

Work Hard 911

Chapter 911: You Won't Spend Any Less Than Seven Years In Prison

"What a joke! I'm Coco's mother. Plus, her father has no ability to take care of her. Why can't I take my daughter back?"

"Don't you bunch of lawyers think you can trick me. No matter how good you are at talking, you can't change the fact that Coco is my daughter."

"It's only right for a mother to take back her daughter."

From this sentence alone, it was clear to see that Mother Lee was an unreasonable person. So, the lawyers directly handed her a letter, "Before you try to take back Coco, let us discuss a few issues. Firstly, you left your husband and daughter and never took care of Coco after your divorce with your husband. You even abandoned your daughter! So, before you make any demands, let's first discuss these legal responsibilities that you have owing."

"Secondly, even if you still insist on fighting for Coco's custody, the court will look into your finances. Are you sure you want to face the court in your current situation?"

"Madam, we all know what your true intentions are. But, we can confidently tell you that if you go to court, not only will you lose your custody battle, you may even incriminate yourself. According to the law, abandoning a child is liable to up to 7 years in prison."

"Think it over..."

Mother Lee was obviously threatened by the lawyers words. After all, her history of abandonment, as well as her finances, were black marks across her name that could never be erased.

"Even if I can't take back Coco, isn't it only right for her to give her mother some money now that she is earning so much?"

The lawyers felt that Mother Lee was completely shameless.

They couldn't believe that Father Lee was attracted by this woman in the past and eventually abandoned by her as well.

"Madam, I think you've made a mistake. You may not fight for the custody of Coco, but we can still report you for abandonment. If you want to continue with this, we don't mind."

"So, do you still want some money?"

The lawyers sneered as they watched Mother Lee's face turn pale.

"A despicable person like you does not deserve to be a mother. You just wait and see, I'm sure your current husband's children will kick you out in a matter of time."

“Lastly, I would like to add one more thing. Coco’s value may have changed, but it’s not something that someone like you will have anything to do with. If you decide to appear in front of Coco again, I can guarantee that you won’t spend any less than 7 years in prison. Do you want to give it a try?”

After speaking, the lawyers left and reunited with Coco and her father outside.

“Let’s go. The problem has been solved.”

“That woman won’t come looking for me again, will she?” Coco asked.

“Don’t worry, she won’t,” the head lawyer replied as he lifted Coco in his arms. Before he parted with the father and daughter, he added one last thing, “Mr. Lee, have you ever heard the saying, ‘Weakness is the biggest evil’? I know you’ve already tried your best to protect Coco, but what you’ve done isn’t enough. I suggest you hand Coco over to Superstar Media so they can help you plan out Coco’s future.”

After hearing this, Father Lee understood that the lawyer was simply being honest. So, he nodded his head and replied, “Thank you, I will seriously consider it.”

“Don’t just consider it. You need to do it.”

After speaking, the lawyer boarded his car and quickly disappeared from sight.

Coco looked at her father’s hurt expression and felt a little bad, “Daddy, you’ve already done your best...”

“But daddy is honestly weak,” Father Lee sighed. “Coco, let’s both learn to improve. You can improve your acting and I will improve my strength.”

“OK, daddy.”

The father and daughter declared to keep their distance from the frightening woman. Meanwhile, just as the lawyer predicted, as soon as Mother Lee returned home, her husband’s children kicked her out of the house. The reason was simple, this woman had borrowed a large sum of money from them, so they demanded that she pay them back or give them the house. But, how was she capable of paying them back?

So, in the end, there was no choice but to kick her out...

After hearing of this, Coco barely had any reaction. It was almost like it was someone else’s mother that was living so pitifully.

Afterwards, she immersed herself into acting. She had promised herself that she’d thank all the people that had helped her. So, she was learning to be the best and putting in her best efforts...

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Meanwhile, Xia Hanmo had already met Zhou Qing in private quite a few times. But, every single encounter was unbeknownst to Lin Qian. Whenever Xia Hanmo was at home, Zhou Qing would think of a way to do something unforgettably romantic for her.

On that particular night, Zhou Qing once again met Xia Hanmo outside her apartment. But, Lin Qian had forgotten to give Xia Hanmo something, so she turned her car around and returned to Xia Hanmo's place. However, she ended up seeing Xia Hanmo and Zhou Qing strolling together in a nearby park.

No wonder Xia Hanmo appeared to be in a good mood the last few days. Lin Qian originally thought it was because filming was going well. But, from the looks of it, Zhou Qing had secretly made a move on her.

Lin Qian didn't know how far Xia Hanmo had fallen into his trap, but she knew that if she was to tell her the truth now, Xia Hanmo would not listen to a word she'd say. In fact, they would simply fall deeper into Zhou Qing's trap by drifting further apart.

So, what was she to do?

Lin Qian contemplated for a while and eventually gave Tangning a phone call, "Ning Jie, I saw Hanmo and Zhou Qing meeting in secret tonight. Is there a way to prevent them from seeing each other?"

"Since Hanmo is so cautious of you that she hasn't notified you of something so important, then we should use Zhou Qing's scheme to our own benefit and spread news of the two's meeting. Afterwards, you can tell her that they can't create a scandal and restrict her from seeing him," Tangning instructed.

"OK, I understand."

Lin Qian didn't like playing tricks like this, but she was doing it to protect her friend and artist. Zhou Qing was too secretive and not deserving of Xia Hanmo's friendship.

So, the next day, a picture of the two appeared on the newspapers claiming that they had turned a working relationship into something serious. As soon as Lin Qian saw the news, she immediately gave Xia Hanmo a phone call, "Hanmo, you should keep your distance from Zhou Qing from now on. Rumors have already started between the two of you."

"But, how did this get leaked?" Not only did Xia Hanmo not listen to Lin Qian, she even suspected her.

This was because Zhou Qing had actually spotted Lin Qian's car the previous night. So, the fact that this rumor was started afterwards made it hard not to suspect that it was Lin Qian's doing. After all, it wasn't the first time that Xia Hanmo's manager had betrayed her.

"Hanmo, what do you mean?"

"Nothing. I understand," Xia Hanmo brushed her off before hanging up the phone. But, Zhou Qing was next to her the entire time.

"I don't know what's going on with Lin Qian."

"It's nothing. She's simply trying to keep us apart," Zhou Qing laughed.

But, it was obvious that Lin Qian had lost this round. Because, Zhou Qing was now certain that Lin Qian had heard his conversation in the parking lot.

Chapter 912: We Have No Evidence

On the surface, Xia Hanmo's interaction with Zhou Qing decreased. After all, they had to avoid rumors. But, in secret, she actually met up with him more than before.

In Xia Hanmo's heart, Zhou Qing was responsible, cultured and barely got angry at others.

So, thinking about the way that Lin Qian tried to keep them apart, she instead became more cautious of Lin Qian.

Lin Qian could obviously feel that Xia Hanmo had become very insincere towards her.

The relationship between women was sometimes fragile like that. Especially when up against love.

Lin Qian was anxious, but no one could find any evidence on Zhou Qing's secret. Even if Hai Rui was to make a move, they couldn't find his faults. What was she to do?

Meanwhile, Xia Hanmo was already knee deep...

At first, the two women still had things between them that Zhou Qing would never find out about. But, now that Lin Qian had to avoid Zhou Qing, her opinions towards Xia Hanmo increased. "Qian Qian, I feel like you've been acting a bit strange lately. What's wrong with you? Tell me."

Lin Qian shook her head. Her words stuck to the back of her throat, but nothing came out.

"If you're tired, then go home and get some rest."

Lin Qian felt overcome with anxiety, so she avoided the conflict with Xia Hanmo and walked off to the parking lot to fetch a jacket for her. At this time, Zhou Qing appeared from the shadows and said to her, "Lin Qian, I don't know how I've offended you. Why did you reveal mine and Xia Hanmo's relationship to the public?"

"Hanmo really cherishes you. I don't want you to hurt her."

