

The CEO 521

Chapter 521 Dogfight

Wang Xiao stared fiercely at Chen Yong, as if he wanted to skin him alive.

After hearing Mo Rao's words, he suddenly shouted, "He's talking nonsense! Are you going to listen to his lies?!"

"President Mo! I still have the chat records left behind by Director Wang when he instructed me to do things!"

"Bullshit!"

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Mo Rao watched the two of them bicker.

When she was done watching, she interrupted the two of them. "Since there's a chat history, let us see it."

Immediately after, she asked Zhao Ying to take Chen Yong's phone and project his chat history with Wang Xiao so that all the directors could see it.

"Director Wang, are you still going to quibble?" Mo Rao sneered as she stared at Wang Xiao.

At this moment, Wang Xiao's lips were quivering. For a moment, he didn't know what to say to protect his "innocent".

Seeing that Wang Xiao hadn't thing to say, Mo Rao nodded in satisfaction and looked at the other directors.

"All the directors have seen how Director Wang threatened his employee and leaked the company's plan." She said very calmly, "If he does it once, he'll do it two. If we don't punish Director Wang, I'm afraid we won't be able to give the company an explanation!"

"President Mo, tell us what to do! We'll listen to you!"

"Yes! President Mo, we all support you!"

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The directors present expressed their stance one after another, and Wang Xiao sat in his seat with a miserable expression. He looked very dejected.

Mo Rao looked at the ashen-faced Wang Xiao with a smile.

"Although the plan was leaked this time, fortunately, it didn't cause any serious consequences to the company. Therefore, the punishment for Director Wang is..."

Mo Rao deliberately dragged out her words. Although Wang Xiao's expression was ashen, he still subconsciously looked up and stared at Mo Rao.

“A fine will be imposed on Director Wang. For the next six months, he will no longer be able to participate in the company’s decision-making! As for Chen Yong, he will be fined and fired!”

The directors thought that Mo Rao would take this opportunity to fire Wang Xiao, so when they heard Mo Rao’s words, they immediately looked at her in surprise.

After a while, the directors reacted, especially those who usually had a good relationship with Wang Xiao, and praised Mo Rao.

“President Mo is so generous! It’s our blessing to have a leader like President Mo in Jiayi!”

“Yes! Yes, President Mo is amazing! President Mo resolved this matter all alone. How impressive!”

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Mo Rao chatted with them enthusiastically on the surface, but she knew in her heart that although these directors were very respectful to her now, if she really took this opportunity to fire Wang Xiao today...

Although these directors wouldn’t say anything, they would still feel a little uneasy about her.

Moreover... Mo Rao looked meaningfully at Wang Xiao, who seemed to have calmed down. Half a year later, she would have a better chance to kick Wang Xiao out of the board of directors and make him give up his shares.

Now, she wasn’t in a hurry.

Thinking of this, the smile on Mo Rao’s face deepened.

After the meeting ended, Zhao Ying looked at Mo Rao with admiration. “President Mo, you’re really amazing!”

The feeling of having the entire situation under her control was really too enviable!

Mo Rao restrained her intimidating aura slightly and put on a gentle look.

“I just have confidence.” In front of outsiders, she wasn’t as relaxed as she was in front of Mo Yuan. “Next, let’s prepare for Fashion Week!”

Zhao Ying nodded at Mo Rao heavily. “Don’t worry! President Mo, the plan is ready. Leave the rest to us!”

Mo Rao nodded calmly. “Come with me to the office and report the company’s recent situation.”

The two of them walked towards the office as they spoke.

At this moment, the Shen Corporation finally received the news that Mr. Zhao had refused to cooperate.

Not long after, they received news that Chen Yong had been fired and Wang Xiao’s authority had been temporarily revoked.

With these two pieces of news, how could the Shen Corporation not know that what they had done behind the scenes had been exposed?

They were furious, but they didn't dare to say anything about this. They could only swallow their anger.

Chapter 522 Focus of the Crowd

The recording of "Celebrity Gourmet" had already ended. Coupled with the fact that Wang Xiao's matter was resolved and there was no other work for the time being, Mo Rao was free.

"Are you planning to continue working or rest for a while?" Mo Yuan looked at Mo Rao, who was slumped on the sofa, and asked softly.

Mo Rao sat up straight and supported her chin with her slender hand, like she was deep in thought.

"I'll rest for a while."

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After Mo Yuan received Mo Rao's answer, he nodded gently to show that he understood.

His heart ached for Mo Rao. The previous workload was indeed too heavy, so he was afraid that Mo Rao couldn't take it. However, since Mo Rao wanted to do it, he could only support her decision.

Now that Mo Rao wanted to rest, he was overjoyed! He definitely wouldn't persuade Mo Rao to work.

Originally, Mo Rao and Mo Yuan thought that Mo Rao could rest at home for a few days. However, the next day, Mo Yuan received an invitation.

