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Chapter 961: Materials Were Replaced

Hearing everyone praise his son, Shen Xiu lowered his head in shame. It was true that Shen Yu never argued with anyone, but those who had offended him were all secretly dealt with. It was not that he had a good temper but that he knew how to pretend.

At this moment, Shen Yu was sitting alone beside the judges. No matter who greeted him, he would smile back and wave his hand to make the fans like him even more.

The show was about to start recording. The celebrities would display their works and inspiration according to the order of drawing lots. After all, everyone here was of status. Even if their works were not good, the judges would not reprimand them too much.

Yu Qinghe asked anxiously, "Why hasn't Xi Xi appeared yet?"

The moment that was said, the surrounding gazes landed on the two of them. The fans could not help but ask, "Aren't you two Shen Yu's fans?"

Only then did Shen Xiu realize that the seats Shen Yu had arranged for them were filled with his fans. They were all holding signs with his name on them that had blue lights.

However, among the many young people, two people in their 40s appeared. It was inevitable that they would be curious.

Yu Qinghe shook her head. "No, our daughter is a designer. We're here to cheer her on."

When the fans heard this, their eyes instantly lit up. "Wow! Your daughter is so awesome! She must have spent a lot of money to learn how to be a designer! Those who can participate in shows like this must be very outstanding designers!"

"But you're not Shen Yu's fans. Why are you sitting here? I remember that all the tickets here were taken by Shen Yu's fan club."

Everyone was discussing it noisily. At this moment, a few celebrities walked out one after another. Everyone was attracted to the stage.

Shen Yu looked at the celebrities indifferently. Suddenly, a familiar voice came from his earpiece. His expression was indifferent.

Qiao Xi's voice slowly sounded. "Brother, the materials I need have been replaced with defective goods."

Shen Yu's eyes turned cold. He was about to raise his hand to signal the director to stop the recording when Qiao Xi hurriedly stopped him. "Don't say anything. Just listen to me. The quality of these materials is indeed not good, but it's enough for me to finish a set of clothes. It's just that my design was stolen. Moreover, after I told the production team about this, they persuaded me to let the matter rest."

Hearing this, Shen Yu could not help but clench his fists. Before he came, he had specially told Old Xiang that this show had to be fair and transparent. However, now that someone had stolen Little Six's design, they were actually ignoring it?

"I already know who stole my design. It's the female celebrity who was internally selected by the production team. They want to use this show to make her famous. They're worried that I'll be their stumbling block, so they made a move on me. Since they came to look for trouble with me first, don't blame me for being merciless."

Qiao Xi instructed softly, "Eldest Brother, you must calm down and not act rashly. I can handle such a small matter."

Shen Yu replied imperceptibly. Qiao Xi cut off their contact and focused on completing the design.

In the entertainment industry, there were too many people who stepped on others to climb up the ranks. Those with low reputations would be treated as stepping stones. However, Qiao Xi had never been someone who would be at the mercy of others, nor would she be threatened by others. Moreover, the person who wanted to deal with her this time was surnamed Xia!

In the design area, Qiao Xi looked at the pile of defective goods on the table. She observed them for a moment before swiftly starting to make clothes.

"Miss Qiao, you're so capable at such a young age. You'll definitely achieve something in the future. Why do you have to be in the limelight on this show? As long as you're willing to cooperate with us this time, you can design Xia Tong's gowns in the future. She can even advertise them for you for free. What do you think?"

"Xia Tong is a popular celebrity. If she helps you advertise, many people will definitely look for you to customize clothes for them. Before long, you'll be a famous designer in the industry. It's been hard on you this time, but your future is limitless! Actually, even if you design the perfect clothes, you might not be able to become popular. You'll offend our Xia Tong instead. At that time, it'll be difficult for you to stand out again."

Chen Li tried her best to persuade Qiao Xi, but Qiao Xi turned a deaf ear and continued working hard.

At this moment, Qiao Xi's fingers nimbly outlined the waist of the clothes. The clothes had already taken shape and were exactly the same as the design.

Chen Li's expression changed. If she really submitted this work, there would be two sets of the same clothes at the scene. At that time, everyone would be suspicious.

Chapter 962: You Didn't Cherish The Chance I Gave You

As a professional manager, Chen Li would absolutely not allow such a thing to happen, so she decided to persuade Qiao Xi nicely. Unexpectedly, Qiao Xi completely ignored her.

Seeing that Qiao Xi was looking down on everyone, Chen Li was instantly infuriated. "Miss Qiao, you should have already looked for the production team, right? They know that your design was stolen, but does anyone care? They'll only let you continue participating in the show as if nothing happened. You're

just a small-time designer. What right do you have to compete with our Xia Tong? Our Xia Tong has a backer. You can't afford to offend her!

"I won't make things difficult for you. As long as you change your design, we can give you a sum of money. Just take it as though we bought your design. Moreover, I can get Xia Tong to recommend your clothes. This is killing two birds with one stone. You have no reason to refuse!

"Even if your design is good, you can only make it with defective materials. As long as you agree to change the design, I'll prepare new materials for you. I guarantee that they'll all be high-quality fabrics. If you need anything, feel free to tell me. I'll definitely—"

"You're very noisy." Qiao Xi interrupted Chen Li coldly, her eyes filled with impatience.

