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Chapter 1231: Everyone's Victory

As Ning Xi's movie became more and more popular, Shi Xiao and Xiong Zhi were probably the happiest. Not only did they join the "Dream Chaser" discussion forum, they even bought tickets with their own money and distributed it to people around them for free. They were even the VIP members of Ning Xi's international fan club.

With their lady boss getting more and more popular, they would soon be back at work!

As the cinemas increased the showtimes frequency, the number of tickets sold for "Dream Chaser" became higher and higher...

\$ 600 million, \$ 700 million, \$ 800 million, \$ 900 million...

On the tenth day, "Dream Chaser" reached \$ 1 billion at the box office!

As for "I Only Like You", it stopped around \$ 500 million and its online ratings dropped to a wretched 3.5!

All the netizens celebrated! This was not just a movie's victory, it was everyone's victory. To a certain extent, it was a monumental moment for the movie industry in China!

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Inside a high-class villa in Imperial, Liang Biqin cried in front of Su Yimo, "Cousin! That woman is really wicked, she's just pushing me into a corner! If it wasn't for her, my movie would surely be a big hit, but now, everyone is criticizing me... How can I still survive in the industry?!"

Su Yimo flipped through the magazines and newspapers beside her. All of them sang praises for Ning Xi and she did not look very happy.

They had ignored Ning Xi when they found out she was involved in Chen Mian's small production movie, but who would have known that this movie would become such a big hit?

"Cousin, this woman is really calculative. First, she took care of me. I'm afraid she'll be dealing with you next!" Liang Biqin wept.

Su Yimo smiled coldly. "She'll have to be up to my standards first."

Liang Biqin knew something was up, so she asked, "How can she be up to your standards? You simply didn't do anything against her before, but if you really wanted to, she wouldn't stand a chance against you!"

"She's at her peak right now. We would be troubling the company if we go against her now. Let's give it some time. Moreover, it's at the peak for her movie to reach a billion." Su Yimo sounded calm.

"Cousin, you're too kind, you're thinking about the company even now!" Liang Biqin mumbled, "It's just one billion. Of course, it's nothing to you, your best movie reached \$ 1.8 billion! Almost double of hers!"

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Most people had the same judgment about "Dream Chaser" as Su Yimo. They predicted that it would be difficult for it to rise anymore after hitting a billion in sales.

Usually, the peak period for a movie was the first week after its release. Afterward, it would not budge much.

On the day the movie reached \$ 1 billion, Ning Xi followed Chen Mian's instructions and posted a set of photos of her in a male outfit.

However, because the photos Lu Tingxiao took were so perfect, Ning Xi did not want them to go to waste, so she posted all of them in a photo grid.

The netizens had already been asking for her photos for several days. After Ning Xi uploaded the photos, it was shared for over a hundred thousand times within just two hours.

Her attraction was similar to the influential power of a first-class actress!

Chapter 1232: Sweet Taste Of Love

After she posted the photos, thousands of girls went crazy in the comments section!

"Ah! Why is my screen so dirty!? Lick lick!"

"My hubby's sexy-at-home look. I'm losing it!"

"What a hot photo, you dirty little creature!"

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Some of the netizens realized something...

"Don't you guys think that in Bro Xi's picture...there's an odd sweet taste of love?"

"Yes! I can feel like I'm in love at first glance! The way Bro Xi looks into my eyes is like she's a gazing into the eye of a lover!"

"My body is trembling! I'm really jealous of Bro Xi's photographer! To be so near to her!"

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Ning Xi read through the comments, then she somewhat understood Lu Tingxiao's reaction the other day.

Hmm, maybe the devil really was being professional after all? I did seduce him...

Well, it was the devil's fault for being so attractive in the first place...

As Ning Xi was scrolling through the comments section, her phone rang. It was a call from Jiang Muye.

"Hey, what's the matter?"

"So, I can't find you without anything important now huh, big shot!?" Jiang Muye mumbled.

Ning Xi teasingly replied him, "What? Are you jealous?"

