FMH Marriage 1351

Chapter 1351: A Gathering of Ex-Boyfriends

One of the split personalities was sinister and cruel, the other was innocent and guiltless, so kind that she would not even want to kill an ant.

Such a situation often appeared within the script. Yun Huang would be sinister one second, then turn innocent. Even when this flared up, she would have to constantly switch between two personalities. Such a role demanded much skill from the actor.

When she saw Ning Xi come over, Meng Shiyi sized her up and had an arrogance in her eyes. It was a condescending look often used in the circle by actors from the capability camp towards the idol camp.

To Meng Shiyi, she was just an artiste that became popular overnight from acting in a a melodramatic movie. She did not even have any reputable awards; such people were a dime in the dozen in the entertainment industry. Most of them would just use their instant popularity to profit hugely, and there were many like her, so she was not worth a mention.

Yun Huang's character was not that difficult for Ning Xi, so the audition and shooting of the image stills concluded rather quickly.

When she was finished, Ning Xi was speaking to the director when a black silhouette flashed from not too far away. The person who had just turned around the corner was Mo Yuxiu who had come miles for the kill...

Ning Xi speechlessly covered her face in her hands. Bloody hell, had he really chased her here?

What was this guy trying to do?

Mo Yuxiu looked at her, but he did not do anything for now. He completed his audition and photoshoot by the book. To an outsider, he had perfect work ethics.

Only Ning Xi understood his calm expression's real meaning, which was, "Tang Xi, there are more days to come. We will have our fun!"

Yet, today was probably meant to be a disastrous day for her...

Just as Ning Xi thought the situation was bad enough, the assistant director suddenly smiled flatteringly and led someone in. "CEO Su, this way! We're shooting the image stills!"

Ning Xi looked at the man behind the assistant, and was shocked as if struck by lightning.

Su Yan...?!

What was he doing here?

Bloody hell! Jiang Muye, Mo Yuxiu, and Su Yan... There were three exes in one show... Just one more would be enough for a round of mahjong!

Was this meant to create more chaos for her?

When Guo Qisheng saw who had arrived, he immediately walked up eagerly to greet, "CEO Su, you're here! Why didn't you tell me so I could prepare?!"

"I had some work nearby today, so I decided to swing by for a look. No need to cause a commotion." Su Yan was the elegant and kind gentleman as always.

Guo Qisheng led Su Yan to the audition venue. "Since you're here, let me introduce you to the main cast so far. Have a look and give us some pointers..."

Su Yan humbly said, "I obviously trust your judgement, Director Guo. I'm just an industry outsider. I can admire the charm of the main cast, but I daren't offer pointers."

When he heard Su Yan's words, Guo Qisheng felt as if he was bathed in good vibes. Most investors would try to pretend that they knew things and stick a finger in the pie anywhere at this point but people like Su Yan just made one feel comfortable.

Jiang Muye used his elbow to nudge the stunned Ning Xi and he shot her a side look. He pouted and said, "Hey, you okay? Indeed, true love is different! You've been stupefied since he walked in!"

Ning Xi shot Jiang Muye a mean look. "True love, my ass! How did Su Yan become the investor of this show?"

That was not logical!

Jiang Muye blinked. "What's so odd about that!? Do you know what's the total investment for our series so far? Five billion dollars!"

Chapter 1352: Gathered Enough For Mahjong

"The lineup of the cast and the script for this show has ensured that this series will be a big hit. With such a huge cake, everyone wants a piece of it, including the Su family who's preparing to enter the entertainment business. It's not surprising that they'd be part of this. The Su family's investment isn't really considered extremely high; they're just one of the many investors."

"But with Su Yan and Ning Xueluo's relationship..." Would the Sus invest a show in which she was the female lead?

"Relationships are phony, profits are the priority!"

Ning Xi calmed down to think about it and decided that it was really not that odd.

Even if Ning Xueluo was the daughter-in-law-to-be of the Su family, in order for the Sus to enter the entertainment business, they could not just invest in Ning Xueluo's productions.