Chen Li instantly choked, and her expression gradually turned ugly. "You little girl, you actually dare to speak to me like this? I've said all the good things I could, but you didn't listen to a single word. You're so young, but you have such a bad temper!"

Qiao Xi pointed coldly at the door. "Miss Chen, please leave."

"Say that again?" Chen Li glared at her.

"Scram!" Qiao Xi's thin lips parted slightly as she coldly spat out.

Chen Li was so angry that her eyes almost popped out. Previously, when she saw Qiao Xi's design, she thought that this designer was quite capable and wanted to rope her in to be Xia Tong's substitute. She did not expect this young lady to be so stubborn and not give her any face at all.

Since she was unwilling, there was no need to force her. After all, there were so many designers, so there was no need to insist on recruiting her.

Chen Li's face was filled with disdain as she snorted. "Don't think that just because you say that the design is yours, people will believe you. You're just a new designer, yet your work is exactly the same as Xia Tong's. It's obvious who was the one who plagiarized. The audience won't believe you either. At that time, your reputation will be ruined. I gave you a chance today, but you didn't cherish it. You'll regret it one day!"

As soon as she finished speaking, Chen Li left angrily. The moment she turned around, a person suddenly appeared in her mind. This small-time designer looked a little similar to the chief of Liuli, but why would that big shot participate in such a show? Even if she really came, she would definitely be a judge.

Gu Shan was a pearl in the fashion design industry and the idol of many designers. However, she had always been low-profile and rarely showed her face. Chen Li had only seen her once from afar during a fashion show.

Qiao Xi was expressionless as her fingers gently stroked the dress she had designed. Even though it was made of rough fabric, it was unable to conceal its elegance.

Regret? It was still uncertain who would regret it! Was stealing someone else's things justified these days?

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On the other hand, Shen Yu believed that Qiao Xi could solve this small problem, so he was no longer worried. He stared at the stage. He wanted to see who stole Little Six's design draft.

The show officially started recording. The first to appear was a singer who had debuted in a talent show. She had previously learned design. As soon as she appeared, the audience below the stage cheered excitedly. However, Shen Yu's expression remained indifferent as if nothing could arouse his interest.

In Shen Yu's eyes, the works of these celebrities could only be considered average. There was nothing outstanding about them. Those fans liked them because they had the aura of celebrities. When everyone saw Qiao Xi's work, they would know how dull these celebrities' works were.

The last person was Xia Tong. After her work was displayed on stage, the entire venue fell silent.

This... was too perfect!

The design of the gown matched the theme. The color was gorgeous but not tacky. It made everyone dumbfounded. Even the judges were stunned. They could not believe that this gown was designed by an amateur.

Shen Yu's entire body exuded a chill, and a trace of disgust flashed past his eyes. Shen Yu, who was known for his gentleness, actually revealed such an expression. The judges at the side sensed that something was wrong.

It was just that the show was being recorded, so everyone could only pretend not to see it. The host invited all the contestants on stage. "The works of the five contestants have been displayed. They all have their own merits. It's truly an eye-opener!"

Chapter 963: Shen Yu's Doubts

Then, it was time for the evaluation segment. The judges commented on all the works one by one. As expected, the judges were full of praise for Xia Tong's work. With Xia Tong's current ability, even the judges present could not compare to her. What was even rarer was that she was not a professional designer. She had never studied design professionally and was usually very busy filming. She probably did not have time to learn. To be able to design such stunning works, she must be extremely talented.

At this moment, the judges had all expressed their opinions. The host could not help but look at Shen Yu. "Mr. Shen, whose work do you like?"

Everyone was very satisfied with Xia Tong's work. Even amateurs could tell that she was much better than other designers. Hence, it was just a formality for the host to ask Shen Yu. After all, Shen Yu had a gentle temper. He thought that Shen Yu would definitely agree with the others.

Xia Tong looked at Shen Yu uneasily, expecting his praise. However, Shen Yu picked up the microphone unhurriedly and sneered.

Everyone looked at each other. Did Shen Yu like her work or not?

The judges at the side subconsciously looked at him, only to see that his eyes were filled with disdain. The host smiled awkwardly. "Teacher Shen, your way of expressing your feelings is very special. Well, let's go to the next segment. The judges will give their scores."

"No," Shen Yu said coldly. Everyone was surprised. Shen Yu was famous for his good temper and had always been a gentleman. He had never been so rude, much less put on the airs of a celebrity just because of his identity. However, he was really acting too strangely today.

The host looked troubled. "Mr. Shen..."

"I haven't expressed my opinion," Shen Yu said bluntly. His cold gaze landed on Xia Tong. "Miss Xia's work is indeed perfect."

Xia Tong heaved a sigh of relief. Perhaps Shen Yu did not like this style, but he had to admit that her work was indeed perfect. There were a total of five contestants. Shen Yu had only praised her work, which was enough for her to stand out from everyone.

However, the next second...

Shen Yu's eyes were sharp as he said sarcastically, "But did you design your work yourself, Miss Xia?"

Everyone was stunned. The host's expression froze. He really did not expect Shen Yu to question Xia Tong in public. He was clearly saying that Xia Tong had plagiarized.

Xia Tong quickly retorted, "Yes! Of course!"

