

Work Hard 861

Chapter 861: Qian Qian, Come Home

"Is there something wrong with your ears?" Quan Ziye shook his head with a look of pity.

"Are you saying that you and Lin Qian were having sex in the bathroom?"

"Regardless of what we were doing, you don't stand a chance," Quan Ziye said as he picked up his wine glass and walked away.

He did not admit anything, nor did he deny it.

Li Ai clenched her fists. She felt helpless against Quan Ziye's psychological torment. Even though Quan Ziye did not explain things in detail, he did not give her the slightest chance.

Li Ai was not the type of person to not admit defeat. However, she hated being defeated by Lin Qian.

After all, they were meant to be siblings.

With this thought, Li Ai walked over to Mother Quan and asked softly, "Auntie, could I speak to you for a moment?"

Mother Quan nodded and walked out of the room to the garden outside.

"Xiao Ai, what did you want to speak about?"

"Auntie, don't you feel that Ziye and Lin Qian's relationship is a little too close?" Li Ai asked suggestively.

"Xiao Ai, they are siblings, so it's natural to be close. Don't overthink it."

"But, just a moment ago, I saw the two of them kissing in the bathroom," Li Ai exaggerated with a shocked voice. "I even confronted Ziye about it and he didn't deny it."

Hearing this, Mother Quan froze as her eyes grew big, "Are you sure that you weren't seeing things?"

"No, when Ziye was walking out of the bathroom, I even saw him wipe the lipstick from his lips."

After hearing this, Mother Quan clenched her fists angrily and stormed back into the villa. Even though there were plenty of guests and it was an important event, she didn't care as she walked straight up to Lin Qian and threw a slap across her face.

The slap resounded clearly across the room, immediately drawing everyone's attention.

"I brought you up not so you could seduce your brother," Mother Quan yelled.

Lin Qian did not respond to Mother Quan's anger. Instead, she waited until Quan Ziye was in front of them before she threw a slap across his face.

"What are you doing?" Mother Quan growled.

"I will treat your son the way that you treat me..." Lin Qian replied coldly. "I'm sorry, but I never seduced your son. Your son is the one that's been seducing me."

“The Quan Family brought you up.”

“But you also tried to sell me off,” Lin Qian quickly retorted. “The gratitude of bringing me up was canceled out the moment that you tried to sell me. Yet, you still have the audacity to mention it.”

“Either way, Quan Ziye and I are not blood-related. Even if I insist on being with him, there’s nothing you can do. Weren’t you certain that I seduced your son? In that case, I’ll show you how I seduce him.” After she was done speaking, Lin Qian hooked her arms around Quan Ziye’s neck and perfectly matched her lips with his. After a few seconds, she let go and said provokingly to Mother Quan, “As you wished.”

“Arrgh...you are a complete sl*t!” Mother Quan had no choice but to yell.

However, Lin Qian pushed Quan Ziye aside and responded with a cold smirk, “The gratitude I have for the Quan Family officially ends today.”

“And you, Quan Ziye, you either move out of my house, or I’m moving.” After speaking, Lin Qian left the villa in front of all the guests. “How disgusting...”

Mother Quan was so angry that she almost had a heart attack. However, there was nothing she could do.

“Quan Ziye, you better explain to me what all this is about.”

“Qian Qian already said it all...” Quan Ziye shrugged at his mother. “Are you trying to get hurt again?”

“That slut! Speak...”

“She’s right, I’m the one that likes her. I’ve been chasing her all around the world and even became an actor because of her,” Quan Ziye replied swiftly. “Also, to get close to her, I even moved next door to her.”

“Aren’t you ashamed of yourself?” Mother Quan punched Quan Ziye on the chest, “She’s your sister!”

“I don’t remember you ever giving birth to a sister.” After speaking to Mother Quan, Quan Ziye put down the champagne glass in his hand and turned to the guests, “I’m sorry everyone. In order to chase after Qian Qian, I will now make my leave. You guys help yourselves.”

After that, Quan Ziye ran out after Lin Qian.

In reality, he was very thankful towards Li Ai.

If Li Ai hadn’t exposed them, he would’ve never known that his Qian Qian had become so tough. The slap she gave him a moment ago wasn’t fake at all. In fact, she had used all her strength. Most importantly, his Qian Qian had learned how to protect herself...

So, when he thought about Lin Qian’s slap, he was not angry. Instead, he couldn’t help but laugh.

This time, after Mother Quan’s scolding, Quan Ziye actually felt a sense of release, especially since it happened in front of so many people. Because, this was equivalent to announcing it to the whole world.

From today onwards, he and Lin Qian were likely to be called an ‘immoral couple’. But for some reason, he felt that this wasn’t a bad thing.

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Lin Qian was truly angered. Just the thought of Mother Quan made her sick.

Because of this, she did not return home after leaving the villa. Instead, she ended up at Xing Lan's place. She did not want to see Quan Ziye tonight.

Seeing Lin Qian in her fancy outfit, Xing Lan could guess that she had come back from a big event. But, noticing the unhappy look on her face, she did not dare to ask too much.

"Take me in for tonight. I don't want to go home."

"Because of Quan Ziye?" Xing Lan laughed.

"You will never understand how I feel..." Lin Qian sighed.

"Yes, I don't understand. But, I feel that you and Quan Ziye have been entangled with each other for so long already. If you were to leave each other, who else would you end up with? Plus, would Quan Ziye actually let you go? Most importantly, how do you feel about Quan Ziye? You should stop lying to yourself."

Lin Qian did not respond.

"No matter who you end up with, there will always be difficulties...Don't be naive."

After speaking, Xing Lan stood up and patted Lin Qian on the shoulder, "I have practice tomorrow, so I won't be staying up to keep you company. You're welcome to stay, but you will eventually need to leave."

Lin Qian remained silent, but the look in her eyes was a little less confused.

A moment later, Lin Qian received a message from Quan Ziye, "Qian Qian, come home."

"No way!" Lin Qian thought.

She wasn't about to let the incident with Mother Quan go. Even though she had already given Quan Ziye a slap.

Soon, a phone call from Tangning cut into her thoughts, "Your incident was so big that it's already all over the news."

"What?" Lin Qian was shocked.

"Did you forget that both of you are in the entertainment industry? The news said that you are an incestual couple..." Tangning laughed. "Quan Ziye's already expressed his feelings out in the open. What about you? Are you planning to PR for Quan Ziye? All I need is one word from you..."

Chapter 862: You Know That The Child Isn't Mine

Quan Ziye was exposed as having a younger sister complex. On top of that, it was revealed that he was already living with Lin Qian.

Seeing the gossip, Lin Qian felt her heart ache. Was Quan Ziyue gambling with his career for the sake of their love?

After dazing around at Xing Lan's home for a while, Lin Qian thought long and hard about the situation. Tangning's phone call had obviously told her that she had been hiding for too long and reached a dead end – and that it was time to make a decision.

In the end, Lin Qian picked up her phone, left Xing Lan's home and returned to her and Qian Ziyue's apartment.

As soon as she opened the door and entered, she saw Quan Ziyue lying on the sofa casually looking at his phone. Lin Qian cleared her throat and said to him, "We're already on the headlines. Aren't you worried at all?"

"Qian Qian, have you made up your mind yet?" Quan Ziyue asked without answering as he turned around and looked directly at Lin Qian.

Lin Qian froze for a second, but ended up sitting on the sofa opposite Quan Ziyue, "In the past, I couldn't tell whether my feelings for you were because we were family or because I loved you. But, I figured it out last night..."

"My dear brother...You've chased me for so many years and I've avoided you for so many years, isn't the answer obvious? When I was young, a bit of attraction may have sprouted from my heart. But, after the pain that your mother put me through, it's been completely wiped clean."

"You've been crossing the line continuously and have made me question whether what I feel for you is love, but after the news last night, Tangning reminded that it's time to make a decision. Logically, I felt like I should be with you, but a voice deep within my heart told me that I couldn't accept it."

"I think that true love isn't about compromising. If there is even the slightest bit of unwillingness in my heart, I don't think this relationship will last long."

