

Work Hard 741

Chapter 741: Good Is Always Ahead of Evil

An Zihao stretched out his arm and wrapped it around Chen Xingyan. After scanning his eyes across the apartment, he placed a set of keys on the coffee table and said, "This home is currently my most expensive possession. I'll give it to the both of you. You can live in it if you want, otherwise, selling it is not a bad idea either."

Father Yun and Mother Yun were stunned as they glanced at each other and asked An Zihao, "You're giving your apartment to us? Are you saying that we only want your money?"

"Zihao, just because you have your hands on a rich heiress now, have you forgotten the promises you made to our Yun Xin...?" Mother Yun began to cry.

"Yun Xin is already dead. Did you expect me to spend the rest of my life with her ashes?" An Zihao's voice suddenly turned cold. "Not only are you not my birth parents and have no right to intervene with my affairs, this is my life we're talking about. You've already received what you wanted. Isn't that already enough?"

"Zihao, those aren't very nice things to say..."

"I'm already being polite. You are well aware of what you've taken from me over the years. I can accept that you needed to use it for yourselves, but you instead gave everything to your newlywed son. He should be the one that's taking care of you."

"I will move out of this apartment as soon as possible. From now on, I hope the two of you can stop clinging on to me."

In reality, An Zihao knew these two elders were like vampires sucking him dry. In fact, he knew it for some time.

But, it never bothered him too much because he thought they had a bottom line. However, Chen Xingyan had now been hurt, so he could no longer tolerate them.

"You're not going to take care of us until we die?"

"You didn't give birth to me!" An Zihao growled. "Auntie, a moral person needs to learn some restraint."

After hearing An Zihao's words, Chen Xingyan finally understood what was involved; even the son of the Yun Family relied on An Zihao to survive. They had a son of their own, yet they didn't rely on him, instead they clung to An Zihao just because he was once their daughter's boyfriend.

Chen Xingyan was aware that An Zihao was a loyal person. But, she also understood that they had reached his bottom line.

However, Chen Xingyan did not want him to be at a loss anymore.

So, she said to the elders, "Since the two of you won't accept something as superficial as this apartment, then I'll take it."

Hearing this, the other three people in the room froze.

A moment later, Mother Yun yelled angrily, "He already gave it to us..."

"Why should he be giving this to you? Who are you to him?" Chen Xingyan asked. "His money didn't fly in with the wind. He worked long and hard for it. Why should he just hand it over to you? I don't care. I'm taking it..."

"You..."

"Zihao, you told us that you'd give this apartment to us! Are you going back on your words?" Of course, Mother Yun couldn't beat Chen Xingyan's shamelessness, so she turned back to An Zihao instead.

"Yes, he's going back on his words. Since no documents have been signed yet, what can you do about it?" Chen Xingyan shielded An Zihao behind her. "If it wasn't because the two of you are Yun Xin's parents, I would have kicked you miles away by now. Did you think you'd still have the chance to come here and voice your opinions?"

"Xingyan..."

"An Zihao, let me tell you, no matter how much of a grudge or debt you owe Yun Xin, you've already paid it back over the years. You may want to treat someone wholeheartedly, but they need to be grateful in return. So, I would like to ask these two slackers to leave. Nothing in this house has anything to do with you!" Chen Xingyan said as she pointed to the door.

Mother Yun trembled in anger, but there was nothing she could do.

Initially, she wanted to put on a fainting act again, but Chen Xingyan was one step ahead as she said to An Zihao, "Zihao, give my brother a call, my head hurts. I'm not sure if it's because my injury from last time hasn't fully recovered. Tell my brother that someone has angered me and tell him to come deal with it."

Although Father Yun and Mother Yun weren't familiar with Mo Ting, they had heard of his name.

With the act that Chen Xingyan put on, the old couple immediately retrieved their anger and sat there, helpless and pale-faced.

"Zihao, my head is really hurting. Take me to the hospital..."

Seeing that Chen Xingyan's face was turning pale, An Zihao thought that she was truly unwell, so he immediately pulled out his phone to call the hospital. This action frightened the two elders so much that they did not dare to mention the apartment again and immediately left.

Even Lan Xi, who had schemed against Yun Xin, was easily destroyed in Hai Rui's hands, let alone two old people.

Seeing the two old people disappear in a puff of smoke, Chen Xingyan burst into laughter. As she lay on the sofa, tears began to seep from her eyes from laughing too hard.

Seeing this, An Zihao took a deep breath and pulled her into his embrace, "You scared me to death."

“How shameless of them to attempt playing games with me. I was already a master at 7-years-old.” After Chen Xingyan finished laughing, she recalled the previous day’s incident to An Zihao, “Tell me, why did you take care of these two old fools?”

“Previously, it was because I thought I had caused Yun Xin’s death and I felt guilty. Later on, it was because of sentimental reasons.”

“I can’t believe it. You actually felt sentimental towards these two?” Chen Xingyan shook her head as she stood up from An Zihao’s embrace. “From now on, when you see these two pieces of trash again, there’s no need to be polite. I can’t believe they sucked you dry so they could feed their son. I really want to throw a few swear words at them.”

An Zihao pulled Chen Xingyan back into his embrace. At this moment, his heart was finally stable again because Chen Xingyan did not give up on him and didn’t get scared away by the mess.

“It won’t happen ever again...”

“It better not. If you try to be nice again, I’ll...”

“As long as you don’t leave me. I am willing to do anything,” An Zihao quickly added.

“Why would I leave? It’s not like you were at fault,” Chen Xingyan returned An Zihao’s hug. Fortunately, she had Tangning by her side to teach her persistence. Otherwise, she would have given up on this tiresome relationship long ago. “From now on, I’ll manage your finances. Those jerks are dreaming if they think they can get another cent from you.”

“As you wish...”

“I was really hurt last night...”

“I know,” An Zihao gently pushed Chen Xingyan away from his body, placed a kiss on her forehead and another one on her lips, “This will be the last time. I’ll never hurt you again because of someone else.”

“You better do as you say. Otherwise, I will definitely leave you.” After speaking, Chen Xingyan pressed her lips firmly against An Zihao’s lips. The couple were suddenly consumed by passion as they expressed every bit of love they had for each other. It was not until An Zihao uncontrollably placed his hands on Chen Xingyan’s breasts, did the couple stop in surprise.

“No...we can’t yet.”

Chapter 742: Staying At Home To Take Care Of The Kids

Chen Xingyan lay against An Zihao’s chest and calmed herself down, “When...can we do it?”

“I’m not sure, at least not now.” After speaking, An Zihao patted Chen Xingyan on the back, gesturing for her to get up. “I’m going to go have a bath...”

“Is it really OK to endure like this?” Chen Xingyan laughed as she watched him lose control.

“That’s why you should stop seducing me,” An Zihao said before he rushed into the bathroom and washed himself off with cold water. Even though he had dreamed of touching Chen Xingyan’s soft body like he did just a moment ago, the feeling was so intoxicating that he almost lost control.

Perhaps due to experiencing a relationship crisis, Chen Xingyan suddenly felt very emotional about life.

That night, as An Zihao lay in bed ready to go to sleep, Chen Xingyan suddenly appeared at his doorway hugging her pillow, “Can I sleep with you tonight?”

An Zihao was a little stunned. Just as he was about to respond, Chen Xingyan quickly added, “I promise, I won’t do anything reckless.”

An Zihao stared at Chen Xingyan for a while. In the end, he couldn’t reject her, “I hope you won’t regret it.” After speaking, he shuffled over and offered half his bed to her.

Chen Xingyan jumped onto the bed and pounced into An Zihao’s arms. The feeling of gaining back what she had lost made her promise herself that she’d never argue with An Zihao again.

An Zihao gently ran his hands through Chen Xingyan’s hair. At this moment, the couple simply felt affection for each other without any other desires. As they hugged each other tightly, they slowly fell asleep...

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The next morning, before the sun rose, Tangning gave An Zihao a phone call while she was feeding the babies, “Have you calmed her back down?”

