

Work Hard 351

Chapter 351: Why do we Need to Prevent Tangning from Getting Married ?

Late at night, inside the luxurious palace-like Tang family home.

After Tang Xuan entered the living room, the old housekeeper approached her holding a gift box, "Big Miss, this is a gift from Hai Rui for the chairman, but the chairman is currently staying at the West Mountain Residence, so I think you should take a look at it..."

Tang Xuan brushed back her seaweed-like hair and rolled her eyes, "Leave it with me."

"OK," the old housekeeper handed over the box and turned to leave. But, Tang Xuan suddenly stopped him, "Uncle Wu, don't let grandfather know about this. He's already old and shouldn't be troubled over something like this."

"Uncle Wu understands," the old housekeeper replied with respect as he retreated from the room.

Tang Xuan held onto the white gift box and noticed the 'M&N' logo on top. She then untied the ribbon holding together and lifted the lid. Inside was a photo of Tangning and Mo Ting. Tang Xuan's eyes widened in shock as it darkened.

This was merely a gift, so Mo Ting simply placed a photo of the couple accompanied with a few other expensive little items inside the box. It wasn't an invite – it was simply a notification.

So, the message that Tang Xuan got was that the couple were 'prepared' to get married.

Was the Mo Family actually willing to accept a model into their family?

Tang Xuan threw aside the box and decided to confirm if her suspicions were correct. But, as the daughter of a high-class socialite family, she never came in contact with people in entertainment. So she thought, perhaps she could speak to Chi Xinyan?

Tang Xuan got her housekeeper to look for Chi Xinyan's phone number and immediately gave her a phone call. As Chi Xinyan picked up the phone, she was filled with curiosity. The last time she visited the Tang family home, she could obviously sense that Tang Xuan didn't like her.

"Miss Chi, would any of your friends in the entertainment industry be able to confirm if Tangning and the CEO of Hai Rui are planning to get married?"

"Getting married?" Chi Xinyan was a little taken aback, "How's that possible? Just a few months ago Mo Ting was supposed to marry me, how could he possibly marry a model?"

"He was supposed to marry you? What do you mean by that?"

Since Chi Xinyan was questioned, she obviously couldn't say that Mo Ting had randomly picked her from a list, so her response was half true half false. In the end, one thing was clear, Mo Ting was supposed to marry her; they had already arranged a time and had already arrived at the Civil Affairs Office. However, the rest of the story was that she had changed her mind because she wasn't ready, so they decided to postpone the wedding.

“Since he is your man, you better watch over him. How could an heiress allow a model to steal her man?”

“If she suits Mo Ting’s taste, there’s nothing I can do about it,” Chi Xinyan would never be able to put down her pride to go begging for Mo Ting’s return. After all, she had already been humiliated by him at the Chanel event.

“Since there’s nothing you can do about it, then from now on, keep your nose out of it.” After speaking, Tang Xuan hung up the phone angrily.

Does Tangning know about Mo Ting and Chi Xinyan’s relationship?

This...relationship...

With this thought, Tang Xuan quickly gave her assistant a phone call, “Help me do something important.”

“Yes, President Tang!”

“Tangning wants to get married to the President of Hai Rui, Mo Ting. Help me leak some information that Chi Xinyan and Mo Ting are lovers and are one step away from getting married.”

The assistant was a little surprised and couldn’t quite understand her motive, “President Tang, why do we need to prevent Tangning from getting married?”

“If she marries into the Mo Family, she would have a shield around her. If that happens, it would be too easy for her to return to the Tang Family.”

“I understand, I will handle this matter well,” the assistant replied respectfully.

But...they were already husband and wife!

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As the filming for ‘Stupid’ was nearing its end, Mo Ting slowed down Tangning’s pace and organized for her to meet with the team of ‘Hidden Expert’.

Although Mo Ting didn’t hold an important role in ‘Hidden Expert’, his king-like presence could not be ignored.

Also, because of Mo Ting’s presence, the director and producer were extra polite towards Tangning.

In reality, as a newcomer, there was no need to meet Tangning one-on-one. But, they had an important reason; they were afraid Tangning was too fragile.”

“The filming locations for ‘Hidden Expert’ will be quite arduous in general. Are you sure you are OK with it?” the director was worried that Tangning’s delicate body wouldn’t be able to handle the harsh conditions and she’d complain to Mo Ting behind their backs. If that was to happen, there was no point filming with her to begin with because they may be faced with the headache of having to replace her later on. So, the director insisted on pointing out the issue from the start, in case they ended up in an argument later.

“How arduous could it be?” Mo Ting laughed as he held onto Tangning’s hand. “She was capable of filming a commercial barefooted on an icy lake. Could the conditions be any harsher than that? I’ve looked through the script and trust in the crew’s arrangements. I don’t think there will be a problem.”

“I’m just worried...what if during the filming process, Tangning gets hurt...especially if she injures her legs...”

“I think the director is over-thinking it, you don’t need to be so tense.”

After hearing Mo Ting’s words, the director finally let out a sigh of relief, “Fine, in that case, I’ll treat Tangning like any other actor.”

“Yes, that would be ideal...”

“I originally thought President Mo would be worried about Tangning and make multiple requests,” the director tested the waters.

“Yes, I’m worried. Plus, I’m afraid I won’t be able to take care of her when the conditions are harsh. But, since this is something she wants to do, I will try my best to fulfill her wish. She is precious to me,” Mo Ting’s thoughts were clear. As long as the arrangements were normal, he wasn’t going to question it. But, if someone was deliberately causing trouble, then sorry...

...he wasn’t going to endure it.

“Happy cooperation then.”

After their meeting, the couple were supposed to head home. But after getting in the car, Tangning discovered there was an extra person in the back seat, “Ning Jie...”

“Xiner...” Tangning turned around and held onto Han Xiner’s hand. She then scanned her up and down, “Have you recovered?”

“Don’t worry, I’m healthy,” Han Xiner shook her hands. Fang Yu gave me a phone call and said you are missing an assistant. Coincidentally I was in the process of figuring out what to do with my life, so I followed Fang Yu here.”

“Are you sure you are OK now?”

“Don’t worry, I go to the gym regularly to make myself stronger,” Han Xiner smiled at Tangning, “Just the thought of being your assistant makes me happy...I hope Long Jie can have a baby soon so I can continue to stay by your side.”

“Tangning can have two assistants,” Mo Ting said while driving.

Tangning was in charge of assigning her own assistant, so it had nothing to do with her agency.

“Really?”

Tangning nodded, “President Mo wouldn’t lie to you...”

Han Xiner looked at Mo Ting from behind. Indeed, only someone like Tangning could handle him. Just the thought of this black-bellied man, made her tremble inside.

"I will send some documents to you. Try your best to take over where Long Jie left off as soon as possible."

"Yes, Boss!" Han Xiner saluted at the couple.

Chapter 352: They've Come to Provoke First ?

This was Han Xiner's first time at Hyatt Regency and first time entering Tangning and Mo Ting's love nest. As she looked around the home, she noticed the house was decorated with Tangning's favorite things and everything was in pairs. Han Xiner spun around the room and began to feel a little dizzy, "Your photo!"

"Huh?" Tangning watched as Han Xiner spun around like a child. She couldn't help but smile.

"My favorite scene in the LM commercial is the one where both of you have your backs to the camera, do you have a photo of it?"

"Inside the bedroom," Tangning smiled. "Stop spinning around, I'm getting dizzy just watching you."

"Ning Jie, you must feel very fortunate to have married Boss, right?" Han Xiner couldn't help but be reminded of her useless brother. Although she was Han Yufan's sister, it couldn't be denied that someone like Tangning should be paired up with only the best.

"Very fortunate," Tangning nodded her head without hesitation, "So fortunate that I'm sometimes tempted to go thank Han Yufan."

"Don't be silly," Han Xiner sat down beside Tangning and pulled out her notebook, "Since I am now your assistant, let's discuss a few things related to work."

Tangning looked at the seriousness on Han Xiner's face and became serious too. Although Xiner and Long Jie were both optimistic people, Long Jie was slightly more short tempered and Xiner was a little more cheeky. When one looked at Xiner's smile, they couldn't help but feel their mood lighten.

"I only have a few more shoots before 'Stupid' is completed. However, tomorrow tonight I will need to attend the press release for 'Hidden Expert'. After that, filming will start early next month..."

"Of course, the most important thing to note, is the day that you and Boss will announce your marriage. I'm honestly happy for you."

