

The CEO 451

Chapter 451 Putting a Square Peg into a Round Hole

That night, Mo Rao held a stack of documents as she read about the situation of these companies attentively.

Fortunately, these companies were all small companies and their business wasn't complicated. After reading for a while, Mo Rao remembered a lot.

However, when it came to business knowledge, Mo Rao still felt a little frustrated.

After all, this wasn't her field of expertise.

Tomorrow, Mo Rao was going to the board meeting, so she didn't want to be clueless. After thinking about it, she decided to go next door to see if Fu Ying was around.

"Where are you going?" Mo Yuan watched Mo Rao leave with a vigilant expression.

"To find Fu Ying," Mo Rao told him truthfully. "I don't quite understand some of the business knowledge. I need to ask him."

When Mo Yuan heard this, he felt alarmed. He hurriedly stood up and said, "You can ask me. I know quite a lot about business."

Mo Rao looked at Mo Yuan doubtfully, but decided to give him a chance to show off.

When Mo Yuan saw the document, he felt a headache coming on. Not only did he fail to show off, but he also embarrassed himself a little.

"Ahem, these are still a little too difficult for me." Mo Yuan admitted his shortcomings honestly. "You know that I'm not a professional."

Mo Rao suppressed the urge to roll her eyes at Mo Yuan.

"Alright, I'll go ask Fu Ying." Mo Rao picked up the document and walked out. This time, Mo Yuan didn't stop her.

When she pressed Fu Ying's doorbell, Mo Rao suddenly remembered that she could look for Gu Ci too.

However, she had already rung the doorbell.

Her only wish was that Fu Ying wasn't at home at this moment.

However, things didn't go according to her wishes. In the next second, Fu Ying opened the door.

"Mo Rao?" Seeing that it was Mo Rao, Fu Ying was clearly surprised. "Why are you here?"

At this point, Mo Rao could only brace herself and say, "I have something to ask you."

Fu Ying was flattered.

Mo Rao actually took the initiative to ask him for help?!

If not for the fact that he was afraid of ruining his image, Fu Ying would have run around the house screaming.

Although he tried his best to suppress his emotions, the smile on his lips still betrayed him.

“I have a board meeting tomorrow morning, but I don’t understand some business matters,” Mo Rao said after taking a deep breath.

She was asking since she didn’t understand, and Fu Ying happened to be an expert in this area, so it was nothing— Mo Rao comforted herself.

“Come in and talk.” Fu Ying opened the door and let Mo Rao in. Then, he turned around and brought Mo Rao to the living room.

Fu Ying had just been discharged from the hospital and limped when he walked. As Mo Rao walked behind him and watched, she felt very upset.

“How’s your leg recovery?” Mo Rao couldn’t help but ask.

Fu Ying stopped in his tracks and turned around with a bitter smile. “What do you think? It’ll be like this in the future anyway. I’m already satisfied that I can stand up and walk independently now.”

The bitter smile on Fu Ying’s face pained Mo Rao.

Mo Rao opened her mouth, but she couldn’t say a word.

The two of them sat side by side on the sofa in silence. Fu Ying was the first to break the silence. With a smile, he asked, “What do you want to ask?”

Mo Rao briefly explained the situation of these companies to Fu Ying and showed Fu Ying some project documents. She told him all her questions.

Fu Ying patiently answered Mo Rao’s question and explained the complicated business knowledge in the simplest terms.

Fortunately, Mo Rao was smart and could understand immediately.

Moreover, when facing some problems, Mo Rao had unique opinions, which surprised Fu Ying.

“You have business acumen,” Fu Ying praised. “If you don’t want to be an actress anymore in the future, you can consider being a female CEO.”

Mo Rao was stunned. She didn’t expect to hear such an evaluation from Fu Ying.

She had business acumen?

“Don’t worry. I think you’ll definitely be able to handle those people tomorrow.” Fu Ying rubbed Mo Rao’s hair and encouraged her.

This close distance had clearly crossed Mo Rao’s line, but this time, Mo Rao didn’t immediately distance herself.

“I hope so.” Mo Rao sighed inaudibly.

She had never thought of inheriting those companies, but now, she was forced to do so.

Chapter 452 Prejudice

It was rare for Fu Ying and Mo Rao to get along so peacefully. The two of them stopped discussing emotional relationships and instead discussed professional matters.

By the time Mo Rao's questions were answered, it was already midnight.

Mo Rao yawned and stretched. As Fu Ying looked at her, he felt like he was looking at a kitten.

"Are you tired? Go back and sleep now," Fu Ying said gently.

Mo Rao nodded and stood up after packing the documents. "Thank you for today."

"I've said that you don't have to be polite with me. No matter what you want me to help with, I'll help," Fu Ying said.

At this moment, Mo Rao suddenly felt that it was possible for the two of them to get along peacefully.

As long as Fu Ying stopped being so attentive to her and stopped loving her so much, Mo Rao could chat with him like she did today.

After saying goodbye to Fu Ying, Mo Rao returned home. As soon as she lay on the bed, she fell asleep tiredly.

