

## Work Hard 1051

### Chapter 1051: What's So Interesting About The Life Of A Performer ?

Lu Che thought for a moment and replied to Long Jie, "It's because I never considered these people as important. As you know, I don't really keep in contact with insignificant people and I can't be bothered spending time on them. So, I don't want to make things awkward and annoying for you."

"It's not that I didn't want to introduce you to them."

"I know," Long Jie nodded. This was consistent with Lu Che's personality. He didn't like unnecessary politeness and small talk. "In a moment, if we meet with some wolves, please protect me well."

Lu Che smiled and pressed Long Jie's head onto his shoulder...

They were about to step into a frightening battlefield!

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With this background, the hundred days celebration was guaranteed to be spectacular and quite a show. However, up until this point, the child that Mother Lu spoke of, had not been carried out yet because he was in deep sleep and the protagonists, Lu Che and Long Jie hadn't arrived either.

But, someone was detailed enough to question where the mother was.

As Lu Che's ex-girlfriend, shouldn't she be attending too?

With a million questions running through their minds, the relatives were filled with interest because they knew a good show was on its way.

Father Lu did not want to get involved. After all, everything they discussed was at the expense of his loved ones.

"Aiyu, Auntie, why hasn't Lu Che arrived yet? We're getting impatient..."

"I know, right? Why don't we try to guess if he's coming on his own or with his wife."

"If he's coming with his wife, then the situation is going to be a lot more interesting to watch."

If Lu Che was smart enough, he wouldn't bring his wife because she was bound to suffer judgment from the family.

And, if Long Jie was smart enough, she wouldn't appear either because there were so many eyes on her.

But, everyone's assumptions were wrong. Especially when Lu Che's car drove into the driveway of the Lu Family home and everyone watched as Lu Che walked around to the passenger seat to let Long Jie out. Some people sighed that Long Jie wasn't smart enough and some people cheered because they were in for a good show.

As soon as Long Jie stepped out of the car, she sensed the sharp gazes that were placed on her. It was almost like they were shooting lasers from their eyes and trying to see through her. Obviously, Mother Lu had applied a lot of work on these people.

Of course, all of this was within expectations. If Long Jie was scared, then she wouldn't be Lu Che's wife and Tangning's assistant!

Meanwhile, Lu Che also understood what these supposed relatives were thinking. So, he allowed Long Jie to hook onto his arm and the two of them approached the home without any hesitation.

"Why's everyone standing around the doorway? Are you here to welcome us?"

Mother Lu glanced at Lu Che. She couldn't believe that he had actually brought Long Jie.

"Lu Che, this isn't right. Back when you registered your marriage, you did it without telling any of us. Now, you've already got two children. Isn't it time you introduce your wife to us?" a cousin asked as she looked at Long Jie and raised her eyebrows provokingly.

"This is Long Man, my wife," Lu Che smiled handsomely as he pointed to Long Jie.

In response, Long Jie nodded her head confidently and greeted, "Hello, aunties, uncles, brothers and sisters."

"Tch, who's your sister?!" someone mumbled from behind.

Actually, it wasn't hard to tell that some people were ridiculing Long Jie on the inside. But, she did not care.

"OK, since Lu Che is home now, we can officially start the celebrations. When the auspicious hour comes around, I'll carry your son out!"

As Mother Lu spoke, she looked at Long Jie provokingly. It seemed, she was trying to show Long Jie that someone was bound to help the Lu Family give birth to a son even if she wasn't willing to.

However, Long Jie glanced back at her with a gaze that said, go ahead and give birth all she liked; she wasn't a baby-making machine for the Lu Family!

Meanwhile, everyone else either felt pity or ridicule or they simply wanted to watch a good show.

Lu Che and Long Jie looked at each other without saying a word and followed the relatives inside.

Of course, while waiting for the 'auspicious hour', someone ended up giving up to temptation and questioning Long Jie. A daughter of one of the uncles rested her head on her palms as she leaned on the table nosily, trying to get close to Long Jie, "Sister-in-law, I've seen you in the news a lot lately. Since you're so close to Tangning, do you know how she became Jones' student? Can you tell us about it...?"

After Long Jie heard the question, she was about to respond, but the young girl's mother suddenly stepped in, "What's so interesting about the life of a performer? Doesn't the magazines already show enough?"

The girl responded with an "Oh" and did not say another word.

Afterwards, the atmosphere turned a little awkward. At that time, another elder of the family spoke up, "Since it's a family gathering, let's not talk about things from the outside world. But, Lu Che, you've honestly done the wrong thing this time. You've been married for so long, yet we haven't seen your wife until now. You should really reflect on your actions!"

"Is it because you were just mucking around so you didn't want to bring her back to show us?"

"She's just an entertainer, after all. Perhaps, in his heart, she's not that important."

These last couple of sentences were said between two aunties behind the couple's back. However, Lu Che and Long Jie overheard them. They knew all along that this was a gathering with a bad intent, so they were well prepared to fight back when needed.

Hence, Lu Che laughed and replied, "It's not that Xiao Man isn't important to me, it's just, I didn't think it was necessary to introduce her to relatives that I don't keep in touch with. Don't you think?"

In other words, they had overestimated their importance! Why did they view themselves so highly?

The two aunties faces immediately flushed red. After all, it did not feel good to be slapped in the face by Lu Che.

"Lu Che, we're relatives, after all."

"Did you think that your relationship with me is deeper than the relationship I have with my wife?" Lu Che asked with a smirk.

"Well..."

"Lu Che, how could you talk to your elders like that?" Mother Lu warned with the authoritative tone of a parent. "You are already the father of two children, how could you still act so recklessly? By the way, where's your daughter? How come you didn't bring her along?"

In other words, did he also view his daughter as unimportant?

"For the same reason. Our precious daughter's sleep is important. Won't it make her unhappy if we force her to meet a bunch of strangers?"

"Lu Che, no matter what you say, we are still your relatives. Are you suggesting that we would hurt you?" Auntie Two asked. "Don't choose the wrong side and hurt your own family because of an outsider."

"I'm well aware who's family and who's an outsider."

"You..."

## **Chapter 1052: No One Would Be Able To Escape**

"That's enough. Since Auntie Two is here to watch a show, then sit back and watch in peace. If you are bored, I can expose you to the public so you can argue with them. Will that shut you up?" Lu Che asked coldly.

Auntie Two was a prestigious woman from a socialite family, so how could she withstand this kind of humiliation?

She had never been treated like this in her life!

“Lu Che, I am older than you. I simply said a few words and you got upset at me? What about the fact that you’re a two-timing jerk? From what I see, neither of you are too good for the other because rotten people are drawn to each other. That’s why the two of you are a perfect match.”

“That’s enough. Shut your mouth!” Lu Che’s Uncle Two couldn’t take the embarrassment any longer, so he stepped out and stopped his wife. “You’re arguing with someone younger than you, yet you’re trying to criticize him?! You should hush!”

On the surface, Uncle Two sounded like he was trying to prevent a drama. But, Lu Che and Long Jie could tell that there was a sting to every word that these relatives said and that they were actually insinuating something.

So, after enduring for a few seconds, Long Jie couldn’t help but speak up, “I’m aware that everyone here thinks my identity is beneath them and you all dislike the fact that I work in the entertainment industry. So, it’s normal for you to look down on me.”

“But, from my point of view, the elders here may come from a prestigious background, but none of you have any manners!”

