

Work Hard 341

Chapter 341: Keep Your Nose Out of My Business !

2:30pm. Yu Feng officially held his wedding at COMO hotel. On the grounds of the hotel was a luxurious palace-style gothic cathedral where all the guests were gathered.

At this time, Ling Ziyi was seated at the lower left of Tangning. Every now and then, she would glance over at Tangning with a sense of hatred and hostility. However, Tangning smiled the entire time under Mo Ting's protection.

After the wedding ceremony finished, it was time for the wedding reception.

At an event like this, it was the perfect opportunity for managers to find resources for their artists.

However, for superstars like Tangning and Huo Jingjing, they no longer needed to suck up to people in the same way.

Unfortunately, because of her absence from Fashion Week, Tangning became the talk of the modeling industry. Apart from discussions about the possibility that she was in 'Stupid', there were also discussions about how she managed to seduce the Big Boss of the entertainment industry.

It seemed, no matter where she went, she couldn't avoid being the target of gossip.

Inside the beautiful fountain-centered European-style ballroom, Mo Ting weaved through the guests with his arm around Tangning's waist. However, a little while later, Mo Ting pulled out his phone and leaned over to say, "I need to pick up an important phone call."

Tangning nodded her head. Dressed in a long white sleeveless gown, Tangning waited patiently by the doorway as she held onto her handbag. At this time, a couple in their early fifties led a roughly 70-year-old man into the room.

As soon as she saw the middle-aged woman, Tangning froze. It was Han Yufan's mother; the woman that had married a famous director.

Who would have thought they'd cross paths here...

Tangning looked over and nodded her head politely, but the receiving party did not seem accepting of this gesture.

Mother Han looked Tangning up and down before turning to her husband and sneering, "I've just spotted a disgusting person..."

"What's wrong?"

"That's the model that ruined my son's career and ended up rising to the top!" Mother Han pointed her chin towards Tangning, "The world sure is small when it comes to enemies!"

"Do you want me to get revenge for you?"

“Not right now. Let’s hold back for the sake of Yu Feng,” Mother Han scoffed, preventing her husband from making a move.

Actually, it was normal for Mother Han to despise Tangning. After all, Han Yufan’s current state was all because of Tangning.

Tangning also felt extremely uncomfortable. She hated the fact that she always seemed to see people that she didn’t want to see at events like this.

Seeing that Mo Ting wasn’t around, the black suit clad Lan Xi decided to approach Tangning. She grabbed two glasses of champagne from the passing waiter and handed one to Tangning, “Would you like a drink?”

“I didn’t think politeness still existed between us,” Tangning received the champagne but returned it to the waiter.

Lan Xi laughed at her own ridiculousness and shrugged her shoulders, “There’s one thing I really want to ask you. When did you and Mo Ting start dating?”

The twinkle in Tangning’s eyes were concealed beneath her dense eyelashes as she replied calmly, “It seems, you really want to become a joke.”

“In other people’s eyes, aren’t you also a joke?” Lan Xi smirked. “You must know, no matter how many blessings you receive from your fans, the people within the industry will still have their doubts about your relationship.”

Tangning listened but did not respond.

“You have Mo Ting protecting you right now... so, naturally, no one dares to do anything to you. But, cherish it while you can, because who’s to say, when you wake up tomorrow, you won’t be left with nothing.” After speaking, Lan Xi emptied the glass of champagne into her mouth and left.

Doubts about their relationship...

Hearing this, Tangning felt chills down her spine.

But, a moment later, she simply smiled. Regardless of whether they had their doubts or not, she was already Mo Ting’s wife.

Tangning lowered her head and regained her composure. As she lifted her head again, she saw Lu Che walking towards her, “The President needs to make a series of phone calls, so he asked me to introduce you to a few important business partners while you are waiting.”

“Do I have to?” Tangning did not like the vibe in the room. She was well aware that many of them looked at her with their judgmental eyes.

“Just relax!” Lu Che shrugged his shoulders and handed Tangning a glass of champagne, “Let’s go.”

From directors, to past clients, to successful professionals; Tangning met them all. Eventually, Lu Che led her over to Mother Han and smiled as he introduced her, “This is Mr. Zhang Qingping; honorary

president of the film association, a top national actor and director and a set judge for the Fei Tian Awards.”

It turned out, Lu Che wanted to introduce Tangning to the older man...

Mother Han and her husband sat on the two sides of the old man. As soon as they saw Tangning, their expressions turned sour.

Tangning ignored the couple. She simply raised her glass towards the old man, holding it with both hands, “Mr. Zhang, it is an honour to meet you. Could I please give you a toast?”

The old man glanced at Tangning without responding. After quite some time, he finally said, “As if a mere model has the right to drink with me...”

The old man’s words were loud and powerful, putting the ballroom into a stunned silence.

Everyone turned to look at the old man’s direction. After they noticed the scene that was playing out, they felt a little bit sympathetic towards Tangning.

Actually, his reaction was quite reasonable. Zhang Qingping was an older generation artist and Mother Han was his goddaughter. So, after he found out his godgrandson had been destroyed in the hands of Tangning, he of course wanted to get back at her.

Tangning’s glass remained frozen mid-air, creating an awkward atmosphere...

For quite some time, life had been quite relaxing for Tangning because of Mo Ting; it must have been quite some time since someone dared to be rude to her. Who would have thought, at a grand event like this, she would offend an important person like this.

Everyone waited to see if Tangning could still continue being arrogant.

And most importantly, they wanted to see how Mo Ting would react.

Tangning continued holding onto the glass in her hands, but she did not get upset nor angry. Just as she was about to pull her arms back, someone took the glass out of her hands and said to the old man, “Then, do I have the right?”

The old man looked up and realized the man that had appeared beside Tangning – was Mo Ting!

“She represents me. If she doesn’t have the right...then no one else present has the right to drink with you.”

The old man’s expression changed as he growled under his breath, “Mo Ting...I am still older than you...”

“Elder Zhang is at most a senior that bullies his juniors,” Mo Ting said straightforwardly.

“Must you speak to me like that because of a mere model?”

“Yes, she’s just a model, but she belongs to me and she represents me. If anyone is rude to her, they are being rude to me. Even if it’s you Elder Zhang, I will not let it off lightly.” After speaking, Mo Ting hooked his arm around Tangning’s waist. As they walked off, he added, “Since you are in film, you should focus on film.”

In other words...

...Mo Ting was telling him: "Keep your nose out of my business!"

"And keep your hands off my people!"

Chapter 342: Tangning Has Never Been Mediocre

"What happened?" Mo Ting asked quietly after he and Tangning reached a quiet spot.

Tangning gripped tightly to the corner of Mo Ting's shirt and replied with a complex look in her eyes, "It seems he wants to get revenge for Han Yufan. The wife of Director Zheng is Han Yufan's mother and the two of them seem to be on good terms with Elder Zhang."

Plus, with her status, being bullied at an event like this, was a common occurrence. After all, her career wasn't well established yet and she hadn't done anything particularly deserving of respect.

Mo Ting looked carefully into Tangning's eyes before he grabbed hold of her right hand and said, "Hold on tightly..."

Tangning looked down at their intertwined hands and finally felt a lot more relaxed.

After they returned to the ballroom, everyone looked at Tangning in a different light. Mo Ting had already protected Tangning in the open and behind-the-scenes for quite some time, but this was the first time he did it at such a big-scale event. Not too long ago, he had announced her relationship with him, this time, he had made everyone aware of her status.

Tangning watched as Mo Ting conversed with others; she watched as he dodged and avoided difficult questions that were thrown his way. She found herself tightening her grip on Mo Ting's hand.

In this icy cold industry; this industry driven by profits; there was still a man willing to hold onto her hand through all the darkness. Above all, he sheltered her from the storm and guided her in the right direction. Tangning felt, in this lifetime, even if she had to give up her life for Mo Ting, she would do it without regrets.

Feeling his hand had almost lost circulation from Tangning's tight grip, Mo Ting lowered his head and looked at their hands. He then whispered into Tangning's ear, "How tight are you holding my hand?"

At this moment, the couple were standing right beside the fountain, in the most noticeable spot.

Tangning leaned against Mo Ting's shoulder and replied with a raspy voice, "I'm afraid you'd let go..."

