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Chapter 1541: Stars of The Night

After two hours, the red carpet appearance ended.

The exciting award ceremony had finally begun!

The Golden Film Awards was regarded as the Oscars of the Chinese film community. Anyone who was into films would know that it was the highest honor for Chinese films to be nominated for the award. This award was a huge accomplishment and attestation to the production of films and the capabilities of actors. Song Lin, Leng Manyun, Zhao Sizhou, Fang Xiaowen, Meng Shiyi... All the big shots had received this award before.

Frankly, the Golden Film Awards also indicated one's status.

The Golden Film Awards was regarded highly all because of its fairness. The whole judging process was done in secret. All the nominated artistes were nervous.

Ning Xueluo was also rather jittery. Even after investing so much effort, she only managed to receive the nomination list slightly earlier from Chang Li. To build more interest around the film "Mountain", she had slipped it into several other unimportant nominations, but in the end, she still would not know the final results.

However, she had actually been nominated for the two roles because of her own capability. She became the top candidate to win the award and her chances were quite high.

She was the center of the attention the whole night and was projected on the big screen most of the time.

Ning Xueluo sat there with her impeccably perfect posture as she put on a smile. She glanced at Ning Xi nearby and laughed at her deep down inside. "This is the Golden Film Awards ceremony. It's not a place that you can win by just flaunting yourself. You still need the capability to speak for yourself!"

If she won the award, all her previous negative news would be washed away.

Furthermore, the issues from the Tang family had now been taken care of as well.

She had sent someone to investigate. The Tangs had tried to seek help everywhere. They were naive enough to think they would be able to change the selected university but of course, they had failed and could do nothing else.

Everything had gone according to her plan.

People from the Tangs had no power at all. They could just suck it up. The related organizations would not care enough to go through all the trouble just to help them!

Sun Lan had even given her a call after that, asking if she knew anything about Tang Nuo's first choice university being changed. She was probably trying to ask her for a favor, so Ning Xueluo had replied impatiently and hung up.

She could never ever be held back by these people, by her family!

All the celebrities were gathered off the stage.

In the middle row, the crew from "Mountain", "The World", and "Dream Chaser" were seated.

The pretty hostess for the night, He Jiaying, went up the stage gracefully.

"Dear guests and audiences from all over the world, I'm your host for tonight, He Jiaying! Welcome to the 53rd Golden Film Awards ceremony..."

After her welcome address, the crowd gave her a round of applause.

After a short while, it was time for the award presentation.

"Up next, we'll be presenting the Best Visual Effects Award. As everyone knows, this award signifies the movie's post-production quality, which is one of the most important aspects of movie production. Now, let's look at the nominated works..."

After the first few awards, there was a singing performance by an invited guest. Soon after a short interval, the ceremony reached its tiny climax.

He Jiaying gushed with excitement, "The next award we're presenting is... Best Female Secondary Lead!"

Chapter 1542: His Pride

There was a huge round of applause!

The cameras screened through the five nominated candidates, who were then displayed live in the same frame on the big screen, showing everyone's expression.

Ning Xi was right in the middle.

She clapped along with the crowd as she appeared very nervous. Of course, the other candidates looked just as anxious as well.

Ning Xueluo sat back in her seat and watched Ning Xi's nervous expression on the big screen. She was sneering at her deep inside. It was just an award for the Best Female Secondary Lead, and was nothing worthy to be nervous of.

On the big screen, they started playing short snippets of the nominated films as introductions were heard. "Wu Yan in 'I Have A Secret', Liu Jingjing in 'Tenant', Qin Cailin in 'Cafe No.8'... Ning Xi in 'The World'..."

The last one showed a video of Ning Xi acting as Meng Changge in "The World". The organizers had taken the most iconic part of the movie. Ning Xi was holding onto the dead Sun Huanqing as she stared blankly at the Chang An palace, blood leaking out from the corner of her mouth. In that one glance, she had transformed herself from a general into an enchantress.

