced back and forth inside the living room, so Tangning comforted, "Auntie Bai, I can guarantee that things aren't the way it appears."

"But..." Bai Lihua began to stutter, "But..."

"Trust me. This must be a misunderstanding," Tangning pulled Bai Lihua down so she could sit next to her.

"That best be the case. Otherwise, how is Xiao Xing going to continue living?" Bai Lihua did not care if Chen Xingyan got famous or not. She just wanted her daughter to remain innocent and not have to carry any bad nicknames. "Why did this happen after she just signed a contract for a great role? Mr. An wouldn't have really..."

"Don't worry, he wouldn't," Tangning definitely had the right to vouch for An Zihao's character.

Bai Lihua looked at Tangning seriously before she relaxed. She did not know An Zihao well, so she couldn't trust him. But, when it came to Tangning, she definitely trusted her....

Tangning looked at Bai Lihua's worried expression and began to feel a little bothered by the incident.

If Bai Lihua was actually Mo Ting's mother, then that meant, Chen Xingyan was Mo Ting's stepsister.

With the added fact that she liked Chen Xingyan's personality, Tangning decided that she wasn't going to just sit on the sidelines.

Thinking of this, Tangning immediately gave Fang Yu a phone call, "Help me find out who the producers and directors are for 'The Savage Wars'."

Tangning wasn't going to use Hai Rui to deal with this matter. Firstly, she was just a signed actress, and secondly, Mo Ting was just her husband and manager. At times like this, she needed to draw a clear line between herself and Hai Rui.

There was no reason for Hai Rui to exhaust efforts and resources to help an unrelated actress.

"Xiao Ning..."

“Don’t worry. I won’t just sit idly by and do nothing,” Tangning guaranteed.

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An Zihao was eventually awoken by the sound of Annie’s voice. She was in a panic as she handed him her phone, “Mr. An, look!”

An Zihao sat up on the sofa and completely awoke after seeing the news, “What is this about?”

“I’m not sure. I saw this news as soon as I woke up.”

An Zihao immediately looked at his phone and discovered he had 20-30 missed calls. Amongst them were calls from Bai Lihua.

An Zihao walked into the bathroom and gave his face a wash. After regaining his composure, he thought about the incident carefully and realized...there was only one person which could have taken the photos...

So, he immediately rushed out of the bathroom and grabbed onto Annie’s wrist, “Why did you do this?”

Annie froze for a moment in surprise, “Mr. An, what do you mean? I didn’t do this...”

“Apart from you, there’s no fourth person in this apartment that could have captured such a clear photo.”

“Mr. An, it really wasn’t me. If it was me, I would have run away by now. Why would I sit around waiting for you to catch me? It really wasn’t me...” Annie’s expression was sincere and innocent.

The expression on her face as she retreated made An Zihao actually question whether there was a ghost in the apartment.

Afterwards, An Zihao threw away Annie’s arm and warned in a cold tone, “If I find out that you were the one to stab us in the back, I will treat you the way that you have treated Chen Xingyan today.”

Annie looked back with watery eyes like she had been frightened. As she huddled up to the side, Chen Xingyan appeared from her bedroom and said to the two, “What’s happening here?”

An Zihao looked at Chen Xingyan without responding. He simply picked up his jacket from the sofa and walked away as he warned, “It’s best if you don’t leave the apartment today.”

“What’s wrong?”

An Zihao walked away without responding.

Chen Xingyan was still in a confused state as Annie gestured for her to quickly look at her phone. Of course, as Chen Xingyan held onto the phone, Annie tried to defend herself, “It really wasn’t me. I wouldn’t do it unless I have a death wish.”

Chen Xingyan glared at Annie without another word. After she read through the entire news article, she looked at Annie in seriousness, “Tell me, do you think this scandal has the capability to destroy An Zihao’s career?”

Annie shook her head, gesturing that she was unsure of the consequences.

“In that case, I’m sure you can answer this next question. Who took this photo? And how did it get leaked to the public?”

“I really don’t know.”

“Fine. I know you’re good at acting innocent. In that case, we will do as I say. If it wasn’t you, then it should be no issue for you to step out and vouch for An Zihao, right?”

Annie did not look pleased. After a short pause, she finally replied, “Last night when you appeared to be having a fever, I also vomited quite a lot. I called Mr. An for help, but before he arrived, I was already asleep in my room. I have no idea what you guys did. So, how am I suppose to vouch for him?”

Chen Xingyan glared at Annie, trying to understand what she was thinking.

But, she had absolutely no idea what this woman was thinking.

“If I find out that you did this, I will drag you down to the grave with me.”

After speaking, Chen Xingyan turned towards the door. She originally wanted to step out and assess the situation, but the apartment was already surrounded by reporters.

Yet, how did An Zihao sneak out without anyone knowing?

“Fine, I’ll step out and vouch for Mr. An.” Perhaps she wanted to prove her own innocence, or perhaps she actually wanted to help An Zihao, a moment later, Annie said to Chen Xingyan, “I’ll vouch for Mr. An. There was never anything going on between the two of you to begin with, so I will definitely clarify for the two of you and myself.”

Another person wanted to clarify themselves...

“You said it. Let’s wait for An Zihao to organize everything,” Chen Xingyan said.

Annie nodded before quickly returning to her room and regaining her composure.

But, was she really going to vouch for An Zihao?

She was going to let them see a good show.

Chen Xingyan naturally didn’t trust Annie, so she immediately made a phone call to Hyatt Regency and recalled the entire incident to Tangning.

After hearing the story, Tangning laughed, “Why did you ask Annie to vouch for you?”

“What do you mean?”

“Annie’s words mean nothing to the public.”

Chapter 652: Don’t You Think He’s Biased Towards You ?

“Since you’re pretty much certain that Annie did this, but she still hasn’t confronted you, the answer is simple. She mustn’t have achieved her motive yet.”

“If she does something even worse, it will be because you are still keeping her in close proximity, allowing her to observe your every move.”

After hearing Tangning’s words, Chen Xingyan felt her knees go weak. Although she had witnessed many incidences in the industry, when she actually had to deal with it first hand, she didn’t know how to handle it.

She was normally wild and arrogant, but when it boiled down to a critical moment, she was weak and of no help.

“What should I do?” Chen Xingyan asked Tangning. “How can I prevent An Zihao from being implicated?”

“What? Are you beginning to feel that you treated him a bit unfairly in the past?” Tangning chuckled.

Chen Xingyan was caught off guard by Tangning’s question as she began to question the cause of her worries.

She was well aware that An Zihao was talented, whereas, she was just a non-ambitious stunt double. If An Zihao’s reputation was destroyed by the scandals this time, she would probably live the rest of her life in guilt. She did not like the feeling of owing others.

“Ning Jie, can you tell me how I can help An Zihao?”

“You don’t need to do anything. Just wait patiently and that’s already enough,” Tangning replied. “Don’t give Annie the chance to attack you nor Zihao again.”

“Am I supposed to do nothing then?”

“At a time like this, there’s nothing you can do.”

Tangning was very straightforward. Her words were like a warning directed at Chen Xingyan’s selfishness. If she continued being the way she was, then not only An Zihao, but many others would also suffer.

“OK then, I won’t do anything,” Chen Xingyan said before she hung up the phone. Afterwards, she had the urge to give An Zihao a phone call, but she quickly realized, she would be of no help.

So, she entered the living room and analyzed the space instead. According to the angle from which the scandalous photo was taken, the culprit was definitely standing in the doorway of Annie’s room.

Chen Xingyan held back her anger and knocked calmly on Annie’s bedroom door.

