

Work Hard 511

Chapter 511: I Don't Scheme Against Others Behind Their Backs

Lin Shaoyuan had nothing to say.

Tangning wasn't a two-faced person; if she hated someone or were disgusted by them, it would be directly displayed on her face.

The sisters had never mixed, so Tangning did not need to hide her true feelings.

Tangning was obviously trying to kick Tang Xuan out of Tang Corps. Plus, according to her usual methods, it was possible that she would completely uproot her and destroy any power that she still held within Tang Corps.

Faced with Tangning's bold attitude, the shareholders couldn't help but feel convinced by her. Two victories in a row was something they had to acknowledge.

So, after the meeting ended, Tangning directly instructed for Tang Xuan to be dismissed, not even leaving a simple role of secretary for her.

Tang Xuan stormed into the CEO's office, but Tangning was nowhere to be seen.

"You won't even let your own sister off. Tangning, aren't you afraid of retribution?"

In the end, Qiao Yusheng couldn't stand being hassled anymore and replied, "President Tang said that she is in charge here. Dismissing you is her basic right."

"Tangning...Tangning, come out here and explain yourself..."

"Miss Tang, I think it's best if you go home and focus on your pregnancy. If anything happens to your child, we can't take responsibility," Qiao Yusheng said as he blocked the office door.

"Tangning, don't assume that you can kick me out of the company like this."

Inside the office, Tangning was seated on the sofa resting her eyes. She had no intention of showing Tang Xuan any mercy.

"President Tang, I've finally sent her away."

"Clean up the staff that are involved with Tang Xuan. Deal with them the way that they should be dealt," Tangning replied with her eyes closed.

Qiao Yusheng nodded his head and took a deep breath, "I hope Tang Corps would be at peace from now on."

"Peace?" Hearing this word, Tangning sat up and laughed, "Tang Xuan still has a bargaining chip in her hands; the child in her stomach. Plus, did you think Tang Xuan managed to plan the leaking of the VIP list, all on her own?"

"What President Tang is trying to say is...'

“Let’s not talk about it for now and focus on preparations for the Product Launch instead,” Tangning did not continue. They were both smart people, so there were some things that did not need to be explained in detail.

Like this, Tangning used her lightning-fast methods to take control of Tang Corps. And because of her two spectacular victories, she went from appearing on the entertainment news headlines to appearing on the financial news headlines.

The only thing that Tangning was worried about, was the fact that her pregnancy would become harder and harder to hide.

After all, the baby in her stomach was growing bigger every day.

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Everyone quickly found out about Tang Xuan being kicked out of Tang Corps. This was the second time that this had happened to her. The first time was when Elder Tang kicked her out, this time...

...she was actually kicked out by Tangning!

Tang Xuan’s reputation had long been destroyed. It was originally expected that, after experiencing a fall, she would change for the better. But, seeing Tangning kick her out of Tang Corps so resolutely, it was obvious that a leopard could not change its spots...

As soon as Elder Tang heard that Tang Xuan had been dismissed, he immediately put down his fishing rod. This time he was in trouble, the person at home was going to be hard to deal with, “Couldn’t Xiao Ning have been gentler?”

But, for the sake of the child in Tang Xuan’s stomach, Elder Tang calmed down and packed away his things to return home. Just as Assistant Leng drove in through the driveway of the Tang Household, Tang Xuan could be seen kneeling on the ground soaked in rain water.

“Assistant Leng, hurry,” Elder Tang immediately gestured for his assistant to bring Tang Xuan an umbrella.

Assistant Leng seemed to have predicted this scene as he hurried over and covered Tang Xuan with an umbrella.

“What are you doing? How could you torture your body like this? You don’t know how to act like a mother at all,” Elder Tang helped Tang Xuan off the floor, “Follow me into the house.”

“Grandfather...in your heart, am I never comparable to Tangning?” Tang Xuan’s face was pale as she asked. Although she was putting on an act, she was actually filled with anger and resentment.

“Come home with me first,” Elder Tang dragged her into the house before he instructed the maids to help her get tidy up.

“Chairman, I’m afraid the issue hasn’t ended,” Assistant Leng said as he watched Tang Xuan walk away.

“Of course I know it hasn’t ended,” Elder Tang sighed as he put down his walking stick. “But, I also understand why Xiao Ning did what she did. Tang Corps has long needed a clean out.”

“What should we do now?”

“Apart from comforting her, what else can I do?” Elder Tang said before he went into his bedroom. After changing into a set of comfortable clothes, he walked over and entered Tang Xuan’s room.

However, Tang Xuan was dangerously standing on the edge of the balcony.

“Xiao Xuan, come here, what are you trying to do?”

“Grandfather, I’m divorced now and have no family. On top of that, when I went into the office, I was kicked out. What reason do I have to continue living? I’ve been kicked out by my own sister, can’t she show mercy based on the fact that we are related?”

Elder Tang sneered inside; it wasn’t like Tang Xuan showed mercy when she schemed against Tangning.