Everyone was gossiping about her with mixed opinions, but this man remained as the only person she could rely on.

Mo Ting turned his body so he could be face-to-face with Tangning. In front of everyone, he grabbed onto her hands, "I suddenly have the urge to kiss you." Mo Ting didn't just say it – he immediately pulled her towards him and put his words into action...

Everyone gasped. Never would anyone have imagined, these two would be so affectionate even at someone else's wedding.

"Oh God...look, look, they're kissing!"

"They can't even control themselves at a place like this. It must be true love, right?"

"Although I don't want to admit it, it seems our almighty President Mo has indeed been won over by this model. I don't know how to feel about it, but let's have a few more drinks to lighten the mood."

Mo Ting's intention was simple: he wanted those that were envious of Tangning to feel even more envious and he wanted to give a slap to the face to those that thought their relationship was just for show!

Afterwards, the newlywed couple approached Mo Ting and Tangning with a warm smile.

Yu Feng wrapped his arm around his bride and said to the couple, "President Mo, this is our wedding. Leave us a bit of the spotlight..."

"Feng Ge, I am so sorry," Tangning grabbed a glass of champagne, ready to offer her apologies with a drink. But, Yu Feng simply chuckled.

"I've been in Hai Rui for many years, but I've never seen President Mo protect someone to this extent. The world is filled with turmoil, you should familiarize yourself with it. Events like this are aplenty...I suppose you don't want the President to become completely exhausted."

"Understood," Tangning nodded her head.

"Making yourself more powerful is something you've always been good at doing."

After speaking, the four people clinked glasses. It seemed, the Mo Ting today wasn't the President of Hai Rui, he was simply family.

"Congratulations on your wedding!"

"Thank you, President Mo."

Not too far away, Lan Xi glared at Mo Ting and Tangning's intertwined hands. She couldn't help but empty the contents of her champagne glass down her throat. Just like Tangning had said, she was indeed a joke. Especially since, when Tangning was still in Cheng Tian, she had once told her that she wanted to have her way with Mo Ting. Back then, she even thought Tangning's boyfriend wasn't anyone great...

Actually, the words she had said to Tangning earlier, was merely because she wasn't willing to accept the facts that were clearly in front of her...

Outside the ballroom, the rain continued to pour with no signs of stopping. After the wedding reception finished, the guests were supposed to return to their own respective hotel rooms, but...even in the fierce weather, reporters guarded the exit with their umbrellas.

Seeing the reporters' faces reddened from the harsh weather, many of the celebrities stopped to accept interviews.

This included Lan Xi and Ling Ziyi. After all, they could also do with some publicity.

But, of course, Mo Ting and Tangning were the main targets for the reporters.

“President Lan, the former Cheng Tian model, Tangning, was also present at the wedding today. How did it feel to see her again?”

“I gave my blessings to her” Lan Xi gave a standard response.

“Do you think Ling Ziyi will ever get to the same level as Tangning?”

“She is unique. To me, she has her own charm...”

Meanwhile, not too far away, Tangning was being asked similar questions.

“Miss Tang, was it awkward to see your former boss?”

“Miss Tang, rumor has it, you have been absent from Fashion Week because you are partaking in a film, is this true? Have you decided to change career paths and pursue acting instead?”

She had already expected them to ask this question. So, Tangning immediately turned to the man beside her; he had said earlier on that he’d handle questions like this.

Mo Ting wrapped his arm around Tangning’s waist and replied, “I think her singing is even better.”

Of course, his answer played Tai Chi around the question.

Their question was related to acting and the runway, yet his answer was about singing...

Tangning suddenly had the urge to laugh.

“President Mo, Tangning has been endlessly compared to newcomers recently. Do you mind that she is being compared?”

“Do you have an example?”

“The recently famous Ling Ziyi is a good example...”

“Who’s that?” Mo Ting asked straightforwardly.

People got famous every day, who were they speaking of?

The reporters understood what Mo Ting meant: Ling Ziyi was like an insignificant cloud in the sky...

“In that case, can we ask something a little more personal? When are you guys planning to get married?”

While they were ambiguous, the reporters kept asking when they’d reveal their relationship. Now that they had revealed their relationship, their questions had changed to when they’d get married...

In response to this question, Mo Ting simply revealed an unpredictable smile. Reporters knew they had reached his limit, so they didn’t ask any further. They quickly moved aside and cleared a path for the couple to leave. Under the rainy night sky, the image of the couple leaving together under an umbrella was captured by their cameras. Obviously, this wedding was like a rehearsal for the couple.

Back over on Ling Ziyi's side, she had just heard Mo Ting's response. This was when she realized, she had never held any importance to Tangning and Mo Ting. Even though she took the resources originally allocated for Tangning, she was simply picking up what Tangning didn't want...

"Lan Jie, from now on, don't let the media mention Tangning and I in the same breath, I don't want to bring disgrace upon myself." Previously, Ling Ziyi had been proud of the fact that she had taken Tangning's resources. But...she suddenly realized she was a nobody.

Lan Xi watched the couple leave and nodded her head in agreement, "They are at a level that we can't reach..."

"Tangning has never been mediocre."

"Perhaps she still has something up her sleeve to surprise us with...I'm just going to sit back in anticipation!"

Chapter 343: A Good Personality Doesn't Guarantee Good Acting

After Yu Feng's wedding, Tangning and Mo Ting appeared on the headlines of many entertainment news sources. Their popularity was something many artists could only look up to. However, after that small interlude, Tangning retreated from the spotlight and returned to filming.

At this time, the ranking results for the 'Asian Model with the Highest Public Confidence' was released. Tangning was ranked number one in Asia with double the votes compared to the model in second place.

A big picture of her was published on an international news source. As everyone looked questioningly at the popular model, they realized they had not seen her face at the Autumn/Winter Fashion Week!

"If Tangning has actually gone into filming, she is seriously brave for giving up on everything she currently has."

"Actually, an artist's value shouldn't be limited to the current form in which they exist. I think Tangning understands her standpoint very clearly, so she is willing to challenge herself."

"Although I like her. If she is to act...I still would not watch it."

"Exactly, a good personality doesn't guarantee good acting."

Tangning was undoubtedly unpredictable. She had been on and off in the industry for 9 years, but it merely took her 4 months to return to the pinnacle of the modeling world. Just as she was about to become an international supermodel, she suddenly took a sharp detour and made a surprising sacrifice

The path she took...

...was extremely fascinating to observers.

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Meanwhile, on set, Tangning's filming had long surpassed the halfway mark. After a grueling night of filming, Mo Ting's car arrived outside the studio.

Tangning had a look at the time. Without removing her makeup, she headed straight for the car, "It's almost dawn, why are you here?"

"Taking you to celebrate," Mo Ting said as he held onto the steering wheel and gestured for her to quickly get changed.

"Celebrate?" Tangning looked at Mo Ting confusedly. It wasn't her birthday, nor was it Mo Ting's birthday. So, what were they celebrating?

Mo Ting smiled without a word. After she got changed, he started the car and pulled away from the studio.

"At this time of night, all the restaurants have already closed."

Mo Ting didn't say anything. He simply drove her straight home.

Just before she walked in through the front door, Tangning was a little nervous. She was afraid that this man had planned something over-the-top. However, after the door opened, all she saw was a candlelit dinner in the living room. She relaxed and smiled, "You scared me."

"I have a present for you," Mo Ting held her hand as he led her to a seat at the table. He then placed a white box into her hands.

Tangning removed the decorative ribbon and opened the thoughtfully prepared box. Inside, she found...the fully published book for 'Stupid'.

"You've already finished it?" Tangning excitedly removed the book from the box and quickly tore away the packaging.

"It's a wedding gift," Mo Ting replied in seriousness. "The first copy in the entire world is in your hands..."

"When will it be on sale?"

"Have a look below..." Mo Ting instructed.

Tangning froze as she held back her excitement. She turned back to the box and noticed, right in the middle, there was a key, "What is this?"

"Didn't you notice it?" Mo Ting subconsciously looked around the room...

Tangning followed his gaze and finally noticed there were changes in their home. It seemed, everything in the house was suddenly in pairs. In fact, everything was custom made, including furniture and utensils, so that they all had the couple's names engraved on them.