Behind the door, Annie was holding onto her phone. As soon as the door opened, she handed the phone to Chen Xingyan, “The situation has escalated. Director Chen Feng has announced that he has canceled Mr. An’s contract for ‘Concubine Ning’. According to the current rate of progression, I’m afraid Mr. An will go through a long period with no work.”

After looking at the latest news article, Chen Xingyan handed the phone back to Annie and pulled out her own phone to interrogate her, “Only from this spot and from this height could someone manage to capture this logo in this way. Am I right?”

Annie looked at the comparison photo that Chen Xingyan took from her doorway and fell silent.

“Even if you don’t admit to it, I can find more evidence. You can stop acting, Annie.”

Annie lifted her head; her eyes were red like she was trying to endure something. But, a moment later...

...she nodded her head and laughed. Her laugh was extremely arrogant, “So what if it was me? Does it still matter who exposed everything?”

“Perhaps, you can hold a press conference and tell everyone that I planned everything. Do you think anyone would believe you?”

Chen Xingyan did not say a word. She simply threw a punch directly into Annie’s face and knocked her onto the floor, “I know you hate me, but why would you treat An Zihao this way?”

Annie lay on the floor rubbing her injured face and sneered, “Don’t you feel that he is biased towards you?”

“No, I don’t!”

“That’s because you are stupid. Couldn’t you tell that An Zihao brought me here just to provoke you into working harder? Previously, when ‘The Savage Wars’ was selecting their cast, you rejected the contract and An Zihao promised that he’d give the role to me. But, what happened in the end? He didn’t even mention my name to the director. He was simply waiting for you to change your mind.”

“All that he had said about equal chances and allowing the director to decide was rubbish. The opportunity was always yours and I never stood a chance!”

“Do you know how bad this has hurt me?”

“As a university student, I thought I had made progress and was about to debut. But, what happened in the end?”

“Even though he tried to make up for it afterwards, he ignored the fact that I wanted to be treated equally and that I wanted to develop my career overseas. As soon as he found out that I had failed my audition, he didn’t even attempt to fight for the opportunity. You still don’t think he’s biased?”

After listening to Annie’s argument, Chen Xingyan was dumbfounded. She had no idea what An Zihao had done for her without her knowing.

“When you said that your game console needed fixing, he immediately took it home and fixed it himself. On the surface, you appear to be at a disadvantage, but in reality, you are actually the person that he favors.”

“So, why do you think I am treating An Zihao this way? It’s because he asked for it!”

Chen Xingyan knelt on the floor and grabbed Annie’s shirt. She then raised her fist, ready to throw another punch. Annie did not intend to dodge. She simply stretched her neck, ready to accept the blow. However, at this time, the door to the apartment suddenly flew open...

5-6 men rushed in. As soon as they approached Chen Xingyan they immediately started beating her painfully.

Chen Xingyan couldn't possibly beat 5 professional bodyguards, so she huddled up on the floor without moving...

The lead bodyguard helped Annie off the floor and asked, "Are you fine?"

"Grab her!" Annie said with no time to care about her pain.

The bodyguards did as instructed and grabbed onto Chen Xingyan. As soon as Annie saw this, she quickly walked over and threw a punch at her, "This punch is payback." She then threw another punch, "This punch is a bonus."

Annie then stood up straight and dusted off her body. Her expression quickly changed as she looked down arrogantly at Chen Xingyan.

"Did you think that this is over? Actually, I was the person that stole your role in 'The Savage Wars'. I would have never been satisfied until you were replaced. Didn't you say that you wanted to be a stunt double? And weren't you a reckless person? From now on, you can be as reckless as you want..."

"The good show is yet to come! This time, without An Zihao, I wonder who would still be available to save you."

After speaking, Annie turned around to leave. As she left, she said to the lead bodyguard, "Teach her an industry-style lesson."

"Yes, watch your step, Ms. An."

The scene that followed was something that Chen Xingyan wanted to erase from her memory.

The so-called 'industry-style lesson', meant being surrounded by the group of men as they urinated all over her.

The revolting smell spread from the top of her head to the rest of her body.

The thought of it filled Chen Xingyan with a murderous intent. She was willing to sacrifice herself in order to kill Annie.

Chapter 653: This Was The Dominance That Mo Ting's Mother Should Possess

Although no one could prove that Annie had started the scandal, everyone knew, without a doubt, it was her.

Tangning asked Long Jie to investigate the matter through her small channels of contact. As a result, Long Jie came back to her with news that Annie had been overly intimate with a new entertainment agency boss. In fact, they were spotted booking a hotel room together!

"I asked a friend to try and get information from this President Wang. Give me one night and I'll get back to you," Long Jie updated.

"When someone that is newly rich decides to open an agency, they only have one motive: they're trying to go to any lengths to sleep with as many greedy new stars as possible. They can gain both sex and

profits, you know what I mean?" Tangning said with a deeper meaning. "Deal with this quietly. The best outcome is for you to get some evidence in your hands."

"Understood," Long Jie replied; the excitement in her voice was hard to hide. It had been a long time since she had exercised her abilities in the entertainment industry.

When it came to someone like Director Wang, Tangning did not need to make a personal appearance. But, she could definitely meet with the director of 'The Savage Wars'.

"Can you help me make an appointment with the American director? I have a few questions to ask him."

"That's fine," Long Jie agreed.

After going through so many ups and downs with Tangning, she had already become accustomed to her methods. Whenever Tangning made an appearance, the opponent was down on their luck.

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An Zihao did not have a team of people that he worked with, so the exposure this time pointed out negative points about him, yet he had no one to help him with PR.

In regards to Director Chen Feng, An Zihao had already tried to explain himself to him. But, the director clearly told him that if he didn't find a way to clean up this scandal, then he should just give up his role as assistant director. An Zihao was a man of dignity, so he promised the director that he'd give him a satisfactory outcome.

When he thought about the scandal, he had to admit that he wasn't cautious enough. At a time like this, he should have known that one wrong move could completely destroy him, yet he spoiled Chen Xingyan and made a big mistake.

Thinking of Chen Xingyan, he remembered that he had not explained the situation clearly to her that morning. According to her temper, what troubles could she have possibly created today?

Because he was worried, An Zihao decided not to head straight home. Instead, he headed to Chen Xingyan's apartment. But, as he stepped out of the lift, he noticed that the front door was left unlocked.

An Zihao immediately opened the door and rushed in. Inside, he found Chen Xingyan lying on the floor covered in a smelly liquid twitching in anger.

An Zihao was shocked as he ran over to help her off the floor. But, Chen Xingyan suddenly screamed, "I am going to kill Annie!"

"What happened?" An Zihao asked as he noticed there were obvious injuries on her face and neck.

Chen Xingyan loosened herself from An Zihao and pushed him away, "It's none of your business! Just tell me where Annie is!"

The answer to An Zihao's question was clear. He could roughly guess what had happened while he was gone.

Seeing that Chen Xingyan looked ready to destroy everything in her path, An Zihao wondered what kind of suffering she had gone through to get to this point.

As he looked at the floor, he realized the liquid stunk of urine...

An Zihao couldn't imagine what Annie must have done.

"Tell me where she is!"

"Calm down, getting angry won't change a thing. In fact, it will cause you more troubles," An Zihao hugged Chen Xingyan tightly.

"I don't care!"

"I care!" An Zihao yelled. "Just endure it for now, I will make Annie pay for what she has done – a hundred, no, a thousand-fold!"

Chen Xingyan's eyes turned red. It took her a lot of effort to endure the suffering and anger that she felt.

An Zihao took this opportunity to carry Chen Xingyan in his arms, straight into the bathroom. He then placed her in the bathtub and washed her down with warm water.

"Trust me, trust me!"