"I think it's time to clarify the boundaries between us. You should think it over clearly. Lastly, Hai Rui will help us with the PR. If you like this apartment, I'll give it to you." After speaking, Lin Qian did not take a single glance at Quan Ziyue as she stood up from the sofa and returned to her room to pack a few clothes.

Xing Lan's words left a deep impression on Lin Qian.

If she let Quan Ziyue go, would someone better appear?

The answer was uncertain, but, the next person could possibly be her true love.

She felt that loving a person meant that she'd be willing to sacrifice anything for them; not the way that she felt about Quan Ziyue. Because in the end, Mother Quan was an obstacle that she could never get over.

As he watched Lin Qian pack her belongings and leave, Quan Ziyue's arms dropped to his sides.

"She finally gave me a death sentence."

Quan Ziyue couldn't explain how he felt at this moment. He had reached the last straw... Everything in the world suddenly felt like it had no meaning.

But...this result was also a good thing.

If Lin Qian really had no love for him and he forced her to stay by his side, he knew it would be much too cruel.

Afterwards, Lin Qian gave Tangning a phone call, "Ning Jie, help Quan Ziyue with his PR."

"Have you made up your mind? Are you going to deny any involvement with each other?" Tangning asked in surprise. Although she had always felt that Lin Qian didn't have any deep feelings for Quan Ziyue, Lin Qian had been a soft person over the years. So, she thought Lin Qian was going to accept him.

"Of course I'm going to deny it. A relationship that works on compromise is too tiring," Lin Qian replied. "Plus, I'm in no rush to find a partner. I'm currently passionate about Superstar Media instead."

"OK, then...we'll do as you wish," Tangning agreed, "But don't regret your decision."

"I won't regret it."

However, before Hai Rui even made a move, Quan Ziyue stepped out and clarified the entire incident. He admitted that he did have a younger sister complex, but his relationship with Lin Qian was completely innocent. Also, he clarified that he didn't live with Lin Qian and that they were merely neighbors.

He had moved closer to her to protect her because she had been getting hurt a lot recently.

As for what happened at his father's birthday banquet, he admitted that he had played a joke on everyone. Because his mother kept trying to pair him up with women that he didn't like, he decided to use Lin Qian as an excuse.

Although Quan Ziyue's explanation still made them seem ambiguous, he ended up announcing an even bigger piece of news afterwards.

He had decided to temporarily retreat from the entertainment industry.

This was something that both Lin Qian and Hai Rui had not expected.

Why did artists like to retreat from the industry over every single incident these days?

After making his announcement, Quan Ziyue avoided the rest of the interview. As for what his future held and what he planned to do, no one knew the answer to this question.

Of course, after Quan Ziyue made his announcement, the reporters no longer found it necessary to chase someone that worked behind-the-scenes like Lin Qian.

However, the relationship between the two still left the reporters with plenty to imagine.

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"I thought you had made a decision to be with Quan Ziyue. After all, you guys have so many years of vented up feelings. But I never expected you to reject him like that. Back when you got hurt, he ran ten red lights and ran into the hospital wearing sandals!" Xing Lan said.

“Trust me, I want more than anything for him to be happy. But, I can’t possibly treat him the way that he treats me.”

“Fine. You don’t think I understand you? You’re so stubborn...” Xing Lan patted Lin Qian on the shoulder, gesturing that she didn’t need to explain. “Do you want me to introduce a guy to you? How about my cousin? Although I’ve only met him once, but I heard that he’s currently a military officer and is extremely cool...”

“Go, go, go...get back to practicing. Don’t you still have a competition to compete in?” Lin Qian had no expectations for love at the moment.

Xing Lan laughed and left for the practice room, leaving Lin Qian all alone, sighing to herself in the office.

Originally, she wanted to call Quan Ziye’s manager and check how he was doing. But, she had already made her decision, so she couldn’t worry about Quan Ziye anymore. If she did, then people would look down on her.

In this lifetime, she owed Quan Ziye too much.

Her only choice was to pay him back in their next life...

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By the time that Tangning completely invested herself in the production of Director Qian’s sci-fi film, Lin Qian’s matter had just stabilized. Since Xia Hanmo was still on vacation overseas, Lin Qian decided to join her.

Meanwhile, Long Jie continued to manage Luo Sheng. Because Luo Sheng was a hard worker, he was advancing in leaps and bounds within the industry. By now, he already learned how to negotiate most of his own jobs.

In terms of work, the three women were managing fine. However, at home, Long Jie was having problems.

She had received news from Mother Lu that the test tube baby was ready and Lu Che was about to have a son.

Although Long Jie knew that the baby didn’t belong to Lu Che, hearing Mother Lu’s words still made her upset.

“I think that your mother’s very simple minded. She thinks that if you have a son, you will be obedient towards her again. She will definitely use the child to blackmail you.”

“You know that the child isn’t mine,” Lu Che replied. “After it’s born, someone will naturally take claim.”

Chapter 863: Tangning, Luo Sheng’s Ruined

“It’s easy to say that, but there’s honestly no end to your mother... Does she want to control our lives so badly?”

“She’s stopped being my mother a long time ago,” Lu Che replied coldly.

After hearing this, Long Jie suddenly felt pity for her husband. Sometimes, family members were like this, but one couldn’t choose their own family.

So, she stretched out her arms and gave Lu Che a hug.

Lu Che did not want to continue with this depressing topic, so he naturally changed the subject, “Now that the Madam is invested in film production, it will consume at least a year of her time. What’s happening with Superstar Media? Doesn’t she intend to sign another artist?”

“I haven’t asked her about it.”

“If she succeeds with this project, her status in the film industry may possibly exceed some of the most creative and artistic people. A sci-fi film is like a black hole. Others are too afraid to touch it. Even Hai Rui needed to hesitate. Yet she jumped headfirst into it.”

“Isn’t this typical of Tangning?” Long Jie laughed. “Now that I think about it, I can actually step up and go find some artists on my own. I can work harder and make your mother regret that she ever looked down on me.”

“You don’t need to do that. As long as we are happy, that’s all that matters.”

These words were easy to say, but this was because he had never experienced being looked down upon by people. On the other hand, for Long Jie, making Lu Che’s mother regret was something that she had to do.

Perhaps Lu Che understood this, so he did not stop her.

The couple hugged each other tightly, joining at their hearts. At this time, Long Jie received a phone call from Luo Sheng. His voice was slightly excited, “Long Jie, I am going to negotiate a role in a big IP production for next year. I may need to meet with a few people. Could you please get some time off from my current drama for me?”

“Leave it with me, you don’t need to personally go...”

“But I want to go...”

“Have you done your research and fully understood it?”

“Don’t worry, I know what I’m doing,” Luo Sheng said confidently. After all, he had already built a network of contacts in the industry. Otherwise, he couldn’t have possibly secured a big project like ‘Red Flame’.

However, Long Jie wasn’t completely convinced. On the surface, she did not stop Luo Sheng, but in private, she looked into the script of ‘Derivative’. She discovered that it was a super IP. The script was fine, but what about the production team behind it?

The person that Luo Sheng was meeting with was the investor of the film, a person also with the surname Luo; a professor in the US.

But, at this moment, this was all that Long Jie knew.

So, there was no way she could stop Luo Sheng in time.

A few days later, Luo Sheng told Long Jie that he had already secured the male lead of the new IP drama.

However, from Long Jie's understanding, nothing was actually happening with the project...

In the end, Long Jie helplessly reported the matter to Tangning, "Luo Sheng will be meeting the investor again tonight. On the surface, it appears exactly as it sounds, but for some reason, I have a feeling that something isn't quite right. Tangning, help me analyze the situation."

"Accompany Luo Sheng there tonight."

"I was planning to do that, that's why I gave Luo Sheng a phone call, but he hasn't picked up," Long Jie was a little worried. "I also gave the set a phone call, but the director said he didn't see Luo Sheng tonight. Am I not being responsible enough towards Luo Sheng?"

"Give Lu Che a phone call and tell him to find out where the man with the surname Luo is."

"OK, I'll immediately make a phone call."

Long Jie wanted to head out. However, the rain prevented her from going outside. Either way, even if she was to go out and look for Luo Sheng, she didn't know where to begin anyway.