Tangning looked at Han Xiner's curved eyes. She finally experienced what it felt like to be acknowledged as a married woman.

"Aren't you guys planning to have a wedding?"

"It's not time yet...I don't want to give her a rushed wedding," Mo Ting suddenly cut in as he walked out of the study room. "We will work on it slowly. After all, she can't run away anyway."

"I'll let you take charge," regarding matters like this, Tangning was quite easygoing.

Han Xiner looked at the couple as they looked at each other lovingly and realized she shouldn't stay around much longer. After, noting down what she needed to know, she got ready to leave. But, Tangning held her back, "Where are you living these days?"

"Boss has found me a huge apartment to live in, you don't need to worry." After speaking, Han Xiner waved goodbye and left.

Tangning watched as Han Xiner disappeared with a guilty expression, "Will I be standing in the way of her potential by dragging her here to be my assistant?"

"If we leave her by your side we can hone in on her skills. After all, Fang Yu has his eyes on her to be his successor in PR," Mo Ting replied gently before sitting down beside Tangning. He wrapped his arms around her and continued, "I've sent my gift to the Tang Family already. But, I can't guarantee that your grandfather was the one to receive it."

In reality, the fact that Mo Ting was willing to send the Tang Family a gift was simply because of Tangning. Grandfather Tang had neglected Tangning for so many years, allowing his wife to suffer; there was no way he'd be completely courteous.

"It's OK," Tangning replied as she leaned into Mo Ting's embrace.

She was honestly OK with it because she had long decided to live her life separately to the Tang Family...

Mo Ting held onto Tangning without a word. The couple enjoyed the intimate moment that they shared together. A little while later, Tangning suddenly called out, "Ting..."

"Yes?"

"I still feel everything is so surreal," Tangning mumbled, "How did I manage to marry such a great person; a person that loves me so much. Ever since the day that I married you, I've felt like I've been living in a dream."

"You've also allowed me to marry a wife that is willing to sacrifice everything for me," Mo Ting lifted Tangning in his arms and headed for the bedroom. "So, no matter how the outside world interferes and no matter how important other things are, you will always remain the priority in my life."

"Me too...you will always be my one and only." After speaking, Tangning naturally hooked her arms around Mo Ting's neck.

"Wifey, it's already late in the night...I feel words are no longer necessary to express our love for each other; we can keep it in our hearts. More importantly, we should express it with actions..." As soon as his words left his mouth, the door to the bedroom was thrown open. Carrying Tangning in his arms, Mo Ting strode to the bed and quickly got under the bed covers...

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[Amazing! Mo Ting to get Married Soon. The Bride is Actually her?]

[Great Disparity in Status Causes Love Birds to go Separate Ways. The CEO of Hai Rui is to get Married?]

[Because of her Identity as a Model, Tangning is Forced to Break up with Mo Ting?]

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These were the headlines that appeared the next day on the entertainment news sources. Just as everyone thought the couple would smoothly advance to marriage, news suddenly broke out that Mo Ting would be marrying an heiress. This time, Tangning's fans had the biggest reaction.

"Is Mo Ting playing with Tangning's feelings? I refuse to believe it."

"Haiz... rich families are always like this. We had always been worried that the Mo Family wouldn't accept Tangning, who would have expected it to happen so quickly..."

"Are they forcing apart our favorite couple? Noooooo..."

"It's about time for the 'couple fans' to wake up. After all, the entertainment industry has always been this complex."

Rumors were going around that the heiress to marry Mo Ting was from an influential family. Of course, everyone assumed this was a business transaction. Regardless, what they worried about the most, was that Mo Ting had chosen a business transaction over Tangning.

Inside the office of Hai Rui's CEO, Mo Ting had already seen the news.

Because Lu Che had taken time off to show Long Jie to his parents, Fang Yu was temporarily handling small matters.

"President Mo...Is your family..."

"Did you find out who started this rumor?" Mo Ting's eyes were dark. "Right before I married Tangning, I had gotten Lu Che to select a random woman from the socialite families and told her to marry me. As a result..."

"As a result, this was who he selected, but she was late, right?" Fang Yu had heard about it from Huo Jingjing, so he smiled casually, "Since that's the case, it must be the Chi family that started the rumors. What could they want?"

"Don't be so certain yet," Mo Ting closed up his expensive handmade pen and lowered his head to think for a bit. Afterwards, he replied, "Logically speaking, it wouldn't make sense for the Chi family to spread word of this. So, I've thought of another possibility."

"What is it?"

"I've asked for someone to send a gift to the Tang Family to notify them of our marriage." After Mo Ting spoke, he stood up from his seat and approached the floor-to-ceiling window, "The timing seems about right."

"But, I thought not many people knew about your incident with Miss Chi."

"Yes, not many. But somehow, you still found out, didn't you?" Mo Ting turned around and raised an eyebrow. "The Tang Family and the Chi Family are on a similar level. So, for those with similar status, it's not odd at all for them to share information."

"If it really is the Tang Family, what would their motive be?"

“The biggest possibility is to create a misunderstanding between Tangning and I. I never told them we had already gotten married, I guess they thought we were only ‘preparing’ to get married,” Mo Ting sneered. “I haven’t even chased them up for what they did, yet they came to provoke me first. Interesting.”

Chapter 353: The Entertainment Industry Has Always Been This Realistic

After the rumors got out, the entire production crew and cast looked at Tangning differently. They also started discussing about her in private.

“Tell me, how do you think Tangning can continue acting with all that’s going on?”

“The entertainment industry has always been this realistic. People break up quicker than lightning. Now that President Mo is marrying someone else, doesn’t that mean Tangning will return to nothing?”

“Shhh...Not so loud.”

A few of the extras sat together and chatted, but they didn’t realize, their voices were already really loud. Even Lin Sheng, who wasn’t sitting too far away overheard them. So, he sat beside Tangning and asked, “What’s going on?”

“What do you mean?” Tangning asked back confusedly.

“The news about your breakup and President Mo marrying someone else,” Lin Sheng said straightforwardly. This was the first time, outside of acting, that he cared about someone else’s personal life.

“It’s just a rumor, we are fine,” Tangning’s response to the hot rumor was simple.

“Since that’s the case, then don’t let the rumors affect you. Focus on acting.”

“Yes, Sheng Ge!” Tangning replied in seriousness as she lifted her head. During this time, Lin Sheng had practically become her acting teacher; he had truly taught her a lot.

“I’m going to go film my part now.”

Tangning nodded her head. Regarding the rumors that were going around, she completely ignored them.

Although Xiner, who was following Tangning around, also felt angered by the rumors, she did not act impulsively like Long Jie. Instead, she logically analyzed the situation, “I feel that the person that started this rumor is a little stupid. Regardless of the fact that you and President Mo are already married, even if you weren’t, according to how much President Mo cares about you, there’s no way he’d give up on you for a business transaction.”

“President Mo doesn’t need to do such a thing!”

Tangning burst out laughing.

“What are you laughing about?”

“I’m laughing at the difference between you and Long Jie. If Long Jie was around, she would definitely scold the culprit a million times before she’d settle.” Tangning closed up the script of ‘Hidden Expert’ and stood up before saying to Han Xiner, “It seems, the only reason she likes to eat, is so that she has the energy to scold people.”

“Haha...”

In conclusion, Tangning didn’t seem the slightest bit affected even though the people around her looked at her sympathetically. Tangning simply couldn’t be bothered to explain herself. Since they were about to announce their marriage, the truth was merely just around the corner.

But, once the rumor started spreading, it couldn’t be stopped. In order to get first hand information, the reporters did all they could to force themselves onto the set of ‘Stupid’. This ended up slowing down the progress of their filming.

Regarding this, Coque directly said to Tangning, “Since you’ve only got a few scenes to film, why don’t you go home and rest for a few days. Once the rumors have dampened, you can come back on set.”

Tangning nodded her head. She was actually thinking the same thing.

“I just saw Tangning leave. Doesn’t she have a scene to film tonight?”

“At a time like this, how could she film anything?”

“Poor thing. No wonder people in the ancient times used to say that ‘Accompanying a husband is like accompanying a tiger’. Accompanying the Big Boss of the Entertainment Industry is no different; yesterday you may have been his treasure, but today...you aren’t any better than a prostitute.”

Prostitute?

It was fine if they wanted to gossip. But to compare Tangning to a prostitute? Han Xiner couldn’t contain her anger. So, she turned around and said intimidatingly, “What did you just say? I dare you to say it again.”