“Yes,” An Zihao said as he looked at the woman sleeping soundly in his arms.

“Are you sleeping together?”

“It’s not what you think,” An Zihao explained, “I didn’t...”

Hearing this, Tangning let out a laugh, “I never thought you were so conservative. I bet Xingyan wants to eat you up.”

“She’s still young...”

“I’m just showing my concern. You can go back to sleep,” Tangning said with a deeper meaning. After she hung up the phone, a tall and strong figure suddenly appeared and hugged her from behind.

“Have you been making phone calls often when I’m not around?” Mo Ting hugged both mother and son as he spoke in a deep and charming voice that carried a trace of danger.

“It’s something meaningful. Pretend you don’t know about An Zihao and Chen Xingyan,” Tangning smiled. “You wouldn’t be jealous, right?”

“From now on, when you feed the kids, call me to come with you. If I carry one of them, it won’t be so difficult for you.”

“There’s not much you can help with. Plus, Hai Rui has been busy. I don’t want you to have a lack of sleep,” after feeding Tang Tang, Tangning put the baby down and turned to wrap her arms around Mo

Ting's waist. "I can handle this. With you around, I am already relaxed enough. I simply need to wake up a little early."

"I am a man. Are you afraid that I can't get enough sleep?" Mo Ting lifted Tangning in his arms and carried her out of the nursery. "Plus, I am your husband and the father of our children. Taking care of you is my biggest responsibility."

Tangning did not say a word as she leaned in closer to Mo Ting's neck.

"Don't worry, go film your commercial. Even if you're not at home, I can still take good care of the two rascals."

Tangning never doubted this. Mo Ting was already a professional at taking care of the babies. All the rascals had to do was stretch out a hand and he would already know what they wanted.

"OK, with you here, I can be rest assured."

So, the next morning, Fang Yu was called into the CEO's office; he had a few instructions to give.

"I won't be coming into the office tomorrow. If anything happens, you are in charge."

"Did something happen to Tangning?"

Mo Ting glanced at him and replied casually, "I'm staying at home to take care of the kids..."

Fang Yu wanted to laugh, but he was too afraid to. After all, it was rare to see Mo Ting take a day off work, let alone staying at home to take care of the kids. It was obviously something that a nanny could have done, but Tangning and Mo Ting, two extremely busy people, always had to do everything themselves. No wonder people in the office were beginning to nickname him 'Daddy Ting'.

"Don't worry, I will take care of things."

Of course, when it came to being a father, Fang Yu admitted defeat against Mo Ting. After all, he had been absent during a huge portion of Xiao Yue's childhood so far.

Even though things were a little better with Huo Jingjing around, the time that he had already lost, could never be made back.

"In regards to Tangning, should I hire an assistant for her?" Fang Yu asked thoughtfully. He had already assumed that if Mo Ting was staying at home, then Tangning must be working.

"Lu Che will be accompanying her. I can't trust anyone else at the moment."

"Understood."

Tangning was finally returning to work. Even though the industry wasn't lacking in celebrities, watching Tangning battling her way through the industry was a satisfying thing to witness. She was a rare kind of actress that should not be wasted. Even if Mo Ting was willing, others would not allow it.

Tangning was filming a commercial...

It had been a long time since Tangning produced something. This time, she was going to use her capabilities to convince the entire entertainment industry.

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Meanwhile, after Father Yun and Mother Yun left, An Zihao assumed he'd finally have some peace. But, contrary to his expectations, Yun Xin's younger brother came looking for him.

"What are you doing here?" An Zihao leaned against the doorway with no intention of letting the man into his home.

"My parents told me that you don't plan to care for them anymore," Yun Xin's brother looked at An Zihao in disbelief. "What? Now that you've found a new toy, you've decided to forget about my sister? Let me tell you, I won't allow it. How could you take care of them halfway and abandon them? What do you expect me to do? I've only been married for a short time, how do you expect me to shoulder the responsibility for the entire family?"

"Have you lost your arms and legs? You shouldn't be asking me about the livelihood of your family," An Zihao replied firmly.

"No way, how could you be so heartless?!" Brother Yun sneered before he peeked in through the gap of the door. "I heard you originally planned to give this apartment to my parents, but went back on your words. I've never seen someone as dishonest as you..."

"Tell me your motive. Stop talking rubbish."

"If you give me the apartment, I won't cause anymore trouble," Brother Yun said. "Otherwise, I'll come over once a day and greet your new girlfriend while I'm at it."

It seemed, he had no idea that Chen Xingyan had been trained in martial arts from a young age.

So, when Chen Xingyan opened the door and saw their guest, Brother Yun began whistling at her, "Not bad, you're quite pretty..."

Chen Xingyan was angry as she asked An Zihao, "Who's this?"

"Yun Xin's younger brother..."

"Can I hit him?"

Chapter 743: You Shouldn't Force Me To Be Even More Ruthless

An Zihao glanced at her with a look of approval.

Brother Yun was unaware that Chen Xingyan was a martial artist, so he laughed, "I love being touched by pretty women..."

'PANG!'

All that could be heard was a loud pang as Chen Xingyan landed a kick on the man and threw him down the stairs. Before Brother Yun got a chance to check his injuries, Chen Xingyan had already jumped down and started punching him. Only until she was satisfied did she stand up straight and warn, "If you dare come here again, I will hit you every time I see you!"

Brother Yun never expected that Chen Xingyan had such skills. At this moment, he was simply lying on the floor moaning in pain, with no strength to stand back up.

“Pfft, the entire family is shameless!”

After saying these words, Chen Xingyan returned to An Zihao. The couple returned to the apartment, one behind the other, and closed the door shut.

“This won’t do. To prevent this family from causing more trouble I need to think of a plan that ends everything once and for all.” How could Chen Xingyan handle these people showing up at the apartment every couple of days? Even normal people wouldn’t be able to handle it, let alone people in the public eye like her and An Zihao.

Seeing Chen Xingyan walking back and forth in the living room, An Zihao pulled her into his embrace, “I’ll handle it. I won’t let this disgusting family appear in your line of sight again.”

“Really?” Chen Xingyan both trusted him and doubted him.

“Really,” An Zihao nodded. “Go wash yourself down a little, you have an audition this afternoon. Take Little Seven with you and don’t embarrass me.”

“OK,” after receiving a kiss, Chen Xingyan obediently headed into the bathroom. As she disappeared, An Zihao’s expression turned dark, there were some things that he needed to end once and for all.

After Chen Xingyan and Little Seven left the apartment, An Zihao drove to the hospital frequented by Mother Yun. As expected, Brother Yun was also using the hospital for his broken bones.

Seeing An Zihao appear, not only Father Yun and Mother Yun, but also Brother Yun’s wife was furious, “You are a bunch of bullies, why did you injure my husband?”

“An Zihao, how dare you turn up here!” Mother Yun yelled. “I’m going to expose you to the media. You’re inhumane and a hideous mess!”

Mother Yun was uneducated, so she wasn’t good with words. As she was flustered, her words were a bit reckless.

An Zihao gave a gentle laugh as he asked Mother Yun, “What are you planning to expose to the media? That your entire family has been living off me? Or that the money your son used to get married and buy a home was all from me as well?”

After hearing this, Father Yun and Mother Yun’s ears burned red. They were aware that their words were quite unreasonable.

At this moment, Brother Yun’s wife looked at her in-laws in disbelief, “Didn’t Yun Hao earn the money himself?”

“That...”

“Earn?” An Zihao looked at the elders in ridicule and replied to the naive young woman, “With Yun Hao’s abilities, when would he be able to buy any property in Beijing? I’m sorry, but this entire family’s

expenses have been provided by me. Over the years, they haven't earned a cent. So auntie, you're more than welcome to expose this. I would also like to see the media's response."

Mother Yun did not look happy, but she could not say a word.