“Tell me, what do you want then?” Elder Tang didn’t want to go around in circles with her. After all, he was bound to be put in a difficult situation in the end.

“I want to get my split of the family assets. I want my shares and everything I deserve from having worked so hard over the years...”

She wanted to split the assets...

She wanted to walk away with a piece of the Tang Family right now...

It seemed, she was dreaming about branching off and starting her own company.

“Come over here for now. Let’s have a good chat,” Elder Tang took the opportunity to grab onto Tang Xuan’s hand and pulled her to safety. “I know you must think that Tangning acted too ruthlessly. But tell me Xiao Xuan, don’t you think you’ve also done something unfair to Tangning? Logically speaking, she would never go this far.”

Lying was already embedded in Tang Xuan’s genes. How could she possibly tell the truth?

“Grandfather, although Tangning and I have been at odds for many years, I’m not the type of person to scheme against others behind their backs.”

“How about this, let’s talk about it after the Product Launch is over, OK?” Elder Tang comforted. “You will need to endure it in the meantime.”

“Grandfather, it’s not that I am trying to ask for too much, but the Tang Family no longer has a place for me.”

“I understand. Hurry and get some rest. Don’t forget, you are still a part of the Tang Family, so you also need to attend the Product Launch.”

“Grandfather, am I really still a part of the Tang Family?”

After saying these words, Tang Xuan returned to her bed and covered herself with her blanket.

While Elder Tang thought to himself: they only considered the child a part of the Tang Family...

Chapter 512: I Heard You’ve Kicked Tang Xuan Out Of Tang Corps

Right now, the only bargaining chip that Tang Xuan had was her shares and her child. She had already been pushed into a dead end by Tangning.

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Late at night, just around the corner from the Tang Family Household, Tang Xuan boarded a slightly hidden black car, "There are cameras everywhere. What would you do if we get caught?"

"How did Elder Tang respond to you?" Lin Shaoyuan asked as he took a puff from his cigarette.

"On the surface, he appears to be treating me well. But, in reality, he is obviously siding with Tangning." Tang Xuan went from someone that never admitted defeat to a pool of tears.

"You've already gotten to this point. What's the point of crying now?" Lin Shaoyuan asked.

"I can't think of what else I can do..."

"How could you not think of anything? You still have your shares and your child. It's apparent that the old man is still cautious when it comes to your child."

"So what? Tangning has forced me into a dead end and I have nowhere to go..."

Lin Shaoyuan suddenly turned around and looked at Tang Xuan. Through the thin lens of his glasses, his diamond-like eyes sparkled with an icy coldness.

"The biggest difference between you and Tangning is, Tangning likes to act weak while concealing her real abilities; she always analyzes her surroundings quietly before she grabs onto the right time to strike and succeed in one shot."

"You, on the other hand, you can't contain your true feelings!"

This was something that Tang Xuan was well aware of, but she didn't like to admit. Over the years, she had tried so hard to be better than Tangning, but never once did she succeed.

At this moment, Lin Shaoyuan suddenly fell quiet as he pulled out another cigarette from his pocket and lit it. The slight glow of scarlet was eye-catching and eerie against the darkness.

"So, you don't have any other ideas at the moment?"

"Take care of your child and wait patiently for the right time. I will teach you a few things during this time."

"Tangning is endlessly changing. There is no reason for you to remain in the same spot."

"You're also attending Tang Corps' Annual Product Launch, right? Don't let Tangning look down on you again..."

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To reduce her exposure in front of the public, Tangning actually had no intention to attend the Product Launch.

But, thinking about the troublemaking Tang Xuan, she decided she may still make an appearance sitting amongst the guests without anyone knowing.

This time, Tang Xuan endured for quite some time without using her child as a bargaining chip. It seemed, she had not reached her limit yet.

But, suddenly the thought of what Mo Ting previously said, suddenly popped up in Tangning's mind.

Mo Ting once said that he wished to see Tang Xuan being separated from her child and the expression on her face.

So, at this moment, she too wanted to see her expression.

"Recently, I haven't had to call you to know what you are up to. Please...are you trying to be known by everyone?"

It was rare for Long Jie to visit Tangning at Hyatt Regency. And just like she said, whenever she wanted to know anything about Tangning, it was as easy as opening up a newspaper.

Tangning smiled but did not say a word.

"Have you actually decided to take over Tang Corps and no longer act?"

"Of course not..." Tangning said with a deeper meaning..

Long Jie paused for a moment before she smiled and said, "I heard you've kicked Tang Xuan out of Tang Corps..."

"Yep, this was the entire motive for why I joined the company."

"Woah, black belly, so black belly! You're almost a mother, can't you use gentler methods?"

With the mention of becoming a mother, Tangning subconsciously looked at Long Jie's stomach. She knew deep down that Long Jie's heart hurt every time she saw her.

"I'm fine, you don't need to worry," Long Jie understood what Tangning was thinking as she shrugged her shoulders. "As long as Lu Che is on my side, then I have the strength to carry on."