There was no way the gossiping extra was going to let a mere assistant question her. So, as she got fired up, her words became extra harsh, “I am merely speaking the truth. Right now, the rumors are circling like crazy. Everyone is saying that Tangning’s been dumped by President Mo because he needs to marry an heiress.”

“You...”

“Xiner,” Tangning held Han Xiner back before turning to face the woman and saying, “I am still on set. When you speak, you should hold back a little for the sake of others and yourself. Otherwise, for the rest of your life, you will only be an extra and won’t improve at all.”

After speaking, Tangning turned around to leave.

Just as the woman was about to argue back, Mo Ting’s car arrived and stopped right in front of Tangning, like he had done it on purpose. After getting out of the car, he directly walked over to Tangning and wrapped his arm around her, personally escorting her to the car.

Everyone on set saw it. As for the woman that had been gossiping earlier, her face was now bright red.

“Didn’t they break up? Why did President Mo personally come to pick her up?”

“Must be a false rumor. Look at them, they are showing off their affection like they always do.”

Of course, getting on the Boss’ bad side couldn’t possibly end so easily. It’s just, they were to face their fate a little later. With problems like this, Mo Ting simply had to make one phone call and they’d be guaranteed to never act again.

“Did everyone on set treat you like that?” Mo Ting asked on the way home.

“No, just those two,” Tangning replied.

“Good.”

As she turned her head, she noticed Mo Ting’s darkened expression, so she immediately asked, “What exactly happened? This incident...”

“Can you not ask about it and simply leave it with me?” Mo Ting asked back. He really didn’t want to tell Tangning that the person who had stabbed her in the back was from the Tang Family; her own family.

Tangning looked carefully into Mo Ting’s eyes and somewhat understood what was going on, “Even if you don’t tell me, I would still have my assumptions and opinions. I know not many people know about this matter. Plus, with the timing, even if you weren’t to say it, I could roughly guess who’s behind it. After all, this isn’t the first time something like this has happened.”

Mo Ting did not forget how smart Tangning was. His heart simply ached because she was too smart for her own good, “Why can’t you be a little more dopey. You would be happier that way.”

“If I had the choice, I would still choose to be smart. Because that way, you won’t be so tired. At least I could share your troubles with you,” Tangning said firmly as she held tightly to his hand. “I’m 80-90% sure that this has something to do with my siblings.”

“In order to prevent me from returning to the Tang Family, they’ve sure exhausted their methods.”

“If that’s the case, then I’ve thought of a great way to get back at them for you,” Mo Ting’s ink-black eyes suddenly glowed, “Of course, since this incident also involves Miss Chi, we will kill two birds with one stone.”

Han Xiner listened intently from the back seat and felt a sense of admiration; the couple seemed like they could read each other’s minds. With one simple glance, they were able to understand each other. Not everyone could be this in sync.

Most importantly, it didn’t seem like words were necessary between them; trust was all that was needed.

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After returning to Hyatt Regency, Mo Ting helped Tangning into bed and then gave Fang Yu a phone call, “Try and get in contact with Elder Tang for me.”

“What do you plan to do?”

“You will soon find out.” After speaking, Mo Ting hung up the phone.

Previously, Tang Xuan had come looking for Tangning simply because Elder Tang had mentioned her. It seemed, he had the intention of taking her back in. With this in mind, it seemed he had no idea of all the backstabbing she had received. So, perhaps, Mo Ting could give him a little hint...

Chapter 354: Do You Still Feel Innocent ?

West Mountain Residence. Maple Leaf Study Room.

Elder Tang’s assistant handed him his phone, “Chairman look, it’s a phone call from the CEO of Hai Rui...”

“Pass it here,” Elder Tang put down the perfume sample in his hands and received the phone from his assistant. He then gestured for him to leave.

The assistant respectfully turned to leave. Afterwards, Elder Tang lifted the phone to his ear and answered with a deep and aged voice.

“Elder Tang, how are you?” Mo Ting’s voice was deep and intimidating.

“So, you are the man that my granddaughter is dating?” Elder Tang jumped straight into the main question.

“I am Mo Ting,” Mo Ting greeted without being humble nor pushy. In terms of power, neither of them seemed to hold the upper hand. Although Elder Tang was older and wiser, Mo Ting was stable and unpredictable.

“Hmmp, how could there be true love in a dirty place like the entertainment industry?”

Mo Ting gave a gentle laugh, not taking Elder Tang’s discrimination to heart. He then asked, “I asked someone to send a gift to your home. I wonder if Elder Tang received it?”

“What gift?”

“I sent a gift regarding mine and Tangning’s marriage. But, not long after, a rumor started that I was to marry the heiress from the Chi Family...”

“What are you trying to say?” Elder Tang asked coldly.

“The Chi Family and Tang Family seem to be on good terms. I previously had a misunderstanding with Miss Chi, so if this has caused you to misunderstand me, I can explain myself. There’s no need for you to start a false rumor to hurt Tangning,” Mo Ting said in an even colder voice. “You have the right to ignore Tangning and pretend she doesn’t exist, but you can’t stop me from treating her well.”

Mo Ting’s words were well planned out like an art form.

Firstly, he let Elder Tang know a gift was delivered, then he let him know a rumor was started. Lastly, he hinted that because the Tang Family and Chi Family shared information, this incident was bound to be related to them.”

“Rascal, do you know how to respect your elders?” Elder Tang had never been questioned in this way.

“If I have offended you in any way, please excuse me. But, if you don’t want to acknowledge the existence of your granddaughter, you can hand her over to me.” After speaking, Mo Ting hung up the phone.

Elder Tang was a little stunned. He immediately called his assistant into the room, “Make a phone call home immediately and ask if Hai Rui has sent any gifts over. Also, compile all of the latest news about Tangning. Quick!”

10 minutes later, the assistant returned to the study room and said, “The housekeeper said a box had arrived but the Big Miss opened it. Also, here’s the news on Miss Tangning.”

Elder Tang opened the newspaper and looked at the judgment placed on his granddaughter. He was so angry he slammed his hands on the table, “How dare these people talk rubbish about my granddaughter! Plus, my granddaughter is capable of everything, how could they compare her to the useless Miss Chi?”

“Chairman, control your anger!”

Elder Tang took a deep breath and calmed down, “According to the rascal with the surname Mo, the person who rumored that he was getting married to Miss Chi is someone from the Tang Family.”

“Chairman, could he have made a mistake?”

Elder Tang shook his head, “That rascal rules over an entire industry, how could he make a mistake? Since he said the Tang Family did it, he must have looked into it. Plus, couldn’t you tell he deliberately called to report the issue? He is obviously hinting that this isn’t the first time the Tang Family has done something like this to Tangning.”

“The Big Miss is indeed suspicious,” Elder Tang’s assistant responded.

“Tang Xuan has no tolerance for others. How could I leave the family business in her hands?”

“You’re right. In terms of capability and personality, Miss Tangning is definitely better than all her siblings,” the assistant agreed.

“I think it’s time to reorganize the family.” After speaking, Elder Tang stood up with the support of his walking stick, “Let’s go. Escort me back to the Tang Family home.”

“Chairman...Do you want to return right now?”

“If I don’t go now, they won’t know how serious the matter is.” After speaking, the assistant escorted Elder Tang out of the West Mountain Residence and directly headed back to the Tang Family home.

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After Mo Ting hung up his phone, he returned to the bedroom from the bathroom. Seeing Tangning sound asleep in bed, he leaned over and gave her a kiss on the forehead.

“What is it?” Tangning asked drowsily.

Mo Ting gently brushed her cheek and said in a comforting voice, "Nothing. I simply want to say that I will always be by your side."

Tangning revealed a comfortable smile and slowly fell back asleep.

Tomorrow would be the press release for 'Hidden Expert'. Which meant, it would also be a great chance to clarify everything...

Of course, Mo Ting did not intend to announce their marriage directly. He still wanted to wait and see if the Tang Family and the Chi heiress had a backup plan. He was going to clear out the pathway for Tangning to become his Queen in one fell swoop.

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Late at night, the lights to the Tang Family home suddenly turned on. Afterwards, everyone from the Tang Family was dragged out of bed by Elder Tang.

As the members of the Tang Family were all busy with their own things, it wasn't often that they'd all be home at the same time. So, on this particular day, there was only Tang Xuan and her husband, Father Tang and Tangning's birth mother (now officially Madam Tang).

"Father, it's so late. Is there a reason you've woken everyone up?" Father Tang asked as he sat on the sofa.