Ning Xi considered it and suddenly had a bad feeling. She quickly pulled Jiang Muye aside to ask, "Who are the other investors for this show apart from Su Yan?"

Jiang Muye rolled his eyes at her. "I'm not that free to pay attention to these things. Who cares!? I only know that Glory World Entertainment invested \$ 1 billion dollars."

"CEO Su, this is our female lead, Meng Shiyi, our second male lead, Mo Yuxiu, and our second female lead, Li Yiqing. You're familiar with the first male lead and the other female lead, Jiang Muye and Ning Xi," Guo Qisheng introduced each one of them to Su Yan.

Everyone was rather friendly and performed common courtesy towards the investors.

Su Yan greeted each and every one of them, his gaze pausing on Ning Xi for a moment, but he regained it very quickly, revealing not a single hint. "Director Guo, I still need to rush for a family dinner, so I won't stay longer."

"Of course, CEO Su, feel free to leave if you're busy! I'll send you off..."

After Guo Qisheng returned from sending Su Yan off, Ning Xi immediately ran over and cornered Guo Qisheng to ask, "Director Guo, who are the other investors?"

"There are many! In fact, there are more than ten investors! The Su family's investment is the third largest," answered Guo Qisheng.

"More than ten..." Ning Xi scratched her head. "Who invested the most then? Glory World Entertainment?"

Guo Qisheng shook his head. "No, your company is the second. I'm sure you've heard of the largest investor. It's Yi Lan Innovative Investment Group that recently became very famous in Imperial's business circle. They're surely rich and generous, investing \$ 2 billion in a go!"

What? Yi Lan Investment Group? Was that not Yun Shen's company?!

When she heard that it was Yi Lan Investment Group, Ning Xi felt like she had been struck by lightning from all sides, and it was as if her fate of death was fast approaching.

Guo Qisheng continued, "It seems like their boss is rather interested in the business of filmmaking. Oh right, their boss will even be featured as a cameo in the show himself!"

When she heard this, Ning Xi's face darkened. "C-cameo? Who's he going to cameo as?"

Guo Qisheng looked to Ning Xi and smiled mysteriously. "His character has a trivial relationship with your character!"

Ning Xi put her hand to her heart that was about to stop short. "He... What's he acting as? Director, don't tease me anymore, let me be mentally prepared!"

Guo Qisheng answered, "He's acting as Yun Huang's father."

Ning Xi was speechless.

Yun Shen, f*ck you!

He was actually going to act as her father?

Fine, you are cool. You have money. You are my father!

At this moment, Ning Xi was breaking down on the inside...

She had thought that the role in this show was not challenging and rather relaxing for her. She could even improve her acting skills with capability camps like Meng Shiyi, making it perfect, yet who would have thought that it had now become the most difficult obstacle in her acting life!?

Great, now they had really gathered enough for a round of Mahjong!

God, you are truly playing games with me!

Chapter 1353: Can I Go On Strike?

Guo Qisheng patted Ning Xi on her back when he saw that she was looking a little green. He told her in a confident tone, "You don't have to worry so much about it, Ning Xi. He doesn't really have many scenes, so it won't affect the series much, and most of them are just scenes with you. Lead him a little and it'll be fine!"

Television series were different from movies. The standard requirements were not as high; some minor characters would not be that important.

Ning Xi felt dreadful...

Ning Xi thought to herself, "Can I go on a strike?"

Guo Qisheng suddenly remembered something. "Oh, right, Ning Xi! The character you recommended for Ke Mingyu has been decided!"

Ning Xi was speechless...

An extra blow!

Guo Qisheng had no idea what Ning Xi was fretting about. He just told her to do her best and then left.

Jiang Muye came over and was enjoying the chaos flitting across Ning Xi's face. "What's up with you? You look like you want to jump into the river after the conversation with the Director!"

Ning Xi leaned against the wall, mumbling to herself, "As the Heavens entrust a person with great responsibilities, his resolve will be tested, exhausting his muscles and bones, exposing him to hunger, and leaving him in extreme poverty in order to make up for his shortcomings..."

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At the Big Pearl Hotel which was near Ning Xi's audition location.