"Both of you are still young."

"Tangning, you wouldn't understand," Long Jie suddenly took a deep breath. "It's not that Lu Che's parents don't treat me well. In fact, they treat me too well. With so many eyes on me, I can't help but feel pressured."

"Has Lu Che done a medical examination?" Tangning suddenly asked.

"Yes he has and the doctor said he's fine."

"Then it must mean your time hasn't arrived..."

"Maybe," Long Jie nodded her head as she reminded herself not to show Lu Che her dull expression.

"So, will you be attending the Annual Product Launch?"

Tangning shook her head, "I don't need to."

“You’re going to allow Tang Xuan to take control of the event?”

In reality, Tangning knew that the person that was going to cause trouble at the event wasn’t Tang Xuan, but someone else.

Tangning did not say word. As a result, Long Jie understood and also shut her mouth.

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It didn’t take long before Tang Corps’ Annual Product Launch was to be held in Beijing and it had attracted a high-degree of attention. This was because the Tang Family had produced two attention-grabbing people. Apart from Tangning, there was also Tang Jingxuan who had a large number of fans!

His own family was launching a new perfume, so of course he had to make an appearance.

Ever since the incident with Xia Jingyi, he had been completely consumed in work. But, during this busy stage, where he barely even had time to sleep, he slowly began to take notice of someone...

His manager, Song Yanshu.

Song Yanshu had a one-sided love for him; this was something that everyone knew. After all, she had announced it in front of everyone. But, in her everyday life, she was a professional and capable manager. She cared for him, but...

...she did not step over the boundaries of a friend.

“I’ve prepared an outfit for you to wear to the Product Launch. It is hanging in your closet. As for your shoes, you can wear whatever you like.”

Tang Jingxuan stared at Song Yanshu for a while before he snapped out of his daze, “Will Sister Three be attending?”

“Ning Jie has a lot to take into consideration. I’m not sure whether she will attend,” Song Yanshu replied.

“Yanshu, will you get married and have children in the future?” Tang Jingxuan suddenly asked.

“Of course,” Song Yanshu replied naturally.

Tang Jingxuan suddenly tried to hide his smile, “I don’t think I’ll get used to not having you around.”

“I will take care of you until you become an international superstar. By then, you will no longer remember a tiny insignificant manager like me,” Song Yanshu smiled. “When that time comes, I will take my leave.”

“Why not choose to enjoy the glory with me?”

“I’m satisfied just by watching you.” Song Yanshu picked up her bag from the sofa and left the apartment that Tang Jingxuan had recently bought.

However, even after she had left, her words still echoed in Tang Jingxuan’s ears.

If Song Yanshu was to leave him after he became a superstar, then why should he become one?

Tang Jingxuan was surprised that he even had this thought...

But, he did indeed think this. If he could keep Song Yanshu by his side, even if he didn't become an international superstar, he would still hold some value.

Chapter 513: Isn't She Attending ?

Tang Corps' Annual Product Launch was fast approaching, but the public had not received word of whether Tangning would be attending.

After solving the issue with the leaked VIP list, Tangning had once disappeared from everyone's sight. Even as an Acting CEO, she barely made an appearance, so the staff at Tang Corps barely got to see her.

3pm. Guests began to gather in the waiting rooms of the Crown's Star Hotel, where Tang Corps' Annual Product Launch was to be held. But, Tangning was still nowhere to be seen.

Inside one of the waiting rooms sat Tang Xuan. Her outfit and makeup was ready as she looked at herself in the vanity mirror. Beside her stood Lin Shaoyuan and her makeup artist. The makeup artist scanned her eyes in detail across Tang Xuan.

"Mr. Lin, she's ready," the makeup artist put down her tools and retreated behind Lin Shaoyuan.

Lin Shaoyuan looked calmly at Tang Xuan. The woman in the mirror was no longer like an evil rose...

Her makeup was light and her expression was gentle; she looked like a completely different person.

"Remember my words: smile more and talk less."

Lin Shaoyuan clearly knew the schedule for the Product Launch, and he of course knew that Tangning had designed a creative way to reveal the new perfume. So...

...he instructed someone to tamper with that segment of the event.

He assumed that Tangning didn't make an appearance yet because she was going to appear at the finale. After all, she was a model, how could she possibly miss out on an event like this?

But, Lin Shaoyuan was wrong. Tangning did not intend to appear, because she had no interest in creating a publicity stunt. She had already entered the venue early on and was already seated amongst the guests disguised in simple clothes to not draw any attention.

Below the stage, Tangning and Mo Ting sat amongst the guests in a slightly hidden spot. Mo Ting had a hat on as he protected Tangning. Their clothes made them appear like they were a part of the staff.

"You've really decided to not go on stage?" Mo Ting leaned into Tangning's ear and asked. Tang Corps was hosting such a grand event and Tangning planned most of it. Although he was used to Tangning's low-profile personality, he did not want his wife's hard work to be claimed by someone else.