The crowd could feel the huge impact through the screen. Ning Xi's performance packed a lot of punch!

Amateurs and anti-fans loved to criticize that Ning Xi only had looks, but the professionals were really impressed by the girl's acting. It seemed like another miracle had been born into the industry.

"Dear friends, now I'm going to reveal it. The 53rd Golden Film Awards Best Female Secondary Lead goes to..."

Accompanying the host's voice, the camera swiftly went through the five nominees. Finally, the five of them were all shown together in the same frame.

Because the five candidates were shown next to each other, the camera did not capture Jiang Muye who was beside Ning Xi.

That guy looked down at Ning Xi's clasped fingers as he mumbled, "Why are you so nervous?"

Ning Xi wanted to glare at him, but the camera was aiming at her at that moment, so she had to keep up her image.

"The 53rd Golden Film Awards Best Female Secondary Lead winner goes to... Ning Xi!"

As the host finished her sentence, everyone swiveled to Ning Xi's direction and clapped thunderously.

"I told you that you don't have to be so nervous. Be more confident. You're someone who's going to grab all the awards in the future!" As Jiang Muye was still mumbling, Ning Xi hugged him tightly.

Before Jiang Muye could react, Ning Xi had already let go of him and was hugging Guo Qisheng and some other crew members.

"Ning Xi was nominated as the Best Female Secondary Lead for her role in 'The World'. She acted as Meng Changge and performed multiple layers of characters..."

As the host was explaining why she deserved the award, Ning Xi was being congratulated by friends around. She prepared herself to go up on stage.

Jiang Muye looked at the girl on stage with a hollow feeling in his chest, but he felt quite proud. She was his partner in the movie! He had played a part in her winning this award!

The host stood aside and handed the stage over to Ning Xi.

Lu Tingxiao sat in the first row at the moment. Although he was pretty far away from Ning Xi and they almost missed each other earlier, as Ning Xi stood on stage now, they were really close to each other.

The man kept on clapping, his eyes locked on her. He looked so proud. Even if it was just an award for Best Female Secondary Lead, he felt like she had done something extremely incredible.

Chapter 1543: Thank You To My Boss

Ning Xi took a deep breath as she stood in front of the microphone and started to give her speech. "'The World' is the first ever movie I've ever acted in. It has a very special meaning to me, so here today, I'd like to thank the Golden Film Awards. I want to thank the judging panel for giving me this affirmation. I want to thank my director, Mr. Guo Qisheng, for giving me this opportunity. Thanks to my partner, Jiang Muye..."

Ning Xi had very few people to thank for this movie. She had been framed by Ning Xueluo, chased out of her company, and was even isolated without any help. It had been one of her most difficult times...

Jiang Muye looked so overjoyed when he heard his name. That girl still had gratitude for him after all! He had actually broken his cardinal rule and acted in a non-leading role. He had made such a huge sacrifice to act as Sun Huanqing! Although, at that time, the rumor had almost gotten him killed by her...

"In the end, I'd like to thank..." Ning Xi paused as she looked at the middle of the first row. "Thank you to my boss, Mr. Lu. Without him, I wouldn't be here today. Thank you for the trust you put in me..."

The camera focused on Lu Jingli. Everyone knew that Ning Xi had been handpicked by Lu Jingli and it had been hot news at that time.

The smiling Lu Jingli understood perfectly... That damned Xiao Xi Xi's gratitude was not directed towards him, but his brother instead!

"Acting is my dream. It was also a form of responsibility towards the people who trust and love me. I'll do my best for the people who understand me!" Ning Xi ended her speech.

The crowd gave her a big round of applause. Her speech provided many people with a positive impression, proving that not only was her acting solid but that she also had a high emotional quotient too.

Ning Xueluo kept her smile on as she clapped along with the crowd. She looked at Ning Xi who stood out at the moment.

Damn it...

She had actually won the Best Female Secondary Lead!