"So that's the truth, I knew it." The woman's eyes turned watery as she looked at the elders and continued, "I've decided to get a divorce with Yun Hao. And of course, I won't be giving birth to the child in my stomach either. Don't even dream about it. What kind of people are you? It's bad enough that you relied on someone else to survive, you even expected them to support your son as well. I must have encountered 8 lifetimes of bad luck to have married this useless piece of trash."

"It's because he caused my daughter's death. He deserves this!"

"That's enough, stop being so stubborn!" the woman sneered at Father Yun as she wiped her tears. "Not too long ago, Yun Hao told me happily that the culprit behind his sister's death had been found. What? You're still planning to blame it on Mr. An? That's enough, I'm getting a divorce. After I hand the request to the court, I will let them handle it. I would like to see how shameless you can be."

After speaking, the woman grabbed her bag and stormed out of the hospital room. Father Yun wanted to chase after her, but Mother Yun stopped him, "Don't worry about a person that can't see the bigger picture. Our son will be able to find someone better."

"An Zihao, are you happy now?"

An Zihao didn't originally plan for things to end up like this. But, when faced with people like them, it wasn't necessary to hold back...

So, he pulled out a few I.O.U notes from his pocket and asked the two elders, "When are you planning to pay me back for these debts?"

Seeing the notes, the old couple froze.

The couple was already under An Zihao's daily care, but, they were bound to encounter moments when they needed money, for example, when they needed money for Yun Hao to buy a property. At that time, they knew it would be a big amount, so they did not think it was right to directly ask for it. Hence, they casually signed an I.O.U note, thinking that An Zihao would never ask them back for it.

But, now...

"Altogether, when you add these debts together, you owe me roughly \$10 million. I happen to be short of money lately, so when will you be able to pay me back?"

"Don't go too far!" Father Yun growled angrily.

"I'm already being nice, otherwise, I would directly hand this over to the lawyers to handle," An Zihao's voice turned even colder. "Since the two of you are so shameless, I can only handle this like business and pretend that I've been supporting a family of livestock over the years."

"What do you plan to do?" Mother Yun trembled in anger. But, there was no way she could return the \$10 million.

“It’s simple. Take your useless son with you and leave Beijing. I don’t want to see you ever again. If you appear in front of me again, I will immediately hand these notes over to my lawyers. If that happens, don’t blame me for being heartless.”

“You...”

“Isn’t this a result of your own actions?” An Zihao glanced ironically at the family before he said in a cold voice, “So, are you leaving or not?”

“We will leave!” Father Yun said with all his strength. “An Zihao, you sure are ruthless!”

“That’s why you shouldn’t force me to be even more ruthless.”

After speaking, An Zihao put the notes away and walked straight out of hospital room. He was finally free after being bound to the Yun Family for so many years. Even if Yun Xin was looking down in disapproval from heaven, he would not buckle. Because right now, the only person he wanted to protect – was Chen Xingyan.

Meanwhile, Chen Xingyan was in the middle of her audition for ‘The Best Ex-girlfriend’, a comedy by the so-called ‘King of Comedy’, Director Wang.

As an actress that was famous because of Mo Ting, the director didn’t look highly upon Chen Xingyan’s acting nor any of her other skills.

So, it didn’t seem likely that she’d secure the second or third supporting character. But, at this time, Bai Linlin was also present at the audition.

Chapter 744: Waiting For Me To Become A Joke ?

Bai Linlin wasn’t any better. However, she had an older sister in Hollywood, so the two women were evenly matched in terms of background.

Little Seven gave An Zihao a phone call to explain the current situation; she was afraid that Chen Xingyan would be bullied again. So, An Zihao soon arrived at the auditions. Seeing Chen Xingyan holding the temporary script in her hands, he immediately strode over and asked, “What’s wrong?”

As Chen Xingyan watched An Zihao appear, she immediately said, “I actually have a thought.”

“Your thought is to become Beijing’s best stunt double.”

Chen Xingyan took a deep breath and realized her previous casual image had been etched too deeply in An Zihao’s heart. As a result, he wasn’t used to her seriousness. However, Chen Xingyan still said what she thought, “I know you arranged this audition for me because you want me to secure some resources and to have a film to partake in. I also know that you don’t have much expectation for me, but I want to have some expectations for myself from now on.”

“I’ve looked at the script and I’m aware that you want me to audition for the secondary female character, but I feel that this female character that disguises as a guy is more suited to me.”

An Zihao examined Chen Xingyan seriously as his lips curved upwards, "Have you made preparations to become a superstar yet?"

"Even if not for myself, I would do it for the sake of your dreams. You were once a top manager, I don't want your skills to become dispensable because of me."

An Zihao patted Chen Xingyan on the head; she had grown up.

"You are indeed more suited to the character of this tomboy. Although it isn't a notable character, the design of this character is the most detailed, life-like and the most complete in the entire script. If portrayed well, it has the ability to outshine the secondary character and even the female lead. However, if done badly, it would just be another forgettable, insignificant character. But, we have nothing to lose, we can treat this as a chance for you to accumulate some experience."

"OK," Chen Xingyan nodded.

"Bai Linlin came for the secondary female character, but she has no idea that this character was merely created to highlight the existence of the female lead. It actually has less value than most of the other characters. The character may appear in a lot of scenes, but it doesn't necessarily mean that it will be likable."

After hearing this, Chen Xingyan began to laugh as she whispered beside An Zihao's ear, "According to Bai Linlin's personality, she will definitely mess up."

Bai Linlin seemed to have noticed Chen Xingyan and An Zihao talking about her, so she rolled her eyes and walked towards the couple, "The secondary character is mine. Don't even dream about it."

Chen Xingyan didn't want it to begin with...

As she began to think about the way that Bai Linlin stood in front of Tangning, she couldn't help but laugh.

"What are you laughing at?"

"Thinking about the way you were punished to stand."

"You just wait. After I become the secondary female, there will be plenty for you to see," Bai Linlin was struck where it hurt. So, after making a lame threat, she turned around and hurried away. Chen Xingyan was extremely amused as she erupted in tears of laughter.

"I heard her sister is quite powerful, she won't come looking for trouble, will she?"

"Her sister is on Tangning's level, so Tangning will naturally find a way to deal with her. If she comes to look for you, she will be devaluing herself," An Zihao replied with a smile.

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Bai Yu was indeed angered. Tangning had forced her sister to stand for two hours like a student in front of a school dean. No matter who was to hear this, they were bound to feel bad.

"She's just an actress on the brink of expiry, shouldn't she just return home? Why's she walking around acting like a nice person when it's obvious she's not?"

However, Bai Linlin had no idea that Tangning had entered the studio that day because she had been contracted as the global spokesperson for an international luxury cosmetic brand. This brand was well-known for its lively image. And this was exactly the reason why Mo Ting chose it for Tangning. At first, the company was worried about Tangning's condition. They wondered if she'd be appealing enough. But, as soon as Tangning put on her white suit, tied her hair into a high ponytail and stepped out in front of everyone, her beauty made it impossible for people to look away.

Because of this, the photographer let out a sigh. Tangning was in the same state as when she was a model. It was clear to see that Tangning's professionalism resulted in the strict management of her figure.

It didn't take long before Tangning began conversing with the man in perfect English and understood the content of the shoot.

So, with the help of the stylist, Tangning got changed into a set of white activewear.

As the stylist looked at Tangning's stomach and how it had recovered beautifully, she couldn't help but gasp, "I really can't imagine that you're already the mother of a baby."

"It's actually two babies," Tangning smiled, "I gave birth to twins..."

The stylist gave her a thumbs up, "You're amazing!"

Throughout the entire shoot, Tangning changed into a total of 7 sets of clothes, all following a white theme and aimed at women. Inside the rose-filled room, Tangning's state was unbelievably perfect.

"A professional is indeed a professional," the photographer continuously praised. Tangning did not forget her original profession at all, especially her gaze.

She was capable of looking fierce, wild, tender and even pure. Perhaps, due to the experience she had gained from acting, when she applied her skills to the advertisement, even the advertiser gasped in surprise. Out of all the models they had ever worked with, Tangning left the deepest impression.