Tangning stood up from her seat and headed for the bedroom. She then used the key in her hand to open the door. The originally Spanish palace style room, was now filled with a red and white newlywed vibe. And just like the rest of the house, everything in the bedroom was in pairs with their names engraved on them.

"Since we are about to announce our marriage...our home should have a newlywed vibe..." Mo Ting said as he crept up behind Tangning and wrapped his arms around her. "From now on, every August 19th,

we will decorate our home like newlyweds. Every August 19th, we can pretend that we just got married.”

Tangning held back her tears as she said in a choked up voice, “How long did it take you to do all this?”

“From the moment that you suggested we announce our marriage...” Mo Ting released her from his embrace and walked around to face her. He wiped the tears from her face and continued, “How could ‘Stupid’ be enough as a present? That was simply something I wanted to share with you. This was the true surprise...”

“Although we had a flash marriage...I want you to experience being doted on, the way that other brides do.”

Tangning clung to Mo Ting’s neck and suddenly broke down in tears...

“Don’t be so good to me.”

Mo Ting carried her in his arms and placed her on the big red bed. He then said to her gently, “You were even willing to give up your career for me, how could I let you receive the short end of the stick?”

“If you continue to be this good to me, all I can do in return is give you my life,” Tangning mumbled.

Mo Ting pressed Tangning beneath his body and asked in a deep husky voice, “Are you still in the safe period?”

“Yes...” Tangning replied as she bit her lower lip.

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The next morning. Mo Ting had just finished a video conference and was heading back to his office. At this time, he saw Lu Che rushing over with some information in his hands. He immediately handed them to Mo Ting, “This is an online drama that has just been proposed by Bluestone Studios in collaboration with Wind Studios. The drama is called ‘Stardom’. From a secret source, I managed to get a copy of their synopsis. It is 70% similar to ‘Stupid’.”

“Not only this, in order to cater to the audience, not only did they decide to release the episodes as they film them, they also added an extra love line for the male lead. It has vaguely turned into a drama about homosexuality...they obviously did this to earn some quick money.”

“Are they trying to find a loophole?” Mo Ting asked calmly as he looked at the information.

“It seems like it!” Lu Che nodded. China had become a lot more liberal towards what could and couldn’t be filmed, so there wasn’t anything wrong with the story they wanted to tell. The true loophole they wanted to find, was one to avoid Hai Rui.

“When will the online drama be released?”

“It is proposed for early next month!” Lu Che replied.

Mo Ting threw the information aside; he wasn’t going to waste too much energy on an issue like this, “From tomorrow onwards, I don’t want to see the word ‘Stardom’ again!”

In a world driven by profits, there were times when one should not show too much mercy.

“Understood, President!” Lu Che replied in a respectful manner.

Sometimes, for a film to be born, things weren’t always smooth sailing.

Not long after, Tangning found out through Coque that ‘Stupid’ had been plagiarized. But, with Hai Rui’s methods, the word ‘Stardom’ quickly disappeared without a trace.

However, just because they prevented it this time, what about the next time? This was all a result of the mess that Yue Shanshan had left behind!

“Hey, Tangning! Has ‘Stupid’ released a book?” a member of the production team saw the book in Tangning’s hands and decided to ask her out of curiosity.

Tangning nodded her head, “Do you want to have a look?”

“No need. Just tell me where I can get my hands on one...”

“Xiao Yu, do you think you can find an online personality that is really good at writing for me?” Tangning suddenly asked.

Although she already got her hands on a copy of the book, ‘Stupid’ would not be officially on market for at least another 2 weeks. In order to prevent another issue from arising, Tangning came up with an idea!

Chapter 344: Can’t She Just Focus on the Runway ?

That night, Tangning gave Mo Ting a phone call. She wanted to share her idea with her husband, “At the moment, ‘Stupid’ is still being filmed. Although my parts are almost done, Sheng Ge still has a long way to go. On top of that, there are still 2 weeks left before your book goes on sale. In order to prevent other issues from occurring, let’s start accepting preorders!”

“Let’s get the main media sources to share some previews of the story and put the book on preorder. Money is not the main motive, the main motive is for everyone to know that ‘Stupid’ has a copyright and no one should dream of messing with it...”

“I agree, that’s a good idea,” Mo Ting smiled as he nodded his head. “Ning...even though I spoil you, you have not forgotten how to think for yourself.”

“I simply don’t want you to be stressed, time and time again, over issues like this.”

“Focus on your filming. I will get Lu Che to make arrangements. Tonight, I will come visit you on set and take advantage of the opportunity to help you warm your bed,” Mo Ting’s mood lightened as he teased.

Even though they had been married for quite some time, Tangning couldn’t help but blush when being teased.

After their chat, Mo Ting put down his phone. At this time, Lu Che smiled, “The Madam is smart, but I’ve already started doing what you told me to do.”

“Don’t tell Tangning,” Mo Ting lifted his head and looked at Lu Che with a threatening glare.

Lu Che lifted both hands, pretending to surrender, "I wouldn't dare."

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"I heard 'Stupid' is releasing a book. Have you guys heard?"

"Of course we heard about it. Sheng Ge has even posted photos of it online!"

"But, I still don't know where we can buy one."

Since Hai Rui wanted to create a stir, it was only natural for discussions to be initiated by the main lead. Lin Sheng was the first to get conversations going; he perfectly displayed what it meant to 'receive a hundred responses with one call' ¹ as fans quickly spread the word. Not long after, came the recommendations from online personalities, followed by the interest of novel fanatics...

After word had spread, Hai Rui's subsidiary publishing company officially announced that the book for 'Stupid' would be on sale from mid-March. They also announced that the book was currently accepting preorders and the official website would be sharing regular previews from the story...

"I really must worship the author of 'Stupid'; the story starts off jumping straight into the first time our protagonist gets abandoned. It's so captivating! His father sure is ruthless. I can't wait for the day that he regrets what he did!"

"It's so frustrating to have read the previews. I originally clicked in to see what it's all about, who would have thought I'd be completely drawn in straight away. This is such a slap to the face!"

"Can anyone tell me who the author of 'Stupid' is?"

"Right now, I really can't wait to see Sheng Ge play the role of the protagonist. Oh! Seeing him turn the situation around and getting revenge is definitely going to be entertaining!"

"I really want to know if the female lead will be played by Tangning..."

Thanks to Hai Rui's plan, 'Stupid' experienced a strong momentum. Film fanatics opened up to the world of novels and novel fanatics opened up to the word of film.

Actually, not only were the public curious about who the author of 'Stupid' was, even Lin Sheng couldn't help but question Tangning, "You said from the start that you came here because of the screenwriter, so does that mean you know who it is?"

"Yes, but it's a secret!" Tangning smiled as she raised the only copy of 'Stupid'.

"Can I have a look through that later tonight?" Lin Sheng stretched out his hand for the book, but Tangning refused.

"No Sheng Ge...you will need to follow the updates on the official website. This book is not for lending."

"Since we can't have a look at it, then stop flashing it around in front of us..." Lin Sheng glared at her, "What a tease!"

Tangning giggled. Deep down she was also happy that their problematic issue had been resolved.

However, the popularity of 'Stupid' wasn't completely a good thing. There were also a few drawbacks. For example...

...the public's curiosity towards the female lead had gotten to a point where they'd do crazy things just to find out. This included trying to capture photos in secret!

Although the crew of 'Stupid' were extremely secretive, the powerful fans still managed to locate their filming location. They even tried multiple times to climb over the surrounding walls to get inside.

In response to this, Mo Ting adjusted the filming schedule with Coque and instructed him to focus on completing Tangning's parts first. She didn't have much left to film and most of the scenes took part indoors.

Even though the fans had no luck getting into the studio, they still had the option of showing up at the hotel allocated by the production crew and investigating Tangning's room number...

It just so happened, the daughter of the hotel's owner was also one of these nosy people. So, she secretly found out Tangning's room number and illegally went inside!

[Explosive News! Female Lead of 'Stupid' Revealed. It's Really Her!]

[Insider Reveals Details of Tangning's Hotel Room – Confirming Rumors That She is Currently Filming]

[Model Changes Career Path and Displays Horrible Acting!]

After seeing rumors spread rapidly overnight, Mo Ting arranged for the crew to be extra cautious.