In the room, the Nings and the Sus gathered to discuss what had happened at the cocktail party the other day.

"Uncle, Aunty, the hotel has a batch of fresh seafood today. Let's try some!" Ning Xueluo tried to speak carefully.

On the opposite of the roundtable, Su Yan's parents looked unhappy. There was no sign of the kindness usually shown to Ning Xueluo. They acted indifferent to her instead.

Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu were unhappy about their attitude, but they could only remain silent.

Ning Yaohua asked, "Where's Su Yan? Why isn't he here yet?"

Ning Xueluo quickly said, "Bro Yan is already on his way. He should be here soon..."

Suddenly, the door opened and Su Yan walked in.

Ning Xueluo's eyes brightened. She went up to him and had tears in her eyes. "Bro Yan..."

Su Yan did not have to ask and knew that his parents were giving Ning Xueluo a hard time. In sympathy, he gave her a gentle gaze and sat with her.

Su Yan's mother became broodier when she saw her son's protective behavior. "Su Yan, come and sit over here."

Ning Xueluo's face turned pale.

"Mother, didn't we talk about this before we came?"

It seemed like Su Yan had said something to his parents beforehand, but of course, they would refuse to listen to any of it.

Su Yan's mother was upset. "I can't take this! Look at what their family has done! And you, you knew it all along! Why didn't you tell us?"

Su Yan's father voiced out as well, "This is a serious matter, Su Yan. You're being ridiculous!"

Although Su Hongguang looked like he was blaming Su Yan, he was glaring at Ning Xueluo, apparently blaming Ning Xueluo for seducing Su Yan.

Actually, it was understandable why Su Hongguang and Zheng Minjun would act this way.

Chapter 1354: Chicken And Phoenix

When they first found out that Su Yan had fallen in love with a girl from the village, they had spent a lot of effort to separate them, and even said a lot of terrible things to her like how she was unworthy of Su Yan and that she had to know her place.

Then, for some reason, Ning Zhiyuan decided to make Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu retain Ning Xi's identity as their foster daughter. Although she was already part of the Ning family, her identity was not worthy to be associated with the Su family.

After they realized Su Yan was in love with the real daughter of the Ning family, Ning Xueluo, they were overjoyed, thinking that she was the real golden phoenix.

In the end, the roles were all reversed!

Ning Xi was the real daughter, and Ning Xueluo was the wild chicken trying to act as the phoenix. They had been deceived for five years. How else would they feel?

"Uncle, Aunty, I'm sorry...I'm really sorry. I didn't want to hide it from the both of you," sobbed Ning Xueluo as tears started falling down her face.

Su Yan held Ning Xueluo's hands and frowned. "Father, Mother, I've already said that it was I who asked Xueluo to not say it. It has nothing to do with her."

Zhuang Lingyu could not hold it in anymore. "Please think about it. Why didn't we announce Ning Xi's identity after we found out the truth? Why did we treat Xueluo as our princess and ignore our biological daughter?

"It's simply because of the time we spent together. We've already accepted Xueluo as our real daughter. We don't want her to get hurt! Compared to Ning Xi with whom we don't really have any emotional connections!

"I agree that it's our fault for hiding the truth, but Xueluo has been with us since she was born. We've nurtured her well and we didn't treat her any different even after we took Ning Xi back in. In our hearts, Xueluo is our real daughter. We've decided to treat her as our real daughter. It doesn't matter if we tell anyone about it or not."

Zhuang Lingyu then hardened her tone. "You know that Xueluo is a kind-hearted child. She's really outstanding and was even nominated as Best Actress. Furthermore, her clothing brand is doing really well. Who else in the socialite circle is better than her? I dare say that none of them are worthy of Su Yan or of the Su family!"

Su Yan's mother looked at Ning Xueluo sadly and her facial expression softened. "I admit that Xueluo is really good. Otherwise, I wouldn't have liked her so much! But families like us are really particular about matters like this, Madam Ning. I believe that you can understand it all too well."

Su Yan's father nodded. "To be honest, no matter how well your persuasion is, what is a fraud can never be the real thing. She's not your biological daughter after all!"