The judges looked at Shen Yu in surprise, then at Xia Tong in doubt. With Shen Yu's current status, there was no need for him to malign Xia Tong. Since he said that, it meant that he knew the inside story.

Shen Yu snorted. "Is that so? Miss Xia, you're very confident."

The host laughed dryly. The judges at the side hurriedly stepped forward to mediate the situation. "Mr. Shen, you must be joking! After all, Xia Tong's work is really too perfect. It doesn't seem like something an amateur can do."

Shen Yu ignored everyone and his voice became even colder. "Miss Xia, let me ask you again. Did you design this piece?"

The moment that was said, the judges could not help but suspect that since Xia Tong was just an amateur designer, how could she have designed such a stunning piece? Moreover, they knew Shen Yu's character. He would not malign anyone.

Xia Tong lowered her head guiltily. Faced with everyone's questioning gazes, cold sweat broke out on her forehead. She knew very well that if it was exposed that she didn't design this, her career would be ruined. Hence, she could only brace herself and answer, "Mr. Shen, you must've misunderstood. This is my work. If you don't believe me, I can show you the design!"

At this moment, a judge said unhappily, "Mr. Shen, what right do you have to say that this gown isn't Xia Tong's work? Do you have evidence? You have to know that rumors are scary. Your joke might ruin Xia Tong's future."

In order to stand out in the show, Xia Tong bribed two of the judges. They would naturally stand up for Xia Tong. Everyone knew this.

“Evidence?” Shen Yu raised an eyebrow and said with a smile, “I don’t have any evidence. Since you’re so sure that your work is yours, I’ll vote for you.”

Xia Tong finally heaved a sigh of relief. Fortunately, Shen Yu did not continue to make things difficult for her. Otherwise, she really would not know what to do.

Seeing this, the host immediately continued, “As Xia Tong’s work is too stunning, it has caused Mr. Shen to think that this work doesn’t belong to Xia Tong. Thank you for your straightforwardness, Mr. Shen. Our show needs to be realistic and transparent for the audience.”

Chapter 964: Showing The Same Work

With the host’s explanation, the awkward atmosphere at the scene eased up a little. Shen Yu was expressionless, but his eyes were filled with disdain.

The final score was the score determined by the judges and the audience’s support rate. The results were soon announced. Xia Tong was indeed ranked first.

“Congratulations to Xia Tong for temporarily getting first place, but the production team has also invited a masked designer to the venue today to showcase their work. Let’s wait and see who the final winner is!

“Faced with such a strong opponent like Xia Tong, what outstanding work will this masked designer bring us? Will Xia Tong crush her, or will the masked designer pose a strong counterattack?”

Xia Tong raised her head high and smiled confidently. The final winner could only be her. Her sugar daddy had invested 50 million yuan. It could be said that this show was made for her. The outcome was already decided.

At this moment, a staff member pushed a dress covered in a red cloth out from backstage. Under everyone’s expectant gazes, the red cloth was lifted, revealing the work inside. This gown was also perfect, but...

Everyone immediately reacted. “That’s not right! Isn’t this the same as Xia Tong’s work?”

“The staff member must have brought out the wrong gown!”

“No! Look carefully, the fabric and color of this gown are different from Xia Tong’s, but the style is exactly the same.”

Xia Tong was also stunned. She suddenly realized that the small-time designer had actually completed her work according to the original design. She really overestimated herself.

When two similar works appeared, one of them would naturally be deemed as having plagiarized the other. However, she was more famous than that designer. She went on stage to display her work first,

so everyone would naturally have the first impression. Moreover, the production team was on her side. After taking her money, they would naturally speak up for her.

The fabric of this designer's work was rough and lusterless. Who would believe that this design belonged to the designer?

The little b*tch actually dared to make a scene in front of the stage. In that case, she would let her have a taste of her reputation being ruined. She would probably never be able to be a designer again.

At this moment, the staff member could only brace themselves and push the work to the front. It was placed next to Xia Tong's work. The two sets of clothes were just slightly different in color and materials. The host was stunned.

Xia Tong suddenly exclaimed, her eyes filled with disbelief.

The venue instantly fell silent. The audience stood up to watch this awkward scene. They had watched so many shows, but this was the first time they were seeing two sets of work that were exactly the same. Even the creases and embroidery on the waist were the same. These were all completed according to the same design.

Was this designer crazy?

Bang!

One of the judges slammed the table and shouted, "How arrogant! It's exactly the same as Miss Xia Tong's work. She didn't even change it a little. She copied so brazenly!"

Xia Tong hurriedly placated him, saying, "Mr. Qiu, don't be anxious. There might be a misunderstanding. You can get that designer to explain it."

"Miss Xia, she actually dares to plagiarize on a TV show. I don't know how many people's works she has plagiarized in private. Such a person isn't worthy to be a designer at all!"

Hearing the judge's words, everyone looked at the masked designer with disdain. The young lady was very young and had a good figure. Although her face was covered, it was obvious that she was a beauty. Why did she have to do such a thing?

The host received instructions from his earpiece. The filming was suspended, and the judges went on stage to observe the two sets of dresses closely. "That's right, they're the same. Miss Xia, did your design get stolen before the competition?"

Xia Tong said thoughtfully, "I don't know either. I've already submitted my design to the production team."