"Our baby is more important!" Tangning rubbed her stomach. "When have I ever cared about a little bit of glory?"

Mo Ting smiled warmly and did not say another word. Reality proved that the more capable a person was, the more of a low profile they kept. Plus, Tangning did not lack praise and applause.

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Meanwhile, over at the Tang Family, after the night that Tang Xuan asked Elder Tang to split the assets, she suddenly fell into silence and no longer caused a commotion. Her mood was also abnormally calm.

Elder Tang was finding it harder and harder to understand her temper. He began to suspect that she had so many tricks because there was someone giving her ideas behind-the-scenes. In the past, it was Mother Zhong, but who could it be now?

It didn't take long before famous people from a variety of industries arrived at the scene of the Product Launch. Amongst those that were invited, there were also a few celebrities. After walking down the red carpet, they made their way to their seats. Because of these guests, the Crown's Star Hotel was surrounded by a variety of fans.

Amongst them, the majority of fans belonged to Tangning and Luo Xing.

"Luo Xing...Luo Xing, a sparkling star that casts a thousand beams of light on the Earth..."

"Luo Xing, you're so handsome! We will always support you and your family's perfume..."

"Other members of the Tang Family are attending. What about my Ning? She wouldn't be absent from such an important event, would she?"

Outside the hotel, fans erupted into a heated discussion. As per Tangning's orders, the hotel arranged a shelter for the fans to avoid the cold weather so not to catch a cold.

As a part of the Tang Family, not only Tang Jingxuan but also Tang Yichen also put aside her work and attended the Product Launch.

So, the good-looking young men and women from the Tang Family were seated in a row amongst the other guests. However, Tangning was nowhere to be seen. The guests were quite surprised. They had originally wanted to experience a taste of Tangning's presence.

A moment later, the host appeared on the grand stage and started introducing all the guests. Inside the packed venue, professionals from a variety of industries were filled with curiosity towards Tang Corps' new product.

"How come Xiao Ning isn't here?" Tang Yichen turned to ask Tang Jingxuan while the host was talking. "Isn't she going to attend such an important event?"

"I'm not sure either," Tang Jingxuan shook his head. After all, he could never guess what Tangning was thinking. Plus, Tang Xuan was seated next to him, so he quickly scanned his eyes across her and scoffed.

Tang Yichen understood what Tang Jingxuan was annoyed about, so she gave him a slight nudge, "At least give grandfather some face. Don't cause trouble at a place like this."

Tang Jingxuan did not say anything, so Tang Yichen also relaxed. Meanwhile, sitting beside them, Tang Xuan smiled indifferently like an elegant socialite as she stared at the stage.

"We have once again reached the date of Tang Corps' Annual Product Launch. As a perfume empire, Tang Corps has consistently kept our city, country and even the world fragrant."

“Before we reveal the newest addition to our collection, please welcome our chairman onto the stage to provide a few words...”

Elder Tang was dressed in a white suit, looking lively and noble. He walked onto the stage supported by his walking stick and turned to face the guests, “This will be the last time I attend Tang Corps’ Annual Product Launch. This world now belongs to the young people...”

The young guests weren’t as sentimental as the old man, so they began whispering amongst themselves, “I only see Tang Xuan, is Tangning staying away because of Tang Xuan?”

“To be honest, if we don’t take intelligence into account, Tang Xuan is actually very beautiful. Look at all the guests present. How many of them have the same presence as her? Of course, this is only the case if she keeps her mouth shut...”

“I bet you didn’t know that Tangning is her jinx. Think about it, Tangning’s legs have been named as one of the ten most beautiful in the world. If Tangning makes an appearance today, Tang Xuan would be left in one corner and ignored.”

Tang Xuan listened to the discussions behind her and gritted her teeth as she endured her feelings of envy and anger.

“Don’t you think that Tangning is amazing? No matter which industry she steps foot in, she manages to perform spectacularly.”

“Keep your voice down. I agree she is better than the person in front of us...”

The sounds of laughter and ridicule did not cease, but Tang Xuan remained silent.

“Why should I keep my voice down? Are you afraid that she would hear us? Which part of what I’ve said isn’t the truth?”

“That’s enough!” Tang Xuan couldn’t stand it anymore as she stood up from her seat interrupting the entire event. “Everyone, I have something to say.”

Chapter 514: Turning a Blind Eye

Lin Shaoyuan watched as Tang Xuan stood up with a trace of disappointment. Back when Tangning was wrongly accused of killing Han Xiner and was scolded by the entire nation, what did Tangning do?

She did not make a single sound!

He had been wrong!

Tangning’s endurance was what put her well ahead of Tang Xuan. Tang Xuan wasn’t worth teaching.

“Xiao Xuan, if you have something to say, let’s wait until the Product Launch is over and we can discuss at home,” Elder Tang understood Tang Xuan’s temper. She had suffered a bit of provocation, so disregarded everything and ignored the importance of the situation they were in.