"What banquet is this?" Mo Rao looked at the invitation in Mo Yuan's hand and raised her eyebrows.

Mo Yuan looked at the invitation in his hand and recalled the news he had received previously.

"It seems to be a banquet organized by a director. Although he's not a very famous director, the director has good connections, so there should be a lot of people attending this banquet."

Mo Yuan paused for a moment and continued, "Moreover, be it the business world or some big shots in the entertainment industry, they will probably all be there."

Hearing this, Mo Rao, who was originally a little indifferent, immediately stood up. "In other words, I have to go to this banquet?"

Mo Yuan nodded. "This is a good opportunity to make connections."

When Mo Rao heard this, her eyes flashed. "Then will you come with me this time?"

Mo Yuan waved the invitation in his hand. "Of course. I'm your manager. How can I not go?"

Mo Rao laughed and pressed her palms together as she shook them at Mo Yuan. "Then I'll leave my future to you."

Mo Yuan puffed out his chest and said proudly, "Don't worry! I'll definitely arrange things for you!"

The two of them looked at each other and laughed at the same time.

This intimate feeling between family was really wonderful!

Before she met Mo Yuan, Mo Rao didn't know who to banter with.

When she was still with Fu Ying, Fu Ying was always busy. Even when he went home, he rarely spoke to her and only interacted with her in bed.

After meeting Mo Yuan, Mo Rao realized that this was how one should interact with one's family.

Every time she thought of this, Mo Rao cherished her brother even more.

Soon, it was time for the banquet. After the siblings dressed up, they drove straight to the banquet.

The moment the two of them entered, many people present stole glances at the two of them, or rather, at Mo Rao.

Tonight, Mo Rao was as glamorous as ever. There was a hint of resilience amidst her aloofness, which was in line with her usual temperament and personality. In the entertainment industry, where there were many sweet girl-next-door types, a beautiful woman like Mo Rao was quite unique.

Mo Rao was already used to these gazes, so she maintained a polite smile and a firm gaze.

"Tsk, my sister is indeed the center of attention wherever she goes." Mo Yuan couldn't help but tease.

"It's all thanks to you for beautifying me." Mo Rao started to praise Mo Yuan.

Suddenly, Mo Yuan's eyes lit up. Then, he turned to Mo Rao and said, "Stay here for a while. I saw a director, so I'm going to go greet him."

"Aren't you gonna bring me there?" Mo Rao asked in confusion.

Mo Yuan shook his head. "Not for the time being. I'll go do some probing first."

That director had a sharp tongue. If he said something unpleasant... He didn't want his sister to hear it.

Since Mo Yuan had said so, Mo Rao didn't insist on going with him. She believed that Mo Yuan had her best interests in mind.

"Okay, I understand. Look for me if you need anything. I'll be here."

After Mo Yuan instructed Mo Rao, he left. Mo Rao watched as Mo Yuan walked to a middle-aged man, then she retracted her gaze.

Chapter 523 Big Shots Are Forgetful

Mo Rao looked around the venue in boredom. In the end, she walked to the dessert counter and took two of her favorite desserts before eating in the corner quietly.

She didn't want to cause trouble and only wanted to wait for the banquet to end. However, someone was unwilling to let her off.

"Mo Rao, you're a CEO and a celebrity. Isn't it a little funny for you to hide in a corner to eat at the banquet?"

Mo Rao looked up impatiently and saw Shen Jia standing in front of her in a fitting evening gown. Shen Jia looked at her arrogantly, her eyes filled with mockery.

She placed the plate of snacks on the table at the side and stood up elegantly.

“Who stipulated that people can’t eat at the banquet?” Mo Rao said bluntly. Before Shen Jia could speak, she continued, “Since there’s food prepared at the banquet, it’s for the guests to eat. As for whether the guests are willing to eat it or not, that’s up to the guests.”

“Besides, what does eating have to do with my identity? Can’t celebrities and CEOs eat at banquets? I think you know how to eat as well, right? Otherwise, you would have died long ago.”

Shen Jia didn’t know how to refute. However, soon, Shen Jia revealed a mocking smile again and sneered. “No one is willing to pay attention to you, so you can only hide in a corner and eat, right?”

She clicked her tongue a few times, her eyes filled with mockery and pity.

“Poor thing.”

Despite facing Shen Jia’s mockery, there was no anger on Mo Rao’s face, as if the other party wasn’t talking about her.

“I don’t think a truly cultured person would do something like stealing, right?” Mo Rao asked coldly.

Shen Jia’s feigned expression of pity suddenly froze for a moment. Even the smile on her face disappeared.

“What do you mean?” she asked in a stern voice.

The corners of Mo Rao’s lips curled up. “Could it be that you really don’t know? President Shen, big shots are really forgetful!”