“A person with manners would not make others uncomfortable even if they look down on them and definitely wouldn’t ridicule them. If you all take a good look at yourselves, you would realize that your manners don’t live up to your identities!”

“I may come from a poor background, but I’ve never felt self conscious because of it. Firstly, in this day and age, I am a person that relies on myself. Unlike rich heirs and heiresses that do nothing all day long except act high and mighty when they are actually a bunch of nosy gossiping people.”

“Secondly, we live in an open-minded society where people are free to marry whomever they want. It doesn’t hurt anyone for Lu Che and I to love each other, so others have no right to judge us.”

“Thirdly, you are all just a bunch of average citizens, waiting to watch a show, so stop acting high and mighty. You obviously like to follow the crowd, yet you are saying others are an embarrassment. Aren’t you all hypocrites?”

Auntie Two was a bad tempered old woman. Unable to withstand the provocation from Long Jie’s words, she immediately stood up and slammed her hands on the table.

“Stop talking nonsense. You don’t think we all know what type of person you are?!”

“What type of person am I?” Long Jie laughed.

“You are indeed an entertainer. You’re so shameless.”

At first, Long Jie wanted to say more, but Lu Che stopped her. Underneath the table, he held onto her hand tightly as he gestured for her to let him handle everything.

“I suggest we stop talking during this event, otherwise, the atmosphere will become very awkward. Since we won’t be crossing paths again in the future, why must you make the atmosphere so tense?”

“Lu Che...”

“I think it’s best if Auntie Two keeps her mouth shut. If your daughter falls pregnant in the future and you come asking for help, I may not be available to assist you.”

The threatening tone in these words were obvious.

And, of course, it was enough to shut his Auntie Two up.

“By the way, my young cousin. Before you question your sister-in-law, you should first deal with your two boyfriends.”

“As for other embarrassing matters, I will not discuss them in public. Since you all know what I do for work, then you must know that I’m extremely fast at digging up information. If I want to get revenge, no one here would be able to escape.”

“So, do you want to continue?”

The relatives were dumbfounded.

Great.

At this time, Long Jie leaned over and asked in Lu Che’s ear, “How did you know about this?”

“I, of course, came prepared.”

Back when Mother Lu asked him to attend his ‘son’s’ hundred days celebration, he had already done some research on these people. Otherwise, it would be extremely difficult to make them shut up.

At that moment, no one spoke. Even though the anger in their hearts were stronger than ever, they couldn’t do anything about Lu Che.

They could only place their hope on Mother Lu.

“OK, it’s almost the auspicious hour. I’m going to go in and fetch the little rascal...” Mother Lu said as she looked at her watch and stood up. She then said to Lu Che, “This is the first time you’ll be seeing your son right? Look at him properly.”

This was the main show!

However, Lu Che wasn’t afraid. In fact, his expression was indifferent.

Meanwhile, Long Jie tried her best to contain her laughter...

“Your relatives are certainly hard to please. Aren’t people from socialite families meant to be easy to talk to?”

“The ones that are easy to talk to, haven’t spoken. I mean, which socialite family doesn’t have a few spoiled brats?” Lu Che asked.

That was true...

Those that were smart knew that at a scene like this, it was best not to say anything. Only stupid people would go off like a firecracker.

Soon, Mother Lu walked out from the bedroom with Lu Che's 'son'. She had organized for the child's mother to take care of the baby at the Lu Family home. Since she needed to hire a nanny anyway, she decided it was better to bring the mother back with her.

What she was doing was violating her contract. But, for the sake of her grandson's health, she thought it was best for the child to receive breastmilk from his birth mother.

"Lu Che, come and have a look at your son!" Mother Lu said happily as she held onto the baby and approached Lu Che.

At this time, the other relatives quickly approached and started playing with the child, "So cute..."

"He's so cute and he looks a lot like Lu Che!"

After hearing this, Long Jie almost burst out laughing...

However, Lu Che turned around and looked at her. Of course, it was a loving look, telling her not to get carried away.

"Brother Lu Che, look over here, this is your son. He looks a lot like you."

"How does he look like me?" Lu Che asked. "Explain it to me in detail."

"His eyebrows and lips!"

"Lu Che, what's wrong with you? Why are you still sitting there? Hurry over and look at your son," Mother Lu rushed. She assumed her son would end up being charmed by the child and would stop wasting his time on Long Jie if he took a look at it.

However, Lu Che was unmoved...

"Lu Che!"

"It's time for the main show. I would like to officially declare that, I, Lu Che, only have one daughter and no son," Lu Che replied.

"Lu Che, are you crazy? How could you not acknowledge your child when he's so important? Do you know how traumatic it is for a child to not receive acknowledgement from his father when he's still growing?"

"Your point?" Lu Che asked.

"Move back home and take care of your son!"

### **Chapter 1053: You Definitely Need To Listen To What I Say**

"Exactly, Lu Che. Since it's your son, you can't neglect him."

“Besides, you are the one that’s wrong to begin with. How could you have a child with your ex-girlfriend when you’re already married. I think it’s best if you don’t act so heartless!”

The relatives began to give their ‘friendly’ advice.

However, Lu Che looked at everyone calmly and smiled, “Who told you that I got my ex-girlfriend to bear a child?”

All the relatives placed their gaze on Mother Lu.

“Your mother wouldn’t have lied, right?”

“I’m sorry, but she did,” Lu Che replied. “It seems, none of you know where this child actually came from. Fine...since that’s the case, let me clarify everything for you. From the moment that Xiao Man gave birth to our daughter, my almighty mother here, has been trying to force my wife into having another child.”

“But, at that time, Xiao Man was still recovering from her first birth. Yet, my mother expressed her dissatisfaction towards my daughter and pressured her to give her a grandson.”

“This is our life. It is Xiao Man’s decision whether she wants to give birth or not. If you were in her position and you were forced to have another child right after you gave birth to a daughter. How would you feel?”

“When Xiao Man and I turned down her suggestion, she turned up and started yelling at us. As a result, our relationship came to a deadlock!”

“Most frightening of all was when she said she’d stop hassling us if I was willing to have a test tube baby...”

“In the end, that’s where the child came from!”

“So, now you all know that there’s no ex-girlfriend? I only have Xiao Man! To be able to slander even her own son, Mrs. Lu has sure opened my eyes.”

Lu Che did not give Mother Lu any face as he exposed everything in front of everyone.

After the Lu Family heard Lu Che’s detailed explanation, they looked at each other and then turned to Mother Lu, “This...this...”

“Even if I told you to do this, even if I told you to kneel and bow, even if I told you to get a divorce with that woman, it’s my right to do so. After all, I’m your mother,” Mother Lu was furious with Lu Che’s words because, in her heart, she felt it was Lu Che’s responsibility to hide her embarrassing secrets.

As the fire ignited between the mother and son, the rest of the Lu Family stood idly by. After all, they all knew who was wrong and who was right in this situation.

“Everything I’ve done is because you and that woman forced me.”

This was how a mother that interfered in her son’s private life mixed right from wrong.

“Either way, your son is already born. Even if you want to fight with me, it’s the undeniable truth...”

“We already signed an agreement that as soon as the child was born, you would stop interfering in my life. That’s why I won’t take care of this kid, nor will I acknowledge it. As for moving back home, that’s something you shouldn’t even consider,” Lu Che replied strongly. He didn’t originally plan to get to this point, but...