Long Jie suddenly felt really guilty as Luo Sheng's confident expression appeared in her mind.

Time ticked by, minute by minute. Lu Che tried his best to investigate where Luo Sheng was, but it wasn't until late at night before he finally reported back to Long Jie that Luo Sheng wasn't at the investor's house.

Long Jie immediately rushed out into the rain. But, just as she boarded her car, her phone finally began to vibrate. However, when she picked up, she realized it was the police calling!

"Hello, are you Luo Sheng's family member? This is the police calling."

The police!

Long Jie immediately drove over to the police station, only to find Luo Sheng sitting inside, soaked to the bone, hugging his knees.

"What's this all about?" Long Jie asked the police.

"We found him on the side of the road. His head appeared injured and he couldn't recognize anyone, so we found your contact through his phone and called you. Hurry and take him to the hospital."

Long Jie looked at Luo Sheng in shock. As she noticed his bloody right eye, she felt a piercing pain in her heart.

Soon, Long Jie delivered Luo Sheng to the nearby hospital. According to the doctor's diagnosis, Luo Sheng had been hit in the head by a hard falling object. The worst outcome would be for him to remain confused like this forever.

After hearing this, Long Jie stepped back in shock, "Please try your best to fix him. He is an actor with a promising future."

“Miss Long, we will try our best, but we can’t guarantee anything.”

Long Jie froze as she stared at Luo Sheng who was laying in the hospital bed and held back her emotions. Only after she stepped out of the hospital room did she begin to cry.

Afterwards, she gave Tangning a phone call, “Tangning, Luo Sheng’s ruined...”

Tangning had just coaxed the two kids to sleep when she heard from Long Jie. After hanging up the phone, she rushed straight to the hospital.

Not only had Luo Sheng’s brain been damaged, his right eye was also affected.

“What will our Luo Sheng do from now on? How will I explain this to his parents?”

Tangning glanced at Luo Sheng before she pulled out her phone and called Tang Yichen, “Sis, I have an artist that’s been seriously injured. You’re the only person I can rely on.”

“If you have a patient, then send them straight to me. Even if you weren’t my sister, I wouldn’t just sit idly by,” Tang Yichen immediately replied.

“I’ll transfer him straight away then.”

“OK,” Tang Yichen hung up the phone and walked into Lu Guangli’s office. She then leaned on his desk and said, “A patient will be delivered here in a moment, will you help me treat him?”

Lu Guangli put down the medical journal in his hands and glanced at Tang Yichen, “No!”

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Tangning immediately signed Luo Sheng’s transfer papers and placed all her focus on finding the truth behind what happened.

Although she knew that Luo Sheng had recently made a lot of enemies, it really angered her to know that someone had gone this far...

Either way, if someone had instigated Luo Sheng’s attack, then there was no way they could keep it hidden. It wasn’t easy for Luo Sheng to get to where he was today. If he had to retreat from the industry to recover, it would be equivalent to starting all over again.

Tangning knew that Long Jie had been truly frightened and felt extremely guilty...

But, apart from helping Luo Sheng recover and keeping his career stable, there was nothing else she could do.

Soon, Luo Sheng arrived at Tang Yichen’s hospital.

After admitting Luo Sheng, Tang Yichen asked Tangning and the others to wait outside the emergency room while she examined him.

Chapter 864: Don’t Anyone Dare Provoke My Woman !

“As Luo Sheng’s manager, you need to first remain calm!” Tangning tried to give Long Jie strength after seeing her in a panic.

“I screwed up...”

“There’s no point chasing anyone for responsibility!” Tangning held onto Long Jie’s shoulders and forced her to look at her, “Listen to me. I order you to protect Luo Sheng’s career and recover his confidence. Can you do that?”

Long Jie looked dead straight into Tangning’s eyes. After quite some time, she finally nodded, “Yes, I can do it.”

After agreeing, Long Jie tugged on Tangning’s sleeves and begged, “We definitely need to find the culprit...”

“Of course,” Tangning nodded in seriousness.

Soon, Tang Yichen stepped out of the emergency room and removed her face mask, She then approached Tangning and said, “I’ll be honest with you. His condition is worse than you think. I’m going to go find Lu Guangli. He needs to perform a surgery, or else Luo Sheng may even lose his right eye. This was no falling object. Otherwise, how could it have hit his eye? This was caused by close impact.”

“Hurry...”

Tang Yichen quickly left and stormed into Lu Guangli’s office, “Dr. Lu, I have an especially complex surgery.”

Lu Guangli lifted his head and glanced at Tang Yichen coldly, “I’ve already finished my shift.”

“But, he’s honestly injured really badly. No one else can perform this surgery,” Tang Yichen looked at Lu Guangli in seriousness. Her voice even contained a slight tremble.

Lu Guangli was a little surprised. In the end, he stood up and said, “Get my cloak.”

With Lu Guangli’s help, Tangning relaxed and gave Mo Ting a phone call. She then explained everything that happened to him.

“Where are you? I’ll come pick you up right now.”

Tangning gave Mo Ting the hospital’s address and Mo Ting soon arrived at the entrance of the hospital.

“I’ve already asked Lu Che to investigate the investor of the drama and I’ve also called the police to seize any security footage in the area. But, since it’s a rainy day, finding the culprit will be a lot harder than usual.”

Tangning boarded Mo Ting’s car, strapped on her seatbelt and said calmly, “But, no matter what, I will definitely get to the bottom of this incident.”

“In the coming days, I’m sure the media will make a big fuss and write about this matter. You need to prepare yourself. Nothing can be truly hidden!”

“Yes,” Tangning’s heart ached for Luo Sheng. He was so young, yet he had to suffer in such a way. “I was too reckless. I didn’t think enough from his point of view. It was my fault.”

“Ning...” Mo Ting stopped the car on the side of the road and turned to comfort her, “The most important thing now, is to figure out how to deal with this matter.”

Tangning was actually afraid, but she couldn’t breakdown in front Long Jie. However, in front of Mo Ting, she could let herself go and rely on him.

“The other party’s motive wasn’t simply to ruin Luo Sheng’s future in acting. They also wanted to disfigure him.”

“All the actors that lost jobs to Luo Sheng are worthy of suspicion. But of course, our main focus is the investor. If we find out which actors have a good relationship with him, I’m sure we’ll be able to confirm what happened.”

“Understood?”

Tangning turned, looked into Mo Ting’s eyes and nodded her head, “Don’t worry, I will definitely find the truth and make the other party suffer.”

“As for the PR, you can decide on that yourself.”

They knew that as soon as the news revealed this story, the film that Luo Sheng was working on, would definitely replace him.

As for his other resources, he would lose them all as well.

But, if they were to hide this incident and it got exposed, their situation would be even worse.

So, Tangning decided to jump in first and tell the story from their point of view, so the public would retain some sympathy for Luo Sheng. That way, they could still salvage the situation.

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By the time the two-hour surgery was finished, it was already 2am. Lu Guangli exited the emergency room, removed his mask and said to Tang Yichen, “I saved his eye, but he will have a scar on his forehead. If he wants to fix it with cosmetic surgery, he will need to wait a while. We have to wait until he’s recovered. And that will take roughly 6 months.”

“Also, the blood in his brain has been cleared, but no one can guarantee if he will recover.”

“According to the appearance of his injury, I believe he was hit in the head with a piece of wood. You can look into this and see if you can find evidence.”

“Thank you, Doctor Lu,” Long Jie immediately thanked him.

Lu Guangli looked at Tang Yichen as if asking her if she was satisfied. He then removed his gloves and left the room.

Tang Yichen took a deep breath and patted Long Jie on the shoulder, "Luckily, we managed to save his eye. Don't worry, Doctor Li's words weren't very nice, but he's actually telling you that Luo Sheng should be able to recover; he just needs some time."

"Really?" Long Jie immediately lifted her head and asked.

"Yes, you don't need to worry about Doctor Li's abilities. Focus on helping Luo Sheng recover instead!" After speaking, Tang Yichen chased after Lu Guangli.

Meanwhile, Long Jie entered Luo Sheng's hospital room and glanced down at his pale face. She almost broke down in tears at the sight of him.