"Wait until we release this advertisement, the result will definitely be shocking. I can't wait!" the photographer said to the other staff members after he finished.

After Tangning completed her shoot, she simply wanted to hurry home. The advertiser originally wanted to invite her to dinner, but she regretfully rejected them. After all, she still had two babies waiting for her at home.

"Rather than focusing on work, you're constantly worried about your baby. You're honestly a great mother," the lighting designer laughed.

Because she was a great mother, she wanted to rush home and comfort the good father at home.

Tangning smiled as she bid farewell to the staff. Afterwards, she left the studio with Lu Che.

She was capable of returning to the workplace, but the big guy and two little ones at home, were forever her biggest concern.

Upon returning home, Tangning found Mo Ting fast asleep with the babies.

Seeing Daddy Ting's head up against his two son's heads, Tangning felt a rush of warmth spread through her body.

She remembered that her and Mo Ting had once promised that they'd be a normal couple as soon as they returned home. It was a place for just the two of them.

Tangning approached the trio and placed a kiss on Mo Ting's forehead. She then headed into the kitchen to prepare dinner.

It didn't take long before Mo Ting appeared behind her and wrapped his arm around her waist, "Did your first day back at work go smoothly?"

"Of course..." Tangning nodded confidently.

"Hai Rui received news that Bai Yu plans to return to Beijing to develop her career. It's obvious that she's aiming at you. When she gets back, she may cause you trouble."

"Is this all because I punished her sister to stand?" Tangning snorted. "Isn't it normal to have small arguments within the industry?"

"She is a smart woman. If necessary, she could even sacrifice the most important people in her life. You are both on the same path. But, when the two of you reach a fork in the road, you are bound to go separate ways. So, she wants to wait for the result."

"Regarding everything else, this Bai Yu is quite charming!" Tangning had to admit this. "She must be waiting for me to become a joke."

Chapter 745: They Will Assume You're Afraid Of Bai Yu

Bai Yu became famous at an early age and had experienced lots of underhandedness. As a result, she knew how to behave and how to handle matters. So, in the end, by using Hai Rui as a platform, she graced the international stage with her presence and eventually opened Yi Xing Film and Television. These days, her and her husband worked hard together in Hollywood.

The important turning point that Mo Ting previously spoke about, happened during the time Bai Yu was still in Hai Rui. At that time she had a loving boyfriend who she had been with for many years. But, in the end, for the sake of future prospects, she had an abortion and broke up with the not-so-famous singer.

For a female celebrity, youth never stuck around for long. So, there was no reason to retreat home before their career even started.

Therefore, at that time, Bai Yu didn't hesitate at all. When her ex boyfriend found out about her abortion, he almost fell apart. But, in the end, he maintained his composure and let her go.

Perhaps to make Bai Yu feel regret, the non-ambitious ex boyfriend suddenly woke up to reality and began to use connections to aid in his advancement. As a result, he was now a well acknowledged mentor in the music industry.

It could be said that Tangning and Bai Yu's goal was the most similar. But, if Bai Yu was in Tangning's position, she would never become an actress just as she was about to become an international

supermodel, and she would never have a child when her popularity was at its prime. She wasn't crazy. How many people dreamed of being famous?

Why didn't Tangning treasure the opportunities she was given?

Bai Yu disliked Tangning because Bai Yu had sacrificed so much to get to where she was today, yet Tangning always seemed to prove her decisions wrong.

Tangning had returned to work, so 'Concubine Ning', which had been in preparation for quite some time, naturally sent over their schedule. Although the producers had always said that Tangning was to play the female lead, they had never announced it to the public. Because of this, An Zihao once again contacted Tangning, "Are you ready to go on set?"

'Concubine Ning' was a long imperial palace drama. As soon as Tangning stepped on set, it would definitely take 3-6 months to complete. She liked the plot, but...

"Let me think about it," Tangning replied. It was definitely a concern for her to be away from her babies for so long.

"You can go home every day. You don't need to worry about not seeing your children," An Zihao coaxed her with a tempting offer. "At the moment, quite a few other actresses have already accepted this drama. If you don't make a decision soon, someone might steal the role from you."

"Then so be it..." Tangning smiled.

"Can you think of anyone that's more suited to this character than you? You've already received the contract long ago. But, you still haven't signed it!"

It's not that Tangning wasn't excited by a challenge like this, especially since she hadn't experienced filming in ancient attire, but, she had her worries...

"You need to give me an answer by tomorrow morning," An Zihao was filled with urgency. The preparation stage had already taken too long. Every day that they delayed it, the more resources they'd be wasting.

"OK," Tangning nodded. "By the way, didn't you say that Xingyan will have a role in the drama too? How's that going?"

"She has something else that she wants to do," An Zihao revealed a rarely-seen look of relief.

Chen Xingyan now knew how to take a lot of things into consideration. She now spoke up about whether something was suited to her or not and allowed An Zihao to finally see her possibilities of becoming a superstar.

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Tangning was indeed tempted to participate in 'Concubine Ning'. But, as she looked at the sleeping expression on her babies' faces, she gave up on the thought.

Good scripts were bound to come around again, but the time spent with her babies could never be reimbursed.

Mo Ting seemed to have noticed her doubts, so, with his identity as her manager, he replied to the producers, accepted the role and told them they could now officially announce it.

“The babies require company, but, you also need to fulfill your dream. I’ve already contacted the production crew. You will be allowed to return home every day and no one will stop you from keeping the babies company at night. During the day, we will leave these two rascals with our mothers...”

As it was impossible for Bai Lihua to take care of two babies on her own, Xia Yuling handed Tang Corps to Tang Jingxuan and stepped down to provide assistance.

The babies’ paternal grandmother was a biological researcher and their maternal grandmother was a famous businesswoman. Above all, the two babies were born into a rich family. So, there were no concerns regarding their upbringing.

Tangning looked at Mo Ting and knew that this man understood her the most, so she did not retaliate as she nodded her head.

“Just because you aren’t with them 24 hours a day, it doesn’t mean you are not a good mother. Don’t feel guilty. When I have time, I will bring them to visit you on set.”

Mo Ting would forever remember how Tangning learned how to act from scratch because of ‘Stupid’ when she was just one step away from becoming an international supermodel.

At a time like this, a lover’s support was the best form of affirmation.

“OK, Daddy Ting!”

Tangning’s decision to join ‘Concubine Ning’ was originally confirmed and the production crew were already prepared to announce it. As the entire cast was of a high standard, the male lead was not a young idol actor, but also an actor with great acting skills.

But, unexpectedly...

...overnight, the producers of ‘Concubine Ning’, suddenly changed their minds. Tangning was supposed to play two roles on her own, but in the end, they decided to add an extra actress and arranged for Tangning to play just one.

‘Concubine Ning’ was indeed adjusted. They had previously established that this was a story about a concubine that got beheaded because she brought disorder to the imperial court. But, the twist was, the concubine did not die and came back from the dead with a completely different personality and eventually became a concubine praised by everyone. Afterwards, an identity battle ensues between the two sisters. This was where the producers added a whole heap of fighting scenes between the two sisters...

The feelings evoked by the script suddenly disappeared...

The originally detailed plot had suddenly turned into a story about an exaggerated Mary Sue 1 ...

So, after An Zihao delivered Tangning the new script, Tangning had a quick look and threw it to the side, “I don’t care about whether I’m the female lead. But, this character has become too single dimensional. I don’t want to act in something that’s so exaggerated.”

"It's been confirmed that the drama will have two female leads. Do you know who the other female lead is?" An Zihao looked at Tangning with deep meaning. "Bai Yu! Bai Yu is famous to begin with and she has offered to invest money into the drama. So, of course, the producers naturally felt this was a blessing. Bai Yu has always been publicly acknowledged as a good actress. So, her presence is not expected to bring down the quality of the drama."

"She's indeed targeting me," Tangning smirked.

"Tangning, the drama has a complete script and professional post production. No matter who acts in it, the result will not be that bad. Of course, the addition of good actors is a plus. If you reject this role and the drama becomes popular, the public will definitely have a lot to say."