Zhou Qing was still Zhou Qing, he was perfect without a flaw. Lin Qian assumed that even if Tangning was here, she wouldn't be able to do anything about him.

"You guys misunderstood, I really didn't do anything," Lin Qian did not act impulsively just in case Xia Hanmo was nearby.

"I simply hope that Hanmo will be happy. I also hope that you'll be happy too."

After speaking, Zhou Qing left, leaving Lin Qian behind, weak at the knees.

If she had not heard Zhou Qing's phone call that night, she may have also developed feelings for a man like this.

Lin Qian simply felt like there were a lot of things that she couldn't clarify. After all, they had no evidence.

In the following days, Xia Hanmo's attitude towards Lin Qian turned extremely cold. Lin Qian couldn't understand why, because of a man, their relationship would become like this.

Lin Qian hated this kind of torture. But she knew that Xia Hanmo would not believe anything she'd say.

“Ning Jie, I can’t stand it anymore, Hanmo’s become so foreign that she doesn’t like anything I say.”

After hearing this, Tangning had a feeling that she was about to lose an artist. After all, if she was to say anything, Xia Hanmo would simply feel like the entire Superstar Media was scheming against her. If that was to happen, there would be no chance of redemption.

“Qian Qian, we can’t control what people think. We’ve already done everything we can. Be responsible and tell her the truth. If she refuses to turn back, what can we do? We have no evidence.”

Zhou Qing kept applying pressure because he wanted Xia Hanmo to get rid of Lin Qian.

Their relationship had already turned so sour that it was only a matter of time.

“Is there really no way? Hanmo is in danger...”

“Hanmo will be fine for now. The person that’s truly in danger is you,” Tangning warned. “From now on, even if you are with Hanmo, you need to make sure that you can be contacted.”

After all, love could make one blind and easily misled.

“OK.”

After giving Tangning a phone call, Lin Qian called Li Jin to complain. She could no longer think of what she could do for Xia Hanmo. All she could do was watch as Xia Hanmo jumped into the fire pit.

Li Jin comforted her and persuaded her to move in with his parents. However, Lin Qian still had a lot of worries. But, it wouldn’t take long before she’d completely accept Li Jin’s suggestion.

As ‘Late Night 8pm’ was a nighttime program, all the activities took part at night. This time, filming was to take place inside an abandoned amusement park. So, the staff were extremely alert.

Lin Qian was currently in a dilemma with Xia Hanmo, so all she could do was watch from afar as Xia Hanmo interacted with her guests. After all, Xia Hanmo did not require her help.

Soon, because of a mission, Xia Hanmo disappeared from Lin Qian’s sight. Some of the staff followed behind as Lin Qian remained in the waiting room with a small number of remaining people. Soon, a member of staff returned anxiously and said to Lin Qian, “Hanmo’s gone missing.”

Lin Qian was a little surprised as she immediately sat up in her seat, “What’s wrong?”

“She ran off during the mission and we lost track of her. There are dog kennels next door...”

After Lin Qian heard this, she had no choice but to run around and look for Xia Hanmo. She was so unsettled that she even gave Li Jin a phone call.

But, while running around, she didn’t see a single person in sight. At this moment, Lin Qian turned around, but before she could analyze her surroundings, a pack of black dogs suddenly pounced at her.

Lin Qian had nowhere to run as she fell to the ground. The dogs all pounced at her and began to tear at her flesh. Lin Qian thought she was going to die. Luckily, an attendant at the kennels ended up saving her.

“Miss, are you OK?”

Lin Qian tried to catch her breath. All she felt was pain all over her body as tears began to roll down her cheeks.

“Why did you come into the kennels all on your own?”

After hearing the old man’s question, Lin Qian suddenly realized what had happened...

Xia Hanmo had not gone missing, she had simply fallen into someone’s trap.

“Thank you uncle, can you help me back to where I came from?”

“Of course.”

Lin Qian did this so the old man could be her witness.

Soon, the old man helped Lin Qian back to where they were filming. However, the entire crew had moved locations without notifying her.

“Haha,” Lin Qian laughed to herself.

Lin Qian held onto the phone that she so desperately salvaged and gave Tangning a phone call. She then called Xia Hanmo. This time, she did not hold back as she spoke to her. But, of course, Xia Hanmo was happily filming her program and had completely forgotten about her.

“Miss, your injuries aren’t light. Luckily, our dogs have all been immunized. But, you will still need to get treatment and keep an eye on your wounds.”

The old man escorted Lin Qian to the exit of the amusement park and Li Jin quickly arrived to pick her up.

As soon as he saw Lin Qian’s helpless expression, he thanked the old man and immediately carried her into his car.

His original intention was to take Lin Qian straight to the hospital. But, Lin Qian told him, “Go to the museum...Xia Hanmo is currently there.”

“Qian Qian...”

“I need to go!” Lin Qian’s voice was slightly shaky.

Meanwhile, at Hyatt Regency, Tangning threw on her jacket and said to Mo Ting, “Ting, I have a matter to attend to. Can you drive me?”

Chapter 913: This Slap Is Not For Nothing

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Xia Hanmo probably never imagined that she’d hurt Lin Qian so badly this time.

No matter how conflicting their thoughts were, she shouldn’t have ignored Lin Qian. Especially since Lin Qian ended up with such a serious injury because of her.

The entire drive to the museum, Li Jin's eyebrows scrunched up tightly. This man was obviously angry...because to him, nothing was more important than Lin Qian; she was his precious gem. Yet, the person he treasured was being treated by Xia Hanmo in this way...

Worst of all, he couldn't take her to the hospital because he knew that if he didn't let her say what she wanted to say...she would regret it for the rest of her life.

So, before they arrived at the museum, Li Jin used the medicine chest in his car to help her briefly sterilize her wounds before he helped her over to the crew.

As she approached, the guests were resting. Seeing that Lin Qian was injured, they quickly gathered around her. Of course, this included Xia Hanmo.

"Lin Qian, what happened to you?"

"Lin Qian?"

Lin Qian looked at everyone before her eyes turned to Xia Hanmo, "Did you consider giving me a call when you decided to change locations? Others may not mind, but I'm your manager. Did you not worry when you didn't see me?"

"I thought you had something to handle, so I left first..."

"I don't think I've ever left without telling you, have I, Miss Xia?"

Xia Hanmo suddenly looked away.

Seeing this, Lin Qian couldn't help but sneer.

"Xia Hanmo, I've never done anything wrong by you. I have something to say to you in private. Could everyone please step aside and give us some space? I'm currently hurt and can't move around," Lin Qian looked at everyone with anger and hatred, so everyone subconsciously moved away.

Lin Qian looked at Xia Hanmo and scoffed, "Hasn't the recent problem between us been obvious? Haven't you been curious about what I heard in the parking lot? I heard Zhou Qing talking to his friends. It was his idea to get rid of the Station Manager's son's arm."

"This is why I don't want you guys to have any contact."

"Because of a man, you actually forgot what we went through together. What ulterior motive do you think I could possibly have with you?"

"Just a moment ago, someone told me you were missing and told me to go look for you. Next thing I know, I was at the kennels being rescued by the assistant there. While I was being torn apart by dogs, what were you doing? Even if you couldn't find me, you should have at least made a phone call..."

"As your manager, I've already done what I should..."

"Xia Hanmo, you can start looking for a new manager tomorrow. After all, you already had that intention."

After saying this, Lin Qian turned to leave. But, the quiet Xia Hanmo suddenly spoke up, "Zhou Ge has already told me everything you said to me today. Lin Qian, is it because you can't control me that you've decided to put on a pity act?"

"You were the one that exposed Zhou Ge and I, weren't you?"

"If you want to leave, then go ahead. I already had plans to replace you...I will explain everything to Ning Jie."

Only after hearing this did Lin Qian come to her senses. It turned out, they had already drifted so far apart.

Before Lin Qian turned around, Xia Hanmo added, "Just like Zhou Ge said, you are just a rookie manager and I am a famous artist. Who do you think Ning Jie would choose?"

