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Chapter 731: A Mysterious Ambassador

Cook's words made the situation slightly awkward. The journalist was sweating with frayed nerves. This foreigner was too straightforward...

Although he meant those words genuinely, it was not very appropriate, especially in front of Su Yimo.

Su Yimo smiled at him. "To be able to impress Director Cook...this must be a marvelous artiste."

Director Cook nodded confidently. "Indeed, she is."

Su Yimo's generosity placated any awkwardness. The crowd became even more interested in this new ambassador that they were going to announce.

Was Cook exaggerating it for the brand or was the ambassador was really that amazing? The latter might be true since Noble was such a high-class brand; their ambassador could actually be as extraordinary as Cook claimed.

The launch continued with the staff distributing their latest perfume sample to the guests.

"Noble Perfume originated 200 years ago and was inherited through the generations. With our very own unique formula, we adopted the ancient technique of perfume distillation and have selected the best ingredients under strict quality checks. Our new perfume this time uses roses from the Rose Valley in Bulgaria, jasmines from Florence, tuberose from India, vetivers from Haiti, ylang-ylang from Madagascar..."

Everyone took a sniff of the deep and aromatic sample strips, instantly being teleported into an old, luxurious palace, exhibiting elegance.

As if spurred on by the presentation and everyone's praises, the large screen at the front of everyone lit up.

The screen displayed a gloomy sky, dark with stormy clouds, then the view cut through the clouds and the ancient Chang An Street in China appeared. There was a young girl in soiled clothes and messy hair, her face smudged with dirt beyond recognition...

At that point, the guests and journalists were all surprised.

"Uh, am I seeing something wrong? Is this really the advertisement Noble's renowned director produced?"

"Isn't Noble's main theme supposed to be classy?"

"That's right. Why is the main character playing a beggar?"

A pair of toll palace guards passed by swiftly on their horses, not noticing the young girl on the street.

The crowds were confused; they had no idea what was going to happen next.

"The ambassador didn't even appear..."

"Her face was all covered up. How can we identify her?"

"Wouldn't the ambassador have a hard time shooting this?"

"Could the beggar be just a supporting character? Maybe the main character hasn't appeared yet!"

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As everyone voiced their suspicions and theories, the screen panned out to the trees by the road and the sound effects of the wind blowing whooshed through the room. Leaves fell from the trees, rustling in the wind. The clip-clops of the horses came closer as the guards who had left earlier returned and stopped right in front of the young girl.

The leading general jumped off his horse, kneeling on one knee to the young girl. Quickly, all the other soldiers got off their horses and bowed...

Chapter 732: Amazing Everyone Present

Next, the camera focused in on the girl's face. Her hair fluttered lightly in the breeze, mimicking the airiness that came with the spraying of fragrance. The girl's smudged face gazed into the lens indifferently with a pair of clear eyes, exuding a sense of innocent elegance.

Next, the scene took the crowd from the streets of Chang An into a very luxurious palace. There was a silhouette of a woman's back in this scene and she elegantly donned a gold silk dress with her hair combed into an exquisite bun. She took decorous footsteps and made her way one step at a time into the palace.

At that moment, everyone finally understood the storyline. That beggar girl was actually a princess who had unexpectedly found herself among the common folks. Because the girl's clothes were tattered and her face dirty, the guards had not recognized her at first. At last, they noticed the girl's real identity when the elegance within her shone through despite her fallen appearance...

Just as the crowd was gushing about the creativity of this advertisement, the screen cut into the next scene with part of the princess' face.

Finally, the princess was about to be revealed and the crowd at the launch were excited in anticipation to find out who this enigmatic ambassador was.

The glistening hairpin swayed between the slivers of her hair and in that moment when the princess slowly looked up from under her eyelashes, the red applique on her forehead with that graceful, beautiful face made everyone gasp in amazement...

Because they had the previous beggar's appearance as comparison, this scene was even more shocking for everyone.

The ultimate shock was when everyone recognized who the girl was!

"Ning Xi! It's Ning Xi!"