Hearing An Zihao repeat these two words, Chen Xingyan suddenly looked up at him like a child. Seeing this, An Zihao felt even more guilty, "I shouldn't have left you here on your own. From now on, I will take you everywhere I go. I will never leave you alone again."

Chen Xingyan had already put aside her intention to immediately seek revenge, but her fists remained tightly clenched, "I will definitely destroy her. Definitely!"

In this aspect, Chen Xingyan was very similar to Tangning. She never appeared weak in front of others, displaying a clear distinction between herself and other women.

However, the difference between Chen Xingyan and Tangning, was the fact that the more quiet Tangning was, the more dangerous she was. Because, the more quiet she was, the more calculations she was doing in her mind to overthrow her enemies. On the other hand, Chen Xingyan's reactions were a lot more explosive.

If Annie was standing right in front of her, there was no doubt that Chen Xingyan would tear her apart without hesitation.

An Zihao's heart ached. This incident reminded him of how he failed to protect Yunxin in the past. He seemed to always allow those around him to get hurt.

"Let's go, I'll take you to get some rest." After helping Chen Xingyan clean up, An Zihao carried her towards her bedroom, "Have a good night's rest and calm yourself down."

"Go do what you need to do. I won't add to your troubles," Chen Xingyan said as she sat on her bed.

An Zihao was about to say something else, but he was suddenly interrupted by a phone call from Bai Lihua. An Zihao immediately picked up the phone and handed it to Chen Xingyan.

Chen Xingyan lowered her head and cried out, "Mom..."

This simple word made both Bai Lihua and An Zihao's hearts break.

“Hand the phone to An Zihao,” Bai Lihua said angrily.

An Zihao overheard and quickly took the phone from Chen Xingyan’s hand. Of course, he was already prepared to be scolded.

“You better clarify for my daughter, otherwise, I won’t play nice.”

“Auntie Bai, don’t worry. No matter what it takes, I will help Xiao Xing return to normal.”

“You better do as you say,” Bai Lihua warned. “Although we don’t have a man in the family, we aren’t easy to bully. If you can’t protect my daughter, then hand her back, I can handle the matter on my own.”

“Auntie Bai, trust me.”

“Comfort my daughter instead.”

After speaking, Bai Lihua hung up the phone. Of course, Tangning’s lips curved slightly upwards as she overheard the entire conversation from the living room.

This was how Mo Ting’s mother should be like. This was the dominance that Mo Ting’s mother should possess.

She was nothing like the shameless Hua Wenfeng.

Of course, no one could afford to provoke anyone in the Mo Family. Since they dared to do it, then they would need to face the consequences.

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After putting down the phone, An Zihao reached out his hand and gently patted Chen Xingyan on the head, “It was my fault for not protecting you well.”

“Why did you do so much for me behind-the-scenes?” Chen Xingyan questioned confusedly. “My role, my game, and all the other random matters, why did you do what you have done?”

Chapter 654: Silent Killer

“You are my signed artist, what’s wrong with what I have done?”

Chen Xingyan looked deep into An Zihao’s eyes; she didn’t want to miss the slightest change in his expression. A moment later, she said in a weak voice, “Annie said that you’ve been biased towards me.”

“You’re my signed artist. If I want to be biased, what can she do about it?” As An Zihao spoke, he began to sound like a military general that found it hard to understand his own reasoning.

Chen Xingyan looked at An Zihao seriously. Without a word, she let out a slight sob and lay down on the bed, “Go do what you need to do. I’m going to get some sleep.”

An Zihao originally wanted to say something else. But, at a time like this, he couldn’t let his guard down as there was too much drama happening on the outside.

Chen Xingyan was in quite a predicament. On one hand, she was upset because of the humiliation she had suffered, but on the other, her heart was slightly moved by all that An Zihao had done for her.

Was there actually people in this world that offered help for no reason and was there actually someone who was biased towards her from the bottom of their hearts?

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The next morning.

Long Jie finally gave Tangning a response. She had arranged for Tangning to meet with Director Matt from 'The Savage Wars' and the meeting location was already confirmed. They were to meet in a private room at the Intercontinental Hotel.

Apart from a few good friends in the industry, not many people managed to invite Tangning to events, not even if they were large scale events. Yet, for the sake of Chen Xingyan, she personally attended to the matter. No one would believe it if they didn't see it with their own eyes. After all, who was Tangning and who was Chen Xingyan in comparison?"

"Do you want me to accompany you?" Mo Ting asked as he put on his striped suit, moments before Tangning was to head out.

Tangning picked an outfit and shook her head, "You don't need to make an appearance for something small like this."

"Listen. No matter the time and place, all I care about is your body."

Tangning giggled as she hugged Mo Ting from behind, even though it was a very light hug, "Did you know? I really enjoy hugging you from behind. This way, I can completely hide behind your broad shoulders as if it's the world's most reliable wall."

After hearing this, Mo Ting stood still and let Tangning hug him as he provided her with the most tangible sense of safety.

"Americans are hard to handle. If you come across any difficulty, remember to give me a call."

"OK," Tangning nodded.

A moment later, Tangning stepped out of the villa. Just outside, she ran into Lu Che who she hasn't seen for a long time.

"You're back."

"Madam, please get in. The President asked me to drive you to the hotel," Lu Che said as he opened the car door.

Tangning nodded and boarded the car. But, after the car door closed, she asked, "Did you find anything useful from your investigation overseas?"

"No, everything was normal. Hua Wenfeng survived the fire from over a decade ago and there was proof that she had spent some time in the hospital because of it. When she awoke, she was a little different in

personality, but the doctor said it was due to post traumatic shock. Apart from this, I didn't find anything else," Lu Che replied.

There was a fire...

With this information, Tangning was reminded of the burns on Bai Lihua's body. It seemed, the issue with their identities started from that moment.

But, it wasn't currently time to dwell on this issue, because the person she needed to first help was Bai Lihua's daughter, A.K.A Mo Ting's sister.

It didn't take long before Tangning, Lu Che and their accompanying bodyguards arrived at the Intercontinental Hotel. At the same time, the director of 'The Savage Wars' and the main person in charge was already sitting casually on the sofa.

"Tangning!" Director Matt was filled with joy as he saw Tangning. He had already heard about her from multiple sources. "I never thought I'd get to meet such a legendary woman. I'm quite surprised."

Tangning smiled as she shook hands with the two men and said in perfect English, "It is also my honor to meet the two of you."

"But, we don't know each other, so why did you want to see us?" Matt asked as he propped his chin up on his hand.

Tangning gave a friendly smile before pulling out her phone, putting it on top of the table and showing it to the two men, "Because of her."

Chen Xingyan had a dazzling smile in the photo on Tangning's phone, but she was a headache for the two American men.

"This woman again? She has nothing to do with us. We have already replaced her."

"I'm aware of that. Not only did Director Matt replace Chen Xingyan, you even used her scandal as an excuse to do so," Tangning said with an extra meaning. "I'll get straight to the point. I came specifically because of Chen Xingyan."

"Wait, could I ask what your relation is to this woman?"

"No matter what our relationship is, she is not someone you can pick on," Tangning's voice strengthened a little.

"But...I know she's already been replaced. And the person she's been replaced with has an indecent relationship with her manager. I'm sure you are aware of that," Tangning began arguing with the two men. "Did you know you've made a very illogical decision, Director Matt? Firstly, Chen Xingyan is a top class action star and you are already of a certain age with plenty of films under your belt. Yet, how many times have you received an award?"

"A third-rate production is not substantial to receive an award. You wouldn't want to spend your older years depending on rubbish films to survive, would you?"

