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Everyone's gazes darted to Shen Fanxing and lips curled upwards. But her eyes remained calm and cold.

"Perhaps not everyone here knows me. Let me introduce myself. I'm supposedly the eldest young lady of the Shen family who was chased out of the family six years ago..."

Her cold and composed voice drifted into the air and echoed around. It resulted in a buzz of discussion in the silent banquet hall.

"She was chased out six years ago? What happened?"

"She did many shameful things back then and was expelled from school. The Shen family must have felt ashamed."

"No matter what, she's still a Shen. How can they chase her away?"

"That's hard to say. The current Madam Shen was originally the third party. How would she accept someone else's daughter? I heard that the Shen family forced this lady's mother to death..."

"That is too wicked! She drove the real mistress of the family to death and chased the real young lady out. Look at the daughter of the mistress and the mistress now. They are living a glorious life..."

Even though the hushed conversations weren't loud, it was nonetheless a crowded place. Noises quickly echoed throughout the entire hall.

Mistress...

The daughter of a mistress...

Yang Liwei and Shen Qianrou's faces turned pale. Those labels were the most hurtful.

Jiang Rongrong's face darkened again. She knew that Shen Fanxing wouldn't listen to her and cancel the engagement as she had told her to!

Clenching her teeth, she hurried to the stage. She took the microphone, and explained,

"Everyone, please don't misunderstand. As the saying goes, dirty linen shouldn't be washed in public. My granddaughter committed some mistakes back then. We were afraid that she would not be able to withstand the pressure of public opinion. That was why we arranged for her to complete her studies overseas..."

Upon hearing that, everyone understood.

Their gazes towards Shen Fanxing gradually contained disdain and disgust.

"That means she doesn't know what's good for her!"

Shen Fanxing clasped her hands tightly, and her face was devoid of any emotions. Her heart remained cold.

Everything that happened back then were rumors without any evidence.

Some believed while others just laughed it off. The rest gossiped about it after meals.

Yet today, Jiang Rongrong had deliberately said that dirty linen shouldn't be washed in public. She also mentioned that Shen Fanxing was unable to withstand public opinion and thus, she was sent overseas. That proved that the rumors were right.

This was her family. Today, she was asked to protect Shen Qianrou, at the expense of these groundless accusations being mercilessly brought up against her.

Why was Shen Qianrou's reputation so important while Shen Fanxing deserved to be criticized?

Shen Fanxing smiled as her eyes swept across the hall. Just as she was about to speak, Jiang Rongrong's voice interjected swiftly,

"Fanxing, let's discuss that in private later. Think about why you are here today?"

Jiang Rongrong stared at her, and her intelligent eyes narrowed warningly.

Suppressing her anger, Shen Fanxing smiled lightly and nodded.

"I do have something to say. How could I forget your special instructions?"

Upon hearing this, Jiang Rongrong frowned and her grip on the microphone tightened.

What did she mean by special instructions?

Was she trying to expose her?

She trembled nervously and had an urge to chase Shen Fanxing off the stage.

Before she could do so, Shen Fanxing pressed on.

"I'm here to end the engagement."

The moment her words left her lips, there was an uproar.

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"I believe most of you are aware of the fact that I've been engaged to Mr Su since we were children..."

Shen Fanxing spoke slowly and calmly. She sounded relaxed but everyone could still detect a hint of sarcasm.

As Shen Fanxing spoke, she seemed to be very interested in the LCD screen on the table. Raising her eyebrows slightly, she lowered her head and tapped lightly on the screen.

The massive LCD screen behind her flashed and changed.

Her casual curiosity didn't seem too abrupt, and she looked as though she was so laid-back.

If she could break off the engagement, there was nothing else she couldn't do.

"We grew up together. At my coming of age ceremony, we officially announced our engagement and ended our decades of friendship.. From then on, we officially started dating. This year, it has almost been our eighth year..."

Up till now, Su Heng's existence was of paramount significance in her life.

When she was bullied in school, he was the one who protected her the most.

When she neglected her studies, he would constantly nag at her.