"They will even assume that you're afraid of Bai Yu."

"I'm not acting in it!" Tangning replied decisively. "You know how I am. When I accept a script, the other actors aren't the most important factor. The most important thing is the script itself. Do you think you can even convince yourself with a script like this?"

Chapter 746: If Something Belongs To My Ning, No One Can Possibly Snatch It Away

"One needs to wait for a good script and I'm not afraid of waiting," Tangning said before she pushed the script back over to An Zihao. "Sorry, Zihao."

An Zihao was stunned for a moment before he laughed, "This is actually more like you; more like the Tangning that I know. That's fine, I respect your decision."

"This drama indeed has the potential to be a big hit. But...I feel that simply being well-made isn't enough. The story itself is the most important thing. Only when a screenwriter's art is appreciated can a classic masterpiece be created, rather than having a moment of popularity and then being forgotten afterwards."

Tangning understood this better than anyone!

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Soon thereafter, Bai Yu received news that Tangning had rejected her role. In response, Bai Yu was quite confused. Within China, a production like 'Concubine Ning' was already considered decent and was likely to be a big hit. Yet, she rejected it. Was it because her role as female lead had been snatched from her? Bai Yu's lips curved upwards coldly.

Wasn't snatching a common occurrence in the entertainment industry? How could Tangning be so petty?

Bai Yu really wanted to know the thoughts that were contained in Tangning's head. Was her brain made from bean curd?

However, regardless of the reason why Tangning refused to partake in 'Concubine Ning', Bai Yu managed to create a hot topic of discussion.

As a result, the following news headlines began to appear:

[International superstar, Bai Yu, makes a comeback; Tangning's female lead gets snatched away!]

['Concubine Ning' announces last-minute change to Bai Yu; Tangning not fated to be female lead]

All types of news articles spread like wildfire. But, it all came down to one message: Tangning was originally chosen as the female lead of 'Concubine Ning', but ended up being replaced by Bai Yu. Everyone tried to guess the reason behind this. Since Tangning had just given birth, they assumed it was likely because her figure and disposition hadn't fully recovered yet. On top of that, Bai Yu was internationally renowned and couldn't be ignored, and her acting was well refined. So it made sense for the producers to choose Bai Yu over Tangning because she was better value.

"Tangning's the one that always steals other's roles. Now that someone else has taken her role instead, it's weirdly satisfying."

"When it comes to experience, Tangning is still miles from Bai Yu. So, it's normal for the producers to change people."

"Bai Yu was my dream girl back in the days. I never expected her to make a comeback. I'm really looking forward to it!"

"Bai Yu has played so many classic characters. I don't even know where Tangning was during that time."

Of course, Tangning's fans fought back.

"If something belongs to my Ning, no one can possibly snatch it away – unless my Ning willingly gives it away."

"Don't make Bai Yu sound so sacred and out of reach. When it comes to acting, our Ning does not lose to her."

"How could you speak of Bai Yu. The roles she played in the past were all mechanical, no-brain characters. What is there to be proud of?"

"There's nothing wrong with my Ning's body and her kids are of no concern at all."

Regardless of the truth, from the intensity of the argument between the fans, it was clear to see that 'Concubine Ning' had become well and truly famous.

Yet, at this time, Tangning could not step out to speak up for herself. If she was to say that she was replaced, it would mean that she wasn't as good as Bai Yu. But, if she told everyone that she had rejected the script and the drama became a hit, people would say that she slapped herself in the face and that she was stupid for giving up on a role that helped her advance.

So, it wasn't possible for her to say anything.

Of course, she had another excuse she could have used: she could have said that she had to take care of the babies. But, she couldn't use the kids as a shield. The truth was the truth. She could remain quiet, but she would never do anything that crossed her bottom line.

Even Long Jie, who was pregnant, couldn't help but worry about her, "Look at the way this woman has come looking for trouble. Did she come deliberately to steal your role? And did you simply hand it over to her?"

"No. It's because I don't like the script. They've changed it too much," Tangning replied. If the script remained the same, she would not have given up on it so easily.

"What do you plan to do, then? Your situation is quite awkward at the moment and everyone is making their own assumptions."

"I'll just wait..." Without a good script, all she could do was wait.

"I'm not used to seeing a person with the guts to bully you."

But, bully? Tangning did not consider it as being bullied. In fact, she was the one that was bullying Bai Yu.

After all, her babies were her strength.

Meanwhile, Tangning may have simply rejected the script, but Mo Ting ruthlessly followed Hai Rui's procedures and filed a lawsuit against the producers. Firstly, when they signed Tangning's contract, they had agreed to use her as the female lead, yet a second female lead suddenly appeared out of nowhere. Secondly, the producers agreed that the script would not change, yet it went through a massive revision. This was a complete breach of contract.

But, of course, 'Concubine Ning' had a strong backing. Since Hai Rui mentioned compensation, then they were simply going to hand it over.

But, the producers of 'Concubine Ning' verbally declared that they'd never consider Tangning for any of their projects – ever again.

Since the situation had been blown up so much and Director Chen Feng was a man of integrity, he ended up quitting his position as lead director and left with An Zihao. Which meant, the entire production was about to undergo a complete change.

In the end, the words that Hai Rui couldn't say, Director Chen Feng said for them, "As the lead director of 'Concubine Ning', there are a few things I would like to say. Firstly, before 'Concubine Ning' began filming, Tangning had already signed a contract for the female lead through communication with our assistant director...until changes occurred. Secondly, as soon as changes occurred, the first thing that Tangning worried about was not who she acted alongside, but the changes itself. It was because she felt that 'Concubine Ning' had lost its original quality, that she decided not to take part in the drama anymore. It had nothing to do with sharing the female lead."

"Tangning is a qualified actress, so she refused to partake in this drama. And as a qualified director, I will also withdraw from this production."

A statement like this immediately caused an uproar.

The public had now discovered the reason why Tangning refused to take part in the drama: it was because the script had lost its original quality.

As a result, Director Chen Feng's words not only slapped the producers of 'Concubine Ning' in the face, it also made Bai Yu's fans blush in embarrassment.

Tangning didn't want the role; she threw it away. Yet, their idol gripped onto it like a precious gem and was flaunting it wherever she went.

Indeed, the drama was going to be a hit. But, it had nothing to do with it being a good drama...

"Tangning carefully selects her scripts. With President Mo by her side, she only accepts the good ones. Look at the films she's done in the past, it's obvious that she is a serious actress. This can't be denied."

"I hope Tangning accepts a different drama to compete with 'Concubine Ning'! How interesting would that be!"

"But, where is she to find a good script with a big production like 'Concubine Ning'? It's impossible!"

Chapter 747: Turning Point

In reality, Tangning had simply given up on a script. Chen Feng and An Zihao, on the other hand, had already made a lot of sacrifices for 'Concubine Ning'. So, it was a real shame for them to withdraw. However, they were both certain of their bottom line.

Of course, neither of them were in as awkward of a position as Tangning. Tangning was currently in need of a project to prove her worth. So, when Bai Yu saw the way that Tangning suddenly gave up on 'Concubine Ning', she thought she was completely crazy. Within the industry, a project that guaranteed advancement was rare to come by, yet she offended the producers of 'Concubine Ning' so badly...

Everyone was anxious; fans were especially anxious. But, no matter how anxious they were, Tangning would never accept a script unless it was good.

Meanwhile, 'Concubine Ning' progressed quickly. After Bai Yu joined the cast, it wasn't long before they released photos of the final makeup and began filming. It was like they were trying to say that there was no place for Tangning even if she decided to change her mind. At this time, during one of her interviews, Bai Yu expressed her opinion towards the drama with a smile, "Everyone has their own meaning of quality. I think the screenwriter has already done a great job. Honestly, everyone needs to respect the hard work of others. Even if you can't show respect, you should at least refrain from casting judgment."