Just as Lin Qian stopped in her track and was about to turn around, a resounding voice echoed from behind them, "Let me tell you right now who I'd choose."

"It's Tangning..."

"Why's Tangning here?"

"Tangning..."

Everyone was surprised by the appearance of Tangning and Mo Ting. Soon, Tangning arrived in front of the two women.

Xia Hanmo looked at Tangning before glancing at Lin Qian. The answer was obvious...

However, just as Xia Hanmo was feeling smug, Tangning threw a hard slap across her face.

The slap was extremely loud...

"I can't stand people that are ungrateful. We are obviously not on the same page. So, Xia Hanmo, remember that this slap is not for nothing."

After speaking, Tangning helped Li Jin as he walked Lin Qian out, "Let's go..."

Xia Hanmo was shocked; extremely shocked. She thought Tangning would choose her...

"Tangning...why? I'm famous..."

"I can make you famous and I can also drag you back down to hell! You actually gave up on someone that protects you for the sake of a man you don't even truly understand. Xia Hanmo, you are no longer worth our efforts. I will send you a contract cancelation tomorrow. Since someone is taking care of your brother now, it's no longer my concern."

After speaking, Tangning began to lead Lin Qian out. However, Zhou Qing witnessed what happened and quickly stepped out to help his girlfriend, "Tangning, I think we may have a misunderstanding."

Tangning turned around and smirked at Zhou Qing, "Zhou Qing, look at everyone before you: you have the CEO of Hai Rui, the boss of Superstar Media and an officer from the Air Force...but you placed all your bets on Xia Hanmo. You obviously made a very illogical decision."

“I don’t understand what you’re saying. Why are you giving up on your artist? What has Hanmo done wrong?”

“She hasn’t done anything wrong, she’s simply being ungrateful,” Tangning was firm. “Superstar Media doesn’t support those that are disloyal.”

After speaking, Tangning turned back around, “Lin Qian is seriously injured, so I’m not going to stick around and argue with you. Next time we meet again, we can see whose one step ahead of the other. Zhou Qing, if I don’t destroy you, my surname isn’t Tang!”

After speaking, Tangning and the others left the set, leaving everyone behind with a blank look on their face.

Xia Hanmo had been revived by Tangning, yet their relationship fell apart right in front of everyone. And the thing that ignited their disagreement was Xia Hanmo’s manager, Lin Qian!

Above all, the most confusing thing was why Tangning also hated Zhou Qing.

“What exactly happened?”

“Has Superstar Media given up on Xia Hanmo? Is filming going to continue?”

“Who knows?”

After hearing everyone’s discussions, Xia Hanmo did not give a reaction. To be exact, she never expected that Tangning’s reaction would be so extreme.

Zhou Qing’s analysis of Tangning was completely wrong because Tangning was not one that cared about self benefits.

“Hanmo, are you OK?” Zhou Qing saw that Xia Hanmo had no response, so he quickly ran over to support her.

Xia Hanmo did not say a word. She thought that Tangning’s seriousness was a joke...

If Lin Qian didn’t do anything wrong, then what did she do wrong?

Chapter 914: Do You Think I’m Wrong ?

Soon, Lin Qian was sent to the hospital. Although her wounds were treated, she still started a course of vaccinations.

And because the hospital room was filled with people that she knew, Lin Qian finally broke into tears.

Li Jin quickly drew her into his embrace so she wouldn’t feel like she had no one to rely on.

In this moment, Tangning understood Lin Qian’s suffering. So, even if she had a falling out with Xia Hanmo – even if she had to tear apart her own creation – she would do it without hesitation.

It wasn't like she didn't want to give Xia Hanmo a chance, but if the kennel attendant hadn't been doing his rounds, Lin Qian may not have walked out of there alive. Worst of all, while Lin Qian was missing, Xia Hanmo didn't even care at all.

The thing that disappointed Tangning the most was the look on Xia Hanmo's face when she appeared. Xia Hanmo was actually so proud of herself because she was famous. She actually thought Tangning was giving up on Lin Qian. From the day that Superstar Media was formed, its main aim had never been purely on gaining benefits.

Meanwhile, inside the hospital room, everyone watched as Lin Qian weeped and released her suffering. But, a moment later, Tangning received a phone call from Long Jie, "What happened? Everyone's saying that you publicly tore your artist apart. What's going on with Xia Hanmo? What exactly happened?"

As it impacted future PR, Tangning explained the entire situation to Long Jie. And of course, with her bad temper, Long Jie immediately exploded after hearing what happened, "You did well! I can't believe that Xia Hanmo can't distinguish right from wrong."

"Zhou Qing is a schemeful person, but Superstar Media has always respected the truth."

"Do a proper investigation into this matter and secure any evidence you can find. Most importantly, don't forget to send Xia Hanmo a contract cancelation."

"Even if Zhou Qing manages to settle this matter. I can guarantee that his previous television station will chase him for revenge."

"Understood," Long Jie nodded her head.

After making her phone call, Tangning returned to the hospital room. By this time, Lin Qian had calmed down and stopped crying.

Tangning walked over to Lin Qian and pulled her out of Li Jin's arms so she could hug her, "You've suffered. I'm not going to let this incident pass."

"But, Zhou Qing's really scary."

"No matter how scary he is, he still has his flaws. Even if he doesn't get exposed now, he will eventually be exposed some day," Tangning comforted. "Go home and focus on your recovery. Leave the remaining matter for me to handle. I will get revenge for everything that you've suffered."

Lin Qian nodded as she hugged Tangning tightly and buried her head into her neck with a sob.

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That night, Xia Hanmo thought back on the day and felt like she had been dreaming a very unrealistic dream; Tangning actually announced in front of everyone that she'd be canceling her contract.

It turned out, she was just an easily disposable chess piece to Tangning...

Yet, she thought she was important.

"Hanmo, are you OK?" Zhou Qing comforted with guilt. "Sorry, it was my fault for causing such a huge misunderstanding between you and Superstar Media."

“No, I should be the one that’s sorry. You only just accepted this job, but I seem to have ruined it for you.”

“Be good Hanmo, break all ties with me and go apologize to Tangning...” Zhou Qing sighed. “Don’t give up on the life you created because of me.”

After hearing this, Xia Hanmo turned around and clasped her hands around Zhou Qing’s cheeks as tears rolled out of her eyes, “I can go back and apologize to Tangning, but I will never break up with you. You are a great person and I don’t want to give up on you. I’m simply going back to apologize because I don’t want Tangning to go up against you.”

“You know how scary she is. There’s nothing in this world that she can’t do.”

“Hanmo, it’s been tough on you,” Zhou Qing pulled Xia Hanmo into his embrace, “I won’t let you down, I promise.”

Xia Hanmo felt like she had been truly wronged because she didn’t think that she did anything wrong. Zhou Qing was such a great guy, why would Tangning misunderstand him? It must have been Lin Qian’s manipulation that caused Tangning to dislike him.

She simply overheard one phone call, how could Lin Qian be so certain?

But, Xia Hanmo had no idea that this one phone call was just the start. Because, from that moment onwards, Zhou Qing’s every move proved to Tangning and Lin Qian the type of person he really was.

Xia Hanmo didn’t want to return to Superstar Media to apologize. But, looking at the current situation, she needed to make a sacrifice to ensure a future for both her and Zhou Qing.

At least, that’s what she thought.

Otherwise, Zhou Qing’s recently revived career would be destroyed again.

That night, because of Tangning’s treatment of her own artist, the internet was in an uproar.

How ruthless must Tangning be to do that to her own artist?

“According to my friend, Lin Qian was attacked by dogs, but Xia Hanmo didn’t even notify Lin Qian that they had moved filming locations. That’s why Tangning came to give Xia Hanmo a slap.”

“But, how did Zhou Qing get dragged into all this?”

“That’s right. Tangning definitely threatened Zhou Qing.”

“What exactly happened between these four? I’m so curious!”

The newspapers and internet were covered with articles about Tangning ruthlessly treating her own artist. Although outsiders had no idea what the reasoning was, they had a feeling that they were up for another good show.