"F*ck! I never thought Tangning would be so brave."

"I never imagined she'd actually go film 'Stupid'. Can't she just focus on the runway?"

"She probably thinks she's invincible because of her relationship with Mo Ting."

Seeing the public's harsh speculation, Long Jie angrily turned off her phone. She then glanced at Tangning and noticed she was sitting patiently in her chair waiting to film her part like nothing had happened.

"It's OK, everyone's first time at filming is like this."

"I think you're the one that's not OK," Tangning chuckled. "I prepared myself for this a long time ago. No matter how harsh their words are, as long as I know what I'm doing, that's all that matters."

"With your acting abilities...once the film is released, all those that are currently defaming you will need to seal their mouths shut."

"Since you understand this, why are you still angry?" Tangning confiscated Long Jie's phone, "Don't look at the discussions online anymore. You are affecting my mood."

"Tangning..."

"Right now, all I need to do is endure. The more they doubt me, the harder I will work to prove that they are wrong!" After speaking, Tangning heard the Director call her name; it was time to film her next part.

In reality, no matter how much the public insulted her, it didn't matter; she was already used to it. But...
...she didn't know why, seeing people insult 'Stupid', the screenwriter and/or even the author, it was something she couldn't tolerate. As a result, her filming this time was filled with mistakes...

"Tangning, what's wrong with you today? You don't seem to be in the right mental state," Coque asked as he stood up from behind the camera, "Are you not feeling well?"

"No, I'm fine Director, let's continue..."

However, after a series of takes, Tangning still could not get into character...

At this time, two reporters were hiding amongst the props taking photos. One of them scoffed to the other, "With this level of acting, even I could do better than her. I really can't understand why, out of all the actresses in Hai Rui, they insisted on choosing her."

"That's because she has a boyfriend and you don't. Regardless, who cares how many mistakes she makes, as long as we have something to write about, that's all that matters."

A little while later, Mo Ting arrived on scene. Seeing Tangning continuously making mistakes, he was a little surprised. So, he walked up to her and pulled her aside, "What's wrong?"

Chapter 345: Do You Want Me to Step Out and Clarify Everything ?

"They can insult me all they want...I simply don't understand why they are implicating you," Tangning's voice sounded a little upset.

As soon as Mo Ting heard this, he couldn't help but chuckle, "That's because you and I are one entity. Are you making mistakes because of this? This isn't like you...this isn't the Tangning that was versatile on the runway and filled with confidence during her rehearsal."

"I don't like it when people insult and defame you – I can't stand it at all."

Mo Ting ran his fingers through Tangning's hair and gently placed a kiss on her forehead, "Since I've been scolded so many times because of you, how are you going to make up for it? Huh?"

Tangning took a deep breath. She felt it was probably because her love for Mo Ting had gotten stronger and stronger that she had gradually changed. For example, after marrying Mo Ting, every time she felt a spike in emotions, it was always because of him; whether it be the time when he was sick and wouldn't take medicine or the time he had a migraine but wouldn't get it checked out...

It turned out...loving a person could reach this extent.

"Let me compose myself," Tangning closed her eyes and took a few deep breaths. After her emotions settled she pulled away from Mo Ting's embrace and returned on set to continue filming.

"Scene 163, Act 1. Action!" a production staff clapped the clapperboard.

In this scene, the female lead was 7 months into her pregnancy, but like a junkie, she continued to smoke and drink alcohol. This was a likely reason why her child was to be born with a slower intellect

than others. At this point in the film, she suddenly showed signs of a premature birth. Holding in her pain, she continued to smoke as she gave her assistant a phone call.

Not long after...there was a knock on the door.

Tangning stood up from the sofa, but her head started spinning and she ended up falling back down...

When acting as a pregnant lady, many actresses forgot small details like this. Many even strode around swiftly on their feet, but Tangning was different...

...her acting made the scene feel real. She made them believe that this was how a pregnant lady should be and that she was truly pregnant.

Because of the female lead's popularity, she needed to keep herself hidden at all the times. She even kept things a secret from some of Beijing's wealthiest businessmen.

There were many times when she was almost revealed and barely made it through...

"The man that had a one night stand with you is a member of the national swimming team..."

As soon as the female lead heard this, she froze. After chewing a few times on the cigarette in her mouth, she finally spat it out and extinguished it, "Not bad, my child won't starve."

"I can't believe you actually care about your child when you are obviously the one that's trying to poison it!" her assistant swept away the layer of smoke in front of her. At this time, the female lead suddenly made a shocking decision, "I want to give birth at home."

Her assistant stood in stunned silence...

"OK! Pass!"

It was worth noting that the character Tangning was playing, could easily be portrayed incorrectly as a crazy woman. However, Tangning focused on a lot of the finer details, convincing everyone that her every move was reasonable and making the character impossible to hate...

The two hidden reporters also saw Tangning successfully pass her scene.

They couldn't conclude whether the Tangning that was full of mistakes not too long ago was the same person as the powerfully skilled actor they saw at this moment...

They even looked at each other questioningly as one of them asked, "Are we still defaming Tangning? Why do I feel that her acting isn't too bad? She's practically brought a pregnant lady to life."

"How would I know?" the other reporter replied. "Plus, even though her acting is fine here, it doesn't mean this is her usual acting quality. Her mistakes earlier are a good example."

"In that case, did you record the part just now?"

"No I didn't. I thought you recorded it."

"I didn't either!"

The two reporters looked at each other. In the end, they came to the same conclusion, "In that case, we have no choice but to defame Tangning..."

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That day, the rumor of Tangning acting was finally confirmed. It naturally created quite a stir in both the modeling and acting world.

Those working in fashion expected to watch a good show. Instead of focusing on being model, Tangning actually jumped over into film and decided to start all over again! So, naturally, they didn't believe the acting industry was one that she could enter just because she wanted to.

In modeling, one could rely on resources and background to get a quick walk on the runway. But, when it came to acting, one's abilities would be exposed right from the start...

The audience would not overlook bad acting just because the actor's clothing looked good.

"Must Hai Rui self-destruct in this way? If they insist on using Tangning, I won't watch it!"

"They are practically ruining a good script."

At this time, a few other films held press releases. They were all huge productions with good storylines, famous directors, and top-notch actors. This created quite an impact on 'Stupid' and posed a huge threat.

An expert box office speculator concluded, in comparison to the other announced films, the originally highly anticipated 'Stupid' was no longer held in high esteem by industry professionals because Tangning had been revealed as the female lead.

Instead, the latter announced 'Armor', became the leading competitor for the Fei Tian Awards and box office sales were expected to exceed one billion.

Meanwhile, 'The Apocalypse Thief' was the newest creation from a comedy genius screenwriter. Although it wasn't as creative as the other two films, it couldn't be denied that it had the possibility of being a dark horse.

Apart from that, there was also a romantic drama that was announced. Even though 'Stupid' had a famous director and the participation of top actor, Lin Sheng, it still ended up being overtaken because of the inclusion of Tangning!

Lin Sheng's fans expressed their disappointment, telling Mo Ting that if he wanted to play with fire and kill himself, he shouldn't drag Lin Sheng down with him!

He actually dared to use Tangning! This wasn't simply playing with ticket sales, it was practically playing with Lin Sheng's life!

"I strongly advise Hai Rui to change female lead again. Otherwise, I'd rather they not release 'Stupid' at all. What a waste of our Sheng Sheng's skills!"

"Exactly! It started off so well and all their promotional material was so captivating. Why did they have to change the female lead to Tangning? I really can't understand!"

“Replace Tangning!”

“Replace the female lead!”

“If Hai Rui insists on going ahead, us ‘Lin Fans’ will unite to prevent ‘Stupid’ from being released.”

After seeing the drama that was happening on the outside, the production crew looked at Tangning comfortingly, “It’s OK Tangning, you aren’t anything like they say you are. Your filming is almost complete, so don’t let their words affect you.”

“That’s right! Your acting ability and professionalism are both things that we witnessed with our own eyes. We will support you all the way!”

The production crew tried their best to comfort Tangning. Even Lin Sheng approached her during filming and asked, “Do you want me to step out and clarify everything?”

“No need. Once the film is released, the truth will be revealed...plus...”

