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Chapter 1901: Foreign Feeling

After her social outing, by the time Ning Xueluo got back, it was already late at night.

Ning Xueluo was pleased to see the familiar pair of shoes at the door.

Su Yan was back.

She opened the door to her bedroom and saw Su Yan on the balcony as she looked through the glass window.

“Bro Yan! You’re back. I missed you...”

Su Yan’s body stiffened a little when he felt the pliable body behind him. He turned around and looked at the girl. “Done with work?”

Ning Xueluo nodded, seeming a little distressed. “History and Starlight have been having one issue after another lately, especially Starlight because of sister’s sudden comeback... The press conference for ‘The World’ that we’ve prepared for so long was ruined. Problems have been appearing for Zixuan as well... Ah, right, Bro Yan, do you know that Sister came back?!”

Su Yan nodded. “I heard about it.”

Ning Xueluo’s eyes darkened. She guessed that Su Yan must have found out about the truth about Ning Xi’s disappearance. Intentionally, she said regretfully, “I didn’t think that so many things happened to Sister in the past year. Unfortunately, none of us knew and couldn’t help in any way...”

Su Yan did not reply. He just looked up into the night sky with a tight-lipped expression.

Ning Xueluo felt a strong sense of unease when she saw his face.

She suddenly remembered how he had disappeared for a day when he should have been back by yesterday.

What had he done in this period of time from the airport on the way home?

Had he really just been in the office? He did not even come back last night.

As far as she knew, the company had not been that busy lately.

She was not really focused on his whereabouts these few days because she had been busy. She wanted to give his assistant a call when she came home just now, but then she saw Su Yan for herself...

What made her most worried was whether Su Yan knew about Ning Xi’s relationship with the Zhuang family already.

Would he be like Zheng Minjun after knowing about Ning Xi’s true identity?

She realized that something was not right with Su Yan since a year ago. Her worries went away before her anxiety could even start since Ning Xi’s disappearance a year ago, but now that Ning Xi had returned...

Ning Xueluo felt agitated.

Damn it, how could she forget about something so important and ignored Su Yan!

Ten companies could not compare to keeping Su Yan to herself and clinging to the Su family!

She had been cool and calm all the way before, including facing Zheng Minjun's side because her biggest trump card was Su Yan.

No matter how much Zheng Minjun disliked her, Zheng Minjun could not do anything against her when Su Yan was on her side. It was futile even if Su Hongguang were to say something about it.

However, now, she did not feel the confidence when she looked at the man she had been controlling all along...

The expression he wore right now felt extremely foreign to her.

Since when did the eyes of this totally submissive, loyal man lose its former passion and fire when looking at her?

His heart was not with her. Where did it go?

Ning Xi's eyes were filled with a light of fury. The next moment, her eyes teared up as if she had gone through something terrible. She slumped into Su Yan's arms dramatically. "Bro Yan, what should I do? I'm afraid..."

Su Yan took back the words he was about to say when he saw the girl's extremely fearful expression. "What's wrong? What happened?"

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"Bro Yan, do you not want me anymore?" The girl wept as she looked up and asked.

When Su Yan heard this, he probably felt guilty, so his heart skipped a beat. He turned stiff and could not answer.

While Su Yan's reaction felt as if someone had splashed a bucket of icy water in her face, her fingernails stabbed deep into her palms.

Su Yan!

He had really thought of it!

Ning Xueluo was filled with gloom on the inside, and the expression on her face looked even sadder. "Bro Yan, do you know no matter how hard I try, Grandfather's side would never take a second look at me. They even think I have ulterior motives, but... but I really just wanted to resolve the friction between Grandfather and Mother..."

"I know you have good intentions," said Su Yan a little absent-mindedly.

"I don't know where I went wrong either. Probably because Grandfather and Mother's conflict runs so deep, and because I've always been closer to Mother, so Grandfather speaks bluntly to me, yet... yet they acknowledged Ning Xi..." When she said this, Ning Xueluo's face crumpled with despair.