“Plus, Chen Xingyan is signed under An Zihao and An Zihao is a close acquaintance of mine. Based on this relationship alone, you shouldn’t have based your decision on profits.”

After listening to Tangning, Matt thought for a while before replying, “I don’t think I need you to teach me what to do. Chen Xingyan’s scandal with her manager is true, so it is reasonable for me to replace her. Miss Tang or Mrs Mo, I know your husband is the boss of the entertainment industry in Beijing, but you can’t have your say when it comes to the American entertainment industry.”

“Fine, it seems like Mr. Matt wants to hear some harsh words,” Tangning wasn’t angry as she crossed her arms and leaned back, remaining calm and forgiving.

“Chen Xingyan passed your audition, yet you replaced her before the scandal was even released. As for the new person you hired, even though you didn’t announce it, you can’t hide it from me. I know you’ve replaced Chen Xingyan with An Zihao’s other artist, Annie.”

“If you are complaining that An Zihao and his artist has an unclear relationship, then you shouldn’t have considered Annie either. Why would you directly replace Chen Xingyan with Annie?”

“Plus, what right does Annie have to replace Chen Xingyan?”

“Is it because President Wang gave you a huge sum of money?”

“Director Matt, your agency is amazing. You accept all the benefits, but you leave the trouble for others to clean. You are like a silent killer.”

“What nonsense are you talking?” Matt asked with a sour expression.

“I’m sure you are aware whether I am talking nonsense or not. But, it’s OK even if you don’t admit it. I didn’t come here to make a compromise anyway,” Tangning said casually, “I’m simply letting you know what I plan to do...”

“You can bully anyone you want. But, when it comes to Chen Xingyan...”

“I won’t allow it!”

Chapter 655: Turn Annie Into An Unwanted Piece Of Trash

From this moment onwards, Matt’s expression turned even more sour, but he tried his best to hide it, “To be honest, you may be famous, but you are also very controversial. If I was to spread a few bad words about you in the US, I don’t think your international career would survive.”

“I don’t care,” Tangning replied. “But, of course, before you do that, you need to be given the chance to do it.”

“You’ve been assuming that An Zihao is easy to bully because he is a rookie with no power and status. But, you must have no idea that An Zihao has connections with the best legal consultants in the US. I’m sure you must have heard of Darcy, right?”

Matt froze, unsure why Tangning mentioned this name.

Darcy was an authoritative lawyer from a famous American legal firm who had never lost a lawsuit before. But, what did he have to do with An Zihao?

“He is An Zihao’s cousin,” Tangning tried to speak gently to reduce the impact. “I’m sure Darcy will be able to find out how vulnerable your company is and how many immoral things you have done for the sake of money...”

“When that happens...I’m sure your entire company will collapse!”

“I didn’t know...”

“Of course you didn’t know. All you see is money,” Tangning continued. “Did you think, after the way you slandered An Zihao, he would let you off?”

“Not only did you slander him, you also replaced his artist. I think a grudge like this is enough motivation for him to shut down your entire company.”

Matt began moving restlessly in his seat like he had ants biting at his chest. But...Tangning did not stop.

“I’m my country, we often say that you shouldn’t judge a book by its cover. Apart from applying to An Zihao, these words also apply to Chen Xingyan. She might appear to be a simple stunt double, but...at the same time, she is a precious treasure to the Mo Family.”

“If you offend her, you are offending both my husband and I as well.”

“My husband and I can’t stand seeing people around us get hurt. In response, our methods are ruthless. I’m sure you would have been warned in the past not to provoke us.”

Tangning was powerful and to be feared.

But, everything that Tangning said was the truth.

If one was to ask who they shouldn’t offend when pursuing a career in Asia, the answer would be Hai Rui without a doubt.

“Let me see...I assume that An Zihao’s lawyers should be arriving in the next few hours...”

“Mrs Mo...” Matt was terrified as he lightened his tone, “If there’s a problem, we can discuss it slowly.”

“There’s nothing to discuss. You need to recall what you have said to the public and admit that you were wrong. And in addition to that, you need to get rid of Annie. Apart from doing those two things, I won’t accept anything else,” Tangning was suddenly strong and firm with her words. “Did you think that this is the US where you can get whatever you want?”

“That’s too much to ask for.”

If they were to admit to their wrongdoings, they would be destroying themselves...

How could they do such a thing?

“Then, there’s nothing I can do for you.” After speaking, Tangning stood up to leave, but Matt immediately blocked her way.

“Wait Mrs Mo, can we negotiate a little? Apart from your first condition, we can compromise in other ways...I am happy to get rid of Annie and to do other things, but I can't do the first thing you asked for.”

Tangning laughed at the sight of the man's fear as she sat back down, “I can promise not to do anything to you, but you need to do as I say.”

“Speak...”

“I want you to wait until you hold a press conference for ‘The Savage Wars’ before you turn Annie into an unwanted piece of trash in front of everyone.”

After hearing Tangning's instruction, Matt responded with an ‘OK’ gesture.

“No problem. No problem at all.”

“Then, I'll wait for the good news.”

“So simple?” Matt asked.

“Yes, it's that simple,” Tangning replied. After all, she was not the victim in this incident, she was just making an appearance. The actual person wanting to seek revenge was yet to come.

Since the Americans wanted to play with them, they were going to play along.

After all, An Zihao and Chen Xingyan's innocence wasn't determined by Matt anyway. He was at most an accessory.

The determining factor in this incident – was President Wang!

But, for someone at that level...was it necessary for Tangning to make a move?

During this time, Annie was probably jumping in joy.

She probably thought she'd get everything she wanted. But, she forgot one fact: her status simply changed from being a newcomer to a mistress and President Wang didn't just have one mistress.

Within President Wang's multiple homes and within multiple hotels, President Wang had already slept with an unimaginable number of women.

At a time like this, one of President Wang's mistresses found out about his favoritism towards Annie and was upset by it. So, of course, she was a great chess piece for Long Jie to use.

“Babe, you're overthinking the situation. Annie is just a newcomer. When compared to you, she does not measure up in any aspect.”

“I don't believe you. Unless you can prove it to me,” the woman sulked as she sat on President Wang's lap.

“That woman only wants to be a star. For the sake of fame, she even betrayed her own manager. Didn't you see how she signed with me behind An Zihao's back?”

“Plus, she is full of schemes. To exact revenge, she lured An Zihao to her apartment and deliberately took a photo that would ruin his reputation even though he was simply there to take care of the drunken Chen Xingyan...”

“A woman like that is just for sleeping with. I wouldn’t dare to keep her by my side,” President Wang comforted as he hugged the woman in his arms.

“Does that mean the scandals about An Zihao are a lie?”

“Of course. It was all a part of Annie’s revenge,” President Wang laughed.

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Moments later, a video showing only President Wang ended up in Long Jie’s hands and she quickly transferred a sum of money to the mistress. The two women made a fair exchange.

After carrying on for an entire day and night, it was time for the mess to be cleaned up.

The dishonest crew from ‘The Savage Wars’, the deceitful Annie and the sleazy President Wang; all three of them were about to meet their end.

Meanwhile, as Tangning had predicted, An Zihao went to look for Darcy. However, they weren’t actually cousins. In reality, they were just normal friends and Tangning had deliberately tricked Matt.

Of course, anything could be fake, but there was one thing that was certain...

...it was impossible for An Zihao to let Matt off the hook.

There was no doubt about it.

In fact, the entire production wasn’t going to be let off!

Chapter 656: How It Feels To Be Truly Bullied !

That night, Chen Xingyan was immersed in her own thoughts.

Every time she closed her eyes, she would think about the way she was insulted earlier by the group of men. She tried her best to resist seeking Annie for revenge and it tormented her. As a result, she broke out in a fever in the middle of the night.