Bai Yu's choice of words were smart. She appeared to praise the entire crew and the screenwriter for being hardworking and serious. But, she also pointed out that 'someone' held their expectations too high and was too demanding. Needless to say, everyone knew who she was referring to. It was Tangning. She felt that Tangning didn't respect the hard work of others!

"As for her so-called intention to only take on good scripts, I feel that a good actor should not be picky. An actor should be able to take on any character that is required of them. That's the proper self discipline expected of an actor."

Regardless of everything else, as soon as Bai Yu's words were published, they appeared reasonable, but immediately ignited a battle between herself and Tangning.

As a result, she assumed Tangning was at home in a state of panic.

But, in reality, Tangning did not even notice what she did.

Did Bai Yu say something?

Amongst the many scripts in Hai Rui's hands, Mo Ting tried to pick one with the potential for advancement, but there was indeed none that was suitable for Tangning. As Tangning had no projects at hand and did not make an appearance to prove her current state, Tang Fans wanted to stick up for her, but they had no confidence.

It was at this time that a phone call arrived at the CEO's office in Hai Rui.

An author by the name of Tang Xiao, called to say that she had a story in her hands called, 'The Forensic Concubine' that she was adapting to an IP drama and wanted to invite Tangning to play the female lead.

She was a fan of Tangning's, so even her pen name used the surname Tang. She told Mo Ting that she continued to write because of encouragement from Tangning and that she got to where she was today because of her. So, she felt it was time to show her gratitude.

In response, Mo Ting immediately asked Lu Che to find information on 'The Forensic Concubine'.

The result? Even Lu Che was stunned by what he found.

The novel was currently ranked number one on all the biggest online platforms and was well received with billions of views. The author had already been offered huge amounts of money by plenty of film and television agencies, but Tang Xiao had never been convinced because her dream was to have her idol partake in the adaptation some day. So, she continued to hold onto the copyright until now, when the opportunity unexpectedly came along.

"President, this IP is worth a lot. Most importantly, the novel itself is of a high standard and every part of it can stand up against criticism. It's clear to see that the author is very talented."

"In fact, she even prepared the script herself; there's no need for a screenwriter. I've already checked it and it's perfect."

Lu Che was fairly excited. How could anyone reject a project like this?

Mo Ting received the script and flipped to the first page.

The story did not start off slow and simple. In fact, Tang Xiao's creations were always exciting and captivating.

The very first scene featured the Emperor of the Feng Lan Dynasty questioning the female lead why she was his mother; he was unfortunately in love with her and he admired her.

In actual fact, the female lead was only 3 years older than the emperor because she was a concubine of the previous emperor and received orders to take care of him. At the same time, although she was actually from the future, she upheld the responsibilities of a concubine and hid her true capabilities.

After reading two small sections of the script, Mo Ting closed it back up and said to Lu Che, "No matter what it takes, let's film this IP drama."

Tangning received the script later on. As soon as she laid eyes on it, she fell in love with the design. Apart from there being a forbidden love line, the forensic knowledge and related details in Tang Xiao's writing was so professional that even real forensic scientists praised her for it.

It didn't take long before Long Jie heard of the news. As soon as she heard it, she gasped in surprise, "Oh God, I've read this novel during my spare time. F*ck, you're actually playing the role of the female lead: my dear Qing Lan. Let me tell you, Tangning, this novel is honestly really good. If you don't read it, you will regret it!"

Was this considered a pleasant surprise?

Tangning suddenly laughed.

Long Jie could roughly guess how Tangning was feeling, so she quickly asked, "This is karma for the good things you've done. Reality is proof that your every move has been right. My God, I can't wait to see it!"

As a result, Tangning was extremely thankful towards the author. In fact, she told Mo Ting to invite her to their home. After all, they needed to discuss the role in person and develop a deeper understanding.

Tang Xiao was excited by the invite. Although she was aware that Tangning wouldn't have known about her if not for 'The Forensic Concubine', being able to come in close contact with her idol made her feel extremely lucky.

As the script was already good enough, Mo Ting immediately held a board meeting and confirmed that Hai Rui would be investing into the drama and Chen Feng would be invited as the director.

Practically all the directors agreed to the decision and were happy for Mo Ting to go ahead.

With Hai Rui's support, the production crew was quickly formed. At the same time, Chen Feng received the script from Mo Ting. As soon as he looked at it, he immediately gave Mo Ting a phone call and agreed to sign a contract as soon as possible. He was even more excited than them.

It didn't take long before the main production positions were filled and casting was to begin.

But, Tangning told Mo Ting that she wanted to first speak to the author.

Tang Xiao was talented, so she naturally had her own ideal actors in mind. So, it was best to listen to her suggestions first.

As a result, Mo Ting quickly organized for Tang Xiao to visit and got Lu Che to personally escort her straight into Hyatt Regency to Tangning's front door.

Before meeting Tang Xiao, Tangning had assumed she was a man. But, when the beautiful young lady appeared in front of her, she was quite surprised.

Tang Xiao was so talented and shocking.

"Oh God, Tangning you are so beautiful..." Tang Xiao was equally surprised by Tangning. "You're nothing like the rumors. You're not plump and fat at all!"

Chapter 748: The Choice For Male Lead

"If I was plump and fat what would happen? Would you still choose me as the female lead?" Tangning asked with a smile as she quickly gestured for the author to sit down.

"That wouldn't be possible. You've always had really good self discipline, so I've always had faith in you. I just never expected it to be this good even after you gave birth." Tang Xiao was dressed in a long black dress and she had a pair of gold framed glasses perched atop her nose. She had a shy presence about her; typical of an author that often stayed at home and barely left the house or socialized.

"Do you want to see the baby?" Tangning asked after she made a cup of coffee.

"May I?" Tang Xiao appeared pleasantly surprised as she looked at Tangning with a cute and innocent expression.

Tangning nodded her head. Afterwards, she carried the two babies out of their room. As soon as Tang Xiao realized there were two babies, she was stunned, "You...you gave birth to twins? They are exactly the same!"

"Yes, I haven't notified the public about this yet," Tangning nodded. "I hope these two rascals can have a peaceful childhood."

"They are so cute..."

Tang Xiao was 23 years old, but she had already written millions of words. Her biggest hit was the novel they were currently discussing, 'The Forensic Concubine'. Actually, Tang Xiao's family wasn't very rich and her parents often fought in front of her. So, to change her fate, she set out on the path of a writer. At the time that she learned of Tangning, she was at her lowest point in life. But, as she watched Tangning climb to where she was today, she too, composed herself and worked hard to become the author that was now worshipped by the netizens.

Soon, the two women began chatting. Tang Xiao was aware that Tangning didn't put up a front, so she quickly revealed her original intentions for 'The Forensic Concubine', to Tangning. As a result, they quickly discovered their views were the same and regretted that they hadn't met sooner. The more they talked, the more they got along with each other.

"I'm confident that you will portray Qing Lan well. But, you need to prepare yourself for some suffering. If we want to film this novel well, you will have a lot of hardship ahead."

Hearing this, Tangning responded with a gentle smile, "Don't worry. You've saved me with such a great script, so I will definitely give my all."

"That's because you've also saved me in the past," Tang Xiao sincerely thanked Tangning. "You do not know how much you mean to me. During my toughest time, you were the one that showed me persistence always paid off. If every person in this world approached life with kindness, I believe more people would be influenced by it."

"Either way, I don't think you needed my script to save you. You have always been yourself and nothing like the rumors."

Tangning and Tang Xiao ended up chatting for a good few hours. Basically, by the end of it, both women had a clear picture of what was expected of the drama.

In the end, Tang Xiao noticed it was getting late. So, she quickly got up to go home. If she didn't, she wouldn't know how long they'd continue chatting.

"Oh, by the way, regarding the male lead, do you have any preferences?"

"Initially, I quite liked the idea of Bei Chendong. But, the two of you have already worked together so many times and his appearance isn't suited to ancient attire, so I'll let you guys decide."

"You really don't have anyone else in mind?" Tangning asked as Tang Xiao left.

