

## Work Hard 891

### Chapter 891: Personally Deal With The Matter

The woman was aware of Tangning. After all, she had stirred up the international arena quite a few times.

But regardless of who they were up against, Cate's team was confident that their extra conditions would be added to the contract.

"In France, I am treated like a national treasure. Everywhere I stay is at a 5-star standard. But look at the hotel here in Beijing. Even the air conditioner is broken."

"I don't want to stay in a place like this."

If someone complained that Hollywood was mistreating foreign actors, they would have to endure it, because it was Hollywood. But, who did Superstar Media think they were in comparison?

Cate's team was prepared to battle it out with Tangning. They already had a thousand reasons to convince Tangning to accept the new conditions.

But, they had obviously underestimated Tangning's abilities as a manager and boss.

They thought she was here as an actress.

But, from the moment that Tangning stepped foot into the meeting room, she was no longer the actress Tangning.

The white suit on her body made her appear mature and gorgeous. Cate suddenly found that she was unable to tell what Tangning had planned.

Cate had brought along a few lawyers as well as her manager and assistant. All up, there were five of them. But, Tangning simply brought along Long Jie.

"I heard that your team requested additional conditions," Tangning said straightforwardly.

Cate did not say a word. Instead, her manager spoke on her behalf, "Our Cate is famous in France and has a considerable status in the international arena. We have the right to receive better treatment."

"You should have discussed these conditions when you first signed the contract. Since the contract is already signed, then you have the responsibility to abide by it. Or do you think Superstar Media is easy to pick on?"

"The contract was set by us, so there's always room for adjustments. Plus, you were the ones that invited Cate here. Shouldn't your responsibility be to satisfy her needs?" the manager asked expectantly.

"If you want to blame someone, you should blame yourselves for not having anyone in China that is comparable to our Cate. Otherwise, why would you travel so far to beg us?"

"So what do you plan to do?" Tangning crossed her arms.

“Our lawyer will discuss with you the conditions that our Cate wants,” the manager thought that Tangning was coming to a compromise, so he began to mention the lawyer.

But, as soon as Cate’s lawyer stepped forward and handed Tangning some documents with Cate’s conditions, Tangning stuck out her hand and gestured for them to stop.

“Before you make any new requests, I think you should sign this document first,” Tangning gestured for Long Jie to hand over a document that was typed in French and placed it in front of Cate’s manager.

“A contract cancellation agreement?” the manager was shocked.

“Superstar Media may have a lot of money, but we aren’t stupid. The first time you made requests, I already had the intention to send you packing back to France.”

“I have three reasons for this.”

“Firstly, my country may not be well developed, but I still have access to entertainment news. At the very least, I know that Miss Cate’s acting in France is skilled, but her reputation is a mess. So don’t tell me that you get treated like a national treasure in France. Do you think I’ve never been to France? Or did you expect me to never go to France? How embarrassing...”

“Secondly, it’s not that China has bad actresses. It’s just that Cate suits the role we are trying to fill. If it wasn’t because I was pregnant, I don’t think she would have stood a chance. According to statistics, my influence in the Western Market seems to be much higher than hers...”

“Thirdly, from what I’ve heard, Miss Cate has reached a point in her career where she is trying to change her style, but she hasn’t found any suitable roles and ended up partaking in a few flops, causing her agency to suffer. If we were to cancel our contract now, and your agency blames you for their loss, not only will Cate stay in a room with no air conditioning, she may be left with no room at all!”

“In conclusion, Superstar Media were the ones that chose you, not the other way around.”

“So, go ahead, sign the contract cancellation and go home. Let’s not waste anymore of each other’s time.”

The other party never expected for Tangning to say such harsh words.

So, Cate looked especially displeased.

“Long Jie, keep an eye on them as they sign the agreement. I don’t have time to waste on them,” Tangning said before she turned to leave. However, Cate’s manager suddenly held her back.

“I can sue you for breaching the contract and request for compensation.”

“The first time that we revised the contract, we already confirmed it as the final revision. In other words, you have no right to request for a second revision, or you’d be breaching the contract. So, I’m afraid the person that will end up paying compensation is you...”

The manager froze after hearing these words.

Obviously, they came here intending to get benefits from Tangning, but never expected that she never wanted them from the start.

What a bunch of trash!

Although Tangning expected foreign actors to receive special treatment, it was unreasonable for Cate to be so pampered.

Tangning's standpoint was clear, her approach was firm and her message was simple: either act or go home!

"Come on, sign it," Long Jie said in English.

But, the manager pretended not to understand English and refused to sign it.

Of course, Long Jie did not expose him. After all, Tangning didn't truly want them to leave. She simply wanted them to know that Superstar Media weren't pushovers.

Afterwards, the manager called Qiao Sen over and spoke to him in a much more polite manner.

Qiao Sen was quite surprised. It seemed, from now on, Tangning would need to personally deal with these matters.

After this incident, Long Jie waited for a suitable time to speak to Tangning, heart to heart, "I thought you'd take this opportunity to send Cate home and take on the role yourself. I never expected you to keep her around."

"Tangning, both Lu Che and I think that a domestically produced sci-fi film should starr one of our own. Otherwise, it wouldn't feel as pure and authentic."

"Neither of us feel like we can accept it."

"You worked so hard to prepare for this film. If you end up making Cate famous, the only face in everyone's memories would be hers."

"Even if you couldn't take the role, you should have found someone else from China to take it..."

"I didn't make the decision," Tangning replied. "I'm sure Qiao Sen made his decision from a business standpoint. Let's just stick with it for now and see how we go."

"Once the film begins shooting, there's no turning back," Long Jie reminded. "Plus, both Lu Che and I don't understand why you must give up your identity as an actress. Even though you're a manager now, why can't you still act?"

"Xu Xin's incident wasn't your fault..."

## **Chapter 892: Be A Part Of The Excitement**

Tangning did not say a word. To be exact, there was nothing she could say.

"You are currently a highly sought after manager and actress. Whether it's your popularity or your acting, no one can compare to you..."

"Long Jie, that's enough," Tangning rubbed her stomach as her gaze darkened.

“OK,” Long Jie sighed helplessly.

Tangning was currently pregnant, so she couldn't have too much ambition nor ideas. For now, being a mother was her main identity.

Mo Ting put aside his work for Tangning's sake. So, for the sake of her daughter, Tangning had to take good care of her body.

There was nothing more to think about...

As for Cate, it was best if they didn't end up using her. But, even if they did, Tangning would never allow Long Jie's worries to come true.

But, of course, she had no idea that her battle with Cate had only just begun.

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It was currently early in the morning.

After resting at the Li Family Home for an entire day and night, Lin Qian finally had the energy to get out of bed.

But, Li Jin was not by her side and she was in someone else's home. How was she to walk around? It was certainly awkward.

“Aiya, Qian Qian...why are you out of bed?” Mother Li's voice echoed from the distance. “Li Jin returned to the military base already. He asked me to take care of you. Are you still feeling unwell?”

“No, Auntie...”

“I know it's hard for you to adjust to this place. The two of you aren't anything yet and he already brought you here. His father and I were also quite surprised. But, since the two of you have the intention to take things further, we have nothing to say. So, don't feel so conscientious,” Mother Li said with a grin. “Treat this place like your own home.”

“But, from now on, don't let people doubt your relationship. After you get married, you can immediately move in here.”

Lin Qian: “...”

“Actually, I still have work to do. I'm going to return to work now.”

“This child. Don't act like an outsider. Come drink some chicken soup.”

Lin Qian: “...”

Li Qian had never experienced the warmth of a family, so Mother Li's enthusiasm was a little overwhelming. But, it wasn't hard to tell that Mother Li was an open-minded mother who held her son's opinions in high regard. This was something the Lin Qian had never witnessed in the Quan Family.

So, this chicken soup was a little hard to swallow.