Su Yan's mother became more straightforward. "That's right. What if you're biased towards your biological daughter in the future?"

One biological daughter, one foster daughter. Was it not obvious enough who was going to inherit the family's assets?

If the Su family took in a wild chicken and ignored the real phoenix, not only would they be made fun of, they would also not be able to get any benefits as well. It would be bad for business!

Chapter 1355: Blessed Day

Su Yan's mother was much more particular than her husband was on this matter because Su Hongguang had an illegitimate child, waiting to take over Su Yan's place anytime.

She was hoping for Su Yan to have a solid marriage so that it could help him in the future. If not, she would not have gone against the relationship between Su Yan and Ning Xi back then.

She was really hostile towards the Ning family's dishonesty. It was no wonder Ning Zhiyuan had only given Ning Xueluo assets and none of the shares, but he had given Ning Xi 10% of shares!

Now, everything made sense.

It still boiled down to legitimacy.

In the end, Ning Yaohua took out his trump card. He grabbed a folder from his suitcase and handed it over to Su Hongguang.

Su Hongguang stared at Ning Yaohua and accepted the folder suspiciously.

Su Hongguang and Zheng Minjun looked at each other in surprise when they saw the contract and share transferral. Apparently, they did not expect Ning Yaohua to go this far.

Ning Yaohua had transferred all 15% of his shares to the non-blood related Ning Xueluo.

"Can you place your faith in me now?" Ning Yaohua said.

Su Hongguang looked much better after he went through the contract. After he going through it, he returned it to Ning Yaohua. "What can I say? You really love Xueluo! I have nothing else to say!"

Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu looked at each other and felt relieved.

Ning Xueluo was slightly relieved as well, but at the same time, she was also thinking how cunning these elders were. They would only be satisfied when they saw something of value to them.

Luckily, Ning Yaohua had transferred the shares to her, otherwise, her marriage with Su Yan might really be ruined.

Su Yan's mother glanced at the contract and her attitude had an entirely different shift. She sighed, "We're just concerned about our child's future. I hope you don't mind!"

Although Zhuang Lingyu was scornful about their snootiness, she used a much friendlier tone to reply, "We're all parents here. Of course, we understand. We just hope they'll be happy forever. We're satisfied as long as Xueluo is happy!"

The atmosphere between them seemed much better after the share transferral contract was revealed. Ning Yaohua then quickly took the opportunity to mention the marriage. "Su Yan and Xueluo have been together for five years. It's about time for them to settle down!"

Zhuang Lingyu went along, "Xueluo's clothing brand is going to collaborate with another brand in the US. She has some free time right now, but if we wait any longer, she'll be really busy later..."

Su Yan's mother thought about it. "Their relationship and careers are solid. It's true that their marriage can't wait anymore."

Ning Yaohua then looked at Su Yan and Ning Xueluo hopefully. "What do you guys think?"

Ning Xueluo looked down bashfully. "I'll go with whatever you both say."

Su Yan looked absent-minded and did not say anything.

Su Yan's mother looked at her own son curiously. "Su Yan, what about you?"

He returned to his senses. "I have no objections as well."

Su Hongguang then declared, "Tomorrow, I'll go and request for a blessed date from Master Long!"

Chapter 1356: A Breathtaking Chance Encounter

Everyone else nodded to what Su Hongguang said, indicating that they did not have any objections.

Su Yan's mother recalled that Master Long had previously said Ning Xueluo had a fate that brought luck to her husband, then she felt much more at ease.

Next up, the two families began to discuss the marriage details and roughly decided upon the flow as if all the previous woe had never happened.

When all was finalized, Ning Xueluo breathed a long sigh of relief. Indeed, what was hers would still be hers!

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After the dinner ended, the two families were a bundle of joy and harmony. They both cordially bade each other goodbye.

The two parents left separately, while Ning Xueluo and Su Yan left together. With the wedding happening soon, the parents understood that the two lovebirds would want to catch up privately.

Su Hongguang and Zheng Mingjun walked towards the carpark and chatted.