Because Luo Sheng did not wake up!

What exactly happened for Luo Sheng to suffer this kind of inhumane torment?

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With Mo Ting's pointers, Tangning quickly calmed down. She knew that if she fell into a panic at this time, Luo Sheng's situation would be even worse than it currently was.

So, the first thing that Tangning did was call the director of 'Red Flame' and tell him everything that happened that night. "I don't know when Luo Sheng will be able to return on set. So, it's understandable to replace the male lead. But, could the director please promise me that you will not give up on Luo Sheng until the very end."

"I'm sure you know what happened. If the other party benefits, the industry will learn to use violence when securing jobs. I'm sure you don't want to see that happen. I will never give up on Luo Sheng no matter what becomes of him. Since I was capable of salvaging his career once, I can do it again."

After hearing Tangning's words, the director thought long and hard. "I can't guarantee you other things. But, as long as I'm the director of 'Red Flame', I can promise you that I'd persist until the end. I will wait for Luo Sheng."

"Thank you, director."

"You don't need to thank me. I trust in your abilities. Rather than offending you, I'd rather exchange our trust. At least that's better than attacking each other," the director replied. "Plus, Luo Sheng's actually a very hard worker. It's rare to see an actor like him."

"I will take extra notice of any actors that try to steal the male lead of 'Red Flame'. This will likely help you with your investigation," the director offered.

"Thank you director," Tangning thanked sincerely.

"You're doing the right thing," Mo Ting sat nearby and held onto Tangning's hand, "Don't anyone dare provoke my woman!"

Chapter 865: Why Are You Doubting Yourself?

Luo Sheng was injured because he had gone to see the investor of 'Derivative'. So, it only made sense for Tangning to speak to this man by the surname of Luo.

But, according to the initial investigation of the police, Luo Sheng was attacked before he even arrived at the man's home. As for the reason why he stopped his car halfway and what happened during the time that he stopped, the police had no way of finding this out. After all, it was a rainy day, so it was hard to retain evidence. Plus, that particular stretch of road had no government-issued surveillance cameras.

If Luo Sheng couldn't tell them what happened, no one would ever know the truth.

The next day, news of Luo Sheng's 'disfigurement' quickly spread throughout the city. An artist that had a promising future was suddenly disfigured; wasn't the timing too coincidental?

People in the industry were surprised. But, when they thought about the situation in detail, they realized it was all within their expectations.

After all, Tangning attracted too much hatred. So, being attacked was unavoidable.

Everyone appeared to feel sympathy for Luo Sheng, but in secret, it was uncertain how many people were actually treating the incident as a joke. After all, Luo Sheng represented Tangning. So, for Luo Sheng to suffer a fall like this, meant that outsiders could now point at Tangning and criticize her.

"Look. This is the fate of Tangning's artists!"

"Didn't Tangning refer to herself as a talent scout? What happened in the end? Didn't her artist fall at the flip of a switch?"

"Tangning's still not that capable."

Tangning was prepared for the public to judge her, so she simply continued trying to contact the investor. The man wasn't easy to get a hold of. It took Long Jie multiple attempts before she finally secured a dinner with him.

After that, Long Jie kept Luo Sheng company at the hospital while Tangning and Lin Qian went to meet the investor at a designated hotel. As soon as she saw the man, Tangning was quite surprised.

He was in his forties, but he maintained his appearance well, looking handsome and noble; nothing like a typical villain.

"Mrs. Mo, I've heard so much about you."

Tangning sat down opposite the man and spoke to him with her usual straightforwardness, "I'm sure Mr. Luo knows why I'm here."

"Of course, but I'm sorry, this incident has nothing to do with me," the man smiled. "I sympathize with Luo Sheng's fate, but I did not plan this attack."

"But he was attacked on the way to meeting with you."

"Mrs. Mo, are you trying to slander me?" the man laughed. "Since the conversation has gone down this path, I also have a few things to say. I would like to offer Mrs. Mo a piece of advice: your so called talent

scouting is destructive towards the normal operations of the industry. Since you broke the rules and regulations, isn't it normal to receive revenge?"

"I'm sure President Mo must love you a lot. That's why he let you maintain such a naive ideal without stopping you."

"But reality has always been harsh."

"Hasn't President Mo ever told you that you're too much of an idealist? Luo Sheng's fate today will be the same fate that your other artists will eventually face. Just wait and see, this industry is all about luck and support. You can't even guarantee your own future with your so-called fairness. So, how could you guarantee it for others?"

"As for Luo Sheng, he could have lived a peaceful life. But, how did he end up getting disfigured? Wasn't it all because of you?"

"President Mo is willing to love and dote on you, but the industry will never go easy on anyone. This is the truth that you asked for."

"Are you happy with this answer? I hope it was worth you showing up here," the man laughed. His words were merciless, without an ounce of emotion. But, every single word pierced deep into Tangning's heart.

All the while, Luo Sheng had not woken up yet. And his parents had just received the news...

Soon, the man left and Tangning did not stick around either.

"What did he say?" Lin Qian chased after Tangning and asked.

"I didn't get anything useful out of him. Let's go," Tangning said tiredly.

Lin Qian did not see anything odd about Tangning. She simply felt pity for Luo Sheng. He was attacked in the rain, yet the culprit couldn't be found.

Soon, a phone call arrived from the set of 'Red Flame'. The crew decided to replace Luo Sheng because they realized he wasn't just injured – he was disfigured! They claimed that they did not have the resources to continue waiting. But, it was only yesterday that they had promised to wait for him. Yet, after seeing the reactions from the public, the director immediately changed his mind.

Was this an example of being taught a lesson by the industry?

It didn't take long before Tangning returned home. As soon as she saw Mo Ting, she immediately hugged him from behind and did not say a word.

"What's wrong?" Although Mo Ting didn't know what had happened, he could feel the sense of defeat coming from Tangning's body.

"Ting...do you think that a lot of my actions and thoughts are extremely childish? Including my decision to establish Superstar Media and invest in a sci-fi film?"

Mo Ting understood what Tangning was trying to ask. So, he turned around and looked at her, "I never take your decisions lightly because no one knows what you're capable of as well as I do."

“But, I suddenly feel like I’ve been fighting against heavy odds.”

Mo Ting furrowed his brows, “Why are you doubting yourself? Is it because Luo Sheng was attacked?”

“I...”

“Do you know the reason for your uninterrupted success up until this point?”

“You...” Tangning replied.

“You’re wrong. It’s because of your confidence to win,” Mo Ting corrected.

Tangning suddenly fell silent.

She had gotten over so many obstacles in the past. Yet, she was suddenly doubting herself over someone else’s words.

After hearing Mo Ting’s words, Tangning smiled and kissed him on his lips, “You always manage to make me see myself clearly.”

Afterwards, Tangning gave the investor a phone call. This time, she didn’t wait for the man to speak before she said, “Mr. Luo, your point of view may contain some truths, but I’m sorry, I can’t possibly agree with you.”

“Our beliefs are different.”

“My eventual aim is indeed to change the entertainment industry. But, I’m in no rush. I know the importance of gradual progression. Luo Sheng has temporarily met a bottleneck, but I can help him return to where he was before. In fact, he may surpass it...”

“I will continue to investigate Luo Sheng’s matter until I find the truth. And Mr. Luo – you are the biggest suspect!”

“You like to work under the table, I like to ensure fairness. It’s not a matter of whose right and whose wrong. It is all a matter of choice.”

The man obviously didn’t expect Tangning to say such words to him. She was indeed not easy to deal with.

After a gentle laugh, the investor gave Tangning a tip, “Luo Sheng was injured inside an estate. You can ask around and see if any of the property owners have security footage of how Luo Sheng was injured. If you manage to find one, then you will know the truth.”

Chapter 866: No One Should Blame Superstar Media For Ignoring Them

After Luo Sheng was injured, ‘Red Flame’ replaced him without a second thought and canceled his contract. On the surface, this was only reasonable. After all, it cost a lot to produce a drama, so the staff couldn’t just sit around waiting for a person that may or may not return.