“Don’t be so silly from now on. If you wait too long for the rascal and don’t see him, then go find someone else. It’s better to torture the jerk than to torture yourself and make your body suffer.”

This time, Lin Qian felt extremely embarrassed...

In fact, she was beginning to question whether Mother Li was Li Jin’s birth mother.

Luckily, at this time, Xia Hanmo had already finished filming overseas and was back in China. So, Lin Qian was summoned back to her side. If not for this, Xia Hanmo wouldn’t have known how to excuse herself from the villa.

Mother Li didn’t want Lin Qian to leave; she had wanted a daughter for many years. Plus, it was a rare occasion for Li Jin to bring home a woman, so Mother Li had to take advantage of her time to enjoy being taken care of by a daughter.

It was all Li Jin’s fault for being too reliable and not allowing her to experience the joys of being a mother. He grew up way too quickly...

But, apart from growing up, he spent most of his time at the military base and had a cold expression the majority of the time.

“Qian Qian, please visit often.”

“OK, Auntie,” Lin Qian was quite frightened. Even so, she still felt a sense of warmth spread through her entire body.

After arriving at Xia Hanmo’s home, Xia Hanmo stared at Lin Qian and noticed a soft smile on her face. It was obvious that she had made progress in her love life.

“Are you happy?”

“It’s a bit overwhelming,” Lin Qian summed up her experience at the Li Family Home.

“Li Jin is a good person,” Xia Hanmo said in seriousness. “Cherish him well. The two of you have gone through a lot together. If you get married in the future, you will definitely be very happy.”

Hearing the word ‘married’, Lin Qian was suddenly reminded of Quan Ziye.

Quan Ziye was getting married soon.

Later that night, Lin Qian finished work and headed downstairs. As she left the building, she spotted Li Jin’s car and quickly ran over to it.

“My mom told me that you left, so I assumed you’d be back at work.”

“Yeh, Auntie was being too enthusiastic,” Lin Qian said in an overwhelmed tone as she boarded the car.

Li Jin did not say a word. Instead, he leaned over and placed a kiss on Lin Qian’s cheek.

Lin Qian was a little surprised by his action.

“What was that about?”

“Nothing.”

Li Jin's lips slightly curved upwards as he started the car and drove Lin Qian home. But, just as they arrived, Lin Qian suddenly said to Li Jin, "My brother is getting engaged. Can you come with me to the engagement party?"

"Since it's your brother, then, of course, I'll go," Li Jin replied without hesitation.

"Good."

Li Jin knew that the Quan Family was like a black hole. He couldn't possibly let Lin Qian go on her own and withstand the difficulties and taunting. So, he was not only going there to protect Lin Qian, he was going to turn her into the center of attention.

But, of course, Lin Qian did not know about this. She simply wanted someone to accompany her so she wouldn't be alone and she would be satisfied.

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As Quan Ziyue used to be a part of the entertainment industry, there were naturally a lot of celebrities invited to his engagement party; even Mo Ting received an invite because he was once Quan Ziyue's boss. After all, Quan Ziyue couldn't lose out on any gifts.

However, Tangning felt that this engagement party was quite interesting.

Quan Ziyue had pursued Lin Qian for many years with no luck, yet, in the blink of an eye, he was marrying another person.

So, Tangning had a feeling that things weren't that simple.

Quan Ziyue had been stuck between Lin Qian and Mother Quan for many years, which meant he wasn't a person that easily surrendered. So, now that Mother Quan made him lose the love of his life, Tangning expected that he wouldn't let his mother off so easily.

"Is Lin Qian going?" Mo Ting asked after coaxing the two kids to sleep and seeing Tangning stare at the invite.

"With Li Jin backing her up, what is there for her to be afraid of? Even if she decided not to go, Li Jin would force her to go. So, there's no doubt that she's going," Tangning replied, "That's why I want to go as well, President Mo."

"Is there any excitement that you don't want to be a part of these days?" Mo Ting said as he looked at Tangning. "Fine...if Mrs. Mo wants to do something, then I will accompany her."

If not because of the child in her stomach, Tangning would not be able to resist the temptation she felt from Mo Ting at that moment.

Although he was already at the age of an uncle, he was still as handsome as ever, and for some reason, he was becoming more and more attractive.

But, before the engagement party was to take place, Xia Hanmo's first variety program was about to start broadcasting. Everyone had already heard that Xia Hanmo's reactions while on holidays was quick and witty. But, was she also that loveable on the program?

After all, she had been previously famous because of her bad reputation. Who's to say that she wouldn't have a bad reputation again?

### **Chapter 893: No Longer Her Responsibility To Stand Up For Her !**

Zhou Qing took special care of Xia Hanmo, guiding his junior with all his heart. But, even though he became extremely famous after the flood incident, it did not change the television station's plan.

They still planned to replace Zhou Qing.

Xia Hanmo was oblivious to this decision. All she knew was, Zhou Qing was a good host that treated people with sincerity. But, she never imagined that the mentor she just accepted – the man that made her a part of the cast – was about to leave.

On the broadcast night of 'The Big Adventure', Xia Hanmo was extremely nervous. These days, whenever she had questions about work, she no longer searched for Tangning because she knew that Tangning had never been on a variety program. Instead, she turned to Zhou Qing.

But, the next time that she turned up at the television station, someone told her that Zhou Qing was in the Station Head's office. A little while later, Zhou Qing stepped out followed by another man. It appeared, they were having a discussion about something.

And from the look in Zhou Qing's eyes, their discussion did not end well.

Xia Hanmo immediately ran over and questioned Zhou Qing, "Zhou Ge, what happened?"

"It's nothing," Zhou Qing shook his head. To prevent Xia Hanmo from asking further, he quickly changed the subject, "What are you doing at the television station so late at night?"

"Tonight is the first broadcast of 'The Big Adventure', so I was feeling a little nervous..."

"Are you here to see the audience's reaction?" Zhou Qing returned to his usual calmness as he led Xia Hanmo to an office with a television. Inside this office were other members of staff. "This way, people won't misunderstand us. I don't want to prevent you from ever finding a boyfriend."

Xia Hanmo did not say a word. She simply felt that Zhou Qing was very thoughtful.

"Looking at the numbers right now, 'The Big Adventure' seems to be doing fine. I'm sure the viewership ratings won't be a problem..."

"With you around, the ratings couldn't possibly be low. I actually want to know what the public thinks about me," Xia Hanmo smiled self consciously.

"You are one of Tangning's artists, so I can tell that you don't want to fall too far behind Luo Sheng and Xing Lan. But, Hanmo, you've already done really well, don't be too concerned by public opinion. As long as you stick to the right methods, the results will never be too bad."

Zhou Qing felt that this would be the last time he'd be able to give her such sincere and earnest advice.

"You need to trust in Tangning, you need to trust in me and you need to trust in yourself."

“From now on, you need to focus on creating a good program. Regardless of whether I am around or not, you need to maintain your initial enthusiasm.”

Xia Hanmo simply felt these words were a little strange, but she did not think further into it. After all, Zhou Qing had always been a sensitive man.

His gentleness made people around him naturally feel comfortable.

That night, Xia Hanmo returned home late, but she slept peacefully. The next morning, she woke up to good news from Lin Qian: ‘The Big Adventure’ had the number one ratings in the variety category. In fact, reviews were great and the audience accepted seeing Xia Hanmo’s face in variety.

Because, in the program, Xia Hanmo was honestly someone that knew a lot and didn’t have a fake personality.

For example, while overseas, one of the guests’ lightbulbs broke. In response, not only did Xia Hanmo replace it, she even fixed the wiring.

Also, during their missions, Xia Hanmo was smart but she was considerate to not make her guests lose face.

“Xia Hanmo was honestly in the wrong field before. I finally feel like she’s taken a proper step into the entertainment industry.”

“Tangning’s honestly great at guiding newcomers.”

“So this is how Xia Hanmo’s personality is really like. Her previous manager was sucking her dry with fake rumors. Most of the netizens were fooled.”