Elder Tang sat in the center of the living room with a powerful presence. His eyes looked piercingly towards Tang Xuan, "Xuan Er, have you forgotten to give something to me?"

Tang Xuan was a little stunned, but she quickly understood what he was referring to, "Grandfather..."

"Did you think I'm old and blind so I wouldn't be able to keep my eyes on you?" Elder Tang slammed his walking stick on the floor. "Are you going to hand it over, or should I give Hai Rui a call?"

Tang Xuan's expression was unimpressed as she retrieved the box from her bedroom and placed it in front of Elder Zhang.

"Can you explain to me what this is?" Elder Tang seemed to be asking a question he already knew the answer to.

"A gift from the CEO of Hai Rui. It seems he wants to notify us that he is planning to marry Tangning..."

"Then, can you tell me what this is?" Elder Zhang pulled out a newspaper and threw it in front of Tang Xuan. "Don't tell me this had nothing to do with you."

Tang Xuan trembled but she still picked up the newspaper from the floor and looked at it.

"Grandfather...what has Xuan done?" Tang Xuan's husband had no idea what game of charades this grandfather and granddaughter were playing.

Elder Tang stood up with a powerful presence, "This isn't the first time you have hurt Tangning this way. Am I right?"

"Grandfather...How could you be so certain that I hurt Tangning?"

“Do you still feel you are innocent?” Elder Tang roared. “I’ve already asked your assistant. The rumours indeed started from you. You couldn’t bear seeing Tangning marry someone with a powerful background, so you tried everything you could to tear them apart. In the end, you started a false rumor, causing my granddaughter to be judged by everyone.”

“The more you do stuff like this, the less likely I will hand the family business over to you.”

Chapter 355: Abolishing Rumors

After Elder Tang finished talking, he returned to his bedroom with the help of his assistant. Father Tang turned and looked at Tang Xuan in disbelief, “Xuan Er, regardless of everything, Tangning is still your younger sister.”

“Who would admit to having a sister like that?” Tang Xuan glared at Father Tang before returning to her room with her stubborn tears.

“I’ll go check on her...” Tang Xuan’s husband reassured as he followed behind.

Father Tang looked at his wife and felt slightly guilty. All these years, Tangning had been wandering the world on her own. Yet, as a father, he couldn’t show her any affection because he needed to show fairness to his other children.

Mother Tang glanced at Father Tang. Without a word, she returned upstairs.

No matter how much Tangning hated her, she was still her mother.

Seeing her own daughter being bullied and not being able to say a thing...

Who would understand how she felt?

Meanwhile, Tangning was oblivious to what had happened. Who would have thought, she didn’t even need to make an appearance, for the entire Tang Family to be at odds with each other and enter into a state of panic...

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The next day, at the press release of ‘Hidden Expert’.

As a supporting character, Tangning was expected to attend. But, because of all the rumors that were circulating, the organizers of the event had to be extra careful.

At this time, the public started to assume that the reason Tangning had merely received a supporting role in ‘Hidden Expert’ and not another huge film, was because she had broken up with Mo Ting. Many people even started worrying on Tangning’s behalf; if Mo Ting was to get married to someone else, Tangning would need to put up with a lot more than a simple breakup...

...perhaps, she may need to suffer the wrath of a rich heiress.

After all, no woman could withstand their husband having a questionable relationship on the outside; even if their marriage was only a business transaction and no love was involved.

2pm at Crowne Plaza Hotel. Tangning was dressed in a long sleeveless black dress as she attended the press release. But, as she entered, one thing shocked everyone present; following behind her was none other than Mo Ting...

Mo Ting was accompanying her...

But...

...didn't everyone say they had broken up?

Atop the stage, the host was about to start things off. Meanwhile, the main cast and crew slowly made their way onto the stage. Just as Tangning was about to head up, Mo Ting suddenly called her back and said to her softly, "You can say whatever you want today."

"Huh?"

"You can say anything regarding us..."

Tangning smiled, "Understood."

The host noticed the couple still whispering to each other below the stage, so he couldn't help but laugh, "It seems, as a manager, President Mo is a little worried about leaving Tangning with us. It's time for Tangning to head on stage, yet President Mo is still clinging on. Don't worry, we are serious hosts and won't play any dirty tricks."

Mo Ting escorted Tangning to the stage and returned to his seat, transforming into a part of the audience.

"Come Tangning, say hello to everyone..."

After a simple greeting, Tangning moved to stand behind the two male leads. Because of her height, the host couldn't help but tease, "Luckily 'Hidden Expert' doesn't have any love lines. Otherwise, it would be quite difficult for our two male leads to hug Tangning."

Everyone laughed...

"By the way Tangning, I wanted to ask, what made you choose 'Hidden Expert'?"

Tangning received the microphone from the host and replied, "I'm sure that you all know that I have the most powerful manager in the world, Mr. Mo Ting."

The camera panned to Mo Ting who was sitting below the stage and everyone present erupted in excitement.

"He helped me pick 'Hidden Expert' because he is well aware of what I'm lacking and what I like... The moment he first showed me the script, I fell in love with the troublemaker I am going to play; the troublemaking girl that is dressed as a boy."

"Woah, it sounds like you are showing off your affection for each other," the host said nosily as he smiled, "Does that mean President Mo is in charge of all your jobs? Does he ever slack off?"

Tangning quickly looked below the stage and shook her head, “Never. He personally looks through every single one of my jobs. Once he’s determined whether it is worthy of accepting, he would let me know.”

“Doesn’t that mean President Mo is extremely busy?!” the host opened his eyes wide in shock. “How about this, why don’t we get President Mo to answer this question himself.”

The host gestured for a member of staff to hand Mo Ting a microphone. Mo Ting accepted the microphone and replied, “Being busy is normal. So it’s OK if I handle her matters as main priority.”

“Oh God...”

The host gasped...

“President Mo is so thoughtful. Tangning, you sure are fortunate,” the host returned his gaze to Tangning, “Has there ever been a time where you’ve felt he wasn’t thoughtful enough?”

Tangning shook her head without a moment of hesitation, “Let me put it this way, if he is still busy working at the time that I’m heading to bed, I simply have to call out his name and he would appear at the doorway with exactly what I want. Sometimes it may be a glass of warm water, milk or something else. The point is, he always knows what I want.”

“Is he that amazing?” the host looked doubtful. “How about this? In order to prove that your minds are connected, let us ask you a question based on ‘Hidden Expert’. You can write down your answer and then we can all see what President Mo thinks your answer is. What do you think?”

Tangning quickly glanced below the stage. As soon as she saw Mo Ting nod, she also nodded.

“Great, bring out the question board! Tangning, once you’re done with writing your answer, cover it well and don’t show it to anyone.”

“OK.”

“Fantastic, Tangning’s done. In that case, President Mo, can you tell us why Tangning likes the character of Xiao Xi?” the host asked.

After hearing the question, Mo Ting replied calmly, “Because she gets to hang from wires.”

“Are you sure? Wouldn’t it be anything to do with improving her acting or anything else?”

“I’m sure,” Mo Ting nodded.

The host looked towards Tangning as she revealed her answer: ‘I can hang from wires.’

“Have you guys discussed this in private before?”

“Of course not, she is simply my soulmate.”

Hearing this, everyone finally understood why Mo Ting had appeared today. He wanted to abolish the rumors that were circulating; he wasn’t marrying anyone else – he only had Tangning.

“OK, we’ve pretty much finished probing into your personal life, time to go back to talking about the film: ‘Hidden Expert’...”

Actually, for today's press release, the biggest big shot had not arrived. He was a well known weirdo in the industry, but he was extremely talented in acting; at a young age, he had already taken home many international awards.

The only issue was, his personality was very weird and he was known for only filming one movie every few years. Most importantly, apart from having a weird personality, his ticket sales were also weird. Whenever he was involved in a film, it never failed. This guarantee made him a very popular choice when casting. However, he always selected films based on his own preference.

So, for Tangning, receiving the role of Xiao Xi was better than being cast as the lead of other big films. After all, this weirdo wouldn't work with just anyone – he liked to be picky with his supporting actors!

Chapter 356: As Long as he Wanted it And as Long as She Had it!

Towards the end of the press release, time was given for fans to interact with the cast and crew.

Of course, at a time like this, Tangning was bound to be asked the most difficult questions. A chubby girl held onto the microphone as she asked worriedly, "Tangning, the fans really want to know about the current state of your relationship with President Mo. How is it going, we are worried – exceptionally worried."