"The World's' leading co-star, the actress who played Meng Changge, Ning Xi!"

"Too...too beautiful! I remember when I watched the trailer of 'The World'. I was already so taken by her beauty!"

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While some were pleasantly surprised, others were dumbfounded. The moment Ning Xi's face clearly appeared, Su Yimo almost spilled her tea.

It was actually Ning Xi! How could this be!? How could it be Ning Xi!?

Liang Biqin stood up uncontrollably. She wanted to see clearly for herself as she mumbled in disbelief, "No way! How could it be Ning Xi?! Is there a mistake?"

"Biqin, didn't you say it was Li Yueling?"

"How could that woman Ning Xi qualify for an ambassadorship of this rank?!"

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Albeit appearing for only a short second at the end of the entire advertisement, Ning Xi left a strong impression on everyone. That was Ning Xi. They definitely did not wrongly recognize her!

After a short silence, there was a thunderous applause from the crowd!

"Spectacular! Too spectacular! It is Director Cook, after all! What an amazing idea!"

"Even though there wasn't any dialogue in the entire clip, it conveyed a strong message to everyone. Elegance is a kind of aura that no street look can cover up! Even if the princess was fallen and became a beggar on the streets, she was still a princess! The elegance of her aura would not change despite her clothing and appearance!"

"Too amazing!"

"What's more marvelous is that the female protagonist only revealed her face for one second at the end, but the only thing that remained in my mind was the final second!"

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Everyone remained in amazement until only the perfume's latest crystal bottle design and brand logo were left on the screen.

"Next, let us invite our newest ambassador, Ning Xi. Welcome, Miss Ning!"

Introduced by the host so passionately, Ning Xi, who had been sitting quietly in a corner where no one noticed, stood up slowly.

Director Cook was unusually enthusiastic and had walked down the stage personally, bowing like a gentleman to Ning Xi before offering his hand to help her on stage.

Chapter 733: Definitely Something To Watch!

Now, there was no room for further doubts. Noble's ambassador this time around was Ning Xi, there was no mistake about that.

"This is so unexpected! Who knew that the secret ambassador is actually the actress who played Meng Changge, Miss Ning! The competition was very tight this time around and I believe many excellent artistes participated in the audition. I wonder why Director Cook had chosen Ning Xi?"

"During the initial auditions, I saw that Meng Changge had the kind of elegance and pride that our brand needs!" Cook answered proudly.

"Ning Xi, could you tell us what you understand about fragrance?" the reporter turned to Ning Xi and asked.

"Fragrance is the most direct and most invasive scent on a person. A person's taste of their surroundings is enhanced through fragrance and it will not go unnoticed. For a woman, men might not remember what you might have worn today, they might even forget how you look! But they will definitely remember how you smelt. People's memories of scent stay in their minds for a while!" Ning Xi answered easily without having any stage fright or nervousness facing so many reporters and all the big shots of the industry in the same room.

The press conference continued without any hiccups. Everyone's eyes were on Ning Xi. No one noticed that through the door in the back, two people had arrived late.

Ning Xueluo looked slightly helplessly at Li Yueling, who had dragged her along to the event. Even though she had received the invitation, she naturally decided not to come to avoid feeling uncomfortable because she already knew that Ning Xi was the ambassador.

She thought that Li Yueling would definitely not attend the function too. Who'd have known that she not only wanted to come but had also dragged her along?

"Xueluo, believe me, just watch! There will be something to watch!" Li Yueling looked slyly at Ning Xi who was getting all the attention on stage.

That was hers...

All those gasps and amazed stares should have been all hers but it had been shamelessly snatched away by this woman!

Ning Xueluo looked at Li Yueling's determined gaze and felt unassured. However, since Li Yueling wanted to mess with Ning Xi herself, she just followed her to take a seat and prepared to watch whatever unfolded before her.

Hah! She did not even have to personally do anything to defeat Ning Xi.

At that moment, Liang Biqin, who was fuming, had noticed Liang Biqin's arrival. Her eyes twinkled and she quickly turned to her to say softly, "Li Yueling! You're here too!"