Only after reading the news did Xia Hanmo realize how ruthless Tangning was the previous night. So, she felt even more wronged.

For the sake of her and Zhou Qing's future, Xia Hanmo ended up visiting Superstar Media. But, Tangning had no patience to deal with her, so she directly handed her to Long Jie.

As soon as Long Jie saw Xia Hanmo, she was so tempted to slap her as well, so she'd wake up.

Especially when she thought about the injuries on Lin Qian's body.

In the end, she held back the urge and instead handed her the contract cancelation that she had prepared, "Have a look through it. This is your contract cancelation agreement."

"Long Jie, can I please see Tangning? Even if she wants to cancel my contract, she needs to give me a reason that I'm satisfied with. If she thinks that there's something wrong with Zhou Qing simply because of what Lin Qian said, then that's much too hasty of a conclusion."

Long Jie looked at Xia Hanmo and felt that the woman that originally showed up pleading for help, had now disappeared.

The current Xia Hanmo simply had 'love' written all over her face. She had already lost her ability to distinguish right from wrong.

"I thought the first thing you'd ask would at least be regarding how badly Lin Qian got hurt. After all, Lin Qian has done so much for you," Long Jie sneered. "You must have forgotten that Lin Qian almost died at the kennels last night. And the reason why she got hurt? It was all because someone said you were missing and she was worried about you!"

"She was worried about a tramp like you, so she ran out there all on her own and was bitten by dogs. She almost couldn't make it out alive. Meanwhile, all you can think about is Zhou Qing?"

"Would Zhou Qing risk his life to save you like that?"

"Do you think I'm wrong to call you ungrateful?"

After hearing this, Xia Hanmo was stunned...

Chapter 915: You've Yet To See The Truly Heartless Side Of Me

"Long Jie, I'm aware that I might sound a little unreasonable at the moment, but I simply want to see Tangning."

Long Jie knew that no words would get through to Xia Hanmo at the moment, because her mind was completely focused on Zhou Qing. She simply thought that everyone had misunderstood her and Zhou Qing.

Long Jie lowered her head and thought for a second before she gave Tangning a phone call, "Xia Hanmo wants to see you."

"If it's possible, I also want to see Lin Qian."

Right now, all Xia Hanmo wanted to do was clear Zhou Qing's name. She wanted everyone to know that Lin Qian created the mess.

That everything was a plan set up by Lin Qian...

This was perhaps what people meant by 'observers viewing a game better than the competitors'.

In the end, Tangning agreed to meet with Xia Hanmo. But, when the two women faced each other again, things were no longer how they used to be. Neither woman had any sentiments for the other person.

"What else do we have to talk about?" Tangning asked as she sat down. "I've already said everything last night."

"I want you to give me a chance to prove that Zhou Qing is innocent and that Lin Qian is slandering him."

Hearing this, Tangning's gaze turned even colder than it already was.

"She did it because she can't control me anymore..."

"Do you actually believe what you're saying?" Tangning asked patiently. "Lin Qian has no reason to slander Zhou Qing and you know it. You simply refuse to believe it. There are so many suspicious points in this incident that you are refusing to face, instead you choose to trust Zhou Qing and point the sword at your own people."

"Because of you, Lin Qian is scarred and battered. Even now, she's still at the hospital. I'm sure you know what type of person Lin Qian is, yet, for the sake of your lover, you'd rather fabricate lies to slander her than to trust her. All this because Zhou Qing appears perfect."

"No, you're wrong..."

"Stop denying the truth, Xia Hanmo. I'll simply think of Lin Qian's kind gesture last night as feeding the dogs. From this moment onwards, you no longer have anything to do with Superstar Media."

After she was done talking, Tangning looked down and yelled, "Get out."

"What can I do to make you believe that Zhou Qing is innocent?"

"What can I do to make you believe that Zhou Qing has deliberately hurt others?"

"Tangning, I know you've always done whatever you wanted. With you around, Zhou Qing and I won't be able to survive in this industry. If you want to get revenge, please direct it towards me; don't target Zhou Qing. He hasn't done anything wrong."

After hearing this, Tangning let out a laugh, "Towards those outside of Superstar Media, I always deal with them fairly. But, when someone tries to use Superstar Media for their own benefit, I will destroy them. Whatever they've gained from Superstar Media, I'll make them pay it back completely."

"As for you, there's nothing I can say. Since I've already torn you apart in public, there's no reason to get involved with you again."

"While I'm at it, the amount of confidence you have today, is the amount of regret you will feel in the future."

"Since you're so magnanimous, you should find another way to help Zhou Qing."

"Don't ever step foot into Superstar Media again."

After speaking, Tangning picked up the intercom and called security.

“Tangning, must you be so heartless?”

“You’ve yet to see the truly heartless side of me.” After speaking, Tangning told the security guard to kick Xia Hanmo out of Superstar Media.

But, even up until this moment, Xia Hanmo still couldn’t understand why Tangning wouldn’t give her a chance. She couldn’t figure out where she had gone wrong.

It didn’t matter though, because Tangning was in no rush and Lin Qian would never waste her time on her again.

After all, Zhou Qing would eventually help them teach Xia Hanmo a lesson. Now that Xia Hanmo had lost her purpose, would Zhou Qing still treat her wholeheartedly?

Tangning doubted it!

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Afterwards, Xing Lan and Luo Sheng both visited Lin Qian separately. Xing Lan had a tight relationship with Lin Qian, so when she saw how badly she was hurt, she was so angry that she almost bit someone.

“I can’t believe, for the sake of a man, Xia Hanmo actually betrayed all of us at Superstar Media!”

“You are no longer a part of Superstar Media,” Lin Qian reminded with a laugh.

“How am I not? I was born as a part of Superstar Media and I will die as one too,” Xing Lan humphed.

“I’m going to sit back and watch the tramp being abandoned. When that day comes, she’ll finally realize who the good people are.”

“It doesn’t matter anymore,” Lin Qian shook her head. Although it hurt to think about Xia Hanmo, it was time to let her go without hesitation.

“And that Zhou Qing, I can’t believe he has such a good reputation, but he’s actually a complete fake. He sure knows how to put on an act.”

“How’s public opinion like at the moment?” Lin Qian was most concerned by what the public thought. She was worried that Tangning got into a mess because of her again.

“How else do you think they’d think? They’re all curious and waiting to watch a good show. Everyone wants to know why Tangning tore apart her own artist.”

After hearing what Xing Lan said, Lin Qian lowered her head.

She would never forget Tangning’s reaction the previous night.

“Now that Xia Hanmo has nothing, I wonder how Zhou Qing plans to use her.”

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Although the matter had gotten beyond his control, Zhou Qing wasn’t suffering as badly as everyone would imagine. After all, his act over the years wasn’t for nothing. So, while Xia Hanmo was at Superstar

Media, he personally went to the hospital to visit the Station Manager's son. On the surface, he appeared to be asking for a truce, but in reality...

"What do you want? You just joined the enemy and now you're trying to grovel up to me?"

"I know who hurt your arm?" Zhou Qing said calmly as he looked at the man's arm. "I came today as a final favor for your father."

The young man looked at his completely paralyzed arm and suddenly lost control of his emotions, "Tell me, who was it?"

"It's Superstar Media. I came today to ask for mercy for Hanmo. After all, she's already gotten into a huge argument with her agency because of this matter. Tangning wanted to frame me, but Hanmo wouldn't allow it. That's why a conflict happened yesterday."

The Station Manager's son glared at Zhou Qing and grabbed onto his shirt threateningly, "If I find out that you lied to me today, I am going to destroy you."

"Superstar Media's trying to frame me anyway, so you might as well destroy me now," Zhou Qing sneered. "Can't you remember that an actress previously died because of Tangning? Haven't you heard of how sinister she is?"

The young man thought for a second and still felt that everything was quite suspicious, "Why would Superstar Media try to hurt me?"

Chapter 916: Only One Option

"It's because of Xia Hanmo. If you can't host 'The Big Adventure', then our program will have no competitor," Zhou Qing explained.