"Well, I do have someone, but I don't think it's possible," Tang Xiao hesitated for a moment before she leaned over and whispered a name into Tangning's ear.

As expected...

...Tangning stared at Tang Xiao blankly.

"He was born with the almighty presence of a king. Even without acting abilities, he is capable of convincing the public and fans of the novel!"

However, casting the person she had in mind, wasn't easy to achieve.

"It's impossible isn't it? I didn't think it was possible either. It's not likely that he would act, so I'll let you guys pick someone instead. As long as you think the actor matches you, then that is already the best decision."

Tang Xiao had too much faith in them.

Other authors often had a plethora of worries when filming their novels and had multiple suggestions for actors. But, Tang Xiao was easy to work with. She simply left behind an impossible name, shrugged it off and walked away.

It wasn't that the person suggested by Tang Xiao couldn't act. But...

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Just as 'Concubine Ning' was busy filming, an exciting piece of news exploded onto the entertainment scene of Beijing. Tangning had settled on a new drama; an adaptation of the popular novel, 'The Forensic Concubine', by Tang Xiao. As soon as the news was released, the media flocked to Hai Rui to confirm the information. In the end, Hai Rui's head of PR told everyone to wait for an official announcement and that they had nothing to reveal at the moment.

The circulation of this news created a crisis for 'Concubine Ning'. Many of the crew members had read the novel. In fact, some of them were chasing Tang Xiao's latest creation. So, it could be easily seen from the reactions of the crew, how popular this novel truly was.

As Bai Yu spent most of her time overseas, she had not seen this novel before. So, she asked her assistant, "Is 'The Forensic Concubine' better than 'Concubine Ning'?"

The assistant froze. She did not expect Bai Yu to ask such a question. So, all she could do was nod timidly.

“Tell me the truth.”

“It is indeed very good. It is a masterpiece that’s hard to surpass,” the assistant explained honestly.
“Also, I heard that Tang Xiao created the script herself. I’m sure it will be very spectacular.”

“Are you looking forward to it?”

The assistant looked at Bai Yu’s expression and chose to lie in the end, “How’s that possible? Tang Xiao may want to adapt her novel, but she needs to consider whether her fans would accept it. Every reader has their own expectations for the female lead. If Tangning wants to act in this drama, she will need to first get past the fans. She’s got a lot of suffering ahead of her...”

After hearing this, Bai Yu was well aware that her assistant was lying to her, but she also felt her words slightly made sense. After all, fans were always the hardest to please.

So, as expected, as soon as the news spread to the fans, there was a huge commotion...

“Oh God! Finally...a novel that I like and an actress that I like...”

“F*ck, the novel couldn’t avoid being adapted into a drama in the end. Luckily, the female lead will be Tangning. At least that’s a bit of comfort.”

“I’m too excited! Tangning will be playing the role of our Qing Lan! Oh! She completely fits the role!”

“This is something to be happy about. I always knew Tang Xiao was a fan of Tangning’s.”

But, of course, there were fans that still had their doubts.

“Tangning just gave birth not too long ago. How is she going to act as our domineering Qing Lan?”

“I’m afraid Tangning won’t be able to fit into an ancient costume, right?”

“I acknowledge Tangning’s acting, but I can’t accept the radish-shaped figure of someone that’s just given birth.”

“The Qing Lan in my mind can never be portrayed by anyone. I beg Tangning to let this go. There have already been so many novels that have been destroyed by their adaptations. This is my favorite, please don’t ruin it as well!”

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Everyone acknowledged her acting.

But, they doubted her figure and state!

Chapter 749: See How I Destroy Her

Tangning was in no rush to clarify things because she didn’t think it was time yet.

But, the drama needed to choose a male lead. So, Mo Ting ended up giving Tangning two choices: Lu Yiling or Long Xing.

Lu Yiling had a noble appearance, one that suited the emperor in the novel. Although his acting was quite mechanical, his appearance was a plus.

On the other hand, Long Xing was the complete opposite. He didn't really stand out in ancient costume, but he was comfortable to look at and not easy to get sick of. Most importantly, his acting was spectacular.

Both men had their strengths, advantages and disadvantages.

As Tangning looked at the information for the two men, she remained silent for quite a while. As soon as Mo Ting saw this, he knew exactly what she was thinking, "You're not happy with either of them?"

Tangning looked at Mo Ting quietly like she was staring into his soul.

"I've already contacted both of them to come for auditions. You should come and have a look as well."

Tangning nodded her head. But, she actually felt that the male lead she truly hoped for, was impossible.

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As soon as Bai Yu returned to China, Bai Linlin suddenly found she had someone to rely on. Erasing the dreaded memory of the punishment in front of Tangning, Bai Linlin could now flaunt her power once again.

Of course, she still remembered the grudge she held against Chen Xingyan. Even if she couldn't pick on Tangning – who barely took a step out of her house – being able to teach Chen Xingyan a lesson wasn't a bad alternative.

Plus, they were both currently vying for a role in 'The Best Ex-girlfriend', so their chances of seeing each other were a lot higher.

After quitting from 'Concubine Ning', An Zihao placed all his focus on Chen Xingyan. He felt relieved to see that she had matured and become a lot more understanding.

Today, they were attending a test reading of the script. An Zihao accompanied Chen Xingyan to the bathroom and escorted her right to the door.

Bai Linlin happened to be coming out of the bathroom at this time. As soon as she saw An Zihao, she sneered and walked up to him, "Mr. An."

An Zihao leaned back against the wall and glanced casually at Bai Linlin.

"I heard you were once a top manager. But, from the looks of it, your abilities are quite mediocre...You've already struggled so much just to manage one Chen Xingyan, what other results can you produce?"

An Zihao didn't want to respond, so he ignored her like she didn't exist.

Seeing this, Bai Linlin scoffed, "For someone like Chen Xingyan, even if you support her for an entire lifetime, she will never become a superstar. You should give up."

After hearing this, An Zihao pointed to his ear, "I don't understand animal language. Or perhaps, my hearing isn't too good."

Bai Linlin sneered and strutted away. Not long after, Chen Xingyan exited the bathroom and looked at An Zihao, "I heard Bai Linlin's voice just a moment ago. Was she causing you trouble?"

"Let's go. It's about to start," An Zihao had no intention to explain.

"Did she insult you?"

An Zihao remained silent.

Therefore, Chen Xingyan did not ask any further. But, she promised to herself that she'd become the best artist in An Zihao's hands; that she'd dazzle everyone and make him lift his head in pride.

The test reading soon started. Chen Xingyan was indeed given the role of the tomboy that she had hoped for.

But, Bai Linlin was disdainful towards this.

"A piece of trash can only select a trashy role."

After the test reading, Bai Linlin turned to leave, but the staff suddenly delivered a whole heap of gifts. Bai Yu had arranged these for Bai Linlin.

As mentioned earlier, Bai Yu had her ways with people. To make things easy for Bai Linlin on set, she obviously had to put in a bit of effort.

"I never expected to see an international superstar here. I see Bai Yu!"

"Bai Yu, can we get a photo together? I like you a lot."

"Bai Yu Jie, thank you for your gifts. We will definitely get along well with Bai Linlin."

Bai Yu stood in the doorway with a warm smile and perfect EQ. This made An Zihao quite awkward as he sat in the meeting room. The management agencies of all the other actors in the room expressed their standpoints one after another. They at least wanted their artists to be taken care of on set, so they naturally needed to put in a bit of effort to make it happen.

However, An Zihao did not do a thing..

"Let's go," An Zihao said to Chen Xingyan.

"Wait...you guys have gifts too." Bai Yu saw them trying to leave, so she immediately handed Chen Xingyan two gifts.

Chen Xingyan glanced at An Zihao.

In the end, Little Seven received the gifts on their behalf.

"Thank you, Bai Yu Jie."

In the workplace, there was always a type of person that used their high EQ to teach others how to behave. But of course, Bai Yu was doing it to make Chen Xingyan and An Zihao uncomfortable.

Bai Linlin revealed an arrogant gaze, like she was telling them to witness her sister's flawless methods.