Mo Rao emphasized the words “President Shen”, and a sly look flashed across her eyes.

Shen Jia took a few steps back from Mo Rao and pretended to be calm as she said, “I really don’t know what you’re talking about.”

“Then let me remind the forgetful President Shen,” Mo Rao said leisurely. “I remember that the proposal submitted by the Shen Corporation not long ago was Jiayi’s proposal, right?”

She suddenly looked at Shen Jia with interest. “President Shen, I wonder if you can...”

“What nonsense are you talking about?!” She suddenly interrupted Mo Rao with a stern voice. There was a hint of panic on her face, but she quickly calmed down. “I didn’t know about this at all! It was that employee himself who colluded with your company’s Wang Xiao to do this! What right do you have to slander me?”

Shen Jia’s last sentence was a little loud and immediately attracted the attention of the surrounding people.

Sensing all of this, Shen Jia bit her lip and quickly shut up.

Shen Jia walked closer to Mo Rao and threatened in her ear, “Mo Rao, there are some things you can’t say without evidence!”

Mo Rao turned slightly and looked at Shen Jia. Then, she lowered her voice and said, “Shen Jia, do you really think I don’t have evidence? Without evidence, how can I punish Wang Xiao?”

With that, she deliberately revealed a look of realization. "Or do you think I'll be afraid of your threat?"

Seeing Mo Rao's fearless look, Shen Jia clenched her fists.

"Mo Rao! What's so great about you?! Didn't you get your current status because of Fu Ying and Gu Ci? To be honest, I really don't understand why Fu Ying and Gu Ci like you."

She didn't understand. She was clearly much better than Mo Rao, but Fu Ying only had Mo Rao in his eyes and had never paid attention to her.

Since she couldn't start with Fu Ying, she would get rid of Mo Rao first!

At the thought of this, a trace of viciousness flashed across Shen Jia's eyes.

Chapter 524 Playing Dumb

When she heard Shen Jia's words, Mo Rao's gaze turned completely cold.

"Shen Jia, I'm not like you. I've relied on myself all the way until now. I've never relied on anyone else!"

Shen Jia sneered, as if she had heard something funny. Her eyes were filled with disdain. "Mo Rao, who doesn't know that you rely on men?! Don't play dumb!"

Mo Rao looked at Shen Jia coldly. "What right does a person who only knows how to steal other people's work have to say such things?!"

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"I already said that I didn't!" Shen Jia retorted.

Mo Rao sneered and was about to say something when a middle-aged man called Shen Jia's name not far away.

Shen Jia looked over. When she saw that it was Shen Ke, her anger instantly subsided.

Previously, because of this, Shen Ke felt that she had been too anxious and had taught her a lesson. Now that Shen Ke saw her arguing with Mo Rao because of this, Shen Jia was worried that Shen Ke would blame her again. At that time, wouldn't her position in Shen Ke's heart be the same as that of her useless brother?

"I don't have the time to argue with you. Mo Rao, just wait and watch me get together with Fu Ying!" Shen Jia snorted and turned to leave.

For some reason, when Mo Rao heard this, the first thing she thought of was the rumor about Fu Ying and Shen Jia.

Actually, during this period of time, rumors about Fu Ying and Shen Jia had been all over the place, but Mo Rao had never had the time to pay attention to it.

Recalling Old Madam Fu's gentle attitude towards Shen Jia, Mo Rao suddenly couldn't imagine Fu Ying and Shen Jia together.

She closed her eyes, then opened them again.

She and Fu Ying had already ended their marriage. So who Fu Ying was with was none of her business. Moreover, from Fu Ying's attitude towards her, he wouldn't get together with Shen Jia.

Even so, Mo Rao still discovered her true thoughts about this matter.

She didn't know when it started, but she seemed to have started to pay attention to everything about Fu Ying once again, including his rumored partner.

Mo Rao shook her head to shake off these thoughts.

"What's wrong? You're standing here all alone in a daze." Suddenly, Gu Ci's gentle voice came from beside Mo Rao.

Mo Rao came back to her senses and looked up at the source of the voice. She saw Gu Ci standing in front of her in a suit while looking at her worriedly.

Mo Rao smiled. "It's nothing. I'm just a little bored."

After receiving Mo Rao's answer, Gu Ci nodded in understanding, but his expression darkened.

He understood that with the expression on Mo Rao's face, it wasn't as simple as pure boredom.

"You came here alone?" Gu Ci leaned close to Mo Rao and asked softly.

Mo Rao shook her head. "No, he came with my brother. He just went to network."

Gu Ci chuckled and leaned closer to Mo Rao. "Then I'll accompany you! Being all alone, I'm quite bored too."

"You're alone? Don't you need to socialize? Mr. Gu?" Mo Rao teased.

Gu Ci smiled at Mo Rao. "I really don't have any social engagements, so can you accompany me for a while, President Mo?"