But, from Tangning’s point of view, even if they didn’t do anything wrong, she wasn’t about to let them leave so easily.

If they wanted to cancel their contract, she had no problem with it. But the fact that they abandoned Luo Sheng within a day made them suspicious of striking a man when he was down.

Naturally, this ignited disgust from the audience. After all, the public always liked to support the weak and Luo Sheng was extremely pitiful.

Tangning took the opportunity to hold an explanation session to explain Luo Sheng's condition to the public. She also declared that Superstar Media would never abandon Luo Sheng. In other words, Tangning was hinting to the public that they could bully Luo Sheng as much as they wanted for now, but, they had to remember that she helped him make a comeback once and could do it again.

And when that time eventually arrived, no one should blame Superstar Media for ignoring them.

Meanwhile, the reporters were most curious about the culprit behind the entire incident. But of course, Tangning knew that this question kept Luo Sheng as a hot topic. So, she did not reveal anything.

At this time, Lin Qian was accompanying the police inside an estate. They were looking for evidence from the property owners.

Eventually, they knocked on the door of a military household.

As soon as the person that answered the door saw Lin Qian, he was a little surprised, but he did not look at her like she was a stranger. Meanwhile, Lin Qian simply thought the man was really tall!

His eyes were calm, complementing his sharp, defined face which suited the military uniform on his body.

"Hello sir, can I please ask you about something?"

"I just returned from the army. I don't know anything," the man replied in a slightly stiff voice.

"I want to see the surveillance footage from the camera outside your house. Is that possible?"

After hearing Lin Qian's request, the man looked at her threateningly and replied in a casual voice, "It is confidential. I'm sorry, but I can't show it to you."

Lin Qian: "..."

"Miss Lin, let us take over this conversation," an officer said after seeing what had happened. However, just like Lin Qian, the police were unsuccessful with their negotiation. This was because, as soon as the man showed them his credentials, there was nothing they could do.

So, in the end, the police could only persuade Lin Qian to leave, "Miss Lin, let's go. This is indeed confidential."

"What are you talking about? I just want to take one look. I have no interest in his confidentiality," Lin Qian replied in anger. "I don't know what his identity is, but if he managed to film the entire incident, isn't it his responsibility to cooperate with the police?"

"Errr..."

Luo Sheng hadn't woken up yet, and even if he was to wake up, no one could guarantee how he'd end up. So, their only evidence could only come from cameras. Lin Qian didn't want to give up, so, she returned to the house and knocked on the door.

The man was obviously shocked as he looked at her questioningly.

"I don't need to see it. I just want you to confirm if your camera captured anything important. Is that possible?"

The man remained silent for a few seconds and finally buckled, "You can come in, but you will need to face the consequences."

Lin Qian did not believe that this man would do anything to her, so she followed him inside.

The man admired Lin Qian's bravery, but he did not support it.

After all, entering a man's home was a very dangerous move.

But, he still went ahead and checked the footage for Lin Qian. He then returned with a USB stick and handed it to her, "The thing you are looking for is inside here."

Lin Qian's eyes lit up.

"Thank you."

"If you really want to thank me, then leave it for next time."

At that time, Lin Qian hadn't fully understood what the man meant because her focus was completely on the USB.

Afterwards, Lin Qian handed the USB to the police so they could confirm it and the police quickly returned with a result.

"The surveillance footage captured Luo Sheng hitting a person with his car and quickly stepping on the brakes. He then got out of his car. But, before he could even check what he had hit, someone approached him and hit him on the head. Most importantly, this person drove away with Luo Sheng's car."

"Is it possible to identify the culprit?" Lin Qian asked.

"The rain was too hard and the headlights were too bright. It's impossible for us to confirm anything. But, we will continue to investigate what happened to Luo Sheng's car. Of course, the best situation would be for Luo Sheng to wake up and provide us with some useful information himself."

"However, one thing was very strange. Logically speaking, the angle of this footage doesn't look like it came from the military officer's home."

As the man only gave them one clip, there was nothing that the police could confirm.

But this was only normal because the man had hacked into someone else's camera to get this footage. Footage that would be of use to Lin Qian.

However, Lin Qian had no idea of this.

As for the official target of the attack, it was still unsure whether it was Tangning or Luo Sheng.

All they could hope for, was for the mystery to be solved soon.

During this time, Lin Qian had been temporarily living at Xing Lan's home. After returning home that night, she saw a photo in Xing Lan's hand and leaned in to have a look, "Who's that?"

"My cousin," Xing Lan replied. "Isn't he handsome? He's the one I said I'd introduce you to..."

Lin Qian felt that the man looked familiar. After staring at the photo for a few seconds, she finally realized that it was the same man she had pleaded to earlier today.

"This is your cousin?"

"What's wrong?" Xing Lan asked. "I didn't have much contact with him in the past, but lately, I've grown closer to my uncle. Knowing that I know quite a lot of people, my uncle had this strange idea that I could..."

Obviously, he wanted her to find his son a girlfriend.

"Does a handful like that need introducing?"

"He is a stone-faced military general that all girls are frightened by. Who would date him?," Xing Lan snorted. "But of course, you are different. You are a powerful woman."

"What's his name?"

"Is Manager Lin interested now?"

"No..." Lin Qian was focused on the matter with Luo Sheng. "That's fine, keep this as a memento," Xing Lan said as she placed the photo into Lin Qian's bag.

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That night, Lin Qian reported to Tangning and warned her that there may still be people that were targeting her.

It wasn't that Tangning didn't understand the warning, but she had always faced these kind of problems head on.

"I received a phone call from Long Jie not too long ago. Luo Sheng has awoken, so I'm heading to the hospital now."

"He's awake? Does that mean we can ask him about the incident?"

This was yet to be determined. Because, in the short term, it was quite possible that Luo Sheng wouldn't be able to recognize anyone.

The industry was filled with dirty incidences. People were brave enough to do things and admit to it after. Tangning was quite surprised by the instigator, but she was completely disgusted by their methods.

All she could hope for now was for Luo Sheng to try his best...

Chapter 867: Based On How I Am Now ?

“Luo Sheng, do you still remember me? Luo Sheng...”

Luo Sheng glanced at Long Jie weakly and said in a husky voice, “Long Jie!”

“Thank God!” seeing that Luo Sheng was mentally stable, Long Jie immediately clasped her hands together. “Do you know how badly you scared us?”

Luo Sheng lay frozen in bed, completely confused about how he got hurt and what had happened. He tried his best to remember the night before, but apart from the image of blinding lights, he couldn't remember a thing.

“Did I get hurt?”

“Yes, you were injured pretty seriously,” Long Jie nodded. “But, you don't need to worry. You're doctor is extremely skilled in medicine and he will definitely cure you.”

Luo Sheng reached out his hand to touch his head and discovered it was wrapped in a thick bandage.

Apart from that, his right eye was also wrapped up.

“But, if I'm hurt, what will happen to my drama?” Luo Sheng asked anxiously. It wasn't easy for him to secure the male lead of 'Red Flame'. He didn't want to lose it because of his injuries nor did he want to miss out on the opportunity.

But, Long Jie stretched out her hand and patted him on the shoulder comfortingly, “Don't worry, Tangning will find a way to protect everything that belongs to you.”

Luo Sheng was temporarily calmed down. But, by the time that Tangning and the others arrived at the hospital, the information that Luo Sheng could give them, was pretty much the same as what they saw on the surveillance cameras.

He did not offend anyone. Nor had he organized to meet anyone there. He was simply attacked on the way to meeting the investor.

“From the looks of it, this is quite a sticky situation,” Lin Qian said to Tangning.

“But, compared to finding the truth, I think it's more important to comfort Luo Sheng and help him regain his confidence,” Tangning said as she glanced at Lin Qian. “Continue to assist the police. If you discover anything new, let me know.”

“OK,” Lin Qian nodded.

Tangning looked at Luo Sheng through the hospital room door. It was frightening to go through such an ordeal when his career was only just taking off; this could well be the end of his path to stardom. But, she wasn't about to give up on her artist so easily, especially when they were a victim of someone's schemes!

Tangning did not tell Luo Sheng that 'Red Flame' had replaced him because she did not think that he needed to know just yet.