The host glanced at Mo Ting and back at Tangning. He then handed the microphone to Tangning.

Tangning held onto the microphone and smiled, "Hasn't President Mo's actions today been enough to settle your worries?"

"But..."

Tangning understood the fans were worried they were putting on an act. So, she walked off the stage towards Mo Ting, grabbed his hand and pulled him onto the stage with her.

The fans erupted in a sharp squeal...

Tangning and Mo Ting stood hand-in-hand on stage as Tangning replied firmly, "I'm not worried at all that he would abandon me, because he has given me enough confidence. Nor am I afraid of rumors, because we simply see it as a chance to show off our affection."

"Wow..."

"Lastly, I hope everyone can take note of the film I am about to take part in: 'Hidden Expert'."

After speaking, Tangning originally intended on returning the microphone to the host, however, Mo Ting suddenly grabbed the microphone from her hand and said, "I only have Tangning. Any words that do not personally come from my mouth are simply rumors."

"I decide who I will marry; not the media and definitely not the rumors!"

Only when it came to matters related to Tangning would Mo Ting explain himself in this way.

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[Mo Tang Join Forces to Throw Back Rumors: “We Are Doing Well!”]

[The President is Resolute: “I Decide Who I Will Marry, Not The Media”]

This time, the rumors about their breakup were clarified all in one go and the black-bellied President Mo once again showed off his affection with his precious wife.

That night, Tangning returned to the set of ‘Stupid’. This time, the crew no longer looked at her with sympathy. All the speculation and gossiping was just a passing phase not even worth mentioning.

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That night, Chi Xinyan was at home when she saw the entertainment news. Seeing the way that Mo Ting completely disregarded her, she felt a bit upset. After all, it was Mo Ting’s assistant who had initiated contact with her on August 19th.

How was it possible that a rich heiress like herself, not compare to a body-exposing model?

After thinking about it for a bit, Chi Xinyan was indeed a little stirred up. As a result, she decided to pick up where Tang Xuan left off.

Weren’t there reporters outside her door?

Weren’t they waiting to dig up more information?

She was going to admit everything to them. She was going to wait and see how Mo Ting would wipe away the truth.

So, the next day, Chi Xinyan became the hottest news topic.

She had personally admitted to the media that she was one step away from marrying Mo Ting on August 19th. As for whether they were a couple to begin with and why they had decided to get married, Chi Xinyan’s lips were sealed.

The public couldn’t help but let their imaginations run wild. They started to assume that Chi Xinyan and Mo Ting’s relationship had fallen apart because of Tangning...

During this time, Tangning was still in the middle of filming.

She was filming the scene where she was to give birth.

As one of the last few climactic scenes, Tangning was well prepared. Even when she had to toss and turn in a pool of blood; even when the production crew were beginning to feel disgusted; she did not make a single complaint.

“To be honest, out of all the actresses I have ever worked with, Tangning has been the least problematic. She’s never squeamish, and even though she has a pair of delicate legs, she’s never afraid of any scenes. She sure pushes herself beyond her boundaries.”

“Look at this scene of her giving birth. The pain looks so real, even I can feel her pain...”

“After ‘Stupid’, she will definitely become famous. I hope she can continue to aim for perfection in everything she does...”

"I'm sure she will." Even though Lin Sheng had already finished his part, he stuck around to watch Tangning act. He was certain, with Tangning's seriousness, she didn't merely act for the sake of acting. She was the type to put her entire heart and soul into doing something well.

"Sheng Ge...this is the first time I've heard you praise another actor," one of the small supporting actors laughed.

"However, I must agree, Tangning is someone we should learn from..."

"That's why I don't understand why there are rumors that Tangning ruined Mo Ting's wedding? When are they going to stop with their nonsense? After spending time with Tangning, I am certain there is nothing wrong with her character. An actor can temporarily put on an act, but time will eventually reveal everything. I don't care what others say, I am quite impressed by Tangning..."

Lin Sheng smiled and added, "So, we shouldn't let the words of the outside world affect us too much."

After Tangning finished her scene, she was so mentally exhausted, she almost fainted. Han Xiner quickly called for a doctor and stabilized Tangning's emotions. Coque was so shocked, he almost ran off to beg Mo Ting for forgiveness.

"Ning Jie, you..."

"If Boss found out that I didn't take good care of you, he would fire me for sure."

"You are an assistant that I hired, it has nothing to do with him, don't worry," Tangning laughed as she sat in her seat.

"How could you still laugh? Another piece of news has started about you..."

Tangning received her phone from Han Xiner. After scanning over it quickly, she handed it back, "You don't need to worry about stuff like this."

"Huh?"

"Aren't arrogant heiresses easy to deal with?"

"So?"

"Your Boss loves dealing with those that bring humiliation upon themselves, because it doesn't take much energy." After speaking, Tangning stood up and headed for the change room; it was time to prepare for the next scene.

To be honest, Tangning couldn't be bothered to deal with someone like Chi Xinyan.

A person that was too proud and arrogant would normally have not much of a brain.

Not long after, Mo Ting gave Tangning a phone call. As Tangning picked up the phone, her emotions remained calm.

"I thought you would be at least a little jealous."

"I'm sorry President Mo, could you please hurry up and tidy the problem you've caused?" Tangning said in a serious tone.

Mo Ting's lips curved up slightly as an amused look appeared in his eyes, "I thought...the Tang Family would have something else up their sleeves..."

It seemed, the conversation he had with Elder Tang was already effective enough.

Since he only had to deal with Chi Xinyan, he couldn't be bothered to dirty his hands. If she wanted to claim that she was being bullied, then he was going to make it a reality.

Tangning's smile froze on her face. Suddenly, she felt her heart had gotten a little heavy, "I've never intended on returning to the Tang Family. But, if they don't know how to control themselves, I'm not going to sit back and let them attack me."

"Who would dare to attack you? Huh?" Mo Ting asked in a deep voice.

"Tonight, I order you to come keep Mrs. Mo's bed warm. After being made out to sound like a mistress, I feel a little angry..."

"Mr. Mo will do as you please." After speaking, Mo Ting hung up the phone. Because at this moment, he was already waving to Tangning from a short distance away.

Tangning looked at Mo Ting as he leaned against his car smiling at her. A thought suddenly came to mind: no one compared to him!

At that moment, Tangning felt she was willing to give Mo Ting anything he wanted.

As long as he wanted it and as long as she had it!

Chapter 357: Isn't She Just a Joke ?

Late at night, inside the hotel bathroom.

Mo Ting held onto Tangning as they lay inside the bathtub; planting kisses on her back affectionately.

As Tangning had rolled on the floor quite a few times during the birth scene today, her back was left with slight scratches. As he looked at her injuries, Mo Ting's eyes darkened, "You got injured."

"Where?" Tangning did not feel any pain. "It must be a small scratch."

Mo Ting rested his chin on her shoulder and said in a deep voice, "From now on, don't allow yourself to get even small scratches."

"But, I'm jealous of the women who cause trouble, get into fights and have their husbands jump in to help them..."

"This is the first time I've realized that Mrs. Mo has a violent side to her," Mo Ting tightened his grip around Tangning. "Fine, if I get the chance in the future, I will try getting into a fight for you."

"What are you planning to do about the incident with Miss Chi?" Tangning leaned back against Mo Ting, enjoying the curves of his perfect body. Although her cheeks were a little red, she wasn't looking at him directly, so she hadn't completely been mesmerized by him.

“Do I need to personally deal with a matter like this?”

Hearing Mo Ting’s question, Tangning couldn’t help but laugh, “Anyhow, Lu Che has already made a phone call...”

“... but she hasn’t realized where she stands.” Mo Ting’s eyes darkened a few shades, “She could have simply continued living her life as a rich heiress, yet she decided to challenge people in the entertainment industry...doesn’t she know the industry is filled with actors?”

“If someone tries to hurt you...or tries to ruin our relationship...I definitely won’t let them off.”

As she listened to Mo Ting’s oath-like words, Tangning’s eyes fell into a daze...

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The next day, plenty of people made phone calls to Hai Rui asking for the truth behind the Chi Xinyan incident.

A lot of these people thought Tangning was a mistress who stepped in and broke up someone else’s relationship...

However, Hai Rui couldn’t be bothered to respond to such nonsense.

Of course, because Lu Che had taken Long Jie to meet his parents and wasn’t around, Fang Yu was left with the responsibility of giving replies. Fang Yu couldn’t help but sigh; what difference was there between before he was promoted and after he was promoted?