When her mother passed on, he was constantly by her side.

He was her pillar of support during her despair. To be honest, Su Heng played a huge role in her recovery process.

He wasn't a good-for-nothing.

Shen Fanxing gave a bitter laugh, as her heart ached quietly.

Her heart wasn't aching for the broken relationship with Su Heng.

She couldn't help but think—

Their relationship had gone through several long years. In the end, it drowned.

Regret?

Certainly, it was a pity.

Because eight years of love were gone. And she didn't want the friendship that had lasted for more than a decade.

Shen Fanxing took a deep breath and stopped what she was doing. She looked up with a faint smile on her face.

Su Heng's heart throbbed with pain again when he saw that smile.

That sense of familiarity overwhelmed him and left him feeling helpless.

Shen Fanxing paused for a few seconds before she spoke again. She placed her hands at her side and smiled calmly.

"It's a pity that our relationship had to end. To me and him, this engagement is only a shackle that binds us. Thus, I'll use the opportunity today to announce the annulment of our engagement. This decision fulfills his wish and I'm freeing myself well..."

Her calm voice echoed throughout the hall. Outside, the bustling city was teeming with noise and people, but inside the hall, there was only the lingering coldness of her voice.

Silence enveloped the room. The next second, chatter grew louder and the hall turned clamorous.

Almost everyone looked in Su Heng's direction.

Su Heng felt a sense of relief, but other than that...

His face was full of complicated emotions. The frown on his face made everyone assume that he was unhappy and embarrassed after hearing the annulment.

The Su Corporation was one of the top families in Ping Cheng City. As a man of considerable wealth, how could he accept that a woman had annulled their engagement?

Looking at Su Bingyou and Cai Jingyi, who stood beside him, their faces didn't look too good either.

The Su family had been thoroughly embarrassed at tonight's anniversary celebration.

Yet, nobody knew how relieved the Shen and the Su family were actually, after hearing Shen Fanxing.

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That was what they wanted!

This was the progress they had desired for!

Shen Qianrou expelled a sigh of relief. She didn't expect Shen Fanxing to oblige.

She had assumed that she would pull some dirty tricks!

It seemed that she had overestimated her!

Shen Qianrou was smug.

The more she looked at Shen Fanxing, the more her heart burst with triumph.

Shen Fanxing, not only was she defeated, she had lost so badly.

How pitiful!

A pleased smile finally replaced the gloom on Jiang Rongrong's face. But it disappeared quickly.

Shen Fanxing stood rooted to the spot, as she watched Jiang Rongrong walk towards her with a cold smile.

Jiang Rongrong looked resigned as she stared at her and asked,

"Are you sure you want to call off the engagement?"

Shen Fanxing raised an eyebrow and replied with a smile brimming with mockery. "Of course."

Sighing, Jiang Rongrong replied, sounding tired. "Fanxing, you're too insensible. Why didn't you discuss such an important matter with us?"

Shen Fanxing gave a cold sneer.

Shameless!

How shameless!

Did she not have a conscience at her advanced age?!

"Director Jiang, are you sure you want me to continue answering your question?"

Shen Fanxing's expression and tone were full of disdain.

Jiang Rongrong stiffened, and fury surged in her heart instantly.

"What kind of attitude is that?!"

Shen Fanxing stared at her coldly.

Jiang Rongrong sighed and waved her hand.

"Forget it, forget it. All of you have grown your wings and no longer respect your elders. However, you're still my granddaughter after all. Since you've made this decision, I can't force you anymore. I'll explain this to the Su family personally... As for you and Young Master Ding, we'll find time to discuss that at home!"

Shen Fanxing's face darkened.

"What do you mean? Why don't I know anything about Young Master Ding and I?"

Jiang Rongrong frowned and quipped, "How could you not understand? Isn't Young Master Ding the reason for your annulment today?"

Once Jiang Rongrong finished speaking, the crowd erupted!

"What? The eldest young lady of the Shen family called off the engagement because of Young Master Ding?"

"I've long heard that she may seem noble on the surface, but she's actually slutty. As what I have expected!"