He said the words "President Mo" in a meaningful tone.

"On account that we're good friends, I'll 'reluctantly' accompany you." Mo Rao couldn't help but tease Gu Ci.

When he heard the words "good friend", Gu Ci's heart skipped a beat.

He didn't want to just be good friends with Mo Rao.

Although he had an ulterior motive for getting close to Mo Rao, Gu Ci now realized that he yearned for much more than he had imagined.

Mo Rao and Gu Ci chatted happily. After Mo Yuan and the director finished talking, he looked around. When he realized that Mo Rao and Gu Ci were together, alarm bells went off in his head.

How much he liked Gu Ci before was how afraid he was of this man now.

Mo Yuan hurriedly walked towards Mo Rao. When Mo Rao saw Mo Yuan walking over from afar, she waved at him.

“Brother, how was the negotiation?” Mo Rao asked.

“Not bad,” Mo Yuan said as he took out a few business cards from the pocket of his suit.

Chapter 525 Fu Ying’s Arrival

If they could exchange business cards at such a banquet, it meant that there was a high chance of future cooperation.

Mo Rao gave Mo Yuan a thumbs up. “As expected of an ace manager. How impressive!”

“You and your brother are so close.” Gu Ci couldn’t help but marvel.

When Mo Rao, who was still joking with Mo Yuan, heard Gu Ci’s words, she immediately thought of Gu Ci’s sister.

Seeing her and Mo Yuan’s interaction, Gu Ci probably thought of his sister.

“Don’t be sad. I believe your sister will definitely be happy to see you like this,” she said comfortingly.

Gu Ci smiled at Mo Rao. “Yes, I hope my sister doesn’t worry about me.”

When Mo Yuan heard Gu Ci mention his sister, his heart skipped a beat and his body stiffened for a moment.

However, Gu Ci was focused on Mo Rao and didn’t notice Mo Yuan’s abnormality.

Although Mo Yuan was a little wary of Gu Ci, he didn’t want Mo Rao to discover it, nor did he want to alarm Gu Ci. Therefore, when facing Gu Ci, he would take the initiative to speak to him.

Therefore, the three of them maintained a harmonious atmosphere.

As for Fu Ying, who was late, the moment he entered the banquet hall, his gaze kept sweeping across everyone in the banquet hall.

After discovering Mo Rao’s figure in the corner, he walked towards her without hesitation.

However, when he approached, he realized that Gu Ci was also there. His originally happy expression instantly darkened.

Fu Ying glanced at Gu Ci, then he smiled at Mo Rao. “Rao Rao, long time no see.”

Mo Rao looked up when she heard the voice. When she saw Fu Ying, she subconsciously thought of what Shen Jia had said previously and tensed up.

“Long time no see.” She suppressed the emotions in her heart and smiled as she nodded.

After receiving Mo Rao’s answer, Fu Ying’s mood instantly improved, and he ignored Gu Ci even more.

“Brother, long time no see.”

When Mo Yuan heard Fu Ying address him, he rolled his eyes in front of Fu Ying. “I’m not your brother. Don’t call me that.”

Although the two of them had temporarily formed an alliance regarding Gu Ci’s matter..

In other aspects... Fu Ying could forget about it!!

Fu Ying didn't mind Mo Yuan's attitude at all. He was already used to it.

At this moment, Gu Ci, who had been ignored by him, suddenly said, "President Fu, I remember that the Shen family is also at this banquet. Don't you need to greet them?"

His tone was teasing, and the meaning of his words couldn't be more obvious.

Fu Ying's expression darkened as he looked at Gu Ci gloomily. "I don't have much interaction with the two of them, so there's no need to greet them."

Gu Ci wasn't afraid at all. He looked straight into Fu Ying's eyes and smiled. "The good news about you two has spread throughout the industry some time ago. Is there a need to refute it?"

Fu Ying naturally understood that Gu Ci was talking about him eating with Old Madam Fu and Shen Jia previously.

Someone had leaked the news and added fuel to the fire, saying that the two of them had already met each other's parents and were about to get married.

Fu Ying tried to shut them up, but as the news spread, many people found out about this.

"Mr. Gu, you've been in this circle for so long, so don't you know that some news is just an exaggeration?" As he spoke, the corners of his mouth curled into a mocking smile. "Or is Mr. Gu so stupid that you jump to conclusions from insignificant evidence?"

"What do you mean?" Gu Ci's voice turned cold.

Fu Ying wasn't to be outdone. "I mean it literally. I think you can understand!"

The two of them glared at each other, and the atmosphere instantly tensed up.

Mo Yuan, who was at the side, watched the two of them bickering. He raised his eyebrows, but he had no intention of helping to mediate.

Mo Rao rubbed her forehead in frustration. Just as she was about to stop the two of them, footsteps sounded. Mo Rao couldn't help but look up. She saw Shen Jia, who had left with Shen Ke, holding Shen Ke's hand and walking over with a smile.