Li Yueling nodded slightly. She usually was not friendly towards Glory World's artiste, but she just let it be for reputation's sake. Besides, her attention had been drawn towards the stage at that moment and she did not have the mood to make small talk.

Yet, Liang Biqin could not help but ask, "Aren't you Noble's ambassador? How did it change to be Ning Xi?"

Li Yueling frowned. Her expression was dark as she replied vaguely, "At first, I thought I was the chosen one too, but...nevermind!"

When she heard this, Liang Biqin and the female artistes around them felt like something was odd.

Why did Li Yueling's words sound so weird? What did she mean when she said that she thought it was her too?

Liang Biqin suddenly got excited at the prospect of some internal strife.

The reporters were still going on with their question and answer session. Suddenly, a reporter asked harshly, "As everyone knows, the competition for Noble's ambassadorship was very tight this time around. Based on those few girls whom I know had participated, they are all the industry's finest and most elite female artistes, even including movie stars like Fang Xiaowen and top artistes like Meng Shiyi! Why did Director Cook choose a less-than-famous Ning Xi to be the ambassador based on one clip from 'The World'?"

Chapter 734: Fighting Back With Capability

When they heard this question, everyone present had a stunned expression on their faces, their thoughts immediately straying towards the possibility of an ambiguous relationship...

The reporter paused, then added, "Before this, I received insider information that the ambassadorship had been decided to be awarded to Starlight's Miss Li Yueling. Why did it suddenly changed to Ning Xi? Was there some kind of an immoral exchange in between?"

The reporter's words were already very blatant, every word was aimed to accuse that Ning Xi had surpassed Li Yueling through unspoken rules!

Instantly, the crowd started to buzz!

Su Yimo, who had initially suppressed her annoyance, relaxed slightly.

Liang Biqin looked excited and almost bounced in her seat. "I knew it was like this!"

In the backseat, Li Yueling crossed her arms over her chest and looked at Ning Xueluo delightedly. It was obvious that she had arranged that reporter as a mole.

"Let's pose this question to Director Cook and Miss Ning Xi to answer all of us," the reporter craftily said towards Ning Xi.

Everyone's lenses and eyes were focused on Ning Xi, either out of excitement or out of the need for gossip. They attempted to catch her distressed and embarrassed emotions.

Yet, facing such serious accusations in such a sudden situation, Ning Xi's expression had not budged. Instead, she took over the microphone and look coldly towards the reporter who had instigated her and fearlessly said, "You're right, I admit that the competition this time was indeed very intense. When I found out that I had passed through the initial selection from my manager, I was pleasantly surprised myself.

"To this reporter, I would like to ask, with such intense competition and my going through the normal audition to be selected, is there a causation effect? Do you think that because the competition was intense, I definitely shouldn't have gotten through the auditions?"

"Other than that, I wonder who you got such inside information from? Based on some feeble info, you accused me of such a serious action like immoral means. Do you think it's appropriate?"

If the person sitting here today wasn't me and was someone else, could I use such an unreasonable reason based on inside information to question them?"

Ning Xi threw the three questions one after another, each one harsher than the previous. The reporter was rendered speechless.

That reporter looked embarrassed, then said with an unyielding tone, "As a reporter, we have the right to question logically and discover the truth for the public! Besides, everyone saw your and Director Cook's ambiguous intimacy earlier!"

"Huh, ambiguous intimacy? It was just a normal hug between friends and colleagues but you think that was ambiguous? Do you know the saying that the eyes see what the heart thinks? Are you executing your rights or are you using it to defame and slander?" Ning Xi asked.

"You're twisting the truth!" the reporter said as he suddenly smiled cunningly, then he took out a stack of pictures from his bag to distribute among everyone present, including Ning Xi and Cook.

"I have evidence! These pictures...how do you explain them?"

Ning Xi looked at the pictures. They were some behind-the-scenes interaction from when she had shot the advertisement in Country M with Cook.