The comments weren’t completely great, but they were extremely honest.

But, just as ‘The Big Adventure’ became a trending topic, another piece of shocking news burst out onto the scene: the internet was claiming that Zhou Qing would be leaving the show!

In an instant, fans began to complain.

Everyone clearly saw how great of a host Zhou Qing was. Plus, ‘The Big Adventure’ was a huge hit. So, why was he leaving?

This piece of news was much too shocking, not only for the fans, but also for Xia Hanmo.

She finally understood what Zhou Qing meant by his words the previous night.

In fact, her guess was that Zhou Qing wasn’t leaving ‘The Big Adventure’ at his own will.

But, she wasn’t about to impulsively go look for the head of the television station, this would only make matters worse for Zhou Qing. So, instead, she gave Long Jie a phone call. She wanted Long Jie to investigate the reason behind this decision.

After receiving Xia Hanmo’s phone call, Long Jie was quite proud of her. It seemed, Xia Hanmo was finally thinking logically.

“Don’t worry, I will give you an answer soon.”



Long Jie knew that Zhou Qing's stability was a direct impact on Xia Hanmo's future prospects.

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Apart from Zhou Qing's matter, the entertainment industry was also fairly occupied with the announcement of the evilly charming Quan Ziyue's retreat from the industry and the announcement of his engagement.

Previously, there were rumors about the incestual relationship between him and his sister, but now, he was planning to marry a government official's daughter. So, it was time for the old rumors to be forgotten.

"I can't believe this evilly charming man is suddenly getting engaged. I used to be obsessed with him."

"I know, right? Quan Ziyue is a rare find in the industry. He was born with a pair of amorous eyes that drive women crazy. It's a shame that he now belongs to someone else."

"Even if he didn't marry a socialite heiress, none of you would have stood a chance. After all, isn't his sister his most loved?"

"What do you mean love? Wasn't he just playing around with her? With the Quan Family's status, they would never allow an adopted daughter to become their daughter-in-law. That's way too embarrassing."

"Then Lin Qian must be really pitiful."

"The rich socialite circles are claiming that Lin Qian has broken all ties with the Quan Family..."

"The Quan Family brought her up, so she can't return their kindness with ingratitude!"

Netizens began discussing the matter at hand. Some felt that Lin Qian was pitiful, while others felt that she was cheap.

But, most importantly, Lin Qian was about to lose Quan Ziyue as a shield. After all, no wife would ever allow their husband to be attracted to their own sister. So, everyone assumed that Lin Qian's life was about to be very tough.

It was only normal for the public to think this way.

After all, this was based off the previous rumors about the two.

Quan Ziyue was about to marry and settle down and was throwing Lin Qian aside. All of a sudden, Lin Qian sounded like an unwanted toy.

Seeing these insults, Li Jin sat in his office without a word.

The only thing he wanted to do now, was to clarify everything for Lin Qian!

Of course, Tangning was amongst the people that were waiting to watch a good show. As Lin Qian's friend and boss, she refused to see her being bullied.

But, it was no longer her responsibility to stand up for her!

## Chapter 894: She Was Ready To Show Off To The World

Quan Ziyè's engagement party was to be held at the Quan Family Home. On the night of the celebration, the villa was decked out with luxurious decorations and dazzling lights. Plenty of big names were coming to the party, so Mother Quan couldn't lose face.

She was extremely controlling. Not only was this visible in the way that she treated Quan Ziyè, even fine details like the warmth of the lights in the living room, had to meet her requirements.

Tonight, she was ready to show off to the world.

After all, Quan Ziyè's fiancée was from a political family and people were always jealous when business and political families combined because it meant they could support each other.

Soon, the Quan Family Home was filled with guests. People from all walks of life were present and they were all gossiping about the Quan Family's secrets.

Lin Qian and Li Jin headed out much later than everyone else. But, Li Jin decided not to wear formal wear to the event. Instead, he chose to wear his military uniform.

It seemed, no form of high-class brand could draw as much attention as the uniform on his body.

"Tonight is my brother's engagement party. Don't tell me you've prepared some kind of a 'show'..." Lin Qian suspected on the way to the Quan Family Home.

"I've prepared a gift. After all, you may have broken ties with the Quan Family, but you are supposedly indebted to them," Li Jin replied as he drove.

After hearing this, Lin Qian fell silent. Although she was curious about Li Jin's present, she was in no rush to find out what it was. After all, it would eventually be revealed.

Li Jin did not say another word. He was better than anyone else at remaining calm. Especially when it came to 'gift-giving'.

After all the pain that the Quan Family had put Lin Qian through, how could he possibly let them off so easily?

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Meanwhile, at the engagement party, under the intertwining of the lights and the pleasant-sounding violin, the guests were all discussing the soon-to-be groom. At this time, Mother Quan smiled and said to everyone, "Everyone, please remain calm. When the time is right, my son will naturally come out. He said he's preparing a surprise for the bride and wants us to remain patient."

"Fair enough, but how come we don't see your family's Second Miss?"

Everyone was well aware of who this Second Miss was.

But, this didn't stop a few of the guests from asking Mother Quan about her. In response, Mother Quan did not look pleased.

“Lin Qian is busy today. I don’t think she’ll be able to attend.”

Everyone was well aware of whether it was because she was too busy to attend or whether there were other reasons.

But, everyone sat back and enjoyed the show.

So, as soon as Mother Quan turned around, they all began to whisper amongst themselves.

“The rumors have already made the rounds in the industry: Quan Ziyue personally admitted to liking Lin Qian. Someone even saw them acting indecently in the bathroom on the night of Father Quan’s 60th birthday.”

“Now that Quan Ziyue has thrown Lin Qian aside and decided to marry the daughter of a government official, Lin Qian must not be taking it well.”

“Don’t tell me the Quan Family adopted Lin Qian so their son could have someone to play around with?”

“I really want to see Lin Qian’s expression right now.”

“You better stop talking. Look who’s here.”

Even though the Quan Family didn’t pay much attention to the entertainment industry, it was impossible not to know who Mo Ting and Tangning were. The couple kept a low profile and didn’t dress too fancy, but their presence resembled a king and his queen, so everyone’s attention was naturally drawn towards them. They even found themselves subconsciously raising their glasses and greeting them.

No one expected Mo Ting and Tangning to attend. Even though Quan Ziyue was once a part of Hai Rui, this was much too strange...

Everyone immediately tried to suck up to the couple. After all, if they managed to grab the attention of either Mo Ting or Tangning, they would have a high chance of becoming famous.

Unfortunately, as soon as the couple arrived, they found a nice spot to sit down before Mo Ting went to say a few words to Father Quan.

“President Mo, thank you for your attendance,” Mother Quan approached Mo Ting with a smile and tried to cheer him with the glass in her hand. But, Mo Ting completely ignored her as he turned around and returned to Tangning’s side.

Mother Quan was surprised. In fact, she was a little dumbfounded, “Have I offended him in some way?”

“It’s fine, everyone knows how heartless Mo Ting is. He pays attention to whomever he wants and he could ignore someone without batting an eyelid,” Father Quan explained. “Since you’ll never see him again, you shouldn’t take it to heart.”

Mother Quan took a deep breath as a form of acceptance.

“But, what’s Ziyue getting up to? Why isn’t he back yet?”

“Why are you being so impatient? Your future daughter-in-law is still upstairs getting her makeup done.”

While they were speaking, one of the guests suddenly let out a surprised gasp.

At this time, the bride-to-be was seen walking down the stairs from the second floor.

It was hard not to admit that she was indeed beautiful. In fact, she had a natural elegance to her, befitting of a government official's daughter and her appearance and presence were both breathtaking.

"Is this the bride-to-be? She's beautiful."

"Yes, when compared to her, Lin Qian is like a wild weed that's sub-par."

"Exactly, their different backgrounds make them appear so different."