"This kind of woman should be hacked to pieces. Who is she to break off the engagement with the Su family?"

Disgusted voices sounded from below the stage.

Jiang Rongrong shot Shen Fanxing a warning look.

Jiang Rongrong even wanted her to agree to this!

Shen Fanxing had the sudden urge to slap Jiang Rongrong's face!

At this time, Jiang Rongrong didn't forget to push the blame onto her!

Was she confident that Shen Fanxing wouldn't embarrass her in front of everyone?

"Jiang Rongrong, do you not have any sense of shame at all? Don't you feel any remorse when you say all these?"

There was a huge commotion below the stage, and no one noticed Shen Fanxing's conversation with Jiang Rongrong.

"The matter between you and Young Master Ding has been settled. It doesn't matter how you word it. As part of the family, you have to do your part and sacrifice for the family. You have to agree!"

Her unyielding and authoritative tone disgusted Shen Fanxing to the core.

Reporters arranged by Jiang Rongrong had long flocked to the stage as they bombarded Shen Fanxing with questions!

"Miss Shen, are you referring to Young Master Ding Hengyu?"

"Miss Shen, when did you start dating Young Master Ding?"

"Miss Shen, you just said that you have more than a decade of friendship with Young Master Su. You also mentioned the eight years of relationship and the engagement. Do you still have a conscience?"

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The situation was chaotic!

Shen Fanxing gritted her teeth as her fingers dug into her palms furiously.

Her face was exceptionally pale. But from the corner of her eye, she saw a slender and frail figure pushing through the crowd and walking in their direction.

Incensed, Shen Fanxing's pressed lips finally moved!

She suddenly raised her head and glared at Jiang Rongrong. She had laughed instead.

"Jiang Rongrong, you've broadened my horizons tonight. As your granddaughter, your differential treatment is indeed admirable. Although I don't understand why you're so willing to sacrifice your sense of shame and even the entire Shen family to side with Shen Qianrou. But you have to remember this. A day will come when I'll make you regret this. I'll make you regret it till your last breath."

Shen Fanxing wasn't a person who disregarded her elders. However, she could not even fully vent her anger by cursing Jiang Rongrong to die with regrets!

"Make way..."

"Sorry, excuse me!"

A soft and urgent voice sounded. Shen Fanxing studied Jiang Rongrong's harsh and somber face and she suddenly smiled.

"I've long known about how shameless you can be. But it had only gotten worse. What exactly did the Shens give me that I would be so willing to ruin myself for all of you? What gave you that confidence?"

Shen Fanxing's words stuck Jiang Rongrong and her eyes grew huge. She looked up with her eyes narrowing dangerously.

"You're not here to annul the engagement today?"

Shen Fanxing gave a derisive laugh and snapped, "Do you think I'm the reincarnation of Buddha?"

"What do you want?" Jiang Rongrong studied her warily, with her brows furrowed.

She had sensed that something was amiss right from the start. But after Shen Fanxing announced the termination of the engagement, she had let her guard down.

Now at this moment... after seeing the bone-chilling smile on Shen Fanxing's face, Jiang Rongrong started to panic.

"What do you want?!"

"There is no hurry... I've tolerated everything until now. Can't you wait a few minutes more?"

"Shen Fanxing!"

Shen Qianrou screamed angrily!

Shen Fanxing couldn't help but give a cold sneer as she scanned Jiang Rongrong with a meaningful look.

Jiang Rongrong tried her best to conceal her emotions, but her frown reflected her anger and unease.

Shen Fanxing turned around and saw Shen Qianrou rushing to her side.

Her beautiful face was full of anger and sadness.

"How could you do this? After all these years with Brother Heng, you actually... slept with another man behind his back!"

Ha...

Looking at the teary-eyed Shen Qianrou, Shen Fanxing couldn't help but admire her acting skills.

"After all these years of relationship, do you know how much Brother Heng loves you? He cares about you so much! How could you..."

"What's wrong with Brother Heng? How dare you betray him..."

Everyone was surprised by Shen Qianrou's heartbreaking speech.

She was too obvious!