In order to prove her innocence, Xia Tong printed a copy of the design as soon as she received it and handed it to the production team. With the production team as witnesses, it was meaningless no matter how that small-time designer tried to explain herself.

The judges all berated, "In this day and age, there are all kinds of people. In the past, in order to arouse inspiration, designers could go for days without sleeping or eating. Now, these young designers are only thinking of taking shortcuts."

“She’s really embarrassing the honor of designers!”

When Xia Tong saw that everyone was speaking up for her, the corners of her mouth curled up proudly as she revealed a provocative smile at Qiao Xi.

Chapter 965: The Eyes Of The Public Are Sharp

“Since our works are the same, why is everyone unanimously sure that I copied Miss Xia’s work and not the other way around?” At this moment, Qiao Xi suddenly spoke, her cold voice interrupting everyone’s discussion.

When the famous critic in the fashion industry saw Qiao Xi interrupt him, he was even angrier. “What nonsense are you talking about? How could Miss Xia have plagiarized your work?”

Qiao Xi looked at everyone indifferently, and the corners of her mouth curled up slightly. “Why not? Is her design ability very strong?”

Xia Tong said angrily, “Miss Qiao, the filming has already been suspended, and the production team won’t spread the news of what happened today. Why are you questioning me? I don’t know where you got my design plan from and how you boldly made the same work as me, but I believe the eyes of the public are sharp. It’s obvious who was the one who plagiarized. Moreover, my inspiration came from roses and butterflies. Can you tell me what your inspiration is?”

Qiao Xi glanced coldly at her. As expected of an actress. She was quite good at pretending.

Below the stage, Yu Qinghe’s face was gloomy, and Shen Xiu’s gaze was cold. The two of them immediately stood up, wanting to argue with the producer. As soon as they walked out of the audience seats, they bumped into someone.

At this moment, everyone was watching the commotion. Only Gu Zheng was standing in the corner of the corridor. When he saw Shen Xiu and Qiao Xi, Gu Zheng nodded slightly at them. “Mr. Shen, Madam Shen.”

“President Gu, Xi Xi...”

“It’s okay. She can handle it herself. We don’t have to interfere. It won’t be too late for us to attack when she can’t.” Gu Zheng smiled. “But I believe that the trash from the Xia family is not her match at all.”

Shen Xiu could not help but nod. They had watched Xi Xi grow up, so of course, they believed in her ability.

At this moment, Xia Tong was still arguing on stage. “I know you’re a designer and I’m not a professional, but you can’t say that I plagiarized you just because of this! Although I’ve never systematically learned it, I’m talented. Design can’t be obtained through hard work. You have to be talented!”

Qiao Xi sneered in her heart. This woman was really confident. No part of the work she produced came from her own ability and idea, yet she still had the cheek to say that she was talented?

“Miss Qiao, Shen Yu has already voted for me just now. He has already acknowledged my work. Who will support you?” Xia Tong’s tone was mocking.

Everyone stared at Qiao Xi, but before she could speak, Shen Yu suddenly stood up and strode over with a serious expression. “Miss Xia.”

Xia Tong looked up and trembled when she met his cold eyes. The next second, he said distantly, “Who said I approve of your work?”

The atmosphere instantly became awkward. Xia Tong’s face alternated between red and white as she bit her lip tightly. Faced with Shen Yu’s powerful aura, she could not be arrogant.

“I did vote just now, but I just like this piece. I didn’t acknowledge you or express my support for you. How would I know if you designed this piece?” Shen Yu’s eyes were filled with disdain.

Xia Tong clenched her fists tightly, and her voice trembled slightly. “Shen Yu, why are you always suspecting me? What did I do wrong? This is clearly my design!”

Her voice was choked, but her eyes were filled with anger. Shen Yu had been going against her since the beginning. What right did he have to do this? He was just an abandoned child of the Shen family!

As Shen Yu had been working hard outside all these years and had not returned home to inherit the family business, there were rumors that Shen Yu did not have a good relationship with his family. Shen Yu had been in the entertainment industry for so many years, but the Shen family had not given him any help. Moreover, there were rumors that he had already cut ties with the Shen family. Xia Tong thought that since she had the Xia family as her backer, Shen Yu had no reason not to help her.

Shen Yu was the most famous celebrity present. As long as he voiced out his support, her fans would definitely support him too. Hence, Xia Tong wanted to try her best to rope Shen Yu in. She looked at Shen Yu sincerely and blinked innocently. “Shen Yu, believe me, okay?”

Xia Tong walked closer with tears in her eyes. She had used this expression to seduce her sugar daddy back then. She believed that no man could refuse such a pitiful woman.

She heard that Shen Yu had always had a good temper. How could he embarrass a female celebrity in public? This was not what a gentleman should do!

Chapter 966: I’m Her Brother

“No! I don’t believe you.”

Shen Yu’s voice echoed in the huge recording venue. Everyone was dumbfounded. They really did not expect the usually gentle Shen Yu to embarrass Xia Tong in public.

Xia Tong’s face instantly turned red as she frowned tightly. She forcefully suppressed her anger and said in a cold voice, “Since everyone has their own opinions, for the sake of fairness, let the production team investigate the truth. I want to prove to everyone who the real plagiarist is!”