“Lu Che, I admit we signed an agreement, but, as your mother, you can’t do anything about me even if I go back on my word.”

“So, you definitely need to listen to what I say!”

All the guests were shocked by Mother Lu’s aggressiveness.

Because, she perfectly displayed what it meant to be a controlling mother.

As a result, no one dared to say a word...

“What if I don’t listen to you?” Lu Che asked.

“Then you’ll just have to wait for me to expose this to the public. Since you don’t want your son, I can also disown my son!”

Now that words like this had been exchanged and the atmosphere had become so tense, wasn’t it time that Lu Che gave up? After all, how could he go up against her?

However...Lu Che still smiled. In fact, his smile contained a sense of ridicule, “Are you threatening me? Do you think you can win against me, Mrs. Lu?”

“You already gave up on your son a long time ago. You’re not just starting now.”

“Fine then, why don’t we go down together. You can expose my matter to the public and I’ll expose my uncle’s private matters to the public as well. Let’s give the reporters a great front cover, what do you say?”

After hearing this, Mother Lu looked at Lu Che in shock, “What...what do you know?”

“I’ve warned you from the start. My network is big enough to even dig up information about your ancestors. If you insist on going up against me, I will welcome you at any time,” Lu Che replied. “We can disregard our relationship and ties, since that’s your plan anyway.”

Everyone knew how serious Lu Che was.

His powerful attitude made everyone automatically retreat a few steps. But, only his wife knew how badly he had been angered and pressured for him to say such words.

How disappointed in his own mother was he?

It was clear to see that there were plenty of mothers that would hurt their own child. This wasn’t something reserved for novels; it was very real.

As a result the mother and son continued to stare at each other; neither party willing to back down.

Both of them had already expressed their standpoints and they weren’t going to give way.

“You ungrateful wench! How could you abandon your own mother and son? You’re worse than an animal!”

Faced with Mother Lu’s insults, Lu Che did not admit defeat. What type of gratefulness still existed between them? Even Father Lu felt chills down his spine when he heard what the mother and son said. After all, he had never imagined that blood relatives could argue like this.

Perhaps it sensed the tense atmosphere, the little child in Mother Lu’s arms suddenly began to cry. At this moment, Mother Lu’s attention was quickly drawn away.

“Baby, don’t cry...grandma loves you.”

As she looked at the mother and son, Long Jie didn’t want to see them continue arguing. After all, she knew it would only make Lu Che suffer even more. So, she pinched the back of Lu Che’s hand and whispered, “Let’s go...let’s head home.”

“Go?” Mother Lu scoffed when she heard this word, “Someone indeed has to go. After causing a mother and son to turn on each other, you really should go.”

At this time...

...Lu Che could no longer hold back. Mother Lu could do whatever she wanted with him, but he couldn’t let her target Long Jie.

“The person that caused us to turn on each other has always been you!”

“As well as all the people that are standing around and watching!”

“Don’t force me into a corner!”

“Otherwise, I’ll see you in the news.”

At that moment, the atmosphere was so tense that everyone was holding their breath. That was when Mother Lu began to cry, “Are you trying to drive your mother to death?”

#### **Chapter 1054: You Schemed Against Me First**

As soon as he heard this, Lu Che laughed, “Since you think I’m forcing you, then why don’t I force you a little further?”

“That child in your arms that you keep kissing and hugging – isn’t actually your grandson. Back when I handed you a sample of my sperm, I replaced it with someone else’s. That’s why – I don’t have a son!”

After speaking, Lu Che pulled out a DNA test from his pocket and handed it to Mother Lu, “Have a proper look at this. The real father will be arriving soon.”

After looking at the documents that Lu Che pulled out, Mother Lu suddenly felt weak at the knees.

“So, how does the child look like me?”

“Lu Che!”

“You asked for this!” Lu Che replied coldly. “By the way, Xiao Man is pregnant again. Whether it’s a boy or a girl, I’m going to tell it honestly after it’s born about the way that Mrs. Lu pressured its parents. I’m also going to tell it that it doesn’t have a grandmother.”

Mother Lu was trembling in anger, but she couldn’t say a word. As she trembled, her eyes began to turn red.

At this time, a guest arrived. The housekeeper led the guest into the hall and said to Mother Lu, “Madam, this gentleman said he’s here here to pick up his son...”

This man was a strong man with a burly figure. He seemed like quite a gentleman. As soon as he stepped in, he first greeted Lu Che before he said to Mother Lu, “I’m sorry, Mrs. Lu, but the child you’re holding is my son. Could you please return my child to me?”

At that moment, Mother Lu glanced at the child in her arms, obviously on the brink of breaking down.

“This can’t be...”

“I’ve carefully taken care of the mother and child for so long, yet you’re telling me this isn’t my grandson?”

As he looked at Mother Lu’s flustered expression, the man walked straight up to her and took the child from her hands.

“I’m sorry, it’s not convenient for me to get involved in other’s family business. So, I’ll just take my child and go.”

After speaking, the man rushed out. It was a close call. From the look on Mother Lu’s face, it looked like she would threaten the child’s safety at any moment. Luckily, he arrived in time.

Back when he first spoke to Lu Che at the hospital, Lu Che had promised that he’d contact him to take the child as soon as it was born.

After exhausting her efforts on someone else’s child for an entire year, Mother Lu was furious, “Lu Che, you’re a monster!”

“After what you’ve done, you have no right to judge me.” After saying this, Lu Che turned his attention to the pale-faced Father Lu. “I’m sorry, Dad.”

Father Lu waved his hand lifelessly. He was completely exhausted, “You guys go...don’t come back. Live your own lives.”

“Lu Che, you are sure ruthless!”

In Lu Che’s heart, the word ‘mother’ no longer existed. So, no matter what Mother Lu said, he simply acted like he didn’t hear a thing as he led Long Jie out of the house.

Behind them, Mother Lu yelled furiously, but Lu Che completely ignored her.

Meanwhile, the Lu relatives secretly promised to themselves that they’d never offend Lu Che in the future. If he could treat his own mother like this, how would he treat others?

As a result, Lu Che officially broke all ties with the Lu Family.

Long Jie watched everything quietly. But, apart from feeling brokenhearted, she didn't feel anything else.

She knew, at this moment, that no amount of comforting would work on Lu Che. After all, what in this world was more heart breaking than being hurt by one's own mother? So, all the way home, Long Jie did not say a word. Only after they arrived home did she hug her husband and comfort, "It's all in the past..."

Lu Che did not move as he allowed Long Jie to hug him. But, it didn't take long before he began to sob in her arms.

The human heart was made from flesh and blood, so how could it not hurt when his mother had drilled a hole in it?

Meanwhile, Long Jie was filled with regrets. If she had known earlier that their happiness required such a big sacrifice from Lu Che, then she wouldn't have argued so fiercely with Mother Lu.

"Cry. Go ahead and cry as much as you want. After you wake up tomorrow, everything will be better."

Actually, after Lu Che left, a lot happened at the Lu Family home.

Especially while everyone was discussing what to do next, Father Lu finally exploded, "This is my family's private matter. If you guys have finished watching your show, please leave. My son has already warned all of you, if you dare speak a word about what happened today, he will fight you to the end. If he can break ties with his mother, then you guys should know where you stand..."

"Uncle Three!"

"Go..."

Father Lu's roar echoed through the entire house because he had reached his limits.