Even a fool could tell that Shen Qianrou had fallen for Su Heng!

Shen Fanxing merely smiled and ignored her. Her cold gaze landed on the eager reporters.

They noticed that Shen Fanxing was finally willing to face them, and yelled frantically,

"Miss Shen, please answer our questions!"

Shen Fanxing replied, "If I remember correctly, Young Master Ding just returned half a year ago..."

A reporter was aware of this and quipped eagerly, "That's right! When Young Master Ding came back, I interviewed him!"

Shen Fanxing smiled and merely nodded quietly.

Everyone looked at each other, unsure of what she was trying to convey.

All eyes were peeled on her again!

Shen Fanxing lowered her head slowly with an expression full of sarcasm.

Then, she turned and stared at the LCD screen before raising her hand...

Before her hand landed, the huge LCD screen behind her flashed twice!

Thereafter, gasps of surprise echoed throughout the venue.

Doubtful, Shen Fanxing retracted her hand and turned.

Surprise appeared on her beautiful face.

Who was this?

Who was helping her?!

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The surprise vanished after a moment and the doubt in Shen Fanxing's heart dissipated.

Her heart warmed and her lips curled upwards.

Besides that man, who else could be helping her?

He was already so busy but he didn't forget to stand up for her despite being overseas.

That man was really...

When she felt isolated and lonely, he had stayed by her side in such a manner.

The grievances and sadness that she had suppressed throughout this entire time disappeared gradually.

Taking a deep breath, her vision swept past the screen.

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On the large screen behind her, a powerpoint presentation was being played.

There were clear photos with the time taken!

Each photo took up a slide and every single detail could be seen clearly.

The presentation progressed smoothly, and every photo consisted of Su Heng and Shen Qianrou.

In the first photo, Shen Qianrou tiptoed to kiss Su Heng, and her face had blushed with shyness.

The second photo was taken at a birthday banquet. Standing in front of an exquisite-looking cake, Su Heng helped Shen Qianrou with a necklace. Shen Qianrou's face was shining with happiness, and Su Heng's eyes were full of affection...

Surrounding them were Jiang Rongrong, Yang Liwei and Cai Jingyi. All of them had pleased smiles on their faces.

Of course, Lin Weiwei and a few other young faces who were present, also smiled radiantly. Their eyes were full of envy.

When Jiang Rongrong saw the photos on the screen, her face paled instantly and her legs gave way. She gasped and staggered backwards.

When Shen Qianrou saw the first photo, she stood rooted to the ground, as though she had been struck by lightning.

Her teary face paled and she forgot to cry!

The photo transitioned to the next.

Su Heng wore a suit and Shen Qianrou was in a dress. The two of them were kissing in an empty dance studio. The dress emphasized her figure and fitted her tightly. Shen Qianrou's voluptuous figure was obvious as she pressed close to the man's chest.

Shen Qianrou snapped back to reality and panicked. She shook her head frantically.

"No no no... that's not true! That is not true!"

Shen Fanxing gave a cold sneer.

Seeing the smug smile on Shen Fanxing's face, Shen Qianrou screamed and advanced on her!

The control panel was in front of Shen Fanxing, and she obviously wanted to stop the presentation!

But Shen Fanxing grabbed her wrist and stopped her.

Panic filled Shen Qianrou. She stared at Shen Fanxing's face for two seconds before something flashed across her mind and her eyes widened.

Her real motive tonight was not to annul the engagement!

Right from the start till the end!

From the moment she stood on stage... No, from the moment she stepped into the hall, she had been trying to lure her into this trap!

"You did it on purpose! You did this on purpose! You used this opportunity to frame me!"

She screamed hysterically as tears welled up instinctively.

She had always twisted the truth and fought her back.

Her pitiful expression remained endearing.

Shen Fanxing's eyes gleamed coldly as she recalled the same expression on Shen Qianrou's face. A few tears and an aggrieved expression of hers would result in her being blamed and chastised.

Every time, every single time...

And now she wanted to deploy the same old trick?

Crack!