“Plus, there is no way President Mo will sit idly by,” Lin Sheng continued her sentence. “But, there are some things that should be clarified as early as possible. Otherwise, you might miss out on the opportunity.”

“I understand...” Tangning nodded her head.

“If you need me for anything, just let me know...Since you have been exposed to the public now, President Mo will probably get you to appear in front of everyone at the next event. Of course, I’m hoping you can create a miracle out of the situation. But, since neither modeling nor acting can stand in your way, I’m sure a few skeptics wouldn’t faze you.”

While no one noticed, Mo Ting quietly approached Tangning from behind and overheard their conversation.

“That’s right...next time we have an interview, you will need to attend.”

Chapter 346: This Time, Their Attacks are Directed Straight for the Madam

“Don’t be afraid, we will be by your side to help you,” Lin Sheng comforted in a gentle voice.

Tangning turned her head around and looked at Mo Ting. She noticed the corners of his lips were curved upwards with an obvious smile, but she still felt uneasy, “I’ve caused ‘Stupid’ to hit rock bottom. Aren’t you guys worried at all?”

“What is there to worry about?” Mo Ting asked back.

“When it comes to being a model, I have everything within the palm of my hands. I know exactly what to do to save my image and push myself forward. But, when it comes to being an actress...it is completely foreign to me.”

“With your acting and President Mo’s PR capabilities, there will definitely be a day when the Fei Tian Best Actress Award will be yours,” Lin Sheng did not hold back his praise at all.

Because he felt, within this industry, there were too many people that had talent without diligence or diligence without talent. Whereas, people like Tangning, with both talent and diligence, was hard to come by.

"I simply want to do my best with 'Stupid'. Regarding everything else, I don't want to think too far ahead..." Tangning expressed her thoughts.

"You don't need to think too far ahead. The man behind you will have the path planned out for you."

Unfortunately, people had their opinions and it wasn't long before they started labeling her: 'Zero Acting Ability'!

Seeing these three words, Tangning was reminded of Mo Yurou during the Oriental Trend. She had previously caused Mo Yurou to be called 'Zero Mentions'.

Who would have thought, her turn to be called 'Zero Acting Ability' would come around so quickly?

'Zero Acting Ability'...

The fans continued to be in an uproar for quite some time. They even gathered a small group of people to boycott the film. However, the entire production crew knew, Tangning didn't have zero acting ability as rumored. In fact, her acting was shockingly impressive.

"Hmmpf, once the film is released, these people will know how it feels to have a sore face!"

"But, if they continue to boycott it, who's going to go watch the film?"

"Hopefully Hai Rui will resolve this issue soon and not allow such a great film to be disregarded..."

Whilst all this was going on, a director decided to post up his opinion on social media. He complained that there were many hardworking and professional actors who watched their youth pass them by, simply because they couldn't grasp onto good resources. Meanwhile, there were people who could not act that occupied the best positions; dragging down the entire industry...

He was obviously hinting that Tangning was one of these people that could not act...

...as well as, one of the people that were dragging down the entire industry.

"If this director was to appear in front of me, I would throw him a slap across the face. He's never even seen you act before, how could he make a judgment so quickly?" Long Jie was overflowing with anger. Even when she was being forced to kneel in front of Qin Lu, she did not feel as wronged as she did now.

"He has the right to express his opinion," Tangning replied in a completely unfazed manner.

"But, his opinion is too harsh..."

"The harshness of his words now will be equivalent to the redness of his face in the future."

In reality, the progression of the incident had already exceeded everyone's expectations. The famous director ended up teaming up with a few other directors to boycott unprofessional actors, placing a label on all actors that hindered the development of the industry, like Tangning.

As examples, they even pointed out a few films that were well-made but ended up being destroyed in the hands of their actors. 'Stupid' was included in the mix.

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"President, someone is behind the entire director boycott," Lu Che handed the information he had found to Mo Ting, "Previously, Hai Rui used powerful methods to destroy 'Stardom' before it was even born. But, who would have thought, the producer of 'Stardom' was a rich heir. He happened to come across the script and decided to play around with it. So, he was extremely angered when he found out what Hai Rui had done."

"The directors that started the boycott were his parents...I must say, the two elders have quite a broad range of contacts!"

"This time, their attacks are directed straight for the madam."

"The heads of the film association have attached importance to this issue and official media sources have issued a statement saying that all actors should receive the treatment and respect that they deserve."

In other words, they were telling everyone that those that should be replaced will be replaced, otherwise, it will be difficult for them to pass the film review stage.

"Tangning has almost completed her scenes for 'Stupid' and I have already lined up her next audition," Mo Ting's eyes scanned through the script of 'Gunshot' that was sitting in his hands. "Create a stage name for Tangning and put through an audition application."

"Isn't 'Gunshot' directed by the opinionated director?"

"Yes, I want him to witness Tangning's acting. I want him to see it clearly for himself," Mo Ting's eyes lit up with a fiery flame.

"What if the Madam passes the auditions?"

Mo Ting stood up from his office chair and walked over to the floor-to-ceiling window, "This is merely a method to prove my wife's capabilities. To be honest...his film is not one that interests me at all. It's best if he doesn't change his mind and come begging at my doorstep."

"I'll make arrangements immediately!"

A slight sense of excitement appeared in Lu Che's eyes.

Mo Ting was indeed Mo Ting – black-bellied as ever. Since the director had never seen Tangning act...they were going to let Tangning audition in front of him; they were going to let him witness with his own eyes whether Tangning could act or not. This was perhaps the best way to throw a slap across someone's face.

So many pairs of eyes and so many judges would be present. As long as Tangning received acknowledgement, the slap would land solidly on the director's face.

Not only this, the rumors that Tangning had zero acting ability would be abolished without them having to lift a finger.

That evening, Lu Che sent the script of 'Gunshot' to Tangning and explained Mo Ting's idea to her, "Madam, there is a female shooter in the film. If you are willing, the president can arrange for you to have shooting lessons."

He was indeed the King of Black Bellies – he completely understood her interests.

"OK," Tangning nodded her head. Cool fighting characters were indeed where her interests lied.

"What about the fighting scenes?"

"Ahem...the President said he could teach you personally," Lu Che rubbed the back of his neck awkwardly. He then said softly to Tangning, "Actually, the President's fighting skills are pretty impressive. I've seen it before. His skills are at the academy level!"

Tangning lowered her head and smiled, "I never doubted his skills."

"In that case Madam, can you select a stage name?"

"Yizhen (Truth), Tang Yizhen. What's true is false, what's false is true..." Tangning casually settled on a name. In reality, she was well aware that Mo Ting merely wanted her to prove her acting ability to everyone; he didn't actually want her to partake in 'Gunshot'. Even so, Tangning still looked through the script in complete seriousness.

Not only this, Tangning couldn't wait to see Mo Ting teach her how to fight...

Her biggest aim, however, was to throw a satisfying slap across the director's face. If not, 'Stupid' would continue to remain in its ditch.

This was an important opportunity she had to grasp onto.

After all, she also wanted to present Mo Ting with a substantial wedding present!

"OK, I'll go arrange your application and audition. Prepare well, you only have a few days, it's quite rushed."

Chapter 347: I Want You

After deciding to audition for 'Gunshot', Tangning trained in shooting and fighting during her time off. But, because their time was limited, Mo Ting and her shooting instructor both selected a few key moves that would be of most benefit to her.

Originally, the shooting instructor was worried Tangning wouldn't be able to handle the harsh regime. But, after meeting Tangning, he realized this 26-year-old model had a certain power and tenacity to her.

So, while waiting on set for her parts, Tangning would practice putting together a gun and mastering her shooting technique. And after returning to the hotel, she would practice basic fighting moves with Mo Ting in the gym.

Luckily, due to her previous training, Tangning was flexible and nimble. If another model was in her position, they may have cried out in pain from all the training.

Mo Ting can actually fight!

Tangning had never seen Mo Ting fight. She always felt that a serious person like Mo Ting would not be interested in something so aggressive. But, how did the Big Boss respond?

“I was also young once...”

As she watched Mo Ting’s powerful kicks and punches, Tangning felt her heart flutter. He was much too attractive; so attractive that her heart rate continued to increase.

Although observing Mo Ting’s attractiveness was important, Tangning placed 100% focus on practicing her moves to perfection.