"You still have a long way to go!" Jiang Muye had said it over and over again before, but this time, his tone was much humbler.

"What's up?"

After a while, Jiang Muye finally asked, "Your photos...who took them for you?"

"Why are you asking this?"

"Answer me first!"

"Your uncle! Who else?" Ning Xi replied.

"Hmph...I knew it...that cheeky smile..." Jiang Muye then ended the call abruptly.

Ning Xi was confused.

This crazy guy! He called just to ask me this?

After Jiang Muye, Chen Mian soon called her.

"Xiao Xi, who took your photos for you?"

She did not expect Chen Mian to ask her the same question.

"A friend of mine took them for me at home. Is there any problem?" Ning Xi asked.

Chen Mian laughed, "No problem, no problem! Your friend takes good pictures! This is great!"

Chen Mian then continued, "Do you know that I just got news that within the two hours after you posted the photos, all the tickets were sold out in all cinemas!? We might break the record for the reaching highest box office number in a day!"

"Really?!" Ning Xi only knew her pictures were doing well, but she did not realize that they could affect the box office to such an extent.

Chen Mian chuckled, "It's understandable that we have managed to achieve this much. You're reaching both the male and female fans!"

"I see...okay..."

"So, I have to remind you, you can't be too biased towards your female fans. If we break the record, remember to post a set of photos of you in a female outfit. It'd be great if your friend can help you again!" Chen Mian was looking out for her male fans.

Ning Xi smiled. "Sure!"

Chapter 1233: Don't Overestimate My Self-Restraint

Coincidentally, it was a week-long national holiday the next day, so all of the major cinemas had given "Dream Chaser" the highest number of showtime allocations.

Given that it was the holiday season, plus the extremely high screening frequencies, and Ning Xi's Weibo posting's promotional effect, it could be said that everything was perfect.

On the third morning of the week, the box office numbers for "Dream Chaser" from the day before were revealed.

\$ 802 million!

Just in one day, within 24 hours, the box office had achieved this stupefying number of \$ 800 million and had broken the record of comedy king, Pang Xun's movie last year by a neck's length. "Joyful Occasion" had only reached \$ 798 million!

In fact, the total box office sales of "Dream Chasers" had reached \$ 1.8 billion at this point.

If they continued on with the current situation, it was not just the single day box office records that they would surpass, they might even be able to break the record for total box office sales.

When everyone had thought that \$ 1 billion was the peak of their performance, the surge in the box office numbers practically shocked all of the media and industry people!

At the same time, just as Chen Mian had predicted, waves of people started to ask for Ning Xi to post herself in a female outfit on Weibo.

Even though Ning Xi was dressed as a man most of the time in the movie, something was deemed precious when it was rare. Not only were those few scenes in female outfits forgotten, on the contrary, it left a more impactful impression on the audience, especially when it was worshipped as a classic scene by a huge group of men.

Many of the male audience had at first been like Chen Hanchen and Qi Fang. Because of Ning Xi's skilled acting, they had completely forgotten that she was a woman. Realizing that she was so popular with the ladies, especially those with wives and girlfriends, they could not help but feel uneasy when they saw their other halves so charmed by Ning Xi.

However, when they went to watch the movie with them and saw the breathtaking beauty of the female lead when she returned to her original female state, all of them had become crazy fans of Ning Xi along with their wives.

In the past, couples would get jealous when one of them was chasing after a celebrity, but now that they liked the same idol at the same time, they were unusually harmonious and the eagerness to idolize Ning Xi had multiplied.

Early in the morning, Ning Xi's phone was about to explode with congratulatory messages, and of course, there was Chen Mian's reminder to prepare the reward.

Ning Xi had thought that even if they broke the record, it would not be so soon, yet who would have thought that it had only taken a day to achieve it? She quickly called the devil and planned for him to help her take pictures after he was done with work.

In the afternoon, after Lu Tingxiao came, Ning Xi quickly hopped over and massage his shoulders and back. "Big Boss, your pictures the last time were amazing! Director Chen told me that I must ask you to help me again this time!"