However, the angle the photographer had taken the shot from was very peculiar. Cook was only emotionally patting her shoulder, but from that angle, it looked like they were hugging closely. In fact, some of the photos even looked like they were kissing...

Instantly, all the guests and reporters present were agitated and they all looked at Ning Xi in disgust.

"I thought the auditions would be very fair. Who knew a big shot like this would have scandals too?"

"How embarrassing!"

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At the same, when everyone was distracted, Ling Zhizhi had already quietly found the director's assistant backstage and whispered something into her ear before passing her a USB flash drive.

Chapter 735: Tables Turned

The assistant nodded, then walked towards Cook who was on stage. At that moment, Cook looked miserable when he heard what the assistant whispered to him. He hesitated, then looked at Ning Xi and suddenly set his mouth in a determined line.

He nodded at his assistant and solemnly skimmed the crowd before contemplating on his reply to the reporter. "Originally, the auditions, including the process of our shoot, is confidential but since everyone has such suspicions..."

Then, he signaled to the assistant who understood and immediately put the USB into the computer. Everyone thought that Cook had just been forced to disclose the audition process, so they instantly looked at the screen in excitement.

The room on the screen was obviously the audition room and that girl seen in it was actually Li Yueling! Li Yueling wore an elegant vintage Chinese cheongsam, while she sat there playing the Guqin. Her entire person exuded a noble elegance; it was so perfect without any flaw to pick on. When they saw this, the public felt that the reporter's words rang true.

"Li Yueling's performance is spectacular! That was practically unsurpassable!"

"Exactly! There's obviously some inside job going on here!"

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Then, before the discussions stopped, Ning Xi who donned a grey and dull dress walked in on the screen. The scene started with Cook's loud insults towards Ning Xi, scolding her for her dressing which seemed disrespectful to them.

"Indeed! The original ambassador was supposed to be Li Yueling!"

"Direction Cook hated Ning Xi right from the start! How did he decide that she would be the ambassador later on?"

"This is so obvious now! Definitely using some scandalous methods!"

The crowd looked at each other, thinking the same thoughts without explicitly voicing them out.

However, the next scene shocked everyone speechless, just as it did to Cook in the audition room.

Ning Xi sat at ease in front of the Guqin and unexpectedly played an extremely difficult, Guang Lin San.

"I believe that true elegance and nobility is not just by donning the name of luxurious brands. It is neither to show off the expensive accessories on hand nor to boast about your own beauty and educational qualifications. True nobility is, even if dressed in ragged clothes and messy hair, not being able to conceal the aristocratic charisma within..."

Until Ning Xi's definition of true nobility was spoken out loud, everyone off-stage had yet to return to their senses.

Simply amazing!!! Noble's advertisement's spectacular creativity had unexpectedly originated from Ning Xi's audition! Still, the screenplay had not yet ended!

The screen continued to play the highlights from the advertisement shoot. Everyone could see that the pictures the reporter had shown them had been intentionally shot from an ambiguous angle. In reality, the two of them were interacting normally without any hanky-panky. The behind-the-scenes video proved that there were no ambiguities.

Finally, an audition form was zoomed in on the final scene. On the sheet, all those who had signed up to participate had their names on it and beside it was the list for those who were shortlisted.

The list had both Liang Biqin and Ning Xueluo's names...

Liang Biqin was initially only slightly disappointed that she did not ruin Ning Xi. To her utmost shock, she saw her name on the list.

At the same time, the female artistes next to Liang Biqin looked at her in surprise. She had signed up after all but had been eliminated. However, for the sake of saving her face, she had said she did not even audition...

Of course, there was another person who looked worse off compared to Liang Biqin.

Li Yueling never would have thought that Ning Xi had done such extensive preparations to counter any scandals and that Cook would expose the audition process for her sake. Just as she was almost stomping her feet in frustration about this, she saw the name list at the end.

On the name list was Ning Xueluo...

Chapter 736: It's Not Suitable For Children

Didn't Ning Xueluo say that she had not signed up at all because she didn't want to fight with her and had intentionally let her go ahead?

"Xueluo, you...you registered? I thought you said you didn't..."