After receiving the Best Female Secondary Lead award, she would still get jobs anyway even if she performed worse later on. Most importantly, winning this award was a strong counter towards the people who criticized her for only having pretty looks.

Ning Xueluo took a deep breath and swallowed her displeasure.

It was just an award for Best Female Secondary Lead. Oh, right, she would always just be a secondary character -- forever and ever a secondary character!

Only she would become the eternal main character...

The ceremony continued.

Moving on, "The World" received the Best Action Design award. The other award winners were announced as well. Everyone reacted warmly to the most nominated "Mountain" receiving the Best Original Screenplay award. Apparently, most people thought that it deserved this award.

With such a stellar screenplay, it might even be possible to land a spot in one of the four international movie festivals. Qi Feng had come here with that ambitious goal.

As for "Dream Chaser", it was a small production after all, and it was not an original story. They did not have enough budget to hire top quality staff, so of course, they would miss out with awards that required a large budget such as "Best Film", "Best Visual Effects", and "Best Art Design". They were only nominated for "Best Director" and "Best Female Lead".

The Best Male Lead award was won by an experienced actor who had been nominated six times. Then, finally, they came to the second last award, which was also one of the most important awards, the Best Director award.

Chapter 1544: Unexpected But Reasonable

The nominated films included "Mountain", "The World", and "Dream Chaser". The other two nominated works were a science fiction movie and an action movie.

The five directors appeared on the big screen: Qi Feng, Guo Qisheng, Chen Mian, Xie Yilei, and Qiao Yan.

Not just the directors, even the main casts were nervous. It was a matter of glory!

Ning Xueluo took a deep breath to soothe her worries. It did not matter if Guo Qisheng or Qi Feng received the award, but... Please, not Chen Mian, please!

Jiang Muye was on Ning Xi's left, and next to him was Guo Qisheng. Chen Mian was on Ning Xi's right.

Qi Feng was seated a row in front, diagonally across Chen Mian.

Among them, Qi Feng had received the most awards before. He had been nominated in large-scale movie festivals numerous times and had even received the Golden Feather Award from one of the four big movie festivals, the Lorraine Movie Festival. He had also received two Golden Film Awards before. In addition to that, he had raised countless famous artistes. Ning Xueluo was willing enough to cast in his movie without any pay and she even compromised with all his requests, even acting in challenging, unpleasant scenes in the movie.

With so much prior experience, Qi Feng was the calmest one there. Guo Qisheng put on his usual smile. He usually took on the route of commercialized films anyway, so being nominated was a good enough reward for him.

As for Chen Mian, he had told her before that he did not have much chance of winning the award. Although his nomination signified that there were people in the judging panel who admired his work, most judges in the panel would still prefer melodrama and it was difficult for their movie to appeal to their preferences.

A foreign director had been invited as a guest to present the award. He spoke in less than fluent Chinese, "Moving on, I'll be revealing the winner of the Best Director award..."

Everyone was patiently waiting for the results.

This award was important because the Best Director award was usually a significant predictor for the Best Female Lead award. Most of the time, the same film would receive both awards together.

"The Best Director award this time goes to... Guo Qisheng!"

Guo Qisheng was pretty popular in the industry. Everyone clapped and cheered for him, and people started congratulating him.

Guo Qisheng was a little surprised when he heard his own name. He then stood up and thanked the people around him.

Guo Qisheng's victory this time was unexpected but reasonable. He had all the conditions in favor of him -- good screenplay, sufficient budget, and quality actors.

Ning Xueluo was thrilled. She stood up and was about to give Guo Qisheng a hug.

However, Guo Qisheng turned towards Ning Xi and hugged her first instead.

Ning Xueluo seemed a tad upset. Not only did he not reach out to her, the female lead first. What was he trying to express by going to the female secondary lead first?

Ning Xi sat nearer to Guo Qisheng anyway, so it made sense that Guo Qisheng had approached the nearest person first.

Guo Qisheng then hugged the main casts, Ning Xueluo, Zhao Sizhou, and some other core members.