Everyone watched as the bride-to-be stepped before them dressed in a white mermaid gown. But, everyone also subconsciously looked around for Quan Ziye. The bride was here, but where was the groom?

Seeing that her daughter-in-law was so beautiful, Mother Quan pounced towards her excitedly and wrapped her in a hug, "Xiao Ye, you are beautiful."

The woman looked down at the engagement ring on her finger and smiled, "Thank you, Auntie..."

"Why are you still calling me Auntie?"

The woman was a little surprised, but in the end, she turned to Mother Quan and timidly called her 'mom'.

"Don't worry, now that you've called me mom, I will always be here to back you up."

At this moment, all the lights in the room turned towards the bride-to-be; she was the center of attention.

This was the Quan Family's new daughter-in-law. An identity that would never be wasted on an adopted daughter like Lin Qian.

"Mom, where's Ziye?" the bride was curious why the groom was nowhere to be seen on such an important day.

"Ziye said he wanted to give you a surprise, so he left in the afternoon to begin preparations," Mother Quan replied kindly. "Let's patiently wait for a little longer, OK?"

The bride-to-be nodded her head. The relationship between the mother-in-law and daughter-in-law was so harmonious that it made everyone envious of them.

But, at this time, someone began to guess that Quan Ziye was nowhere to be seen because he had gone to look for Lin Qian.

As soon as Mother Quan heard this, she was furious. So she quickly reassured her daughter-in-law, "Don't believe in their nonsense. Ziye always keeps his promises. Don't worry."

"Plus, Lin Qian is just our adopted daughter. There could never be anything between her and Ziye. Don't get any weird ideas."

At first, Miss Ye smiled understandingly. But, as time passed, her expression began to change...

### **Chapter 895: No Adoptive Mother, Just A Future Mother-In-Law**

“Auntie, it’s already getting late, you need to tell me when Ziyue is making an appearance. He is the groom-to-be.”

Mother Quan was initially confident, but slowly, she began to question what Quan Ziyue was doing.

Did he actually run off to look for Lin Qian?

As Quan Ziyue’s mother, this was the first time that she felt like she couldn’t control her son and had no idea what he was thinking.

There were so many guests present and the Ye Family was also there. Yet, Quan Ziyue disregarded everything. Was he trying to force her into a dead end?

As more and more people began to point and gossip about Miss Ye, the Ye Family finally approached Mother Quan impatiently to question her.

“What is happening here? Why is Ziyue nowhere to be seen? My daughter is out there greeting the guests on her own. What is the meaning of this?”

“My dearest in-laws, I’m so sorry, I will immediately send someone to contact Ziyue. I’m sure he isn’t such an irresponsible person. Please give me some more time,” Mother Quan comforted.

“It’s already been half an hour. I’ll give him another 10 minutes. If he doesn’t show up, I’m not sure what I am capable of doing.”

Mother Quan simply smiled. It wasn’t easy for her to gain 10 minutes, but no matter how she tried to contact Quan Ziyue, there was no way of getting through to him.

In a rage, she began to suspect that Quan Ziyue had actually gone to look for Lin Qian, so she decided to contact her.

“If this unfilial son actually went to look for Lin Qian, I’m going to kill him!”

At this moment, Miss Ye overheard Mother Quan’s words. So, she turned to her and said, “I can’t believe that Ziyue is actually involved with his own sister. Your entire family are a bunch of liars.”

After speaking, Miss Ye ran out into the middle of all the guests.

Mother Quan quickly ran after her. She couldn’t let the bride run off as well.

“Xiao Ye, things really aren’t the way that you think they are...”

“I already heard what you said. You said that Quan Ziyue went to look for Lin Qian. If there isn’t something going on between them, why would Quan Ziyue look for her on the night of our engagement? Your entire family is a joke.”

“No, Ziyue would never go look for that sl\*t. Trust me,” Mother Quan began to panic.

“If he didn’t go look for her, then tell him to come out here immediately. Do you know that the entire room of guests are laughing at me behind my back?”

“I haven’t even married into the Quan Family yet and I’m already being humiliated.”

“The Quan Family sure know how to bring up a good son and daughter. They’re so good that they are f\*cking each other.”

Miss Ye was so angry that she almost said these words out loud. But, no matter how she tried to control her volume, a few of the surrounding guests heard what she said.

So, they began to think that their assumptions were correct: that there was really something going on between Quan Ziye and Lin Qian. In fact, they may have even run away together on the night of Quan Ziye and Miss Ye’s engagement.

“Xiao Ye, to be honest, Lin Qian is a little sl\*t and our family did indeed invite a wolf into our home, but Ziye was only tempted by her...”

“I can believe you when you say that Lin Qian is a sl\*t, but why is Quan Ziye still not here?”

“The two of them teamed up to humiliate me at a place like this!”

Mother Quan was also angry. She never expected Quan Ziye to cause such a drama.

She shouldn’t have let her guard down and allowed Quan Ziye to leave and prepare a so-called surprised.

More and more guests began to point and gossip as the Ye Family reached their limits. Finally, Miss Ye said to Mother Quan, “I will not let the Quan Family off for this. Especially not Quan Ziye and Lin Qian.”

This time, Miss Ye did not hold back as she yelled these words across the room.

All the guests were shocked. They did not expect things to end up like this.

Meanwhile, Tangning sat among the guests with a meaningful smile. She had come here to watch a show, so she was enjoying herself as she leaned comfortably in Mo Ting’s embrace.

Could it be that Lin Qian and Quan Ziye actually eloped?

Could it be that Lin Qian was unwilling to let go of Quan Ziye, so she decided to seduce him away?

Could it be...

Actually, there weren’t that many ‘could it be’s’. Because, just as everyone was insulting Lin Qian by calling her a sl\*t and making disgusting assumptions about her relationship with Quan Ziye, Lin Qian suddenly arrived at the engagement party with Li Jin.

All of a sudden, everyone was looking at Lin Qian and the soldier with a sense of irony.

Mother Quan was certain that Lin Qian had seduced her son away, but...

...Lin Qian unexpectedly showed up in front of everyone.

As soon as Miss Ye saw Lin Qian, she rushed over to her and asked, “Did Quan Ziye go looking for you? Are the two of you planning to elope?”

After hearing these words, Lin Qian furrowed her brows, “Miss Ye, are you suffering from a serious case of paranoia? I was simply late to the party...I’m not sure what’s happening here.”

“Stop acting. Speak, where have you hidden Ziye?” Mother Quan suddenly asked.

Lin Qian leaned into Li Jin’s embrace and laughed, “Mrs. Quan, are you also suffering from paranoia?”

“Then explain yourself,” Miss Ye decided to give Lin Qian a chance to explain.

“Firstly, there’s nothing going on between Quan Ziye and I...”

“What evidence do you have?” Miss Ye cut in.

“Am I not her best form of evidence?” Li Jin asked coldly. “Qian Qian simply came to attend her brother’s engagement. Things aren’t as complicated as you think they are.”

Hearing Li Jin’s response, everyone finally turned their attention towards him. Looking at his uniform, many of them quickly recognized his military rank.

He was a major general.

So, everyone began to trust in Lin Qian’s words more than what the Quan Family was saying. After all, the man beside her was a symbol of ultimate power.

Miss Ye was also slightly taken aback. Because Lin Qian was staring dead straight into her eyes.

“I’m not sure why you would think I’d elope with my brother. I would like to know who started this rumor.”

“You will need to ask your adoptive mother about that,” Miss Ye glared at Mother Quan.

At this time, Li Jin said to Miss Ye, “Qian Qian has already broken all ties with the Quan Family. Mrs. Quan even demanded Qian Qian to pay her back \$30 million for the care she provided. So, I’m sorry, our Qian Qian no longer has an adoptive mother, she only has a future mother-in-law.”

“Oh God, Lin Qian actually found herself a major general.”