"I can't stand it anymore!" Tang Xuan yelled, "Ever since I was a child, I was always the one that put in the most effort. I knew, as a part of the Tang Family, I had a responsibility to uphold. As a result, I treated my work seriously and never slacked off for a second."

"Over the years, I've dedicated myself to the Tang Family, and in order to pass on our family's perfume, I've put in my best efforts. But, the thing I never expected was, not too long ago, I was actually kicked out of Tang Corps by the Acting CEO..."

"I mean, for the sake of the Tang Family, I can endure it, but grandfather, can you not hear the discussions that are going around? Do you really feel that you have been fair? I've worked so hard, but you've never praised me once. Yet, Tangning made one simple gesture and you immediately treated her like Tang Corps' only hope. Don't you think you are being a bit bias?"

Elder Tang could tell that Tang Xuan had wanted to say these words for a long time...

The provocation she just received had merely ignited her fuse.

The entire venue placed their focus on the aggravated Tang Xuan. This included the frustrated Lin Shaoyuan...

Was she crazy?

Didn't she consider where she was?

It seemed, all the wrong buttons in her brain had been pressed.

"Since you insist on getting an answer today, then I will say a few words regarding this matter. From the time you were a little girl, you had always been arrogant. Plus, you constantly compared yourself to Xiao Ning."

"You thought you could do anything and that you were invincible, but you didn't realize it was only because Tangning went easy on you and hid her true abilities out of a false sense of guilt."

"When you were little, you went to the same school. To keep your pride intact, Tangning held back on her scores and never got higher than you. Have you never wondered why?"

"Eventually, Xiao Ning had no choice but to leave the family home and take on a career which I was against – she became a model!"

"Xiao Xuan, don't tell me you still haven't figured out where you stand."

"But, I've worked so hard for the Tang Family for so many years. How many drops of perfume has Tangning created for the family? How many times has she gone down to the lab? And how many experiments has she done? She practically knows nothing about perfume!"

Tang Xuan was aggravated and emotional...

She actually made people feel like the Tang Family had wronged her and that the Tang Family and Tangning owed her.

If someone else had caused trouble, the issue would have been easily handled by security, but she was a Tang Family member and she was also pregnant. So, they did not dare to act recklessly. After all, everyone knew that Tang Xuan wasn't someone that was easy to deal with.

Tangning and Mo Ting were sitting not too far away as they watched the scene playing out in front of them.

Amidst the darkness, Mo Ting held tightly to Tangning's hand as a source of comfort.

He was well aware of how Tangning's life used to be in the Tang Household, but he never knew she had gone easy on Tang Xuan to this extent.

"How many days has Tangning spent with the Tang Family over the years? Not to mention, she's already married, grandfather..."

"If you guys hadn't acted too ruthlessly, I wouldn't have made things difficult for you at a place like this. But, my heart is seriously in pain and I feel extremely wronged."

A normal Product Launch had suddenly been turned into a family warzone and Tang Xuan had clearly expressed her viewpoint. If Elder Tang didn't give her an explanation today, then they would be an embarrassment together.

It seemed, Tang Xuan felt she had nothing to lose.

"I don't understand. No matter how I think about it, I don't understand..."

The host originally wanted to step out and end the event, but at this time, a voice suddenly resonated from the crowd, "What do you not understand?"

Everyone looked around for the owner of the voice before they finally spotted Tangning sitting amongst the guests.

After removing her cap and coat, all she wore was a loose-fitting dress. As usual, she hid her stomach all...

Everyone watched as she walked towards the stage.

"Who would have thought, Tangning was here all along..."

"It seems like Tangning never intended on revealing herself. But, I guess she couldn't continue watching what was happening."

"What should Tang Xuan feel unfair about? Look at Tangning's presence. She is indeed a million times better than Tang Xuan..."

Because of Tangning's appearance, the venue erupted with noise. After all, everyone wanted to discuss what was happening. Tangning made a hush gesture and the room fell into silence. Everyone looked at Tangning seriously, except for the crying Tang Xuan.

"You've always been sneaky like a mouse. You hide amongst the shadows and jump out when you see an opportunity to snatch something away from me."

“Do you really not know the reason why you were kicked out of Tang Corps?” Tangning was not in the mood to play around with her as she jumped straight to the point.

“What other reason could there be? It’s because you turned a blind eye to injustice!”

Tangning laughed and asked in a cold voice, “Can I ask you a few questions? If you manage to answer them, then I’ll give you the position of Acting CEO.”

“You said that I don’t understand perfume, but who created ‘Night Spirit’, the perfume that you won an award for in Switzerland?”

Tang Xuan froze as a shocked expression appeared on her face.

At the same time, Elder Tang was also shocked. He never expected that the perfume that made Tang Xuan famous all those years ago, didn’t actually come from her hands.

“I...”

“I...”

“Don’t you remember that you took the recipe from my notebook? If that was too long ago, then let’s talk about something else. Just before I left the Tang Family, I discovered an issue with the longevity of that year’s perfume, but somehow you took the credit for it and became quite famous in Tang Corps... Don’t tell me you also forgot about that?”