The next morning, Mo Rao woke up early and rushed to the small companies the Qu family had given her.

As they were all under the Qu family, the board of directors chose the largest company, Jiayi Corporation, to hold this meeting.

This company was mainly in the fashion business and dabbled in the clothing and magazine industry. However, it was still largely unknown now, and could only rely on the Qu Corporation to survive the crisis.

Mo Rao appeared at Jiayi Corporation in formal attire.

When the employees saw her, they looked at her curiously.

In the past, everyone could only see her on the screen. Now that a big celebrity had suddenly become their boss, these employees were more or less curious.

When she met the employees' gazes, Mo Rao would smile politely. She didn't want to leave a bad impression on the employees the moment she arrived at the company.

In the meeting room, the directors of the various companies had already arrived. After Mo Rao pushed the door open and entered, all eyes were on her.

"Hello, everyone." Mo Rao smiled confidently.

A few directors glanced at her disdainfully. One of them sneered and provoked, "I don't know what the old lady is thinking. She actually handed the companies to an actress. Do you guys think an actress knows how to manage a company?"

As soon as he finished speaking, the directors sitting beside him snickered.

The secretary, Xiang Wan, leaned close to Mo Rao's ear and whispered, "That's President Wang Xiao. He likes to go against Old Madam Qu and keeps trying to leave the Qu Corporation."

Mo Rao had also heard of Wang Xiao. He was loyal to Qu Xue and Qu Qin. Previously, he was one of the people who had gone against the Qu family with the two of them. However, Wang Xiao had many employees and power, so Old Madam Qu couldn't chase him out.

It seemed that this person was indeed very troublesome.

Faced with his provocation, Mo Rao smiled. "President Wang, this is called prejudice. You might not know, but be it domestically or overseas, many celebrities have their own companies and are very good investors. They have more assets than you, and their management skills are not inferior to yours."

"That's right. Jiayi Corporation is a fashion company. With Mo Rao around, we definitely won't have to worry about resources in the future," a chairman said on Mo Rao's behalf.

When Wang Xiao heard these words, he was naturally unhappy and his expression turned ugly.

"Heh, I want to see how capable you are." Wang Xiao glared at Mo Rao unhappily.

Mo Rao didn't care. She opened the PPT that she had prepared in advance and analyzed the situation of these companies before proposing her idea.

As these directors listened to Mo Rao's report attentively, the directors who thought that Mo Rao was incompetent gradually froze.

They didn't expect Mo Rao to be so capable.

At the very least, Mo Rao had her own unique insights into the company's development prospects and management.

This was indeed completely different from what they had imagined at the beginning.

"That's my brief report." When Mo Rao reached the last page, she smiled confidently and said, "I'm very grateful to my grandmother, Old Madam Qu, for handing these companies to me. I won't let you guys down. I'll let the company's development improve over time. I hope everyone can work hard with me."

Chapter 453 Promise

Mo Rao's report and words made most of the directors applaud her.

Wang Xiao said indignantly, "You guys are convinced just because of a report? Being an executive isn't about boasting! She has to use actions to prove herself!"

"I'll use my actions to prove myself. Wait and see." Mo Rao smiled fearlessly.

Mo Rao's confidence made Wang Xiao a little nervous.

At first, Wang Xiao thought that Mo Rao was just an ignorant celebrity and a naive girl, so she would definitely be easy to deal with. Unexpectedly, Mo Rao wasn't as simple as he thought.

Moreover, not only was Old Madam Qu backing Mo Rao, but also Fu Ying, who terrified Wang Xiao.

If he didn't take Mo Rao down a notch now, who knew how Mo Rao would use Fu Ying to deal with him in the future.

However, it was obvious that Mo Rao had already won the hearts of many people.

Just based on her flawless report, they developed trust in her.

"Since I still have my main job, I won't spend much time in the company in the future. However, if there's any emergency, you can call me at any time."

Mo Rao wanted to juggle her identity as an actress and boss at the same time. She said to the directors, "In addition, I promise here that in three months, I will double the performance of your companies. If I can't do it, I will abdicate."

This sort of promise couldn't be made easily.

The directors exchanged dismayed looks. Clearly, no one expected Mo Rao to suddenly make this promise.

"Alright, then I'll wait and see if our performance will double." Wang Xiao was the fastest to react. He felt that Mo Rao was overestimating herself and shooting herself in the foot.

"I'll wait and see."

"President Mo, I believe in you."

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The other directors echoed.

Mo Rao wasn't someone who made promises casually. Since she had said so, she had to do it.

This meeting ended quickly. Mo Rao won the support of many people with her outstanding planning and boldness. Old Madam Qu saw the live broadcast given to her by her assistant at home and praised Mo Rao.

The moment Mo Rao left the company to go to the production team, she received a call from Old Madam Qu.

"Rao Rao, I knew it. I definitely didn't choose the wrong person," Old Madam Qu said with a smile.

Mo Rao was a little embarrassed and said with a smile, "Grandma, don't tease me. I was so nervous. I didn't even know if I did well."