"Let's go," An Zihao repeated before he placed his arm around Chen Xingyan's shoulder and left the room.

"She's Mo Ting's younger sister, yet she doesn't know how to behave. How embarrassing!"

"I heard that An Zihao was once a top class manager. How did he end up managing someone like Chen Xingyan?"

"It's probably because his talent has been exhausted!"

Before the couple had gotten far, mean words started spreading from behind them. Chen Xingyan wanted to turn around and give a response, but An Zihao held her back, "Just ignore them..."

"But, they said..."

An Zihao did not give her a chance to complain as he dragged her quickly away.

Bai Yu was good with people, but, so what?

"Sis, you came at just the right time and saved my pride!" Bai Linlin finally felt like she had satisfied her anger. "From now on, let's see how I destroy her!"

Unfortunately...

...An Zihao was known as a top class manager for a reason. Bai Yu was good with people, but she didn't set the right target.

How much was a simple gift worth?

The next morning, An Zihao invited a few important people in charge to a meal at a 5-star hotel. While they were eating, he said to the director, "Director Wang, I happen to have a friend that is the dean at the School of Foreign Languages. I think he may be able to give your daughter some assistance."

As soon as the director heard this, he slammed his hands on the table in excitement, "I was just stressing over this matter. Zihao, you sure understand me."

The school that An Zihao spoke of was the most difficult well-reputed school to get into. The director had already utilized his connections, but had no way of securing a place for his daughter. Yet, An Zihao unexpectedly had the ability.

"Don't worry. I know why you are doing this. I will take good care of Xingyan, you can be rest assured."

When it came to laying a foundation, it wasn't necessary to waste money on pointless people. One simply had to target the person at the top and it was enough.

It didn't matter how everyone else treated Chen Xingyan, because in the end, the director called the shots.

Chapter 750: Don't Be Impatient, There's A Good Show Coming Your Way

The atmosphere at lunch was extremely harmonious. Of course, when the time arrived to roll the cameras, there was going to be a good show. Did they think that An Zihao wasn't good with people? What a joke! Did he need to bribe the average person? By doing that, he would be devaluing himself! More importantly, the director knew how to weigh the pros and cons.

No matter how capable Bai Yu was, her influence mainly existed in the US. Whereas, if someone wanted to survive in Beijing, they naturally didn't want to offend the Big Boss of Entertainment, Mo Ting, nor his sister. But, what was the public currently saying? They were saying that Bai Yu's acting was top-notch, her EQ was admirable and that an actress like her was a rare find. In fact, even Tangning couldn't compare to her perfection because, every now and then, Tangning would at least show a bit of attitude, whereas Bai Yu had no faults whatsoever.

She was like a perfect dream girl in their eyes. Moreover, the thing that made her even more likable was the fact that during the filming of 'Concubine Ning', she got injured multiple times, but she remained persistent and didn't delay filming just because she was a superstar.

As Bai Yu's fans watched the behind-the-scenes footage, their hearts ached as they called out for the director to protect the nation's dream girl! She was the nation's dream girl! All of a sudden, the spotlight shone brighter on Bai Yu than on the 'bloated' Tangning because Bai Yu appeared closer to perfection. ... "Ridiculous! This Bai Yu is disgusting," Long Jie was overflowing with anger as she read the comments online. Even though she was pregnant, she still rushed over to Hyatt Regency. "You're pregnant. Can't you remain calm?" Tangning said in a strict tone. "Do you want your child to have a short temper like you?" "Is that hereditary?" Long Jie was stunned.

"It's been so many years. Haven't you gotten used to comments like this?" Tangning helped Long Jie sit down. "But it's never been this disgusting...You should have a look. Everyone's been saying that her acting and EQ is better than yours, and now, they're even saying her figure is better than yours. Are these people blind?" "It's normal for them to have their doubts since they haven't seen me in my current state. Can you calm down?" Tangning's EQ has always been used against people; she never sucked up to anyone. So, it was reasonable for people to say that Bai Yu was better with people than her. As for their other claims, she was bound to find a chance to prove them wrong. What was the rush? "But, I'm angry." Tangning always appeared unfazed, making her hard to predict. But, her counterattack was always beautiful. "Don't be impatient.

There's a good show coming your way. Calm down!" Tangning comforted. ... Bai Yu experienced glory in Beijing, so her sister, Bai Linlin, naturally received a lot more attention. But, at this time, Bai Linlin was already filming on set. Although she couldn't flaunt around in public, she could still hold her head high on set. Chen Xingyan was the type of person that enjoyed reading the script. So, even though the staff ignored her and no one spoke to her, it was actually a good thing because she could spend more time perfecting the script. Ever since An Zihao was insulted because of her, she promised that she'd make a name for herself so An Zihao could receive respect.

Bai Linlin watched as Chen Xingyan sat in the corner. There were many times when she wanted to walk up and insult her. But, knowing she was a stunt double and skilled in martial arts, Bai Linlin did not dare to make a move like she did in the past. She could only play small tricks to make things difficult for her. "Bai Linlin, it's your turn. Get ready to go on set." The director's filming today wasn't running very smoothly. By this point, he had already yelled at quite a few people. Even the two lead actors had

suffered the director's scolding, let alone someone inexperienced like Bai Linlin. "Do you know how to act?" "Are you a wooden puppet? Has your face been injected with too much Botox? Why do you look so emotionless?!" "You're good at bullying people, by why aren't you up to standard when it comes to acting?" "I don't want to film you anymore.

Bai Linlin, take two days off to get into the right mindframe." Bai Linlin's face turned red from the scolding; she was too embarrassed. At this time, the staff tried to comfort her. They pointed to Chen Xingyan with their chins and said, "Just wait, that one's going to have it even worse." Bai Linlin noticed Chen Xingyan was about to start filming and calmed down a little. At least, she was the secondary lead and the director had to show her a little bit of respect. She couldn't wait to watch Chen Xingyan being humiliated by the entire crew. "Everyone on set, ready!" Chen Xingyan was dressed in a t-shirt and jeans. For the sake of her character, she had cut her hair short and got a few tattoos. From the outside, she looked like she had quite a unique personality. The exciting scene they were shooting involved Chen Xingyan racing in a car. Director Wang's films were famous for being nonsensical. So, in this comedy film, Chen Xingyan's character was an extremely exaggerated tomboy. She smoked, drank, raced cars and fought with people.

Anything that men enjoyed doing, she would know how to do it too. In reality, the director wasn't entirely satisfied with Chen Xingyan's performance. In fact, whilst filming, the director jumped out of his seat at one point and furrowed his brows... "The director's about to explode!" "Haha, Chen Xingyan's going to receive a scolding." But, contrary to everyone's expectations, the director simply said, "Xingyan, take note of the position of your left hand. You're doing OK, keep up the hard work." "...". Everyone had been yelled at, but, not only did Chen Xingyan not get yelled at, the director even spoke to her in an extremely gentle voice. "What's going on with the director?" "Why isn't he yelling at Chen Xingyan?"

Bai Linlin's chest heaved in anger. Things did not pan out the way she had expected. Not only did the director praise Chen Xingyan, he even said to everyone after she was done, "If I yelled at you today, it is because you didn't have your mind in the right place. What's so good about being a bully? As for certain members of the staff, don't ignore your responsibilities because of a few benefits and look down on other people." "You best watch yourselves from now on.

If I discover you doing it again, I will ask you to immediately leave!" As soon as Director Wang finished speaking, he announced that everyone was dismissed. However, the staff's cheeks burned red in humiliation. "Why is Director Wang being bias towards Chen Xingyan?" Bai Linlin asked the people around her confusedly. "It's probably because he saw her being bullied too much," a staff member shrugged. Bai Linlin wasn't pleased. Although the entire crew welcomed her, the director disliked her... Chen Xingyan sure had a good run of luck. But, was it simply luck? Perhaps, for the rest of her life, Bai Linlin would never understand the true reason. Just like her sister only knew how to do things on the surface and there were certain things that she couldn't control.