Lu Tingxiao shot her a side look, then asked, "This time you're going to take pictures in a female outfit?"

Ning Xi nodded. "Right, right! Big Boss, you're so smart!"

"I don't want to."

Ning Xi was speechless!

The devil had actually rejected her...

Ning Xi was instantly disappointed and she pouted. "Why?"

"I can't bear to."

When she heard this, Ning Xi almost choked on her own saliva and a long pause later, she cleared her throat. "But...weren't you fine with it the last time?"

"Do you think that if I could barely hold it in for you in a male outfit, I could restrain myself to see you in a female outfit too?" Lu Tingxiao said, then continued expressionlessly, "Don't overestimate my self-restraint."

Ning Xi was speechless again.

As she looked at Lu Tingxiao's adamant look, Ning Xi felt a headache coming on.

Did he really not want to help her take pictures just for this reason?

Chapter 1234: Little Treasure is Very Happy

The pictures this time were quite important. Ning Xi wanted to reenact the quality and candidness from the first time, so she did not want to hire those professional photographers that would make her pictures look too posed. For a moment, she really did not know who else to ask for help from.

As she was fretting, inspiration struck her. "Ah! I got it!"

Hehe, he was not the only reliable male in this house!

"Little Treasure will be done with school soon, won't he? I'll go fetch him!" Ning Xi said happily.

She had decided that this time, she would get baby Little Treasure to help her with the pictures. This was different from the past. Ever since Ning Xi had exploded in popularity overnight, it would definitely be harder for her to leave the house now.

Before this, she would always dress as a male to leave the house conveniently, but now it was probably safer to dress as her normal self.

Thankfully, her name that was registered with the teachers as Little Treasure's parent was "Tang Xi", so it was still alright to use the excuse of looking like a celebrity in terms of looks.

However, to be safe, Ning Xi still did not get down from the car. Lu Tingxiao picked Little Treasure up instead.

Even though it was Father fetching him from school personally today, the little bun was quite calm about it.

Through the car window, Ning Xi could see the little guy carrying a schoolbag on his back as Lu Tingxiao held his hand. His face was as flawless as Lu Tingxiao's, and he walked expressionlessly towards the car.

The conversation between the father and son made one go speechless.

Lu Tingxiao asked, "What did your teacher teach in school today?"

Little Treasure answered, "I don't know."

Lu Tingxiao inquired, "How are you getting along with your classmates? Do you talk to them?"

Little Treasure answered, "Boring."

Lu Tingxiao questioned, "How did you do on your quiz?"

Little Treasure responded, "Alright."

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The father and son pair had this odd conversation as they walked to the car.

Lu Tingxiao walked up and pulled open the car door, then the little bun was instantly stunned.

"Mommy!" The little guy's expressionless face instantly revealed an adorable expression as he softly called out to his mother before he quickly ran to the car and into her embrace.

"Little Treasure!" Ning Xi hugged the little guy and kissed his soft little cheeks.

"Mommy, are you here to fetch Little Treasure?" The little guy's eyes lit up like the stars in the sky.

"Yes, but I didn't get down because I'm afraid of getting recognized. Little Treasure, don't be angry at Mommy, okay?"

The little guy quickly shook his head. "Little Treasure will never be angry at Mommy, Little Treasure is already very happy to see Mommy!"

When he saw his son's entirely different expression and distinct treatment, Lu Tingxiao admitted that he was already used to it.

The car slowly started to move.

Ning Xi was so excited that she kissed the little guy again, then she hugged Little Treasure to chatter, "Baby, what did your teacher teach today?"

"Mommy, Teacher taught us maths, art, and nursery rhymes!"

"How are you getting along with your classmates? Do you talk to the kids in your class?"

"Mommy, Little Treasure did! Little Treasure followed Mommy's advice and talked to the other children."

"Very good!"

The little bun looked happy as he was praised, then he turned around and took out an exam paper to show Ning Xi, "Mommy, Little Treasure got 100 marks!"

Ning Xi looked at the red-inked full score on the paper and was delighted. "My dear Little Treasure is just awesome!"