Chen Mian smiled and congratulated Guo Qisheng. No one knew what Qi Feng's expression was like at the moment...

On the stage, Guo Qisheng went by the book and thanked everyone for receiving this award.

As he was about to leave, the host asked him something to liven up the ceremony. "Director Guo, can you give us your prediction about who'll be the Best Female Lead? Speaking of which, Xueluo has two nominations this time. Do you think 'The World' or 'Mountain' has a better chance of winning?"

Chapter 1545: Gave It Her All

It was really a difficult question, yet the hostess always loved to ask this sort of question. Because of the unique situation, it was a tough one to answer.

Was his "The World" better, or was Qi Feng's "Mountain" better?

How was he supposed to answer this?

Guo Qisheng smiled and pushed the question back skillfully to the hostess by bringing up another topic...

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After the Best Director award, there was only one last award left. It was the Best Female Lead, the award that received the most attention this time around!

It was pretty obvious because the attendees, who were tired after the long ceremony, suddenly looked refreshed and focused.

"Thank you to our guest, and congratulations to the winner! Next up, we have our guests, Jiang Xingzhou, Song Lin!"

The guests themselves were exciting enough to the audience!

One was a respectable international director while the other one, Song Lin, was a record keeper!

Jiang Xingzhou greeted, "Good evening."

Jiang Xingzhou wore a black suit tonight. He looked courteous and friendly, but anyone who had worked with him before knew that he was a totally different person when filming. He was so strict that some artistes required counseling after they worked with him and many people had experienced it before.

However, there were still a lot of people who wanted to work with him because almost every one of his films received an award. Still, his auditions were extremely tough and most people failed at the very first stage.

Song Lin greeted, "Good evening, everyone! I'd like to thank the organizers for inviting me to present this award..."

Song Lin wore a white dress tonight and looked resplendent. At just the age of 35, she gathered the three best awards an actress could have ever received in the Chinese film community: the Golden Film Awards, Golden Phoenix Awards, and the Golden Deer Awards. Including awards from the Asian region, she had 12 awards in total at the moment. She was also the youngest award holder in the country and had even been nominated in the Golden Ball Awards, which was known to be a great predictor of Oscar winners. She was definitely one of the notable icons of China.

After the greetings and some small talk, the big screen started playing the videos.

Xu Jiaojiao in "Canoe".

Luo Qi in "Alice's Mirror".

Ning Xueluo in "The World".

The scene they took from "The World" was when Ning Xueluo looked back at the male lead and smiled under that pear tree.

The next one was Ning Xi in "Dream Chaser".

The opening sequence of "Dream Chaser" played. It was the scene of the banquet where Ning Xi was in a male outfit and she smiled as she whispered to Chen Hanchen. A loud cheer rose from the crowd.

Finally, they reached the last nominated film. Ning Xueluo's name appeared on the big screen once again together with "Mountain".

The video of "Mountain" formed a great contrast with the beautiful and luxurious environment of "Dream Chaser". In the background, there were miles of desolated ground with short houses. Ning Xueluo played a rural lady, who was speaking with a rarely used dialect. Even she was nearly unrecognizable to herself. She had given it her all in order to win the award this time. If it were back then, Ning Xueluo would have never agreed to take on a role like this.

The crowd gave them another round of applause after the video ended.

Ning Xueluo put up a humble smile for the camera aiming at her.

Chapter 1546: This Is The Best Female Lead Award

A person in the industry, who sat beside Guo Qisheng, mumbled, "The film industry's getting worse and worse every year. Out of so many actresses, they picked Luo Qi. It's so obvious that they are using her to just fill up the spot, but Xu Jiaojiao's film is quite interesting..."

"As for 'The World', although Ning Xueluo performed really well, with Ning Xi as Meng Changge in it she might not stand out much..."

"If we're only looking at 'Dream Chaser' and 'Mountain', Ning Xueluo really gave it her all and threw away her pride this time around, and it was obvious that 'Mountain' suits the judging panel's taste more? What do you think, Guo?"