"Of course you did good! I didn't expect you to have such a unique understanding of the development of these companies," Old Madam Qu said. "Your performance has already far exceeded my expectations. Moreover, several directors have already found me to praise you!"

Upon hearing Old Madam Qu's words, Mo Rao was finally relieved.

"It's all thanks to Fu Ying. He guided me for a long time yesterday." Mo Rao couldn't help but recall what happened last night.

"Fu Ying?" Old Madam Qu was stunned.

Mo Rao came back to her senses and quickly said, "Doesn't he know a lot about business? I went to ask him yesterday. Grandma, don't overthink it."

"It's okay, Rao Rao. No matter what decision you make, I will always be on your side."

When she heard Old Madam Qu's words, Mo Rao's heart warmed.

Perhaps this was how having a family felt.

Just as Old Madam Qu hung up, Fu Ying called.

As Mo Rao looked at his name on the screen, she sighed. Fu Ying was really good at timing things.

"How was the meeting today?" Fu Ying went straight to the point and asked.

Mo Rao smiled. "Not bad, but I promised them that their performance would double within three months."

Fu Ying pondered for a moment and said, "This matter isn't difficult for you. The companies that were assigned to you are all related to fashion, beauty, clothing, and foreign trade. I think your grandmother only handed these companies to you because she saw your influence."

"As long as you release the news that you're taking over these companies, your fans will definitely support you."

Mo Rao had discovered this from the beginning. Seeing that Fu Ying's suggestion was the same as hers, she smiled and said, "I've already told my brother. You'll see my trending topic later."

Chapter 454 The Chosen Girl

Before Mo Rao reached the production team, she had already become the top trending topic.

She had discussed it with Mo Yuan the day before and planned to use this matter to hype things up—be it herself or the products of those companies.

When the netizens saw Mo Rao take over a few companies under the Qu Corporation, they discussed it with great fervor.

"Mo Rao must be the chosen one!! The domineering female CEO of the entertainment industry!"

"Mo Rao's suffering has finally come to an end! I don't know if she can be the CEO, but I believe her!"

"Oh my god! Mo Rao is so awesome! I have to say, it's good to have powerful backers!"

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Just as Mo Rao and Fu Ying thought, although Mo Rao didn't have many fans now, their purchasing power was still quite shocking. After they found out that Mo Rao had taken over these companies, they went to the online shops of these brands and started to spend money like crazy.

Soon, several products were sold out.

As Mo Rao filmed, she watched the development of this matter.

The company kept sending good news to Mo Rao while praising her influence.

Gu Ci quickly called Mo Rao. Mo Rao happened to be looking at her phone, so she quickly pressed the answer button.

"Mo Rao, why didn't you tell me in advance that you were going to take over those companies?" As soon as the call was picked up, Gu Ci's reproachful voice sounded.

"I only found out about this at the last minute," Mo Rao replied. "I prepared for the entire night before successfully taking over."

Gu Ci said, "If you had told me in advance, I could have helped you, but I believe you can do it well. I remember that Jiayi Corporation is a fashion company. Do you need my help? For example, publishing my latest design in your magazine."

"Really?" Mo Rao was surprised.

In the past, Gu Ci would publish his works, under the alias Mr. K, in top international magazines. Domestic magazines rarely had the chance to publish his works. However, this time, Gu Ci wanted to publish them in Jiayi's magazine.

Mo Rao was really flattered.

"Of course it's true. Why would I lie to you?" Gu Ci's laughter sounded.

"If you're willing, Jiayi welcomes you." Mo Rao naturally wanted to seize this opportunity, although she knew that after this, there would definitely be many rumors about her and Gu Ci.

However, she didn't care about this.

Now, as long as she got even a little close to a man, there would inevitably be rumors.

"Alright, remember to collaborate with me on the magazine next month. I'll schedule it first," Gu Ci said.

After hanging up, Mo Rao fell into deep thought.

Since Gu Ci wanted to appear in the magazine for next month, as the boss, shouldn't she appear in it too?

When Mo Rao returned home at night, Mo Rao told Mo Yuan her thoughts.

"Alright! You can shoot the cover directly and let the production team of 'Butterfly Fragrance' join you. This way, you can promote the movie!"

Mo Yuan strongly approved of it. "Rao Rao, actually, all circles rely on connections, especially in the fashion industry. Use your resources well. Jiayi might become one of the top fashion magazines in the country."

Mo Rao also wanted Jiayi to become a top magazine, but the competition for domestic fashion magazines was intense. There was still a long way to go.

However, Mo Rao had always done her best in everything. Even if this path was difficult, she had to do it.

"Yes, I understand. I'll talk to Director Jia, Xiao Yan, and the others. They're on good terms with me, so there's a high chance that they'll agree." Mo Rao was quite confident in getting the main cast of Butterfly Fragrance to agree.

The production team of Butterfly Fragrance was much better than her previous production team. At the very least, no one in this production team set her up.

Although Chen Xiang had a sharp tongue, she wouldn't do anything evil.

Mo Rao quickly finished discussing the promotional activities for the cast of "Butterfly Fragrance". Jiayi Fashion Magazine had never had such a magnificent lineup. Previously, those who appeared in Jiayi Fashion Magazine were all celebrities that weren't very famous. When the company heard that Mo Rao had brought these celebrities, they were over the moon.