It never occurred to Ning Xueluo that her biggest worry would happen. She put on a miserable face as she pretended to say, "I'm curious too! I did tell Sis Chang that I didn't want to register, but maybe she had too many things on hand and missed out on my message!"

"Is that so...?" Li Yueling was slightly doubtful.

However, even if Ning Xueluo claimed so, it could not change the fact that she had indeed been eliminated in the first round. Initially, she had thought the charismatic Ning Xueluo would be her biggest competitor. Who'd have guessed that she had actually been eliminated in the first round?

Now, Noble's launch press conference had come to an end. The reporters surrounded Ning Xueluo in a flurry...

Because Ning Xueluo was the most famous name on the eliminated name list, all the reporters naturally targeted her.

"Oh, Xueluo, you participated in the Noble auditions too but you were eliminated and you even lost to your junior! How do you feel about this?"

"Xueluo, Noble's theme is elegance. Does this mean that Director Cook thinks you're not suitable for their brand's theme and thus, you do not have an elegant charisma?"

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Ning Xueluo stared at Ning Xi who was being heaped with praises not too far away and stabbed her fingernails into her palm while pretending to maintain her composure and answered the reporters, "For the auditions this time, I had no intentions to join and I did not know about it either. It was probably my manager who had casually helped me register, so I'm not too sure what happened either...sorry!"

She was obviously trying to imply she had simply participated without any care or preparation at all. However, how many of them would believe her words was another story...

Liang Biqin was secretly relieved that Ning Xueluo had been swarmed by the reporters, distracting them away from her. She was afraid that she would be targeted, so she quickly ran off sneakily.

Li Yueling was such a burden!

It was a good thing that even Ning Xueluo had been eliminated too so that her being eliminated did not look too bad either...

On the other end of the room, Ning Xi left with Ling Zhizhi after passionately bidding Director Cook farewell.

In the car, Ning Xi happily hugged and kissed Ling Zhizhi's cheeks. "Sis Zhizhi, you're awesome! You actually prepared all of that beforehand!"

Ling Zhizhi smiled as she shrugged. "It was my backup plan. It's a good thing that you improvised well, so I could follow your reaction flow to do execute all that. If your reaction had been slightly off, we could have handled it badly!"

Ning Xi laughed. "We are the best partners!"

Ling Zhizhi chuckled too. "Rest well when you get home. You still have to prepare for your new show next!"

"Mmm, okay!"

When she got home, Ning Xi ate and cleaned herself up before lying down in bed comfortably. Just as she was engrossed in a book about film theories, there was a knock on her door.

Who could it be at this hour?

Ning Xi opened the door and saw Lu Tingxiao standing in front of her, wearing a black windbreaker and bringing in some cold air from the outside.

Ning Xi instantly hugged him, overjoyed, and said, "Big Boss, you're here!"

Then, she looked behind him before asking, "Eh? Where's Little Treasure?"

Lu Tingxiao replied matter-of-factly with a poker face, "I didn't bring him."

"Uhh...why?"

"It's not suitable for children," said Lu Tingxiao, before he hugged her by the waist and entered.

Bam! The door closed with Ning Xi's back against the door and the man holding the curve of the base of her skull, they started a round of intense kisses...

Chapter 737: Or Else...I Can Help You?

Mmm...a devil that has been removed of its chains...is really passionate...

Ning Xi had already changed into soft and warm fuzzy pajamas. Lu Tingxiao's hand lightly slipped through her gown, feathering her slim waist and finding its way up to envelope that tender curve...

Because Lu Tingxiao palm was still cold from the chilly air outside, Ning Xi's body involuntarily shuddered. She was not sure whether it was the cold or the sudden stimulation that caused her to react that way.

"Cold?" Lu Tingxiao pulled his hand away immediately.

In her fuzzy pajamas with her hair lazily tumbling in all the right places, she exuded a sense of lazy domestication, making her look so soft, warm and sweet that made him lose control bit by bit...

Besides...

Today was the fourth day of their relationship! They had survived more than half of what people called that "deadly one week".

