#### Hidden 1561

#### Chapter 1561 How Did He Find Her?

There were a total of eight male guests on the stage. They were divided into two groups to decide the winners. The winners would be divided into two groups again to decide the final winner.

The audience below the stage was also very lively, expressing their satisfaction with this event.

He Xuyan was in the same group as Mu Kai, and the others were also assigned into groups.

Mu Kai was very confident in his arm strength. Just as he was hesitating about whether to go easy on He Xuyan, He Xuyan whispered, "Do your best."

Mu Kai no longer hesitated, but He Xuyan didn't look like he had any strength, so he still held back. In the end, as soon as he started, he was surprised and knew why He Xuyan told him to do his best.

If he didn't go all out, he wouldn't be able to last more than a few seconds against He Xuyan. He was afraid that he would break in a second. That scene would be ugly.

Mu Kai's face turned red, and he still lost.

After a few rounds, only Ji Rufeng and He Xuyan were left among the eight male guests.

Ji Rufeng wanted to thank Xu Zhiqin for her kindness and was determined to get the necklace tonight. He swore to put the necklace around her neck, so he made great progress.

Now that he saw that his opponent was He Xuyan, he couldn't help but think to himself that others were afraid of He Xuyan's status and wanted to give him a chance, but he wouldn't.

"Director He, I won't stand on ceremony." Ji Rufeng smiled.

He Xuyan made an inviting gesture.

Ji Rufeng was very confident in himself. He smiled and grabbed He Xuyan's hand. A moment later, he couldn't smile anymore. The veins on his face and forehead bulged.

He Xuyan silently knocked him out.

"Wow, Director He is very impressive. I really couldn't tell," Lin Tong whispered to Xu Zhiqin excitedly.

The people below the stage might not be able to see it, but the people on stage could tell that the male guests who went up against He Xuyan were all sweating profusely.

"Thank you for letting me win," He Xuyan said to Ji Rufeng.

Ji Rufeng accepted his loss and asked, "Who are you going to put the necklace on?"

Xu Zhiqin subconsciously looked at He Xuyan. He happened to be looking at her too. Their eyes met for a second before they looked away. It was as if they had a thousand words to say.

Xu Zhiqin didn't want him to be too obvious on such an occasion. Perhaps because she had been hurt before, she was even more afraid of exposing her feelings to the public.

This was even though the two of them had not made their relationship too clear yet.

However, she didn't want to see He Xuyan put the necklace on someone else. The symbolic meaning of the necklace was too beautiful. Even if it was just an event, she still minded it.

She lowered her eyes and did not look at anyone.

Ji Rufeng keenly noticed He Xuyan glancing at Xu Zhiqin and guessed that he was going to put it on Xu Zhiqin. He immediately said, "How about this? Let's play a fun game. We'll tie a black cloth around Director He's eyes and let him randomly find a female guest to put the necklace on. Director He, do you dare to give it a try?"

The host immediately responded, "Rufeng's suggestion is not bad. What do you think?"

"It's a good idea!" Of course, the people below the stage who were watching the show applauded collectively.

After He Xuyan put on the black cloth and covered his eyes, Ji Rufeng specially went to adjust Xu Zhiqin's position. He even waved his hand to get a few of the hostesses from that night to come over. He didn't want He Xuyan to find the female guests. In fact, he didn't want him to find Xu Zhiqin.

Xu Zhiqin stood in the corner and pursed her lips slightly. She knew that He Xuyan had little hope of finding her.

But it was impossible for her to take the initiative to greet He Xuyan in front of everyone.

Ji Rufeng raised an eyebrow at He Xuyan.

Seeing how mischievous Ji Rufeng was, everyone couldn't help but laugh.

He Xuyan slowly walked out and toward Lin Tong. However, after standing there for a moment, he did not stop. He turned around and continued walking.

Everyone was booing, but he finally still stood in front of Xu Zhiqin.

With his eyes covered, his sensations and instincts felt especially strong. He reached out and placed his hand on Xu Zhiqin's shoulder.

Ji Rufeng was speechless. How did he find her?

The others were only focused on jeering and clamoring.

However, when Xu Zhiqin stood in front of him, the clamor in her ears was completely silent. It was as if she was in a vacuum.

She looked up at him. The black cloth covered his long eyelashes and unusually dazzling black eyes.

He reached out and pressed his hand on her shoulder. The heat from his palm warmed her heart bit by bit.

He Xuyan held her shoulder and walked behind her. His chest was close to her back, but he kept his distance and did not press against her.

Xu Zhiqin could clearly hear his heartbeat, and she could also clearly feel her own heartbeat pounding. Then, the two sounds gradually merged into one.

He Xuyan took out the necklace and touched it. He touched the woman's neck and put it on her.

At this moment, Xu Zhiqin's heart almost stopped. It took her a moment to recover.

After that, He Xuyan took off the black cloth in front of him and looked down the stage without looking at Xu Zhiqin.

The host laughed loudly and said, "Congratulations, Director He, for choosing Zhiqin. You almost got a hostess just now, but fortunately, in the end, you still found a female guest and successfully completed the mission!"

Su Bei turned off her phone and typed a message to Lu Heting: [I'm done witnessing this sweet relationship. I think I need insulin. Hubby, wait for me. I'm gonna leave now.]

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She left Xu Zhiqin a WeChat message and told her that she was leaving. Then, she went out and secretly went to look for Lu Heting.

After getting into the car, she was welcomed by Lu Heting's firm embrace. Su Bei was no longer envious of others. Others' relationships were sweet enough, but hers were even sweeter!

After rubbing her head against his neck for a while, she looked up and said, "It seems that my brother's relationship matters are about to be settled."

"Mhm." Lu Heting reached out and covered her eyes. "Close your eyes for a while."

Su Bei closed her eyes obediently. She felt herself being held in his arms and sat down steadily.

The man's breath came from behind her. She shrunk her neck. She was filled with happiness.

All of a sudden, she felt a chill on her neck. He was putting something on her. She opened her eyes and looked down. It was the signature necklace of the brand Xu Zhiqin was promoting tonight—A Lifetime's Love.

The necklace was on her collarbone, shining brightly.

She knew what he meant. She envied others for their sweet romance, so he gave her the same thing.

Su Bei reached out to cup his handsome face and said softly, "No matter how sweet their relationship is, it can't compare to mine. I envy them, but I cherish my relationship more."

Lu Heting said in a hoarse voice, "I still have to dote on the woman I married, right?"

She lowered her head and kissed him, tracing the lines of his overly handsome facial features. She imitated how he loved her and doted on him.

## Chapter 1562 Heartbeat

That night, the event did not cause any negative effects.

There was no scandal between He Xuyan and Xu Zhiqin. After all, the entire event process was obvious to all. He Xuyan was just following what he was told to do to complete his work.

However, the scene of He Xuyan putting the necklace on Xu Zhiqin was too beautiful. The photos taken dazzled many people.

After the event ended, Yue Ze got everyone to leave. Xu Zhiqin did not want to stand out, so she could only get into the car with Yue Ze.

[Director He, I'm going back first.] Xu Zhiqin sent him a WeChat message.

[Too many things happened today. Have a good rest. I'll call you tomorrow.]

Xu Zhiqin nodded and sent an emoji.

She held the phone to her heart and suppressed her racing heart.

Ji Rufeng, Lin Tong, and the others were laughing and joking. She looked through the window at the streams of light outside the car and felt that the night sky in the capital was really pretty.

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Pan Hongsen went to the hospital and met Pan Ju.

"Why didn't you ask me before you went to look for the reporters?" Of course, Pan Hongsen was angry. His career had plummeted, and he was full of anger.

"I wanted to look for you too," Pan Ju cried out. "I couldn't watch Yali destroy you, so this was the only way."