By the time everyone stared at him dumbstruck, Father Lu stood up from his seat and said to Mother Lu calmly, "I finally saw through you. You simply wanted to find a way to control your son. You've never done anything for the good of the family."

"Go with me to the Civil Affairs Office tomorrow. It's time we sort things out between us and get a divorce."

When Father Lu said these words, everyone was shocked. Especially Mother Lu.

"What did you say?"

"I said to get a divorce. I can't continue with you."

After speaking, Father Lu retreated and ended the drama.

After all, if he had taken good care of his wife, then all this would not have happened. But, everything was already too late and he was exhausted.

Meanwhile, the abandoned Mother Lu found herself falling to the ground. She still couldn't understand why her son and husband treated her the way they did, one after the other. What had she done wrong?

Afterwards, the Lu relatives also left the scene. After all, they didn't want to offend Lu Che. So, the crowded home was suddenly left with just Mother Lu.....

And slowly, she was shrouded by darkness.

That night, no one was any better off. After returning home, Lu Che did not drink a sip of water while he locked himself in the study room for quite some time.

Meanwhile, Long Jie couldn't do anything but take care of their daughter and sigh as she sat in the nursery...

She simply hoped that time would eventually heal all wounds.

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The next day, Lu Che recovered his usual energy and acted like normal. So, Long Jie left the previous night's incident in the past and returned to Tangning's side after Lu Che went to work.

However, she was in a daze from the moment that she entered Hyatt Regency. Hence, Tangning couldn't help but notice her condition.

"What happened with you and Lu Che last night? Why have you been in a daze all day?"

Since the matter was already in the past, Long Jie decided to tell Tangning what happened and vented her sorrows.

"In the end, Lu Che and his parents have completely broken ties with each other."

### **Chapter 1055: He Might Not Be Willing To Meet With Me**

"Since it's already happened, there's no point dwelling on it," Tangning comforted.

"I understand...but...I really don't want to see Lu Che in so much pain," by the time Long Jie was done with these words, her eyes had turned red.

"Actually, this situation isn't beyond repair. My Long Jie may be a rough and loud person, but she's not stupid, right?"

Long Jie looked helplessly at Tangning, "What should I do?"

"After listening to everything that happened, Lu Che's father sounds like he's still quite logical. Perhaps you could try salvaging a little bit for Lu Che."

"But, he might not be willing to meet with me."

"This is where you need to put in the hard yards. Long Jie, you need to remember that love from family is very special. It's not bad to be related by blood, but when it comes to using relationships to act recklessly, outsiders may understand their limits, but family might not."

“You can fight or snatch, but when it comes to dealing with relationships like this, you should be careful. Because, the only reason why you feel hurt is because the person you care about is stuck in the middle and you care about him!”

“However, family also has its positives. Families do not hold grudges. Because, when faced with someone they care about, it’s easy to come to a truce even if they were once at odds with each other.”

Which family didn’t have their moments?

“I’ll give you a bit more time off so you can resolve this matter. Otherwise, you’ll simply come to work in a daze.”

Long Jie nodded her head. After all, this was a scar in her heart. So, seeing Lu Che suffer made her suffer.

But, the thing she didn’t expect was, by the time she found Father Lu, he had already finalized his divorce with Mother Lu.

Long Jie thought she was asking to be hit by showing up in front of Father Lu at this time, but Father Lu did not get annoyed at her. Instead, they found a cafe and sat inside calmly.

“Dad...”

“I know what you want to say. I made this decision on my own, it has nothing to do with the two of you. Is Lu Che doing well?”

Long Jie shook her head, “Last night, after he returned home, he cried a bit and locked himself in the study room for a while.”

“No one wanted to see things turn out this way, but...I think I hold the biggest responsibility. If I had noticed that my wife’s thoughts had become so messed up, I would have corrected her earlier and things wouldn’t have gotten to this stage.”

“But, that’s not your problem. It’s a matter between the two of us.”

“From now on, I hope you and Lu Che can live a good life together. Stop worrying about what others think.”

“But, you...”

Knowing that Long Jie was truly concerned about him, Father Lu said with a relaxed smile, “We’ve both lived over half a lifetime already. Do you think we wouldn’t know how to take care of ourselves? I’ve already reached retirement age. I simply want to spend the rest of my life growing some grass and trimming some flowers.”

“If the two of you still acknowledge me as your father, then bring my little granddaughter to visit me every now and then. I don’t expect anything else.”

“We acknowledge you, of course we acknowledge you.”

Afterwards, Father Lu spoke to Lu Che on the phone. The father and son laid everything out on the table and discussed it in detail. Of course, there were some things that could never be changed.

“Dad, take good care of yourself. When the day comes that you are willing, move in with us and spend some more time with your granddaughter.”

“Now that things have gotten to this point, I need some time to gather my thoughts. Let’s leave it at this.”

Father Lu rejected Lu Che’s invite.

But, either way, Lu Che felt a lot better.

As for a certain woman, ending a relationship was simple for her. Besides, she still had her side of the family to rely on, so Lu Che didn’t worry about her.

But, just as Lu Che was about to hang up his phone, Father Lu suddenly spoke up and held him back, “Xiao Man came looking for me. It seems, she truly cares about you and knew you weren’t feeling well, so she didn’t retreat even though she knew I might blame her. Now that she’s pregnant, you should take good care of her.”

“OK, Dad.”

Either way, Lu Che was able to take a huge weight off his shoulders. As for Long Jie, he was definitely going to appreciate her.

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That afternoon, An Zihao arrived at Hyatt Regency. He had finally found some time to watch ‘The Ant Queen’ and he was here to tell Tangning his opinion after watching it.

“Although I can’t believe it, the special effects were indeed not bad. You’ve trained up a really strong team. The plot may be a little weak, but President Mo and Coco Li’s acting was really good, so it made up for this small flaw. On top of that, the suspenseful music made the film feel complete. Although, my filming technique wasn’t as good as Qiao Sen’s, I must say that you’ve definitely completed ‘The Ant Queen’ in a spectacular way.”

“If you want to praise her, then go ahead. You don’t need to act professional,” Long Jie criticized.

Tangning burst out laughing. Since her matters had now passed, Long Jie had returned to her loud and direct self.

“No, we completed it together!”

“What do you have planned for later?”

“I’ve already finished the first promotional trailer and will be starting the first wave of promotions. Afterwards, we will do a few test screenings to see if there is anything else that needs fixing,” Tangning replied. “This time, the test screenings will target specific types of people. For example, film critics and fans that enjoy sci-fi.”

“I see. If you need my help with anything, just speak up,” An Zihao responded.

“How’s Xingyan been lately?”

With the mention of this cheeky brat, An Zihao simply shrugged his shoulders and said helplessly, “I planned an international path for her, but she insisted that there aren’t enough female action stars in China, so she wants to pursue that area of acting. Yet, she hasn’t considered how bad it looks for her to act so rough when she’s a girl and also Mo Ting’s sister!”

“You’re simply too stubborn to admit that you’re worried she’ll get hurt,” Tangning exposed. “Xingyan’s right, you know? China is honestly lacking in female action stars.”

“We have special effects...”

“But, that’s still very different to the realistic result produced by physical punches.”

An Zihao rubbed his neck awkwardly.

“Zihao, I don’t care what you do, but Mo Ting has handed Xingyan to you, so you are responsible for her happiness and safety.”

“I understand. Are you putting up a sister-in-law front now?”