Guo Qisheng smiled. "It doesn't matter what I think. The point is what the judges think!"

The person sulked, "Not only did you avoid the question from the hostess, you're not even being truthful with me now?"

Guo Qisheng looked at the person helplessly and just replied, "This is the Best Female Lead award."

"Huh? What do you mean?"

Before the person managed to understand what he meant, on the stage, the two guests were ready to announce the winner.

Jiang Xingzhou and Song Lin tried to let each other announce the winner. In the end, Song Lin passed the envelope to Jiang Xingzhou to let him do the job.

Jiang Xingzhou then opened the envelope and spoke into the microphone slowly, "Then, let me announce the winner..."

With the sound of drums rolling in the background, suspense filled everyone's hearts. The camera scanned through all the guests, Guo Qisheng, Qi Feng, Chen Mian, Su Yan, Lu Jingli, Lu Tingxiao...

In the end, the faces of the four nominated candidates were showed on the screen.

Everyone was nervous while waiting for the final results. Aside from the nominated candidates and the guests, there was also the audience in front of their televisions at home.

Gong Shangze, Qiao Weilan, Han Momo, the Zhuang family, Ning Tianxin, Annie, Tang Nuo... All of them were watching the live stream closely.

"The Best Female Lead of the 53rd Golden Film Awards goes to... Ning..."

When they heard the word "Ning", Luo Qi, and Xu Jiaojiao obviously looked a little down. In comparison, Ning Xueluo's eyes brightened. Her manager and some staff were not able to suppress their emotions. Some were even about to hug her and congratulate her...

"Ning Xi!"

The next moment that Jiang Xingzhou's voice echoed throughout the whole hall, the name lingered in everyone's ears. It was Ning Xi!

After about a second of silence, the crew of "Dream Chaser" screamed in excitement. Ji Yumeng hopped onto Ning Xi from the back. "Bro Xi! Congratulations!"

Only then did Ning Xi come back to her senses. She hugged everyone who congratulated her.

The crowd stood up and cheered.

"Ning Xi showed us her exquisite acting technique through playing the double roles of Ji Feixue and Ji Feibai. She acted as both genders and illustrated the colorful inner world of the characters... Let's welcome our Best Female Lead of the year!" The host invited her on stage warmly.

Maybe it was on purpose but the camera was aimed at Ning Xueluo. She almost did not manage to hide her upset face in time but she clapped the moment she saw her face was on the big screen. She acted to be applauding generously, but she still looked a little reluctant.

Chapter 1547: The Soul of A Film

When the director of "Mountain", Qi Feng, saw the results, he looked like he had been expecting this all along.

In the end, the Best Female Lead award still came down to the acting skills of the female leads.

No matter how amazing the screenplay of "Mountain" was, even if the judges really liked it, it could not change the fact that Ning Xueluo's acting was not able to touch their hearts.

The fact that they had received the Best Screenplay award was a huge irony. Despite such solid screenplay, he could not live up to its standards...

As time went on, arthouse films got less and less popular. Even with directors like him, a lot of them would give in and invite some young and rising stars, ending up with some cliché-filled melodramatic movies.

Even he was not spared. He insisted on honoring the original screenplay. He understood that Ning Xueluo's acting was not able to provide him with the effect he wanted, but in the end, he gave in to her high popularity. Moreover, not only did she invest a large sum, she had also agreed to star in his movie without any pay. The conditions she offered were too difficult for him to reject.

As for Chen Mian, for him to be able to produce a movie like "Dream Chaser" under such a harsh environment with fairly new artistes, so his courage was something worthy of praise.

Of course, he felt more envious towards him, envious that he was able to meet an actress like Ning Xi.

It was safe to assume that without Ning Xi, "Dream Chaser" would cease to exist; even if it did exist without her, it would be just another average film.

In a nutshell, the actors were the soul of a film.