Tangning brought up one old incident after another.

“I also discovered an issue. Why is it solely your credit?”

“You still won’t admit defeat? Fine, let’s just say I don’t understand perfume. I don’t want to linger on it, so let’s talk about something else...”

How could she be considered as someone that didn’t understand perfume?

Everyone felt shame on behalf of Tang Xuan...

Chapter 515: No Matter What, This Position Does Not Belong to You

“When grandfather was in charge, Tang Corps grew steadily. So, under grandfather’s protection, you were allowed to stay in a position of power. But, if you were to say that you dedicated yourself to the company, then what contribution did you make? Can you give us an example?”

“On the contrary, during the time that you were CEO of Tang Corps, the company’s shares continuously plummeted and the family was surrounded by scandals. It was my mother, Xia Yuling, that led the business back onto the right path.”

“Hard work is not equivalent to good work. The auntie that cleans the office is also dedicated to her work, does that mean we should let her be the CEO?”

“To put it simply – you are hopeless!” Tangning pointed out Tang Xuan’s flaws with one strike. “I’ve never studied management and I come from a modeling background, yet grandfather put his hope on a

complete outsider like me. It's obvious to see that all you have done over the years is not enough to gain trust from the head of the family."

Outsider...

The guests once again felt shame on behalf of Tang Xuan.

If Tangning was considered an outsider...then there weren't many people in this world that could be considered as truly skilled.

"How are you going to refute against this?"

Tang Xuan wasn't willing to admit defeat, but...there wasn't anything she could say. Even when she searched through her memory in detail, she indeed could not find a single example for when she had made a contribution.

"You relied on grandfather's protection to get through each day, whereas, I used my abilities to save Tang Corps from a crisis. No matter how I look at it, this position does not belong to you."

"You...you're talking rubbish!"

"Tang Xuan, even you're doubting yourself," Tangning smirked. "Tang Corps has been through so much whilst upholding a responsible attitude towards its business and consumers. When met with something unsuitable for the company, we need to get rid of it as soon as possible. This is something that grandfather has always believed in."

"That's why we hold a new product launch every single year..."

"Tang Xuan, people have self-awareness. We should deal with our own private matters in private. Today is a big day for Tang Corps. I'm sure the guests are here to see our new perfume and not to see you..."

Everyone laughed.

The topic of discussion was easily diverted by Tangning back to the main theme of the event, saving the situation. Mo Ting reacted quickly by gesturing for Tang Jingxuan to remove Tang Xuan from the audience and the atmosphere quickly returned to normal.

"Sorry for making everyone witness a joke."

Tangning apologetically bowed to everyone. She was like a different person to the intimidating Tangning just a moment ago.

She understood the weight of a matter and when to advance and retreat. So, everything she did today, received praise from the guests.

If someone still suspected that Tangning relied on Mo Ting to handle a crisis, then after this incident, they were completely convinced by Tangning's high EQ. She managed to twist an argument and divert everyone's attention to the introduction of their new perfume. She suppressed Tang Xuan fair and square and destroyed her dreams, while promoting the professionalism of Tang Corps. This was her way of acting responsibly towards everyone.

“As everyone can see, Tang Corps’ perfume appeared in front of everyone after many difficulties. In the end, we used a strict approach to place the finished product in front of all of you.”

“When faced with problems, we always resolve it quickly.”

“Let’s welcome the newest addition to the Tang Corps collection!”

In the end, Tangning faced the guests in her most elegant state. At this moment, she wasn’t a model nor an actress, she was merely the CEO of Tang Corps; the Tangning that took her work seriously...

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Above and below the stage, Elder Tang and Tang Yichen both took a deep breath. Neither of them expected that the Product Launch would be able to resume as normal, but Tangning managed to make it happen. She saved Tang Corps once again...

Meanwhile, Tang Xuan was desperately trying to free herself from Tang Jingxuan’s restraint as he dragged her out of the hotel. However, there was no use.

“Brother Four, let me go.”

“Let you go so you can go back there and continue to embarrass Tang Corps?” Tang Jingxuan asked. “I’m sure you know that Sister Three went easy on you today. If she revealed all the dirty things you’ve done, did you think you could still remain in Beijing?”

Tang Xuan looked at Tang Jingxuan and sneered, “I’m your actual sister...yet, how are you treating me?”

“You’ve finally remembered that you’re my sister?” Tang Jingxuan sneered back. “Since we were young, when have you ever upheld your responsibility as an older sister?”

“Whether it was when I was small or now, whenever I faced difficulties, the person to step out and shield me has always been Sister Three, not you...”

“What right do you have to request for me to treat you sincerely?”

Tang Xuan was rendered speechless.

“Don’t you know what a failure you are as a person? Don’t even dream about taking over Tang Corps anymore, focus on your child instead. At least, for the sake of your child, grandfather can still provide you with a roof over your head. Otherwise, who do you think you are?” After speaking, Tang Jingxuan released his grip on Tang Xuan’s wrist, shoved his right hand in his pocket and turned to leave the quiet corridor, leaving Tang Xuan all alone to face the long red carpet in a daze.