Either way, it didn't matter that he had lost 'Red Flame', he still had many other opportunities.

Because, a short time later, Tangning received a phone call from Director Luo. He was willing to give the male lead of 'Derivative' to Luo Sheng. It seemed, he was trying to prove that he had no intention of hurting him.

Or perhaps it was because of what Tangning had said.

But, Tangning did not reveal this news to Luo Sheng because she had other things to first consider.

The new male lead of 'Red Flame' was the younger brother of one of the investors. Within the entertainment industry, it was common to see opportunities being given to relatives. But, if Tangning was to find out that this man's advancement had anything to do with Luo Sheng's injury, she would never let him off.

Since the male lead had fallen through, they might as well cancel the entire filming.

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Lin Qian continued to accompany the police as they tried to find the culprit of Luo Sheng's attack. This incident was a big matter. But, not only did they struggle to locate Luo Sheng's car, they couldn't find any trace of the culprit at all. Lin Qian suddenly remembered that the police had mentioned that Li Jin, the military officer, had provided them with footage that didn't seem to come from his home. Perhaps she could go ask him about it?

In order to find out the truth, Lin Qian drove over to Li Jin's home. But, after knocking for quite some time, no one opened the door. In the end, a neighbor told her, "Miss, you should stop knocking. I think Mr. Li has returned to the military base."

"Thank you," Lin Qian thanked disappointedly. But, at this moment, she suddenly remembered that Xing Lan had his contact details. Immediately, she realized how stupid she was.

So, she rushed home to ask Xing Lan for his details.

"Eh? Are you interested in my cousin?"

"Enough with your nonsense. Your cousin is tied to Luo Sheng's incident."

"That's impossible. He's a military officer and practically a hermit that is aloof from the world," Xing Lan defended.

"I'll explain everything to you in detail later. Can I call this number at any time?"

"I'm not sure about that," Xing Lan shrugged. She knew she had a cousin that was a military officer, but she had never contacted him before. She had only seen him a few times when they were kids and remembered he was an extremely cold person. Apart from that, she didn't know anything else.

"Forget it, I'll just give it a try." After speaking, Lin Qian stared at the number on her phone for quite some time.

After building up her courage, she finally called the number, and after a few rings, Li Jin picked up with a low and cold voice, "Li Jin, who is it?"

"Errr...I'm the woman that bothered you not too long ago. Do you remember me? I'm the one that asked you for some surveillance footage."

"Huh?" Li Jin's response was icy cold, without any emotion.

"The police said that the footage didn't come from your home, so I wanted to ask if you have access to any other evidence. The police still haven't located Luo Sheng's stolen car, nor any trace of the culprit."

Lin Qian blabbered on for a while before she realized all she heard on the other side of the phone was silence. Amidst the awkwardness, Lin Qian was about to hang up the phone, when Li Jin finally said, "I was busy just a moment ago. Can you repeat what you said?"

Lin Qian repeated herself as requested. Originally, she had already lost hope in Li Jin, but he ended up replying, "I have one hour free tonight. We can chat about it outside. I don't like talking over the phone."

"Oh, OK, what time? What is the most convenient location for us to meet?"

"Tell me your address, I'll come pick you up," Li Jin decided in a dominant manner.

The man was in the military and his job was to protect the country, so Lin Qian did not complain about his attitude as she gave him Xing Lan's address. At this time, Xing Lan revealed hesitantly to Lin Qian, "Actually...my cousin may have seen your photo before. I gave a copy to my uncle."

Lin Qian: "..."

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In reality, the reason why Director Luo was willing to give the male lead of 'Derivative' to Luo Sheng was because of what Tangning had said. Another reason was because he had come to an agreement with Mo Ting to invest in one of Hai Rui's upcoming films with the most earning potential.

But of course, Tangning couldn't find out about this.

Regardless, even if Mo Ting didn't do anything, Director Luo already had the intention to make this phone call to Tangning. But, he wasn't about to say no to more benefits.

Tangning had indeed married a good man. This was without a doubt.

When he thought about his own wife and daughter, Director Luo could easily relate to Mo Ting.

However, Luo Sheng did not know about this yet. So, when he saw on the news that the male lead of 'Red Flame' had been replaced, he held onto Long Jie and asked, "Long Jie, is this true?"

As Long Jie held onto the phone and saw the news, she realized it could no longer be hidden. So, she nodded her head, "Don't worry, you are about to receive something better."

"Haha...based on how I am now?" Luo Sheng was a little self conscious. "Long Jie, can you be honest with me? My eye won't get better, will it?"

Chapter 868: Without Your Father, You're Definitely Nothing

"Who told you it wouldn't get better?" Long Jie asked.

"Red Flame' has already replaced me. Doesn't that mean I won't be able to act anymore?" Luo Sheng mumbled to himself.

"Luo Sheng..."

"Let go of me," Luo Sheng suddenly pushed Long Jie away. "You're not me. You don't understand the fears I have for the future. It wasn't easy for me to get to this point, yet it's all been destroyed. I honestly don't know what I've done wrong."

Long Jie's heart ached as she looked at Luo Sheng, but at that moment, she couldn't think of any words to comfort him with.

She originally wanted to give Luo Sheng some time to calm down. But, while she popped out to go to the bathroom, Luo Sheng ended up running away.

In a panic, Long Jie immediately gave Tangning a phone call, "Luo Sheng's gone missing. There are reporters everywhere at the moment. What should we do if he gets hurt again?"

"Go look for him on the set of 'Red Flame'," Tangning replied.

"Why would he be there?"

"Why else?" Tangning asked back. Luo Sheng had many positives, but he was young and impulsive. However, Tangning understood that he had received a huge blow this time. So, she had no choice but to turn around and drive to the set of 'Red Flame', even though she was already on the way home to see her babies.

As expected, Luo Sheng was on the set of 'Red Flame'. Dressed in his hospital gown with his head wrapped in bandages, he was there to ask the director for an explanation.

But, the director refused to see him.

"Luo Sheng, the male lead has already been replaced. There's no point looking for the director," the staff persuaded, "Go back to the hospital, you're still injured."

"I just want to see the director..."

"Really. There's nothing we can do," the staff were put in a difficult position.

Luo Sheng looked at the people before him with his pale expression. Just as he was about to force his way through, the new male lead of 'Red Flame' stepped out with his assistant. As soon as he saw Luo Sheng, he revealed a ridiculing smile, "Hey, isn't this our male lead? Why are you running around with your injuries? How heartbreaking..."

Luo Sheng looked at the man as he struggled to contain his anger.

“Luo Sheng, I am now the male lead of ‘Red Flame’. Even if you return now, you can’t change the fact that I’ve already replaced you. Especially since your head is currently wrapped up like a mentally disabled child.”

“No matter how capable Tangning is, her abilities are limited. Do you really think that Tangning treats you like a precious gem? Just wait for it. In a few more days, you will find that everyone’s avoiding you...”

“By the way, I heard that your car was stolen during your accident. How pitiful. After debuting for so long, your car is perhaps the only valuable thing you have, right?”

Luo Sheng did not understand the hidden meaning behind the man’s words, but he could sense the strong humiliation.

But, Tangning, who arrived right at this time, heard everything that the man said.

The police had not revealed anything about Luo Sheng’s case, so how did he know that Luo Sheng’s car had been stolen?

“You’re about to become nothing...”

Luo Sheng clenched his fists tightly. Just as he was about to throw a punch, Tangning walked over and pulled him behind her, “No matter how bad Luo Sheng’s situation is, at least he depends on himself. Unlike someone who relies on their father.”

“It hasn’t been confirmed whether Luo Sheng will become nothing. But one thing’s for sure, without your father, you’re definitely nothing.”

Seeing Tangning appear, the man originally wanted to argue back. But, he quickly found that he had been rendered speechless.

“What do you think you are capable of stealing from Luo Sheng?” Tangning asked. “Let me tell you that you can’t steal anything. No one can take anything from an artist that belongs to me. And even if they do, I would rather destroy it than let someone else benefit from it.”

The man looked at Tangning in surprise, but he knew she wasn’t joking.