An Zihao didn’t find out that she wasn’t well until early in the morning when he remembered that she hadn’t eaten all day and was worried that she was hungry. Upon entering the room, he grabbed her wrist and realized that he had been wrong.

Chen Xingyan was already convulsing from a serious fever.

“Let me take you to the hospital,” An Zihao stretched out his arms to carry Chen Xingyan, but Chen Xingyan resisted.

“I don’t need to go.”

"It's not the right time for you to be stubborn," An Zihao said as he pressed down on her feverish body. "You are currently having a fever, you need medical help."

"If I say I'm not going, then I'm not going," when Chen Xingyan was persistent, no one could stop her. "Get out of my room. I'm simply having a fever because I can't hold back my anger and it's tormenting me."

An Zihao suddenly fell quiet. He knew that he would never understand the humiliation that Chen Xingyan had gone through. And he knew that it was because of him that this carefree girl had suffered.

As a result, he couldn't help but pull Chen Xingyan into his embrace, "I'm sorry. This was all my fault."

"I don't care who's at fault. I just want Annie to pay for what she has done!"

"I understand. I will definitely present you with this opportunity!" An Zihao promised. "Stop torturing yourself. I won't be able to handle it. Yunxin got into a similar argument with me in the past and afterwards, she died in a car accident. I don't want history to repeat itself."

"You must be seeing things. I'm nothing like your long-gone girlfriend. Even if I'm to die, I would definitely drag someone with me to soften the fall."

Chen Xingyan wasn't someone that others were allowed to offend. There was a strength in her character that could be easily seen.

An Zihao understood how Chen Xingyan was like, so all he could do was hug her tightly, not letting go, "Let others die and face the consequences on their own."

Chen Xingyan returned An Zihao's hug as she trembled in anger. After a while, she finally said to An Zihao, "I miss my mom..."

"I'll take you to Hyatt Regency tomorrow."

So, as promised, An Zihao brought Chen Xingyan to Hyatt Regency the next day.

Upon seeing her daughter, Bai Lihua immediately hugged her as her heart ached, "Why do you look unwell?"

"Mom, can you sleep by my side for a little bit..." only in front of Bai Lihua did Chen Xingyan ever reveal the girly side of herself.

"OK, I'll take you to my room..." Bai Lihua glanced at Tangning before leading Chen Xingyan into the guest bedroom.

An Zihao looked helplessly at the two women as they disappeared into the room. He then turned his attention to Tangning, "Tangning, I have a favor to ask of you."

"I don't think you've ever pleaded me for anything before," Tangning said as she closed the script in her hands. "Tell me what it is. If there's something I can do, I will definitely do it."

"It's not convenient for me to step out and do anything. Especially since Chen Xingyan doesn't trust me. So, I can only rely on you..." An Zihao said before he recalled the events that happened the day before.

“On the way here, I already did some research. President Wang will be taking Annie to an event. And this event may be the only one that is worthy of your attendance...”

“Before I make a move, I hope to create a chance for Annie to meet Chen Xingyan, so Chen Xingyan can personally get revenge!”

“What event is it?” Tangning asked.

In the end, protecting Chen Xingyan was the Mo Family’s responsibility. Since An Zihao was just another victim, he shouldn’t be forced to handle everything on his own.

“The film ‘Werewolf’ will be holding a pre-screening event. Lin Sheng is the main actor, so you should go there and show some support.”

“But, Chen Xingyan might not be willing to go with me,” Tangning pointed out.

“I’ll speak to Auntie Bai about it and get her to convince her,” An Zihao replied. “Tangning, I don’t trust anyone else.”

Seeing An Zihao’s seriousness, Tangning nodded her head, “Why do you care so much about Chen Xingyan’s matter?”

“Because she reminds me of Yunxin. My biggest regret in life is not protecting Yunxin enough. So, I can’t let Chen Xingyan continue to suffer,” An Zihao opened his heart to Tangning, “Plus, Chen Xingyan is like a little wolf that is covered in the smell of blood. I’m afraid, if I don’t help her get revenge, she will do something unexpected...”

“I’ll make arrangements.”

In reality, Tangning felt that An Zihao was being overprotective of Chen Xingyan. She also felt that he cared too much about her without noticing it himself.

After all, the little wolf was brave, so there was no way that she’d let herself get hurt.

As for the events that happened at the apartment, Tangning agreed that Annie deserved to die for what she had done.

“Thank you,” seeing that Tangning was willing to help, An Zihao felt like a weight had been lifted off his shoulders. But, he felt like he hadn’t done enough for Chen Xingyan yet.

“I know you’ve got a lot on your mind. Go do what you need to do,” Tangning could sense the burning vengeance coming from An Zihao. For the sake of Chen Xingyan, he was truly angry this time and was ready to tear down Director Matt’s entire company.

An Zihao felt rest-assured leaving Chen Xingyan in Tangning’s hands, so he got up and left.

As for convincing Chen Xingyan to turn up at the pre-screening, it wasn’t a difficult task to do. All that was required was a simple mind game.

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“Tangning will be attending a pre-screening tonight, but Mr. Mo won’t be able to step away from his work. Bodyguards aren’t allowed into the event, so why don’t you accompany Tangning as her assistant and help Mr. Mo protect her?” Bai Lihua persuaded after Chen Xingyan awoke from her nap. “You must have noticed by now, on the surface, I appear to be a maid here at Hyatt Regency, but in reality, they have taken really good care of me. If you don’t help them out a little, I will feel really bad.”

Chen Xingyan did not think too much into it, nor was her mind in the right place to think about it. As she lay in bed, she simply nodded her head, “I’ll do as you say.”

“Good, in that case, I’ll help you prepare an outfit.”

In reality, the guest list for the event had already been finalized. So, Tangning had to get Lu Che to contact Lin Sheng’s manager.

As soon as the manager heard it was Tangning, he was over the moon. As a result, he added Tangning on the list as a surprise guest.

Back when Tangning acted with Lin Sheng, she was still unknown. But now, she was an actress that everyone acknowledged.

“Tangning, your attendance is a huge form of support for Sheng. He will forever remember this.”

The man had no idea that Tangning had an important mission and motive for attending the pre-screening: she was going to show Annie how it felt to be truly bullied!

Chapter 657: Embarrass Annie

The pre-screening was to be held at 8pm at one of Beijing’s biggest theaters.

As one of the most influential actors in Beijing, there was no doubt that there were plenty of attendees at the pre-screening. Amongst them were friends from the industry, big names in film and television, as well as people like President Wang who relied on contacts to get their hands on an invite.

Tangning did not enter via the red carpet and did not undergo any interviews. After all, she was pregnant, and as a surprise guest, she was naturally led into the venue via a secret entrance.

However, something was a little different tonight. The person accompanying her was not her husband, but the nimble young lady, Chen Xingyan.

To match Tangning, Chen Xingyan was dressed in a little black dress. Although she wasn’t as dazzling as Tangning, underneath her usually baggy clothes was a surprisingly good figure.

On the way to the pre-screening, Tangning sat opposite Chen Xingyan and smiled, “With you protecting me, I feel quite relaxed.”

“As long as you aren’t worried that I will attract trouble,” Chen Xingyan replied honestly.

“What kind of trouble could you attract?” Tangning teased.

“I might embarrass you...”

“Sheng Ge is my friend and could be considered as my mentor. On his territory, even if you were to cause trouble, I’m sure he’d give me some face and go easy on you. Of course, that only applies if you don’t kill someone.”

“Good,” Chen Xingyan nodded.