Chapter 526 Never Said

"President Fu, I was wondering if you would come. I didn't expect to really see you here. This is really fate!" Shen Ke smiled at Fu Ying.

After all, a director's banquet wasn't prestigious enough to invite Fu Ying.

If he hadn't heard the news that Fu Ying had taken the initiative to ask for an invitation, he wouldn't have believed it.

As Fu Ying looked at Shen Ke and Shen Jia, he frowned imperceptibly. However, when he thought about how he still needed to cooperate with the Shen Corporation in business and how the two families had a deep relationship, he could only nod at Shen Ke. "Uncle Shen, long time no see."

Shen Jia smiled at Fu Ying and took a step closer to him. Then, she asked, "President Fu, what have you been busy with these days? Why haven't I seen you that much?"

Her sweet smile attracted the attention of many people.

Coupled with her intimate tone, the surrounding people immediately thought of the rumors.

"The Shen family and the Fu family seem to be really familiar with each other. Could it be that the Fu and Shen families are really going to establish a marriage alliance?!"

"That's really possible. The Fu and Shen families are considered equally prominent. Moreover, I heard that the Shen family raised Shen Jia as the heiress. She's probably quite competent."

"That's right. Didn't they say that they even met Old Madam Fu? That means things are settled, right?"

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Everyone was discussing. Most of them seemed to think highly of Fu Ying and Shen Jia. They even said with some certainty that the two families would definitely establish a marriage alliance.

As Shen Ke and Shen Jia listened to the surrounding words, they didn't refute. They even straightened their backs.

This was exactly what they wanted!

Fu Ying's expression darkened as he listened to the discussions that kept entering his ears. He looked at Mo Rao nervously.

However, the moment Mo Rao met Fu Ying's gaze, she turned around, as if she was unwilling to look at Fu Ying.

Even she didn't know how she should face Fu Ying when she heard this.

"President Fu, if you don't..."

Before Gu Ci could mock him, Fu Ying glared at him. "Shut up!"

Immediately after, Fu Ying's gaze swept across the people who were still whispering around him and he said coldly, "I, Fu Ying, have never said that I would marry Shen Jia!"

His attitude was clear.

The surrounding voices stopped and they looked at Fu Ying in surprise.

"If I hear such words again, don't blame me for being rude!"

Everyone immediately looked away. They didn't dare to say anything about Fu Ying and Shen Jia marrying each other.

Previously, the Shen family had always been vague about Fu Ying and Shen Jia's marriage, so they thought that there was a chance for marriage. However, from Fu Ying's attitude now, how could they not know that the rumors from before was spread by the Shen family!

Shen Ke and Shen Jia's expressions were not pleasant either, but Fu Ying had given them face in front of the public. If they continued to pester him...

Shen Ke laughed. "Yes, we haven't confirmed the marriage yet, so don't say this for the time being."

It was just temporary. How could he give up?!

Shen Ke turned his attention to Shen Jia.

"However, Jiajia just joined at the company and still doesn't understand many things. You grew up with her, so I hope you can guide her more in the future."

Shen Jia also nodded tactfully. "Yes, I just returned from my studies overseas. I'm still lacking in experience, so I might have to trouble you in the future."

Fu Ying's expression didn't change. He still looked extremely cold.

"There will be cooperation, but as for guidance, it's better to let President Shen teach Shen Jia yourself. President Shen is more qualified than me. Teaching your own daughter shouldn't be a problem, right?" Fu Ying said calmly. "Moreover, I won't be in charge of the cooperation with the Shen Corporation in the future, so I don't think I will have any interactions with Miss Shen Jia."

As soon as these words were spoken, everyone present looked at Shen Jia and Shen Ke differently.

Shen Jia bit her lower lip in embarrassment and lowered her eyes, as if this could hide the disappointment and resentment in her eyes.

Chapter 527 Stalkers

"Fu Ying, what do you mean?" Shen Ke asked in a low voice.

Fu Ying raised his eyebrows cockily, completely lacking the respect he should have when facing an elder.

"I mean it literally. There will only be cooperation. Nothing else!" he said firmly.

Shen Ke didn't expect Fu Ying, a junior, to embarrass him in front of so many people. He immediately lost his temper.

He gritted his teeth and said, "Sorry for disturbing you today."

With that, Shen Ke said to Shen Jia, "Jiajia, let's go."

Shen Jia gave Fu Ying a deep look, then glanced at Mo Rao, who was silent at the side. With that, she turned around and left with Shen Ke.

At the thought of Fu Ying's cold expression and Mo Rao, who was watching, Shen Jia found it difficult to swallow her anger.

If not for Mo Rao, this b*tch, Fu Ying would definitely be hers!