They continued to chat happily like all their troubles were now in the past. But, Tangning had no idea that the biggest danger was currently lurking in her fan club.

As they were about to hold test screenings, Tangning decided to give some of the viewing slots to fans. Apart from comforting them after the recent scare they received, she was aware that there were a lot of professionals in her fan club that could give some input.

Of course, even if she didn’t invite her fans, she would still let them know about it on the night before the release of the promotional trailer, so they could co-ordinate with marketing.

### **Chapter 1056: My Ning’s New Film Is Being Released ?**

Afterwards, Long Jie announced the good news on the main page of the fan club website.

As soon as the fans saw it, they erupted in excitement.

“My Ning’s new film is being released? Oh God, I’m not seeing things, am I? I need to reconfirm that I read correctly!”

“Oh! I’m going crazy!”

“Long Jie, you’re so cruel. How could you announce this at a time like this? I can’t even work now. Woot! My Ning finally has a new project, I’ve been waiting for so long!”

Long Jie happily remained active online, “You guys aren’t seeing things. Tangning’s sci-fi film is almost coming to the big screen. I hope everyone can help promote it. I’ll put the fan club president in charge. Apart from this, I would like to remind you all that this news has not been released to the public yet, so please keep it a secret for now. Tangning felt you were all worthy of knowing this secret.”

For a loyal fan, nothing was more important than protecting their idol.

The fan club was where the fans got most of their energy from. So, something as big as a film release made them excited, but they didn't forget to co-operate.

In reality, Long Jie knew that announcing this news to the fan club meant that all secrecy had already been compromised. It was just a small treat for the fans. By giving them the news in advance, they were given the confidence to speak.

However, no one imagined that Han Xiuche had the fan club page open the entire time and he had already spotted Long Jie's announcement.

Tangning's new film was being released!

And it was a sci-fi film?

This news was worth the long and endless nights of waiting. His chance to slander Tangning had finally arrived.

With this thought, Han Xiuche hatched up a spectacular plan in his head. He studied sci-fi on a daily basis and made many sci-fi short films. Since Tangning loved sci-fi so much, he was going to do a bit of editing and cause some trouble!

This time, he wasn't going to share his plan with anyone, so Tangning couldn't possibly find out a thing!

So, just as Tangning did the final confirmation for her trailer, a piece of news suddenly appeared on the internet.

"Tangning's newest project has been leaked!"

"Hurry and have a look at leaked footage from Tangning's new film!"

After Long Jie heard about this, she immediately downloaded the videos to confirm.

"Has something really been leaked?"

Long Jie and Tangning were on their way to the post production studio. As the matter was urgent, they had to talk on the road, "I had a close look at it. Nothing was leaked on our side. Someone deliberately created a video by clipping together other films."

"What's the motive?"

"I had a look at the video and tried to guess the culprit's motive. The special effects are obviously a joke, yet they were skilled enough to add in footage of Qiao Sen on set. So, the public may misunderstand that your new film is rubbish."

"Although news that Boss was in the film had been circulated in the past, nothing has ever been confirmed. So, the culprit was smart enough to use footage from Qiao Sen's previous films."

"I think his motive is to make the public jump to conclusions and ridicule you."

After hearing Long Jie's analysis, Tangning gave a relieved sigh. As long as no real footage had been leaked, then their situation wasn't so serious.

“Let me have a look at the videos,” Tangning said after reassuring the post production staff. After watching three so-called leaked videos, she turned and said to Long Jie, “The timing of this was too coincidental.”

“Are you suggesting it has something to do with your fan club? But, we never truly expected them to keep things a secret when we made our announcement to them. It seems, someone used this announcement for their own motive and has now turned the fans into his witnesses.”

The fans knew that Tangning’s new film was indeed being released soon! So, this leaked video...

Everyone doubted Tangning’s filmmaking abilities even more. Especially since she was Jones’ student.

“If Tangning produced something of such low quality even though she is Jones’ student, then I really think she should give up and return to acting!”

“Although the authenticity of these videos is yet to be verified, the leaked footage is horrible.”

“This can’t be my Ning’s film. I refuse to believe that!”

“Didn’t you see Qiao Sen in the footage?”

The three videos each lasted roughly 20 seconds. There was no major plot to the videos, it was just snippets of the filming process and special effects. But, it was a sight for sore eyes.

So, Tangning was ridiculed.

Worst of all, things that were originally praiseworthy for Tangning, were suddenly turned into points of criticism.

But, apart from Tangning, Mo Ting also placed huge importance on this project.

After watching the videos, the couple knew it was easy to subdue the rumors. But, before they found out who the culprit was, what were they to do if he kept attacking?

Moreover, the marketing plan had already been confirmed. Did this mean it was all going down the drain?

Both Mo Ting and Tangning didn’t like being passive.

But, of course, they couldn’t eliminate the possibility that someone created the videos as a joke. After all, it was common for fans to relieve their desires by clipping together footage and posting it online. This was not illegal.

But, the current situation was, a lot of film fans had been successfully manipulated. The most important factor being that Qiao Sen featured in the videos.

This made it more believable!

Han Xiuche probably thought Tangning was in a panic.

To be exact, he actually thought her film was at this level.

Either way, he was certain that Tangning was suffering. But, what was Tangning actually thinking?

“Why are you so calm when everyone is ridiculing you?” Long Jie asked anxiously as she looked at Tangning’s calm expression.

“Because, this might not necessarily be a bad thing,” Tangning smiled. “Think about it. Everyone might jump to conclusions, but it’s not real in the end. I was previously worried that everyone’s expectations for me would be too high because I’m Jones’ student. But, after the appearance of these videos...”

“Oh...so you’re saying that these videos have actually lowered everyone’s expectations. That means, when the film is actually released, everyone will be even more surprised,” Long Jie understood immediately. “You are indeed someone made for great things. You even realized this...”

“So, let them ridicule me all they want. When the time comes, I’ll lead them back onto the right path!”

### **Chapter 1057: Who Would Jinx Their Own Film Like That ?**

“So, we will continue to promote the film as planned. Nothing needs to be changed.”

After hearing Tangning’s arrangements, Long Jie felt like they had returned to the time when she first became an actress, “Do you still remember the ridicule you received when you first filmed ‘Stupid’? So many people were waiting for you to be a box office flop.”

“But, from ‘Stupid’ to ‘Survivor’, every single film you featured in, has created miracles in the box office.”

“What’s passed, is in the past. Let’s keep our focus on what’s ahead of us,” Tangning reminded. “Don’t ever dwell on past results. Otherwise, you will never view yourself clearly. Besides, who’s to say that ‘The Ant Queen’ won’t be a flop?”

“Knock on wood!” Long Jie yelled. “Who would jinx their own film like that?”

Tangning looked at Long Jie’s reaction and laughed. She then downloaded Han Xiuche’s videos onto her phone. Although she was being ridiculed, she had a feeling she’d be able to find clues about the culprit from these videos.

Of course, Mo Ting supported Tangning’s decision...

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That afternoon, Tangning and Mo Ting’s living room was empty, but the entertainment news was playing.

“Two-time Fei Tian Best Actress, Tangning, is about to release her next project onto the film scene. But, not too long ago, some leaked footage was revealed online. Judging by the quality of the leaked videos, the film does not look promising. That’s why, we are taking you with us today to Hai Rui to interview President Mo. Let’s see if we can get some more accurate information from him.”