At this moment, Tang Xuan couldn’t explain her emotions. She simply felt a burning at the back of her throat.

Was she destined for failure?

She still had a Tang Family descendent in her stomach, so she wasn’t completely empty-handed! She wasn’t willing to accept anything that Tangning had said that night because she was the eldest.

No one was allowed to destroy all the effort she had put in – not even Tangning.

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In the end, Tang Corps' Product Launch ran smoothly. As for the tricks that Lin Shaoyuan wanted to play, he didn't get a chance to play them because Tang Xuan was an idiot with a pig's brain.

If she had been a little less hopeless and endured for a little more, she would not be in her current predicament.

By expressing her displeasure at the Product Launch, she was pretty much telling everyone that she couldn't continue staying in Tang Corps.

More importantly, Tangning's words clearly told everyone that Tang Xuan had no ability to lead Tang Corps...

She had practically closed the door on Tang Xuan's dream to seize control of the company.

So, what use did Lin Shaoyuan still have for Tang Xuan? All she had left was the child in her stomach...

After what happened, Lin Shaoyuan grew interested in Tangning. He refused to believe that a woman could be so powerful that even a man would have to bow down before her.

But, that was because he had never experienced the methods of the man behind her.

Of course, the game wasn't over yet for Tangning. The show today was merely to prevent Tang Xuan from ever entering Tang Corps again...

After what happened, Elder Tang could finally let out a sigh of relief.

At the same time, he couldn't help but praise Tangning. She wasn't just the average kind of powerful person...

If she could continue to be in charge of Tang Corps, how good would it be?

Too bad, all Tangning was currently thinking about, was how to make Tang Xuan pay back for what she had done to Xia Yuling.

Chapter 516: A Fatal Trap !

After Tang Corps' Annual Product Launch, the new perfume produced by Tang Corps became a hot selling product. It seemed, the commotion caused on the night, was not enough to effect the operations of the company. In fact, it allowed the consumers to see the strict approach of Tang Corps' management as well as their intent. Most importantly, they witnessed Tangning's capability.

After Tangning gave Tang Corps a cleanse, investors and clients felt a lot more confident in the company. At the same time, the shareholders were given an indirect warning: the Tang Family wasn't useless!

Meanwhile, Xia Yuling's secretary wanted to take advantage of the messy situation to make her escape.

In reality, from the time she returned from Switzerland she had continuously been in a frightened state. She originally thought that their plan was a success, but who would have thought that Tangning would end up taking the position of Acting CEO.

She knew that Tangning was extremely capable, so she didn't dare to stay in Tang Corps for much longer. She secretly got news of the situation in Tang Corps and waited for the moment when she thought Tangning had her guard down to leave Beijing. Unfortunately...

...her every move was within Mo Ting's grasp. As soon as she stepped foot into the airport, Mo Ting's people immediately took her away.

In an instant, she was delivered to the CEO's office of Tang Corps. As she looked at Tangning, she guiltily took a few steps back, but was stopped by the security guards behind her.

"What are you trying to do? Tangning, what you've done is illegal."

"Illegal?" Tangning lifted her head and looked at the secretary with a slight coldness. "Did you think of the legalities when you schemed against my mother?"

The secretary trembled as her hands began to sweat, "President Xia was kidnapped by criminals...What has that got to do with me?"

"Then why didn't they kidnap you as well?" Tangning asked back. "Secretary Gao, we are both understanding people, so let's not go around in circles. Since I knew your every move, it's obvious that everything that you and Tang Xuan have done, has been under my observation..."

"Even if you don't tell me what happened, I can investigate the truth. But, I'm afraid that won't be very beneficial to you."

"Of course, it simply means I need to do a bit of extra work. So, I'll leave that for you to decide."

After speaking, Tangning lowered her head and continued working. But, the less noise that Tangning made, the more Secretary Gao trembled in fear. She was well aware that the woman in front of her wasn't Tang Xuan. She wasn't the Big Miss that could be easily fooled into giving her money.

"I will only give you one minute."

Secretary Gao swallowed nervously as she clasped her hands together. After struggling with her thoughts for a while, she finally gave up, "I'll tell you everything. But, you need to promise me that you won't send me to the police."

"I can do that, but you need to do something for me."

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Tang Xuan continued to live in the Tang Household; apart from this place, she had nowhere else to go. After all, Elder Tang had previously proclaimed that no matter what mistakes she made, she was still the Big Miss of the Tang Family and this would forever be her home. In reality, he merely said this to keep her grounded and not to cause anymore troubles in case she hurt the child in her stomach.

That night, light snowfall fell upon Beijing.

Elder Tang instructed his housekeeper to prepare a big feast as Tangning would be hosting a dinner at their house.

It had been a long time since Tangning had last returned to the Tang Household, so Elder Tang joyously made preparations. But, while the household was filled with glee, Tang Xuan was the only one that felt like she was trapped inside a torturous cage.