Over the next two days, fans continued to argue without resolve. But, Hai Rui still did not give a response.

In particular, Lin Sheng’s fans continued to act like their idol had been ruined by Hai Rui. They even requested for Lin Sheng’s agency to cancel Lin Sheng’s contract with Hai Rui.

“Sheng Sheng’s already been negatively implicated. Could Hai Rui please let him go!”

“I don’t care so much whether he stays, but if our Sheng’s film is dragged down by Tangning, I promise I will be her anti-fan for the rest of my life.”

“Since it’s already been filmed, there’s no point saying anything now. All I can say is, I feel slightly disappointed in Hai Rui.”

“Hmmp, Tangning sure has a strong backing. Even though she’s implicated the entire production crew, she still has the audacity to turn up on set. I must bow down to the thickness of her skin.”

Apart from people that were aware of Tangning’s acting ability, no one else was willing to believe in her. Of course, as a newcomer to the industry, Tangning never dreamed she’d receive their understanding.

That night at home, Mo Ting held Tangning in his arms as he said, “Tomorrow, I’ll escort you to the audition.”

“No need. Since it is meant to be a secret, if you turn up, our intention would fail,” Tangning replied.

“Don’t worry, I know what to do. I will definitely prove myself to everyone.”

“It’s almost time for us to announce our marriage...yet you are still working so hard.”

Tangning ran her fingers over Mo Ting’s neck and buried herself peacefully and dependently into Mo Ting’s arms. She then said in a satisfied tone, “But, I’ve never felt tired...when it comes to being tired, you are definitely more tired than I am.”

“Fine, it’s time to sleep. You need to get up early tomorrow.”

Tangning reached out her hand to hold back Mo Ting as she gave a gentle smile, “But, President Mo...I want you.”

Mo Ting was stunned as he looked down at Tangning and asked, "What did you just say?"

"I said I want you," Tangning repeated straightforwardly. "Didn't you know that your every move at the gym was much too seductive?"

"If it wasn't to seduce you, did you think I'd be so serious?" Mo Ting flipped himself on top of Tangning as he spoke in a deep and charming voice.

Tangning hugged his waist underneath the bed covers and pressed her body against Mo Ting's, "You've succeeded..."

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"The production 'Gunshot' is about to hold their auditions!"

News about the auditions for 'Gunshot' was bound to get out sooner or later. As for the director for 'Gunshot', it was none other than the man that posted his opinion about Tangning online, Director Zhang.

When the time came, over 100 candidates showed up at the auditions. This meant, the chance to become the female lead was one in a hundred.

Amongst the judges at the auditions, apart from Director Zhang, there were also 7-8 famous artists, actors and investors. The lineup was quite powerful.

At this time, Tangning appeared as Tang Yizhen to participate in the auditions. Her appearance number was 33.

In other words, she was relatively close to the middle!

In order not to be recognized, Tangning specifically wore a wig as she left home and chose baggy clothes to cover up her legs. As expected, because everyone was nervous about the auditions, no one noticed who she was. However, Tangning noticed amongst the candidates were a few currently popular actresses.

In reality, Tangning knew the judges for the audition may not necessarily test the candidates on scenes from 'Gunshot', so she felt those that were holding onto the script endlessly reciting it, were quite pitiful.

Sometimes, acting also depended on instincts.

As she watched one person after another enter the audition room, Tangning remained relatively calm. On the other hand, the people around her were extremely nervous. A few of them even went to the bathroom multiple times anxiously.

"Hello?"

Tangning lifted her head to look at the person that had patted her on the shoulder. She was a little surprised but did not say a word.

The girl that faced her was in her early twenties and dressed in a police uniform. From the looks of it, she was also here for the auditions, "What number are you?"

“Number 33,” Tangning replied.

“I don’t see a script in your hands, nor do you appear to be nervous. Are you here to accompany a friend?” the girl sat down beside Tangning questioningly.

“Perhaps,” Tangning did not want to converse with the girl for too long so she brushed her off with a brief reply. Only later would she find out that this girl dressed in police uniform would end up going against her multiple times on her future acting path.

“Yidan, it’s your turn.”

Yidan’s manager yelled in their direction.

Yidan stood up from her seat and said to Tangning, “You’re actually here for the auditions aren’t you...Tangning?”

Being exposed like this, Tangning did not panic at all. At the same time, Yidan did not appear to have the intention to reveal her identity to everyone. As their eyes met, Tangning suddenly felt this young girl was quite interesting.

Afterwards, Zhang Yidan entered the audition room and faced the judges confidently.

“Flip to page 94 of the script and act out that scene,” the main judge instructed.

Zhang Yidan nodded her head. As soon as she flipped to the page, she realized it was the scene where her friend made a sacrifice for her. This scene required her to act on the spot.

Apart from testing the basics in acting and expressing the lines in the script, this scene also tested an actors ability to act freely.

Zhang Yidan quickly adjusted her emotions before she erupted in a loud wail. Kneeling on the floor and pressing on her friend’s chest, she cried, “Don’t die! You can’t die...”

Panic, fear, anger and an unwillingness to accept reality...Zhang Yidan’s eyes flowed with tears as her nose ran uncontrollably. She got into character extremely quickly.

“I beg of you...don’t let anything happen to you.”

Afterwards, she stood up and smashed the props around her before collapsing on the floor painfully...

Although her performance wasn’t anything special...

...it was full of emotion. On top of that, her gaze was multi-layered and most importantly, her acting was smooth!

“Not bad, this actress is not bad...”

“Zhang Yidan right? Not bad.”

Chapter 348: I’m Not Willing

“This Zhang Yidan sure isn’t bad...According to her information, she graduated from one of the top performing arts colleges – not bad, indeed.”

“Yes, she’s not bad. But, I think it’s because you sat through so much rubbish that you are so easily impressed by someone that’s slightly OK.”

“You’re quite right, let’s continue!”

After a short discussion, the judges decided to continue the auditions, however...the actresses to follow either showed bad acting, completely non-existent acting or overacting.

The judges rolled their eyes. They suddenly realized they may not come across another actress better than Zhang Yidan – in fact, it was likely they would keep getting worse.

“Number 33, Tang Yizhen.”

Tang Yizhen?

“I’ve never heard this name before, have any of you?”

“I’ve never heard of her either. Let’s see how she goes,” the judges lowered their heads not expecting much, especially since they had never heard of her name.

However...just as all the judges’ attention wasn’t on the stage, suddenly...

...a surprised scream echoed through the room. The judges quickly found themselves drawn to the stage. As soon as they spotted the person in front of them, their mouths opened in shock.

The Tangning at this moment was dressed in a white torn t-shirt paired with a pair of tight jeans. Her hair was short and neat and most importantly, there was a mole between her eyebrows. This look exactly matched the description of the female lead given in the script. In fact, it was like the female shooter had come to life.

The judges were extremely excited. One glance was enough for them to be completely consumed in this actress.

Atop the dimly lit stage, Tangning’s hair made it hard to distinguish her facial features. However, this did not prevent her from being calm and capable.

“Open the script to page 23 and act out the scene.”

One of the assistants handed Tangning the script, but she did not accept it. She simply replied, “I don’t need the script.”

“How presumptuous! I like it!” one of the judges clapped his hands cheerfully.

“Great, since you don’t need it, then let’s get started!”

This was the first time all morning that all the judges placed their focus on the stage at the same time. Even Zhang Yidan had flaws and insufficiencies. But, Tangning was able to capture all the judges’ hearts with something as simple as her costume. Above all, she exuded a presence that put everyone at ease...

The judges looked intently at Tangning. Then...

“1,2,3...” Tangning counted to three before lifting the gun in her hands and breaking open the door to enter the room. That’s when the judges realized her gun-holding technique was extremely accurate...and valiant-looking. Most importantly, a few of the judges noticed, the pinky finger on her left hand was extended even when she was holding the gun. This was because the script had explained that the female lead had undergone an illness in the past that caused a part of the joints in her left hand to be hardened.

Who would have expected Tangning to capture even this smallest of detail...

It was also because of this small detail that the female shooter appeared more complete.

This was a scene where she was supposed to break open the door and save someone. But, after she entered the room, she realized she had fallen into a trap and all she found was a ticking time bomb. This was also when she realized her only exit had been sealed.