Su Yan patted the girl's shoulder. "This has nothing to do with you. Probably... it's because Ning Xi has the blood of the Zhuang family running through her after all."

When she heard this, Ning Xueluo suddenly turned pale. She laughed bitterly. "Huh, yeah... Bloodline... Sister is still the biological one. Who am I? Now, even Grandfather will only acknowledge Sister. I know... I'm not worthy... but I'm afraid... I'm really afraid..."

"Bro Yan, you know... back then, Mother was already very unhappy with me because of my identity. In this past year, I've been working very hard with all my might. Only then did Mother become satisfied with me..."

"B-but since the last time Mother saw Auntie bringing Ning Xi along to attend Madam Li's private gathering, her attitude towards me started to become worse. I'm really afraid... really afraid that Mother will hate me and force me to leave you..."

As she said this, Ning Xueluo was already choking on her sobs.

She did not mention Su Yan's change of heart, pretending to think that Su Yan was still affectionate towards her and putting on an act that she was worried that they would be broken up by his mother.

As he watched the girl who was being skeptical and was losing her head over the fear of being separated from him, even if it was a decision that he had taken a whole year to settle on, even if earlier he had already talked to his father and had already decided on it...

At this moment, Su Yan still hesitated.

The words that he was going to say could not be uttered no matter what.

Su Yan's brows furrowed. In the end, he just said, "Don't let your imagination run wild. How Ning Xi's past history is and how the Zhuang family treats her has nothing to do with you."

Initially, he had not decided on the divorce because of this. Only this fact had, on a certain level, steadied his decision.

Even if this layer of reasoning was not there, he would still have made this decision.

Ning Xueluo leaned into Su Yan's embrace and cried inconsolably. "Bro Yan, actually... I'm really tired... really tired... but once I think about how I can be with you, as long as I know you love me, I can endure everything... I'm glad to endure everything..."

Su Yan's expression was even stiffer now. His initially determined heart started to waver. Indeed, Xueluo had sacrificed much for him.

However, his feelings at the moment were different from before. He only felt that he could not bear to do it, yet there was no hint of reluctance to part with her. Even watching the way Ning Xueluo was right now filled him with annoyance.

At this moment, that bright and resplendent face flashed across his mind...

That girl had never said such things before him or complained to him. When she faced him, it was forever with a lovely smile...

That strong desire of winning that person over instantly calmed the man's chaotic state of mind brought about by Ning Xueluo's crying.

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As he watched the woman sobbing in his arms, even though Su Yan did not immediately say what he had planned to, his decision became even firmer.

The man lightly patted the woman in his arms. There was a dim light that flashed in his eyes.

“Xueluo, I know you’ve sacrificed a lot to be with me, and you’ve suffered a lot... but, actually, the real victim here, and the most innocent one here... is still Ning Xi. Years ago, you even did those things to her...”

Ning Xueluo’s body instantly turned rigid. This was her Achilles’ heel!

Damn it. If it had not been for that two useless garbage being accidentally found out by Su Yan, she would not have so much trouble today.

Even though that incident years ago had crushed that slut, Ning Xi, it had, at the same time, put a time bomb between her and Su Yan, allowing the relationship among the three of them to remain in a disadvantaged and passive position all along. Every time she saw Ning Xi, she had to look like she was ashamed and blamed it all on herself...

It was enough!

However, she had to resort to doing that. If Su Yan picked up on any hint that she had done that on purpose back then, it would be over!

Ning Xueluo’s tears fell like rain as she looked aggrieved with self-blame. “I know... I always knew... That’s why all these years, I’ve never fought for anything with Sister... I can even return everything I have to her... just hoping that Sister can forgive me...”

“But, Bro Yan, you know Sister’s misunderstood me too deeply. She’s not willing to accept any of my attempts to compensate...”

“If she was willing, would you really be willing to do anything? Willing to return it all to her?” Su Yan suddenly asked.

Ning Xueluo was stunned by this question. She could not say anything for a long time as a torrent of anger surged up from the bottom of her heart!

Slut!

Had she already secretly hooked up with Su Yan?