"Did Xia Hanmo know about this from the start?"

"No. Otherwise, she wouldn't have gotten into an argument with Superstar Media because of me. She doesn't agree with what they've done either," Zhou Qing replied convincingly.

The Station Manager's son thought for a second and laughed, "I can't believe this. I thought I was already the most unreasonable person. Who would have thought that Tangning would be worse than me. Interesting."

"Superstar Media is going to play some PR tricks soon and flawlessly throw the blame on me. Originally, no one knew about their plan, but Hanmo accidentally came across it and she's too kindhearted. Superstar Media would never sacrifice one of their own, so they had no choice but to sacrifice me."

"But, it doesn't matter as long as I can protect Hanmo."

Zhou Qing acted righteously like he was simply trying to protect his woman and plea for her. But, in reality, he was diverting the blame onto Tangning and waiting for them to turn on each other.

"I can let Xia Hanmo go and not blame you. As soon as Tangning tries to frame you, I will make her life a living hell."

“By the way, who said you have no way out? You can always come back. Now that I’m injured, I have no way of hosting ‘The Big Adventure’ anymore. So, I’d rather give it to you than to benefit a competitor.”

Zhou Qing’s gaze turned dark and deep.

“I’m no longer suitable for the role, but Hanmo’s still got a lot of potential. I can stay by her side and support her.”

“Up to you.”

To make a long story short, now that the Station Manager’s son discovered who his enemy was, he could now place all his focus on Tangning.

As soon as Superstar Media made a move, it would prove that Zhou Qing was telling the truth.

Zhou Qing had set an extremely deep trap to protect his and Xia Hanmo’s future and successfully divert all dangers. All that needed to happen now, was for Tangning to announce what happened.

Meanwhile, the public was filled with extreme curiosity as various forms of speculation sprouted from their mouths.

“I heard that both Lin Qian and Xia Hanmo like Zhou Qing, so Xia Hanmo ended up scheming against Lin Qian and making Superstar Media angry.”

“But, what I heard was that there was a conflict between Lin Qian and Xia Hanmo and Lin Qian ended up getting seriously injured by Xia Hanmo. So, out of anger, Tangning had no choice but to tear her artist apart.”

Regardless of the reason, Superstar Media did not provide an explanation. It seemed, Tangning was simply getting Long Jie to gather evidence and had no intention of exposing anything to the public.

She had three reasons: firstly, Superstar Media did not need to give an explanation for dealing with a person. If someone owed them something, they would need to pay them back every cent.

Secondly, the matter with Zhou Qing did not have definitive evidence, so she wasn’t so stupid as to announce anything and have it bite her in the back.

Thirdly, because she didn’t say anything, the public naturally became more wary of Xia Hanmo. Who would dare to use someone that Tangning personally tore apart? Did they want to be destroyed?

In other words, Tangning did not do anything that Zhou Qing wanted her to do.

As for the Station Manager’s son, Tangning was of course going to see him.

But, the person he’d choose to trust in the end would depend on Tangning’s convincing power.

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Meanwhile, after meeting with the Station Manager’s son, Zhou Qing went to Xia Hanmo’s home even though he already knew what to expect.

“Zhou Ge...I couldn’t come to a compromise with Superstar Media. I feel so useless.”

“How are you useless? As long as you trust me, you will be seen as the kindest angel on this earth,” Zhou Qing comforted as he cupped her cheeks. “Don’t worry, in order to prove that I didn’t do anything, I went to see the Station Manager’s son. He agreed to place his trust in me and even invited us back to partake in ‘The Big Adventure’.”

“Are you being honest?” Xia Hanmo asked as she stopped crying.

“Of course. Our current station can’t use us anymore, so we might as well return to the previous one.”

“But, isn’t it bad to jump back and forth like this?”

“Idiot. As soon as we return, everyone will view the television station as loyal and righteous for forgiving us during our toughest time. It’s a win-win situation,” Zhou Qing’s understanding of people wasn’t any less than Tangning. That’s why their battle was much anticipated.

Zhou Qing appeared to be one step ahead of Tangning. Did this mean that Tangning would need to endure being wronged?

“That’s good...that’s very good.”

Xia Hanmo felt like she had put her trust into the right person and that she had been blind in the past for asking Tangning for help.

“Lucky I met you, Zhou Ge. Otherwise, it would have been a matter of time before I’d get sold out by Superstar Media.”

“Silly...things will only improve from now on. Don’t worry.”

Zhou Qing continued to grasp onto Xia Hanmo because she was still useful in a lot of ways. More importantly, she was extremely easy to trick.

She was, after all, an ex-artist of Superstar Media. There were so many secrets that she could share with him and he couldn’t wait to hear them all.

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At this moment, inside Superstar Media, Long Jie had organized a meeting with the Station Manager’s son. Just as she was about to confirm the time with Tangning, she noticed that Mo Ting had arrived without her knowing and Tangning was currently using his lap as a pillow.

“What’s up?”

“Boss, what do you think about the matter with Zhou Qing?” Long Jie was curious about Mo Ting’s thoughts. Zhou Qing was much too hard to understand, unlike their usual opponents.

“Zhou Qing snatched Xia Hanmo away expecting to know about Superstar Media’s secrets. Even if he gets nothing from her, he at least successfully snatched her away.”

“But, no one is brave enough to use him at the moment...”

“Who said?” Mo Ting asked. “Zhou Qing can always turn back to his previous employer...”

“I don’t understand.”

“Xia Hanmo came from Superstar Media and is a good topic for discussion. With a little bit of hype, the results will be astounding. As long as he holds onto Xia Hanmo and uses her, no one will tread on him again,” Mo Ting explained. “After all, he has the money to take this gamble.”

“At the same time, the fact that his old employer is willing to take him back is a sign of loyalty and righteousness. Saving him is a win-win situation...”

“But, what about the Station Manager’s son’s arm...?”

“Without evidence, Zhou Qing can always make up another story,” Mo Ting answered. “So, if we really want to defeat Zhou Qing – apart from finding evidence – we only have one option.”

“Huh?” This was the first time that President Mo analyzed so much with Long Jie.

“Let Xia Hanmo discover the truth and wake up...”

Chapter 917: He Can’t Beat Anyone

“Can Xia Hanmo still be saved? It wasn’t easy to clear her name. Now that I look at it, she deserved to be slandered in the past.”

Long Jie was never going to forget that Lin Qian had done so much for Xia Hanmo, only to be misunderstood by her for slandering her man! Thinking of this, Long Jie felt herself boil up inside. She was so tempted to pull Xia Hanmo over and throw a few slaps across her face.

“Ning has said before that the amount of confidence Xia Hanmo has now, will be the same amount of regret she’ll feel later.”

“Boss, I’ve already made an appointment with the Station Manager’s son. The appointment will be at 7pm tomorrow night.”

“Tell Lu Che that I want to see the Station Manager and tell him not to tell anyone. It’s a secret,” Mo Ting said quietly as he patted Tangning on the head.

No matter how good at playing games Zhou Qing was, he was merely a prancing locust: causing a commotion, but easily squished.

Did he really think that treading carefully would work?

He was only made for shallow waters and would never be able to cope in the deep.

After hearing that Mo Ting would make a move, Long Jie couldn’t help but smile. Because, this meant that Zhou Qing couldn’t escape the palm of Mo Ting’s hand even if he tried to gain the Station Manager’s son’s trust or stir up trouble. He really wasn’t as important as he thought he was. At least, in the entertainment industry, he was just a small potato.

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Of course, the Station Manager’s son wasn’t going to keep his meeting with Tangning a secret from Zhou Qing. But, he still wanted to see what excuse Tangning had come up with.

“Since Tangning is meeting with you, she must have no intention to let Hanmo and I off. She’s practically pushing us off the cliff.”

“Now that Xia Hanmo is no longer her employee and the two of you are returning to my station, she will need to get my permission before she does anything to you, right?” Actually, the Station Manager’s son wanted to see Tangning and Zhou Qing fight amongst each other. But, even if that was to happen, it still wouldn’t make up for the suffering of losing his arm.