Tangning searched everywhere for an exit as she tapped on the wall, listening carefully for changes in sound. After a while, she lost her patience and started punching the wall furiously.

This was a scene that went from controlled calmness to an explosion of emotions.

The judges followed Tangning’s gaze like they were also stuck in the difficult situation with her.

In the end, Tangning noticed an opening that had recently been blocked – it was the exit. However, there were only 10 seconds left on the bomb. So, she flipped the gun around and started slamming on the wall with the back of the gun; one hit harder than the one before it and filled with more power.

The wall finally crumbled open...

One of the judges was so consumed in the scene that he thought there really was a bomb. Just as the bomb exploded, he subconsciously covered his head...

But, the scene...

...ended right there and everyone was left stunned.

This captivating feeling, this level of acting, this soul-stealing performance; there really wasn’t anyone else better and more suited to the character.

The room immediately erupted in a loud applause as Director Zhang continuously screamed “Fantastic!” “Oh God, that was spectacular! Absolutely spectacular!”

Tangning looked at Director Zhang and the other judges and politely bowed.

At this time, Director Zhang directly said to Tangning, “Tang Yizhen, you are the one! You are the female shooter, no one can do it better than you.”

Her clothes, her acting and her expressions; apart from not having any lines, Tangning performed perfectly.

Director Zhang was filled with excitement. It had been many years since he had met an actor with such soul. It was obvious to see that Tangning had put in a lot of effort for this character.

“Director Zhang, shouldn’t we at least finish the auditions?” his assistant asked.

“No need. Even if we find someone with similar acting abilities, they may not necessarily look similar. Haven’t you realized? She’s taken every little detail into account. It’s clear to see how much she has studied and understood the character inside and out,” Director Zhang remained in an excited and overjoyed state. Meanwhile, all the judges present also agreed that Tangning did extremely well.

“Are you willing to join the cast of ‘Gunshot’? You are the one we’ve been looking for...”

Hearing this question, Tangning smiled as she removed the wig on her head, revealing her true appearance. She really needed to thank the wig for disguising her so well...

“No, I’m not willing,” Tangning said in a serious and powerful tone, “Not willing at all.”

“What’s this all about?” one of the judges growled. “If you’re not willing, then what are you doing here at the auditions?”

“Why do I feel like I’ve seen her before?”

“Ah! That’s Tangning...”

“How’s this possible? How could it be Tangning?”

“Yes, I am indeed Tangning,” Tangning revealed calmly. “I came here today because of the post that Director Zhang put online. You keep clinging to the claim that I am dragging down the industry and that I have zero acting ability. However, today, you’ve invited me to join ‘Gunshot’ as the female lead. May I ask if you’ve felt your face being slapped yet?”

Director Zhang’s expression tightened...

“It’s true that I was once a model. But, that doesn’t mean, I can never be a good actor.”

“I simply came today to prove myself. As for whether there are any problems with my acting, I’m sure you all have the answer in your hearts.”

“Your identity guarantees that your every word and move is noticed by the public. Yet, before you’d even seen me act, you concluded that I couldn’t act at all. Do you know how much trouble you’ve created for both Hai Rui and I?”

Director Zhang’s face alternated between red and white...

...because Tangning’s face slap was impossible for him to retaliate against...

So many people were watching and so many people had witnessed Tangning’s acting. She was a complete natural; it was a fact that could not be denied. So, he was left with nowhere to hide.

“F*cking awesome!” someone praised Tangning.

Since she had used such an impressive method to prove herself, who else could be more awesome than her?

Chapter 349: Tangning is Awesome !

Tangning left the room with her head held high, but the scene of the auditions was left in an uproar!

No one would have expected, the actress to receive a standing ovation from the entire room, would end up being the person they had previously teamed up to boycott – Tangning!

They especially didn't expect Tangning to use such a method to prove herself and her acting ability.

Every single person that witnessed her performance today couldn't help but sigh. If Tangning was considered to have zero acting ability, then what about the idol actors and the actors that only had one expression throughout an entire film?

Tangning didn't have zero acting ability. On the contrary, her acting flowed naturally and smoothly.

The judges suffered a huge blow. They couldn't believe they had teamed up to boycott her. How were they to face the world from now on? In fact, could they still face the world?

After leaving the auditions, Tangning directly boarded Mo Ting's awaiting car. At this time, someone finally noticed her.

"The couple that just left, was that Tangning and Mo Ting?"

"How's that possible? Why would they appear at the auditions for 'Gunshot'?"

"Oh, perhaps I was just seeing things..."

The blue Maybach pulled away from the scene, leaving everyone in a flustered and confused state. There were still another hundred or so candidates that hadn't auditioned yet, but...after seeing Tangning's acting, the judges felt like she had cast a spell on them. No matter what they saw, Tangning would still feel like the most suitable option. Those with acting abilities didn't look the part, whereas those that looked the part couldn't act at all. Even Zhang Yidan from earlier seemed like a weak option in comparison to Tangning...

"Hey, have you guys heard? Tangning appeared at the auditions for 'Gunshot'!"

"What did she go there for? To do a catwalk?"

"Let me show you a video and you will understand."

Rumors started as a video of Tangning was posted online by an anonymous source. In an instant, news that Tangning had appeared on the set of 'Gunshot' to give face slaps went viral.

Everyone opened the video, doubtful of Tangning's acting ability and ended up closing their phones with an expression of someone that had seen a ghost. They would then remain dumbfounded for quite some time.

"Tangning actually used this method to face slap everyone. She truly is awesome! I must bow down to her..."

"Wasn't Director Zhang the one that claimed she was dragging down the entire industry? Tangning completely tore him apart. From what I heard, Director Zhang had no idea the person auditioning was

Tangning, he even invited her to join the cast right on the spot. But, he ended up being rejected by Tangning, haha.”

“I must say, Tangning sure knows how to let go. Look at the way she acts, she completely transforms into another person – what talent! I noticed before that she was really good at capturing the essence of the products she displays. Who would have thought she’d be able to transfer these skills to acting. I’m completely convinced by her.”

“To be fair, Tangning’s acting surpasses all the young and popular actors and actresses. The film industry really should invest in more newcomers. On the official website of ‘Stupid’, I read the part where the female lead abandons her child. I’m really anticipating how Tangning will act as this character.”

“Tangning is awesome!”

Everyone originally felt she should have attended Fashion Week and become an international supermodel. So, when she went into acting and everyone assumed she had zero acting ability, she presented them with an impressive audition as a response. As a result the anticipation for ‘Stupid’ once again escalated. For those that took note of her, it was hard not to feel like her life was filled with miracles.

Not long after, ‘Stupid’ organized an open day on set for the media. Those that qualified, were finally allowed to watch Tangning act for the first time. Meanwhile, not too far away, Mo Ting stood to one side holding onto her jacket – the couple displayed perfect harmony.

20 minutes later, Tangning completed her filming. The reporters immediately approached her and politely interviewed her, “Tangning, how are you? May you spare us a little bit of time?”

Tangning turned to look at Mo Ting. After he gestured it was OK, she turned back to the reporters and nodded her head, “Yes.”

“How did you manage to go from being a model to an actress and display such natural acting?”

“There’s no special technique. During filming, I simply become the character I am portraying. That’s all.”

“In that case, let’s talk about the doubts that the public had towards you. Although you used your own method to abolish the rumors, how did you feel when everyone doubted you?” one of the female reporters asked.

Tangning adjusted her uncomfortable wig and smiled, “The fact that they had doubts means that they have expectations. I’m quite happy because it means the hardwork of the crew won’t go to waste.”

“What about for yourself? Don’t you feel unhappy for yourself?”

“It wasn’t enough to make me upset. But, I do hope, whether you’re an expert or a professor, you are deserving of the respect that others give you,” Tangning replied in seriousness. “Public figures shouldn’t be so subjective. If you provide criticism after you’ve seen me act, then I will think of it as an incentive to work harder. If you say that I am dragging down the entire industry without ever seeing me act, even if I didn’t turn up at ‘Gunshot’, your face still would have been slapped after the release of ‘Stupid’.”

“I don’t want to make enemies, I simply want to do my best with ‘Stupid’. I welcome critique, but I have always been straightforward; if you don’t attack me first, I won’t attack back!”