The producer hurriedly went forward to persuade her. “Why don’t we settle it in private?”

"I can't suffer this grievance for nothing. Since it has already happened, I have to investigate it clearly," Xia Tong said righteously. "I didn't plagiarize. I really don't understand why Shen Yu is protecting this small-time designer. Could it be that there's a special relationship between the two of you?"

Everyone's gazes shifted between Shen Yu and Qiao Xi. Ever since he debuted, he had always been clean and had no scandals. Now that he actually had an ambiguous relationship with this designer, the fans present were instantly unhappy.

"Impossible! How could Brother Yu be related to this designer? That woman is obviously a vixen who likes to seduce men. He must have been bewitched by her!"

"Xia Tong is so confident. That designer must have copied Xia Tong's design!"

Hearing the excited voices of the fans, Xia Tong smiled proudly. "Shen Yu, you're a Best Actor and a popular male celebrity in the industry. Why ruin your reputation as a plagiarist? Moreover, I think she approached you just to ride on your coattails."

Shen Yu raised an eyebrow. "She's trying to ride on my coattails?"

A trace of mockery flashed past Xia Tong's eyes. "Miss Qiao is indeed very beautiful. It's understandable that you like her, but if you malign me like this for the sake of the woman you like, it'll ruin your reputation as a Best Actor! Although I respect you very much, I can't stop investigating the truth just because of you!"

The entire venue was in an uproar.

Shen Yu's manager's eyes turned cold. What was Xia Tong talking about? She was clearly saying that the two of them had an unspeakable relationship, which was why Shen Yu was speaking up for Qiao Xi! She was slandering Shen Yu!

The fans below the stage instantly exploded, shouting to express their dissatisfaction.

Xia Tong's tone softened a little. "Shen Yu, please forgive my rashness. I shouldn't have said that to you just now, but you know very well that I'm from the Xia family of Luo City. Although I'm not as famous as you in the entertainment industry, I still occupy a high position. Why would I plagiarize the work of a small-time designer? Wouldn't that ruin my reputation?"

"I really don't understand. What's your relationship with her? Why are you protecting her?!"

"I'm her brother," Shen Yu said casually. His voice was indifferent with a trace of disdain. "Tell me, should I protect her?"

The recording venue instantly fell silent. Everyone widened their eyes in disbelief.

What? Shen Yu was the brother of a masked designer?

Xia Tong was stunned. Her expression froze, and the corners of her mouth twitched slightly. "She..."

Shen Yu's expression was indifferent. "Miss Xia, you're so young. Why are your thoughts so strange? Why do you think that our relationship is impure the moment you see me protecting a girl? Is malicious speculation a trait of the Xia family?"

The fans also stood up for Shen Yu. Xia Tong's words just now were to deliberately slander Shen Yu. She meant that Shen Yu was having an affair with the masked designer, which was why he was standing up for her.

Xia Tong's face was ashen as she said with difficulty, "I... I misunderstood. I'm sorry, Mr. Shen."

Shen Yu raised an eyebrow. "That's it?"

Qiao Xi: "..."

'Brother, there are so many people here. You're the gentle Best Actor! You have to maintain your image! You can't ruin all your years of hard work on an impulse!'

Xia Tong panted heavily. She had already apologized, so what else did she want? And this designer was actually Shen Yu's younger sister? Then why was she still participating in a show like this?

The fans below the stage knew that Shen Yu and the masked designer were siblings. They instantly beamed and praised, "So the masked designer is Shen Yu's younger sister! Although she hasn't taken off her mask, one can tell that she's a beauty just by looking at her figure!"

"She's the younger sister of the Best Actor. Does she need to plagiarize? This is just a small TV show. So what if she loses? At most, she'll just go home and inherit the family business!"

Chapter 967: It's Good To Know One's Mistake

The judge who spoke up earlier was also stunned. He originally thought that this designer was just a small figure who could be manipulated by others. Unexpectedly, she was actually Shen Yu's younger sister! However, he remembered that this designer's surname was Qiao. She was probably a distant relative of the Shen family!

Xia Tong, on the other hand, had a calm expression as if she did not care about the other party's identity. "Shen Yu, it's naturally right for you to protect your sister, but you can't insist that I plagiarized her just because she's your sister!"

As soon as she finished speaking, Xia Tong looked at the producer at the side. The two of them looked at each other.

The producer understood what Xia Tong meant. All the evidence pointed to Qiao Xi. Even if Shen Yu was dissatisfied, he could not cause trouble for the production team. After all, he still had to maintain his image.

Moreover, this show was filmed for Xia Tong. Her sugar daddy had invested 50 million just to make her famous. Since their production team had accepted the money, they naturally had to work for others.

At the thought of this, the producer hurriedly went forward and said, "Before the show started, everyone had to submit their designs on time. Logically speaking, Miss Xia Tong and the masked designer have submitted their designs. Since neither of them are admitting that they plagiarized, why don't they show their designs? It'll be obvious then."

At this moment, the director was in the middle and did not dare to offend anyone. He could only send someone to get the design. In order to ensure fairness, the director even sent a videographer to accompany them. Everyone at the recording venue would observe the scene in real time through the big screen. Everyone could clearly see the staff member quickly getting a folder with the design. Under the gazes of so many people, he did not have time to change it at all.