Zhou Qing did not say a word as he looked at the young man.

“How about this. Tomorrow, when I meet with Tangning, you and Xia Hanmo can hide in the waiting room. If Tangning dares to slander you, you can immediately jump out and expose her.”

Zhou Qing looked at the young man. He could actually tell why the Station Manager’s son chose to do this: it was because he didn’t have full trust in him yet.

So, he shook his head and replied, “Since you’ve already said this, I’ll trust you and wait for your update at home.”

The young man bit his lip and sneered. After seeing Zhou Qing’s expression, he anticipated the meeting with Tangning even more.

Meanwhile, Tangning had no idea that Mo Ting was meeting with the Station Manager as well.

In fact, before Tangning met with the Station Manager’s son, Lu Che had already arranged Mo Ting’s meeting. However, the old man had no idea why Mo Ting wanted to see him. He was extremely confused by it.

“I wonder why President Mo wanted to see me.”

“Because of a matter that can’t be discussed in the open,” Mo Ting sat down opposite the Station Manager while a cup of hot tea sat in front of each of them. “Does the Station Manager know who caused your son to lose his arm?”

The Station Manager shook his head, “The rascal is too arrogant and has made a lot of enemies...”

“It was Zhou Qing,” Mo Ting replied directly before he followed on by explaining the conflict between Zhou Qing and Superstar Media.

“Does President Mo have any evidence?”

“I am the CEO of Hai Rui. What reason would I have to slander him?” Mo Ting asked coldly. “My motive is simple. He made my wife unhappy, so I’ll never let him feel happiness again in his lifetime. I’m sure you understand what I mean.”

The Station Manager was a smart man. If he could get on the good side of Hai Rui and open himself to opportunities in the future, he wouldn’t be so stupid as to protect someone that possibly hurt his son and was so calculative.

“What does President Mo plan to do?”

“Since Zhou Qing wants to return to your television station, then let him return. But...he should never dream of hosting a top grade program again. If there is a place with tough conditions, then let him go. If there are any problems, let him shoulder it. In conclusion, I don’t want him to have a single good day in his life.”

“Most importantly, I want you to do this flawlessly so no one will ever find out.”

After hearing this, the Station Manager nodded his head. Everyone said that the CEO of Hai Rui was ruthless and cruel. Now that he experienced it first hand, he realized that they were right.

The fact that Zhou Qing made things difficult for Tangning, meant that he was making things difficult for Mo Ting.

“President Mo, don’t worry. I’ll pretend that I’m unaware of their private disagreement, but I’ll make my own arrangements well.”

“I’ll wait for your good news.”

If Zhou Qing wanted to improve his status in the entertainment industry, he had to first look at what he had to offer. He probably thought his trap was carefully laid out, but he had no idea that he was just a toy to those that were already at a high status.

Even if he won against Tangning. Even if he won everything, returned to his original position and tried to use Xia Hanmo he would still have no chance of making a comeback.

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The next night at 7pm, Tangning’s meeting was held inside a restaurant.

Inside the private room, the Station Manager’s son was accompanied by two bodyguards, while Tangning also brought along Long Jie and two bodyguards.

“It’s an honor to meet with the infamous Tangning. You’ve sure given me face.”

Tangning looked at the Station Manager’s son and said, “Has Zhou Qing come looking for you?”

“You are indeed a smart person. Your first sentence is already enough to make the situation very interesting. You must be able to guess what he said to me,” the young man said as he looked at his paralyzed arm. “I would like to see what evidence Miss Tang has and how you are planning to convince me otherwise.”

“After all, Zhou Qing’s story is already very spectacular.”

“Do you have a better story than his?”

Tangning laughed and said to the Station Manager’s son, “Firstly, I’m not here to explain myself or gain your trust. You should know, with my status, it’s not necessary for me to lower myself by going against you.”

“Zhou Qing and Xia Hanmo may be thrown out like a couple of disowned dogs, but I’m not.”

“Moreover, I know you don’t completely trust what Zhou Qing has said because you know how untrustworthy he is.”

“You’re simply bringing him back to your territory so you can easily humiliate him and seek revenge on him.”

“He wants to resist, but you want to control him. You want him to know that there are some things that he is powerless against; that he can’t beat anyone with his tricks.”

After hearing Tangning’s words, the young man realized that Tangning was indeed Tangning.

“Haven’t you always been a fan of righteousness and tried to stick up for those that have been treated unfairly? What? Are you starting to bully others now?”

Tangning lowered her head for half a second before she replied, “I’m different to you. I will only bully those that bully me first. I never initiate the fight.”

Chapter 918: Is Zhou Qing About To Suffer ?

“Of course, if someone tries to bully me, I will do whatever I can to make them understand the consequences...”

“Aren’t you afraid that you’ll have to face consequences too?”

“If he wants to die, he can die first.”

“I understand. Here’s to a happy cooperation,” the Station Manager’s son stretched his hand out towards Tangning.

The entire conversation didn’t even mention the truth or the young man’s arm. So, as Long Jie watched from the side, she was quite surprised. It turned out, this form of negotiation existed.

In reality, through their interaction, the two developed an understanding for each other’s motives.

Tangning expressed clearly that she would never initiate a fight and this was consistent with the way she had been handling matters up to this point. So, compared to Zhou Qing, the Station Manager’s son, of course, trusted Tangning more. He definitely appeared brainless, but he was born with prestige, unlike Zhou Qing. So, if he was going to mess with anyone, his pride told him to target Zhou Qing.

“So, what is the Station Manager’s son planning to do? I didn’t understand a word that you guys said,” Long Jie asked on the way home. “Who does he trust?”

“Just sit back and wait for a good show,” Tangning replied. “No matter who he trusts, he will still torment Zhou Qing. He won’t treat me like an enemy or he’d be making things difficult for himself.”

“So, are you saying that Zhou Qing is about to suffer?”

“Yes, it seems that way.”

In reality, Zhou Qing didn't have much confidence in the Station Manager's son, but he believed that his scheming would be able to gain the young man's trust. In the end, as he expected, the Station Manager's son returned with complaints that Tangning was too fake.

"That woman threw all the blame on you as expected. She wanted me to go against you. But, I'm not easy to fool," the young man said to Zhou Qing. "Bring your woman to the television station with you. I'm going to make Tangning suffer."

Zhou Qing's lips curved upwards in secret, thinking that his scheme had worked, "Don't worry, with Xia Hanmo around, I have confidence that 'The Big Adventure' will rise to a new high."

"Handle it well," the young man said without agreeing to anything. He simply smiled and patted Zhou Qing on the shoulder. It seemed a smile could diffuse all hatred between these two men.

But, while Zhou Qing wasn't looking, the Station Manager's son sneered, "Does he still think he is bound for success?"

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"Zhou Ge, is the Station Manager's son honestly asking us to return to the television station? I'm not going to be blacklisted?"

Xia Hanmo thought that no one would dare offend Tangning with her level of influence. But, to Xia Hanmo's surprise, she was still given a way out.

"Silly, of course you can return," Zhou Qing said as he hugged Xia Hanmo. "I've said before that I won't let anything happen to you. From now on, we are going to be even more famous than before..."

Xia Hanmo trusted Zhou Qing. She had trusted him from the start.

Even though Lin Qian was injured in the process, Xia Hanmo thought it was a worthy sacrifice. To be exact, she still hated Lin Qian up until this point because she thought Lin Qian planned everything.

"Our new life is about to start."

He schemed against Tangning, he schemed against the Station Manager's son, he snatched away Xia Hanmo and he hurt Lin Qian; did he still think that he could start a new life?

Zhou Qing was being too idealistic.

Soon, Tangning released a statement on behalf of Superstar Media that due to differences in values, Xia Hanmo and Superstar Media were going separate ways. Even if the public's speculation got out of hand, Tangning had no intention of giving them a proper explanation. After all, Xia Hanmo was no longer worth her time and effort.