"What did Yali do?" Pan Hongsen asked.

Pan Ju showed him the video she had received.

Pan Hongsen's blood rushed to his head. There were all kinds of videos of Yali sleeping with multiple people, and among them was Brother Mark.

It was obvious that this was not the first time Yali had played such a game!

However, he was completely kept in the dark!

He used to know that Yali liked to play around and had a boyfriend, but as long as she wasn't promiscuous, it didn't matter.

At that time, he thought that she was better than Xu Zhiqin, who sold her body for resources.

However, he did not expect her to be so out of line with Brother Mark and the others!

Now that he thought about it, even Xu Zhiqin had never done such a thing!

Besides, even if Xu Zhiqin had done anything for resources, it was all for him—not for herself!

To put it another way, he was just guessing about Xu Zhiqin's matter. He did not have solid evidence at all. He just felt that she had received too many resources, so he thought that she must have paid the price with her body.

However, the ability that Xu Zhiqin displayed later, the proposal she wrote for Mu Kai, the acting skills she displayed, and everything about her were proof of her talent and ability.

He had wronged Xu Zhiqin and trusted Yali too easily. That was why he ended up like this!

Pan Ju said from the side, "Son, I definitely won't allow you to be with a woman like Yali! This kind of woman is simply a disgrace to our ancestors! I'd rather you not stay in the entertainment industry than agree to such a thing! Zhiqin is such a good woman. You should think about getting Zhiqin back!"

Should he get her back?

Pan Hongsen suddenly felt as if there was a bright light in front of him. Yes, why couldn't he get her back?

Just because he missed her once did not mean that he would continue missing out on her forever!

After seeing those videos of Yali, he looked for Brother Mark again. "I want money, and Yali has to apologize to me and Zhiqin."

Looking at the vidoes, Brother Mark's face darkened.

But he couldn't deny it. He and Yali had indeed done those things.

Back then, he asked Yali to look for Pan Hongsen and create a ship with him to cover up the fact that he and Yali had gone overboard.

These things were all very secretive, but Pan Hongsen had gotten hold of the evidence. Whether he took it to the public or called the police, Brother Mark's and Yali's reputations would be ruined.

"If I give you money, how can I be sure that you won't come looking for me again?" Brother Mark felt a little regretful. He should not have fallen out with Pan Hongsen.

"You're left with no option anyway." Pan Hongsen was fearless.

Brother Mark had no choice but to give him a check. "I'll ask Yali to apologize, but you have to restrain yourself. If you really anger her, you know as well that I'm not someone to be trifled with."

Pan Hongsen only wanted money, so he wouldn't push Brother Mark too hard.

After taking the money, he just wanted to get Xu Zhiqin back and live a good life with her.

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Xu Zhiqin woke up in a particularly good mood.

Her phone rang. When she saw He Xuyan's name, she was even more excited.

"I'm downstairs. Let's have breakfast together." He Xuyan's voice was filled with electricity.

"Okay. Wait for me," Xu Zhiqin said.

She searched the wardrobe for a long time before deciding which outfit to wear. Then, she put on light makeup and made sure that she was fine before going downstairs.

"Zhiqin!"

A familiar voice stopped her.

Xu Zhiqin's face darkened when she saw Pan Hongsen standing not far away. He had dressed up and looked completely different from yesterday. He was holding a bouquet of bright red roses and looking at her affectionately.

If he had appeared like this a few years ago, Xu Zhiqin would have wanted to marry him. But now, she had already recognized her feelings. Seeing Pan Hongsen like this, she only felt disgusted.

The smile on her face suddenly disappeared, making Pan Hongsen's heart ache. He quickly walked over and said, "Zhiqin, I know I was in the wrong before and I've hurt you. But in the future, I won't give anyone a chance to hurt you again. I've broken up with Yali, and she'll apologize to you soon. I've accumulated enough money to take you anywhere you like. I'll make our relationship known to all. Zhiqin, I'm back."

"Do I have to accept you just because you're back? Pan Hongsen, I haven't been waiting for you, and nothing will change," Xu Zhiqin said mockingly. "Get lost. Don't stand in front of me and be a sore sight."

Pan Hongsen's expression changed a few times, but he believed that Xu Zhiqin was merely angry now. As long as he was sincere, she would definitely change her mind.

"Zhiqin, I'll let you see the change in me. This time, I'm sincere." Pan Hongsen handed her the roses.

Xu Zhiqin frowned, not wanting to be implicated by him at all.

Seeing him walk over, she said sternly, "Pan Hongsen, I already have someone I like. I can't be with you! Please don't pester me!"

Pan Hongsen didn't believe her. He shook his head. "Zhiqin, I know you still have me in your heart. Otherwise, you wouldn't have gotten Ji Rufeng to snatch my role in the show Yali and I were supposed to be filming together. I understand what you've done, and I can appreciate your kindness now."

Xu Zhiqin was so angry that she laughed. She raised her eyebrows slightly and crossed her arms. "Ji Rufeng got that role because he's better than you."

## Chapter 1563 You're Not Fit For The Role At All

"As for you, you're not fit for the role at all."

Xu Zhiqin spat out the words indifferently.

Pan Hongsen gritted his teeth, and the veins on his cheeks bulged. He was so humiliated that his eyes were as wide as dinner plates.

Xu Zhiqin walked past him and was about to leave when he suddenly grabbed her wrist. "You've scolded me enough. Are you done now?"

He had always thought that Xu Zhiqin would accept him again.

Xu Zhiqin shook off his hand and said, "I already have someone I like."

Pan Hongsen obviously didn't believe her.

She looked up. Not far away, He Xuyan was walking over. In a hurry, Xu Zhiqin ran over, hooked her arms around He Xuyan's neck, and kissed him on the lips.

He Xuyan was suddenly pulled back by the woman. He felt her lips on his, and a cool and sweet taste spread from the corner of his lips.

The sky was clear, and the weather was good.

His hands fell on her waist, and his eyes lit up.

Xu Zhiqin's mind exploded, and her vision was blurry.

Xu Zhiqin pushed He Xuyan away after a moment and turned to look at the stunned Pan Hongsen. Her voice regained its coldness. "Did you see that?"

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Pan Hongsen threw away the rose in his hand and turned to leave angrily.

The brightness in He Xuyan's eyes gradually lost its warmth. He lowered his eyes and asked, "You used me as a shield?"

"Pan Hongsen is too much. I always feel that he's so charming that it's hard for me to refuse him, so I..." Xu Zhiqin explained.

She could sense He Xuyan's cold attitude.

She also regretted what she had done just now. She opened her mouth to explain, but He Xuyan's alienation made her swallow what she wanted to say.

"Didn't you say we'd have breakfast together?" Xu Zhiqin took two steps forward and followed him.

"Yeah." He Xuyan nodded and lowered his cap. He was obviously in low spirits.

The breakfast was a little boring.

After eating, He Xuyan sent her back before leaving.

Xu Zhiqin fiddled with her fingers, knowing that she had gone too far just now. She clearly wasn't using him as a shield, but she seemed to have gone too far with her actions.

No wonder He Xuyan was angry.

This was their first kiss, but she had messed it up and even used such a method.

After He Xuyan and Xu Zhiqin separated, he went to Nirvana Entertainment.

Su Bei was sorting out the evidence to sue Xiao Ming. There was a lot of work she needed to do.

Xiao Ming was completely fearless, which aroused Su Bei's resistance. Seeing that there were so many victims, she was furious and worked much faster.

When He Xuyan entered, she had just put down the phone.

"Brother, to what do I owe the pleasure?"

"I'm here to see how things are going. Do you need help?" He Xuyan pulled out a chair and sat down opposite her.

Su Bei sorted out the information in front of her. "It's all prepared. There shouldn't be much of a problem. Wait, didn't you go to see Zhiqin?"