It was Ning Xi's second time on stage tonight. She bowed as she received the trophy from Song Lin, then she stood in front of the microphone, becoming the center of attention of everyone at the scene and in front of the television.

Ning Xi was still a little absent-minded while she stood on the stage with the trophy in her hands. She reflected back on five years ago when she could not even see a beam of light in her future to finally being on stage with the award. Moreover, it was her role model, Song Lin, who presented her with the award.

She had finally escaped hell and started a new life.

All of this felt like a dream to her. Floating on the soft clouds, it did not feel real.

Ning Xi stood there in silence but no one urged her. Everyone just looked at the girl on stage quietly.

In comparison to her powerful entrance, the girl looked composed at the moment. She was so quiet and beautiful that no one wanted to disturb her.

In an old mansion in Imperial.

The man with white hair sat in front of the huge television. He tilted his head sideways and looked at the girl on stage. "She left because of this?"

Tang Ye spoke to him, "Everyone has their own determination and goals. It might not be worth anything to others but it might mean everything to them."

The man frowned but his eyes were locked on the girl. He did not understand it before but the moment he saw the girl receive the trophy, he suddenly understood...

After a short silence on the stage, the girl looked up with her slightly teary eyes and spoke slowly, "I'm very excited and very honored to receive this award. What makes me really happy is that my favorite idol presented me with this award!"

The crowd chuckled and Song Lin smiled as well. The girl was full of enthusiasm and integrity. No one doubted if she had any other intentions. Instead, they were touched by her straightforwardness.

Chapter 1548: For The Person I Love

"For me to be able to receive this award, I need to thank a lot more people. Thanks to my crew, thanks to the director, thanks to my manager, and every fan that has supported me. I also want to thank the person who supported me in my darkest, toughest time, and times when I almost wanted to give up.

"If Meng Changge was the start of my dream, then Ji Feibai is the first station that I reached successfully. I still have a long way to go, a very long way. I'll never forget my aspirations and will give it my all to continue on this path!"

Ning Xi paused for a bit, then she looked somewhere in the crowd with her passionate gaze. She continued, "For my dreams and for the person I love!"

The crowd gave her a big round of applause as she ended her speech.

With the song "Stubbornness" playing in the background, the Golden Film Awards officially ended.

"When I'm different from the world, then let me be different.

I'm my own God in the place I lived;

Me and my proud stubbornness, I sing out loud amidst the wind.

I'm going crazy for myself this time.

Yes, those who love me. don't be nervous; my stubbornness is kind

You didn't care about my past and saw my wings.

You said that only after being burnt, then only a phoenix could be born

A headwind is more suited to soar."

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At this moment, the entrance was flooded with journalists. People surrounded the artistes the moment they left the hall.

"Director Feng, 'Mountain' received eight nominations this time but only managed to win the Best Screenplay award. What do you think?"

"Director Feng, do you feel regret that you missed out on the Best Director award?"

Qi Feng went forward in silence without any intentions of answering any questions.

The journalist would not let him get away this easily. "Director Feng, what do you think about the Best Female Lead winner this time?"

"Director Feng, please don't go yet!"

"Director Feng, say something, please!"

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Amidst the chaotic crowd, Qi Feng suddenly stopped. He looked at the journalists quietly, then he said, "She deserved it."

Everyone and the journalists were taken aback. After that, they were in an uproar.

Qi Feng had actually said Ning Xi deserved the award?

It was apparent that no one expected the other director candidate to regard her this highly. Everyone was also impressed by Director Feng's generosity. He was able to reply them with this feedback under such high pressure.

When Ning Xueluo heard what he said, her face turned green.

Before she could recover from her emotions, the journalists surrounded her when they saw her. She had nowhere to go.

Of course, it was not because she stood out tonight. It was because... She had become such an embarrassment!

Ning Xueluo was the top favorite this time, yet in the end, she received nothing and disappointed a lot of people. It was already embarrassing enough and her director had just stepped on her further by indirectly saying that Ning Xi's acting was better than hers.