Afterwards, the cameras turned to Mo Ting who was walking out of Hai Rui.

“President Mo, can you confirm whether the videos that are circulating online are real or not?”

“You will know as soon as the film’s official trailer is released,” Mo Ting replied.

After walking for one minute, this was the only response he gave. However, this response was almost the same as not responding at all. Even though, he indirectly hinted that the footage did not belong to Tangning’s film. After all, if it did, then they couldn’t possibly stick to their original marketing schedule.

It seemed, there were still a lot of doubts behind the authenticity of the leaked videos.

But, from the views of most people, Tangning was indeed a hard worker. For the sake of producing a good sci-fi, she even implicated Qiao Sen’s life. However, hardworking and professionalism were two different things. Although Tangning was a meticulous person, there was still a possibility that her film would be a flop.

Because, this wasn’t any normal film, this was a sci-fi film!

Sci-fi films were the most difficult.

Whether it was the filming process or post production, the audience could clearly see the results. It could not be faked.

So, the industry did not have high hopes for the film.

This wasn’t because Tangning didn’t know how to act or because she wasn’t hardworking enough, but because she had chosen the most difficult path.

Tangning knew this truth better than anyone, but what did that mean?

Tangning looked at the list of upcoming films; there were strong ones and weak ones as well as a big American blockbuster, but the anticipation for her film had been decreased. Seeing this, Tangning felt a sense of familiarity. So, she laughed helplessly. Why did she experience situations like this everytime she worked on something new?

Meanwhile, Mo Ting was completely unaffected by everything that was happening. So, after Hai Rui did a final check on the trailer, they decided it would be released three days later in theaters throughout the nation.

Hence, during this entire incident, Tangning was once again contemptuous towards Han Xiuche’s provocation.

This made Han Xiuche furious!

As for Tangning’s fan club, Long Jie no longer revealed anything to them nor did she provide any explanation for what had happened.

But, even though Han Xiuche’s methods fooled outsiders, it couldn’t possibly get past his own brother.

“Last time, you almost caused your brother to kneel down and apologize on your behalf. What were you thinking this time? You were the one that made those fake videos, weren’t you?”

“Bro, I owe you,” Han Xiuche only showed the slightest bit of weakness when facing his brother.

“I must owe you from a past life. Stop hiding and come home. No matter what happens, I’ll be here for you,” Han Xiuche’s brother said gently. “Out of everyone in this world, I’m sure you know that I treat you the best.”

Because Han Xiuche had been lacking a mother since he was small, his brother took on the responsibility of two roles.

He was aware that his brother had difficulty with expressing his emotions, so he was extra lenient with him. Even when Han Xiuche caused a huge drama, he would still try his best to understand and forgive him.

That’s why, when it came to small matters, Han Xiuche was rebellious, but when it came to big matters, he still listened to his brother.

“It appears, you’ll be opposing Tangning for the rest of your life...”

Actually, as soon as Han Xiuche’s brother found out that Han Xiuche made the fake videos, he had already decided to locate him. Because, he knew that it wouldn’t take long before Tangning found him too. Therefore, he had to guarantee his brother’s safety.

“But, even if Hai Rui come looking for you, I will do all I can to protect you and prevent you from receiving any harm!”

If someone asked for an example of how to spoil a person, then Han Xiuche’s brother was the perfect sample.

“I can’t believe you thought of doing this. You actually used this point to slander Tangning!”

From the sounds of it, his brother felt his actions were quite childish. But, he personally felt it was simple and direct; the best way to deal with Tangning!

The following few days, neither Hai Rui nor Tangning provided an explanation or served a face slap for the fake videos. Because, for Tangning, these videos practically never existed.

Meanwhile, Mo Ting had already arranged for the first round of promotional trailers to be released in three days time on a Sunday afternoon.

As it was the weekend, people were expected to gather at the theater. After the theaters spoke to Hai Rui, they immediately agreed to play the trailer...

So, on that particular afternoon, film fans entered the theater without any expectations. When the first trailer started playing, they were shocked by the sudden appearance of a huge ant on the theater screen. However, they felt excited because the footage was too captivating.

Afterwards, a few other exciting scenes appeared on the screen, but everyone’s focus was placed on a particular person...

...the male lead...

This man that made people feel cautious, was Mo Ting!

Following on, the director’s names appeared on the screen: Qiao Sen and An Zihao!

Then, the producer's name appeared: Tangning!

After the 20-second trailer was over, the name of the movie finally appeared on the screen: 'The Ant Queen'!

### **Chapter 1058: The First Promotional Trailer !**

The film fans stared blankly at the screen, unsure what they had just seen in the last twenty seconds. In fact, they had lost interest in the rest of the film because of the trailer they saw.

A large number of the film fans inside the theater tried to confirm what they saw amongst themselves. Some even began to talk to strangers.

"Just then, that was..."

"I'm trying to figure that out too. Was I seeing things?!"

"I recorded the last few seconds; the part where the name of the film appeared. You guys saw correctly, it was 'The Ant Queen'."

Hence, for the first time ever, the audience asked the theater staff to replay the trailer of 'The Ant Queen'!

And, for the staff, it was the first time that they saw the audience get so excited over a trailer.

But, their request was too much...

Since they couldn't get what they wanted, the film fans quickly ran out to buy tickets for the next film screening, just so they could watch the trailer again.

As Hai Rui made an agreement with the theater to only screen the trailer of 'The Ant Queen' there, the film fans had no other way of seeing it. Even if they had the ability to film it on their phones, as soon as they posted it online, it was immediately removed. This helped the film maintain a sense of mystery.

But, even though it was exclusive to the theaters, the number of viewers were already shocking.

Plenty of film fans got what they wanted and watched the trailer for a second time. This time, because they paid extra attention to it, they spent the twenty seconds watching in seriousness, afraid that they'd miss out on the finest detail. Finally, everyone confirmed that the male lead was Mo Ting, the director was Qiao Sen and An Zihao – and the producer was Tangning!

"This film is of a high quality with good effects. This looks nothing like the recently leaked videos."

"Woah, that's amazing! As soon as the ant appeared, I nearly jumped out of my seat in shock!"

"If this is the actual completed film, then the recently leaked videos must have been fake."

"Obviously. A sci-fi film is different to other films, it can't possibly improve this much in just a few days. Someone must have been trying to slander Tangning and this is her actual film."

“It’s over, just watching twenty seconds and I’m all hyped up. I must say that Hai Rui is great at business. They are only showing the trailer in the theaters and limiting it to showing once per film.” This particular post from a netizen also included a photo of all the film stubs he had collected from the day and a caption that read, “All this, just to watch the trailer of ‘The Ant Queen’!”

“Objectively speaking, compared to the videos recently released, the trailer in the theaters definitely contains the essence of Tangning. This is more like the type of story that Tangning would make. As long as filming and acting is involved, she would always put in 100%.”

“So many people were ridiculing her before. Now that the real trailer has been released, let’s see what they have to say.”

Actually, a mere twenty seconds trailer wasn’t enough to completely clarify everything.

After all, it wasn’t hard to compile the best parts of a film into twenty seconds.

So, even after the film critics heard about the trailer, they still couldn’t provide a proper review. All they could do was express their disgust in the leaked videos.

Who was so shameless as to create them?

But, due to Tangning, Mo Ting and Hai Rui’s serious approach, film fans also treated the film seriously.