“If I had to pick between Quan Ziye and a major general, I would also choose the latter.”

“Does this mean that Lin Qian has always been innocent and the Quan Family has been slandering her all along?”

## **Chapter 896: The Climax**

“Isn’t an adopted daughter also human? How could she ask her for \$30 million? That’s unbelievable.”

“The Quan Family throws the blame on Lin Qian whenever something goes wrong. But, Lin Qian now has a strong backing and doesn’t need to take the blame anymore.”

Miss Ye looked at Lin Qian. She then glanced at Li Jin. Of course, in the end, she trusted Li Jin and believed that Mother Quan was a complete liar.

“You previously claimed that Lin Qian seduced your son and that your son was a victim, but Lin Qian is now standing before us and she is saying that none of that has happened. So, what do you say to that Mrs. Quan?” Miss Ye asked.

“That...”

“You are a disgusting adoptive mother,” Miss Ye yelled on behalf of Lin Qian without any reservations. Afterwards, she turned to Lin Qian and apologized, “I’m sorry, Miss Lin, I misunderstood you. I’m glad everything has been clarified now. Otherwise, the Quan Family would have continued to blame you whenever something went wrong.”

Lin Qian glanced at Mother Quan and noticed that she was looking at her, hoping that she’d save her. But, Lin Qian completely ignored her.

“Mrs. Quan, Lin Qian can no longer take the blame for you. Is it time for you to tell me where Quan Ziyue is?”

At this moment, Mother Quan felt like a pig on a spit; she was completely helpless. Before Lin Qian arrived, she still had the option of throwing the blame on her, but now that Lin Qian was standing in front of everyone with Li Jin by her side, it was practically like Lin Qian had served her a burning hot face slap.

“This...”

“Did the Quan Family think that the Ye Family are easy to pick on? In the past, you bullied Lin Qian, were you also planning to bully me from now on? Let me tell you that it’s impossible.”

Just as Miss Ye began to lead her family out of the villa, the housekeeper suddenly rushed in holding his phone and said to Mother Quan, “Madam, I finally got through to the young master. Quick...”

“Xiao Ye, please don’t be angry. Look, we finally got through to Ziyue.” After speaking, Mother Quan received the phone and turned on the loudspeaker. “Son, where are you? Why aren’t you back yet? Everyone has misunderstood you and you’ve made Xiao Ye angry.”

“I am out surfing with some babes. I won’t be returning any time soon. If you want you can get engaged on my behalf.”

“Don’t you love controlling my life? Since there’s no difference whether I’m around or not, why do I need to be there? You can make the decisions on your own...”

“You can finalize the engagement for me and find a time to finalize the wedding as well. Everyone will be happy after that, right?” Quan Ziyue’s charming voice resounded from the phone.

“As for Miss Ye, I must apologize. If I had rejected you, my mother would have threatened me with death and punished me. All I could do was temporarily agree to the engagement...” after a short pause, Quan Ziyue continued, “...but, I honestly don’t want to marry someone that I don’t have feelings for. So...I’m sorry, you can finish the ceremony on your own. This is my present to you.”



After Quan Ziyue was done talking, a loud slap echoed through the room: Miss Ye had slapped Mother Quan across the face.

Everyone was shocked.

"I hate parents that force their own children. Yet you've taken it to the extreme. First, it was Lin Qian, now it's Quan Ziyue. You toy with your children just to prove your power. What a complete psycho!"

"I need to thank Quan Ziyue for what he did today. If not for him, I almost jumped headfirst into a fire pit..."

"Since the Quan Family likes to act so much, they can act all they want." After speaking, Miss Ye left the ridiculous engagement party with the rest of her family.

The guests continued to watch on. But, they weren't watching an engagement ceremony, they were watching a spectacular show.

Because Mother Quan's mask had been torn off in front of everyone.

But, while she was pitiful, it was also hard not to hate her. Everything that happened was a result of her own actions and it all panned out naturally.

She had controlled her children their entire lives, yet her son betrayed her during the most important occasion.

Now, the entire Beijing knew she was an evil woman. How was she to face people from now on?

Father Quan immediately asked the housekeeper to send the guests away because the scene was much too ridiculous...

Afterwards, Father Quan and Mother Quan helplessly pleaded Lin Qian, "Xiao Qian, the Quan Family are sorry for what we've done, but you saw what happened tonight. Your mother has suffered a huge blow. Could you put in a few good words to the public for us?"

"After all, we brought you up..."

"If you didn't bring that up, we may have been able to still hold a conversation. But, Mr. Quan, it disgusts me to hear you mention that you brought me up," Lin Qian responded straightforwardly. "Don't worry, I won't add to your misfortunes. But...I will never lie for Mrs. Quan either. Otherwise, I would become like her."

"Haiz, this was our own doing."

If they knew this would happen, they wouldn't have done what they did in the past.

At this time, Father Quan contacted an acquaintance and asked him to control public opinion and not to allow any negative news about the Quan Family to be released. However, Li Jin had already made corresponding arrangements. So, the Quan Family had no choice but to provide an explanation. They couldn't just bully Lin Qian without facing any consequences.

"It was indeed a good show," Tangning raised an eyebrow at Lin Qian as she left.

This time, both Quan Ziyue and Li Jin helped Lin Qian exact her revenge.

“Did you have fun watching it?” Mo Ting asked beside his wife’s ear.

“Of course. From now on, no one will say that Lin Qian seduced her brother,” Tangning replied.

Meanwhile, due to Mo Ting’s powerful presence, none of the guests dared to get too close to the couple, even though many of them wanted to ask Tangning for autographs.

Mo Ting shielded Tangning as they left. However, even up until this point, many people still didn’t understand why the couple had shown up at the engagement party.

But, the reason was simple. It was because of their friend!

After all the drama subsided, the night finally ended with Mother Quan fainting. It was originally a well planned out engagement party, but it was completely destroyed in the end.

Was this a result of all the vent up anger that Quan Ziyue had accumulated over the years?

Did he release it all in one go?

Of course, after this incident, Lin Qian was no longer affected by Mother Quan’s rumors.

“Let’s go. I’ll take you home,” Li Jin said as he looked at the messed up Quan Family Home. “There’s no point sticking around here.”

“Yes,” Lin Qian nodded.

Although Miss Ye had an interesting personality and was quite cute, Lin Qian was happy for Quan Ziyue. At least, when it came to marriage, he did not easily come to a compromise.

After this incident, Mother Quan would no longer have control over his marital affairs, right?

Unless, of course, she wanted to embarrass herself again...

### **Chapter 897: Could Tangning Satisfy Him ?**

On the night that Quan Ziyue ran away from his engagement party, Long Jie also gave Xia Hanmo a phone call, “I’ve already looked into the matter that you asked me about earlier. The person that’s replacing Zhou Qing is the Station Manager’s son. It seems he has the intention to give all the best programs to his son, so Zhou Qing was sacrificed in the process.”

“I don’t think Zhou Qing can be replaced,” Xia Hanmo said with a trace of anger.

“After so many years, ‘The Big Adventure’ has already accumulated a huge fan base. If they replace the host, the audience will complain at first. But after they make a public statement to clarify the matter, the audience will quickly forget the person that made the show popular in the first place,” Long Jie explained realistically.

“Long Jie...without Zhou Qing around, I don’t think I can continue with the show.”

Long Jie understood how Xia Hanmo felt. But, she had only signed her contract with 'The Big Adventure' not too long ago. If she was to cancel the contract now, not only would she destroy the career she rebuilt, she would also need to pay compensation.

"Don't act impulsively."

"Long Jie, even someone with a status like Zhou Qing was kicked aside so easily. How am I supposed to survive? I am simply a novelty for now because I come from Superstar Media and I'm managed by Tangning, but someday, I will end up just like Zhou Ge."

Xia Hanmo was simply being honest.

"You should speak to Tangning about this. I can't call the shots," Long Jie suggested.