Otherwise, why would Su Yan say such things?

What was he trying to hint?

Return to her?

Return what to her?

Su Yan?!

Dream on!

Su Yan is my man, my husband. I’m the only Madam Su!

This position is mine and I definitely won’t yield!

Su Yan did not wait to see Ning Xueluo's expression. He just ended the topic. "It's very late. Go to sleep."

He did not mention what had happened today. It was probably best to let her mentally prepare. Wait till he settled all of the follow-up matters and prepared the divorce papers. Then, it would not be too late and it was best to save the trouble.

In the past few years, Ning Xueluo had indeed proven results in the market. She had also received praises from those in the industry, but she was just a woman who relied on the Ning and Su family connections backing her. Otherwise, she could not have navigated through those difficult situations.

Ning International, History, and Starlight were all heavily invested and had equity participation from the Su family. He had even transferred Starlight's shares to her. After they get a divorce, as compensation, he could give them all to her. He would not want a single cent and that way, he would not be treating her unfairly.

Just based on those, it would be enough for her to live a decent life. With Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu's pampering her, she would not have too hard of a life after the divorce.

Even when Su Yan turned around to walk towards the bathroom, Ning Xueluo still stood there blankly on the balcony.

She had been with Su Yan for so many years. How could she not have guessed Su Yan's thoughts?

This man! This time, he was really possessed by that slut. Even if he did not mention it today, she was afraid that she would not have been too far off.

Divorce?

Impossible...

While Su Yan had gone to shower, Ning Xueluo dug out a box from the lowest drawer in the cupboard and took out a delicate, amber vial. Then, she lit the aromatherapy kit and poured the vial of liquid in.

Instantly, the room was filled with a sweet but subtle fragrance...

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That sweet fragrance seeped through the door gap and at the same time, slid into the bathroom...

Su Yan was soaping himself as he was thinking about how to deal with all the impending problems after the divorce.

As he thought about that silhouette that appeared in his dreams every night, when he thought about how that girl was going to return to his side very soon and belong completely to him, not being able to be lusted after by other men, the final mercy he had left in his heart for Xueluo vanished without a hint.

He just wanted to make up for his mistake and the damage he had done.

The flow of water streamed down his body. Unknowingly, there was suddenly a reaction from the lower half of his body...

At the same time, his mind was filled with uncontrollable images of the girl from the way she wore that red gown to walk down the red carpet like a blazing sun that dazzled, and the way she looked in

the pure white gown like the soft crooning of an immortal fairy. Even if she wore a school uniform, her skin still glowed porcelain-white like snow in the depths of the night.

He imagined... his own hand touching her... kissing her...

Su Yan's hand could not restrain itself as he held onto his junk.

It was precisely at this moment that the bathroom door was suddenly pulled open from the outside with a loud crash.

Then in the midst of the ascending vapor, Ning Xueluo stood behind him, her fingers pulling the knot on her nightgown belt apart. Her nightgown instantly fell to her feet...

Before her, Su Yan's eyes instantly filled with bloodlust. Fuelled by the vapor, her body slowly looked like Ning Xi's...

In the next second, he dragged the woman by her wrist and pushed her against the cold wall.

Next came the man's almost boorish needs...

And the rough panting in her ear, "Xiao Xi... Xiao Xi..."

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By midnight, Su Yan was fast asleep on the bed.

Ning Xueluo picked up her nightgown and looked at her bruised body, her head filled with the name Su Yan had called out earlier. Her expression was as fierce as a demon.

The times that Su Yan had shared a bedroom with her had become lesser and lesser over the weeks. For the sake of bearing his child soon, she had to use some special methods. In this past one year, she had used that special essence oil many times to liven things up.

Even then, in the worst situation, Su Yan had never cried out another woman's name.

Yet now, he actually...

That slut who could not even watch after her own man, that good-for-nothing slut who had been raped and even impregnated with a bastard. For what reason did he have to cry out her name?

After Su Yan was sound asleep, Ning Xi's expression was incredibly cold as she took out an outdated handphone from her secret safe and then walked to the balcony on the top floor.