"Why should I go see her?" He Xuyan lowered his head.

His good mood from this morning was gone.

It did not feel good to be used as a shield.

It turned out that she would only take the initiative if Pan Hongsen was watching her.

Su Bei noticed that he was in a bad mood. She approached him and asked, "What's going on? What's wrong with you and Zhiqin?"

"You know?" He Xuyan looked at her.

Su Bei smiled, revealing two rows of beautiful teeth. It was like rays of light were shining down on her currently ordinary appearance. "I'm your sister, Brother. Of course, I know that you like Zhiqin. I can tell that she has a good impression of you, but why are you like this now?"

"She doesn't like me." He Xuyan lowered his head and fiddled with his phone with his long fingers.

Su Bei looked confused.

How could that be?

What was wrong that made him misunderstand?

He Xuyan did not want to explain. That kiss made him drop from heaven to hell. The subtle emotions were not something outsiders could understand.

Although Su Bei did not know what was going on, she could understand his current mood.

People in love were all like this. They were seriously worried about gains and losses.

She wanted He Xuyan to be happy. She held his face and smiled. "Don't be unhappy. I'll walk around with you later, okay?"

"Okay." He Xuyan gave her a smile and reached out to stroke her hair.

"I know you're the best. I'll treat you to hotpot later. There's nothing that hotpot can't solve. If it doesn't work, we'll order more food!"

He Xuyan smiled. "Alright, two meals it is."

"Don't touch my wig. It's about to fall off." Whatever Su Bei said came true. Her wig fell because of He Xuyan's actions, and her thick long hair cascaded down.

Su Bei hurriedly reached out to grab it. She was very close to He Xuyan, so she fell into his arms.

Afraid of seeing her fall, He Xuyan reached out his long arms and hugged her tightly.

At this moment, Xu Zhiqin pushed the door open and entered.

After she separated from He Xuyan, she didn't know how to explain it to him. Coincidentally, she received a call from Su Bei asking her to come to the company to discuss work.

When she came over, she was not in a good state. When she saw that Su Bei's office door was ajar, she pushed it open and happened to see the extremely ambiguous scene in front of her.

He Xuyan had an indulgent smile on his face. She couldn't see the face of the woman in his arms clearly, but from her beautiful chestnut curly hair, Xu Zhiqin could tell that she was an extremely charming woman.

Xu Zhiqin was stunned for a moment. He Xuyan's gaze was already on her.

She frowned slightly and felt a slight pain in her heart. She didn't care what was going on with the woman and said hurriedly, "I'm sorry."

Then, she turned around and ran away.

He Xuyan let go of Su Bei and let her sit down. He said, "I'll go out for a while."

Su Bei could already tell that it was Xu Zhiqin's voice. She couldn't help but smile and say, "Go, go!"

Looking at He Xuyan's hurried back, she was not worried. Instead, she smiled brightly. This time, she might have helped him out by allowing the two of them to completely confirm each other's feelings.

Xu Zhiqin ran away as if she was escaping. She ran toward the underground parking lot. Her hands and feet were cold. She started the car several times but could not start it.

She bit her lip and hit the steering wheel as if she was venting her anger. She held back her tears.

Just as she was about to move on from her past trauma, He Xuyan's actions just now dealt her a blow that was no less than Pan Hongsen's betrayal back then.

Her hope was reignited, but it was immediately extinguished in despair.

How ironic!

She finally started the car. A figure suddenly appeared in front of her, scaring her so much that she slammed on the brakes.

He Xuyan stopped in his tracks and rushed over to open her car door.

It was too late for Xu Zhiqin to lock the car door, so she could only watch him open it.

"Zhiqin, listen to me." He Xuyan climbed in and sat down. His usually calm face was filled with anxious frustration.

## Chapter 1564 The Sister My Parents Gave Birth To

He didn't have time to wait for the elevator and ran down. His forehead was covered in sweat.

Xu Zhiqin's expression was slightly cold. She relaxed her pursed lips and said calmly, "I shouldn't have had any hope for anyone to begin with. It's not a big deal."

Even if the relationship between the two of them went back to how it was in the past, there would be nothing wrong with it.

She said calmly, "Go ahead."

As she listened to him, she looked like she would never believe anything He Xuyan said.

Only her fingers that gripped the steering wheel tightly betrayed her emotions.

"The person you saw just now is Su Bei, my sister."

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Su Bei?

Xu Zhiqin remembered Su Bei. No wonder her beautiful long chestnut hair looked familiar.

She recalled that He Xuyan and Su Bei had indeed been involved in a scandal.

Sister?

Did all men use this as an excuse?

She held her breath and sneered, not believing him at all.

He Xuyan saw her disbelief and turned her around. "She's my sister whom my parents gave birth to."

The coldness on Xu Zhiqin's face faded a little. "You have the same parents?"

"You know that Su Bei isn't a child of the Su family or a member of the Tang family. The gossip has already spread. She's a member of the He family and my sister."

Xu Zhiqin's expression turned slightly cold. A sister from the same father and mother? But weren't they too intimate just now?

"She's working for a friend, so she disguised herself as a man and became President Su Lu. I was unhappy and went to her office just now. She tried to cheer me up, but I accidentally made her wig fall. She was afraid of exposing herself, so she was frantically grabbing her wig and almost fell. That's why I caught her in my arms."

Xu Zhiqin's gaze gradually warmed up. "Really?"

He Xuyan's words were very honest. His eyes did not contain any other emotions.

He looked into Xu Zhiqin's eyes and said softly, "So you like me too. Are you jealous?"

Xu Zhiqin turned her face away, unwilling to admit it.

He took her fingers off the steering wheel and clasped them in his palm. He Xuyan's voice was filled with joy. "I'm very happy to know that you'd get jealous over me."

Xu Zhiqin wanted to pull her fingers out of his palms, but he clenched them tightly and refused to let go. She tried to pull her fingers out several times, but she couldn't, so she could only let it be.

"When did I say I like you?" Xu Zhiqin said awkwardly.

With that, she felt He Xuyan's aura turn cold.

The warmth in his eyes was about to dissipate. Xu Zhiqin bit her lip. "I didn't use you as a shield this morning. What I said to Pan Hongsen is true."

What she said this morning was, 'I already have someone I like!

'Did you see that?

'I have someone I like. Did you see that?'

It was him, He Xuyan.

The meaning was so clear.

She didn't kiss him because she wanted to prove something to outsiders. She just liked him.

After Xu Zhiqin finished speaking, her lips suddenly felt warm. He Xuyan's thin lips were already close to hers. A light kiss brushed past her lips.

She pulled her finger away and pressed it to her lips. There was no escaping the numbness from her lips to her fingertips and then to her heart.

"I like you, Xu Zhiqin," He Xuyan said seriously.

Tears welled up in Xu Zhiqin's eyes. Just as she was about to speak, a figure flashed past outside. She said in surprise, "President Su?"

Su Bei was embarrassed and vexed to be seen. She had ruined such a good atmosphere.

He Xuyan rolled down the car window. "Su Bei?"

Hearing He Xuyan call her by her real name, Su Bei knew that she did not have to hide her identity in front of Xu Zhiqin anymore.

"Brother, Zhiqin, I didn't follow you here on purpose. I just thought that if it was difficult for my brother to explain himself, I could personally explain it to you, Zhiqin. I'm sorry." Although Su Bei was still dressed as a man, she had a soft female voice. Xu Zhiqin immediately recognized her.

Seeing that there was almost nothing else for her to do, she was about to leave quietly when she was discovered.

Xu Zhiqin pursed her lips and felt a little embarrassed. She didn't expect that the person who had always been by her side was Su Bei.

"Then I'll leave first." Su Bei waved and left quickly.