Zheng Mingjun was rather satisfied with the Ning family's attitude for the night although she still felt a sense of unease in her heart about something. She sighed to her husband, "Hey, considering that she was still born to some village woman, Xueluo is actually not bad already. I'm just afraid... afraid that as time goes on, her true colors will be revealed..."

Su Hongguang prioritized profits more, so he did not think much about this. "The Ning family isn't unreasonable. Xueluo has been pampered like a princess since she was young. She's received a great education and nurturing, so I'm sure it won't be that bad.

"Instead, it's that Ning Xi who grew up in the village that would be truly uncouth. Even if they tried to change her in the future, I'm afraid it can't be reversed. Did you forget all the things she did? And there was Elder Ning's birthday banquet the last time at which she actually wore a casual outfit!

"Otherwise, why did you think that cunning Ning Yaohua would rather have a foster daughter than admit Ning Xi is his real daughter?"

As she listened to her husband, Zheng Mingjun nodded. "That's true..."

The two were speaking when two girls bumped into them head-on.

It was Ning Xi and her assistant, Xiao Tao.

At that moment, Ning Xi was wearing Spirit's bespoke high-quality piece with an Oriental vibe. She wore high heels and had light makeup on her. It would not be exaggerating to say that she possessed a celestial beauty. Most importantly, there was no frivolousness on her face. Instead, she exuded a natural elegance.

"Xiao Tao, later on, remember to email me the latest itinerary. I need it urgently..." Ning Xi was talking to Xiao Tao when she looked up and saw the two of them. She could not help but stop for a moment in shock.

Su Hongguang and Zheng Mingjun!

Ning Xi never would have thought that she would bump into Su Yan's parents here.

She would especially recognize his mother, Zheng Mingjun, anywhere. After all, back then, in an effort to break her and Su Yan up, she had really been completely unscrupulous.

She had been a weak, soft and easily bullied girl then. Zheng Mingjun's harsh words had cruelly crushed her naive self, and it was also then that her innocence had been completely turned upside down...

"Hey, Ning Xi, wait up!" Behind her, Director Guo Qisheng caught up.

When Su Hongguang and Zheng Mingjun saw Ning Xi, they did not dare to confirm if it was her, yet when they heard Guo Qisheng call out her name, they exchanged glances and their expressions changed.

How could it be? This pretty girl with an elegant aura was...really Ning Xi?

Ever since Ning Xi had returned to the country, they had only seen her at Elder Ning's birthday banquet. They knew that Ning Xi had entered the entertainment industry too, but they never paid any attention...

Chapter 1357: How Many Girl's Hearts Have You Stolen

The instant they saw Ning Xi and wondered about this girl's mannerisms and appearance, the line "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree" flashed across Zheng Mingjun's mind.

She was worthy of being the real daughter of a prestigious family. Even if she had stayed in a rural village for 18 years, it was just something in her bones.

Then, she thought about how Zhuang Lingyu was Zhuang Zongren's daughter, thus making Ning Xi Zhuang Zhongren's niece and how she had part of the Zhuang family's bloodline. Zheng Mingjun felt upset again...

Ning Xi very quickly returned to her senses after her initial surprise of seeing Su Hongguang and Zheng Mingjun. She turned around to Guo Qisheng. "Director Guo? What is it?"

Guo Qisheng panted, "Why did you leave so quickly? I still have something I need your help with!"

Ning Xi broke into bubbly laughter. "What could be so important that you had to personally chase after me, Director Guo?"

Guo Qisheng cleared his throat, seeming a little unnatural as he scooped out a pink notebook filled with hearts. "Please autograph this for me!"

Ning Xi almost laughed out loud. "No way, Director Guo! I didn't think you were a crazy fan too?"

Guo Qisheng shot her an embarrassed look. "Nonsense, this is my daughter's! Quickly sign it! The little girl's been urging me so many times. If I don't get it done today, she's going to torment me again!"

Guo Qisheng's daughter...

Jeez, was that so!?

Ning Xi took the book and skimmed through it. She realized it was filled with her pictures. What a true fangirl!