When Wang Xiao saw this, he became anxious.

If this continued, Mo Rao would definitely squeeze him out of his position.

Chapter 455 Glittering

In order to celebrate Mo Rao taking over these small companies, Old Madam Qu specifically held a banquet in the name of the Qu Corporation.

As the protagonist and Old Madam Qu's most precious granddaughter, Mo Rao naturally became the focus of this banquet.

In order to cooperate with Old Madam Qu, Mo Rao put on a haute couture dress and even put on Gu Ci's "Atlantean Tears".

This was the first time she was wearing this set of jewelry. It had to be said that this set of jewelry was made for Mo Rao.

Wearing the Atlantean Tears, she was like a mermaid in the deep sea, or a serene Atlantean princess.

Compared to being a celebrity, Mo Rao was more like an upstart in the business world.

Although the Qu family and the Shen family were not on good terms, the Qu family still invited the Shen family to this banquet today.

When Shen Jia saw Mo Rao surrounded by everyone, she was extremely jealous.

At first, she thought that as the heir of the Shen Corporation, she was more worthy of Fu Ying than Mo Rao, who was a celebrity. However, not only was Mo Rao a celebrity, but she was also one of the small executives sent by the Qu family to manage the company.

Moreover, she paled in comparison to Mo Rao.

No matter where she was, everyone around her was talking about Mo Rao.

“Mo Rao is too gorgeous... She’s really beautiful and capable!”

“That’s right!! If I were Fu Ying, I would be head over heels for her too!”

“I heard that she even invited Mr. K to publish his new work in Jiayi’s next issue!! I’m really looking forward to it!”

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Shen Jia couldn’t help but admire Mo Rao’s methods. She had these men at her fingertips.

Not to mention that Fu Ying was devoted to Mo Rao, even Gu Ci had fallen in love with her.

Fu Ying naturally attended this occasion. This was the first time he had attended a banquet after he recovered. Many people came forward when they saw Fu Ying and greeted him.

However, Fu Ying’s gaze kept following Mo Rao, who was in the middle of the crowd.

As expected, no matter where she was, she was always the most dazzling one.

At this moment, Gu Ci appeared beside Fu Ying.

“I didn’t expect you to be discharged from the hospital so soon. Looks like you recovered quite quickly.” Although Gu Ci had a smile on his face, his words were filled with coldness.

Fu Ying didn’t even look at Gu Ci as he said coldly, “Thank you for your concern, President Gu.”

“Fu Ying, I advise you to let go as soon as possible. Mo Rao won’t choose you,” Gu Ci provoked. “You’re still dragging a pair of disabled legs now. You’re not worthy of her at all. When you’re old, you’ll even need her to take care of you. Do you want to drag her down?”

“Gu Ci, what happens between Mo Rao and me is between the two of us. Besides, thanks to my legs, my relationship with Mo Rao is much better.” Fu Ying smiled. “Before she took over these two companies, when she encountered something she didn’t understand, she found me immediately.”

When he heard Fu Ying’s words, Gu Ci’s expression changed.

Mo Rao looked for Fu Ying in advance?

Why didn’t Mo Rao look for him? Was he not worthy?

Gu Ci was furious, but he tried his best to suppress his anger.

“So what? My relationship with Mo Rao will only become closer in the future.” Gu Ci sneered.

“The choice is in Mo Rao’s hands. I don’t mind competing with you.” Fu Ying accepted the challenge calmly.

Two tall and handsome men standing side by side was enough to attract attention. Moreover, they were so intimidating that the crowd felt oppressed.

At this moment, Shen Jia walked over with a wine glass and a smile on her face.

“President Gu, President Fu, what a coincidence.” Shen Jia raised her glass. “It’s rare to see you two. Why don’t we have a drink?”

Gu Ci sized up Shen Jia. “You’re Shen Jia, right? The person rumored to be marrying Fu Ying.”

Shen Jia smiled and walked to Fu Ying’s side as she said, “Whether we can get married depends on Fu Ying’s decision. I really want to marry him.”

This bold and passionate confession didn’t stir Fu Ying’s heart.

He only hoped that Shen Jia would shut up.

If word got out, it would spread like wildfire. One day, when Mo Rao heard this, it would seem like they were really about to marry each other.

Fu Ying didn’t want Mo Rao to misunderstand.

“I like Miss Shen’s bravery.” Gu Ci narrowed his eyes slightly as he looked at Shen Jia. Then, he clinked glasses with her.

Chapter 456 Drenched

Qu Rou was also here for this banquet.

However, she arrived late. By the time she arrived, the banquet was already halfway through.

At first, when she returned to the country, she thought that she could rely on the Qu family to become famous. Unexpectedly, as soon as she returned, her mother was kicked out of the house, and even she became the target of criticism.

Old Madam Qu still had some affection for Qu Rou. Qu Rou often returned to the Qu family to see her, and Old Madam Qu was happy to chat with her granddaughter. However, every time Qu Rou put in a good word for Qu Xue, Old Madam Qu wouldn’t look displeased.