Afterwards, Tangning dragged Luo Sheng into her car and handed him a tissue, “Wipe your face clean.”

“Ning Jie...”

“It’s not the end of the world, what’s there to be so depressed about?” Tangning asked. “How could you have come all the way here to look for the director. If he was capable of abandoning you within one day, did you think that there’s still hope in looking for him?”

“But, this is a job that I worked really hard to negotiate.”

“A job that can be stolen so easily, is not truly your job,” Tangning said honestly. “There are better opportunities waiting for you. Don’t lose hope. I will definitely do what I promised.”

“Sorry, Ning Jie...”

Although Luo Sheng didn't see the director in the end, his appearance on the set of 'Red Flame' still stirred up quite a commotion.

Everyone knew that the drama had already replaced its male lead. So, Luo Sheng was asking for his own humiliation by showing up on set.

"How could an actor trained by Tangning be so flustered? He has no character!"

"How could he go looking for the director when he has already been replaced? Isn't he stretching out his face and asking for a slap?"

"Haiz...what a disappointment. Luo Sheng, what's up with you?"

Luo Sheng went to the set of 'Red Flame' and not only devalued himself, he ended up increasing the value of the drama. After all, an artist of Tangning's was pleading for the drama to take him back.

But, Tangning wasn't about to let 'Red Flame' benefit from all this.

"I'm sorry, but the reason why Luo Sheng appeared on set was because the director previously promised to give him some time to recover, but he immediately went back on his words and replaced him. Does he think that Superstar Media is easy to bully? That's why Luo Sheng turned up to clarify whether it was OK for a person to be so untrustworthy."

"He had the right to not promise anything. But since he made the promise, he should have stuck to his word."

"Our Luo Sheng is indeed injured, but he is bound to recover. We should not care about those that fail to recognize true talent because Luo Sheng already has a better project waiting for him. Please stay tuned for our future announcements."

Everyone knew that Long Jie's words represented Tangning's word.

So, to put it simply, Luo Sheng appeared on set not because he wanted to plea for his role, but because he wanted to make the director pay for what he had done.

The crew of 'Red Flame' were much too despicable. The director had promised to save the role for Luo Sheng, yet he turned around the next second and gave it to someone else.

Worst of all was the actor that thought he was so cool for stealing Luo Sheng's role.

Perhaps he had never seen such a great opportunity in his life before, so he thought he was already treading all over Luo Sheng and was being overly proud of himself.

Meanwhile, Tangning kept the public under suspense and prevented another accident from happening by not revealing Luo Sheng's next project. After all, what would they do if another person became interested in his resource?

So, they were going to wait patiently until the day that 'Derivative' was officially announced and a particular person would naturally receive a faceslap.

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At this moment, it was already late at night. Lin Qian waited outside Xing Lan's home until Li Jin's black car pulled up in front of her. All of a sudden, she remembered what Xing Lan had said and felt a little embarrassed. No wonder the first time she met Li Jin, he did not look at her like a stranger.

"Hop onboard," Li Jin opened the car door.

Chapter 869: Put Away Your Pity Act, We Don't Buy It

Li Jin was especially tall, strong and muscular. Unlike Mo Ting, he didn't have the presence of a king; he didn't have the same majesty and dominance. Instead, he was so cold that he made it hard for people to breathe and made them too afraid to say a word.

The name Li Jin sounded like it belonged to a prince from the ancient dynasties. But, the real person still fit the name well.

Lin Qian was sitting in Li Jin's car, but even at this point, she had no idea where she found the courage to board it.

"I...I don't want to waste too much of your time. Let's just chat in the car," Lin Qian said in a slightly reserved manner. She was cautious; if Li Jin stretched out his hand, he could easily snap her neck.

"I don't like it when people talk business in my car. It's too distracting," Li Jin refused.

Lin Qian froze and did not say another word.

The vibe in the car was suddenly icy cold. Lin Qian cleared her throat and tried to find a topic of conversation, but quickly realized that Li Jin had no desire to talk to her.

This was the second man that had ever made her too afraid to even take a deep breath. The first one was Mo Ting.

Of course, compared to Li Jin, Mo Ting was a lot more dangerous. Perhaps, because of Li Jin's occupation, Lin Qian felt a lot more safe around him.

Not long after, the two arrived at a restaurant. As soon as they sat down, Lin Qian asked, "Can I speak now?"

Li Jin sat down opposite Lin Qian, and straightened his shirt, "Go ahead."

"I feel like you know something else that you haven't told me..."

"The surveillance footage I gave you is everything that's related to the incident," Li Jin replied, "I'm sorry."

Lin Qian was extremely embarrassed. Couldn't this man be more gentle with his words? Must he talk to a woman like he was training someone in the army?

"However, I zoomed into the footage and noticed that Luo Sheng's black Porsche was almost out of gas. It shouldn't have more than 30km left on it. Also, the culprit had no choice but to drive outside of the

city to avoid surveillance cameras. So, if my prediction is right, the culprit definitely stopped at a service station near Black Water Bend. If not, the car would have been abandoned around there.”

After hearing this, Lin Qian immediately nodded her head, “The police thought that way too, but they didn’t find anything.”

“If the culprit didn’t abandon the car nor stop at a service station, there’s one more possibility. The culprit drove the car back to his home or to a familiar place. Check if anyone from the entertainment industry lives in the area. I’m sure you’ll discover something.”

The police had not considered this possibility.

So, Lin Qian couldn’t help but sigh. People from the military were indeed different.

Just as Lin Qian was about to thank Li Jin, his phone began to ring..

Li Jin grabbed his phone and stepped outside to answer it. After he returned, he said to Lin Qian, “I’m sorry, something suddenly came up. I’ll take you home first.”

“It’s fine. I can leave on my own,” Lin Qian shook her hands.

“No, I’ll take you,” Li Jin insisted.

So, Lin Qian had no choice but to say, “Fine, if you must, then take me to my agency. It’s not too far from here.”

Lin Qian understood that Li Jin had a special identity and needed to leave. Either way, she didn’t know how she was to converse with him for an entire meal anyway; she would have frozen to death from his coldness.

Afterwards, Li Jin didn’t say another word until they were back on the road and almost at Lin Qian’s agency, “My mother showed me your photo before...”

Lin Qian: “...”

“When you have time, let’s have another dinner together...”

Lin Qian wanted to explain that she had no intention to partake in matchmaking.

But, as soon as Li Jin dropped her off, he immediately turned around and left...

In the end, all Lin Qian could do was pass on Li Jin’s words to the police. In response, the police immediately launched a new investigation. Meanwhile, after hearing this, Tangning simply reacted with, “The actor that replaced Luo Sheng in ‘Red Flame’ is quite a character.”

In other words, Tangning was telling them to look into this man.

She actually had her suspicions already, but she had to find evidence to support her claims.

After all, she couldn’t let Luo Sheng suffer on his own. She was determined to pay back the culprit a hundred-fold. This was her promise to Luo Sheng.

Soon, Long Jie discovered from her small channel contacts, the name of an artist that had a property in Black Water Bend. But, she did not cause a commotion and scare away the culprit, instead she passed the information straight to the police and asked them to monitor the household. Finally, after two days, the police spotted someone from the household drive out in a black Porsche.

The man wanted to burn the car in the middle of the night, but was caught by the police.

The case made a breakthrough discovery, giving the police enough evidence to lock down on a possible culprit. So, after further investigations, the police received an arrest warrant to arrest the uncle of the actor that had replaced Luo Sheng, a man with the surname Zheng.

In order to help his nephew advance in his career, he decided to put himself at risk. He thought by destroying the car, no one would ever find out what he had done. But, what a shame.

No one should ever treat the police like idiots and think they could outsmart them.

Soon, the police announced that Luo Sheng's case had been solved and the culprit admitted to his crimes.

The culprit was the uncle of actor, Zheng Weiran. And because of this, this actor became the male lead of 'Red Flame'. What did this mean? It meant that Uncle Zheng had deliberately injured Luo Sheng and stole his job.

Inside the interrogation room, Uncle Zheng admitted that he was responsible for everything and the entire incident had nothing to do with his nephew; his nephew was innocent.