Shen Fanxing could no longer suppress her anger anymore and slapped Shen Qianrou forcefully. With a fling of her hand, she landed on the ground!

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"I framed you?" mocked Shen Fanxing aloud.

"You kept calling him Brother Heng. Does your Brother Heng love me so much that it breaks my heart? Is this his way of showing he loves me?"

Shen Qianrou's face froze and her fingers dug into her palms. Her eyes were filled with hatred.

The corners of Shen Fanxing's lips curled, and her face was cold and somewhat cruel.

The date on the next photo indicated that it was taken two years ago. Su Heng had sent Shen Qianrou home that night and the two of them kissed in front of the Shen family's mansion.

Su Heng had already rushed to Shen Qianrou and lifted her up from the floor with a look of heartache.

"Qianrou, are you alright?"

There was another round of hushed whispers rippling across the hall. Su Heng's action had indeed proven some facts.

Shen Fanxing took a look at the photo. With her eyes full of sarcasm, she stared at Su Heng coldly.

"That year, I just came back to the country. For the Su Corporation, I've been busy entertaining clients almost every night to save them from bankruptcy. I didn't think that you would have the time to be such a thoughtful and readily available boyfriend."

"Sorry!"

Given the situation, Su Heng could only admit to everything. Moreover, it was the truth and he couldn't refute it.

"Brother Heng! Brother Heng, hurry and get her to stop this! This is not true!"

Shen Qianrou hid in Su Heng's embrace and denied everything.

She will never admit it. If news of this got out, the impact and consequences would be unimaginable.

Su Heng only hugged her tightly, frowning as he studied Shen Fanxing silently. Her expression was totally unfamiliar.

She was a complete stranger to him. It was as though he was peering at a monster.

Shen Fanxing gave a sarcastic laugh as she blinked. She then continued to look at the screen.

At the filming set, the two of them were kissing in the dressing room, and their clothes were in a mess.

In the Su Corporation's underground carpark, the couple kissed passionately inside a luxurious car.

The last two photos showed the two of them kissing on the balcony. Shen Qianrou was wearing the same gown she had worn on the night of Bo Jinchuan's ascension ceremony.

The other photo was taken in the corridor outside the same hotel. The two of them were tangled in a passionate embrace.

After looking at all the photos, the conference room went silent for a few seconds before it erupted again.

"Oh dear, this... this..."

"So it was Su Heng who cheated on her first? And with his fiancée's sister?!"

"When the Su family was on the verge of bankruptcy, his fiancée helped him to socialize with clients. But he was busy flirting with her sister?"

"Also, didn't the first photo show that Shen Qianrou was the one who kissed Su Heng? She is obviously seducing her sister's fiancée..."

"Then why did she rush up the stage and put on such a show to seek justice for Su Heng?!"

"How disgusting! A woman will indeed give birth to the kind of daughter that resembles her. A mistress' daughter will also be a mistress. Miss Shen's mother has been cheated by her husband with a mistress and Miss Shen has met the same misfortune with the mistress' daughter. This mistress has such strong genes!"

Yang Liwei's face turned stark white by the abrupt turn of events. She nearly collapsed to the ground in fear.

The whole hall was in an unprecedented state of chaos as the words 'mistress' and 'mistress' daughter' rang in her ears relentlessly like a fly.

Shen Fanxing had already announced the annulment of the engagement, and they were confident that it would be foolproof. But who knew that she had prepared something.

"This is not true! It's not true!"

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The reporters clicked away rapidly as they snapped photos of the huge screen on stage. And they also took photos of Shen Fanxing, Su Heng, Shen Qianrou and Jiang Rongrong.

They don't even know how to ask questions anymore, and were simply too lazy to.

What else could they ask?

Those photos had proven everything!

No wonder Miss Shen didn't speak after asking about Young Master Ding's return half a year ago.

So that was the reason!

Even the reporters who were used to such scenes and pretense, couldn't stand it anymore.

"Let's put aside the relationship between Young Master Hengding and Miss Shen aside. Besides, it hasn't been confirmed and even if it's true, the two of them started half a year ago. But these two people have been together for more than three years and now they're still pretending to be innocent."