Around 7pm, Tangning arrived at the theater. But, due to the fact that she was a surprise guest, Lin Sheng’s manager arranged for her to wait inside a special waiting room.

While Chen Xingyan was in the bathroom, Tangning said to the manager, “I’m afraid I need to ask you for a favor.”

“Oh Tangning, you don’t need to be so polite. We are like family. Go ahead and tell me what you need,” Lin Sheng’s manager had a relatively high-pitched voice, like an exaggerated supporting actor in a Thai drama. He was extremely stylish, but his feminine persona did not effect his performance in the industry because he always handled matters smoothly and efficiently. This was one of the main reasons why Lin Sheng advanced steadily in his career.

Tangning pulled the manager closer and whispered in his ear. After listening to Tangning’s instruction, the manager did an ‘OK’ gesture.

“For you to actually ask for assistance in dealing with someone, that person must be horrible. Don’t worry, the pre-screening tonight will be spectacular.”

“But, will this have a negative impact on Sheng Ge?”

“Of course not,” the manager shook his hand as he looked at Tangning, “This will happen before the pre-screening starts. Plus, the little nobody will end up being scolded by Sheng’s fans.”

“Thank you, Mr Luo.”

“Why are you being so polite? Our Sheng gained a whole heap of resources because of ‘Stupid’.”

It was obvious that Lin Sheng’s manager was a grateful person. He knew that Hai Rui had invested a lot of resources into ‘Stupid’, otherwise, the great results that followed wouldn’t have been possible.

Although Lin Sheng had won Best Actor three years in a row, he tried to keep a low profile, so just like Bei Chendong, he didn’t get many international opportunities. Bei Chendong was weird, so he didn’t care, but Lin Sheng strived for better opportunities and roles. Hence, he did not eliminate the possibility of working overseas.

And ‘Stupid’ opened him up to these possibilities.

“In that case, I’ll wait for the good news...”

A moment later, Chen Xingyan stepped out of the bathroom to find Tangning all alone in the waiting room.

“In a moment, you can head into the pre-screening first. Luo Ge has already arranged a special seat for you.”

Chen Xingyan was still clueless as to what was happening, so she simply nodded her head, “Ok!”

7:40pm, the guests piled into the theater. Whether they were big shots or mere fans, they all had the right to enter. Of course, the invite in Chen Xingyan's hand was for VIPs only. So, when the staff saw it, they were extra accommodating towards her.

It didn't take long before Chen Xingyan located her seat. However, a moment later, someone else found their way to the same seat. As their eyes met, Chen Xingyan's face turned red in anger. The person that had arrived was Annie.

President Wang had already seated himself beside Chen Xingyan, so he looked up at Annie and said, "Tell her to get up..."

As the enemies met, there was bound to be tension. But...this was not the right place to argue, so Chen Xingyan decided to seek Annie for revenge after the event was over.

Annie never expected to see Chen Xingyan at a place like this. As she remembered Chen Xingyan's helpless state the day before, she couldn't help but laugh, "You sure are persistent. Who allowed you in here? Also, did you make a mistake? You are sitting in my seat."

Chen Xingyan responded with a cold stare as she stood up and pointed to the name on the seat, "Open your eyes and take a good look at whose seat this is."

Annie looked down at the name and looked back at Chen Xingyan with doubt. She then scanned the entire theater and realized there were no seats left. How could this be?

"Chen Xingyan, what right do you have to be here? You're just a lousy stunt double who has obviously stolen my seat as revenge. Get lost!"

Seeing the two women were beginning to argue, President Wang stood up and said, "This seat belongs to my partner. Are you at the wrong seat? Do you want me to call security?"

Chen Xingyan laughed in response, "Go ahead."

"Chen Xingyan, don't ignore what's good for you!" After speaking, Annie gestured for the security and said to him, "This is my seat, but she's stolen it."

The security looked at the situation and immediately apologized, "Sorry, I'll go confirm with the organizers."

"Hurry," Annie rushed. She didn't want to continue standing in such an embarrassing way.

Meanwhile, President Wang directly tore Chen Xingyan's name off the seat to let Annie sit down.

Chen Xingyan glared at Annie as she looked back at her arrogantly.

However, at this time, the security hurried back apologetically, "I'm sorry, but this is indeed Miss Chen's seat. Please return the seat to her."

Annie's face turned pale.

"Then, what about my seat?"

"Tell the organizer to come see me," she ordered.

"I'm sorry, our organizer told me that all the seats have been allocated to our guests and Miss Chen is a VIP guest. I don't think you have the right to see our organizers."

Chapter 658: How It Feels To Steal Something From Someone

"What do you mean?" Annie pressured the man for an explanation.

"Miss, this is the pre-screening for the top actor, Lin Sheng's, film. Everyone present is an important personality in film and television. Please excuse me for being direct, but who do you think you are?" the man asked straightforwardly.

"Fine. My identity might not be anything important. But, what about her?" Annie said as she pointed to Chen Xingyan, "Is she anyone important?"

"Of course she is. She is here on behalf of Lin Sheng's good friend, Tangning. Since she is here on behalf of Tangning, then she is naturally a special guest. If you don't return the seat to Miss Chen right now, I will need to call security."

Annie glared at Chen Xingyan, but she had no choice but to get up out of her seat, "No wonder...I see you've caught yourself a big fish. But, if Tangning is truly good to you, why isn't she helping you clarify your scandal and why isn't she helping you secure some opportunities?"

"Actually, this seat was originally Miss Annie's, but after Miss Chen said that she'd attend, we gave the seat to her," the security explained politely. "This shows how good Miss Tang treats Miss Chen."

So...

...the seat originally belonged to Annie...

Yet, Tangning stole the seat from her directly!

She was obviously getting revenge!

Tangning was helping Chen Xingyan get revenge.

Chen Xingyan was also stunned by this realization. She never imagined that this was all a part of Tangning's plan. It turned out, this was Tangning's motive for attending the pre-screening.

"Then where should I sit?" Annie asked as she held back her anger, "You're not going to make me sit on the floor, are you?"

"If you want to, you are welcome to do that. But, we do have standing platforms at the front and back of the theater. You can give them a try."

"You guys have gone too far with your bullying!" Annie yelled.

"I'm sorry, but our organizers admit that they are bullying you," the security smirked, "If Miss Annie can't handle it, you are welcome to leave."

Annie's hands gripped tightly to her bag until they turned white.

She had already signed with a new company and made a connection with President Wang. Yet, when it came to facing the actual entertainment industry, all President Wang could do was watch as she got bullied. He was of no help at all.

"I...I won't just leave like this."

"Then, help yourself..." the security smiled before leaning over and saying to Chen Xingyan, "Miss Chen, if you need anything, let me know. I will do my best to help you."

"Thank you, I'm fine for now," Chen Xingyan felt good; this was how it felt to steal something from someone. It felt especially good because the opponent was Annie.

"OK, I'll retreat then." After speaking, he turned around to leave. But, before he started walking away, he said to Annie, "Everyone here comes from an important background. I'm sure Miss Annie won't be so stupid as to block the view for other people. Don't blame me for not warning you about this. If you offend other important people, your fate may not be as simple as having your seat stolen. Dealing with you is as simple as squishing an ant for them."

Annie boiled in anger, but all she could do was look at President Wang. Unfortunately, President Wang was just a newcomer in the industry and he had no power in Lin Sheng's territory.

So, no one cared about her as she retreated to the back of the theater.

Everyone had a seat, except for her!

No, to be exact, she did have a seat, but Chen Xingyan stole it!

Annie could feel the mockery as people turned around to point and gossip about her. Because of this, she was so tempted to dig a hole and hide. This was all Chen Xingyan's fault!