"Hello?" When the call went through, the man on the other end sounded quite impatient.

Ning Xueluo did not pay attention to the man's tone. Her voice was incredibly sharp as she commanded, "I want Ning Xi dead! Just kill her! Now! Immediately! Right away!"

After a short silence, from the other end of the phone came a sinister snort. "Haha, Ms. Ning, please watch your tone! F*cking hell, do you think my people are your errand company?"

The man's fierce voice made Ning Xueluo calm down quite a bit. She slowed down and said, "Money is no question as long as that woman completely disappears from this world! I don't want you to kidnap anyone, or threaten someone to secretly do it. Mistakes can happen too easily! I can't wait for another moment! I want her to die right now!"

The man's tone was even more impatient. "That woman is a public figure. She has bodyguards by her side too. Do you think it's that easy to just assassinate her directly? Don't tell me that you don't know about this woman's relationship with the Zhuang family?"

"The last time you let me mess with Zhuang Rongguang, I was almost killed by you. Now, you want me to go kill Zhuang Zongren's niece? Haha, do you think I'm an idiot?"

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Ning Xueluo's face turned black when she heard what the man said. Her heart was filled with spite.

"I'm busy right now. Don't bother me with such trivial matters!" The man then hung up.

Ning Xueluo clenched her teeth as she stared at her phone.

Damn it!

If she could ignore the risk of hiring someone within the country, she would not have gone through the trouble of using a power she could not control.

She had done so much for them, yet they decided not to help her at such a crucial moment. Unfortunately, they had undesirable information in their hands, so she could not do anything against them.

She had made them threaten the assistant to swap the fake gun for a real one. In the end, their scheme had failed, and this time they even rejected her outright.

That damned slut, how was she so lucky every time!

Su Yan seemed rather determined this time. He might have even already discussed it with Su Hongguang and Zheng Minjun. Since it was impossible to eliminate Ning Xi right away, it was inevitable that he would propose a divorce.

She understood how important the Su family was to her, History, Starlight, and especially her position at Ning International. Everything was tied to the Su family.

How could she allow what she had currently to be taken away by that slut Ning Xi!?

Slut, you want to fight with me and have Su Yan divorce with me, it would not be that easy...

Ning Xueluo looked downwards with a darkened expression, she rubbed her tummy, it seemed like that was the only way left...

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After a few days.

The ranking poll of Entertainment's Light officially started.

Aside from the ranking in the entertainment industry, there were several polls that were not limited to just people in the entertainment industry.

One of them was “Most Desired Man To Be Married By Women In The Country”. Although most of the nominations were male celebrities, people outside of the entertainment industry could be included in the ranking as well.

For example, the person who was always at the top of this list for many, many years was Lu Tingxiao.

No matter how the other rankings changed and how much competition there was, Lu Tingxiao’s name never budged from the list at all.

Every time the voting started, his vote would shoot up at a monstrous rate, and he would end up very high on the list from the get-go.

Ning Xi lay supine on her stomach on the bed and flipped through the rankings. She was impressed when she saw her darling at the very top.

These girls were scary...

Hmm, if they knew the man they wanted to marry the most had been taken by her, what would they do?

“What are you looking at?” Lu Tingxiao kept a short distance and sat down on a chair near the bed.

Ever since the last time, he could not bear it if she were to be three steps within his boundary. Even touching her could give him a reaction, but considering the condition of her body, he had not touched her for the past few days.

Ning Xi turned around and sat up, showing him the phone. “Look, Darling, you’re number one again!”

“What’s this?” Lu Tingxiao scanned through it.

“Don’t you know? The most famous poll in the industry! You’ve been in the top position as the most desired man to marry every year!” Ning Xi said with a stressful expression. “Damn it! I have so many love rivals!”

Ning Xi did not expect that soon after she said that, things would turn around.

No one had as many love rivals as Lu Tingxiao did.

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Xu Tao was very focused on the Entertainment’s Light poll this time. He had already formulated a plan for Ning Xi to win more votes.