"Indeed! Now that I think of it, Shen Qianrou's earlier action of rushing up to question Miss Shen is simply too hilarious! What is that? A thief trying to catch another thief? She's so shameless, and she wants to accuse others of being shameless? I'm impressed by her!"

"Pfft, that's true. Given the thickness of her skin, she might even be stronger than a wall!"

Shen Qianrou was in a trance right now. She tried her best to calm herself down, but the unbearably sharp voices disrupted her thoughts.

She couldn't calm down.

Seeing the reaction of the crowd, Shen Fanxing smiled satisfactorily.

She was still standing in the middle of the stage with her hands on the control system. Her clear voice sounded crisply through the microphone.

"If-"

Everyone turned to look at her when her voice rang.

Her hair tumbled loosely around her shoulders. Her skin was fair and creamy. She had a smile on her face, but it didn't reach her eyes.

His eyes were glittering darkly, but they were cold.

Bright light shone on her, accentuating her delicate features. She looked even more noble and striking.

The noisy hall fell silent instantly. Everyone stared at the woman on stage quietly with rapt attention.

The corners of Shen Fanxing's lips curled slightly as she blinked lightly. Then, she closed her eyes forcefully before opening them slowly.

This silent action revealed her helplessness at this moment and her faint sorrow.

Shen Qianrou's eyelids jerked uncontrollably.

Was Shen Fanxing acting?!

After being silent for a few seconds, she let out a cold chuckle. Slowly she spoke in a calm and nonchalant voice.

"If both of you could be honest and tell the truth, things wouldn't have ended up like this..."

"I've studied overseas for three years and none of you have ever cared about me. I've been back for three years and still, no one cared about me. I've gone back home less than three times... Humans are not plants, how can they be so heartless? Grandma, just like what you've said, I'm still a Shen. That's why you wanted me to think of the overall situation. That's also why I'm here today and I've done my part... But all of you treat me like an idiot..."

Jiang Rongrong's pale face darkened further upon hearing Shen Fanxing's words.

Shen Qianrou was shaking with anger. She bit on the inner walls of her mouth, and she didn't even realize that it had begun to bleed.

Just as Shen Fanxing had barely finished her casual yet meaningful speech, someone amongst the guests had spoken in a voice laced with fury and disdain...

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"I've never met the eldest young lady of the Shen family before. Be it Lan Yun Entertainment's company annual meeting or any other occasion. The granddaughter representing the Shen family will always be Shen Qianrou. I've never even heard them mention anything about any other granddaughter. They claimed that sending her overseas was for her own good. However, they didn't care about her for six years. Now that they need her, they demand and force her to be the scapegoat. How despicable and shameless of them!"

"Take the blame?"

"Yes! Didn't the Shen family remind Miss Shen to care about the overall situation just now? Isn't it obvious? Think about this. Shen Qianrou is now a popular celebrity and she has received so much attention. If news of her being a third party in someone else's relationship is exposed..."

"Oh my god... Miss Shen has her fiancée stolen by her younger sister. And now she had to stand here and announce that the annulment was initiated by her? What is she thinking? Both her fiancée and younger sister have betrayed her and she wants to take the blame for them. Is she crazy or stupid?"

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"She's unwilling, but someone forced her to! Didn't you notice the photos just now? Who else was in that birthday photo?"

"Su Heng, Shen Qianrou, Mrs Shen, Mrs Su and... Director Jiang?"

"Exactly! She has long known about the relationship between Su Heng and Shen Qianrou, and the Su and Shen families have accepted their relationship. What Miss Shen said just now was that Director Jiang wanted her to be considerate of the overall situation. The Shens can't handle any storms now. Instead of exposing the scandal of her beloved granddaughter breaking up her sister's relationship, it would be better if her unfavored granddaughter were to call off the engagement."

"That's why Miss Shen is here today! It's terrible enough that she was betrayed, but now she has to stand up and defame herself to fulfill their wishes... God, Miss Shen is so loyal and righteous. How can her family do such an outrageous thing to her?"