At least, they no longer treated it casually. Even though she was slandered prior to releasing her trailer, Tangning was not flustered by something so trivial. This proved that Tangning wasn’t easily influenced by the outside world; she was a calm and stable person.

The managers at the theaters were probably laughing like crazy. Although the trailer didn’t change anything dramatic, it did help them receive more profits over the weekend...

Soon, news that the trailer for ‘The Ant Queen’ had been released began to circulate. This time, Tangning could no longer conceal how cool she was...

“The statistics for the trailer release are in my hands. Whether it’s the level of hype, interest or others, this is currently the hottest topic. Tangning, ‘The Ant Queen’ is definitely going to be a big hit!”

As soon as Long Jie received first hand information regarding ‘The Ant Queen’, she immediately waved it in front of Tangning, but Tangning was not excited by it at all.

“Come have a look at something,” Tangning stood up from her laptop and placed Long Jie in her seat.

“What is it?”

“I’ve watched it many times and studied every single frame. And, finally, I discovered this,” Tangning pulled the video progress bar to a specific time and paused the video. She then zoomed in to the bottom of the video and pointed out a slightly visible logo to Long Jie.

“But, what does this mean?” Long Jie asked.

“What do you think I discovered when I researched into this?” Tangning opened another website; one where Han Xiuche’s manhuas could be viewed. She then opened the last frame of each of his manhuas and compared it to the paused frame of the video.

“Do you understand now?”

As soon as Long Jie saw it, she was both shocked and angered, “Tell that jerk to come out and kneel! He actually dared to do something like this?”

“I should have noticed this before. Have you forgotten? He has always had a thing for sci-fi, so it’s not surprising that he’d be able to create a video like this,” Tangning sighed before she closed her laptop.

“Why did you close it! You should take a screenshot of it and slap him in the face with it...”

“Just this isn’t enough to give a face slap. After all, anyone can make a video like that, so he’s bound to deny it. Don’t forget how he denied the other embarrassing things he’s done,” Tangning replied.

“What should we do then?”

“Since we know he’s the one that’s been playing tricks behind-the-scenes, then it’s easy to handle. It’s better than not knowing anything. The important thing now, is to figure out how he knew we’d be releasing our promotional trailer and whether it had something to do with someone in my fan club. I think figuring this out would help us be more cautious in the future.”

“Right now, he’s in the open and we’re in the shadows, so we hold the advantage!”

“That’s true,” Long Jie nodded. “I can’t believe he’s still trying to hurt you. How much must he hate you to be so persistent.”

“Go investigate the fan club in private and take note of his next move.”

“Don’t worry, I’m the best at digging out rats!” Tangning made an OK gesture.

This Han Xiuche was honestly a piece of rubbish that didn’t know who he was up against!

### **Chapter 1059: Take A Screenshot And Slap Him In The Face**

To join Tangning’s fan club, one had to go through a strict selection process. However, there had been no new members recently. So, a detailed investigation had to be held to determine if information had actually been leaked via the fan club.

Long Jie contacted the president of the fan club to ask her a few questions in private.

From the club president, Long Jie gained a few answers.

“Long Jie, I’ve been the club president for a long time. Every time there’s been a request for confidentiality, the club has been able to maintain it. So, I don’t think it’s likely that anything was leaked by us. After all, the fan club is made up of loyal fans that have been around for many years. They should be able to differentiate right from wrong.”

“So, if something was actually leaked, then someone must have somehow sneaked in amongst us.”

“We can’t be too rash when investigating this matter, so take note of your member’s actions and see if there are any abnormalities. We can use that as the direction for our investigation,” Long Jie said to the club president.

“What kind of abnormalities?”

“For example, sudden changes in their lifestyle, or perhaps, if they appear online during times that they aren’t normally online, or they are oddly quiet when they normally talk a lot. If you discover a person like that, don’t make any reckless moves. We simply need to be aware,” Long Jie explained.

“I understand, Long Jie. If someone wants to hurt my Ning and use the fan club to do it, I won’t let them off easily! That’s much too evil!”

“Sorry for troubling you,” Long Jie went offline after talking to the club president. There was nothing else she could do other than wait for the culprit to reveal himself.

“Although Han Xiuche happened to help you this time, we still can’t avoid his secret attacks!”

After hearing this, Tangning let out a laugh, “Did you think we only have Han Xiuche to worry about? Why don’t you check what other international films are being released this year. There should be another good show when that time comes.”

Other sci-fi films depended on looks and fans. Who was as serious as Tangning was?

Films in the domestic market only ever cared about viewership. When it came to special effects and post production, they simply had to treat it casually and they’d make a decent profit. But, Tangning’s appearance meant that things were about to change for them. For producers that liked to take the easy path, this was a timely warning.

But, standing in the way of someone’s money-making path was as bad as killing their loved ones!

“OK, if we come across a situation like that, what can we do? We have no choice but to take evasive action! Either way, I trust in you,” Long Jie said as she shrugged her shoulders.

Because of the release of the first trailer, Tangning’s film once again jumped to the top of the anticipation list.

While everyone admired the post production and special effects, they were also interested by the fact that Mo Ting was the male lead of the film.

Of course, now that she announced the release of her new film, it was time for Tangning to end her low profile status. It was time she reappeared in the entertainment industry with her new identity. After all, she had promised that she’d return.

So, she was going to attend the latest film festival.

This was also Mo Ting’s decision. ‘The Ant Queen’ was following a standard marketing plan, so Tangning was going to cooperate and appear at whatever events that required her attendance.

[Tangning to attend Beijing Film Festival!]

[Tangning makes a high profile comeback with ‘The Ant Queen’]

[Tangning returns after one year. Have you undergone any changes in this time?]

Afterwards, Tangning reappeared in the lobby of Hai Rui after a year of absence. This was the first time she appeared in front of Hai Rui's staff since she announced her retreat from the entertainment industry and withdrew from Hai Rui. But, the people at Hai Rui were still as respectful to her as before because, in their hearts, they admired her as much as they admired Mo Ting.

"Hello, Ning Jie!"

"Good morning, Ning Jie!"

"Are you here for a meeting, Ning Jie?"

They were right. Tangning had come to Hai Rui for a meeting regarding the test screening of 'The Ant Queen'. Even though she was no longer an artist signed to Hai Rui, the marketing for 'The Ant Queen' was still managed by Hai Rui. So, she was there as a collaborator.

Fang Yu hadn't seen Tangning for a long time too. So, just before the meeting started, he couldn't help but laugh as he said to her, "This time, the board of directors were the ones that requested to work with you. Obviously, everyone can tell that 'The Ant Queen' is the real deal. I reckon, from now on, President Mo can do whatever he wants with you and they won't have any opinion."

"So, I think the phrase, 'one who gains the hearts of the people, gains the world', suits you very well."

"How's Jingjing?" Tangning responded with a laugh. "We haven't seen each other for a long time."

"I will take her to the test screening for 'The Ant Queen'," Fang Yu promised with a nod. "As soon as she found out that your new film was being released, she's been endlessly nagging beside my ear."

Tangning wanted to chat for longer, but Mo Ting and Lu Che walked straight into the meeting room. In that moment, Mo Ting had transformed into Hai Rui's decision maker, temporarily concealing his identity as Tangning's husband.

"President Mo is so strict...look at his serious expression!"

"Does he usually look like this around you guys?" Tangning teased.

"Why else would we be so afraid of him?"

"But, I think he looks really charming like this! I really like it."