Unexpectedly, Jiang Muye was also really giving his all this time.

He always thought that it was troublesome and Lei Ming had to beg him time and time again for him to cooperate a little to get more votes, but he was especially proactive this time. Not only did he change his style and agree to organize a fan meeting, he even posted a Weibo status saying that if he got all three top spots in the polls, he would give his fans a huge treat!

While Jiang Muye was always wild, he never performed any overly sexy scenes. His photos would just show his abs at most. Posting a naked photo of him would be a treat to die for from his fans' point of view!

The fans were so excited that Jiang Muye had been slaying the rankings before the voting period even started.

Of the three rankings Jiang Muye mentioned, apart from the most important "Most Popular Male Artiste", there were two other minor rankings: "National Male Idol" and "Most Desired Male Artiste To Sleep With".

He wanted to give the "Married" ranking a try. Unfortunately, his uncle was always above him and coupled with his usual image, girls would prefer to sleep with him instead, so he stopped thinking about it.

Because the fans only had two votes per person, Lei Ming would always prioritize the most important ranking, but after the provocation by Starlight this year, Jiang Muye decided to slay the ranks!

Since it was such a rarity that Jiang Muye was motivated this time, Lei Ming was really thrilled. He had been working really happily for the past few days.

At the fan meeting.

Jiang Muye changed his usual messy blonde hair look. He cut his hair short and went back to his old dark hair and wore a plain black suit. The cutting of the suit was designed to fit his slim, tapered body. His wild look started to take on a mature vibe...

This was the first time he would be appearing ever since the press conference of "The World" and his fans were all looking forward to it.

The whole venue was heated up when everyone saw the idol with his new look.

"Ah! Muye! Muye! Muye!"

"Oh my God! So cool!"

"I've never seen Muye like this. He's reached another level!"

"Oh my, I've fallen in love all over again!"

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The outcome was better than expected.

Not only did the voting for the three rankings rise up quickly, even the ranking for "Married" shot up quite a bit as well.

Starlight recently had several young artistes, but all of them fell behind by a huge margin. Based on the prediction that they could not top Jiang Muye, they focused their resources on one of the categories but unfortunately, they could not catch up to Jiang Muye.

Lei Ming was really excited. "We finally grabbed the top spot!"

Because Jiang Muye had been lazy last year, the ranking was mostly dominated by people from Starlight.

While Jiang Muye carried his new mature vibe, his attitude turned back to his usual self the moment he got back into the car. He ruffled his hair and started shaking his leg. "I told you so! If I want to, there's nothing I can't do!"

They really thought he was a nobody if he did not do anything!

Let me teach you how to do it!

"What's the situation on Ning Xi's side?" Jiang Muye asked with a serious expression.

Lei Ming frowned as he looked at the data. "Ning Xi... seems to have a little trouble..."

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The male stars had to vie for the "Most Popular Male Artiste", "National Male Idol", "National Husband", "Male Artiste With The Most Potential", and the "Most Desired Male Artiste To Sleep With" categories.

The main categories for the female stars would be "Most Popular Female Star", "National Goddess", and the "Female Artiste With The Most Potential".

The "National Husband" and "Most Desired Male Artiste To Sleep With" categories were just for kicks, but since it was rather sensitive for the females, they did not include it and used the "National Goddess" ranking to cover them all.

So, besides the "Most Popular Female Artiste", the "National Goddess" category carried substantial weight, no less than the "Most Popular Female Artiste" one.

Lei Ming analyzed, "With the current ranking, Ning Xi is in the fourth spot. The top two are both people from Starlight.

"The first is Han Zixuan, while the second is Yin Youyou, who was under Xu Tao before. The third one is someone from Speedy.

"The "National Goddess" ranking isn't looking good as well. Han Zixuan is leading the top spot with votes thrice as many as the runner-up at the moment."

Jiang Muye's expression darkened as he kept quiet.

Lei Ming continued, "Starlight probably thought that they can't stop you anymore, so they didn't put much effort on your side this time, but they probably didn't expect you to be so tough to leave them with nothing."