After Shen Ke and his daughter left, the surrounding people also gradually left. The corner returned to its previous silence.

“Rao Rao, listen to me. I really have no intention of marrying Shen Jia. This is all rumors. You must not believe it!” Facing Mo Rao, Fu Ying could no longer maintain his composure and explained to Mo Rao anxiously.

Mo Rao met Fu Ying’s gaze and smiled gently. “If you really plan to get married, or if you really meet the person you love, you don’t have to consider me. I support you!”

After all, she had nothing to do with Fu Ying now, so she couldn’t interfere with Fu Ying’s marriage.

However, it was undeniable that when she heard Fu Ying take the initiative to admit that he wouldn’t marry Shen Jia, she relaxed.

Upon hearing Mo Rao’s words and seeing her calm expression, Fu Ying was a little disappointed, but he still emphasized, “I won’t get married! You’re the only one in my heart! You’ve been back in the country for so long, so can’t you see my feelings for you?”

Of course, Mo Rao knew Fu Ying’s intentions, but she couldn’t completely trust his intentions.

After all, she had been hurt by “trust” time and time again.

“Alright, we should go now,” Mo Rao said to Mo Yuan. She didn’t want to stay at this banquet anymore.

When Fu Ying and Gu Ci heard Mo Rao’s words, they exchanged looks and snorted coldly. They ignored each other, but they still left with Mo Rao.

“Are the two of you stalkers?” Mo Yuan looked at the two men in exasperation.

Fu Ying and Gu Ci ignored Mo Yuan. Mo Yuan was helpless and could only let them follow.

When they reached the door, Mo Rao was the first to stop.

“Rao Rao, what’s wrong?” Fu Ying asked impatiently.

Mo Rao gestured to Mo Yuan. “Brother, look over there. Is that Qu Rou?”

Hearing Mo Rao’s words, Mo Yuan subconsciously looked over.

Qu Rou was wearing a strapless white evening dress and chatting with a middle-aged man happily.

“Brother, do you know the person with her?” Mo Rao asked in confusion.

Mo Yuan was about to answer Mo Rao’s question when he heard Fu Ying speak first. “He’s the CEO of a listed corporation. He’s in the furniture business and seems to be preparing to enter the entertainment industry now...”

Fu Ying told her everything he knew.

Mo Rao thought of Qu Rou’s previous cocky appearance. Could it be that this CEO was the one who helped Qu Rou produce the album?

Just as Mo Rao and the others were looking at Qu Rou, Qu Rou seemed to have discovered Mo Rao’s existence and looked over.

The two sides looked at each other. Qu Rou's gaze lingered on Fu Ying and Gu Ci for a moment before she fixed her gaze on Mo Rao with an ugly expression.

Qu Rou retracted her gaze and said a few words to the CEO. Then, Qu Rou and the CEO left.

"Brother, how's the investigation of the variety show incident?" Mo Rao asked as she watched Qu Rou leave.

Mo Yuan shook his head. "I haven't found any clues yet."

The main thing was that the disguised person was really difficult to find.

When Mo Rao heard this, she didn't continue asking.

Chapter 528 Clue

After returning home, Mo Rao suddenly recalled the food script she had mentioned to Yu Ye.

"Brother, when is the audition for the food script we liked previously?"

Mo Yuan, who had returned to his room, stopped in his tracks. "It's in two days. It seems like you're very interested in this drama. Why? Do you want to become a chef after participating in the food variety show?"

Mo Rao leaned on the sofa and said, "I feel like I've rested enough, so I want to work again."

Mo Yuan was helpless and said, "It's not easy for you to get a chance to rest, but you're still thinking about work! Think about your health first!"

Mo Rao didn't respond to Mo Yuan's words. Instead, she changed the topic. "By the way, Brother, can you investigate the matter of 'Celebrity Gourmet' as soon as possible?"

Mo Yuan understood Mo Rao's concerns. If this matter dragged on, it would be easy for others to think that the explanations at that time were just an excuse for Mo Rao and the variety show.

He rubbed Mo Rao's head and said, "Don't worry, I'll continue to investigate."

Mo Rao nodded and decided not to think about this anymore.

The next day, when Mo Rao and Mo Yuan were eating breakfast, the doorbell rang.

Mo Rao and Mo Yuan exchanged looks. Seeing that Mo Rao was about to stand up, Mo Yuan immediately stopped her. "Continue eating. I'll go."

With that, Mo Yuan stood up and opened the door without waiting for Mo Rao's reaction.

As expected, Fu Ying was standing outside.

Mo Yuan, who wasn't too surprised, leaned against the door frame and said, "What are you doing here?"

When Fu Ying saw that the door was opened by Mo Yuan, he looked disappointed for a moment. Then, he raised his head to look for Mo Rao.

“I have something to discuss with Rao Rao,” Fu Ying explained.