Those few days, he did not know how he had returned home each time. He was floating in between extreme happiness and despair. He had thought of many ways before to make her stay every time. He could not even bear to have her leave him for even one second, yet he had still chosen to go with her flow.

As Ning Xi was snuggled in his embrace, she noticed that somewhere below his belly there was a stream of heat and she felt something hard. While her chest seemed to have the lingering imprints of the man's strength and his slightly rough hands, he could not help but blush.

It was just a kiss and there was already a reaction? In fact, this was not the first time...

Damn it, next time whoever said that Lu Tingxiao was not tempted by seduction would get slapped!

"Did today go smoothly?" Lu Tingxiao asked, some seductive hoarseness in his tone.

Ning Xi little face beamed as she nodded. "There were some slight bumps but we resolved them already."

She noticed that Lu Tingxiao was controlling his breath as he hugged her, clearly trying to suppress his emotions. Ning Xi looked up from his chest and blinked to look at him, before weakly saying, "Umm...the nurse already said that it's not good for your body to suppress it in...the nurse also said that you can resolve it without doing it...or else...I...can help you?"

The moment she said, the little beast that Lu Tingxiao had suppressed with all his might, instantly sprung up at Ning Xi's words.

Lu Tingxiao lay down and kissed the girl's forehead, his tone significantly calmer. "There's no need."

"Why not?" He was already so tense...

"Because I can't bear to." Can't bear to force her to do anything she did not want to do.

Ning Xi sighed lightly, "Alright...actually, I previously might have...been slightly defensive towards men...but...Big Boss..."

Just as the two were speaking, the doorbell suddenly rang.

Ning Xi looked outside through the peephole and instantly felt like a cat who had its tail stepped on, leaping. "My God! Sis Zhizhi! Why would she come over at this hour? Aaaaaah! What to do?! What to do?!"

The doorbell kept ringing as Ning Xi pushed Lu Tingxiao, trying to find a hiding place for him. She was super anxious. At last, she pushed him into the bathroom. However, she was still not assured and pulled the shower curtain for him to hide in the bathtub.

When she saw the devil's face darken due to having his long legs and arms cramped inside the bathtub, Ning Xi gave him a big kiss on the lips and caressed his handsome face. "Sorry, sorry! You have to be miserable for a while, I'll be done really soon!"

Chapter 738: Don't You Think It's Very Exciting?

The devil still looked very unhappy.

Ning Xi hardened her resolve and leaned over him to kiss him on the lips again. "My dear, we're just dating but it feels like we're cheating. Don't you think it's very exciting?"

Lu Tingxiao's gaze darkened further as he pulled her head down to kiss her hard.

This beast! Wasn't she being too confident about his self-restraint?

Ning Xi was panicked by the incessant doorbell ringing as she tousled the guy's hair to console him patiently. "Mmm...okay, okay...if we continue, I'll be exposed. No, no. Not here! Don't bite!"

Lu Tingxiao was panting slightly as he restrained himself from the impulse of leaving any marks on her.

"Coming, coming!" Ning Xi called out as she whispered into Lu Tingxiao's ear, "Be good, I'll come back to help you later..."

Lu Tingxiao stiffened immediately.

Ning Xi looked at him quietly with eyes as clear as a reflective lake. "What I didn't finish saying earlier was that...Big Boss, despite all that, you're different, you're special!"

Then, without a care for whatever waves her words had caused in Lu Tingxiao's heart, she ran off to the living room to open the door for Ling Zhizhi.

She looked around to see if she had left any traces of his presence as she poured a drink for Ling Zhizhi.

Ling Zhizhi took the cup with a serious expression. "Don't busy yourself. Sit down. I came over suddenly because I have something to tell you."

Ning Xi observed Ling Zhizhi's expression and asked, "Bad news?"

"Nevermind," Ling Zhizhi paused, then said, "Didn't you take fancy to a script the last time?"

"Yeah! It's called 'I Only Like You'. It's the one where the girl dresses up as a guy. What's wrong? Is there an issue?" Ning Xi asked quickly.