Lei Ming paused, "However, as for Han Zixuan, since so many things have happened just recently, they would surely snap the ranking up because Han Zixuan was humiliated by Ning Xi.

"If Ning Xi just stole the top spot away the moment she came back, it just means that Han Zixuan's popularity is way below Ning Xi's who just came back out of retirement. While this ranking might seem not important and be just for show, the influence that stems from the discussion of this ranking can affect a whole lot!"

Jiang Muye laughed coldly like he expected it. “So, Starlight would do anything to help Han Zixuan to keep these two rankings!”

Lei Ming nodded. “That’s right, and you know Glory World isn’t in the best of state. If the whole of Starlight decide to help Han Zixuan to get this, it wouldn’t make any difference even if we did anything! The gap is too big!”

No matter how powerful Ning Xi’s comeback this time was, or how successful the press conference went, her spot could not overtake Han Zixuan’s.

“Go and tell Xu Tao that I’ll pay for Ning Xiao Xi’s vote!” Jiang Muye growled angrily.

Lei Ming was trapped between laughter and tears. “You don’t get it. It’s not about the money. The amount of votes we can get in private is very limited. Moreover, you have to ask Ning Xi’s opinion, don’t you?”

Jiang Muye took up his phone and called Ning Xi right away.

“Hey, Ning Xiao Xi!”

“Hey, my nephew, looking cool today!” Ning Xi teased him over the phone. Obviously, she had seen his fan meeting.

Jiang Muye was really angry at first, but the fire within him extinguished when he heard Ning Xi’s teasing. He replied cheekily, “Of course! If I get serious, I’ll be the coolest one around! Wait, no... What the heck did you call me just now?”

Jiang Muye turned to avoid Lei Ming and lowered his voice to say through clenched teeth, “What the heck are you calling me!? I’m talking serious business with you right now!”

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“Yes, yes, yes, Senior Jiang, may I know what it is you want to advise me about?” Ning Xi adapted to him and said sweetly.

Jiang Muye immediately started to rattle on non-stop, “What else can I advise you about? Do you know how important the polls this time are for your comeback? Do you want to be stomped all over by that cheap counterfeit, Han Zixuan?”

“Why aren’t you putting in more effort?! Pull up your votes!”

“This time, it’s not about quality goods not needing advertising. If you don’t announce or promote yourself, nothing will happen. Who will care about you?! You need to change your bad habit of only knowing how to immerse yourself in acting! Didn’t Xu Tao teach you? Make an unreasonable scene, roll about, and act cute. Do one of each! If you really can’t...”

Ning Xi could not help but giggle. “If I really can’t... should I post nudes like you?”

Jiang Muye instantly jumped up in horror. “Of course not! I’m a man, so it’s fine. Later on, I’ll just post half a nude and muddle my way through. You can’t! In their dreams! I’m saying that if you really can’t, just pretend to be gentle and act coquettishly. All men are into that...”

“Pfft... I didn’t think that you’d be into that too, Senior Jiang?”

“I’m saying most of the men! Most!” Jiang Muye shouted defensively, then he unhappily scoffed, “What are you laughing for? This is a very serious, very proper matter. What happened to our agreement of slaying the polls together?! I’ve finally become serious this time. Don’t you let me down at such a crucial moment!”

He wanted to reach the top with her... To slay the polls together...

If it was just him alone, then that would be meaningless!

Having seen how Jiang Muye was finally serious and energetic to win, Ning Xi was more or less infected too. Even Jiang Muye was taking things seriously, so how could she slack off?

She would not back down then. Since she was already back in the game, she obviously would give it her all.

Moments later, from the other end of the phone came the girl’s voice feigning nonchalance, “Don’t worry, Senior Jiang. I’m slaying the polls this time.”

Even though she sounded at ease, it made Jiang Muye’s heart intensely pulse for a moment. Indescribably and without reason, he believed her. He believed that she could really do it.

However, Jiang Muye still miscalculated...

He never would have thought that... Ning Xi’s so-called poll slaying... would mercilessly include slaying him too...