She hadn't caused trouble for her brother and even helped him a lot.

He Xuyan rubbed Xu Zhiqin's fingers. "Treat me to hotpot."

"Sure, but why?"

"Because I was in a bad mood just now. Su Bei had already agreed to treat me to hotpot. Now that I'm in a good mood, it's your turn to treat me."

Xu Zhiqin smiled. "Okay!"

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Su Bei wanted to sue Xiao Ming and was communicating with her lawyer.

"Lawyer Li, do you think this information is okay?"

"It's fine, President Su. But I might have to withdraw from this lawsuit."

"Why?" Su Bei frowned. Could it be that Xiao Ming was that influential?

"Because Hadiya is back. She said that she's here to sue him. With her around, I can only be her assistant, right?" Lawyer Li smiled.

Su Bei was pleasantly surprised. Fourth Sister was coming back?

"Hadiya is here, President Su!"

The door opened, and Hua Cuo, who was wearing a lady's professional suit, appeared with her team of assistants. She walked in front with her head held high, looking arrogant and confident.

"Fourth... Hadiya, hello." Su Bei was still Su Lu, so she went forward to greet her.

Hua Cuo took her outstretched hand and shook it with a smile. Then, she sat down, crossed her legs, and said in a very capable manner, "Is all the information complete? I want to see the clients. As for the legal fees this time, it's free!"

Lawyer Li and the others were already overwhelmed by her imposing manner.

She had helped various consortiums fight lawyers in the United States and earned millions of yuan every minute. However, she actually returned this time to take on this case without accepting a single cent. She was spending money and time just for this case. It was really admirable.

Su Bei knew her personality. As long as it was a case that interested her, she would not accept a single cent.

She didn't want to trouble her before, but now that she was back, the success rate of this case was very high!

'Xiao Ming, just you wait!'

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Hua Cuo quickly met the victims and learned more about the case.

"President Su, leave this matter to me. I'll handle it," Hua Cuo said.

"Then I'll drive you back to the hotel," Su Bei said.

She and Hua Cuo entered the elevator and smiled. "Fourth Sister, thank you so much for coming back to help."

She knew that her disguise could not be hidden from Hua Cuo.

She had probably exposed herself as soon as they met, so there was no need to pretend anymore.

Hua Cuo could tell. She smiled and said, "I've seen your disguises since I was young, so there's no reason for me not to recognize you. However, I'm not doing this to help you this time. It's my duty and responsibility to help these victims."

# **Chapter 1565 Already Canceled**

Su Bei knew she would say that.

Her fourth sister had been used to protecting other women and taking on heavy responsibilities since she was young.

"You don't have to send me back to the hotel. I can do it myself. Otherwise, Lu Heting and He Xuyan will look at me with murderous eyes." Hua Cuo walked out of the elevator and pressed Su Bei back.

Su Bei smiled and watched her leave.

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After Xu Zhiqin was done filming her scenes for the day, she went back to Nirvana Entertainment to do something.

He Xuyan asked her out for a meal. She dressed up and came out just in time to see Su Bei coming out of the office.

"President... Su Bei, are you getting off work?" Xu Zhiqin looked at her up and down. If Su Bei hadn't spoken in a female voice that day, she wouldn't have recognized Su Bei at all.

Apart from their similar heights, there was no similarity at all.

However, when she thought about what Su Bei had done to stand up for Yue Ze and help the victims, she did not find it strange. Sure enough, Su Bei was Su Bei.

"Yeah." Su Bei looked at her sister-in-law and smiled.

"Why don't you join us for dinner? It'll just be the three of us."

Su Bei smiled. "No need. What's the point of the three of us having a meal together? You guys go ahead and eat. I'll treat you guys next time. I'll leave first."

Xu Zhiqin looked at her back and felt inexplicably good. It seemed that she had been on good terms with her husband's family since the beginning.

Wait, what was she thinking? How did he become her husband already?

When she arrived at He Xuyan's car, her face was still a little red.

"What's wrong?" He Xuyan tilted his head to look at her.

"I met Su Bei just now. I wanted to have dinner with her, but she refused."

"It's only right for her to reject you. Do you think Lu Heting, that jealous man, will be easy to handle?" He Xuyan had seen what he was like before.

Xu Zhiqin chuckled. "Mr. Lu usually looks so cold and aloof. I didn't expect him to be like that in private. I really can't imagine it."

"You'll know when you see him in the future."

Xu Zhiqin and He Xuyan entered a quiet restaurant together.

There were not many people inside, so the ambiance appeared very elegant.

After ordering, the waiter rushed over and said, "Mr. He, your car was scratched in the parking lot. Can I trouble you to take a look?"

"I'll go with you," Xu Zhiqin said immediately.

"No need. Wait for me here. I'll be back soon," He Xuyan said.

Xu Zhiqin nodded.

After He Xuyan left, she was a little bored. She wondered how his car was scratched.

As she was thinking, someone pulled a chair over and sat down in front of her.

She looked up and saw that it was Pan Hongsen.

Pan Hongsen didn't have a job now, and he had a lot of free time every day. The more he thought about it, the more he felt that he shouldn't give up on Xu Zhiqin. Whether it was in terms of work ability or his feelings for her, Xu Zhiqin was unique.

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That was why he came looking for her again.

Xu Zhiqin's face turned cold. "Pan Hongsen, what do you think you're doing?"

"Zhiqin, I'm here today to ask you to give me another chance," Pan Hongsen said bluntly and threw his car keys on the table.

Xu Zhiqin looked at him coldly. "There's already someone sitting in your seat."

Pan Hongsen did not care about the deeper meaning behind her words. Now that the seat in front of her was taken, so was her heart.

"Zhiqin, He Xuyan is very talented, but he has a stubborn temper. Such a person can't earn money in this environment at all. Even if he manages to earn some money from participating in variety shows, as far as I know, he invested all his money in his new movie that might lose money. A person like him is the kind of person who will make his entire family suffer with him for the sake of unrealistic dreams. He's not suited to survive in this world at all." He had already asked around. He Xuyan lived in a bachelor apartment, and the car he drove was only worth slightly more than 100,000 yuan.

He did not believe that Xu Zhiqin would let herself suffer alongside He Xuyan.

"It's not up to you to decide if he's suitable for me or not." Xu Zhiqin sneered. "Besides, I can earn money. So what if he doesn't earn money? It's just raising a family. I can afford it!"

Pan Hongsen handed the phone to her. "Look, this is my new villa, my new car, and my jewelry and diamonds. I've accumulated enough wealth for you to live a rich life. Zhiqin, I'll make it up to you. I won't make you regret it."

The man in front of her was so unfamiliar that Xu Zhiqin was surprised.

The person she had taken a fancy to back then was a young man who loved his career and worked hard. He was a young man with such a tall figure that made her want to protect and help him even if she had to give up her career.

However, the person in front of her now was full of an unscrupulous aura.

Of course, money was a good thing. Xu Zhiqin had never denied this, but some people could live well with money, while others were completely reduced to slaves of money. Other than money, they didn't care about anything else.

They thought that as long as they had money, they could do whatever they wanted.

"Also, Xu Zhiqin, I'll get Yali and Brother Mark to apologize to you and clear your name. In the future, no one can slander you anymore."

"It doesn't matter to me if they apologize or not." She didn't look at the phone Pan Hongsen handed her and said mockingly, "Are you done? Can you leave now?"

Pan Hongsen wanted to say something else, but He Xuyan had already walked over. He could only stand up first and say, "Zhiqin, I'll give you time to consider. I'll wait for you."

He got up and walked to the side.

He Xuyan sat back in his seat. Xu Zhiqin asked, "How's the car?"

"Someone fixed it. It's not a big problem." He looked up in Pan Hongsen's direction, sizing him up.