“You can tell me directly and I’ll tell Rao Rao.”

As the two of them looked at each other, there was tension in the air.

“No, I have to tell Rao Rao personally!”

“Why not? This is my and Rao Rao’s house. I have the right to prevent you from entering my house!”

When Mo Rao heard Mo Yuan and Fu Ying arguing, she hurriedly stood up and walked out.

“Brother.” She called out helplessly, “Let him in! It’s not a problem!”

Fu Ying gave Mo Yuan a smug look and swaggered into his house.

Looking at the smug Fu Ying, who seemed to be about to snatch his cute sister away, Mo Yuan gritted his teeth.

However, because Mo Rao had already agreed to let Fu Ying in, no matter how unwilling Mo Yuan was, he still let Fu Ying enter.

Moreover, Fu Ying was still helping him investigate Gu Ci, so he couldn’t show his displeasure.

Mo Rao placed a cup of hot water in front of Fu Ying and asked, “Why are you here so early?”

As Fu Ying looked at the breakfast on the table that had not been cleaned up, he didn’t answer Mo Rao’s question. Instead, he asked, “You haven’t finished your breakfast yet?”

Mo Rao looked at the table, then she shook her head.

“I’ve already finished eating, but my brother hasn’t eaten yet.”

“I see! Then it’s fine.”

When Fu Ying heard that Mo Rao had already eaten breakfast, he continued, “I came to look for you today because of ‘Celebrity Gourmet’.”

Mo Rao was slightly stunned when she heard this.

She had been talking to Mo Yuan about this yesterday. She didn’t expect to hear the news from Fu Ying today.

When Mo Yuan, who was at the dining table, heard this, he immediately stopped eating and walked to the sofa beside Mo Rao to sit down. Then, he looked at Fu Ying.

Being watched by Mo Rao, Fu Ying felt a sense of joy and said, “I expanded the search area and looked for the surveillance cameras around the market. Finally, I found the person’s figure in the surveillance camera in front of a convenience store.”

Perhaps it was because the man thought that no one would investigate after he left, so he let down his guard and allowed several surveillance cameras to capture his figure.

There was even footage of the man taking off his mask and heavy coat.

With that, Fu Ying took out the USB flash drive that had copied the surveillance footage.

Chapter 529 The Mastermind

After Mo Rao and Mo Yuan exchanged looks, Mo Yuan immediately stood up and returned to his room to take out his computer.

The surveillance video had been edited. After playing for a few seconds, Fu Ying pressed pause.

“Look at this place. Although we can’t see clearly, his clothes and figure are the same as the person who laced the food previously. This is also the time he took off his mask.”

In order to see the man’s appearance, Mo Rao leaned forward slightly.

After carefully observing the man’s appearance, Mo Rao looked at the faces of the staff members who had been by Qu Rou’s side during the recording to see if he was a staff member who was responsible for filming Qu Rou.

She thought for a moment and asked Fu Ying, “Have you found this man yet?”

Mo Yuan’s gaze also landed on Fu Ying.

“It’s been two days since we found him.”

Surprise flashed across Mo Rao and Mo Yuan’s eyes. Mo Yuan asked anxiously, “How is it? Did this man say why he laced Rao Rao’s ingredients?”

What they wanted to know more was whether Qu Rou was behind it.

Fu Ying shook his head regretfully. “He said that a disguised person asked him to drug Rao Rao’s ingredients. The remuneration is more than a hundred thousand yuan. He doesn’t know what that person looks like at all.”

Although they had also gone to the place where the man did the exchange with the mastermind, they didn’t find any useful information.

Although the place of the transaction wasn’t far from that market, there were very few surveillance cameras there and there were many alleys. Therefore, they couldn’t find any news of the mastermind even after searching for two days.

Hearing Fu Ying’s words, Mo Yuan said in disappointment, “What a pity.”

Since he had not caught the mastermind, who knew if that person would attack Rao Rao again in the future? He was really worried about her.

Fu Ying nodded with worry.

Seeing that the two of them were a little dejected, Mo Rao comforted them. “Although we didn’t find the mastermind, finding the person who laced the food can be considered an explanation to the netizens.”

“Yes! Yes, Rao Rao is right. At least when this news comes out, it can clear your name,” Mo Yuan echoed.

Then, he looked at Fu Ying. "What are you going to do with that man?"

Fu Ying glanced at Mo Rao before answering Mo Yuan, "It depends on how you and Rao Rao arrange things."

Mo Yuan rolled his eyes at Fu Ying.

"Let's send it to the police station!" Mo Rao pondered for a moment and suggested, "After the police's statement is out, we'll send it out with the evidence."

Mo Yuan agreed. "That's good too. With the police's evidence, the netizens won't say anything else."

"I'll leave this to you," Mo Rao said to Fu Ying.

Seeing that Mo Rao was leaving it to him, Fu Ying nodded in agreement.