After Xia Hanmo heard this, she nodded her head. At least, before Zhou Qing left, she had to control her emotions.

In reality, Tangning already made preparations for this matter. After all, she was famous for appreciating true talent.

So, the next morning, she didn't even head to the set of 'The Ant Queen'. Instead, she asked Lin Qian to help her organize a meeting with Zhou Qing.

Of course, she did this without Xia Hanmo knowing.

"I am honored to meet with the infamous Tangning," Zhou Qing shook Tangning's hand politely.

"It seems, Zhou Ge was already expecting to see me," Tangning smiled.

"Because I know that you are fond of talented people. Most importantly, I know you don't want Xia Hanmo to lose the popularity she accumulated in one night," Zhou Qing understood Tangning well. Because of this, the two were able to speak straightforwardly.

"Hai Rui has invested in a lot of programs and has a good relationship with a lot of television stations. Some people may think that changing a host on a variety show is nothing, but I know that once someone has this thought, the program will definitely be on a downward slope."

"A certain television channel has a new program that is looking for a suitable host. Since the timing is right, I wonder if Zhou Ge would be interested?"

As soon as Zhou Qing looked at the information in Tangning's hands, he realized that she wanted him to move to the enemy camp.

"When a famous host leaves their current channel and moves to a competing one, it means that a lot of problems exist."

"What about Hanmo?" Zhou Qing asked.

"You go ahead first. I have other arrangements for her."

Zhou Qing smiled and nodded his head. He realized that Tangning was really bold when it came to handling matters like this.

No wonder the artists in her hands all became famous, one after another.

Afterwards, Zhou Qing returned to the television station. At this time, Xia Hanmo was waiting for him.

“Zhou Ge, are you planning to leave in such an unjust way?”

“I have no choice,” Zhou Qing replied calmly. As Tangning had told him not to tell Xia Hanmo about his plans, he did not tell her that he was moving to a competing channel.

“But, what am I supposed to do when you’re not around?”

“Just focus on filming the program. Don’t disappoint me,” Zhou Qing instructed.

Xia Hanmo felt completely helpless. It wasn’t easy for her to develop a fighting spirit, but now, she had to continue working for a heartless television station. Worst of all, she had to feign ignorance even though she knew the real reason behind it all.

Zhou Qing looked at Xia Hanmo’s expression and smiled to himself. He then returned to his waiting room, leaving Xia Hanmo alone in the corridor.

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Tangning did not announce that she was working with Zhou Qing because it wasn’t the right time yet. She simply felt that the Station Manager was stupid for giving up on such a talented host and handing him over to them. Did he really think that his son was at the same level as Zhou Qing?

This was definitely not a decision made by a wise Station Manager. Perhaps, his son convinced him with eloquent words. Either way, he had let someone else benefit.

As a result, Superstar Media grew even stronger...

After dealing with Zhou Qing’s matter, Tangning returned to the set of ‘The Ant Queen’. But, the atmosphere on set was like she had stepped foot into a community of stalkers. Because practically the entire crew were fans of Mo Ting’s.

Even the problematic Cate was silenced by Mo Ting’s presence.

As soon as Qiao Sen saw Tangning arrive, he immediately said to her, “Here to visit? I never expected President Mo’s acting to be so good.”

“Haven’t you considered whose husband he is?”

“President Mo truly loves you. From the moment he stepped foot on set, he hasn’t taken a single glance at another woman. Even when he acts with Cate, he simply does what’s needed of him and turns cold and unapproachable as soon as he’s done,” Qiao Sen sighed. “So, you don’t need to worry. He only has you in his heart. You don’t need to be suspicious of anything.”

“I’m well aware of my own husband,” Tangning replied confidently.

Soon, Mo Ting spotted Tangning and naturally walked over to her side, “You didn’t need to come this far.”

“It’s fine,” Tangning wrapped her arms around Mo Ting and tightened them around his waist, “I simply wanted to see you...”

Not too far away, Cate saw the affection between Tangning and Mo Ting and immediately turned to question the staff beside her. Fortunately, the staff could understand English, “What’s their relationship?”

“Isn’t Miss Cate aware? They are an extremely loving married couple. If it wasn’t because Ning Jie is pregnant, the female lead in this film may not have been yours.”

Cate was not angered by the staff’s words. She was simply curious how a man could turn a blind eye to something beautiful in front of him and choose a pregnant woman instead.

Could Tangning satisfy him?

She refused to believe a man could remain abstinent.

Especially since overseas, there were plenty of men that fooled around behind their wives backs.

So, everyone would have to wait and see what she’d do. After all, Mo Ting still had a good few months on set.

However, even though Mo Ting was supposed to be on set for a few months, he still returned home every day.

### **Chapter 898: You’re Fired !**

Apart from filming, Mo Ting still had to look through documents in the study room until late into the night. Although he had distributed a lot of his responsibilities around the company, he still needed to have things under his control, otherwise, the shareholders of Hai Rui would not be pleased.

Cate couldn’t find any opportunity to get close to Mo Ting whatsoever. But, she did remember that there was a bed scene in the script.

So, she could only wait for that day to come.

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Soon, the incident at the Quan Family was revealed to the public. The fact that Quan Ziyue had run away from his own engagement, caused the shares for Quan Corps to immediately drop. Now that their reputation was ruined, it would take a while to recover.

Meanwhile, Zhou Qing’s matter was also causing a commotion. These days, Beijing was much too noisy with a new ‘episode’ of drama every day.

At this time, Xia Hanmo was notified to attend the next filming for ‘The Big Adventure’. But, she had no desire to work with them anymore. However, she couldn’t find a good enough reason to leave. After all, Tangning had already invested a lot of energy on her, so she didn’t want to be a disappointment.

Soon, the television station notified everyone to attend a meeting. Everyone avoided Zhou Qing because circumstances had changed for him. Even though they didn't want to do it, they still needed to survive and couldn't afford to offend the Station Manager's son.

"I'm sure all of you have heard that the next episode of 'The Big Adventure' will be hosted by me. So, I would like to take this opportunity to share my experiences with everyone." The Station Manager's son stood in front of everyone and started to go through all the awards he had received overseas...

"I'm sure, under my leadership, 'The Big Adventure' will continue to shine."

*How is he so confident?* Xia Hanmo wondered.

"Hanmo, are you doubting my abilities?" the man seemed to have noticed Xia Hanmo's displeased expression, so he singled her out.

Xia Hanmo laughed and shook her head, "Please continue."

"To be honest, Zhou Ge's style is completely out of date. The world now belongs to the young people. If we want to maintain high ratings, we need to do something new. So, the next episode of 'The Big Adventure' will experience some changes and will be more fun."

Was he planning to make changes to a variety show without first doing any publicity?

The old host hadn't even handed over to the new host yet. So, what he was doing was practically suicide. Did the station manager lose his mind?

Everyone within the industry knew that this young man had done something taboo. But, he had a strong backing, so he did whatever he wanted.

Actually, Xia Hanmo could tell that he was impatiently trying to change the program to his style...

"Don't worry, with help from the entire production team, I'm confident that the new and improved show will be more popular than the previous one."

Xia Hanmo reached her limit. She wanted to leave but the man continued to talk big. Was he trying to make everyone hate him?

In the end, the meeting lasted for an extremely long time; just explaining his experiences took the young man an entire hour to go through.

So, the staff were completely miserable.

Actually, the reason for the young man's confidence was because his father had spoken to a team of experts that analyzed his idea and confirmed that it was feasible.

Since the program was changing its hosting style, why not do it all at once and give the audience a fresh experience?

Eventually, the staff left the meeting room, completely exhausted. But, at this time, Zhou Qing was seen exiting the Station Manager's office. Everyone assumed that he was there to hand over some documents.

So, they immediately lit up and surrounded him happily, "Zhou Ge..."

"Did you guys have a meeting?" Zhou Qing asked casually as he smiled at everyone, "Keep up the good work..."