It was rare for Huo Jingjing to be home. So, he simply wanted to sit down to a dinner with his wife, but he ended up being surrounded by reporters.

In the end, Fang Yu was so annoyed, he simply replied, “Could Miss Chi please control your actions and respect your own identity.”

“Could Vice President please tell us if Miss Chi was President Mo’s ex?”

“They aren’t familiar with each other,” Fang Yu replied straightforwardly.

“If they aren’t familiar, then why did they have a marriage appointment? If Miss Chi wasn’t upset, she wouldn’t have stepped out to reveal this matter...”

Faced with the media’s aggressiveness, Fang Yu neatened his suit and told Huo Jingjing to enter the restaurant first.

“That is an assumption made by the media.”

“Could you tell us the truth?” the reporters chased.

“I want to leave Miss Chi with a bit of pride. By the way, is it because our President Mo has been quite merciful lately that you guys feel like you can make up stories as you please?” Fang Yu smirked. He then left to have dinner with his dear wife.

“What exactly is this Chi Xinyan thinking?” Huo Jingjing asked as she sat opposite Fang Yu. She completely couldn’t understand what was going on. “Why would a socialite heiress drag herself down like this?”

“As an heiress, not only did she not attract the attention of President Mo, she even lost to Tangning. In her eyes, models and actors are all dirty and hold no importance. Did you think she’d accept losing to Tangning?” Fang Yu explained. “The Tang Family were the ones that pulled her into the mix, but she was the one that picked up where they left off and continued on.”

“On the surface, she appears to be telling the truth. But, in reality, she is trying to make Tangning sound like a mistress...”

“Both Tangning and Mo Ting can’t be bothered dealing with this ridiculousness. That’s why our date was disturbed,” Fang Yu was quite annoyed by this.

“In that case, how come you didn’t clarify everything? Why leave her a bit of pride, she doesn’t deserve even a bit!” Huo Jingjing couldn’t help but stick up for her friend.

“When a cat catches a mouse, it doesn’t kill it straight away. That’s exactly the reason why Mo Ting handed the issue to me and not to the PR department.”

Although she had always known that Mo Ting wasn’t someone one should provoke, Huo Jingjing still found herself subconsciously grabbing tighter to Fang Yu’s arm, “Thinking about how I previously went up against President Mo, I feel a little scared. Luckily, nothing happened...”

Fang Yu held onto her hand gently and said with a slight smile, “Be smarter from now on, OK?”

...

The next day, Fang Yu’s response spread to Chi Xinyan’s ears. How dare he tell her to control her actions!

Worst of all, Tangning and Mo Ting did not get involved at all, they just sat back and watched the show unfold.

This seriously hurt Chi Xinyan’s pride. When had she ever experienced this kind of treatment?

In the end, she couldn’t help but ask Mo Ting in front of the media, “Do you dare to say you never made a phone call to me on August 19th?”

Faced with provocation, Hai Rui did not make an immediate response. As for Mo Ting, he simply kept Tangning company on set for her last two scenes.

Finally, because Hai Rui felt the issue had gotten a little out of hand, they got Fang Yu to accept an interview at the front door. But, it wasn’t anything official nor did it seem very serious.

“Could Vice President Fang...”

“You don’t need to ask, I know what you want to ask?” Fang Yu couldn’t be bothered listening to the reporters’ rubbish as he said, “Since Miss Chi insists on getting an answer, we have no choice but to reply.”

“On August 19th, President Mo’s assistant, Lu Che, did indeed give Miss Chi a phone call. The motive was to notify her of their marriage.”

“Huh?” the media were in an uproar as they rapidly snapped photos on their cameras.

Was Mo Ting about to reveal everything?

Fang Yu analyzed the expressions of the media and gave a mysterious smile. After their discussions stopped, he finally continued.

“But, this incident was simply a result of the chairman’s impatience for a grandchild. He demanded President Mo to bring home a granddaughter-in-law that very day...So, President Mo simply picked a random name from a list and selected Miss Chi. He was planning to ask her for a favor after she arrived to help him avoid the persistence of the chairman...but...Miss Chi never arrived.”

“So...Tangning is not a mistress and President Mo is not familiar with Miss Chi. The media’s ridiculous guesses can now stop.”

“At that time, the chairman used his illness as a threat, so President Mo had to make an urgent decision. He originally thought Miss Chi had not shown up because she didn’t care. Who would have thought she’d remember it until now!”

In other words, Chi Xinyan had been overthinking the situation and thought there was actually something romantic going on.

“This is the entire story. We originally thought a small issue like this wouldn’t need explaining. Who would have thought...”

So it turned out Mo Ting had randomly picked Chi Xinyan and was merely going to ask her for a favor.

No wonder he couldn’t be bothered to explain anything. It turned out, Chi Xinyan meant nothing to him from the start...

He just picked her randomly...

Everyone originally thought they were watching an entertaining love triangle. Who would have thought that Chi Xinyan meant absolutely nothing to Mo Ting.

In that case, wasn’t Chi Xinyan a joke for taking things so seriously?

Chapter 358: We Don’t Want to Appear on the Entertainment News Headlines !

She wasn’t simply a joke, she was a complete embarrassment!

“Let me clarify it one more time, President Mo is not familiar with Miss Chi. He only met her once at the recent Chanel event and has never considered pursuing a relationship with her. President Mo and Tangning’s relationship is going great, please don’t look at them with judgmental eyes.”

“This will be the last time Hai Rui speaks up about this issue. If any member of the media makes up any more false rumors, then I’m sorry, Hai Rui won’t show any mercy.”

After speaking, Fang Yu turned around, walked back to Hai Rui and returned to his office in high spirits.

The remaining reporters quickly packed up their equipment. They had plenty to write about this time.

So it turned out the heiress had flipped the entire story around!

Word quickly spread online about Chi Xinyan's misunderstanding.

"When I think about it, I feel a little embarrassed on behalf of the rich heiress. She had actually thought Mo Ting seriously wanted to marry her."

"Chi Xinyan has taken her narcissism to another level..."

"Have you guys not noticed? For someone as black-bellied as Mo Ting, only someone with an EQ as high as Tangning could match him. An heiress with a brain like a pig isn't even worth Mo Ting's time. That's why Fang Yu stepped out to clarify on his behalf."

"Wrong! Even Fang Yu couldn't be bothered."

"Haiz, what a satisfying face slap! Did she really think she could do whatever she wanted just because she had money?"

"She's wrong. Tangning also has a powerful family background. She's simply never depended on them..."

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All the various news sources made Chi Xinyan sound completely shameless. The way she flipped the situation around was so embarrassing that even Father Chi was disgusted. Although he rarely got angry at Chi Xinyan, this time, she had thrown herself into the mess with no one to blame; he saw everything clearly.

"Do you feel embarrassed at all?" Father Chi asked with his hands clasped behind his back in the study room.

Chi Xinyan's face glowed red as she avoided eye contact.

"Even if you're not embarrassed, my old soul is completely embarrassed by you! Isn't that great? Now, no matter where I go, I have to put up with weird looks. This is a result of the stupid joke you created. Even clients have canceled contracts because they've lost trust in us!"

"What did you expect to achieve from all this? Why did you provoke Hai Rui?"

"Did you think you could beat the Tang Family? Tangning obviously has 4 siblings, yet Elder Tang only loves her. With a calculative heart like that, how could you beat her?" Father Chi was so angry, his entire body trembled.

"For the next month, you are not allowed to take a step out of the family home. Stay here and reflect on your actions."

"But..."

"No buts! Those socialite meetings can do without your attendance." After speaking, Father Chi waved his hand at Chi Xinyan, "Go out and get some rest."

After hearing that contracts had been canceled because of her, Chi Xinyan finally realized the seriousness of the situation.

Staying at home for one month was nothing. With the humiliation she was receiving, even half a year was not enough.

She was much too embarrassed!

She had originally thought that Mo Ting wouldn't be able to explain the situation, since what she said was the truth. Who would have thought...

... for someone that existed in the entertainment industry and was the ruler of it, how could he be called the King of Entertainment if he couldn't deal with a small issue like this?

What a joke!

What a complete and undeniable joke!

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Tangning originally had a shoot to attend for 'Stupid', but because it was raining outside, she ended up being stuck in the hotel.

Han Xiner looked at the reports on Fang Yu's response and laughed happily while she sat on the bed. Tangning put down the script in her hands and looked at Han Xiner as she shook her head, "Is it really that funny?"