Xu Zhiqin said softly, "He's a little persistent. I don't want to see him anymore. I have to think of a way to avoid him next time."

He Xuyan nodded. The waiter came over to serve the dishes and instructed him in a low voice.

A moment later, Pan Hongsen ordered some food. A waiter came over with two security guards and said, "Mr. Pan, please leave."

"I know your restaurant runs on a membership system. The requirements for joining are very high. Let me tell you, I'm also a member here. You have no right to chase me out." He took out his membership card and threw it on the table.

"I'm sorry, but your membership has been canceled."

Pan Hongsen said angrily, "How did that happen?!"

"Because our boss isn't happy to see you in the restaurant. Does this reason suffice?"

Pan Hongsen stood up and said, "Don't regret it!"

He quickly left the restaurant.

However, thinking that Xu Zhiqin might change her mind, he sat back in the car and waited.

## **Chapter 1566 Using Reason And Emotions**

He didn't believe that Xu Zhiqin wouldn't weigh the pros and cons and seriously consider getting back with him.

However, what he did not know was that Xu Zhiqin only hated him for all the years he had used and trampled on her.

Now that the hatred had been eliminated, she felt nothing and would never let him occupy a spot in her heart again.

After Xu Zhiqin and He Xuyan finished eating, it was already more than an hour later.

She went downstairs with He Xuyan and saw that Pan Hongsen was still there. She frowned and felt frustrated.

"Zhiqin!" Pan Hongsen walked out of the luxury car with an arrogant expression. He was wearing a limited edition haute couture suit and looked very carefree. "Where are you going? Shall I drive you?"

He Xuyan said softly to Xu Zhiqin, "Let me talk to him."

"Forget it. Let's just ignore him." Xu Zhiqin was very worried that He Xuyan would suffer when facing an unreasonable person like Pan Hongsen.

"Don't worry." He Xuyan patted her hand that was around his arm. "Go to the side and wait for me."

Xu Zhiqin walked to the side.

"Director He." Pan Hongsen looked He Xuyan up and down. "I know you're very capable of filming movies, but you might not be as good as me at earning money and in life. Zhiqin has loved me for many years. I believe she'll return to me soon."

He Xuyan's expression was cold as he said indifferently, "Do you want me to post the videos of Yali having intercourse with multiple people on the internet?"

Pan Hongsen didn't think much of it at first, but then his expression changed. "How do you know about this? You... got my mother to help Xu Zhiqin clarify things and made Yali and Brother Mark retreat with Yali's videos? You did all of this?"

He Xuyan couldn't be bothered to answer his lame question. "You just need to know that I have these videos too."

He didn't actually threaten him, but the sense of threat was very strong.

Pan Hongsen was shocked. Once He Xuyan released these videos, Brother Mark would definitely think that he was the one who released them. At that time, the entire company would cause trouble for him.

Besides, even if Brother Mark was dealt with before he could cause trouble for him, he would lose all bargaining power with Brother Mark.

He looked at He Xuyan again and realized that this man was far from someone who was easy to deal with. Everything seemed to be under his control.

"He Xuyan, you're good."

"I hope we won't meet again," He Xuyan said calmly.

Pan Hongsen knew that he had lost all his advantage. Any move he made was within He Xuyan's expectations. He had no choice but to turn around and leave.

Xu Zhiqin had been waiting at the side, afraid that Pan Hongsen would punch He Xuyan. She only heaved a sigh of relief when she saw him leave. She quickly walked to He Xuyan's side. "He left?"

"He won't come looking for you again," He Xuyan said.

"What did you tell him?" Xu Zhiqin was really curious.

"I spoke to him with reason and moved him with emotions," He Xuyan said with a smile.

He would bear these sorts of things alone. There was really no need to subject her to these things again.

Xu Zhiqin smiled. She knew that things wouldn't be so simple, but since he wanted to protect her, she didn't pursue the matter.

Just as Pan Hongsen had said, Yali subsequently expressed her apology to Xu Zhiqin on Weibo. [I'm sorry, Miss Xu. Three years ago, I shouldn't have interfered in your previous relationship with Pan Hongsen, nor should I have been biased against you and led my fans to misunderstand you. I take back the insults I once directed at you and express my sincere apology to you.]

This was what Yali had agreed to after Pan Hongsen threatened her with the videos.

This Weibo post admitted that she was no longer an innocent party.

The fans were naturally in an uproar.

It was expected that Xu Zhiqin's reputation would be completely cleared.

Yali and Pan Hongsen had something on each other. They were destined to live on tenterhooks in the future.

On Xu Zhiqin's Weibo page, there were many fans saying that they were sorry.

Xu Zhiqin did not respond, but from then on, her heart was calm and peaceful.

Wind and Rain was also being filmed day and night.

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However, all of a sudden, a lot of dirt was exposed on Weibo. It said that some women had seduced Xiao Ming for the sake of getting bright futures, and their various secrets were also exposed.

These people who were exposed were basically the victims of Xiao Ming's incident. They were the women who provided information and evidence for Su Bei and Hua Cuo.

Their various secrets were dug out. Everything was published, from their poor grades in school to dyeing their hair and piercing their ears, to even misunderstandings with their best friends. Even their mistakes at work were exposed. There were also things like asking for high-priced betrothal gifts when they got married and living with their boyfriends before marriage.

Actually, they were all insignificant matters. After all, no one was perfect.

However, when these things were published, it gave them huge mental pressure.

Besides, seducing Xiao Ming was unforgivable in the eyes of many fans.

Whether it was Xiao Ming's international reputation or status, he had already become a god in the hearts of fans. He was an international director that could not be sullied in everyone's hearts.

Therefore, these women were scolded badly.

When Su Bei saw the news, public opinion had already formed.

Women were a disadvantaged group in society. They would be scolded for anything.

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She frowned and asked Yue Ze to think of a way to reduce the popularity of the matter and not give these women too much pressure.

A moment later, she received a message from Xiao Ming. [President Su, I advise you to save your money! Look at these women. Which one of them is worth your effort to help?]

[You don't have to worry about that. I'll do whatever I have to do.] Su Bei replied bluntly.

Xiao Ming said arrogantly: [Then I hope everything goes smoothly for you.]

Su Bei's heart skipped a beat. She knew that Xiao Ming's counterattack had begun.

She immediately opened Weibo and posted a long article without hesitation: [The first time I found out that Xiao Ming used his position as a director to harm the female staff around him, I was still young. At that time, I was filled with righteous indignation but couldn't do anything about it. However, after

encountering such a thing again and learning that the staff around me was harmed by Xiao Ming, I knew that it was time to seek justice from him!

[He's the most famous director in this country and has introduced the culture and movies of S Country to the world. However, this definitely doesn't mean that what he's done in private is right and worthy of admiration!]

# Chapter 1567 An Earth-Shatteringly Bad Review

[A man who uses such a method to satisfy his personal desires is a criminal no matter how successful he is in other fields! A criminal should go where he belongs!

[This time, I've already teamed up with dozens of women who were violated by him and famous lawyers. I must show Xiao Ming the power of justice!]

Su Bei's Weibo post was published under Su Lu's name. After it was posted, it triggered a heated discussion on the internet.

The news that Xiao Ming had violated female staff members would occasionally spread in the past.

However, they were all treated as nonsense in the industry. There was no need for him to refute the rumors himself. All kinds of movie fans would spontaneously stand up to defend him.

This time was no exception.

[What's wrong with Su Lu? Instead of managing Nirvana Entertainment well, he wants to push the blame on Director Xiao!]

[How many years has it been since those rumors came about? Su Lu is bringing them up again? Isn't this matter over?]

[Director Xiao's works are filled with human care and the brilliance of human nature. He's such a director, yet you're telling me that he's harming women? Hahahahaha, this is the funniest joke of the year!]