"Yes! Judging from Miss Shen's reaction, the Young Master Ding that Director Jiang mentioned just now is someone she isn't familiar with. Even when Young Master Ding came back half a year ago, she wasn't aware of it. It's obvious that Director Jiang wants to push her to Young Master Ding. She has decided that Miss Shen will take into account the overall situation and not humiliate all of them at this juncture. Thus, she has gone from bad to worse and labeled her as a cheater. Tsk tsk... If I had such a heartless grandmother, I would have killed myself by knocking my head against the wall!"

"I've never seen such a shameless person in my life!"

In a span of minutes, everyone's attitude towards Shen Fanxing had changed drastically.

Because she was from the Shen family, she was forced to bear the consequences to salvage the situation and announced that she wanted to annul the engagement.

Yet, her biological grandmother seemed to have pushed her to Young Master Ding forcefully, and in the process, making her seem as though she had cheated on Su Heng.

Because of the marriage alliance between the Su and Shen families and the fact that Shen Fanxing had cheated on him, the Shens felt guilty. It was natural for them to betroth their beloved granddaughter Shen Qianrou, to Su Heng.

In this way, Shen Qianrou became the one who had sacrificed the most for the Shen family.

All these were obvious once everyone began to think about it.

Then, everyone recalled everything that Shen Fanxing had said on stage—

"We grew up together and we've known each other for more than a decade. We started dating at the age of 18, and our relationship lasted for almost eight years..."

"It's a pity that our relationship had to end. To me and him, this engagement is only a shackle that binds us. Thus, I'll use the opportunity today to announce the annulment of our engagement. This decision fulfills his wish and I'm freeing myself well..."

When everyone pondered over her words, every word she said was worth crying!

And all of what happened seemed logical!

Shen Qianrou felt a chill running down her spine.

It turned out that Shen Fanxing was indeed pretending from the start!

She had been tolerating it all along!

All of this... all of their actions... They seemed to follow her plan!

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Every word, every expression, was how she lured them into the trap she had designed!

She seemed obedient and submissive at first. And she looked pitiful to lower all of their defenses. Just when they thought that she would compromise, she dealt them the fatal blow!

That b*tch!

Not only could she endure silently, but she had also schemed to this extent!

The Shen and the Su family didn't expect Shen Fanxing to have such a powerful trump card.

How did she get those photos?

Jiang Rongrong narrowed her eyes at Shen Fanxing intensely.

Was her granddaughter that scary?

She had planned everything from the start, including everyone present.

She had expected and predicted every word, action and reaction from everyone.

In the end, she had turned them into a joke with just one sentence.

Yet, despite feeling that something was amiss from the start, she let her guard down because of her compliance.

From the start till the end, her eyes and expression didn't betray her!

She had lived her entire life, but she had fallen victim to her granddaughter!

How cunning and shrewd she was at such a young age?

"Jiang Rongrong, you've broadened my horizons tonight. As your granddaughter, your differential treatment is indeed admirable. Although I don't understand why you're so willing to sacrifice your sense of shame and even the entire Shen family to side with Shen Qianrou. But you have to remember this. A day will come when I'll make you regret this. I'll make you regret it till your last breath."

She suddenly recalled the vow that Shen Fanxing had sworn to her not long ago. She gave a cold shiver.

It was until then that she started to believe the weight of her words.

In the face of this unexpected chaos, everyone had been left in a state of disorder.

Especially the Shen family, who planned to use Shen Fanxing to minimize the negative impact.

Unfortunately, the opposite happened.

Shen Qianrou failed to regain her composure even after a long time. On one hand, she silently suffered all the unbearable comments. On the other hand, she was glaring at Shen Fanxing, wishing she could peel her skin off.

Seeing the look of triumph mingled with the nonchalance on her face, Shen Qianrou gritted her teeth.

Yet, she still held on to her last bit of rationality.

"Sister, you're so cruel."

Shen Qianrou blurted suddenly, as her already delicate face turned even more pale. Her teary eyes made her look even more pitiful.

Her voice traveled softly. She was a celebrity who was originally the center of attention on this stage.