She knew that Little Treasure did not like to waste time on boring things, yet he had done the kindergarten-level paper and had even gotten 100 marks. Obviously, he had done so to make her happy.

When she thought about this, she felt her heart melt into mush...

Chapter 1235: Obedient and Sweet-Talking

In the driver's seat, Lu Tingxiao looked helplessly at his obedient and sweet-talking son through the rearview mirror...

If they had not done the paternity test quite a few times back then, he would still have doubted whether this little guy was his biological son.

Instead, this little guy was closer to Ning Xi than if she were his biological mother.

Lu Tingxiao stared at the mother and son duo in a daze. Not only were the two harmonious in interaction, it almost seemed as if some of their smaller actions and mannerisms were somewhat similar, especially when they smiled. That little quirk on the tip of their brows was just too alike...

If Little Treasure was really Ning Xi's biological son...

Just as he thought about this, Lu Tingxiao sighed and shook his head to brush off this wild thought...

After they reached the villa at Peachwood, Ning Xi told Little Treasure about asking him to help her take some pictures. The little bun instantly agreed and indicated that he was very happy to be able to help Mommy.

As Ning Xi was thinking about her look for the shoot, Ling Zhizhi called.

"Director Chen is asking you to post a picture in a female outfit for the latest reward. Have you chosen your outfit?" Ling Zhizhi asked.

"Mmm, nope, I'm still fretting about it... Is there a sponsor?" Ning Xi asked.

"Yes, in fact, there're many, but I suggest that you wear your own brand," suggested Ling Zhizhi.

"Sis Zhizhi, you mean Spirit? Right! Why didn't I think of it!?" Ning Xi exclaimed.

The past few days had been a roller coaster, so she was a little muddled in the head. It had completely slipped her mind about wearing Spirit's outfit for her pictures.

She had told Ling Zhizhi the moment she founded Spirit, hence her manager had always known about her business and was very supportive.

It was her brand and it fit her charisma very well, so it was very suitable.

"Now, the most important thing for you is not those sponsorships. It would benefit you much more in the future for Spirit to rise up," analyzed Ling Zhizhi.

"Mmm, but which series should I pick?"

"The ready-made series."

"Ready-made series?" Ning Xi thought Ling Zhizhi would ask her to wear a custom-made one.

"You will go viral this time and you've been entirely pushed forth by the public. You have the foundation of strong public influence, so to stay down-to-earth instead of suddenly progressing towards a high-end direction would have a much better effect. And most of your fans are just normal youngsters. Even though the ready-made ones aren't cheap, most of the working class fans can still afford one."

From this perspective, the ready-made series with a more wallet-friendly pricing was much better than the luxurious and expensive bespoke series.

She could promote the bespoke ones when she was much stabler...

When she thought about this, Ning Xi immediately said, "Okay, got it! Thank you, Sis Zhizhi, I'll send you the pictures I've taken later!"

She had Spirit's ready-made pieces right at her home, so Ning Xi just picked out nine outfits from her wardrobe.

Ning Xi changed into the first floral dress and walked out. "Little Treasure, you ready to shoot?"

Little Treasure's expression was serious as he nodded, then he had one hand holding the phone and the other hand gesturing something in the air.

Ning Xi laughed at this sight. She wondered if this was some special way of taking pictures.

Oh, never mind, as long as Little Treasure was happy!

Very quickly, the nine outfits were all shot and Ning Xi flipped through the photos. The more she looked at them, the more she felt shocked.

Even with a layman's eye, she could tell that compared to the ones Lu Tingxiao had taken which had a casual and lazy vibe, every picture of Little Treasure's had been accurately framed within the golden ratio, so each still looked like an oil painting or blockbuster movie.

It looked the little guy had lent all his composition skills from his art to take pictures.

Chapter 1236: Because Mother Looks Great

Ning Xi really liked the pictures. "Baby, how are you so talented!? You took such great pictures of me!"

The little bun looked up at his mother and said with a serious tone, "Because, Mommy, you look great!"