After the designs were brought over, Xia Tong even tried to persuade her. "Miss Qiao, you came from a good family and are young and beautiful. Why ruin your future on impulse? I'll give you a chance. As long as you apologize now, I won't pursue this matter anymore. I won't let anyone at the scene spread the news either."

"It's good to know one's mistake. You're still young, so you can't keep thinking about plagiarism. You're wilful now, but you'll definitely regret what you did today in the future."

Qiao Xi did not want to pay attention to her at all. She turned to the staff member and said, "Open it!"

Seeing that Qiao Xi was so arrogant, Xia Tong was angered to the point of having a ferocious expression. If she was arrogant now, what would she say when the design was exposed?!

The folder was opened. There were a total of six people participating in the competition, but there were only five designs inside. The others had all taken their own designs, so there was only one left. Xia Tong and Qiao Xi were not in a rush to take it.

"Why is there only one design left?"

"One of them must not have handed in the design! Let's see whose design it is!"

The director got the staff member to open the design. Xia Tong smiled proudly. Her name was definitely on it.

Qiao Xi chuckled. The Xia family's IQ was not too high. They thought that they were invincible just because they were a little smart, but they forgot that if they did too many bad things, they would expose themselves sooner or later.

At this moment, the staff member opened the design and announced loudly, "The name signed off is Miss Xia Tong!"

With that, he showed the design to the camera to ensure that everyone could see it clearly.

Xia Tong was overjoyed, but she did not show it. Instead, she sighed helplessly. "Miss Qiao, I already said that I could forgive you, but you still wanted to make things worse. Do you think you can do whatever you want just because you're Shen Yu's younger sister?"

"The facts have proven that I'm the owner of this work. Now, you have to apologize to everyone present. It was your willfulness that caused the show to be suspended and everyone's precious time to be wasted. You have to be responsible for this!"

Qiao Xi slowly raised her eyes, and the corners of her mouth carried a trace of an imperceptible smile. "Miss Xia, you and I know very well who stole whose design. I'll also give you a chance. I hope you can take the initiative to admit your mistake."

Xia Tong's expression turned cold as she retorted in exasperation, "What nonsense are you talking about?! You were the one who copied my work and stole my design, yet you're still biting back. Since you're so stubborn, I'll see you in court!"

Xia Tong looked aggrieved and sounded like she was about to cry. "The work I painstakingly designed was plagiarized, and I'm being wronged. The truth is right in front of us, but you're still unwilling to admit your mistake. Don't you think you've gone too far?"

Qiao Xi's eyelashes trembled slightly, and a trace of coldness flashed past her eyes. "It is quite excessive."

Chapter 968: She's Also A Plagiarist

Everyone thought that Qiao Xi had admitted it, and Xia Tong's face was filled with pride. "I don't want to waste everyone's time either. As long as you apologize to me and draw a new design, I'll forgive you! We'll pretend that this didn't happen and re-record it."

Xia Tong immediately swallowed the words in her mouth. Just as she was about to retort, an angry voice came from backstage. "I don't agree!"

Everyone looked in the direction of the voice and saw a man in a silver-gray suit walking out of the darkness. The critic who had been bribed by Xia Tong was about to berate him, but he was stunned when he saw the man's face. "Mister... Mr. Lu?"

The man's icy-cold gaze swept past everyone before finally looking at Qiao Xi, and then there was a trace of gentleness in his eyes.

Everyone present was familiar with this face. It often appeared on the covers of major fashion magazines. He could be said to be the prince of the fashion world—Lu Zhi, the president of Liuli Corporation.

"It's Lu Zhi! He's even more handsome in real life than on the cover of a magazine!"

"Lu Zhi was once a designer too. He should hate plagiarism! Moreover, Miss Xia only asked that designer to apologize. She didn't ask for anything else. Why wouldn't he agree?"

The judge did not dare to offend Lu Zhi and smiled obsequiously. "Mr. Lu, you probably don't know yet that this designer plagiarized Miss Xia's work. Now, Miss Xia is just asking the designer to apologize. You're here today..."

"Why should she apologize?" Lu Zhi interrupted the other party mercilessly. He did not take the judge in front of him seriously at all and looked at Xia Tong coldly.

"You said that you designed this gown?" Lu Zhi questioned.

Seeing Lu Zhi's deep eyes staring at her, Xia Tong instantly blushed shyly. "Yes... I did."

She thought that Lu Zhi would praise her, but the next second, Lu Zhi suddenly sneered. “How did the design of Liuli’s chief designer, Gu Shan, from half a year ago become Miss Xia’s work? Miss Xia, why don’t you think about it carefully? Is your identity worthy of this design?”

Qiao Xi lazily crossed her arms and slowly curled the corners of her lips. She did not have any evidence to prove her innocence, but so what? As long as Lu Zhi appeared, who would doubt his words?

Xia Tong’s expression froze. The shyness and joy in her heart instantly vanished. She felt as if she had been struck by lightning. What did Lu Zhi mean? What did this have to do with Gu Shan?

When her manager, Chen Li, heard the name Gu Shan, her entire body could not help but tremble. She looked at Qiao Xi in disbelief and wished for nothing more than to bore a hole through her.