Upon hearing that, Shen Fanxing raised an eyebrow and turned her head slightly towards her. Her lips curled into a cold sneer.

Even though she didn't say anything, she possessed an arrogant and superior attitude in the eyes of everyone. She looked as though she was the one giving them the right to continue speaking.

Shen Qianrou gritted her teeth. She detested Shen Fanxing and everything about her!

She took a deep breath and said,

"You had planned to embarrass all of us in this situation from the start, didn't you? You had plotted and prepared everything right from the start. Don't you think this development is too logical? Sister, Lan Yun Entertainment is everything to the Shen family..."

Chapter 180: The Anniversary Celebration (Part 13)

Shen Qianrou's feeble and weak words earned a pensive silence from the audience.

Besides the reporters, the guests present were businessmen. As businessmen, they all understood the principle of maximizing benefits and minimizing risks.

For that, some sacrifices were inevitable.

In that case, Director Jiang's decision was for the sake of the company's interests, which was unquestionable.

Moreover, everything seemed to be developing in favor of Miss Shen. Things were indeed going too smoothly...

There was a flurry of discussion below the stage and everyone glanced at Shen Fanxing with slight unease.

Yet, Shen Fanxing only gave a faint smile and continued,

"Firstly, I didn't prepare these photos tonight. So what if I did? Lan Yun Entertainment belongs to the Shen family. Ha..."

In the end, Shen Fanxing only gave a sarcastic laugh and fell silent.

Yet, there was a burst of laughter from the audience.

"That's right! The shameless things that all of you have done can't be exposed by others? What kind of logic is that?"

"Lan Yun Entertainment is everything to the Shen family? If she didn't seduce her sister's fiancée, she wouldn't have become such a huge joke tonight. Now, she is blaming others for not caring about the company's interests? What a joke!"

Shen Qianrou's face paled.

Shen Fanxing smiled and trudge on,

"You said that everything was planned by me. Everything went too smoothly tonight, right?"

Shen Fanxing paused before nodding with a smile. "I agree. I think it's progressing well too!"

Shen Qianrou relaxed a little and hissed, "Are you admitting?"

Shen Fanxing's long lashes cast a shadow on her fair cheeks as she retorted, "What's there to deny?"

"You..."

This time, it wasn't just Shen Qianrou. Even Su Heng, who had remained calm and quiet the whole time, had his gaze on her.

Shen Fanxing only blinked once as her bright eyes reflected a faint smile. Her face was devoid of emotions.

"Then, may I ask, did I ask Director Jiang to stand on the stage with me? Did I ask Director Jiang to say that the engagement was annulled because of Young Master Ding? Did I make you come on stage and berate me for betraying Su Heng? Or... was I the one who made the two of you hook up years ago?"

Everyone was speechless...

Everyone fell silent.

Shen Fanxing rattled on, "Things have indeed progressed smoothly. Thank you for your cooperation even without reading the script."

Shen Qianrou's face fell once again and she bit her lips. Her lungs were close to exploding.

"Hahaha..."

"That's true! She's indeed a good actress to be able to act so well without a script!"

"Wrong, wrong, wrong! It's because the director is too capable!"

"This plot development is amazing! If I want to invest in a movie in the future, I must hire Miss Shen as the director."

Shen Fanxing grinned and for the first time tonight, she replied, "Thank you for appreciating my talent, Mister."

"Hahahaha..."

Everyone burst into laughter.

A huge wave of shame washed over Shen Qianrou once more.

After a while, the smile in Shen Fanxing's eyes disappeared and she said calmly,

"No matter what, Director Jiang's actions tonight have thoroughly disappointed me. I think the Shen family doesn't care about having a granddaughter like me. Since that's the case, I want to use this opportunity to sever all ties with them. After all these years, you have never treated me as part of the family.

"In addition, my engagement to Mr Su will be annulled. No matter what happens in the future, we will have nothing to do with each other. I don't want the eight year relationship, and I will not salvage the friendship that lasted more than a decade. Don't appear in front of me to talk about forgiveness anymore. I will never forgive you!"