But, she hadn't completely lost yet. Even though Tangning stuck up for Chen Xingyan, Annie still had a role in 'The Savage Wars' and Chen Xingyan still had nothing except scandals.

However, Annie's arrogance didn't last for long. Just before the film was to start, Lin Sheng stood up on the stage to say a few words. But, before he got to say much, Tangning suddenly appeared on stage from one of the side entrances.

As a surprise guest, Tangning naturally caused a commotion. Whether they knew her personally or not, Tangning was a legend that everyone respected.

"Oh God, it's actually Tangning..."

"Tangning's actually here. Am I seeing things?"

"It's really Tangning. She's beautiful even when she's pregnant."

"Her legs are praised all over the world. They're so long..."

Chen Xingyan listened to the cheers and discovered that a person could actually possess so much charisma that the entire world would praise and admire her.

And of course, Lin Sheng was also surprised. After all, with Tangning's current identity and physical state, to see her appear at his event made him quite moved.

Simply looking at her gaze, one could tell that she was still the same Tangning: the Tangning that would do anything to produce a good film. She hadn't changed at all. More importantly, she knew how to be grateful.

"Sheng Ge, I wish you good ticket sales." Tangning barely appeared at events. Ever since she was slandered by Hua Wenfeng, she never appeared in the public again. So, it was clear to see how much face she was giving Lin Sheng by showing up.

"I'm so happy that you could make it," Lin Sheng hugged Tangning gently.

"I've never forgotten the help you've given me," Tangning smiled.

"I'm not worth mentioning."

"I've brought you a present today too," Tangning said as she held onto the microphone and looked at Chen Xingyan. "I heard from Luo Ge that you have been looking for a martial arts master. I have a good person to recommend. Although she is quite young, she is well skilled in all forms of martial arts. I believe that she won't disappoint."

After listening to Tangning's words, Lin Sheng realized her motive: she wanted to recommend someone to him.

Of course, if it was someone else, Lin Sheng may have felt disgusted. But, Tangning was different. However, when she mentioned a young lady who was well-skilled, how young could she possibly be?

"Xingyan, come up here and use your own style to bless Sheng Ge," Tangning said towards Chen Xingyan after noticing that Lin Sheng did not reject her recommendation.

Everyone was well aware that Tangning was helping out a junior.

But what kind of a junior was capable of Tangning's invitation?

A moment later, a girl in her late teens stood up from the crowd as everyone looked at her curiously. But, not many people realized that this was the girl that appeared in An Zihao's scandalous photo.

Everyone was curious how much this young girl had achieved at her age.

Chen Xingyan walked onto the stage and bowed politely to Lin Sheng. She then looked towards the crowd and finally towards Annie.

This was an opportunity given by Tangning. A huge opportunity to show off her skills...an opportunity to defeat Annie.

Chapter 659: I Still Want To Get Revenge For Her First

But, she was wearing a restrictive little black dress and appeared weak...

Yet, to everyone's surprise, Chen Xingyan tore off the bottom of her dress, revealing a black pair of shorts and knocked all the bodyguards behind Lin Sheng onto the floor within minutes...

"Wow..."

Everyone cheered in surprise. Was she really 19-years-old? How was she so powerful?

However, after a moment of surprise, everyone smiled. This girl didn't seem very wise. At an event like this, and with Tangning's help, most people would take advantage of the opportunity to show off in front of Lin Sheng. But, her performance was too modest.

Even Annie, who was standing at the back of the theater whispered mockingly under her breath, "Idiot."

However, Tangning did not think this way. She knew Chen Xingyan was cheeky.

"Today is Sheng Ge's pre-screening, so I can't outshine the star. The film is about to start, so I shouldn't waste everyone's time either. I would like to wish Sheng Ge good ticket sales!" After speaking, Chen Xingyan bowed to everyone.

She did not demand for attention. But, her performance suited Tangning's style of teaching and received attention anyway because she had successfully sparked Lin Sheng's curiosity.

"You've wasted Tangning's efforts."

"That's because I know you like people with true capabilities and not those that only know how to look good."

Lin Sheng looked at everyone and laughed before he said to Tangning and Chen Xingyan, "Come sit beside me. I want to chat, it's been a long time since we've seen each other."

As a result, Chen Xingyan successfully upgraded from the back row to the front. Of course, everyone simply enjoyed witnessing the scene and did not feel envious. Chen Xingyan was skilled, but she didn't appear to pose a threat. The young lady was indeed impressive. Most importantly, whether she was a stunt double or an action star, her identity didn't clash with anyone present.

"This young lady is quite interesting!"

"At such a young age, her skills are not bad. With Tangning's support, she definitely has a promising future."

"From the looks of it, we may see her face in Lin Sheng's next film."

In front of the screen, the guests were happily discussing Chen Xingyan. Meanwhile, at the back of the theater, Annie was filled with envy.

She had given up her body and her conscience, but in the end, she did not have a friend like Tangning who could boost her up in one step.

But...she had not completely lost. 'The Savage Wars' was about to announce her role as the main villain of their film; that would be her true beginning.

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“What’s this all about? You don’t normally do stuff like this,” Lin Sheng whispered into Tangning’s ear as he looked at Chen Xingyan. “Is she someone important?”

“Sheng Ge, you and I have suffered from defamation and insults in the past, but we have never had people urinate on us. Everytime I think of it, I feel bad for not helping this child,” Tangning replied. “The industry is filled with filth, but we need to maintain our true nature.”

Lin Sheng nodded, “This is why people can’t help but be convinced by you. This young lady is not bad, but are you certain that she won’t disappoint?”

“Whether or not she will be a disappointment, I still want to get revenge for her first,” Tangning said as she turned and pointed her chin to the person standing at the back of the theater.

“No wonder. I thought I had miscalculated the number of seats. So, it turns out, this was your doing. Is that the culprit?”

“If I didn’t know what she had done, I would have let it pass. But, it happened to someone close to me. You know me, I don’t like dirty people like this. So, I need to take the opportunity to clean up the filth.”

It was weird, Tangning’s friends always found themselves claiming the same enemies.

Tangning disliked Annie, so Lin Sheng somehow felt dislike towards her too.

“Don’t go easy on her. This is my territory, so you don’t need to hold back!”

“As for the young martial arts master, I think it’s best if I find someone else. Otherwise, An Zihao may get angry,” Lin Sheng finally realized who Chen Xingyan was and remembered that she had an ambiguous relationship with An Zihao.

“If Xingyan actually gets the opportunity to follow you, he would be more than happy. There’s no way he would be angry.”

The two friends smiled at each other. At this time, Chen Xingyan stood up to go to the bathroom. But, as she arrived, she discovered that it was already busy inside.

“I just realized, isn’t Chen Xingyan the stunt double that everyone is rumoring about? No wonder Tangning is sticking up for her. It’s because she has something to do with An Zihao.”

“That’s right. Weren’t there rumors in the industry before that there was something going on between Tangning and An Zihao?”

“Their relationships are a mess. It really makes one speechless.”

“It’s actually not that messy. Let me break it down for you.” Three actresses were in the midst of a heated discussion in the bathroom as they touched up their makeup. At this time, Annie stepped in behind them with her arms crossed, “An Zihao and Tangning have always been lovers, but An Zihao couldn’t handle the loneliness, so he’s been constantly looking for a prey. In the end, Chen Xingyan took his bait.”

As the three women turned around, they noticed Annie and recognized her as the woman standing at the back of the theater.

“Who are you? Why do you know so much?”

“It doesn’t matter who I am. The important thing is, I am certain that Chen Xingyan and An Zihao have slept together and I know that Chen Xingyan was forced to drink urine after offending someone.”

The three women burst into laughter.