Ning Xi's heart warmed at this sight. She properly signed her name and even included a few words of encouragement.

Guo Qisheng took the book back and looked like his family's good crop was going to be snatched away by Ning Xi. "Hey you need to restrain yourself a little! You're but just one girl, but how many little girl's hearts have you stolen?!"

Ning Xi laughed heartily. "Director Guo, are you jealous!?"

Guo Qisheng shot her a look before leaving.

Su Hongguang and Zheng Mingju were driving home. The two of them had some pent-up frustrations. Initially, they had consoled each other and persuaded themselves that Ning Xueluo was a hundred times better than Ning Xi, yet who would have thought that with just one look at Ning Xi earlier, they would begin to waver...

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At Peachwood, after she reached home, Ning Xi took off her shoes as she let Steamed Bun prepare a bath for her, then the first thing she did was immerse herself in the tub.

Only when her entire body was engulfed by warmth, her tensed nerves could finally relax a little.

The restlessness in her was screaming crazily with an impulse to escape the limitations of rationality.

Obviously, that little moment from last night was not even enough for her to relieve stress.

Ning Xi continuously took deep breaths and forced herself to forget about going out to wreak havoc.

Ding! Her phone rang. It was probably Xiao Tao sending over the itinerary.

Ning Xi wiped her hands and took her phone. Indeed, it was Xiao Tao.

Ning Xi opened the itinerary in her inbox. She realized that her workflow would soon be pretty filled up especially in the next two days. When the Lu Corporation commercial was done, she would have to cooperate and attend all sort of promotional events by the company.

After she was done being busy for the next few days, Ling Zhizhi had kept her weekends free for rest. When she was done resting, the crew of the television series would be ready to start work.

Thus, it was probably only those two days that were best...

Chapter 1358: Want To Be In Dearest's Embrace

Ning Xi stared at the two dates marked in red for a long time.

Finally, she sent Lu Tingxiao a text: [My dear, let's have our date this weekend?]

If possible, she wished she had more time. She was worried that something would happen and she lost control of herself. It would affect her work, but now with the new series about to begin shooting, she could only resolve this as soon as possible before they began. If she continued to drag this on, she would not be able to focus on doing anything else.

The text had just been sent shortly when Lu Tingxiao called her. "I've seen your text. I'm good with it."

"Okay, that's settled then!" Ning Xi spoke with a light-hearted tone, yet the truth was that the instant she heard Lu Tingxiao's voice, she immediately had the thought of backing out, so she could escape from what she had just committed to and forget about the whole thing.

"Are you done with work? I've just finished my meeting. Shall I go over to you?" Lu Tingxiao asked.

Ning Xi's heart skipped a beat. "Ah, don't... I-I'm not done yet. I might be quite late..."

"Okay, don't work too hard. Finish earlier and rest soon."

"Mmm, I'm hanging up now okay? Mwah mwah!" Ning Xi hung up seeming like a weight had been lifted off her shoulders.

Jeez! All she did was hear Lu Tingxiao's voice and it was enough to waver her. When they met in real life, she might really throw away her determination into the Mariana Trench!

This would not do. She had to be firm before this weekend came. She had to make sure she would say it all in one go and settle this once and for all...

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The next day, Ning Xi woke up bright and early to rush to the Lu Corporation.

She had just parked when a familiar black Maybach suddenly stopped beside her. In the shotgun seat was an excited Lu Jingli. "Hey, Xiao Xi Xi, what a coincidence! You're here..."

Before he could finish, Ning Xi had already run off.

"Uhh?" Lu Jingli scratched his head and looked at his brother in confusion. "Didn't Xiao Xi Xi see us? That's not right! She clearly did! Our eyes even met... Then why did she run off faster than a hare at the sight of us? There's no one else nearby either."

Lu Tingxiao looked towards the direction she had left. There was an unnoticeable frown on his face. In the elevator, Ning Xi patted her chest as if she had just escaped death.

That was close...

She had almost cleared out the MP [1] she had accumulated the entire night.

Sobs... Bloody hell! She clearly just wanted to fly over and be in her dearest's embrace!