Ning Xi felt an arrow full of love shoot through her heart.

She already thought Little Treasure was cute enough before he had started talking, but now that he started to speak again, everything he said was terribly sweet, rendering her helpless. If he wanted the stars in the sky, she would probably do anything to get them for him...

Before she posted them on Weibo, she sent the photos to Ling Zhizhi and Chen Mian for a look first.

As she waited for their reply, Ning Xi saw that Lu Tingxiao was staring at his phone. Lu Tingxiao...was intently ogling her photos...that he had discreetly taken just now.

Ning Xi swiftly snooped up behind him. "Lu Tingxiao, I saw that! You took my pictures! Didn't you say you didn't want to? Why are you doing that?! Let me see!"

Secretly-taken photos usually looked bad and she would not allow horrible pictures of hers to be on Lu Tingxiao's phone!

Lu Tingxiao did not stop her. He let her snatch his phone away from him.

Ning Xi looked at his phone, then she blushed...

She glared at the man on the sofa. "You hooligan!"

Lu Tingxiao raised his eyebrows. Oddly, he felt great even though he was being scolded at the moment. "Mmm?"

Ning Xi became even angrier at his innocent expression. What was the meaning of that?!

Even though she looked the same, it was a totally different feeling when it was taken by different people.

Little Treasure's photos had focused on her elegance, but in Lu Tingxiao's photos, she just looked so provocative. Each of the pictures looked like she was seducing someone and she blushed even deeper...

The saying "you see what you think of" was true!

However, to be honest, Lu Tingxiao's picture would probably be more attractive to the fans...

As Ning Xi thought about it, Lu Tingxiao swiftly snatched back his phone. Apparently, he knew what she was thinking.

Ning Xi pouted. "Stingy!"

Now, she understood why Lu Tingxiao had not wanted to take pictures of her. The photos he had taken of her in a female outfit was at least a hundred times more seductive than when she was in a male outfit.

"Whatever, my son takes better pictures!"

The little bun nodded along with his mother.

Ling Zhizhi and Chen Mian replied her, expressing their satisfaction with this set of photos.

"Xiao Xi, this looks great as well although the style is vastly different! Your friend sure is talented!" Chen Mian praised.

"Ah, right..." Father and son, of course, their styles were different...

After they approved of the photos, Ning Xi then posted the photos on her Weibo.

Afterwards, Ning Xi remembered something about her company, so she called Han Momo. "Momo..."

"Bro Xi! Ahhhhhh! Bro Xi called me!"

Before Ning Xi could say anything else, Han Momo let out a deafening scream of excitement.

Chapter 1237: Prince Charming to Goddess in One Second

As she listened to Han Momo's overly excited reaction, Ning Xi was quite speechless. "My dear, it's not like you're a fan who can't see me in person. Why are you so excited as well?"

"But, Boss, I've never seen you in a male outfit! Boss, you're really incredibly handsome in it! Could you be so kind as to provide me some employee welfare? I really want to see how you look like in a male outfit, aaaaaah..."

"Forget it!" Ning Xi laughed.

"Why!?" Han Momo was instantly disappointed.

Ning Xi smirked, "I'm afraid that one glance will doom your love life."

The moment she said, Han Momo replied with a whiny, unbearable tone, "Bro Xi, don't talk to me like that...my heart can't take it! Oh my God! If all of your crazy fans know that you're on the phone with me right now, and know that I'm your employee, they'd definitely be horribly jealous of me!"

"Okay, I won't tease you anymore. Let's get back to business. Momo, quickly explain to the factory team to prepare for an increase in production for ready-made wear anytime. The recent sales might increase slightly," Ning Xi told.

"Ah? Why?"

"Look at my latest Weibo post."

"Oh, oh, let me get to it," said Han Momo as she opened Weibo on her computer.

Moments later, Han Mom excitedly shrieked from the other end of the phone. "Ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah, ah! Boss! You're too humble! It won't just increase a lot! I'm guessing the warehouse is going to just explode! These are just the normal ready-made wear. It's not very expensive, but why does the effect on you look like it's a branded bespoke piece worth millions?! There are already people commenting below..."

