

Chapter 117 True Intentions

Cai spoke, "Qingqing, what do you think we should do then? I worked overtime for this job, it would be unfair to just pass it back to Lin Fang."

Lin Fang cried as she said, "Cai, I'm begging you. I have been working on this project for the past two weeks and there's only a little left for me to complete. I'm grateful that you worked overtime to help me with this, I promise I'll take you out for a meal."

Cai laughed coldly as she said, "Lin Fang, you can be quiet funny sometimes. The commission for one project is eight thousand bucks, how much would you spend on one meal? And this is not the first time you have done this, you are always the last to arrive and the first to leave. Every time when a project is due, you dump the work on us and make us clean up your mess. How many times have I worked overtime just to help you? This is the first time you actually said you would take me out for a meal."

Lin Fang replied, "Cai, you know what has been going on with my family, I really need this money. I'm begging you. Once I get the commission for this project I will give you your share for helping me out. Please don't do this to me, I'm desperate."

Blood rushed to Cai's face as she flushed in anger and pushed Lin Fang away from her, "Stop trying to guilt me into helping you! You are poor, but its not like our money grow on trees either."

Maybe she pushed a little too hard, Lin Fang reeled back and fell to the ground. She bit her lip and fresh tears fell.

Qingqing stepped in and said, "Alright, everyone is just repeating themselves now, so let us be fair. From what I can tell, Cai has helped out Lin Fang many times in the past. Since she was the one who finished the project so she should get half of the commission. Cai, you have to be more patient, capable people naturally would have more work to do."

Cai laughed and said, "Qingqing, I support your decision wholeheartedly."

Everyone looked to Lin Fang and waited for her reaction.

Lin Fang squatted down on the floor and held her arms around her knees, pushing her face into her knees. As her shoulders trembled, she looked thoroughly pitiful.

My heart weighed heavily in my chest...

Qingqing said, "Lin Fang, get up and get to work. No one has it easy so you shouldn't be so emotional at work. Next time just do your work from the start till the end, then no one will be able to blame you for anything."

"I'm not..." Lin Fang's voice was muffled and thick with tears as she said, "You are only the receptionist, who gave you the authority to meddle? What am I to do now that you have taken half my money away? How am I supposed to survive through the month?"

Everyone went quiet and Qingqing looked extremely awkward and uneasy. Anyone with a pair of eyes knew that Qingqing was speaking on my behalf. So they were being nice to Qingqing, but Lin Fang did not care about any of that.

Lin Fang sobbed and cried as she asked, "Zhang Chao, how could you treat me this way? How am I supposed to live? Tell me!"

She ignored everything as she got up from the floor and looked right at me, screaming in my face. It was so sudden that everyone there were shocked, they all held their breaths and didn't speak to one another.

"Zhang Chao, you know exactly what my family is going through right now. Other people may not know how difficult it is but you do. You know so why are you still making my life hell? And you allowed them to humiliate me like this?!"

I looked at Lin Fang's familiar face that was twisted in anger and felt extremely disappointed.

I replied, "Who has it easy? Why is it that everyone has to give in to your whims and fancies? Lin Fang, no one is insulting you, you are the one messing with us right now. You treat everyone like fools just because you are smart. Do you really think you can keep this up any longer?"

Lin Fang looked at me with disbelieving eyes. It never crossed her mind that I would speak to her that way.

"How could you think of me that way? I know that you hate me... but I have my own difficulties!" She looked at me pitifully, "You know how Chen Yuzhou is like, how could I even dare disobey him?"

I shut my eyes forcefully as I felt something die inside of me. Is this really Lin Fang? What made her change into this? Or is it that she was like this even from the start.

The way that Lin Fang acted now was exactly what Han Kun said about her. Was this the woman that I loved?

"Lin Fang, for once, can you not put the blame on someone else?" I forced the words out of my mouth, "You were jealous of Chu Xiaoxiao but you blamed her for being jealous of you. She was so good to you, treating you better than I did, when was she ever jealous of you? Every time she made a decision, she thought of you. But whenever something happened to you, you would make the line so clear. It was the same with me, are you the only one with problems? You are afraid of Chen Yuzhou, does that mean that we are not afraid of him? Are you the only one in the whole world with a heart, with the ability to feel sadness, to feel fear. And everyone of us here are just statues who don't feel disappointment or sadness even when you betray us?!"

Lin Fang whispered, "I'm not... Are you so upset with what happened yesterday that you want to get even with me. But Chu Xiaoxiao betrayed you too, or have you forgotten? She wanted to retract her testimony."

Uncontrollable disgust welled up from inside me, how could this woman be so ignorant?!

"Even until now you want to drag Xiaoxiao into the water with you. Just because you have lost, you want to drag her through the mud too. Chu Xiaoxiao was so kind to you, she saw you as a real friend. What did she do to you that was so wrong that you can't see how good she was to you?"

Lin Fang's face and ears flushed red as I spoke, her breath turning ragged and she still had not stopped her crying. In one moment, she felt like the world wronged her and in the next, all she felt was unexplained anger. It was as though she was being controlled by different thoughts in her head.

Maybe no one has ever spoke to her that way before, with words piercing straight to the heart.

She was so beautiful, boys wanted her even when she was young. As long as she faked being delicate, everyone would forgive and help her. I was not the only one who fell for it, even Chu Xiaoxiao became one of her victims.

But she was the real hunter, and both Chu Xiaoxiao and I were her foolish prey.

Lin Fang could not accept the fact that I was being so straightforward with her. She was so angry her blood boiled.

"That's nonsense, how dare you say that about me? I have never done that, Chu Xiaoxiao already had it all and that was why she gave it to me. She came from a good family, she would have felt nothing when she gave me those things..."

"Then what about me?!" I cut her off in the middle of her ridiculous logic and said, "You led me into a trap all because I liked you? It looked like I was quite unfortunate. But don't worry, there won't be a next time. If you want to stay here and work, then do it well. Qingqing's salary was good. If you don't want to work here anymore, then go to human resources and take your three month's salary. As high school schoolmates, this is the last thing that I can do for you. Everyone else, back to your desks and get to work."

I did not want to see her faked pitiful look for another second longer.

Lin Fang did not change at all, she has always been like this. It was me who was unwilling to admit it in the past, I could not come to my senses at all.

It was Han Kun who knocked some sense into me, every word that he spoke of Lin Fang was true. It was like I was the butt of the joke, a joke where the woman I loved turned out to be a horrible person.

I could not stand the emotions I was feeling. After I went to the office alone, I sat on the sofa and stared out the window. I did not care if the others made fun of me, but I really needed a find a private place and have a good cry. In memory of my sincere heart.

"Mr. Zhang, Mr. Zhang..."

I came to my senses, I got a fright when I saw Qingqing's face inches away from mine.