"Are you going home now?" someone asked as they noticed the filing case in his hands. Of course, Xia Hanmo was also amongst the crowd.

"I've officially completed my handover. From today onwards, I no longer belong to this station. You guys need to behave," Zhou Qing said to the crowd. "You need to take special care of Hanmo as well. She still has a lot to learn."

"I will naturally take care of my subordinates. You don't need to worry about that," the Station Manager's son said with hostility as he stepped out of the meeting room.

"Good. I heard that 'The Big Adventure' plans to go through an entire facelift. Good luck with that."

After speaking, Zhou Qing turned to leave. But, the staff couldn't bear to see him go.

He had personally made 'The Big Adventure' famous, yet the station manager got rid of him ungratefully. It was such a cold-hearted move.

It was bad enough that the station manager favored his own relative, the young man even humiliated Zhou Qing.

Everyone felt bad for Zhou Qing.

"Zhou Qing..."

"It's fine," Zhou Qing chuckled. "It's not like I have nowhere else to go after leaving this station."

"Sure, you have other places to turn to, but to hand over a program that you created at its highest point must be difficult to accept," the young man ridiculed.

Xia Hanmo almost rolled her eyes in frustration...

Really...

Why were people that studied abroad so conceited?

"It can't be helped. Who told you not to have a Station Manager father?"

After hearing this, Xia Hanmo couldn't endure any longer and directly threw a slap across the man's face, "I've never seen a thief act so confident. Did you know that you are truly a piece of trash? You better stop mentioning your dad so shamelessly. Take a good look around you. Not a single person below you is truly convinced by you. Do you really think you are the best in the world?"

"Xia Hanmo, how dare you hit me?" the young man yelled at Xia Hanmo.

"I'm hitting you because I want to warn you that the program will go to sh\*t after you give it a facelift. You just wait and see."

"Xia Hanmo, you are fired!"

"I gladly accept. Everyone heard it, right? You personally said you'd fire me, so please don't forget to transfer me my pay." Xia Hanmo felt a lot better as she felt herself relax. "Zhou Ge, since I'm also fired, let's leave together."

It seemed, Tangning truly understood her artist and knew that she would cause trouble and not last much longer on 'The Big Adventure'.

So, Zhou Qing smiled and replied, "Let's go."

Just before she left, Xia Hanmo glared at the Station Manager's son one last time and left under everyone's approving gaze. She walked out with her chest held high, oblivious to the fact that she had put herself in trouble.

But, of course, Xia Hanmo could afford to shoulder this responsibility because this was what she truly wanted to do.

"What if they hold you liable for leaving like this?"

"As an artist, I feel that there are some things that are more important than fame and fortune," Xia Hanmo replied. "I'm sure Tangning lives this way too. A person's integrity is more important than anything else."

"In that case, have you thought about your future? Your career just restarted..."

#### **Chapter 899: She Had Deliberately Set This Trap**

"I trust that Tangning will lay out a new path for me, because that's how amazing she is," Xia Hanmo did not doubt this at all. "Plus, I did this for the sake of justice."

Seeing the confidence on her face, Zhou Qing let out a laugh, "Since we're both unemployed now, may I invite Miss Xia to a casual meal?"

Xia Hanmo naturally nodded her head.

The two selected a relatively hidden restaurant to eat in. But...as soon as Xia Hanmo sat down, a two-year-old slipped into a nearby fountain. Although the water was shallow, the child began to cry.

Xia Hanmo watched as Zhou Qing immediately rushed over and swept the child up in his arms. At this time, a rich lady ran over in a panic.

"Baby, are you OK?"

Zhou Qing glared at the woman angrily, "Your child is still small. I suggest you don't let him leave your sight again."

The woman was a little surprised as she carried her child away.

This was the first time that Xia Hanmo saw Zhou Qing's emotions being triggered.

"Do you like children a lot?" Xia Hanmo asked as Zhou Qing sat back down.



“Not particularly,” Zhou Qing replied gently before he changed the subject.

Of course, Xia Hanmo could immediately sense that Zhou Qing was a person with a story. On the surface, he appeared friendly and took good care of the people around him, but in reality, he was very cautious of people.

But, Xia Hanmo did not try to dig up his secrets.

It was easier to get along with him this way.

Soon, Tangning received news that Xia Hanmo had caused a scene at ‘The Big Adventure’. Of course, she expected this to happen. If Xia Hanmo actually stuck it out and continued on the show, then she would have been a disappointment.

There was one thing that Tangning had to admit: she had deliberately set this trap. Apart from wanting to see if Xia Hanmo was worth her efforts, the reason why Tangning didn’t tell Xia Hanmo beforehand was because she wanted Xia Hanmo to give a realistic reaction.

And reality proved that Xia Hanmo was indeed worthy of being a part of Superstar Media.

As someone that suffered slandering for an extended period of time, Xia Hanmo was someone that was cautious about everything she did. But, from now on, Tangning wanted to turn her into someone that would no longer allow herself to be slandered.

Previously, during the flood incident, the public had already been reintroduced to the real Xia Hanmo once. This time, it was the perfect opportunity to reinforce this new image.

The Station Manager’s son thought that Xia Hanmo was someone that had not established a solid footing in the industry yet. Since she dared to slap him in the face, he decided to take a photo of his swollen cheek and post it online. He wanted to use this incident to slander Xia Hanmo as well as create the image of a victim for himself.

Unfortunately...

...Superstar Media was only one step behind. As soon as he posted up his photos, Superstar Media released an official apology on behalf of Xia Hanmo stating that she had accidentally lost control...

But, the public believed that the difference between a man throwing a slap and a woman throwing a slap was that men did it to cause trouble, whereas women did it because of retaliation; she must have been bullied so badly that she had no choice.

So, Superstar Media’s swift apology further proved the public’s speculation: Xia Hanmo definitely suffered immense bullying.

“Firstly, Zhou Qing was forced to leave. Afterwards, Xia Hanmo was caught hitting someone. I’m certain this happened because of a huge internal disagreement at the television station.”

“It wasn’t easy for Xia Hanmo to rebuild her popularity. I don’t believe she would hit someone for no reason.”

“That television station is completely shameless. Rumor has it that they are planning to give ‘The Big Adventure’ a facelift as well. Let me declare it now: we are not going to watch ‘The Big Adventure’ if Zhou Qing isn’t in it!”

“Let’s boycott their channel!”

The Station Manager’s son did not expect that his photo would receive so much backlash. In fact, every single comment was detrimental to ‘The Big Adventure’. If one was to look at the incident with Zhou Qing, this young man was a thief to begin with. But, not only did he not keep a low profile, he even offended him out in the open.

So, Tangning didn’t just make this move so that ‘The Big Adventure’ would be boycotted, she also did it to put public opinion on Zhou Qing and Xia Hanmo’s side.

But, of course, this wasn’t enough. Tangning was someone that planned much further and deeper...

So, she gave Zhou Qing a phone call in private, “To turn the tables, the enemy may claim that the two of you have a ‘special’ relationship, or slander you in other ways. Zhou Ge, you’ve been in the industry for long enough, I’m sure you know what to do.”

Zhou Qing was a smart person, so he immediately understood Tangning’s hint.

Therefore, early the next morning, the news articles reported that Zhou Qing had been fired, but his mood was unaffected. In fact, he was seen having dinner with his family. On top of that, old news resurfaced about how he was previously caught strolling the streets hand-in-hand with a mysterious woman.

Meanwhile, Tangning arranged for a famous social media influencer to cut and paste together a short video of Xia Hanmo’s interviews where she had stated that she was single.

This way, even if the television station tried to create a rumor, no one would believe it.

The young man was stuck, but the Station Manager knew exactly what was happening. So, he called his son into the office to teach him a lesson.

“The fact that you were so lofty about joining ‘The Big Adventure’ wasn’t a huge issue. But, why did you cling onto Zhou Qing and Xia Hanmo and not let them go?”