Han Momo was trembling emotionally as she typed to answer the fans' questions on Weibo.

[Oh, Bro Xi is so beautiful, my God! I thought that I was just charmed by Bro Xi in a male outfit, but it looks like I'm really turning gay this time! These photos show that Bro Xi is really gentle. I feel healed just by the look of this! P.S. May I ask what's the brand of the dress on Bro Xi?! I like this style way too much!]

[I like it too, but it's obviously very expensive. It will cost millions, to say the least, and it's probably a limited edition. We definitely can't afford it!]

Han Momo quickly typed away: [I know! The brand Bro Xi is wearing is called Spirit. In fact, it's not even that expensive! You could buy it with just a few thousand dollars. Spirit's custom-made pieces are indeed very expensive, but these outfits are just from the off-the-shelf line. It's not that hard to get

them. All of Spirit's boutique stores will sell them. There're currently six Spirit franchises in Imperial. The addresses are...City Q's boutique's address is...for more information, you can log on to Spirit's official website...]

Very quickly, Han Momo had answered with a detailed comment and it had been liked by fellow netizens who soon made it a top comment.

Previously, Ning Xi's Weibo already had some pictures of her in a female outfit, but she was different from the female celebrities who always posted selfie and portraits with lots of makeup. Most of Ning Xi's Weibo were pictures of the set or fun cosplay pictures. There were very few ones of herself, and not even one selfie, so she was quite exotic compared to the crowd of female celebrities.

That was why this time, she had posted nine pictures at a go, allowing the fans a feast for their eyes.

It was simply magical how her previous Weibo were pictures of her as a Prince Charming, and the next Weibo exuded a goddess's vibe!

Whether it was the male fans or the female fans, all of them professed their astonishment for her.

Apart from having their breath taken away by Ning Xi, many male fans also asked about her outfit. They all said that they wanted to buy it for their wives and girlfriends. The effects of this subsequent promotion of Spirit was even better than what Ning Xi could have ever imagined. They would just need to observe the sales the next few days...

Chapter 1238: Overnight Popularity

Currently, "Dream Chaser" had only been in theatres for half its planned release period and the total box office had already surpassed \$ 1.8 billion, thus no one dared to simply predict how the trend of their box office would continue to fare.

Usually, a movie's release period would depend on the box office. If its performance was too dismal, then it would basically be considered a "Three-Day Run". There was even quite a number that had been taken down after one day of release.

One such example was Ning Xueluo's most recently released and completely unknown art house film, "Mountain". Forget about the pitiful box office performance, even its reputation was bad. Initially, they were prepared to hang on for half a month before they stopped playing it, yet even after doing it for the sake of Starlight Entertainment, it could only last for three days.

Many cinemas were allocating as many screenings as they could for "Dream Chaser". How could they bear to waste their allocations on a movie without as great a turnover rate? Big shots were useless now, and it was best to let the ticket sales speak for themselves.

With "Dream Chaser"'s level of popularity, they would probably last for another month.

In the earlier stages, "Dream Chaser" had managed to draw sales with the quality of the movie as well as the fantastic performances by the actors. Later on, Director Chen Mian's strength had also started to accumulate and work its magic.

That year, Chen Mian's debut work, "The Stars, The Moon and The Sun" had become popular all over the country and was even dubbed "Asia's star" by America's Business Weekly. The movie leads had also burst into popularity. Now, they were all experienced big shots in the industry.

His youth-themed movie called "Love Is In The Future" had also been the champion of the box office back then, paving the way for a bunch of other coming-of-age movies and trends.

It was exactly because Chen Mian had started with a bang that the audiences had very high expectations and anticipations of him. This was also why several of his works after, which compromised with the investors and the commercial market, had invited much criticism.

The media had always praised the winners and stepped on the losers. This time, after Chen Mian had returned to glory, almost all of the print and online media were hailing Chen Mian all over, stating that they "owed Chen Mian a movie ticket". All of the industry big shots that Chen Mian had made popular previously had also promoted the movie themselves. The huge crowd of Chen Mian's old fans dating back all the way to ten years ago had all entered the cinema for him.