From the sounds of it, Tangning's obsession towards Mo Ting had not reduced even the slightest bit. In fact, it was rare for her to see the serious side of Mo Ting after becoming accustomed to his soft side at home, so she found her heart began to race...

How hopelessly in love!

"The results from 'The Ant Queen's' trailer turned out as expected. That's why we should release the second trailer soon. Of course, we won't release it directly. We will find an advertiser to collaborate with and come to an agreement on what to do..."

"After the Beijing Film Festival, we will hold the test screening for 'The Ant Queen'. Fang Yu will prepare everything and confirm the invitation list."

“As for Tangning...your post production team needs to be standardized. Also, now that Qiao Sen is gone, you need to consider your next step. Have you prepared yourself for ‘The Ant Queen 2’?”

Tangning and Mo Ting’s eyes met. From the look in Mo Ting’s eyes, Tangning could tell that he was being serious.

He was making a serious request!

Because, this time, he wasn’t going to let her go through ups and downs nor retreat from the industry and comeback again. This time, he wanted Tangning to forever remain at the pinnacle.

“You are no longer entering into the industry as an actress. You will be facing a lot more problems from now on. If you want to be a good producer, you will need to have some foresight, OK?”

OK?

As soon as everyone heard this deep and gentle question, they were all shocked. Was the couple trying to show off their affection?

### **Chapter 1060: President Mo Is So Strict**

After the meeting ended, the couple headed into Mo Ting’s office. As soon as the office door closed, Tangning immediately hugged Mo Ting from behind.

“What is it?” Mo Ting wanted to turn around, but Tangning held him in place.

“Don’t move. Your expression earlier was too charming. It made my heart tickle so much that I wanted to do this a long time ago.”

Tangning didn’t say words like this often, but when she did, it was completely mesmerizing. Mo Ting had experienced this a long time ago. Although the couple were already parents to three children, but they were both busy with their own careers. So, apart from complementing each other during their daily lives, it had been a long time since they hugged so lovingly.

“Huh?”

“I like it when you’re strict towards me. I like it when you give me orders. It makes me feel safe and gives me direction,” Tangning explained gently. “Ting, I’ve been living my life really happily these past few years.”

“Me too,” Mo Ting replied before he turned around, locked the office door and carried Tangning in his arms.

“Ting...what are you doing?” Tangning was surprised by Mo Ting’s actions as he placed her on the sofa.

“What do you think? The office doesn’t have any traces of you yet,” Mo Ting said before he lowered onto her lips with a kiss.

After teasing her man in such a way, wasn’t she hinting something?

Since Tangning was being so direct, how could President Mo let go of such a great opportunity?

“It seems, it’s true that men don’t let go of any opportunities.”

“It’s because I love you that I can transform into a wolf at anytime!”

Although the office door was already locked and they didn’t have to worry about anyone entering...Mo Ting’s office wasn’t completely sealed; there were still gaps. So, Tangning felt shy. She even buried her head into Mo Ting’s arms.

Because of this, Mo Ting couldn’t help but laugh, “Did you think that people wouldn’t know that you’re in my room if you hide your head?”

“Take me home. Yan Er should be waking up soon!” Tangning’s face flushed red.

Mo Ting stood up and helped Tangning tidy her clothes. After he was done, he escorted her down his private elevator. But, before she left, he reminded beside her ear, “Remember to go pick out a dress with Long Jie. You haven’t attended any official events for a long time. Most of the clothes you have at home are old; you should buy some new ones.”

“OK,” Tangning nodded.

No matter how many years had passed and what identity she now held, in front of Mo Ting, Tangning always acted the same as when they first got married and shared the bed for the first time. She always buried her head in his arms shyly; a habit that would never change...

After returning home, Tangning did as told and called Long Jie over to clean out all her old clothes.

While cleaning, Long Jie suddenly remembered something, “After investigating the fan club in detail, the club president told me she has some ideas about who’s out of the ordinary.”

“Since we already know that Han Xiuche is the culprit, there’s no rush in finding a rat amongst the fan club. Take it slowly.”

“But, it appears that Han Xiuche’s brother will be attending the Beijing Film Festival as well. If we see him, we should give him a word of warning!” Long Jie said. “This time, when you return, we need to give you a grand entrance.”

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Meanwhile, Han Xiuche’s brother, Han Jie, was also preparing clothes for the event. But, seeing that his brother was still misbehaving, he couldn’t help but sigh, “Are you still trying to scheme against Tangning?”

“Bro, I want to go to the film festival as well.”

“Your status is so awkward right now, why would you want to go? Are you planning to be caught by Tangning and forced to kneel in front of her?” Han Jie asked as he glared at his brother.

“I won’t show my face in public. I’ll simply take a stroll around the premises. As you know, I haven’t stepped outside for a long time.”

“Didn’t you ask for it?” Han Jie humphed. But, he couldn’t hold up against Han Xiuche’s nagging in the end, “You can be my driver on the day. But, you can’t let anyone see you. Otherwise, we will become a laughing stock again!”

“OK,” Han Xiuche nodded.

“By the way, have you seen Tangning’s trailer for her new film?”

“Yes, I’ve seen it,” Han Xiuche replied. “But, according to the skills we have in China, it’s impossible to achieve the standards in her trailer. She must have hired help from Hollywood. She can fool others, but she can’t fool me!”

After hearing this, Han Jie was a little shocked. So, he tried to confirm what he heard, “What you’re saying is, Tangning got help from Hollywood, but she keeps insisting that the effects were all produced by a Chinese team?”

“You don’t believe me?”

Han Jie put on his tie as he replied, “Perhaps you’re right!”

If that was the case, they could reveal this information to the other films that were about to be released and manipulate them.

“I will find a way to get to the bottom of this. In the meantime, you need to guarantee that no one will recognize you at the film festival.”

“I swear!” Han Xiuche said as he raised his hand.

Han Jie couldn’t reject his brother, so he had no choice but to nod and agree.

However, what spectacular story would these hostile brothers create for Tangning at the film festival?

Meanwhile, Tangning’s post production team had no idea that their special effects were being doubted and that they were suspected of using the help of Hollywood. Were they being praised or offended?

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Before the Film Festival was to start, Hai Rui sped up their work on ‘The Ant Queen’s’ second trailer.

Compared to the previous trailer, this one included a lot more thrilling scenes. This time, Mo Ting’s motive was to help Tangning broaden her reach by cooperating with a variety of advertisers. That way, people from all walks of life would see the trailer and not just film fans.

Because of ‘The Ant Queen’s’ appearance, Tangning was once again a hot topic of discussion. Even though she was never truly forgotten, during the time that Tangning kept out of the limelight, a lot of newcomers had appeared on the scene. The entertainment industry was ever-flourishing, but it was hard to come by a second person that could come and go like Tangning.

“I’ve helped you prepare an outfit for the Film Festival, do you like it?” Long Jie had put in a lot of effort to order a dress all the way from France. She thought Tangning would at least take one glance at it, but Tangning had never been interested in the red carpet.

“Leave it there. I’ll try it on later.”

“The Film Festival is tomorrow. Hurry and try it on so we can fix it if there are any problems with the measurements.”

“Your appearance will definitely be a huge scene...” Long Jie dragged Tangning into the walk-in wardrobe. However, she would have never imagined that the dress she ordered was not one of a kind.

Of course, what was the most awkward thing amongst celebrities? Clashing outfits...