“Pa...aren’t I allowed to teach a couple of artists a lesson?”

“Zhou Qing was not an issue. After all, he’s accumulated a lot of contacts over the years, but he hasn’t matured. But, how dare you provoke Xia Hanmo? Do you know that everyone is scolding you at the moment?” the Station Manager slammed his hands on the table angrily.

“But, all I see in the news is gossip about Zhou Qing...”

“You’re too young and naive. You still don’t believe me? What you see isn’t merely gossip, it’s precautionary action against our slandering!”

“He’s not making any complaints or putting up a fight. He left the show casually and went off to spend his spare time with his family and girlfriend. If you try to stir up trouble for him, people will only view you as heartless, ungrateful and ruthless!”

“So, that’s enough. Simply focus on doing a good job with ‘The Big Adventure’. I’ve handed the entire show to you, so stop tormenting others. If you truly want to win against Zhou Qing, then you should show the world what you are capable of.”

The Station Manager was furious. If his son was even half as understanding as Zhou Qing, then he wouldn’t have to worry so much.

But, this rascal had no brains.

The fact that he took over ‘The Big Adventure’ was already a big enough blow to Zhou Qing. Yet, he didn’t know how to be satisfied.

“You just wait and see, I’m going to make you view me in a different light.”

The Station Manager didn’t have high hopes for his son. He simply hoped that he’d advance at a stable rate and that was already enough for him.

Soon, it was time to film the new episode of ‘The Big Adventure’. Although the show maintained its high quality with the help of the production crew and they even invited a big-name guest, without Zhou Qing around, the show lost its original essence. Did the young man think that the audience was stupid?

### **Chapter 900: A Huge Face Slap**

Meanwhile, Zhou Qing secretly started on the set of another program and quickly signed a contract. However, he had one condition: he wanted Xia Hanmo to be his hosting partner.

So, the other party happily accepted.

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Although the Station Manager’s son wasn’t thinking straight, he still had his father to back him up. To be able to get to his position and dismiss Zhou Qing so easily, the Station Manager definitely had his own capabilities and methods.

So, the old man personally planned out the publicity for his son’s program. As a result, in the newest series of promotional trailers, the Station Manager fed on the feeble minds of students and invited a famous young idol actress and actor and put a lot of effort into the editing.

Soon, ‘The Big Adventure’ gained back a lot of popularity. After all, even if the fans didn’t like the program, they still wanted to support their idols.

The old man was going to prove that ‘The Big Adventure’ could still produce legendary results even without Zhou Qing.

But, another problem that he was worried about was that Zhou Qing didn’t appear to hinder anyone at the station, but he actually posed a huge threat.

Tangning saw the results produced by the Station Manager and acknowledged that he was a worthy opponent. At least, he was much better than his brainless son.

But, what the old man was doing was practically killing the goose that lay the golden eggs.

Zhou Qing was a sentimental person. At least, over the years that he spent at the television station, he had no other thoughts but to produce a good program. However, the Station Manager was too paranoid and couldn't stand that Zhou Qing was receiving more and more respect. So, he decided to hand the program over to his lacklustre son.

But, whether his son would live up to the role would depend on the first round of ratings.

It wasn't too bad the way that things turned out...

Meanwhile, a talk show on another television channel was currently the biggest competitor for 'The Big Adventure'. This show was called 'I Have Big News For You'. Every episode focused on a hot topic and there were plenty of opinions as well as involvement from celebrities. But, because of Zhou Qing, the show had been suppressed for a long time.

So, some people began to wonder if 'The Big Adventure' would hold its dominance without Zhou Qing around.

The answer would be revealed after the newest episode. But, according to the statistics, the ratings for 'The Big Adventure' still needed to be a little higher.

Although the show couldn't compare to when Zhou Qing was around, 'The Big Adventure' still had its advantages.

Unfortunately, Tangning had no intention of letting them have their way.

'I Have Big News For You' invited a mystery guest halfway through every show to present everyone with a topic of discussion. So, during prime time, all the viewers that were watching 'The Big Adventure' ended up changing channels.

Because, the guest that had arrived on the show, was none other than Zhou Qing!

The audience went crazy! Zhou Qing had actually joined the enemy.

For some reason, the audience was pleased to see this.

This time, 'I Have Big News For You' ended up receiving its highest ever viewership rating – surpassing 'The Big Adventure'!

Because of this, the internet also went crazy.

"WTF, this is so shocking! Zhou Qing went directly to the enemy camp!"

"This is a huge face slap. Zhou Qing is black-bellied to the max! Even I was shocked."

"Zhou Qing used numbers to teach 'The Big Adventure' a lesson."

"F\*ck, I give full points to this counterattack."

In the end, the Station Manager's son lost miserably.

The next day, news of the ratings spread throughout Beijing and it was revealed that Zhou Qing had signed on with the enemy of 'The Big Adventure'.

After the old Station Manager saw the ratings for the latest episode of 'The Big Adventure', he let out a deep sigh; he was too careless to have trusted his useless son.

Now that Zhou Qing had gone to work for the enemy, it was like they had given wings to a tiger. If Zhou Qing decided to host more than one program at a time, then not only 'The Big Adventure', but every other variety show would have no chance of survival.

He had lost his gamble...

In response, the Station Manager's son did not want to admit defeat. So, he ended up using the fact that Zhou Qing had debuted longer than him as an excuse.

"Lucky I didn't offend him too badly."

"Pa, you're worrying too much. Whenever something experiences a change, it will definitely go through an adjustment stage. Weren't you prepared for this?" the young man scoffed. "You're such a coward to be scared by something so little."

But, Zhou Qing held onto his winning streak by accepting a position on a new program called, "Late Night 8pm". It was a show where he'd partake in hilarious missions with guest celebrities at 8pm.

Xia Hanmo did not expect Zhou Qing to progress so quickly.

After reading all the news, Xia Hanmo felt like she had fallen asleep and woken up to a completely different world.

Soon after, she received a phone call from Zhou Qing, "Come out. I'm taking you to sign a contract."

"Huh?"

"Are you not willing to be my hosting partner?"

At that moment, Xia Hanmo finally realized that Tangning and Zhou Qing planned the whole thing and that everything was playing out of the palm of their hands. Of course, even though this was the case, the host of 'I Have Big News For You' still ended up inviting Zhou Qing to dinner.

After all, Zhou Qing helped make him famous, even though it meant that he'd be destroying his own creation.

At this time, Tangning finally revealed the reason why Xia Hanmo hit the Station Manager's son.

"Over the years, Zhou Qing worked hard to make 'The Big Adventure' into what it is today. But, a particular television station decided to get rid of its savior and replace him with a relative. So, Zhou Qing was directly eliminated."

“As everyone is aware, Hanmo is an impulsive person. So, as soon as she discovered how the production treated its loyal employee, she couldn’t help but stick up for him. Therefore, we ended up with the photos that the Station Manager’s son released.”

“Since Zhou Qing and Hanmo have a teacher-student relationship, I decided to help them. I hope they cooperate well in their new program together.”

It wasn’t the first time that Tangning had stepped out to speak the truth, so the public weren’t surprised by her approach.

Plus, the public acknowledged her words because they felt that she was trustworthy.

As a result, Xia Hanmo and Zhou Qing received plenty of support from fans.

“The new program hasn’t even started filming yet and Xia Hanmo is already being contacted by advertisers,” Lin Qian said as she handed the advertising briefs to Tangning. “Should we accept them?”

“It’s not the time for her to take on advertising deals. She should be placing all her focus on filming this new program.”

Tangning said this because she always considered the long term for her artists.

“Understood,” Lin Qian nodded.

“By the way, how’s things going with you and your military man?” Tangning asked after she finished dealing with business.

“Why are you suddenly asking about me?” Lin Qian’s face flushed red. “You should be more worried about how President Mo is doing on set.”