[To be honest, Director Xiao can have any woman he wants. Previously, the King of Gambling's daughter professed her love for him in a high-profile manner, and the Best Actor's sister has always publicly expressed her fondness for him. But Director Xiao just laughed it off. He has long dedicated his life to the film industry. How can he be so slanderous?]

[Is Su Lu so bored that he can't think of anything else except gossip?]

[Anyway, I won't believe a word of this! Director Xiao, I'm still looking forward to your new work!]

[That's right. Let's promote Director Xiao's new work, Two Cities!]

[However, Su Lu isn't someone who likes to cause trouble. I'll wait and see.]

[I suggest that you pay more attention to the artistes in your company and don't get involved. Or you can hold one or two more art exhibitions. Just because you're talented in some aspects doesn't mean you're capable in others! Stay away from other people's lives!]

Xiao Ming also replied casually: [The innocent know their place.]

Naturally, he gained a large number of loyal fans who spoke up for him.

Most people did not believe Su Bei.

Seeing Xiao Ming's response, Su Bei felt that something was wrong.

She immediately called Hua Cuo. "Fourth Sister, how's the preparation for the lawsuit? How's the situation with those women?"

"Su Bei, you have to be mentally prepared. Now, they've all retreated and don't want to sue him anymore. They just want to accept Xiao Ming's private compensation," Hua Cuo said as if she was used to it. Her tone was calm.

Su Bei gripped her phone tightly. "So they don't want justice? Are they going to pretend that nothing happened? Everyone is working hard to fight for them, but they're giving up just like that?"

Hua Cuo said helplessly, "They've changed their statements. We want Xiao Ming to be convicted, but we don't have enough evidence. If we lose their testimonies, we'll definitely lose this battle."

Su Bei put down her phone in frustration.

Why?

So many people had put their efforts into this, but they amounted to nothing in the end. Was everything going to be foiled now?

Xu Zhiqin also heard the news. When she came to talk to Su Bei, she was very careful.

"President Su, are you alright?" Xu Zhiqin asked. She knew best how much Su Bei had contributed to this matter. She had rejected all movie and event invitations and handed the matters of Nirvana Entertainment to other parties. She had done her best to help these weak women get what they deserved.

However, these women all changed sides overnight.

Their betrayal didn't seem to have hurt Su Bei, but they had all turned into sharp blades that stabbed her.

"It's okay. I want to go over and persuade them to see if there's any hope." Su Bei regained her confidence. She didn't want to give up, nor did she want the wicked to continue to be carefree and let the vulnerable be threatened.

Xu Zhiqin replied, "I'll go with you. Let's see if we can do anything else."

Su Bei and Xu Zhiqin arrived at their destination. These women were currently in the office building that Hua Cuo had specially rented.

After they entered, these timid women stood up. They seemed to be afraid of seeing Su Bei and not being able to face her gaze, so they lowered their heads.

These women were all of different ages. Some were in their 20s, while some were carrying children and milk bottles.

Some of them rubbed their hands nervously and explained in a low voice, "President Su, I'm getting married soon. If this continues, I'm afraid that in this lifetime..."

They were afraid that they would be haunted by this matter for the rest of their lives and would never find a suitable partner in the future.

To women, being violated was not only a dark memory they had to bear, but it would also accompany them for the rest of their lives and become a topic of conversation.

Now, their news had already been posted on Weibo, and they were being slandered. No one knew what would happen next.

"President Su, my mother is seriously ill. I don't want her to be affected by my matters anymore. I'm sorry. I accepted the 500,000 yuan that Xiao Ming privately compensated me for my mother's surgery." The woman lowered her head, and her voice became softer and softer.

Xiao Ling also walked over and said, "President Su, my sister said that she has to apologize too. My mother's heart isn't good to begin with, and she doesn't want my mother to be agitated. Our father passed away early, and it was my mother who raised us. My mother had a huge reaction to this matter, so she can't..."

Su Bei originally had a lot to say. She was originally lamenting the misfortune and was angry at the women for not fighting for this chance. However, when she saw the situation in front of her, she swallowed her words.

"I'm sorry." There were low sobs coming from all directions.

The pressure behind those voices was heartbreaking.

Hua Cuo was sitting at a desk not far away. Obviously, she had already said everything she needed to say.

"Fourth Sister, what can we do now?"

"We can only withdraw the lawsuit," Hua Cuo said. "There's no need to continue the lawsuit without witnesses. Besides, the compensation Xiao Ming gave them has already been paid out. Many of them need the money."

The harsh reality of their lives made them more willing to accept compensation than to accept justice. Besides, if this continued, they would face more groundless doubts, slander, and overwhelming negative comments.

## Chapter 1568 Soul Mate

At this moment, Su Bei felt helpless.

"Let's go. It's been hard on you, Fourth Sister." With that, Su Bei turned around and walked out.

"Su Bei." Xu Zhiqin took a few steps forward and followed her.

Su Bei smiled. "You can go back first, lest my brother worry."

"You're not in a good mood. I'll drive you," Xu Zhiqin said.

"Su Bei!"

A calm male voice sounded.

Xu Zhiqin subconsciously looked up. This was the first time she had seen the legendary Mr. Lu. He was different from the cold and domineering CEO in the eyes of outsiders. At this moment, Lu Heting only had a doting gaze.

He quickly walked toward Su Bei.

"Mr. Lu," Xu Zhiqin greeted.

Lu Heting recognized her at a glance and nodded. "Miss Xu, I'm taking Su Bei home. Excuse me."

"Go ahead." Xu Zhiqin quickly nodded. She knew that Lu Heting must have recognized her because he had a good relationship with Su Bei. Su Bei must have told him everything.

For some reason, she envied them. They relied on each other and supported each other. They would say anything and everything to one another. Not only were they husband and wife, but they were also soulmates.

When the couple got home, Su Bei did not want him to worry and maintained a smile on her face.

"Drink some." Lu Heting poured her a glass of hot milk.

"I can't do anything to Xiao Ming anymore." Su Bei held the glass of milk. "Those women have their own concerns. Some don't want their parents to worry, and some have to take care of their babies. They don't want their babies to be born with a bad reputation because of their mothers. Initially, I wanted to scold them to enlighten them, but when I went, I found out that they were all already enlightened. It's just that they each had their own circumstances."

Lu Heting held her hands and listened quietly.

"They're all apologizing. I was once just like them. But I'm so lucky to have you, Da Bao, and Gun Gun. You guys give me the strength to face any pressure. But they aren't like me. They have to bear everything themselves..."

"You've already done enough." Lu Heting rubbed her fingers. "You've done everything you should. You shouldn't feel responsible for this current predicament."

Su Bei nodded gently and shook her head. "In the end, I didn't help them much..."

"But at the very least, you helped them get some compensation and effectively resolved their plight. Money isn't omnipotent, but it's a good thing for them to be able to make up for it with money now." Lu Heting comforted her.

"You always manage to say something to reassure me." Su Bei smiled and felt much better.

"Because I only tell the truth." Lu Heting carried her over and sat her down. "Don't think too much. We still need to think about this matter at length, but I believe that justice will come."

Su Bei felt relieved in his arms.

As Su Lu and Hua Cuo withdrew their lawsuits, Xiao Ming also removed the compromising news on the victims.

In an interview, he said, "All these years, I've always been with a clean conscience. I didn't expect to be pinned to the ground and criticized. I'm here today to tell some people that those who use romantic affairs to cause trouble are really the most tasteless people. If you have the ability, show your true colors in the industry!"

These words described what Su Bei and Hua Cuo had done for justice as part of the slander directed at the director.

He was indeed a director who could capture human nature. He had won over his fans completely.

Film fans naturally scolded Su Lu. [As expected, this is what it means to slander someone. Look, didn't you obediently withdraw the lawsuit after? There's no evidence at all, right?]