The audience also reacted and exclaimed, “So this design is Gu Shan’s work! In other words, Xia Tong first copied Gu Shan’s work, then Designer Qiao copied Xia Tong’s work?”

“Xia Tong is also a plagiarist! What right does she have to criticize others?”

Xia Tong gulped in horror and said in a dry voice, “Mr. Lu, this must be a misunderstanding. I didn’t...”

Lu Zhi did not want to talk nonsense with her. He instructed the staff member to play a video. In the video, a slim woman was sitting in front of Lu Zhi with her back facing the surveillance cameras.

“I’m finally done, but I still feel that something is wrong.”

Lu Zhi took the design and looked at it carefully. He smiled and said, “It’s already very good! Aren’t you asking too much of yourself?”

“Then I’ll keep it for now. Maybe I can use it one day.”

The video showed the design. It was exactly the same as Xia Tong’s. Instantly, the entire venue was silent.

“Let me explain to everyone. The woman in the video is Gu Shan and also my good friend. Miss Xia copied Gu Shan’s work.” Lu Zhi’s lips curled into a mocking smile.

The audience stood up one after another. The judges also looked at Xia Tong in disbelief. Even if she wanted to plagiarize, she could not plagiarize Gu Shan’s work! Was she courting death?

After a moment of silence, a fan roared crazily, “Xia Tong! Didn’t you say that you designed it yourself? How could you lie to us?”

“You actually dare to steal Gu Shan’s design? Do you think what you stole is yours? Do you think you’re better than Gu Shan? You really overestimate yourself!”

“No!” Xia Tong shouted in a panic. The blood in her body seemed to have frozen. She looked at the people around her. Everyone’s eyes were filled with disdain and disgust. She had never been so embarrassed.

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Xia Tong lowered her head in embarrassment. She would not allow her reputation to be ruined just like that. The person who plagiarized Gu Shan was that small-time designer, not her. Why should she get scolded?

“Mr. Lu, I admit that I didn’t design this!”

Her lips were pale and trembling slightly. At this moment, she could only admit her mistake because she could not withstand the anger of Gu Shan’s fans. She gritted her teeth and said word by word, “This design originally belonged to Miss Qiao. She copied Gu Shan’s work!”

Now that her reputation was ruined, she would not let that b*tch be alone. She had only plagiarized an unknown designer, while that b*tch plagiarized Gu Shan!

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As soon as she finished speaking, everyone was dumbfounded. The image of Xia Tong berating Designer Qiao appeared in front of their eyes, but in reality, it was Xia Tong who stole the design.

Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows. She was finally telling the truth? Unfortunately, it was too late!

Lu Zhi met Qiao Xi’s eyes and understood in his heart. He said with disdain, “Miss Xia, you really know how to slander others. Your name is clearly written on this design.”

At this moment, Xia Tong was extremely regretful. She originally wanted to use the design to prove her innocence, but now, she wished she had not taken that design. Unexpectedly, she shot herself in the foot.

She stood rooted to the ground, her forehead covered in sweat. At this point, she could only find someone to take the blame. She gritted her teeth. “It... It was my manager, Chen Li, who gave me the design.”

Chen Li’s expression was extremely ugly, but she was not in a rush to retort. She knew that Xia Tong had pushed her to take the blame, but she could not refuse because she knew that if Xia Tong was ruined, all her years of hard work would be in vain.

She lowered her head, tacitly agreeing to all of their crimes. However, how could Lu Zhi let them off so easily?

“Miss Xia, you mean that this design originally belonged to Miss Qiao? Your manager and the production team colluded and stole Miss Qiao’s design. They pretended that it was your work. Is that correct?” Lu Zhi asked.

That was indeed the truth, but when it was said so bluntly, Xia Tong wished she could find a hole to hide in.

Xia Tong forced herself to calm down. Fortunately, the recording was suspended now. After the matter was over, she would get the producer to tell the entire production team not to spread the news. As for the fans, she would give them more benefits. As long as she apologized sincerely now, this matter would be forgotten by everyone soon.

“Yes! It’s my fault! I was just muddle-headed, so I used someone else’s design. I’ve let everyone down.”

Xia Tong apologized with tears in her eyes, but there was no regret in her eyes. She had already apologized, but what about Designer Qiao? She needed to apologize even more. The crime of plagiarizing Gu Shan was very serious.

When she thought about this, Xia Tong suddenly looked at Qiao Xi with a face full of regret. "I'm sorry, Miss Qiao. I shouldn't have used your design, but you should apologize to Gu Shan!"

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Qiao Xi was angered to the point of laughing. This woman was really stubborn!

When Chen Li heard this, she said agitatedly, "Yes! Our Xia Tong was just rash, but Miss Qiao deliberately plagiarized Gu Shan's work. You've offended Gu Shan. You should apologize to everyone!"

At this moment, Xia Tong was also staring fiercely at Qiao Xi. Her expression gradually turned ferocious, and her vicious gaze seemed to want to kill. If her reputation was ruined, she had to drag this b*tch down with her!

Just as the two sides were in a deadlock, Lu Zhi said calmly, "Xi Xi, take off your mask."

Everyone was stunned. From what Lu Zhi said, he seemed to be very familiar with this designer.

Qiao Xi nodded, and her lips curled into a stunning smile. She used her fair and slender fingers to take off her mask, then a beautiful face appeared in front of everyone.

