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Chapter 45 He brought shame upon himself (Part 2)

Qin Xuanbing casually opened the jewelry box, inside which was a platinum and diamond necklace. The necklace consisted of two parts: a single platinum chain and five small diamonds. Four of the smaller diamonds were the same size and shape, while the larger diamond in the center shone brilliantly under the light.

Qin Xuanbing paused slightly when she saw the platinum and diamond necklace, then a cold smile appeared on her face. Of course, in Xu Wei's eyes, this smile was an appreciation of the necklace. After taking the necklace out of the jewelry box, Qin Xuanbing pinched the slightly larger diamond with her two slender fingers, held it up to the light, and carefully examined it for about ten seconds before putting the necklace back.

"Mr. Xu, may I ask how much this necklace costs at your company?" Qin Xuanbing asked Xu Wei after putting down the necklace.

"This platinum and diamond necklace was designed by Carole Bonney, a jewelry design master we invited from the UK. The necklace is made of Platinum Pt999 (meaning a platinum content of 999‰) and weighs 8 grams. The diamonds set below are high-quality diamonds that our company purchased at a high price from South Africa. They are all VS2 grade diamonds with a total weight of five carats. The four smaller diamonds are also 5 carats each, and the main diamond in the center weighs three carats. Through the meticulous design of our master designer, the necklace and these diamonds are perfectly integrated. This necklace is also our company's main product at this year's National Jewelry Fair and is not yet available for sale."

Xu Wei's words were interspersed with a lot of English, causing Liu Chuan to frown repeatedly. Just as Liu Chuan was about to interrupt him, Xu Wei stopped, seemingly waiting for Qin Xuanbing to ask about the price of the diamond necklace. However, he was disappointed; Qin Xuanbing simply looked at him without speaking. Xu Wei could only continue, "As for the price, we haven't set a price yet, but it should be over two million RMB. Given Miss Qin's image, if she's interested in this necklace and willing to become our company's brand ambassador, she can get it for free."

Xu Wei wasn't exaggerating. The company was indeed selecting a spokesperson recently. Although most people in the company preferred to invite some big-name celebrities to be spokespeople, Xu Wei believed that with Qin Xuanbing's temperament and appearance, those people would definitely agree to let her be the spokesperson after seeing her, and he could take the opportunity to get close to her. As

for whether the cold and beautiful woman in front of him would refuse, Xu Wei didn't even consider it. He didn't believe that this woman could resist such a great temptation.

Qin Xuanbing frowned slightly upon hearing this and said in a soft voice, "I have some thoughts on this necklace. I wonder if Mr. Xu would like to hear them?"

"Of course, Miss Qin, please speak. I am all ears." Xu Wei raised his eyebrows smugly, thinking that Qin Xuanbing still had questions to ask him.

"First of all, I want to say that the clarity of these five diamonds is not VS2 as Mr. Xu claimed, but P2, which is the lowest grade of diamond. Including the cut, the total price of the five diamonds should be around HKD 60,000.

Secondly, the platinum used in this necklace is not 999 platinum, but only PT950, which costs about 300 yuan per gram on the market. This means the total cost of the necklace is at most HK\$150,000. As for the design, I can say with certainty that it is worthless. Therefore, I don't know if I can interpret Mr. Xu's claim of a price of two million RMB as a deliberate attempt to deceive consumers.

Although Qin Xuanbing's voice was melodious and pleasant, it sounded like a bolt from the blue to Xu Wei. He knew the true cost of the necklace, but he never expected it to be exposed so ruthlessly in public. It was like slapping him hard across the face and then trampling him into the ground. This blow was much more severe than when he had misidentified the bracelet earlier.

It's important to understand that while many jewelry companies in China sell inferior diamonds at low prices, obtain national certificates through connections, and then resell them for ten or even dozens of times the profit, these practices are all conducted in private and cannot be made public. If this were to be publicized today, it would have an extremely negative impact on the reputation of Xu Wei's family company.

Song Jun and his colleagues didn't know much about diamonds, but they did know about the different grades of diamond quality. Internationally, diamond purity is divided into nine grades: VVS, VS1, VS2, VS3, SI1, SI2, SI3, P1, and P2. Among them, the highest grade, VVS diamonds, have no impurities when observed under a 15x magnifying glass, making them rare.

Diamonds of VS3 or higher are those that have no impurities even under a 10x magnifying glass. Diamonds of SI3 or higher have no impurities visible to the naked eye, but may have small white or black spots or other impurities under a 14x magnifying glass. Diamonds of P1 or lower have impurities visible to the naked eye. This is why Qin Xuanbing was able to identify the grades of these diamonds after just a quick look under the light.

"Miss Qin, your statement is a bit arbitrary. Our company has a GAC diamond grading certificate issued by the Gem and Jewelry Association of China. How could we possibly pass off inferior products as superior ones and deceive consumers? Besides, this is the most popular design this year by Master Carol Bonney, which has received high praise from our domestic peers. How could it be worthless? Does Miss Qin think she is more knowledgeable than Master Carol Bonney?"

Qin Xuanbing's previous words had exceeded Xu Wei's tolerance, as they concerned the reputation of his family company. Therefore, at this moment, he put aside his lust and began to speak sharply to her.

Qin Xuanbing smiled faintly, seemingly ignoring Xu Wei's accusations, and said, "I don't know or have ever heard of the Carol Bonney master that Mr. Xu mentioned. However, I do know that he is a person of low character. The reason I say that this necklace is worthless is because the necklace he designed was one of the pieces in a batch of jewelry ordered by the British Royal Family last year. In other words, Carol Bonney is a plagiarist. If you put this necklace on the market, I believe you will soon receive a court summons."

"You're talking nonsense. What evidence do you have to prove that what you're saying is true? This is slander against our company, Ms. Qin. Words can be dangerous, so please be careful what you say."

Qin Xuanbing's words completely ripped off Xu Wei's pretense, and his fair face twisted in anger. You see, Carole Bonney was someone he had personally recruited from England at a high salary, despite opposition from his family. If what Qin Xuanbing said was true, then his position in the family would definitely be severely impacted. After all, the Xu family has many talented people, and there are quite a few who are eyeing his position and want to take his place.

"Because I am the designer of this jewelry, I am certainly qualified to say this. You can go back and tell the so-called Master Carol Bonney that Katherine will pursue his infringement against him when the time is right."

Katherine is Qin Xuanbing's English name. In the international jewelry industry, when people describe Qin Xuanbing, they refer to both her name and her as a person, just like the beautiful and elegant jewelry she designs.

Qin Xuanbing's words completely devastated Xu Wei. He had no idea that the designer he had hired was a plagiarist. What made it even more humiliating was that he had actually flaunted his plagiarized work in front of the original author, which was a complete disgrace. At this moment, Xu Wei was ashen-faced and wished he could disappear into a hole in the ground.