"Don't you think it's funny at all?" Han Xiner stood up and placed one hand on her hip, "No wonder Boss couldn't be bothered dealing with her, even Fang Yu looked careless towards the incident."

"They are both amazing," Tangning replied straightforwardly.

"So, don't you think it's interesting working in PR? Every time they turn a situation around, the happiness and satisfaction they feel must be so amazing."

Tangning lifted her head and looked at Han Xiner. She was exactly as Mo Ting expected; a lover of excitement and challenge.

"In that case, after Long Jie returns, you can officially join the PR department. You can become Fang Yu's student. I'm sure you will surpass him someday."

Han Xiner's eyes were filled with spirit and joy, not holding back her emotions at all, "OK, I will definitely do my best!"

After speaking, Han Xiner continued browsing through the discussions online. But, slowly...her expression changed, "Ning Jie...because of Chi Xinyan, some people are beginning to look into your family background."

With the mention of her family, Tangning's smile disappeared.

Han Xiner was aware that this was Tangning's weakness. She quickly tried to change the topic, but Tangning suddenly said, "Hand me my phone..."

“I think you should leave matters like this to Boss...”

“Hand it to me.”

Han Xiner hesitantly handed the phone to Tangning. As soon as she got hold of the phone, Tangning started browsing through the discussions.

Not only did the netizens find out that she was born into a perfume empire and had an impressive identity. They also found a photo of the Tang Family; this time, even Elder Tang was implicated.

In reality, Tangning had never hidden her identity from the public, it's just, no one ever brought it up. This time, because of Chi Xinyan, netizens wanted to prove Tangning's status was no less than Chi Xinyan, so they posted up a photo of the Tang Family as proof.

“I know you dislike being connected to the Tang Family. But, this time, the Tang family are bound to be implicated.”

“It's not like I can determine the conditions in which I am born. I have definitely been through ups and downs in the entertainment industry, but I've always depended on myself to make money. My conscience is clear, so there is nothing I should worry about,” Tangning handed back her phone, but her expression had already darkened more than just a couple shades.

Han Xiner helplessly let out a sigh. In reality, she felt, the Han Family should have been more or less responsible for everything that happened. Because, if it wasn't for Han Yufan, Tangning would not have been kicked out by Elder Tang.

“Ning Jie...don't be upset.”

Tangning looked at Han Xiner and forced a smile.

However, that night, Tangning received a phone call from Tang Xuan. Her voice shook anger, “Wasn't embarrassing the Chi Family enough? Did you want to drag the entire Tang Family into the dirty gossip with you?”

“Just because you were born illegitimately and want to live a lowly life, that's your problem to deal with, don't embarrass the entire family.”

“The Tang Family only want to appear in finance magazines, not on the headlines of entertainment news!”

Tangning did not say a word, she simply allowed Tang Xuan to complain. After a short moment of silence, she finally asked, “Have you finished talking?”

“Would you believe that I have the ability to keep you on top of entertainment headlines for an entire month?”

Tang Xuan: “...”

“I know how to deal with this matter. The Tang Family don't need to get involved.”

“Whether I’m living in glory or suffering a downfall, it is my issue to deal with. I’ve never considered sharing my life with the Tang Family. Tang Xuan, don’t ever call my phone again – it’s extremely annoying...”

“You!”

“Don’t you have any self-awareness at all?”

Chapter 359: Who Does the Old Man Think he’s Bullying ?

Before Tang Xuan could respond, Tangning had already hung up the phone. As she put down the phone, her eyes looked obviously upset.

It wasn’t her choice to be born into the Tang Family. Wasn’t it enough that she had mentally tortured herself over it for so many years? How much further did the Tang Family want to push her?

“Ning Jie...”

“I’m fine,” Tangning looked at Han Xiner and revealed a comforting smile. The rain outside further lowered Tangning’s mood. But, as soon as she thought of Mo Ting, her emotions stabilized. In fact, she felt a sense of warmth sweep over her body.

Once upon a time, in order to hide from the Tang Family and to take care of Han Yufan, she had been willing to give up on the career that she loved so much. At that time, she was happy to move behind the scenes and become a supportive wife and loving mother. But now, she felt, only standing in the most dazzling position, would she match Mo Ting’s grandeur.

So, she would never retreat because of the Tang Family again.

“Ning Jie, someone is knocking on the door. It must be Boss. I’ll go open it.”

“OK,” Tangning smiled.

However, to her surprise, the person to appear at the doorway holding a black umbrella, was Elder Tang’s assistant, “Miss Tangning, the chairman wants to see you. He is in the car downstairs.”

Tangning glanced at Han Xiner. Although her emotions were complex, she couldn’t find a reason to reject her grandfather – especially since he was already downstairs.

Tangning gestured for Han Xiner not to follow her and mouthed instructions for her to call Mo Ting. Han Xiner nodded her head. As soon as Tangning left she immediately pulled out her phone and called Mo Ting.

“Hello Boss, the Tang Family have come to look for Ning Jie!”

Mo Ting was already on his way to look for Tangning, so as soon as he heard Han Xiner’s words, he immediately sped up his car...

Downstairs...

The assistant held onto his umbrella as he escorted Tangning to a black car that was stopped beneath a tree. Tangning looked through the window at the old man that sat inside and couldn't help but sigh. She could no longer recall whether it had been 4 or 5 years since they last saw each other...

"Miss Tang, please..." the assistant opened the car door and gestured for her to step inside.

Tangning hesitated for a moment, but still ended up stepping aboard. This meeting was so sudden, she hadn't even changed out of her costume yet.

Elder Tang had an honorable presence to him. He sat up straight and turned to look at Tangning as he smirked, "Is this how shameful you are these days?"

"Grandfather, have you come because of the news articles?" Tangning ignored his question and asked. "If you have, I can assure you that I will deal with it myself. There was no need for you to come all the way here."

"Hmmp," Elder Tang grunted. "You sure are stubborn. It's already been 9 years! Don't you miss your mother and grandfather at all?"

"Since you had the courage to walk out. Why couldn't you put up with a little bit of scorn and contempt from your siblings?"

"You're overthinking the situation. I left the Tang Family simply because I wanted to pursue a career in entertainment," Tangning denied. "I have no interest in perfume."

"But you were born with natural talent."

Tangning fell silent.

However, the atmosphere in the car turned so icy cold, it made it hard for one to breathe.

"If you want me to forgive you, I want you to break all ties with the entertainment industry, break up with the rascal from the Mo Family, and return to the Tang Family."

Tangning remained silent for a few moments before replying, "I am good the way I am right now."

"What's so good? You get trodden over by rubbish news every single day. If you want glory, can't grandfather give it to you?"

"No you can't," Tangning replied straightforwardly, "If I return to the Tang Family, I won't be able to eat nor sleep. I will feel guilty every single day that I use the Tang Family's money, because I feel like it is stolen and snatched from someone else. It will drive me crazy! Grandfather, can't you just set me free?"

"Are you that disgusted by the Tang Family?" anger began to show on Elder Tang's face. "So disgusted that you can't stay for even a second?"

"Yes."

"What has that Mo rascal offered you?"

"He has given me everything I was missing. Things that grandfather can never give me," Tangning said in a choked up voice.

“What do you mean by that?”

“Dignity,” Tangning laughed at herself. “Grandfather, I know it is impossible for you to disregard the rest of the family for my sake.”

“Do you feel a lack of dignity being born into the Tang Family?” Elder Tang was slightly shocked as his hands began to tremble.

“I’m sure you are well aware whether I have any dignity. Must you ask the obvious?”

“Do as you please! If one day, you decide to return to the Tang Family, you better clean up all ties with the entertainment industry. I will never accept a grandson-in-law involved with entertainment, regardless of how capable he is.” Elder Tang gave up trying to convince his granddaughter. When it came to personality traits, apart from a natural talent in everything they did, stubbornness was something the grandfather and granddaughter shared.

“In that case, I don’t think there will ever be a place in the Tang Family for me...”

“Tangning, a few years ago you suffered so much because of Han Yufan and was even kicked out of the Tang Family. Look what happened in the end,” Elder Tang’s eyes turned red, “This time, because of a man again...”

“He’s different.”

“What if I insist that you give up on him?”

“I won’t be able to do it. Even if I have to die, I wouldn’t be able to do it. I can give up on anything, but when it comes to Mo Ting, no one can take him away from me. Not even you, grandfather.” As Tangning spoke, her voice was firm and the words flowed out of her mouth quickly, not allowing Elder Tang to cut in.