"Initially, there were still a few days of auditions for this show and the director also agreed to let you have a go earlier. But just now, I just received news that the other party has directly decided on Liang Biqin as the female lead!"

"What?" Ning Xi frowned. "Is it confirmed?"

Ling Zhizhi nodded. "Yes, when I called to ask, they said that the contract has even been signed. Otherwise, I would definitely have helped you fight for it."

"So soon..." Ning Xi was very disappointed.

It was like saving up enough money to buy a much anticipated toy, yet just when she had saved up a piggy bank full of money, the toy had been bought by someone else with a 100 dollar bill.

At the same time at a certain bar in Imperial, happy vibes were all around.

"Thank you, Director Zheng and Producer Qian. Please take care of Biqin!"

"Thank you, Director. Thank you, Producer Qian and thank you, cousin. I will definitely work hard!" Liang Biqin said emotionally.

"It's nothing. Miss Liang, you have the capabilities. We are just strengthening this alliance!"

"Exactly! Besides, Goddess Su has helped us pulled so many big shot cameos. Our show will have one of the history's strongest artiste appearances and will definitely sell well. That's profit in the bank!"

Liang Biqin served the director some alcohol as she asked, "I heard that Ling Zhizhi also contacted you. It seems like someone's interested to fight for this character too."

"Yes, they contacted me about half a month ago saying that they were very interested in our show. I just agreed to let Ning Xi audition. Actually, I was just casually agreeing to it, but Ning Xi will not suit our show's female lead, no matter what!"

Chapter 739: Wait For Me A While More, Okay?

The smaller artistes accompanying Liang Biqin on the side instantly started to echo.

"How shameless that she tried to get close just by looking at how big the budget and the drama crew is without reflecting on how she looks! She thinks that just because she's pretty, she can accept any show?"

"Exactly, she looks so gaudy. If she dressed as a man, how weird would that be?"

"She is only suitable for the role of the vixen!"

The director held Liang Biqin's hand and touched it meaningfully while smiling. "Biqin still fits what I want best!"

Rumors had it that Su Yimo was the woman of the CEO of Lu Group, so he naturally dared not touch her. But this little cousin of hers...if things were mutually consensual, he could mess around with her a little.

When Liang Biqin received the director's hint, she was naturally happy to be associated with a big director like him, so she laughed. "And I thank the director for his love!"

Su Yimo was happy to watch the two of them flirt. Director Zheng was a reputable director and if Liang Biqin could hook up with him, she would definitely benefit in the future.

She had spent so much effort to help Liang Biqin because her kind of shows was different from hers, so there would not be a conflict of interest. At the same time, she needed a strong assistant. In fact, for occasions like these that needed accompanying and courtesy, she could comfortably leave it all to her...

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In the apartment.

"So far, this show already has sixty million dollars in investment. For an idol drama to have sixty million dollars in investment is quite rare in the industry. The drama team also invited many big shots within the industry. Even someone who carried soya sauce in the scene is an A-lister cameo, that means so many people are just there to match one female lead. With such a line-up, the competition would obviously be intense. One would not get the part just for acting skills and suitability. Based on your current work experience, I'm afraid that you are slightly lacking..."

"Sis Zhizhi, I understand."

Even though Ning Xi was reluctant, she could not deny that she was a rookie who had only acted as a supporting actress. It was tough for her to get the female lead role for her second drama, especially with such a strong line-up and so much money invested in it.

Modern dramas were different from ancient day dramas. Based on the current market, sixty million in investment was already very shocking.

Liang Biqin's recently released movie and drama had pretty good feedback. In fact, she was the female lead in both of them, plus she was already an A-lister. Besides, she had Su Yimo's strong support, so it was entirely logical for the directing team to decide on her.

Ning Xi and Ling Zhizhi discussed this for quite a while before coming up with a conclusion. Since the contract had already been signed and it was already spilled milk, there was definitely no use crying over it.

As they spoke, Ning Xi noticed something...

Oh, no!!! She seemed to have forgotten something...