Since the police only had evidence against this man, they could only arrest him in the end.

Zheng Weiran was smart. As soon as he found out that his uncle had been arrested, he immediately gave Luo Sheng a public apology and offered to return his role to him if he was willing to let his uncle go.

He completely threw the blame away from himself.

But, Tangning didn't let him have his way as she replied, "Luo Sheng is about to partake in 'Derivative', so you can keep 'Red Flame' all to yourself. You claimed that you were unaware of this entire incident, but during one of your conversations with Luo Sheng, you clearly knew that his car had been stolen even though the police never revealed this information to the public. Unless you were involved, how would you have known?"

"You may be able to escape the law because your uncle is willing to take the blame. But, you can never escape what is morally accepted."

"For the sake of securing the male lead, you hurt Luo Sheng and almost made him blind. Superstar Media will never forgive you, nor will Luo Sheng."

"Stop with your disgusting show and put away your pity act. We don't buy it."

Tangning made a simple announcement, but she was clearly telling everyone that the other party knew what was happening and was even involved. She reminded them not to be fooled before she revealed Luo Sheng's medical report so they could see the extent of his injuries. She had to shock everyone so they'd learn to hate the attacker.

As expected, as soon as Superstar Media's announcement was released, no one could reverse its effect. In the end, 'Red Flame' received such an impact that they had no choice but to stop filming.

After all, they were liars and they had an attacker amongst them. With so many scandals revolving around them, who would want to watch their drama?

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On the other hand, Luo Sheng was injured, but he did not lose everything. In fact, he even secured a role in a new drama. After Tangning's announcement was made, the official website of 'Derivative' took the opportunity to announce that they'd begin production and confirmed that their male lead was Luo Sheng. They even declared that they'd wait for him until he was fully recovered.

Luo Sheng's matter caused a huge commotion and made a huge impact on everyone. But, the majority of the public sympathized with him. In other words, he actually received a benefit from his misfortune.

"Thank you, Ning Jie," Luo Sheng thanked after receiving news that the tables had turned. "Thank you for not abandoning me."

"You didn't do anything wrong, so why would I abandon you?" Tangning asked. "From now on, simply focus on your recovery. Once you are healthy again, you will be able to start filming. I've already spoken to Director Luo. You've actually got a decent eye for people. Although Director Luo is not a completely honest and open person, he is not the sneaky, manipulative type. So, he is safe to befriend."

Hearing this, Luo Sheng laughed, even though it tore open his injury a little, "Understood, Ning Jie."

As for the old and young Zhengs, Tangning had already exhausted a lot of effort to get started with them. Now, it was time to 'entertain' them well.

Finally, when it came to 'Red Flame, Tangning was certain that they'd never make a comeback unless they replaced everyone in the cast and crew or if they decided to be completely shameless.

After all the worrying and fear, Tangning was finally a little tired. As she left the agency, she spotted Mo Ting's car parked outside. So, she immediately approached him and asked, "Why are you here?"

"I knew you'd miss me," Mo Ting said as he looked at Tangning.

Tangning chuckled and nodded her head, "You're the only person that understands me in this world..."

"Since the matter has been resolved now, you should get some rest."

"Let's go home, Mr. Mo. I miss my kids."

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The entire matter was resolved smoothly. But, the date for Xing Lan's semifinals was fast approaching. Xing Lan practiced really hard, even though she was already ahead of everyone because she passed every stage with the highest points. Although she was now a part of Hai Rui, she still ended up calling Tangning because she believed that she would never find someone with better guidance than her.

During this time, Lin Qian had been staying at Xing Lan's home. Although she assumed that Quan Ziyue had already moved back to live with the Quan Family, she still refused to return to the apartment. She enjoyed living with Xing Lan. At least, she didn't feel so cold and empty there.

Xing Lan also enjoyed having Lin Qian in her home. Especially since she could probe her about Li Jin. But, everytime that Lin Qian thought of that icy cold man, she would cross her arms and feel chills down her spine, "I really don't know how I'm supposed to get along with him."

"Don't say that...My second uncle's family has high hopes for you."

"Haven't they seen the news I created with 'somebody' not too long ago?"

"Yes they have, but they don't seem to care. It seems, as long as my cousin finds himself a woman, they don't care who the woman is."

Lin Qian: "..."

"I'm not planning to date your cousin!" As soon as Lin Qian finished talking, she received a phone call from Li Jin.

Xing Lan sighed and Lin Qian rolled her eyes.

The case was already closed. So, did they still have a reason to see each other?

Lin Qian thought for a few moments before she answered the phone. This man was, after all, someone that had helped her.

"Come to my place." Li Jin hung up after four simple words.

Lin Qian froze.

Was she that close to him?

Even though she wasn't, Lin Qian still got up and drove over to Li Jin's home. Afterwards, she was dragged into the living room by him.

"What...What do you want?"

"I was saving some people and got hurt in the process. Can you cook?" Li Jin asked as he held onto his stomach.

Lin Qian looked at the man and nodded her head, "A little."

"I'm hungry!"

Lin Qian froze again. What was the meaning of this? Was this man actually treating her as a potential girlfriend? Why didn't he ask her if she was willing first?

"Apart from you, I don't know any other woman," Li Jin explained coldly. "I'll treat it as a sign of gratitude for my help last time."

Hearing this, Lin Qian ultimately nodded her head, "Fine. Stay here and get some rest. What do you want to eat?"

“Anything.”

After replying, Li Jin entered his bedroom while Lin Qian became his personal cook. This man was filled with an air of danger and mystery, but for some reason, Lin Qian couldn't seem to reject his requests.

“From the looks of it, his injury did not appear light,” she thought.

Lin Qian casually cooked up a few easy dishes and gently headed over to Li Jin's bedroom. But, just as she arrived at the doorway, she spotted Li Jin trying to change the bandages on his wound. That's when she saw the frightening hole on his stomach. It was a bullet wound.

This was the first time that Lin Qian had come in close contact to something like this.

“This was an accident. But, I saved four people.”

Lin Qian didn't know why Li Jin was explaining this to her, but she couldn't help but listen, “Go have some food. I'm going to go home.”

“I'll take you...”

“Forget it, you should focus on your recovery.”

Li Jin nodded and did not insist.

So, Lin Qian breathed a sigh of relief and left the villa. She then got into her car and drove straight home. Her instincts were telling her that this man was too dangerous.

“Oolala, someone went out for an entire afternoon. What did you do?” Xing Lan asked as she appeared behind Lin Qian.

Lin Qian responded by rolling her eyes tiredly.

If this was Quan Ziyue, she would have avoided him without hesitation. But, for some reason, when it came to Li Jin, she wanted to avoid him, yet she also wanted to be close to him at the same time.

Was she possessed?!

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Now that Luo Sheng's matter was resolved, Tangning returned her focus to the preparation of her sci-fi film. But, because she had invested into post production, there were a lot of difficulties that she had to face. First of all, the technicalities behind post production was already a challenge. But, Qiao Sen remained confident and was ready to tackle it head on.

“The script is ready,” Qiao Sen said as he handed some documents to Tangning. “This is a summarized version.”

“As for the actors, I was hoping you could be a part of the cast. I believe in your approach and acting ability...”

Tangning received the documents with complex emotions, “I have no plans to act...”

“I know. But, I still wanted to give it a try and suggest it to you,” Qiao Sen shrugged. “What a shame, what a real shame.”

Tangning fell silent and contemplated for a few seconds, but she stuck to her original decision, “I can help you select the most suitable actors.”

“No. They aren’t you. I really hope you can reconsider.”

Tangning held onto the script, but she did not open it. She was afraid that if she opened it, she would not be able to close it back up.

Could she still act?

After the incident with Xu Xin, would the public still accept her?

Tangning was filled with hesitation. After returning home, she placed the script on her desk and stared at it in a daze. But, she had already made her decision in the past. So, she shouldn’t regret it.

When Mo Ting returned home, he saw Tangning sitting on the sofa staring at the script in a daze.

She may have locked away the actress inside of her, but, sooner or later, she was going to be awoken.

Did that mean Mo Ting was about to be a manager again?