After quite some time, Elder Tang finally found his voice again, “If you had to choose between me and him?”

“I don’t need the empty Tang Family, I just need him.”

Naturally, the grandfather and granddaughter were destined to separate on bad terms.

They simply had different opinions.

Elder Tang loved Tangning, but his love came with a price.

Tangning was naturally shooed out of the car. After the black car drove away, Tangning spotted Mo Ting standing not too far away holding an umbrella, waiting patiently for her.

Tangning’s tears uncontrollably flowed from her eyes. Seeing this, Mo Ting immediately removed his jacket and wrapped her up in it, pulling her tightly into his embrace.

“It’s fine...everything is fine. You have me.”

Tangning held onto Mo Ting with all her might. It wasn’t until she was forced to make a choice did she realize that Mo Ting was more important to her than anything in her life.

“Ting...”

“Yes?”

“Do you know how important you are to me?” Tangning asked amongst the rain.

“I know,” Mo Ting replied in a deep voice as he kissed her on the head. “But, you must remember, I will always love you a little more than you love me.”

Tangning buried her head into Mo Ting’s embrace as her tears fell upon his sweater. The couple stood in the rain for quite some time before Mo Ting finally said, “Let’s return to the hotel. You can tell me everything your grandfather said to you.”

“Ok,” Tangning nodded her head.

Mo Ting hooked his arm around Tangning as they returned to the hotel. He felt a surge of emotions; who did the old man think he was bullying?

Even if it was someone from the Tang Family; even if it was an elder; as long as they made Tangning unhappy, he wasn’t going to let it pass!

Chapter 360: You’ve Left Me With No Choice

10pm. The rain was pouring.

Tangning’s emotions had been stabilized within Mo Ting’s embrace and the couple hugged each other to sleep cheek-to-cheek.

“I’ve already asked Coque to postpone tonight’s shoot. Get some rest.”

Tangning buried herself into Mo Ting’s embrace, pressing her head against his chest, “No need. I’m just going to have a half hour nap and then I’m going to go for the shoot.”

“OK. If you want to have a nap, I’ll hug you and keep you warm. If you want to go do some filming, I’ll accompany you,” Mo Ting did not force Tangning to rest, he simply fulfilled her every request. Because after listening to the conversation between Tangning and Elder Tang, he got the idea that Tangning had experienced a childhood of pain and suffering.

The Tang Family’s obstacles, Elder Tang’s controlling nature and her own guilt and discomfort...

...just the thought of all these made Mo Ting’s heart ache.

So, 1 hour later, filming commenced...

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Late into the night, after Elder Tang returned to the Tang Family home, his assistant immediately called for a doctor, attracting the attention of everyone in the family.

Tang Xuan paced back and forth anxiously until Elder Tang’s condition was stabilized. She then asked the assistant, “Where did grandfather go? Why did his illness suddenly get triggered?”

“Errr...” the assistant was put in a difficult position.

“What is there that you can’t say? Grandfather is already in this condition...” Tang Xuan had an extremely anxious expression on her face.

“The chairman went to meet with Miss Tangning,” the assistant replied honestly.

After hearing this, Tang Xuan was a little surprised, “Did you say grandfather went to look for Tangning? Grandfather vowed he’d never see Tangning again...”

“She is his granddaughter after all, how could he possibly not see her again? Chairman simply said it out of anger!”

Tang Xuan handed the medicine and water to the assistant and turned to return to her room. She had already endured so much, but why wasn’t Tangning keeping her distance from the Tang Family?

She was well aware that deep in Elder Tang’s heart, his top choice for a successor had always been Tangning. Unfortunately, Tangning was the daughter of a mistress. So, everyone had the right except for her.

“Grandfather...you’ve left me with no choice,” Tang Xuan clenched her fists. Inside, she subconsciously wanted Tangning to distance herself from the Tang Family; just a little further and a little further more...

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“Scene 182, Act 3, action!”

This was a scene between Tangning and the athlete. Regarding the child’s upbringing, the athlete wanted nothing to do with it.

Upon the muddy post-rain road, Tangning carried her child weakly towards the athlete. But, when he saw her, not only did he deny knowing her, he even refused to acknowledge his child.

In front of the cameras, Tangning carried her child as a scornful smile appeared on her face. She looked at the back of the athlete and exclaimed, “My child is a genius. You will regret not accepting him one day.”

“Crazy woman! I’m an athlete. I can’t have a child. I still need to win awards and become number one!”

Tangning looked at the man that disappeared without looking back. After struggling a little, she ended up collapsing on the floor...

“He really is a genius.”

Under the empty night sky, all that could be heard was Tangning mumbling to herself...

“Pass...” Coque stood up and exclaimed. After being in Beijing for quite some time, he had picked up a few useful words and phrases. This time, as he called out, it did not seem awkward at all.

After filming was complete, Mo Ting approached Tangning before she had completely pulled out of the character, and wrapped her in a jacket, “Mrs. Mo, it’s time to snap out of character!”

“Two more scenes to go and filming will be complete!” Tangning sighed, “I suddenly feel like I’ll miss it.”

“Everything will be wrapped up tomorrow...” Mo Ting escorted her out between his arms, “It’s late tonight. Hurry back to the hotel and get some rest. You have an early filming session tomorrow.”

“Tomorrow... You still remember what you promised me, right?”

“Of course.”

Tangning turned her head and looked at Mo Ting, he also looked quite tired. This almighty CEO, had stood here all night because of her, regardless of the weather. He also worried about her all the time. Thinking about this, Tangning suddenly felt her heart ache. Especially when she remembered the words he had previously said.

Did he really love her more than she loved him?

Mo Ting had long prepared a speech for the announcement of their marriage. All he had been waiting for, was the right day and moment...

However, another piece of news was one step ahead...

[Explosive News! Rich Family Battle: Tangning Confirmed to be an Illegitimate Child!]

[Tangning’s Birth a Mystery. Is She Really an Heiress?]

[Daughter of a Mistress: Tangning’s True Identity Revealed!]

The next morning, Han Xiner knocked urgently on Tangning’s door and handed the news directly to her. As for Hai Rui, they had already started working on their PR; anything that mentioned Tangning’s identity, was immediately deleted. However, this didn’t stop word from spreading within the industry.

“Rich families are disgusting, they sure are a mess.”

“This isn’t that big of a news, why is it even worth exposing?”

“Since Tangning is the daughter of a mistress, will she also become a mistress?”

If this was in the past, seeing news like this would merely make Tangning scoff with disdain, because those that hurt her were strangers and she couldn’t be bothered getting upset over strangers.

But, this time, the news could have only been exposed by the Tang Family because they were the only ones that knew of it.

“Ning Jie...”

Seeing Tangning suffer, Han Xiner wanted to comfort her. But, Tangning grabbed onto her wrist and said, “Don’t tell Mo Ting. He just left and has a lot to deal with back at Hai Rui.”

“Actually, Boss had given me a call not too long ago, telling me not to tell you about this issue in case it made you unhappy.”

“I’m fine. Since it is the truth, what’s wrong with it being exposed?”

“But...will it affect the Mo Family’s impression of you?” this was what Han Xiner was most worried about.

“Help me prepare a car. I want to pay a visit to the Tang Family,” Tangning instructed firmly. There were some things she had to resolve in person. The Tangning that allowed Tang Xuan to bully her, was already in the past. At present, no one should dream of hurting her, because hurting her was equivalent to hurting Mo Ting!”

“Should I mention this to Boss?”

“Of course. But, I want to head over first. I can’t stay seated here for another second.”

“OK, you go ahead. Here’s the car keys. Before the media gather, get out of here,” Han Xiner said as she escorted Tangning out.

As Tangning left, Han Xiner watched as she disappeared. She suddenly felt that life was filled with difficulties. Taking her own family as an example: her brother was greedy and her sister was cruel. As for Tangning, her family had forced her to this point. How much of a grudge did they hold against her, for them to treat a relative in such a way?

Actually, Tangning understood why Tang Xuan had done something like this. It was because her grandfather had come to look for her.

Was Tang Xuan that afraid of Tangning becoming the successor of the Tang family business?

So much that she’d actually expose the Tang Family’s embarrassing scandal?

Tangning started up the car and sped towards the Tang Family home. However, halfway there, she received a phone call from Mo Ting, “Slow down!”

Tangning immediately slowed down.

“Ning, you head over first. I’m already on my way to see you. Since we were planning to announce our marriage today, this is the perfect time and place!”