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Moreover, because Qu Rou’s attitude towards Mo Rao was too bad previously, Old Madam Qu didn’t dare to support Qu Rou in the entertainment industry, since she was afraid that Qu Rou would start to target Mo Rao after entering the industry.

After all this time, Qu Rou, who had been in the country for a long time now, was still unknown. She could only follow her manager around to find resources and network. Every day, she had to drink with people and do casting couch, just to have a chance to climb up.

At the thought of those greasy old men, Qu Rou felt disgusted.

In the end, the moment Qu Rou arrived at the banquet held for Mo Rao, she saw that the glamorous Mo Rao was surrounded by various young talents, including Fu Ying and Gu Ci, the dream lovers of thousands of girls.

These two were now the topic of discussion for many women. They were young, promising, and handsome. However, they both fell in love with Mo Rao.

Seeing that Mo Rao was doing well, Qu Rou felt even more upset.

Mo Rao didn't notice Qu Rou. There were too many guests today and she couldn't pay attention to so many people.

She had just finished chatting with the CEO of a company and was about to turn around to get something to eat when she bumped into Qu Rou.

The red wine in Qu Rou's red wine glass spilled all over Mo Rao.

Mo Rao's white dress was instantly stained with red wine.

"Sister Mo Rao, I'm really sorry," Qu Rou cried out in shock. She was apologizing, but her attitude didn't seem repentant at all.

Mo Rao knew that Qu Rou did this on purpose, but in front of so many people, Mo Rao didn't want to argue with Qu Rou, so she smiled and said, "It's okay. Just be careful in the future."

"You're the protagonist today, so it's not a good idea to walk around in a dirty dress. Why don't you go change your clothes?" Qu Rou held Mo Rao's hand and pretended to be very close to her.

Mo Rao didn't know what Qu Rou was up to again, but she planned to do as she wished to see what she was up to. Mo Rao nodded and said, "That's true. Then I'll go change my dress now."

Fortunately, Mo Rao always prepared an extra dress for every banquet. She walked towards the changing room while Qu Rou followed her and chattered beside her.

"Sigh, I'm really envious of you. You're already so famous in the entertainment industry. Now, everyone knows that you're a big star. I've been a trainee overseas for so long, but after returning to the country, my standing isn't even as good as it is overseas." Qu Rou pursed her lips, her words filled with envy.

Mo Rao smiled and said politely, "No one has it easy right after returning to the country. Seize the opportunity. You'll make a name for yourself sooner or later."

"I'm not like you, who has Fu Ying, the Qu family, and Gu Ci to back you up. I used to have the Qu family, but now? Because of you, I don't even have the Qu family as my backer."

As Qu Rou spoke, her tone became even more vicious.

At this moment, Qu Rou suddenly rushed towards Mo Rao to knock her into the pool at the side.

She wanted Mo Rao to embarrass herself on this occasion.

Wasn't Mo Rao glamorous? Wasn't she the center of attention? She wanted Mo Rao to become drenched and become the target of mockery!

However, Qu Rou didn't know that Mo Rao was already prepared. When she walked to the pool, Mo Rao guessed that Qu Rou was going to attack. The moment Qu Rou rushed towards her, Mo Rao turned around and easily evaded Qu Rou.

Qu Rou missed and fell into the pool.

Plop!

The commotion at the pool quickly attracted the attention of many people.

"Ah—Qu Rou fell into the water!" Mo Rao deliberately shouted loudly. "Security! Security! Help!"

Qu Rou was struggling in the water while looking very woeful.

The security guards quickly rushed over and pulled Qu Rou ashore.

Chapter 457 Changing Room

Qu Rou wanted to scheme against Mo Rao, but in the end, she became drenched instead.

Her long hair stuck to her body like glue, and water dripped down her body.

Her tight dress wrapped around her tightly. Moreover, her clothes were white to begin with, so after she got drenched, even her underwear could be seen.

Under everyone's gaze, Qu Rou felt like her body was on fire and wished she could find a hole to hide in.

Her tears flowed out, but her face was also covered in water, making it difficult to tell if they were tears or water from the pool.

"Qu Rou, are you alright?" Since Qu Rou was acting so pretentious previously, Mo Rao had to retaliate.

How could Qu Rou endure such humiliation? She roared angrily, "Mo Rao! You b*tch! You actually pushed me!"

"How did I push you? I remember that you wanted to push me, but you missed. Do you want to see the surveillance footage?" Mo Rao said with a smile.

When she heard this, Qu Rou's anger subsided.

She had forgotten that there were surveillance cameras here.

As long as they saw the surveillance footage, everyone would know that she tried to hurt Mo Rao, but her plan backfired.

Qu Rou could only glare at Mo Rao in shame and wipe her tears as she fled under everyone's gaze.

Old Madam Qu also saw this farce. Before she could appear, Qu Rou had already left.

She walked to Mo Rao's side shakily and sighed as she asked, "Sigh, did Qu Rou really push you?"