[I think Su Lu is just trying to hype things up. If there's really evidence, why did he withdraw the lawsuit? He keeps talking about justice and ethics, but I think it's just for money!]

[I hope all the movies invested by Nirvana Entertainment will fail. Such a person is not worthy of talking about the film industry!]

[With such a CEO, Nirvana Entertainment will collapse sooner or later!]

Even the employees of Nirvana Entertainment did not understand Su Bei.

However, Su Bei went to work as usual. Hua Cuo did not return to the United States immediately because of this.

No matter how difficult it was to turn things around, the two of them were still preparing the information.

There was a knock on the office door, and Su Bei said, "Please come in."

Lu Weijian stuck his head in and saw Hua Cuo. He tidied his clothes and appeared righteously. "Sister Bei Bei, Lawyer Hua."

Hua Cuo's gaze was on the document, but she casually lifted it to look at him. "Mr. Weijian, what can I do for you?"

What could he do? He was just here to take a look.

"I heard that you're still busy. Is there anything I can help you with?" Lu Weijian had dressed up today. When he spoke, he didn't make any mistakes. He really looked like Lu Heting at this moment. It was enough to scare people.

"No need," Hua Cuo said and went back to her documents.

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Lu Weijian couldn't find an opportunity. He winked at Su Bei with an expression that said, 'Sister Bei Bei, please help!'

Su Bei coughed lightly and said, "Fourth Sister, how about letting Mr. Weijian treat us to hotpot at noon?"

Hua Cuo looked up and asked, "Is your stomach okay?"

Lu Weijian gave Su Bei a thumbs up and took the initiative to say, "It's completely okay. There's no problem at all. My Sister Bei Bei can eat two meals of hotpot, let alone one."

Hua Cuo glanced at him and sneered. "Are you going to take responsibility if something happens to her?"

Lu Weijian suddenly thought of his brother's expression and shivered.

Su Bei spread her hands. 'It's not that I don't want to help you; it's just that you're not helping yourself.'

Just then, there was another knock on the door. Lu Weijian ran to open it and saw Huo Zhong standing outside. He immediately said unhappily, "What are you doing here?"

"You're here to see Su Bei. Can't I be here too?" Huo Zhong took out his phone. "My game has been updated. I wanna see if Su Bei is willing to play a round with me!"

"Since we're both here, who's going to manage the Huo family?" Lu Weijian was unhappy.

Huo Zhong waved his phone. "If you're here, why can't I be here?"

"You should go back first."

"Why don't you go back first?" Huo Zhong asked.

Su Bei turned her face away and smiled. Sure enough, everyone had a weakness. The only person who could control Lu Weijian was Huo Zhong, who was even more stupid than him.

Lu Weijian said angrily, "I told you to go back first."

"I'll go back with you."

"Okay, okay, I'll go back with you... Wait, why should I go back with you?" Lu Weijian came back to his senses and slapped himself.

Huo Zhong pulled him back. "Let's go back together. Don't think of letting me handle so many boring documents alone!"

## Chapter 1569 Don't Stop Me From Pursuing Women

The door slammed shut.

Hua Cuo rubbed her temples. "They're finally gone. Su Bei, is this a kindergarten?"

Su Bei burst out laughing. "Anyway, they're not in first grade yet. Fourth Sister, you're tired. Shall I treat you to hotpot later?"

"Okay," Hua Cuo agreed.

A moment later, someone knocked on the door again. Su Bei thought she knew who it was and said, "Come in. If you have anything else to say, say it then leave as soon as possible."

The person pushed the door open timidly. It was Xiao Ling's sister, Xiao Xi. She was the one who was violated by Xiao Ming last time.

She was the most recent victim, so her testimony would be the most effective.

But she had also chosen to retreat.

Xiao Xi said weakly, "President Su, I'm here to apologize to you."

"There's no need. You made the choice you think is the best. I have no reason to blame you." Su Bei's voice was cold. Although she didn't blame her, it didn't mean that she had no objections to her decision.

Those women had given up the best chance to get justice for themselves.

"I'm sorry," Xiao Xi said.

Su Bei said calmly, "If there's nothing else, you can leave first."

"President Su, I have a presumptuous request."

"Since you know you're being presumptuous, don't say anything more." Su Bei had no intention of bargaining with her.

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Xiao Xi was speechless, but she didn't blame Su Bei. If she had to blame someone, she could only blame herself for being weak. She said softly, "The doctor said that my mother only has two or three months to live. No medicine is useful, and it's useless even if she goes for a heart transplant. I can't see her worrying about me even before she died."

Su Bei was silent.

She continued, "I think staying by Lawyer Hua's side to help will compensate for my guilt for wasting your time."

Su Bei said, "Then ask Lawyer Hua about this. I can't make the decision for her."

Hua Cuo glanced at her and said, "Alright, then help me organize the information."

"Thank you, Mr. Su. Thank you, Lawyer Hua." Xiao Xi quickly thanked them. It seemed that she was very satisfied to be able to stay.

Actually, Su Bei didn't hate her. It was just that it was a little hard for her to calm down as it had to do with this matter. Seeing that Hua Cuo didn't object, she let her be.

In Lu Heting's office.

Lu Hang reported, "After this incident, Xiao Ming is very restrained. We can't find any evidence against him. Old Master Xiao brought him home and scolded him. I'm afraid he won't do anything wrong for the time being."

"It's a good thing that he's restraining himself. Keep an eye on him," Lu Heting instructed in a low voice.

"I've already asked people to keep an eye on him," Lu Hang said.

Lu Heting rubbed his eyebrows. If Xiao Ming gave himself away, he would definitely not let him escape this time.

If he turned over a new leaf, it would be considered a merit too.

It all depended on what choice he made.

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Xu Zhiqin and He Xuyan's relationship had been stable recently.

However, no matter how well they covered it, they could not hide from the paparazzi's eyes. In the end, they were still photographed.

The matter between Xu Zhiqin and Pan Hongsen had yet to die down. Now that such a thing had happened, netizens naturally had different opinions.

[With Director He's ability, how could he like Xu Zhiqin? I remember that when Xu Zhiqin went to audition for Director He's new movie, she was rejected.]

[Could it be that Xu Zhiqin took the initiative to approach him? Director He doesn't look like he would fall for anyone.]

[However, the two of them are actually quite compatible. I think they're a good match!]

[Don't you think that Xu Zhiqin was very proactive toward Director He and kept getting close to him? At that time, I thought that she was motivated, so she kept asking Director He for advice. Now, it seems that she had those sorts of intentions at that time.]

[Tsk, tsk, tsk. It seems that she has a lot of tricks up her sleeve.]

In the entertainment industry, women had always been at a disadvantage. It was always their fault.

Meanwhile, men could easily retreat unscathed.

Xu Zhiqin was a little flustered after being photographed this time. She could give her artistes a hundred suggestions or public relations methods, but when it came to her own situations, she was at a loss.

He Xuyan's attitude was the most important in this matter.

After Xiao Ling was discharged from the hospital, she returned to Xu Zhiqin's side as an assistant. When she saw the news, she asked, "Zhiqin, are we going to release a clarification statement?"

"Let's wait a little longer!" Xu Zhiqin was filming and had yet to contact He Xuyan.

If she made a statement now, it would be easy for her to embarrass herself in the future.

Xu Zhiqin was busy filming again.

He Xuyan appeared on set with a mask on. He was reading a script and waiting for her.

When Xu Zhiqin finished filming, she immediately saw him sitting there.

"Zhiqin, Director He is here." Xiao Ling was very happy. "But I saw reporters outside the door. I wonder what Director He will say."

Xu Zhiqin did not want to continue being in a dilemma. This time, she would see how He Xuyan responded.