Even though Zheng Kangde's team was on their toes, they could do nothing but watch.

The trend was strong and there was no reversing.

One month later, "Dream Chaser"'s total box office numbers were out. It had raked in \$ 3.275 billion!

It had broken "Joyful Occasion"'s \$ 2.48 billion record in the box office and steadfastly took the champion seat for highest box office sales in the history of the local cinema. It was practically a miracle in the history of Chinese cinema!

In the movie, all of the leads and co-leads had all become famous, especially the female lead, Ning Xi and the male lead, Chen Hanchen. They had gained fame overnight and were suddenly leveled with the A-list actors now.

Ning Xi's movie contracts, ambassadorship, and variety shows...all of it had insanely swarmed onto Ling Zhizhi...

The gaming company that Ning Xi and Jiang Muye had both been spokespeople for was overjoyed at this point. Before this, they had hired Ning Xi for five years for only a million dollars, so now they had really earned big!

Of course, some were happy while some were worried.

At Starlight Entertainment, Chang Li had come to the office as always, but she was greeted by peculiar gazes and whispers from all her colleagues.

"Have you guys heard that Ning Xi's movie's box office surpassed \$ 3 billion? They are the Chinese language movie box office champion! They've broken more than 20 records!"

"Pfft, duh! Of course, I heard of the huge news. I've already seen people post about it in groups early in the morning. Everyone's saying...this time Chang Li's probably going to regret it a lot!"

"Pfft...obviously! Back then, Ning Xueluo had harshly chased Ning Xi away... Hah, now Ning Xi has gone over to Glory World and instantly exploded in popularity..."

Chapter 1239: Defeated Terribly

Recently, following "Dream Chaser"'s huge counterattack, Ning Xi's popularity increased at a terrifying pace. Ling Zhizhi had regained her prime as a golden manager, while Chang Li continued to be insulted for her bad judgment. All of these whispers and comparing just made her agitated. She was one step away from losing her mind!

If Ning Xi was still her artiste this morning, if she had not chased Ning Xi out of Starlight back then, all of this glory would have been hers!

The one people would be envious of and worshipped would have been her! Her career would have taken a huge step, and most importantly, she would have gained this money tree!

Sadly, now, she could only watch as what should have been hers fell into the hands of Ling Zhizhi. In fact, she had delivered it over herself.

Most ironically, Ning Xueluo had decided to act in some art house film to win awards and be cool, but at last, the box office performance had been tragic. She did not earn any good reputation and the show had even embarrassed her through and through...

Now, she had to suffer that lady's temper too!

Ning Xueluo looked at the silent Chang Li and mockery filled her eyes as she caressed her nails. She sneered, "Why? Now that you see Ning Xi blowing up in popularity, you're regretting it, aren't you? Regretting that you terminated her contract back then?"

In this Internet war, Ning Xueluo had not been idle. She had been quietly helping Liang Biqin by paying astroturfers to suppress "Dream Chaser". After her plan failed, she tried to use "Mountain" to replicate "Dream Chaser"'s pathway to popularity as a counterattack, but who knew that she would be defeated so terribly?

The thing she hated most was that not only did the b*tch step all over her with the movie, she even promoted Spirit endlessly. That way, even History was hugely affected. Clearly, she was intentionally going against her...

When she heard Ning Xueluo speak, no matter what Chang Li thought in her heart, there was no way she could admit it, so she bucked up and replied, "Xueluo, what are you saying? Why would I not be visionary?! Many people gain popularity overnight in the entertainment industry. How many can really go far? It's just temporary! So what if a melodramatic comedy does well in ticket sales? Wait till our movie gets awarded. We'll still defeat her the same!"

However, the reality was that even though their movie was directed by a famous director, the reviews within the industry was not fantastic. If they really wanted to get a worthy award, it was quite unlikely. It all depended on how strong Ning Xueluo's connections were, and whether she could get through to the judges over on the other side...