"That's right, Grandma. Not only did she push me, but she also thinks that I caused her and her mother to be chased out of the Qu family by you." Mo Rao told Old Madam Qu the truth.

When she heard Mo Rao's words, Old Madam Qu's expression turned ugly. "It's been so long already, yet Qu Xue and her daughter still don't understand their mistake?! They actually pushed the blame to you?!"

Mo Rao hugged Old Madam Qu and comforted her, "Grandma, you don't have to be angry with them."

Old Madam Qu held Mo Rao's hand and said, "Children follow after their parents. Your mother was very kind in the past and Qu Xue always bullied her. In your generation, her daughter is also so restless."

"It's okay. They can't bully me anymore. Although my mother was kind, she wasn't weak. Me neither," Mo Rao said with a smile.

Seeing that Mo Rao was so confident, Old Madam Qu was relieved.

"Grandma, I'll go change my clothes now. Go rest," Mo Rao said when she lowered her eyes and saw the stain on her dress.

Old Madam Qu nodded and watched Mo Rao disappear at the end of the hall.

Mo Rao came to the changing room and found another gown she had prepared. Then, she took off her dirty clothes and put them on.

Just as she was halfway through zipping up, the door to the changing room was pushed open.

"Ah—" Mo Rao exclaimed.

The person who pushed the door open was none other than Gu Ci.

"Mo Rao?!" Gu Ci was also shocked. "Sorry, I knocked on the door just now. Since no one replied, I thought no one was there."

Mo Rao was stunned. Could it be that she was too focused just now and didn't hear the knock on the door?

"Do you need me to help you zip it?" Gu Ci could tell that Mo Rao was having trouble zipping the back.

Mo Rao's cheeks flushed slightly as she nodded. "Okay..."

Gu Ci walked behind Mo Rao and was about to help her zip up when the door to the changing room was pushed open again.

"Gu Ci? Mo Rao? I'm sorry, I didn't know you guys were..."

Shen Jia's voice sounded. Mo Rao looked up and realized that Fu Ying was standing beside her.

"Fu Ying, why don't we go to another changing room? Otherwise, we'll disturb them." Shen Jia's expression was a little awkward, as if she had misunderstood Gu Ci and Mo Rao.

Fu Ying said coldly, "I'm not going anywhere. I want to change here."

As he spoke, Fu Ying squeezed in.

Gu Ci ignored Fu Ying. After helping Mo Rao zip up, he said with a smile, "Alright, let's go."

Mo Rao was worried that it would be more troublesome if she continued to stay here. After agreeing, she was about to leave when Fu Ying stopped her.

“Fu Ying, what are you doing?” Gu Ci glared at Fu Ying.

Fu Ying gave Gu Ci a side-eye glance, then looked at Mo Rao and asked, “What were you guys doing here just now?”

Chapter 458 Tension

Mo Rao felt that Fu Ying’s jealousy was inexplicable, so she frowned as she explained, “I couldn’t zip up my dress. He just helped me.”

Fu Ying clenched his fists.

When he thought about how Gu Ci had seen Mo Rao’s bare back and might have touched her skin, Fu Ying was furious.

“Can you let go of me now?” Mo Rao looked at the hand that was still holding her and asked.

Fu Ying took a deep breath and let go of Mo Rao.

Mo Rao followed Gu Ci out of the changing room, leaving only Shen Jia and Fu Ying in the changing room.

“Let me help you.”

“Get out!”

Shen Jia walked to Fu Ying’s side solicitously and wanted to help him take off his suit jacket, but Fu Ying shouted at her.

Fu Ying was angry, so when he shouted, it was even more terrifying. Shen Jia was startled, but she still mustered her courage and said, “Do I have to leave just because you want me to? I won’t.”

As she spoke, Shen Jia tried to help him again.

Fu Ying’s expression became even uglier. “Shen Jia, don’t force me to lose my temper at a woman.”

Fu Ying’s expression was like the dark clouds before a storm. It was very intimidating.

Shen Jia knew that since Fu Ying said this, it meant that he might really do it.

She retracted her hand and stammered, “Then I’ll leave.”

With that, Shen Jia left the changing room.

The moment she left, Fu Ying sat down and stared at the ground in a daze.

His possessiveness made it impossible for him to accept another man getting close to Mo Rao. Mo Rao could only be his.

Mo Rao had already returned to the banquet. Gu Ci had been accompanying her and chatting with clients.

It had to be said that Gu Ci was indeed a businessman. When he chatted with others, Gu Ci always had his own way of making clients want to work with him.

As Mo Rao listened from the side, she silently remembered some tricks.

She might have some experience in the entertainment industry, but in the business world, she was still a newbie.

She had just finished talking to a company boss when she felt an unfriendly gaze on her.

Mo Rao turned around and realized that the person staring at her was none other than Fu Ying.

He had changed into a suit and was walking towards her.

Mo Rao wanted to run, but Fu Ying had already strode in front of her.

“What do you want to do now? Question her?” Gu Ci stood in front of Mo Rao, not giving Fu Ying a chance to touch her.

Fu Ying said coldly, “I plan to go see my family with Mo Rao. Do you want to stop me, President Gu? Or do you not know that Mo Rao has a good relationship with my family? To be precise, we’re like a family.”