What did it signify when "Mountain" was nominated for eight awards but only managed to win one?

"The World" received four nominations: Best Action, Best Director, Best Female Secondary Lead, and only the Best Female Lead did not manage to win. Again, what did this say about the situation?

Even a blind amateur could tell...

"Xueluo, you had the best chance this time around, but you've lost. Just now, Director Feng said Ning Xi deserved the award. Can you tell us what you think?"

"'Mountain' only managed to win the Best Screenplay award. Does it mean that you weren't able to bring out the best of it?"

"As everyone knows, you were trying to change your style with this film. Now that you've failed, what are your future plans?"

Chapter 1549: She Would Not Allow This

The journalists' questions were increasingly explosive to the point that someone even asked her, "How do you feel to be defeated by a junior who was in the same company as you?"

Even Ning Xueluo's manager, Chang Li, could not escape. She had been asked quite a few questions that made her feel like burrowing her head in the ground.

After all, she had chased away this award-winning actress, Ning Xi.

"Miss Chang, back then, when your company ended the contract with Ning Xi, did you ever think that Ning Xi would have such potential?"

"Miss Chang, have you regretted your decision in the past?"

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"Everyone, please make way. Please make way. Thank you, everyone, for your concern towards Xueluo. Later on, we'll arrange for an interview with everyone to gather the answers to all your questions!" Chang Li and Su Yan both shielded Ning Xueluo and tried to get through the crowd.

"Mr. Su, regarding Ms. Ning's painful loss in the Golden Film Awards, what do you have to say about that?" The journalists started to train the awkwardness at Su Yan.

Under the journalist's jostling, Su Yan frowned, then he said, "Xueluo will forever be the best female lead in my heart."

When she heard Su Yan's words, Ning Xueluo's extremely miserable expression finally looked slightly better.

Right at that moment, someone from the crowd suddenly cried out in surprise excitedly and shrieked.

The award-winning actress for the night, Ning Xi, had come out.

The moment Ning Xi appeared, all the journalists, who surrounded Ning Xueluo earlier, left completely. Even Su Yan's eyes could not help but look over.

"Ning Xi, congratulations on your win for the best secondary female lead and best female lead! You managed to bring home two trophies! As the biggest winner of the night, can you let us know how you're feeling right now?"

"Surpassing seniors who have long been in the industry in such a short amount of time, movie queen Ning has proven that she was born to be in the entertainment industry!"

"Just wondering what are your upcoming work arrangements, movie queen Ning. We heard that Director Jiang Xingzhou has already shown a gesture of peace. Is this true?"

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Movie queen Ning... Movie queen Ning...

This title of "movie queen Ning" should have been hers, but at this moment it had become Ning Xi's!

It was Ning Xi's! How had it become Ning Xi's?!

She had taken a long time to prepare and even made such a huge sacrifice. She did not even hesitate to act as those dirty and lowly characters. Two films had been nominated at the same time, yet at last, Ning Xi had won the award. How was she going to maintain her footing in the entertainment circle after this?

Since the dawn of time, people stepped on those above and lifted those below them. There were even whispers in her ears from the other artistes...

"Hehe, back then, Ning Xueluo even said something about how actors should speak with their capabilities! Tsk tsk, her words were so right! As actors, they should indeed be speaking with their abilities! Now, she should have nothing to say, right?"

"Her looks and acting skills can't compare to Ning Xi's. I wonder where she found her sense of superiority every day... Even with men... Tsk tsk, with Ning Xi's qualifications, it shouldn't be too hard if she wants to find someone wealthier and more influential than Su Yan, should it?"

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As she listened to these horrible things, Ning Xueluo felt as if there was a fire raging in her.

Shut up, shut up, shut up!

She was the honorable lady of the Ning family, Ning Xi was just a lowly hillbilly. How could she compare to her!?