She quickly washed up, changed her clothes, and walked toward He Xuyan.

He Xuyan stood up. He wore a mask and a cap, but his eyes were revealed. They looked exceptionally deep.

He reached out and held Xu Zhiqin's hand. "Let's go."

Xu Zhiqin was held by him and said in a low voice, "There are many reporters outside."

"I happen to have a few things to tell them." He Xuyan chuckled and let go of her hand.

Xu Zhiqin's hand was empty, and so was her heart.

As soon as the two of them walked out, the reporters came forward. "Director He, Zhiqin, are you two in a relationship?"

"I wonder if Director He took the initiative to pursue Zhiqin or if it was the other way around?"

"Is there any good news you want to tell us? Everyone is looking forward to it and is very concerned about you two. Especially since Zhiqin was once hurt, her fans are very concerned about your relationship."

Xu Zhiqin's heart was a little empty when He Xuyan let go of her hand just now. Now that she was facing the reporters, her gaze was a little lost.

He Xuyan took a microphone and said calmly, "I'll explain it to everyone today, but I hope that after this explanation, no one will continue to bother us. We don't want private matters to be exposed to the public."

"Okay, okay. So, what's your explanation?" The reporters quickly nodded and asked.

"Please show me some respect and don't hinder me from pursuing women. Otherwise, I won't know what to do if I scare my girlfriend away." After He Xuyan finished speaking, he reached out and pulled Xu Zhiqin toward him. His eyes were bright. "Thank you, everyone."

Xu Zhiqin's hand was held tightly by him. He stood in front of her, shielding her from the gazes of the world and protecting her behind him.

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There was no lack of female reporters among the crowd. When they heard this, they couldn't help but exclaim. They were sincerely envious of Xu Zhiqin for being treated like this by He Xuyan.

Xu Zhiqin did not know what the crowd of reporters thought of her. Even when she was in the car, she had yet to recover from her confusion.

He Xuyan had never had a scandal, let alone admitted to being with anyone in public. She thought that it wouldn't happen this time.

However, in front of everyone, he firmly gave her a status and made his feelings for her public.

To many people, this was just a very common thing, but to Xu Zhiqin, who had experienced a huge emotional change, it seemed so precious.

It filled her heart and seemed to want to knock her away. Her heart was beating violently.

"Were you frightened?" He Xuyan asked, gently holding her fingers.

"No. I just didn't expect you to make it public." Xu Zhiqin shook her head slightly.

He Xuyan brought her over and said, "I have something for you."

She asked softly, "What is it?"

"Close your eyes."

Xu Zhiqin closed her eyes.

His fingers landed on the side of her neck and caressed it. A cold touch landed on her neck.

Xu Zhiqin opened her eyes and realized that he had put a necklace on her.

It was A Lifetime's Love.

Previously, when they were at an event together, He Xuyan had also put it on for her. However, since it was an event, she took the necklace off and returned it afterward.

She still remembered how she had felt back then clearly.

Now, He Xuyan had bought it and put it on her again.

Seeing the light in her eyes, He Xuyan lowered his head and kissed her on the lips.

Xu Zhiqin's heart beat faster and faster until the rhythm became one with his.

The reporters naturally reported this matter.

Initially, the outside world was guessing that Xu Zhiqin was the one who took the initiative. Now, they knew that the person who took the initiative was He Xuyan. Moreover, his attitude was very sincere. He really respected and doted on Xu Zhiqin.

Finally, nobody said that Xu Zhiqin took the initiative and threw herself at him any longer.

Xu Zhiqin's fans were also very happy about this matter and expressed their blessings.

[Zhiqin deserves the best!]

[Zhiqin is a good woman, and Director He is also a good person. I hope the two of them can be together for a long time!]

[Blessings, blessings! You two are a perfect match! I hope things will continue to get better. We want to see you two in a sweet relationship!]

It was precisely because of He Xuyan's attitude that the two of them could be open and did not have to hide anything. The outside world unanimously thought highly of them.

After that, the paparazzi and reporters did not stalk them anymore.

Firstly, He Xuyan's attitude had been made clear. Secondly, they were in a stable relationship. There was indeed nothing to capture.

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Xiao Ming's matter had reached an impasse, and Hua Cuo was about to leave.

When she left, both Su Bei and Xiao Xi were very reluctant.

During this period of time, Xiao Xi had been her assistant and often asked her many questions. Hua Cuo explained everything patiently, which benefited Xiao Xi a lot.

Not long after Hua Cuo left, Su Bei received a call from Xiao Ling asking for leave. "Mr. Su, my mother has passed away. I want to take two days off."

"Okay, I'll get someone to approve it. When will the funeral be held?" Su Bei asked.

After knowing the details, Su Bei personally went to their mother's funeral.

Seeing her appear, Xiao Xi was very surprised. She thought that Su Bei still blamed her. It was indeed her fault for wasting too much of Su Bei's time and energy.

"President Su." Xiao Xi looked guilty.

"My condolences," Su Bei said. "In addition, Nirvana Entertainment is recruiting talents. If you're interested, you can look for me."

Xiao Xi was surprised and delighted. "President Su!"

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In the Lu family's mansion...

Fu Yujia was sitting on the sofa, talking to the two elders.

At the mention of the recent events in the entertainment industry, Old Master Lu was a little indignant. "That bastard, Xiao Ming, is getting more and more outrageous."

As someone who had a lot of competitive relationships with the Xiao family, Old Master Lu naturally knew that those rumors in the outside world were not groundless.

He didn't like the way the Xiao family educated their descendants either.

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"Su Lu from Nirvana Entertainment did a good job this time! He's not afraid of power and dares to speak up for the weak against a bad person like Xiao Ming. This young man is very capable!" Old Master Lu praised Su Lu.

However, he had no idea who this young man he admired was.

He had abhorred evil all his life. When he was young, he loved to fight against injustice. However, Xiao Ming was very cunning and knew how to go about things. Old Master Lu could not catch him.

If he had such a grandson, he would have killed him long ago.

What Su Lu did was exactly what he wanted. How could he not praise him?

Fu Yujia came over to show her filial piety and make her presence known. She also wanted to gossip about Su Bei. Unexpectedly, Old Master Lu praised her nemesis, Su Lu.

Fu Yujia could not say anything else and could only praise him too.

Old Madam Lu sighed and said, "It's just a pity. I heard that Xiao Ming has already bribed all the victims. Su Lu can't find any evidence or witnesses at all. We can only forget about this matter. All effort spent has been futile."

Fu Yujia nodded. "That's right. In the end, this matter could only be left unsettled. Someone even said that Xiao Ming gave Su Lu money and asked him to give up."

"Nonsense!" Old Master Lu slammed the table. "When did Su Lu receive money? It's purely because the victims have all retreated. Su Lu had no choice but to withdraw the lawsuit. You people can't just listen to the rumors out there. You'll disappoint those discerning people who stand up for the weak!"

"Yes, I was thinking too much. Grandpa Lu, I shouldn't have speculated about Su Lu like this," Fu Yujia said hurriedly while clenching her fists tightly. She really didn't expect Su Lu to have the upper hand.

What right did a young man with nothing like him have?

When Old Master Lu heard her words, he calmed down a little and said, "It seems that not everyone in the entertainment industry can't do their jobs properly."

The butler stood at the side and said with a smile, "Old Master, Mr. Lu has already said that there are good and bad people in every industry."

These words were actually said for Su Bei's sake.

Old Master Lu snorted. He knew what the butler meant, and he did not refute it. He tacitly agreed.

After Fu Yujia left the Lu family, her chest heaved up and down. She had tried so hard, but she did not get any good results. Instead, she had to listen to the two elders of the Lu family praise her rival.

It seemed that she really had to quicken her pace and do more things to win their hearts.