Today, Qiao Xi had changed her usual pure style and specially put on makeup with a strong aura. Her fiery red lips matched the tight dress she was wearing, making her look exceptionally enchanting like a blooming rose. She looked both pure and beautiful. She made others unable to stop themselves from admiring her.

However, even though she was very beautiful, it could not offset the fact that she had plagiarized. Why did Lu Zhi want her to take off her mask?

Just as everyone was making wild guesses, the female judge who had been standing beside Shen Yu suddenly said, "Wait! I think I've seen her before!"

Xia Tong had a look of disdain. What was there to be surprised about? They were all from the fashion industry, so it was not surprising that she had seen Qiao Xi before.

Chapter 970: Matters That Can Be Solved With Money Were No Problem

"It's you! I didn't expect you to come too!" The female judge's tone gradually became respectful. She was so excited that her voice was trembling. She hurriedly walked forward, but she was afraid of offending the other party and kept a certain distance from Qiao Xi. She asked tentatively, "May I know if you're Gu Shan?"

Gu Shan?

With that said, the entire venue fell silent. Time seemed to have stopped at this moment.

Xia Tong's pupils suddenly constricted, and her eyes which were filled with resentment were gradually enveloped by shock. The expression on her face gradually stiffened as she subconsciously looked at Qiao Xi.

At this moment, Qiao Xi's eyes were bright like stars, and her entire body emitted a shocking charm. She looked at the female judge and said with a gentle tone, "Yes, I'm Gu Shan. Hello, Senior."

The female judge was extremely excited. Although she was old enough to be Gu Shan's mother, she was still a crazy fan of Gu Shan.

"Miss Gu Shan, I really like your work too much. I've collected all the designs you drew previously. I didn't expect to see you in person here!"

Lu Zhi slowly walked to her side and said casually, "Gu Shan, you can't keep a low profile anymore."

Hearing Lu Zhi's words, everyone was convinced that this 20-year-old girl in front of them was the famous Gu Shan. These words were like a heavy blow to Xia Tong's heart. She almost stopped breathing. Her vision darkened, and she almost fainted.

Impossible! How could she be Gu Shan?!

Chen Li was silent for a moment before she reacted. She shouted, "You must be mistaken. It's impossible for Gu Shan to be participating in the show!"

Lu Zhi turned around and said in a mocking tone, "Mistaken? Everyone should know that Gu Shan is Liuli's chief designer. We've worked together for so many years. How could I be wrong? Moreover, who said that Gu Shan can't participate in this show? She was invited to be a guest. Can't she join?"

"Gu Shan has both fame and fortune now. She's also Shen Yu's younger sister. She can't be bothered to snatch anything from Miss Xia. She just wants to play. What can you do about it?"

Lu Zhi's tone was light, but it was as if he had slapped Xia Tong hard. Cold sweat broke out on her forehead. She was in a sorry state.

At this moment, Shen Yu slowly said, "Director Feng, my sister's design was stolen and she was wrongly accused of plagiarism. If Mr. Lu hadn't happened to come and proved my sister's innocence, what would have happened?"

The director and producer could only smile helplessly. "Mr. Shen, Mr. Lu, and Miss Gu Shan, I'm really sorry. It was our production team's mistake. I'll handle it according to the rules and compensate Miss Gu Shan for her psychological damage."

Money was just a number to Qiao Xi. She did not lack money, and to Xia Tong, anything that could be solved with money was not a problem.

Qiao Xi slowly walked in front of Xia Tong and raised her eyebrows. "Miss Xia, shouldn't you apologize to me?"

Xia Tong's face darkened. She gritted her teeth and said with difficulty, "I'm... I'm sorry."

“There’s no need for compensation. I just hope that Miss Xia and the production team will publicly apologize to me online. You won’t refuse, right?”

Public apology?

The director looked troubled. “Miss Gu Shan, this show is still being recorded. If we publicly apologize now, it’ll affect the show’s viewership ratings. This...”

Before Qiao Xi could speak, Lu Zhi snorted. “You’re unwilling? You made the chief designer of Liuli suffer. Shouldn’t you publicly apologize?”

The director lowered his head and remained silent like a primary school student who was being reprimanded in front of Lu Zhi.

“Moreover, Gu Shan is Mr. Shen’s younger sister! Mr. Shen’s parents dote on their daughter very much. If you offend her, do you think this show will still have a chance to air?” Lu Zhi said casually.

As soon as he finished speaking, Shen Xiu and Yu Qinghe walked over. Shen Xiu had always been expressionless, but Yu Qinghe was the daughter of a rich family. She had been doted on by her family since she was young. After she married Shen Xiu, she was also pampered. No one dared to offend her. Now that she saw her beloved daughter being bullied, her expression was terrifyingly gloomy.

The moment Shen Xiu and Yu Qinghe appeared, the director trembled in fear. He could not afford to offend Lu Zhi and the Shen family, so he could only let Xia Tong suffer. After all, Xia Tong was only from the Xia branch family. The Xia family would not go against the Shen family for her.

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After thinking for a few seconds, the director smiled obsequiously. “Mr. Lu, don’t worry. We definitely won’t let Miss Gu Shan suffer in vain. The production team and Miss Xia will definitely apologize publicly online!”