Hiss—there was tension again.

Every time Fu Ying and Gu Ci were together, Mo Rao could sense the tension. Mo Rao was even afraid that she would get implicated.

“Let’s go,” Fu Ying looked at Mo Rao as he said.

Mo Rao recalled that she had not greeted Old Madam Fu and the others at this banquet. After thinking about it, she agreed. “Alright, I’ll go with you to see Grandma and Auntie.”

Gu Ci couldn’t follow, so he could only watch helplessly as Fu Ying took Mo Rao away.

On the way, Mo Rao was thinking about not letting these two attend the next banquet at the same time.

It was clearly a joyous banquet, but the two of them seemed to be about to blow up the place.

“Shen Jia and I went to the changing room just now because she accidentally spilled wine on me,” Fu Ying suddenly said.

“Oh,” Mo Rao replied coldly. She had not misunderstood the two of them at all, but Fu Ying was still in a hurry to explain to her. It was like he was giving himself away by protesting his innocence.

After a moment of silence, Fu Ying said, “I was jealous just now.”

Mo Rao was stunned. When did Fu Ying become so direct?

“Rao Rao, I still can’t accept you being too close to another man.” Fu Ying looked into Mo Rao’s eyes and said seriously, “I know you hate me acting like this, but I can’t help but want you all to myself because I’m in love with you.”

This sudden confession made Mo Rao’s mind buzz, and the surrounding noise instantly disappeared.

Chapter 459 How Can I Live a Good Life Without You?

“Rao Rao, are you still willing to give me a chance? Actually, you still care about me, right?” Fu Ying reached out and tried to hold Mo Rao’s hand.

However, the moment he touched Mo Rao, she came back to her senses.

“Fu Ying, our relationship is already in the past.” Mo Rao’s attitude was as cold as ever. “I only care about you because I don’t want to owe you anything. In that case, it’ll be easier for us to be even.”

“I don’t believe you.” Fu Ying would rather lie to himself than believe that Mo Rao really didn’t have him in her heart anymore.

“Fu Ying, I still hope you can live a good life.” Mo Rao sighed. She didn’t want Fu Ying to dwell on the past.

Hearing this, Fu Ying only smiled bitterly. “How can I live a good life without you?”

His expression betrayed his feelings.

Fu Ying understood this when Mo Rao disappeared.

After Mo Rao left, Fu Ying realized what position Mo Rao occupied in his life.

Mo Rao’s every frown and smile, and even the way Mo Rao looked when she was angry with him, was difficult for him to forget. They all added indelible colors to his life.

It wasn’t an exaggeration to say that a world without Mo Rao was gray to Fu Ying.

However, how could he tell Mo Rao about his feelings?

When Mo Rao’s heart ached because of him, did she feel the same way?

Fu Ying didn’t know. Fu Ying only knew that he needed Mo Rao. He needed Mo Rao to return to his side. He needed Mo Rao to return to his world and fill his world with colors.

In silence, Fu Ying and Mo Rao walked up to Old Madam Fu.

“Grandma, I’m sorry. I didn’t even have time to greet you when you came.” In front of Old Madam Fu, Mo Rao regained her smile and looked as obedient as ever.

Old Madam Fu held Mo Rao’s hand with a smile and said, “It’s okay. You have to socialize now.”

“Help Rao Rao out some more.” Just as she finished speaking, Old Madam Fu glared at Fu Ying and instructed.

Fu Ying said helplessly, “Of course I’m willing to help her. It depends on whether or not she wants my help.”

Old Madam Fu couldn’t be bothered with Fu Ying’s complaints. She let Mo Rao sit beside her and chatted with her happily.

Mo Wan and Fu Lin saw Mo Rao from afar and rushed over.

“Rao Rao, long time no see! You haven’t returned to the Fu family’s home recently.” Fu Lin’s tone carried a hint of reproach. “If you don’t come soon, my flour and cream will expire.”

Mo Wan rolled her eyes. “Rao Rao is a busy person now. She’s busy with her career.”

Fu Ying was very obedient towards his wife and quickly echoed, “Yes, yes, yes. How’s the filming of the recent movie going? We’re still waiting to see you at the cinema.”

Mo Rao shared the production team’s stories with them. Fu Ying listened silently at the side with a smile.

Although Mo Rao couldn’t accept him yet, as long as she was still by his side, even if she wasn’t his wife, he would be happy.

The harmonious scene of the family enjoying time together was seen by Gu Ci and Shen Jia.

Shen Jia saw Gu Ci’s ugly expression and walked over. “Are you jealous?”

Gu Ci glanced at Shen Jia. “Isn’t Fu Ying just taking advantage of Mo Rao’s filial piety to his family?”

“I still don’t understand what’s so good about Mo Rao that makes the two of you head over heels for her,” Shen Jia said with a smile.

Gu Ci glared at her, and Shen Jia immediately changed her words. “Alright, alright. I know you like her very much, so I won’t badmouth her anymore. Since you like Mo Rao so much, why don’t I help you?”