However... he had just arrived and was really unwilling to leave now.

He looked at Mo Rao reluctantly as he wondered what excuse he could use to stay, but then he saw Mo Yuan glance at him disdainfully.

"I'll leave this matter to President Fu." Although Mo Yuan was thanking him, Fu Ying felt that Mo Yuan had something else to say.

As expected, Mo Yuan continued, "This matter is more urgent, so President Fu, please hurry."

Therefore, please leave his and Rao Rao's house as soon as possible!

Fu Ying wanted to stay. He could leave these things to his subordinates.

He looked at Mo Rao. Although Mo Rao didn't avoid his gaze, she had no intention of letting him stay.

"I can—"

He was indignant and was about to say that he wanted to stay, but Mo Rao interrupted him. "My brother and I still have work to do, so we might not be able to entertain you."

"But I haven't had breakfast..." Fu Ying said aggrievedly.

Mo Yuan picked up the bread on the table and stuffed it into Fu Ying's hand. "Take it. You're welcome."

After Fu Ying glared at Mo Yuan, he could only turn around and leave.

Chapter 530 Requesting an Audition

After Fu Ying left, Mo Yuan looked at Mo Rao.

"Work? What other work do we have now?" Mo Yuan looked at Mo Rao in amusement.

Mo Rao asked, "That food drama audition isn't considered work?"

Hearing Mo Rao say this, Mo Yuan looked at her in confusion. "You're already chosen as the female lead, so you don't have to audition. What are you thinking? You actually took the initiative to ask to audition?"

Mo Rao took out the food drama script that she had casually placed on the sofa and started to read it again.

“I don’t have a deep foundation in the country now, so it’s better if I audition.” As she spoke, Mo Rao paused for a moment before continuing, “This way, I can also shut some netizens up.”

Mo Yuan thought about Mo Rao’s words and agreed.

The last time Mo Rao won the female lead role of “Butterfly Fragrance”, someone made a big fuss about it. Mo Rao had to ask the production team to cooperate and hold an audition. Mo Rao took the initiative to audition so people wouldn’t fuss over it. At the very least, it wouldn’t damage Mo Rao’s image.

“Alright! You can study the script. I’ll talk to the director of ‘Celebrity Gourmet’ so that we can clarify things later.”

After Mo Rao nodded at Mo Yuan, she became immersed in the script again.

Although it was a romance drama and didn’t have high requirements, she was still used to taking things seriously, so she still made preparations.

Before noon, Fu Ying sent the police station’s statement, video, and other evidence.

After receiving Fu Ying’s message, Mo Rao sent him a “thank you” and immediately opened Weibo to post the clarification.

“We have already found the person who laced the food. The police’s transcript and evidence are as follows! I apologize to the netizens who were harmed during this incident again. I’m sorry.”

The second Mo Rao posted on Weibo, the official Weibo account of “Celebrity Gourmet” reposted her Weibo post, as if it had been waiting for her to post.

“Wow! It’s been a few days already. I thought Mo Rao and ‘Celebrity Gourmet’ had already forgotten about this since there was no follow-up. I didn’t expect them to be investigating the evidence all this time.”

“Impressive! They actually found the culprit.”

“Criminals should be locked up immediately. Who knows if there will be a next time?”

“But I have to say that Mo Rao’s attitude is really good. At least she didn’t gloss over the matter.”

“I’m a fan from now on!”

Before the incident, there were already many people following her. After she posted a clarification on Weibo, there were even more people following her.

Now that the truth had been released after a few days, it immediately attracted everyone’s attention. Even topics like “The truth about Mo Rao’s lacing incident” had already appeared among Weibo’s trending topics.

As for Mo Rao, with her frank and courageous personality, she attracted another group of fans.

When Mo Rao saw the comments, she finally relaxed.

With nothing else on her mind, Mo Rao read the script much faster.

A day later, Mo Rao finished her makeup and hair early in the morning and drove to the audition venue.

In the car, Mo Yuan drove as he said to Mo Rao, "You don't have to worry today. Director Zheng thinks highly of you, so the audition will go smoothly."

Mo Rao looked at Mo Yuan in amusement. "Brother, why are you still talking about this? I know. Do you think I'm nervous?"

"I heard that Liu Xin is also auditioning for the female lead."

Hearing Mo Yuan's words, Mo Rao looked at Mo Yuan in surprise. "Liu Xin? She actually wants to compete for this role? I heard that she was negotiating a role in another fantasy drama."

The fantasy drama that Liu Xin was negotiating a role in previously wasn't something this gourmet drama could compare to. It was said that the investment of that fantasy drama was much more than this gourmet drama's.

Mo Yuan looked ahead with an indifferent expression. "Liu Xin wasn't chosen. To be more precise, someone bought her way into the cast and wanted Liu Xin to play a supporting role."