She had forgotten the devil!!!

"Ugh, I've got a stomach ache! Sis Zhizhi, let me run to the toilet for a bit! Wait for me for a while!" As Ning Xi ran towards the bathroom, she also picked up some junk food, a bottle of mineral water, and a book when Ling Zhizhi was not noticing.

When she entered the bathroom, Ning Xi immediately pulled opened the shower curtain.

Lu Tingxiao sat in the tub hugging his knees. When he saw her appear, he revealed a sad expression as if he was a king being imprisoned by an evil witch!!!

Oh, dear!

Ning Xi tossed all the food, water, and the book into the tub, then put a leg into the tub to move into the devil's embrace, looking to please him. "It's my fault! My fault! We'll finish talking really soon. You eat some things and read first. Just wait for me a while more, okay?"

Chapter 740: Or Do You Want To...Stay Here?

Lu Tingxiao then asked, "How long more?"

Ning Xi pondered. "Ten...no, five minutes! I'll be very quick!"

Then, because she was afraid Ling Zhizhi would be anxiously waiting, she quickly got up and prepared to leave. Because the tub was too slippery, she lost her footing and fell into Lu Tingxiao's arms again.

"Aiyo! Lu Tingxiao, what's that that's so hard on you?"

Lu Tingxiao grunted from her weight falling onto him and then stopped her hand that kept feeling around. He then said through gritted teeth, "What do you think?"

"It's...it can't be...still in an upward position since just now, can it?"

Lu Tingxiao's gaze was like the lava from an apocalyptic volcano, staring at her with heated eyes. The answer was already very obvious.

"You're different"...

"You're special"...

"Wait for me, I'll come back to help you"...

Obviously, this brat did not realize what these words that she had simply thrown out had meant to him.

Simply put, the effect those words had on him was the same as a strong Viagra!

So, the entire she had been talking to Ling Zhizhi outside, his body had been boiling and fired up...

Ning Xi looked guilty, then she quickly escaped the tub before the devil went crazy. She ran towards the door as she whispered, "Be good, be good, wait for me!"

Those last three words she actually directed towards the area three inches below Lu Tingxiao's belly button...

She returned to the living room.

Ning Xi felt like she was over the audition she missed out on, so she just said to Ling Zhizhi, "Sis Zhizhi, it's okay. I didn't think this through. I liked this script too much initially and wanted to fight for it, of course, I also prepared for everything. Since this turned out this way, I will just choose another script. It's not that big of a deal."

The entertainment industry was such; not everything would be smooth sailing and Ning Xi had very quickly regained her spirits.

When Ling Zhizhi saw that she was not too affected, she instantly breathed a sigh of relief. "Also, you don't have to rush now. You have just finished this tiring period of promotions. Rest well for the next few days before you take on another show. I will arrange some variety shows and interviews for you. Here are some details, see if anything sparks your interest."

"Okay, thank you, Sis Zhizhi!"

After they bade farewell and just as she was prepared to send Ling Zhizhi away, her guest suddenly stood up and said, "Ning Xi, I'd like to borrow your toilet for a while."

Ning Xi immediately shouted, "You can't!"

"Why not?" Ling Zhizhi asked curiously.

Ning Xi quickly thought an answer and explained, "I just realized the toilet is blocked!"

"Then, I'll go downstairs to use the public toilet!"

"Okay, okay!"

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She finally sent Ling Zhizhi away safely. Ning Xi was about to collapse in exhaustion.

Hah, breaking promises did come with a price to pay! She had really given her all to this relationship!

Yet, her ordeal had not yet ended. There was still a whiny devil that needed her coaxing!

"I'm back!" Ning Xi quickly hopped into the bathroom and pulled open the shower curtain. "Big Boss! Quickly get out! Sis Zhizhi is gone!"

Then, she scratched her head and asked, "Uh, or do you want to...stay here?"

Lu Tingxiao's answer was the hurl of his long arm, immediately pulling her into the tub by her waist and trapping her in his embrace. In an oddly coarse voice, he managed to say, "Here."