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In Deer Town.

Lu Tingxiao did not quite understand matters of the entertainment industry, especially with all the rankings. However, because of Ning Xi, he still systematically understood it and knew that this poll was very important to Ning Xi.

“Do you need help?” Lu Tingxiao walked over to the girl.

When Ning Xi heard him, she turned around and kissed Lu Tingxiao on the chin, then she smiled. “No need. Don’t use a sledgehammer on a nut!”

How could she bother her darling to handle people of those level?

Lu Tingxiao saw the familiar bright radiance with three parts arrogance and seven parts ease in her eyes. His pupils abruptly shrunk and the temperature of his blood instantly started to rise.

Once some things had its gates opened, it would be incredibly hard to continue controlling it.

Her one meaningful glance and her subtle expression were enough to break the self-constraint that he took pride in, pulverizing it into nothing...

When he realized it, he had already leaned over and kissed the girl’s sweet lips that were as soft as a newly bloomed flower petal.

When he suddenly kissed her mid-speech, Ning Xi blinked, perplexed, but very soon she accepted this kiss that came without a warning.

“When you’re done being busy, I want to bring you somewhere,” said Lu Tingxiao.

Oh, did her Darling actually want to bring her to play?

Ning Xi immediately nodded with anticipation. She had even more motivation to work now.

“Okay!”

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At Starlight Entertainment.

Zheng Anru let out a long sigh of relief upon seeing two of Han Zixuan’s steady number one spots.

“It’s just the first day and your votes are already so high. There’s no way it can be surpassed! I told you that we don’t even have to worry about that outdated star. She only knows how to play tricks. When it comes to competing in strength, it’s game over for her!”

And the so-called strength was not solely about individual strength, but most importantly, the company backing them, the connections, and the opportunities.

How much did Ning Xi have?

Han Zixuan looked unenthusiastically at her top spot on the ranking. There were no changes in her reaction as though it was just something within her expectations. Starlight definitely would not let her be toppled by Ning Xi anyway.

However, when she saw Jiang Muye’s equally high ranking, Han Zixuan looked quite sour.

Zheng Anru noticed Han Zixuan’s line of sight and knew what she was thinking about. She explained helplessly, “Jiang Muye was originally very popular. After the truth was revealed this time and his scandal was clarified, inevitably his popularity would rise too. Plus, this time Jiang Muye must’ve eaten the wrong medicine or something. In the past years, he would not make any effort, but this time he suddenly went all out...”

“To ensure that you can beat Ning Xi, Starlight has allocated all of its resources for you, so I’m afraid the male artiste rankings can’t be saved...”

Han Zixuan was obviously aware of this logic too, but how could she stand this anger in her? The fact that Jiang Muye did not know how to appreciate her kindness, and kept making her look bad, even causing her to be scolded by his fans with no room to refute obviously led her being upset to see him do well.

However, she knew as well that the priority was to keep Ning Xi down. She could not afford to be distracted and handle the other side, thus she could only temporarily suppress all of her feelings.

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The voting campaign was to go on for one week.

In the next few days, Ning Xi increased her efforts to pull votes. With Xu Tao and Liang Feixing’s careful planning, Ning Xi’s votes rapidly increased. For both the categories, she managed to temporarily snag the second spot.

Despite all that, she was still too far away from Han Zixuan who was on top of the ranks.

Clearly, Starlight had pumped all of their resources into Han Zixuan. The number of votes were terrifying. In fact, from the way it seemed, they would not yield in either of the rankings.

Because of Han Zixuan's firm presence, not only was it not much use for Ning Xi to climb to second place with too much difficulty, it even seemed mocking.

It was already the last day and there was almost no suspense in the polls.

Such a high intensity of pulling for votes had almost squeezed the fans' votes dry, so to rely on making a comeback on the last day was almost impossible.

Even though Jiang Muye successfully dominated three categories, he still looked very down. "Bloody hell! If I knew that woman would be so sinister, I would've just let my fans give all their votes to you!"