From today onwards, Xia Hanmo was going to disappear from the blueprint of Superstar Media.

Without Superstar Media, Xia Hanmo was about to experience the full force of the storm. She thought she had made a magnanimous decision, but she was simply walking down the path to regret.

A few days later, Lin Qian was dismissed from the hospital.

Tangning personally went to pick her up. But, due to Li Jin's protection, Tangning couldn't help but tease, "From the looks of it, I won't be able to hold onto you in the end. You are going to get married sooner or later."

"I won't leave you. I will always be a part of Superstar Media," Lin Qian expressed her determination.

"OK. Go home and get some rest. You have a much more important mission to handle in a few days," Tangning patted Lin Qian on the shoulder as she gestured for Li Jin to take good care of her.

So, Li Jin escorted Lin Qian out of the hospital. But, this time, he directly drove her back to his parents' home. When Lin Qian realized this, she didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

Meanwhile, Mother Li was ecstatic. After all, Lin Qian was going to be her daughter-in-law sooner or later. After hearing that Lin Qian was bitten by dogs because she tried to save someone, she liked her even more because she was a righteous young woman that was hard to come by. As long as Lin Qian was willing, Mother Li was ready to prepare a room for her at anytime.

"Qian Qian, Li Jin is barely at home. Why don't you stay here and think of it as keeping us company?" Mother Li said to the hesitant Lin Qian.

"But..."

"I understand that you are concerned that you and Li Jin aren't officially anything to each other, but he has already received approval from his superiors and is simply waiting for you to agree. As soon as you nod your head, you can become our daughter-in-law..."

"But...I work in the entertainment industry."

"What's wrong with that?" Mother Li said as she patted Lin Qian on the back of her hand. "You are an honest person that hasn't done anything wrong, right? Besides, I'm waiting for you to get some autographs for me."

Lin Qian: "..."

Perhaps, God was testing her in the past so she'd learn that the best was always left for last.

After all the pain she had suffered in the past, Lin Qian felt that she was extremely lucky to have met Li Jin and the Li Family.

"Come. Let me show you to your room."

The main reason why Li Jin brought Lin Qian back to his parents' house was because he never wanted to see her hurt again...

As for Xia Hanmo, he was going to make her pay back for everything she'd done.

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Soon, news spread around the industry that Zhou Qing and Xia Hanmo had returned to their previous employer because no one would take Xia Hanmo after she had a falling out with Superstar Media.

As their previous employer was loyal and righteous, fans quickly showed their support. Zhou Qing acted like he had come back from the dead, so when he returned to the television station, he looked refreshed and was full of hope.

He thought that since the Station Manager's son was injured, 'The Big Adventure' would definitely fall back into his hands. No matter what considerations the television station had to make, there was no reason why they wouldn't give him back his position.

So, when the television station called for a meeting, Zhou Qing thought his chance had come. After tidying up a little, he arrived at the television station with Xia Hanmo.

"Don't worry, this used to be my territory. And from now on, it will be my territory again. As long as it's on my territory, no one will bully you."

But, contrary to his expectations, when Zhou Qing met with the staff he used to work with, they weren't as welcoming as he expected.

In the past, everyone would greet him 'Zhou Ge' when they saw him. Had they lost their respect for him now?

But, this wasn't all, because the show had just started...

Chapter 919: He Was Simply Being Played !

The meeting was about the recent incidents and changes that were to take place.

Of course, this included 'The Big Adventure' and Zhou Qing was prepared for it. He had already thought about how he would explain himself after returning to the program. He had a beautiful explanation for why he had changed television stations.

Perhaps, everyone else in the meeting room also thought that 'The Big Adventure' would end up back in his hands. But, when it came time to discuss the host of the program, the Station Manager did not take a single glance at Zhou Qing and instead turned to another host, "You've had experience with hosting 'The Big Adventure' before. From now on, we will depend on you..."

After hearing this, everyone was surprised.

Practically all eyes turned to Zhou Qing. Why was this different to what they had expected?

More importantly, the Station Manager did not even mention Zhou Qing or Xia Hanmo throughout the entire meeting. It was almost like they didn't exist.

Zhou Qing did not react, but he knew deep down that the old man was doing this deliberately. That's why he humiliated this one-time 'top host' in front of everyone.

"Errr...I don't think it's good to do this in front of Zhou Ge," the host said as he looked at the Station Manager.

"I have other plans for Zhou Qing," the old man replied with a slight smile.

“Since that’s the case, then I’m happy to take on this responsibility.”

Everyone assumed that the Station Manager had something better than ‘The Big Adventure’ planned for Zhou Qing. But, after they were done discussing ‘The Big Adventure’, the old man turned to Zhou Qing and said, “After the meeting’s over, stay back for a bit. I have something to discuss with you in private.”

Soon, the meeting ended and everyone left, leaving Zhou Qing and Xia Hanmo to wait for the Station Manager to reveal his plan.

“Zhou Qing, I’ve noticed recently that Xiao Ying is lacking some assistance. I think Xia Hanmo could be of help, so I’ll send her over,” the Station Manager said.

Zhou Qing did not say a word. Meanwhile, Xia Hanmo had no idea what would be required of her.

“As for you, you’ve gone to a competing station and come back, so it’s not right for you to return to ‘The Big Adventure’. As a result, I’ve arranged for you to do other things for now. Once the time is right and the current issue has blown over, I’ll give ‘The Big Adventure’ back to you.”

“How about this? Taotao is currently on maternity leave. Why don’t you temporarily take over her job?”

“Are you asking me to be a news journalist?” Zhou Qing reconfirmed.

“The news is currently a mess. The two of you will need to suffer temporarily.”

Zhou Qing did not nod, nor did he shake his head. Although he looked like he normally did, Xia Hanmo could sense a strange vibe.

“I still have other matters to deal with. Once you’ve thought it over, you can directly report to your jobs.” After speaking, the old man turned and left.

After he left, Xia Hanmo finally grabbed onto Zhou Qing’s arm and asked, “Who’s Xiao Ying?”

“A radio host that does a midnight program about love.” It was practically the most embarrassing program at the station, yet the Station Manager sent Xia Hanmo there.

Meanwhile, Zhou Qing wasn’t any better. He was a top level host, yet he was sent to run around for news stories.

“Zhou Ge...”

“Let’s endure it for a few days and see how things turn out,” Zhou Qing suggested.

They originally thought that if they returned to the station, they would experience more glory than before. But, they never imagined this to be the result.

As Zhou Qing and Xia Hanmo left the meeting room, everyone pointed and gossiped about them, “These two originally left with so much confidence, yet look what happened now.”

“In my opinion, Zhou Ge deserves to be number one in the variety industry. He simply made the wrong decision to challenge the Station Manager’s authority and overestimated himself.”

“I never thought he’d be sent to chase after news. Life is certainly full of ups and downs.”

Zhou Qing did not respond to these discussions.

But, Xia Hanmo couldn't stand it. At first, she wanted to stick up for Zhou Qing, but Zhou Qing pressed down on her shoulder and said, "Let's discuss it at home."

"Zhou Ge, you've been dragged down because of me," Xia Hanmo still thought that Zhou Qing was in his current situation because of her disagreement with Superstar Media.

Zhou Qing had fallen too far, so he needed some time to accept what had happened. As a result, he gave the Station Manager's son a phone call.

As soon as the young man received his phone call, he laughed, "Haha, Zhou Qing, you're too naive. Did you think that by going to the enemy camp and coming back, the staff would accept you? You should feel grateful that you can still do some news reporting. How could you still dream about working on 'The Big Adventure'?"

After hearing this, Zhou Qing clenched his fists.

"It's because of you that I agreed to come back."

"Zhou Qing, I think you've made a mistake. You were the one that was wagging your tail and pleading me to save your woman, that's why I let you come back. Are you not happy with your current position?"

"You need to look at the situation properly. You've offended Tangning. Did you think that you'd actually have a way out?"

Zhou Qing boiled in anger as he threw his phone on the floor.