"I don't care about any film career, I don't have an almighty goal. My biggest wish is to complete 'Stupid' to the best of my ability. As long as you haven't gone overboard, I will tolerate any critique because I respect the truth. As for my future plans, you will need to ask my manager. Thank you." After speaking, Tangning finally removed her wig as Mo Ting covered her with a jacket.

Ever since her debut, this was possibly the most straightforward and heartfelt words she had said to the public.

Her words were powerful, but her motive was pure.

She simply wanted to act well and didn't want to make enemies. If someone initiated an attack, then sorry, she wasn't going to hide in fear.

"Should I draft out a speech for you from now on? How dare you say such words?" Mo Ting complained as he wrapped her in his arms.

"You're right here next to me. Plus, you understand me the most. Don't tell me you didn't know what I wanted to say," Tangning pinched Mo Ting on the waist.

Mo Ting chuckled, "I never thought you'd be so full of power."

"I am still on the moral high ground. If I don't express my thoughts clearly right now, and someone continues to provoke me, what should I do then?"

Could Mo Ting not understand such simple reasoning?

In actual fact he was only afraid that she was too straightforward and may step on someone's toes. But, this time, all she received was a loud applause.

Her audition at 'Gunshot' was such a slap in the face that everyone couldn't help but cheer in satisfaction!

Her method was a text book example of a perfect counterattack...

"Everything is getting better...and 'Stupid' is about to complete it's filming. Following on, it is time for you to make a decision: will you return to the runway or will you take on another film?" Mo Ting asked for Tangning's opinion, but deep down he already knew the answer.

Chapter 350: What About the Tang Family ?

"I trust you've already made the decision for me," Tangning said in seriousness as she looked at Mo Ting, "Plus, I'm sure it is the most suitable decision."

"I've accepted a role for you that I'm sure you will like. But...it is a supporting character."

Tangning smiled as she held onto Mo Ting's hands tighter; in this entire world, only Mo Ting understood her.

He understood that she liked doing things the honest way and he understood that she was afraid of being framed and banned. That's why he chose to help her start from the bottom as a supporting character. He also understood that she was desperate to improve her acting skills. All this, he knew.

"I don't care whether I'm a supporting character or not, As long as I am the main character in your life, nothing else matters. After all...you will stay by my side for the rest of my life, right?"

Mo Ting carried her in his arms towards the car. His originally stern and good looking face had now turned unusually soft, "Mrs. Mo, we are about to announce our marriage. Don't you think it's too late for you to ask a question like this?"

Tangning smiled slightly.

After boarding the car, Tangning peacefully leaned into Mo Ting's embrace.

As soon as they arrived home, Mo Ting handed her the script from the new film. With one glance, Tangning fell in love with the character.

The film was called 'Hidden Expert'. It was set during the Yue Dynasty and was about a warlord. Due to competition within the kingdom, the warlord almost died in the hands of his own twin brother, so after recovering from his injuries, he decided to hide-out in the forest. It was not until many years later that he finally returned to the palace and retrieved what was rightfully his. As for Tangning, she would be playing the role of a trouble-making girl disguised as a boy. Her character was spoilt and lazy and followed the lord for many years. In the end, she stands in the way of a sword to protect the lord and ends up dying...

A girl dressed as a boy, who was also a troublemaker...

Most important of all was the male lead...

Tangning looked doubtfully at Mo Ting, "Acting with him will put a lot of pressure on me."

"But the opportunity is rare..."

Mo Ting was already set on his decision. He wanted to give Tangning a chance to improve her acting. So...even if she had to act with an actor with a weird personality, he was still determined.

Tangning looked at the character; it definitely struck her fancy. So, in the end, she answered, "I'll do it."

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Over the next few days, the words, 'Tangning's acting ability', stuck to the top of search rankings. This was due to the circulation of Tangning's audition video. Of course, having her acting ability proven was definitely a good thing, but it also created a lot of problems. For example, exaggeration was a huge problem, especially from fans. At times like this, it was easy for someone to use this against her.

Tangning knew this better than anyone, because she had once done something similar to Mo Yurou.

Right at this moment, for example, someone was comparing her to a few big names in the industry and creating enemies for her; those in the limelight always attracted problems.

Not long after, 'Gunshot' officially announced that they would be casting Zhang Yidan as their female lead. The funny thing was, everyone already knew that Tangning had rejected the role.

Everyone started making assumptions. According to Hai Rui's background and capabilities, obtaining the best resources for Tangning wouldn't be difficult – even if it meant sending her to Hollywood.

But, like this, Tangning attracted way too much attention. Even if she was to obtain the best resource, people would not be willing to accept it.

Just like the most recent recipient of the Fei Tian Best Supporting Actress Award.

The recipient's acting was obviously horrible, but because her husband had really good contacts, she ended up receiving the best-supporting-actress award.

So, no one understood the point of receiving the award. An award that didn't receive any acknowledgment, when held in one's hands, would not ignite any feelings of passion because it didn't live up to its name.

Coincidentally, at this time, a huge IP drama was also auditioning. The producer of the IP drama ¹ mentioned Tangning's name briefly to the reporters. As a result, everyone started assuming that Tangning would become the female lead...

"Tangning's acting is decent, but didn't they previously confirm that OUR idol would be the female lead?"

"I feel the netizens have hyped up Tangning too much. She barely passes in my eyes."

"By boosting Tangning so high, aren't Hai Rui afraid she would come falling down?"

Unfortunately for the rumors, a few days later, Hai Rui officially announced that Tangning would be playing the supporting role of Xiao Xi in 'Hidden Expert' and had nothing to do with any IP drama. The main point was, she was only playing a supporting role!

Simply a supporting role!

The public were won-over. Towards Hai Rui's handling of matters and Mo Ting's EQ, they were completely convinced!

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The last few scenes of 'Stupid' were expected to be completed in the next 2-3 days. As soon as Tangning finished her filming for the day, Long Jie asked for a few days break, "This time, I really can't avoid it. I need to go meet Lu Che's parents."

Tangning was in the process of removing her makeup. Seeing Long Jie's anxious expression, Tangning shook her head, "You've never been afraid of anything. Don't tell me you can't handle a mother and father-in-law..."

"I'm nervous..." Long Jie whined as she shook Tangning's shoulder. "You're only calm because Boss is holding it back for you. Once your marriage is announced, you won't be able to avoid meeting the parents either!"

“When that times, you will also worry whether you will meet their expectations.”

Tangning lowered her head and felt that Long Jie was right, “Lu Che will help you.”

“By the way, since I won’t be around for a few days, do you want me to find a temporary assistant for you?”

“Don’t worry too much, Ting will naturally make arrangements.” After speaking, Tangning turned back to the mirror and continued removing her makeup.

“In that case, I’m going to leave you to it...” Long Jie looked at the time and quickly retreated, “I haven’t packed for my flight tonight yet, so I’m going to leave first.”

As she watched Long Jie leave, Tangning gave Mo Ting a phone call, “My filming is about to wrap up but Long Jie has taken a few days off. Ting, I need a temporary assistant.”

“It seems I will need to personally provide my assistance.”

“I have someone in mind, but I’m not sure if you will agree,” Tangning suddenly suggested, “Xiner has almost fully recovered, why don’t I call her over to help?”

“I’ll get Fang Yu to contact her,” Mo Ting always satisfied Tangning’s requests.

“I’ll wait for the good news then.” After their conversation was over, Mo Ting was about to hang up the phone, but Tangning suddenly held him back, “Long Jie and Lu Che went home together. What I mean is...they went to meet Lu Che’s parents. Should I also make preparations to see the Mo Family?”

“What about the Tang Family?” Mo Ting asked back. “I’ve already prepared a gift for your grandfather. If you still care about him, I can send someone to bring it to him.”

“Only you would be so thoughtful,” Tangning held back her choked up voice and melting heart. After taking a deep breath, she replied, “Send it over. After all...they should know that I’ve gotten married.”

“OK, I’ll make arrangements. You don’t need to worry.”

Announcing their marriage would mean taking a new step and opening themselves up to a new life...

As Mo Ting thought about being able to hug Tangning officially without any worries, he felt extremely happy and excited.

So it was true, when loving someone, one would find themselves falling deeper and deeper in love...