These past few days, Han Zixuan's team had been actively moving around to pull strings, using all sorts of tricks. First, she used her status to snatch up all the extravagant jobs, bombastically promoting and pulling votes from all around. Finally, she had even pretended to faint from exhaustion on the set. Then, Zheng Anru took the opportunity to weep about how Han Zixuan was so hardworking and slaved as if her life depended on it, garnering sympathy with a myriad of ways...

"What are you worried for? It's not even the end yet." Ning Xi shot a side look at Jiang Muye who kept pacing about until her eyesight was blur.

When he saw the way the main person involved, Ning Xi, was not worried, a certain observer was nearly furious. "There's just one final day left. How can I not be worried?"

"There's still tomorrow night's 'Night of Starlight'," said Ning Xi with a hint in her eyes.

Jiang Muye pouted and grumbled, "What use would that have? Besides, if you wait till then, it'll be too late!"

Chapter 1910

The "Night of Starlight" was also the award ceremony of Entertainment's Light.

Not only would it be streamed on the Internet, it would also be aired live on several major broadcast channels.

The ceremony would start at 8p.m. sharp. After four hours, they would announce the total votes of the poll at the end of the show and hand out the awards.

This meant that if they waited until the "Night of Starlight", there would only be four hours left until the deadline.

What could be done in four hours?

It was no wonder that Jiang Muye was worried.

Alas, they could not really do anything else except for a last sprint!

The performance they had decided on beforehand was the classic opera show "The Phantom of The Opera".

The story was about a chain of weird incidents happening in an opera house in Paris. The former lead female character of a popular opera show was almost crushed to death. There was also the constant horrifying laugh of a man echoing through the opera house, which originated from the “ghost” in the underground maze of the opera house.

The “Phantom” in the title of the musical referred to this ghost.

The phantom fell in love with the female actress, Christine, and he taught her to sing in secret. In turn, he helped her to land the role of the female lead, yet Christine fell in love with the handsome and rich manager of the opera house, Raoul. Out of jealousy, the Phantom started a huge massacre and capture of victims.

The ending of the story was Christine reminding the Phantom of his goodness and kindness with a kiss.

The phantom realized that his love for Christine was becoming toxic, so he then let Christine and Raoul go together. Leaving his cape and mask behind, he vanished alone into the underground maze.

It was a beautiful and mysterious opera show which had been adapted into many other forms of medium because it truly was an excellent classic.

Their arrangement this time was to have Ning Xi play Christine, and Jiang Muye as the handsome and rich Raoul. Because the Phantom was a difficult role and no one else from Glory World could handle it, they hired a professional opera performer to help them.

Jiang Muye’s headache became worse when he thought about this.

Not only were opera shows highly challenging, it would also require both acting and singing. Even the veterans in the industry might not be able to put up a show worth applauding.

Most importantly, just how many people would be interested in the opera in this era? Nobody would care even if they did well!

They might as well follow the trend, and do a dance or sing a popular song!

However, Ning Xi insisted on it, so he could only go along. Fortunately, he had been in a band before he started his acting career, therefore while it had been a long time since he last sang, it was enough to put on a show after some practice.

As for the all-rounded maniac Ning Xi, he had nothing much to say about her.

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In Han Zixuan’s studio at Starlight Entertainment.

The room was filled with extravagant outfits and accessories, dazzling one’s eyes.

Up to this point, Han Zixuan’s votes had reached a point where surpassing it seemed impossible, so they were not worried at all.

However, they could not afford to be careless at the “Night of Starlight” the next day. Ning Xi had been the renowned “Queen of the Red Carpet” back then.

“No way!” Han Zixuan looked at the expensive clothing in disdain.

The stylist seemed troubled. “These are already the best... Zixuan, take a look at this. It’s a centennial anniversary design. They never lend it out to anyone. I put in a lot of effort to...”

Han Zixuan’s expression darkened. “Are you questioning my sense of fashion?”

“Of course not... I got it. I’ll go look for more.” The stylist had been worked to the bone just for that one outfit, but she could only suppress her anger now.