Xia Hanmo jumped in fright. She had never seen Zhou Qing like this; she had never seen him this angry. After all, he always maintained a composed and gentle exterior. Because of this, Xia Hanmo felt her heart pound in fear.

"What did the Station Manager's son say?"

"Go report to the radio program tomorrow. Don't worry, leave everything with me," Zhou Qing hid his anger without comforting Xia Hanmo.

It turned out, he was simply being played!

So, later that night, after Xia Hanmo fell asleep, Zhou Qing went to the hospital to look for the Station Manager's son, "I've already told you the truth. Why won't you give me a way out?"

"What do you mean? Just because I didn't give 'The Big Adventure' back to you, doesn't mean your life is over."

"You obviously know how important 'The Big Adventure' is to me! Tangning broke your arm, yet you didn't chase her for responsibility, instead you released your anger on me. What is the meaning of this?"

"The meaning? It's because you're nothing!" the young man replied. "It's my choice whether I go look for Tangning or not. It's none of your business."

Zhou Qing looked at the Station Manager's son with extreme hatred.

“Do you hate me? Then hit me...I only have one arm anyway.”

Zhou Qing clenched his fists. Although he felt hatred towards the young man’s arrogance, there was nothing he could do. In the end, he simply returned home defeated.

As soon as Xia Hanmo saw him, she immediately ran over, “Zhou Ge...”

But, she was quickly brushed aside by Zhou Qing.

He originally thought he had picked up a gem, but to his surprise, she was no use whatsoever.

Xia Hanmo was shocked by Zhou Qing’s reaction as she remained frozen in place.

“I’m exhausted today. Let’s talk tomorrow.”

Chapter 920: Go Back To Where You Came From !

Zhou Qing’s current situation was an obvious result of the television station’s games. But, he had no way of retaliating against them. Because, once someone offended Tangning, they would have nowhere to run.

Xia Hanmo wanted to help Zhou Qing. But, when she pulled out her phone, she realized there was no one she could call. Superstar Media had given her everything, so without them, she was simply back to square one.

It turned out, after leaving Superstar Media, she had become nothing.

So, she had no choice but to watch Zhou Qing return to his room as she stood brokenhearted in the living room.

Thinking of this, Xia Hanmo felt it was necessary to do something for Zhou Qing. So, early the next day, she stormed into the Station Manager’s office.

The Station Manager’s secretary couldn’t stop her, so the old man had no choice but to instruct the secretary to leave.

“I want to know why you insist on tormenting Zhou Qing. He hasn’t done anything wrong. Plus, he’s so talented. It’s a waste to make him run around for the news.”

“Xia Hanmo, you will need to face the consequences of storming in here today. I’m sure you know that,” the Station Manager said as he put down the pen in his hand. “Since we’re on this topic, let me be honest with you: both you and Zhou Qing think too highly of yourselves.”

“Not everything in this world is a given. What you think is right for Zhou Qing is what you believe. But, that is purely your own personal opinion.”

“Just because you think he hasn’t done anything wrong, doesn’t mean he is completely innocent.”

“Get out of here. Based on your actions today, Zhou Qing is going to become a joke.”

“Also, since you’re not willing to be a radio host, then we have no place for you.”

“Just go back to where you came from...”

Soon, everyone heard about how Xia Hanmo caused a commotion. And of course, this included Zhou Qing.

After Zhou Qing heard about it, he felt completely humiliated. Why did Xia Hanmo have to be so impulsive?

So, as soon as Xia Hanmo returned home that day, he immediately threw a slap across her face without hesitation, “Look at what you’ve done!”

The television station’s staff group chat was already discussing this matter and questioning how Zhou Qing got to this point.

Xia Hanmo was stunned because she never expected that Zhou Qing would hit her.

In fact, after he hit her, he indifferently walked over to the sofa, sat down, and picked up the television remote.

“You hit me?”

“Yes, I hit you. Can you control yourself and not cause problems for me again? I’ve already got enough to worry about,” Zhou Qing replied coldly. “I’ve already gotten to this point where I’ve become a complete joke. Is our life not exciting enough for you?”

“Xia Hanmo, I’m begging you, staying at home and doing nothing is the best way you can help me.”

Xia Hanmo understood Zhou Qing, so she did not blame him for the slap. She simply felt that she had been too stupid.

But, little did she know that the slap was just the beginning...

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“I’ve recently heard a lot of funny things about Xia Hanmo, have you heard them too?” In order to cheer up Lin Qian, Long Jie decided to share the information she had gathered.

“Supposedly, after Zhou Qing and Xia Hanmo returned to their previous television station, one was sent to chase after news, while the other was sent to be a cringeworthy radio host.”

After hearing this, Lin Qian gestured for Long Jie to stop.

“I no longer want to hear about anything related to that woman.”

“You...” Long Jie sighed and shook her head, “Can’t you be like Tangning and I? You should be happy to see your enemy receiving their retribution.”

“I don’t want to waste any more time on a person like that,” Lin Qian replied.

Long Jie nodded her head without forcing anything upon Lin Qian; she was well aware of her personality.

“Other things may not be that important. But, you need to remember one thing: you are still a manager at Superstar Media, you deserve to be arrogant. If one day you come across Xia Hanmo again, you need her to know that you chose to give up on her...”

“Uh huh!” Lin Qian nodded.

Tangning had said that she’d kick Xia Hanmo out of Superstar Media. So, if anyone dared to mention Xia Hanmo and Superstar Media in the same sentence, Superstar Media were ready to send them a warning.

“This woman has nothing to do with Superstar Media!”

As for Zhou Qing, he was indeed smart and good at hiding his true self. But, he unfortunately overestimated himself. When up against Tangning and Mo Ting, Zhou Qing couldn’t even pass the first round.

But, of course, the person that Tangning hated the most, was still not Zhou Qing. It was Xia Hanmo.

How much money and effort had Superstar Media spent on her? And how much had Lin Qian sacrificed for her?

Yet, she injured Lin Qian so badly – all because of a man!

Just the thought of it made Tangning’s blood boil.

Even though Lin Qian didn’t care about what happened, Tangning was still going to make Xia Hanmo understand that she and Lin Qian now lived in two different worlds.

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Meanwhile, Zhou Qing had no choice but to report on the news, even though he knew he was being treated as a joke.

Of course, this was unless he admitted defeat. But, how was he willing to accept this after getting so far?

At the same time, Xia Hanmo was useless and worth nothing; she had absolutely no value at all. This was what tormented Zhou Qing the most.

So, of course, the relationship between the two was severely affected.

Zhou Qing began to ignore Xia Hanmo. Even when they were at home, they each did their own thing and had no interaction with each other.

And Xia Hanmo endured the way she was being treated because she still felt guilty. However, the current Zhou Qing seemed very foreign.

“If you are annoyed by the sight of me, I can move out.”

“Even if you go and sell your body right now, you are worth nothing...” Zhou Qing laughed. “Hanmo, tell me how you can help me. Didn’t you say that I became like this because of you?”

After hearing this, Xia Hanmo felt her heart shatter into a million pieces.

“I honestly want to help you.”

Zhou Qing lifted his head and looked at Xia Hanmo. After staring at her for a long time, he finally sneered, “You’re the one that’s offering. Don’t regret later...”

“I won’t regret,” Xia Hanmo replied confidently.

Zhou Qing did not say a word. To be exact, he was currently racking his brain for ideas to make the Station Manager and his son suffer. He had been suppressed in a humiliating manner. Now, whenever people at the television station saw him, they would naturally ridicule him.

It didn’t seem like he’d survive any longer in the entertainment industry.

But, he had no intention to take Xia Hanmo with him; she was too much of a burden. He was smart, if he planned his steps well, he’d be able to start a afresh in another field. But, he would never keep someone as stupid as Xia Hanmo by his side.

So, he was going to first take everything that Xia Hanmo could offer.

Even up until this point, the stupid Xia Hanmo still thought Lin Qian was at fault. When a woman was in love, she lost all trace of logic...