She thought about how in the future, as long as she was in front of Ning Xi in the entertainment industry, she would be a rank lower than her. With the headline that she lost her junior, that violent resentment was about to swallow her whole.

No! She would not allow this!

That village wild fowl, that lowly foster daughter... What reason did she have!? For what reason did she dare to walk all over her!?

Because of her extreme anger, Ning Xueluo's entire body was trembling. While Su Yan had gone to get the car, she immediately gave Chang Li a sinister gaze to hint her to make a move.

Chapter 1550: Completely Replace

Chang Li instantly understood Ning Xueluo's hint. She said a little hesitantly, "Do you really want to do that?"

Chang Li had long known that Ning Xi came from a lowly background. In fact, she knew about her being the Ning family's foster daughter, but she somehow felt quite uneasy about exposing this right now.

"Didn't Charmain Ning say that the Ning family's relationship with Ning Xi can never be revealed to outsiders?" Chang Li hesitated.

"Since when did you have a say in the things I do! You just do whatever I tell you to! Quickly go do it!" Ning Xueluo was already on the verge of exploding at this point. Of course, she would not listen to anything.

She did not want to watch Ning Xi strut around in front of her anymore. She did not want to see a single second of it. She simply wanted her to be disdained, despised, and sneered at!

In any case, because of that witch Ning Qitong causing a ruckus before this, the news about the Ning family having two daughters, one biological and one foster, had already been spread out there. In order to clarify it, Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu were forced to come out and publicly make a statement. They said that she was the real lady of the Ning family. In fact, they explained that the other one was just an orphan that the Ning family had adopted from the village, dismissing the rumors about them carrying the wrong baby home.

At that time, the media wanted to dig out who the foster daughter was, but they had all been suppressed by Ning Yaohua.

However, since there was already a crack in the matter, it being exposed was just a matter of time. The media could even have been continuing their digging...

Thus, it would be better for her to just grasp this key opportunity and expose this herself today.

If this foster daughter had been anyone else, it would not have mattered. However, it was Ning Xi, who was also in the entertainment industry. Plus, it was Ning Xi who was opposing her!

What would the media and public think?

They would think that as an orphan from the village, even though Ning Xi was kindly adopted by the Ning family, she did not know how to be grateful and had even tried in vain to substitute one thing for another. She had shamelessly pretended to be a lady from a wealthy family...

Most importantly, once Ning Xi's identity as the foster daughter was confirmed, Ning Xi would forever owe the Nings for raising her, thus she would owe her too. Even her existence would just be like a tiny servant girl before her. Ning Xi would forever be beneath her. All of the conflicts and hostility before this

could also be concluded as envy. She could be construed as not knowing what was good for her ownself and being ungrateful...

She believed that Ning Yaohua and Zhuang Lingyu, including all of the people in the Su family, would stand on her side. They would all prove that she was the real lady of the Ning family.

Coincidentally, she wanted to use the opportunity today to pull the carpet from under Ning Xi. She wanted to resolve all of her worries of the future and forever become the real lady of the Ning family, replacing Ning Xi's position so that no one would suspect this ever again!

When she saw that Ning Xueluo was very determined, Chang Li had no choice. She could only find a corner with no one else and secretly make a few phone calls to the journalists that she had arranged in advance.

Initially, she thought that Ning Xueluo's wins were in the bag, but in the end, it was still not an absolute possibility. The Golden Film Awards were indeed hard to predict. Thus, so as to not have this unwarranted incident, which was in the event that Ning Xi bagged the award, Ning Xueluo had prepared this plan.

Chang Li kept thinking about it. She felt that exposing this thing would indeed benefit Ning Xueluo. In fact, it could turn the tables on a wider scale, thus she slowly felt more at ease and had watched the entire course of events from the sidelines.

At this moment, one of the taller journalists suddenly rushed to Ning Xi and asked loudly, "Movie queen Ning, you and Ning Xueluo both share the same surname. Do you have some kind of family relationship? There's a rumor that you're the foster daughter of the Ning family. Is this true?"