“Is that true?”

“100% true!” Annie nodded. “She was surrounded by a bunch of men...”

“Don’t tell me they did ‘that’ to her as well...” the women asked nosily.

“Who knows? She’s always been a dirty sl*t...”

At this time, the bathroom door flew open. Before the women could clearly see who had entered, Annie was dragged by her hair over to the basin and pressed against it...

Everyone was in shock as they huddled up to the corner, too afraid to even take a breath.

“Chen Xingyan, let me go!”

However, Chen Xingyan did not let go as she continued to drag Annie by the hair over to one of the toilets and pressed her head inside, “From today onwards, you will also be a woman that’s drank urine.”

“Even if you do this, I will still own the role in ‘The Savage Wars’. You are nothing.”

Hearing these provoking words, Chen Xingyan wanted to hit Annie, but a powerful voice suddenly resounded from the doorway, “Xingyan, stop!”

Everyone turned around and noticed the pregnant Tangning standing in the doorway.

The three nosy actresses expressions changed. Just as they were about to sneak out, Tangning placed her gaze on them and lifted her chin in a dignified and elegant manner.

The three women buckled under pressure as they quickly apologized, “Sorry, we won’t do it ever again.”

“But...I already heard everything you said...”

Chapter 660: Baby Brain

“We didn’t do it on purpose.”

“Don’t worry, I won’t touch any of you. Otherwise, rumors might spread about me humiliating the three of you and breaking your arms and legs. Isn’t that forcing me to commit a crime?” Tangning said with deep meaning.

“No, that won’t happen...we won’t spread reckless rumors about you,” the women shook their hands.

“Tangning, please let us go. We don’t actually believe what they say about you, we are just nosy.”

“Get lost,” Tangning did not waste anymore time on the three women. And of course, she wouldn’t allow Chen Xingyan to waste any time on Annie either. “Xingyan, come over here and leave with them.”

Chen Xingyan was still gripping onto Annie's hair. After listening to Tangning, she finally released her grip.

"Chen Xingyan, I refuse to exist in the same world as you!" As Annie stood up covered in a head of filth, she warned Chen Xingyan loudly, "As long as I exist, your days will be grim."

Chen Xingyan turned to look at Annie. Just as she was about to say something, Tangning suddenly said, "If you want to survive in the entertainment industry, you need to watch your tongue."

Annie turned and looked at Tangning with a similar amount of anger and resentment.

"I would like to wish you success," Tangning said before she gestured for Chen Xingyan to control herself. "Would you believe me if I said that this world functions on karma and retribution? If the retribution isn't satisfying enough, what's the point of dealing with someone filthy? You're just dirtying your own hands."

"Did you think I'd be frightened by these words? There will eventually be a day when I surpass you!" Annie proclaimed.

Tangning smiled gently. She was going to sit back and watch how Annie planned to do this. Of course, seeing Tangning appear so gentle and nowhere near as strong as rumored. The fear in her heart slowly disappeared.

She thought, if Chen Xingyan forced her into the toilet, then Tangning would take things further and break her arms and legs. But, in reality, Tangning did nothing.

All her talk about being a vengeful person. But, in the end, she was just a cheap liar.

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"Tangning, why did you let that wench go?" Chen Xingyan asked as she followed behind.

"You've already made her eat sh*t. Shouldn't your anger be satisfied?" Tangning asked.

Chen Xingyan continued to follow unhappily. She obviously didn't feel like it was enough.

"You may have beaten her in terms of strength, but she won't be convinced by you. Even if you feed her sh*t for an entire night, the result will still be the same..."

After hearing this, Chen Xingyan suddenly felt like Tangning's words were quite reasonable.

"If you want others to be convinced by you, you need to first have the ability. If you want to know where your abilities stand, put away your arrogance and listen to An Zihao's arrangements. Bigger news is coming your way tomorrow. Be prepared," Tangning warned.

"You made a move, so you should suffer the consequences."

At this moment, Chen Xingyan may not have fully understood what Tangning meant. But, someone had indeed witnessed what she had done. So, rather than waiting to be exposed, it was best to resolve it naturally.

"But, that b*tch looked down on you..."

Tangning did not say a word. Her expression remained as calm as ever. Afterwards, the two women quickly returned to the theater and remained inside until the pre-screening was over.

Before they left, Tangning mentioned to Lin Sheng, "Xingyan made a move in the bathroom just a moment ago. It may attract a bit of trouble for you."

"Then, you've saved me a lot of money on publicity," Lin Sheng replied casually. He had already won Best Actor three times. So, there was no way he'd get affected by something so little.

Tangning smiled and pretended like nothing had happened. After all, she had already allowed Chen Xingyan to get the revenge she deserved and let her release some steam. But, Chen Xingyan still had some learning to do. So, Tangning decided to let the problem continue to escalate. That way, Chen Xingyan would be taught a good lesson.

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[Exposed! Chen Xingyan gets violent. Who gave this stunt double the courage?]

[Tangning gone blind: Failed attempt at helping junior ends up in backfire]

[Hungry for fame! Little stunt double explodes: Starts a fight in the bathroom and forces opponent to eat poo!]

These were the entertainment news headlines the next day. After seeing it, Bai Lihua was shocked. She looked at Tangning questioningly, but she didn't know what to say.

"Auntie Bai, do you have something you want to say?" Tangning noticed Bai Lihua sneaking glances at her, so she questioned her without lifting her head.

"Regarding Xingyan...I'm worried..."

"Don't worry, everything is under control."

In reality, if one was to look at the news articles in detail, they would be able to see that Tangning wasn't actually mentioned much and the truth was retained.

"What is Tangning thinking? Why would she help a junior like this?"

"This isn't like Tangning. Would Tangning not have the ability to control this kind of situation?"

The internet was already in heated discussions. In the end, everyone had one of two opinions: number one, Tangning wasn't giving up on getting revenge, it simply wasn't time yet; number two, Tangning's baby brain was destroying her image.

Meanwhile, Annie started tearfully complaining to the public about her traumatic experience. After being humiliated by Chen Xingyan, she no longer had the courage to continue living...

Faced with the mess before her, Chen Xingyan was flustered. She had absolutely no idea how to manage the situation.

The situation was like a snowball that grew bigger and bigger as more and more people became implicated.

She didn't know how to help herself nor An Zihao. Worst of all, Tangning was also dragged into the mess and everyone was insulting her for having a baby brain!

After seeing the news, Chen Xingyan contemplated for a while before she finally gave An Zihao a phone call, "I...I want to work...I want to be an action star...I want to be a part of a big production. I can handle the stress."

"Why did you suddenly come to this decision?" An Zihao asked, "Are you trying to hide from reality?"

"If I wanted to hide, I could just run away and not come back!" Chen Xingyan defended. "I came to this decision because I felt like I really should change a little. Only when I secure an opportunity better than Annie's, will she truly suffer a blow."

"Who do you think would have the guts to hire you at this moment?" An Zihao asked.

"Errr..." Chen Xingyan lowered her head disappointedly.

"Wait for me. I'll help you fight for an opportunity, but you need to try your best and remain patient."

"I will!"

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During this time, Annie was still in the middle of an interview, "Tangning didn't bully me, she stopped Chen Xingyan."

"She's actually not as scary as people say she is..."

This time, Annie did not slander Tangning, but the way she described her made her sound stupid. She made her sound like she had lost the vigor and impressiveness she once had.

Annie seemed quite satisfied with herself.

"I reckon President Mo has been helping her behind the scenes."

"Are you referring to all that she has achieved so far?" the reporters couldn't help jumping to conclusions as they watched on with interest, "From what we know, Tangning isn't a 'gentle' person."