No, she must hold back! She did not want to use any more excuses to hide anything from him. Even after she told him, the price she would have to pay might not be something she could bear.

She walked into the advertising department, the first to arrive.

"Bro Xi, you're here! You're really early!" Ye Ying cordially greeted her.

"Morning, Director Ye! Hmm, aren't the others here yet? Then, I'll just shut my eyes to rest! Is that okay?"

"Of course! Bro Xi, you must be quite busy recently. Don't tire yourself out! Rest, it's fine. It'll probably take a while for others to arrive! When they're here, I'll call you!" Ye Ying said.

"Thanks!"

Then, while the others had yet to arrive, Ning Xi sat on the sofa and leaned back to rest. She had not slept for the entire night last night because she had been fighting the restlessness in her.

Her stress-relieving methods in the past had all been disastrous such as partaking in extreme sports or dangerous missions...

Very quickly, the others slowly arrived.

While Ning Xi was still resting with her eyes shut, she heard a sinister voice by her ear, "So, then, have you considered what I said before?"

Chapter 1359: So, Then, Still Want To Continue?

Ning Xi did not even open her eyes. Her voice was even more sinister and terrifying than his. "I'm not in a very good mood lately. I advise you to stay away from me."

The girl's creepy tone caused a chill to shoot up Mo Yuxiu's spine. He scoffed mockingly, "Huh, in a bad mood? What's wrong? Are you breaking up with your man?"

At that moment, the words "breaking up" were a flame that could ignite an entire barrel of explosives...

In the next second, with a resounding thump, Mo Yuxiu was attacked with a shoulder throw by Ning Xi, and he fell to the floor. The girl towered over him and glowered down at him, her eyes containing a slight chill that could make one's blood run cold.

This sudden scene shocked everyone else in the office...

Qin Ran, Han Yucheng, Luo Fan, and Li Lekai all exchanged confused looks.

Bloody hell, why were these two fighting again?

This time, it looked like Ning Xi had made the first move.

In the corner, Jiang Muye shook his head and sighed as he looked pitifully at Mo Yuxiu.

Pfft, I wonder what happened to that girl. She has been a mess recently. Even I daren't get close to her. Mo Yuxiu had to go to her now of all times. It was practically suicide!

"Frick..." Mo Yuxiu was the most confused. He did not expect Ning Xi to suddenly revolt. In defiance, he cursed and attacked her right back.

Ning Xi's usual fighting capabilities were enough to beat Mo Yuxiu. Now, the situation was even more savage that it was hard for anyone to watch.

Then...nextup...Mo Yuxiu had undoubtedly been beaten up by Ning Xi...

In fact, Ning Xi did not care about his dignity at all this time. She sat on Mo Yuxiu and beat him up to the extent that he had no way of fighting back. Only her final sliver of rationality held her back from hitting his face.

Qin Ran stroked his chin and commented, "Watching Ning Xi fight is quite exciting!"

Li Lekai, whose partner had cheated on him with Mo Yuxiu, was watching the show rather gleefully. He almost wanted to get his phone out and record this, so he could watch it before sleeping every night. It just felt so good!

"Bro Xi...Yuxiu! Don't fight anymore. Things were just fine. What happened?" Ye Ying was anxiously calling out from the side.

She was speechless as well. Why had her two Prince Charmings gotten into a fight again? What weird addiction was this!?

Thankfully, after the previous incidents, she was getting familiar with things and now she was much calmer. Plus, Ning Xi did not his hit face, so she felt that she would not act out of hand, reassuring her slightly.

Until the end, Ning Xi used one knee to pin Mo Yuxiu's back down. She panted slightly, then leaned into the man's ear and warned, "How then? Still want to continue?"

When Mo Yuxiu felt the girl's slim legs on his back, while the girl's warm breath gasping close to his ear, he suddenly felt his heart beating faster beyond comprehension...

That was...the long-awaited...feeling of arousal... The feeling of being aroused by a woman...

Bloody hell! Damn it! It was just once or twice, yet he had been beaten to the state of arousal?