She was probably quite satisfied with Chang Li's answer, so Ning Xueluo did not act out for now. She just scoffed, "Let her climb. The higher she climbs, the quicker she dies..."

When Chang Li heard her, she rolled her eyes as she knew that Ning Xueluo meant that Su Yimo's team would take action...

Ning Xi was quite demonic. She could actually rise up despite being suppressed by both Su Yimo and Liang Biqin. They heard that the last time, Liang Biqin had intentionally stolen the main role in "I Only Like You" and let Ning Xi get Chen Mian's small production. Who would have thought that this very production would have gone viral?

This woman's luck was just excessively good, was it not?

However, Su Yimo did put her support back there. If she really wanted to mess with her, it would be easier than killing an ant, whether or not she was popular!

Ning Xi's smooth-sailing days was about to come to an end...

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At the same time, at Glory World Entertainment, Ning Xi wore a new gown from Spirit that had yet to be released on the racks. She donned sunglasses and had Xiao Tao beside her, causing quite a commotion the moment she stepped into the company.

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When everyone saw her, the people who usually ignored her suddenly stood up. The newbies, who were still in training, joined in as well, offering their praises.

"Ah! Bro Xi! Bro Xi, can you give me a signature? I'm your fan!"

"Senior! You're awesome! I wonder when will I ever become like you..."

"Sis Xi, it's been some time since you last came here! I'm glad that I didn't change my shift today! Can I take a picture with you?"

Not only Ning Xi, even Xiao Tao was surrounded by some people. She had been Leng Manyun's assistant before. she had been "demoted" to be Ning Xi's assistant. Many people had laughed at her, but now the way people looked at her changed.

"Xiao Tao, you're really lucky! You've worked with Sis Manyun before, and now Ning Xi is so popular!"

"Right, it's a blessing that you followed Sis Ling's arrangement. Sis Ling was right!"

"Please remember us if you're going to do well in the future..."

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After being delayed for quite some time, Ning Xi and Xiao Tao finally got past them and arrived at Ling Zhizhi's office.

"I bet they don't dare to look down on us anymore!" Xiao Tao was relieved as she went to get Ning Xi a glass of water.

Ling Zhizhi did not need Xiao Tao's explanation to guess what had happened outside. She handed Ning Xi a full schedule. "These are your arrangements for the next month. We can adjust again if you have any issues with it."

She then gave Ning Xi a few other documents. "These are some information about the recent shows. As for your new movie, there are a lot of scripts here, but you have to pick carefully. It's not urgent."

"Thank you, Sis Zhizhi!" She looked at Ling Zhizhi's dark eyebags and gratefully took the stuff from her hands.

The first document on the stack was about "Beauty's Specialties".

Ning Xi glanced through it. "Hmm...the director invited me to go with Chen Hanchen?"

Ling Zhizhi nodded. "Yes, I thought about it and I think this show suits you right now. The audience would like to see you appearing with Chen Hanchen as well."

"Hmm..." Ning Xi scratched her head, then she told Ling Zhizhi, "Sis Zhizhi, I have a request!"

"What is it?" Ling Zhizhi asked.

"For the male guest on this show, can we invite Ke Mingyu?" Ning Xi begged.

Ling Zhizhi was a little surprised, then she stared at her incredulously.

Ning Xi felt a little awkward. "Sis Zhizhi, please don't misunderstand. It's just that I owe him one. I want to help him a little since he's from Glory World as well, so it'd great for both me and the company, right?"

Lu Tingxiao had assigned his character Ke Mingyu under a manager of Glory World Entertainment.

Ling Zhizhi thought about it carefully. "Actually, Ke Mingyu is too low-profile. He has quite some fans himself, so I guess we can invite him since he's in the same company as us, but I think the crew favors Chen Hanchen's popularity more. It might be difficult to convince them..."

Ning Xi looked confident. "That's easy, I can tell them that if they agree to let Ke Mingyu to appear on the show, I'll attend the show in a male outfit!"