“You’re going to help me?” Gu Ci frowned.

“Didn’t I help you just now? I told you that Mo Rao was in the changing room and asked you to go quickly,” Shen Jia retorted.

“But you brought Fu Ying over as well.” Gu Ci was speechless when he thought of the vibe being broken.

Shen Jia shrugged. “I wanted Fu Ying to see you and Mo Rao being intimate, but who knew that Fu Ying still liked her so much even after seeing that?”

“Don’t worry. I’ll help you pursue Mo Rao,” Shen Jia said. “Only when you and Mo Rao are together will Fu Ying give up completely.”

Chapter 460 Finishing Filming

After this banquet ended, Mo Rao was exhausted.

She didn’t like these social occasions, but now, she had to socialize more.

Now, she was no longer a minor celebrity, but also a businesswoman.

After Mo Rao returned home, as soon as Mo Rao sat on the sofa, she was so exhausted that she was about to fall asleep at any time.

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“You must be tired.” Mo Yuan had something on tonight and couldn’t go to the banquet. After seeing Mo Rao’s tired appearance, he immediately poured a cup of warm milk for her.

Mo Rao took the milk, blew on it, and took a sip.

“Do you want to take a break? You can rest after filming Butterfly Fragrance. Moreover, it’s the Spring Festival soon. We can go on a vacation,” Mo Yuan suggested. He didn’t want his sister to work too hard.

Mo Rao thought for a moment and felt that this was a good idea, so she agreed. “Sure, I don’t know how to celebrate the Spring Festival this year. Can we spend it with Grandma?”

Mo Rao had always wanted to spend the Spring Festival with her biological family. Ever since her mother passed away, she had never had such an experience. Although the Fu family had been very good to her when she lived in their home, Mo Rao also knew that they were not her biological family.

“Sure. I was thinking that we could go to an island to celebrate the Spring Festival together. It’s warm, so Grandma will definitely be more comfortable there.” Mo Yuan had already planned out how to celebrate Spring Festival.

Hearing Mo Yuan’s suggestion, Mo Rao looked forward to the Spring Festival even more.

“Alright, I want to go to the beach too. I’ve been too tired these few months.” Mo Rao clapped her hands and cheered.

Mo Yuan rubbed Mo Rao’s head as he advised, “You have to rest more often. Otherwise, my heart will ache.”

Mo Rao nodded obediently and hugged Mo Yuan as she said, “Thank you for always accompanying me.”

“Of course, since you’re my only sister,” Mo Yuan hugged Mo Rao and said with a smile.

They had practically grown up by themselves. It wasn’t easy for them to find each other, so they naturally cherished each other more than the other siblings did.

With the hard work of the cast, “Butterfly Fragrance” wrapped up before the Spring Festival.

The moment they finished filming, Mo Rao felt relieved, while Jia Li was so excited that he wanted to run around the set.

“I’ll see who doesn’t come to tonight’s wrap banquet!” Jia Li said loudly.

Everyone was cheering. Tong Yue held Mo Rao’s hand and asked, “Rao Rao, are you going? If you go, I’ll go!”

Mo Rao nodded. “Of course.”

“That’s great!” Tong Yue was elated.

Mo Rao blinked at Tong Yue and gossiped, “But... shouldn’t you be more concerned about whether Xiao Yan is going?”

Tong Yue was stunned, and her face turned as red as a persimmon.

“You, what nonsense are you talking about...” Tong Yue stammered, exposing her true thoughts.

After being on set for so long, Mo Rao had long seen through Tong Yue’s thoughts.

To be precise, from the first day of filming, Mo Rao could tell that Tong Yue liked Xiao Yan.

“Don’t you like him?” Mo Rao said bluntly.

Tong Yue almost screamed and hurriedly covered Mo Rao’s mouth. “Lower your voice!”

“I’m already whispering,” Mo Rao said.

Tong Yue lowered her head and sighed. “I like him. I’ve always been his fan, but how can Xiao Yan like me?”

“He’s the Best Actor Award winner and he’s from a wealthy family. I’m just an unknown person in the film industry.”

Seeing Tong Yue’s lack of confidence, Mo Rao held her hand. “Don’t have such low self-esteem. Actually, you’re very good too. You’ve been working hard for your dream and your acting skills are very good. Didn’t Xiao Yan praise you previously?”

“He probably said so to be polite.” Tong Yue bit her lip and said, “Rao Rao, if only I were like you. In that case, I might be more confident in facing Xiao Yan.”

“Everyone has their own unique qualities and unique match. How am I any better? I was hurt badly back then.” Mo Rao shrugged.

Tong Yue thought that her words had triggered Mo Rao’s bad memories and hurriedly changed the topic. “Let’s not talk about this. How are you going to celebrate the Spring Festival?”

“I might go to an island for a vacation with my family.” Mo Rao started to look forward to the Spring Festival.

“That’s great.” Tong Yue lamented, “When I go home, my parents will definitely urge me to get married. They don’t support me entering the entertainment industry and keep urging me to find a boyfriend.”

“What boyfriend?” At this moment, Xiao Yan walked over.