He himself did not know that he was into masochism!

"Let go!" Mo Yuxiu was getting frightened by his own thoughts. He struggled vigorously from Ning Xi's grasp and escaped far away, but his gaze towards Ning Xi had secretly increased in passion.

Jiang Muye looked at Ning Xi, then at the beaten-up Mo Yuxiu.

Sigh, now Ning Xi had someone else to beat up. Finally, he did not have to suffer anymore, but why did he suddenly feel lonely?

Chapter 1360: Seen As A Romantic Rival

With Ning Xi's grave warning, Mo Yuxiu finally decided to stop. The crowd first gathered for a meeting at the advertising department, then they proceeded to Emerald Villa together and had a press conference for the commercial "Seven Days".

Ye Ying had specially chosen a remote and secluded location to organize the press conference, yet when they arrived, the venue was already crowded with people. Even if the hotel had done preparations in advance, they still could not hold back the enthusiasm of the fans. At last, even the police force had to be there.

Among these seven people, just a group of their fans would be enough to overwhelm. What more when it was all seven of them together! The crowd almost got into a fight.

The funniest thing was that many fans had even change sides at the event, switching to be another person's fan. As for those fujoshis that liked to matchmake, with the seven Prince Charmings before them, they had already silently thought of all sorts of ships. They were in heaven!

Ning Xi was already in bad condition. When she reached such a chaotic venue, she felt her head hurt even more, but she forced a smile and greeted the fans.

As they walked in, being confused and disoriented, Ning Xi did not notice the staircase in front of her. When she walked up, she accidentally tripped.

In the next second, before her body lost control, two hands unexpectedly reached out from her left and her right.

Jiang Muye's expression darkened. He looked like a worried mother hen. "What are you thinking about?! Can you watch where you're going? Do you want to perform kissing the floor for your fans?"

Mo Yuxiu did not expect to hurl out his arm too. He immediately withdrew it back when he realized what had happened, then he remained expressionless.

It was just a brief interlude, yet the crowd had already burst into shrieks that could pierce through the roof.

"Ah, ah, ah, ah! Muye pampers Bro Xi so much!"

"XiYe, sugoi [1]!"

"XiYe is canon [2], happiness!"

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Amid the shrieks, a few of Mo Yuxiu fans had also emotionally said, "But Bro Xi is quite fitting with our Xiu Xiu too! Xiu Xiu is so tsundere [3] in front of Bro Xi! How cute!"

However, the moment they started, they were rebutted by Muye and Ning Xi's shippers [4], "Huh! Bro Xi and Mo Yuxiu? What's this evil cult!? Drag them out! Our Muye and Ning Xi is the true canon, okay? From 'The World' to 'Our 18-Year Old Youth', no matter in a male or a female outfit..."

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As Mo Yuxiu listened to the fans' discussions, he could not help but take a second look at Jiang Muye's direction.

Even though they were in the same company and had collaborated many times, it was not unusual for them to be close, yet he still felt their relationship was not merely platonic.

Could Ning Xi's boyfriend really be Jiang Muye?

Were the two of them secretly dating?

"Huh, Tang Xi... I thought how high your standards were, but they're just so low!"

"Ah-choo!" Up front, Jiang Muye who did not realize he had been perceived as a romantic rival, suddenly sneezed. He scratched his head and mumbled, "Who's talking bad about me?"

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The commercial received the popular response that they had predicted and the press conference ended smoothly.

A day very quickly passed by amid the bustle. Ning Xi had just reached home when her phone rang. Lu Jingli was calling.

"Hey, what's up?" Ning Xi's tone was lazy, revealing a dispirited energy.

"Bro Xi, I'm at my brother's. A friend just gave me an Australian lobster and a king crab. I've moved it here. Come over and cook it! It's too wasteful to leave it to my chefs!"

When she heard that Lu Jingli wanted her to go over to Lu Tingxiao's place, Ning Xi immediately felt her back tense u. "I can't today. I have to look through my script."

"Then, I'll just let my chefs cook it. Just come over to eat!"

"I'm not free to eat either!"