It didn't take long before the guests invited by Tangning, began to arrive. The shareholders originally thought that the Tang Family were treating them to a new year dinner in advance.

But, as the elders sat down around the dinner table, they looked at each other and felt something wasn't quite right.

"Chairman, the Third Miss invited us here for dinner, but why isn't she here yet?"

Elder Tang touched his walking stick with a joyous smile, "She's on her way. The weather is cold and the roads are slippery, so I told her to be careful."

Tang Yichen and Tang Jingxuan huddled together to chat, treating Tang Xuan like she was on another planet. Meanwhile, Tang Xuan supported her back as she sat in her seat looking down at her protruding belly...

At this time, the housekeeper approached and whispered to Elder Tang, "Chairman, the Third Miss and Third Master are here."

Afterwards, everyone looked towards the entrance and watched as Mo Ting walked in with his arm around Tangning. The couple had a suppressing and dignified presence, like the human equivalents of a Dragon and Phoenix with a unique aura.

"Sorry for making everyone wait."

"Hurry, the food's ready..." Elder Tang said as he pointed to the two seats beside him.

Tangning smiled as Mo Ting's eyes deepened. Of course, he was merely here to serve as a backdrop for Tangning, but this backdrop was much too striking and hard to ignore.

"I've invited you all here today to serve as an apology for any disrespect I may have shown over the past few days," Tangning said as she lifted her teacup. "I shall toast you with tea instead of wine as a token of goodwill."

"Child, you sure are made for the business world. You've never studied management, but you know the tricks to being a good leader; you know the balance between justice and mercy," one of the shareholders praised.

Although the other shareholders weren't completely convinced by Tangning, they couldn't express their true thoughts at a time like this, so they simply smiled.

"Thank you for your praise. When it comes to management, I am just a rookie. However, I have invited you here today not just to apologize but also because I have another matter to deal with in front of everyone."

"Third Miss, if you have something to say, please go ahead."

After hearing these words, Tangning lifted her head and looked at Tang Xuan. Tang Xuan responded with a mocking smile, "In what way have I upset you this time? Are you going to do something to me again?"

"Tangning, I never thought you'd cling onto a sewer rat and not let go," to emphasize her pitiful state, Tang Xuan squeaked like a rat, "Speak, what is it this time?"

"I've heard news about my mother," Tangning said calmly.

Tang Xuan's expression changed in an instant.

"Although we haven't located her just yet...I think the Big Miss can explain the situation to all of us."

"What does the Third Miss mean by this?" one of the shareholders asked. "What does President Xia's kidnapping have to do with the Big Miss?"

Tang Xuan's face was stiff, but she wasn't willing to admit defeat, "Tangning, I know I'm a failure, but don't implicate me with every single issue. Xia Yuling went missing because she was down on her luck, what has that got to do with me?"

"I knew you wouldn't admit it," Tangning revealed a mocking smile. "I also know that all those seated here today had previously caused a lot of trouble and difficulty for my mother, so I've gathered you all here today to lay the cards on the table."

With Tangning's words, everyone finally realized that they weren't merely here for a dinner. They had been lured into a fatal trap!

And Tangning's motive was simple: she was going to make them pay!

"Tang Xuan, think it over carefully. If you leave this issue for me to expose...your child may have to grow up in jail."

Chapter 517: Tangning, You Sure Are Ruthless

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Tang Xuan was forced into a panic as she slammed her hands on the table and stood up, "Don't go too far! I already have nothing left. What do you want to do to me?"

"I don't want to do anything to you, I simply want you to tell the truth," Tangning remained calm. "Why is it so difficult to get the truth from you?"

"I don't know what you're talking about," Tang Xuan denied without considering the circumstances at all. At this time, one of the shareholders couldn't mind his own business and started criticizing Tangning.

"Third Miss, I know you currently hold a lot of power in your hands, but you don't need to force a pregnant lady into a dead end. I believe, no matter how bad she is, she would never have the guts to play with someone's life."

"But you're right, my intention is to force her into a dead end," Tangning admitted straightforwardly. "This has nothing to do with whether she is pregnant or not."

"Because to me, she can not be considered human..."

The disgust in Tangning's eyes were obvious. She did not hide her hatred for Tang Xuan whatsoever.

"Forget it, even if you do admit to your wrongdoings, I wouldn't be used to it anyway." After speaking, Tangning signalled to the doorway by clapping her hands. Secretary Gao was seen quivering as she stumbled into the dining room. "Secretary Gao, I'll let you explain everything."

As soon as Tang Xuan realized the truth was about to be exposed, she immediately yelled at Secretary Gao, "If you dare to say a word, I'll get someone to cut your tongue off!"

Hearing this threat, everyone was shocked...

Her response made it seem like she had something to hide.

But, Secretary Gao wasn't someone who couldn't determine the seriousness of the situation. Tangning had complete control over her fate, so she of course listened to Tangning, "The truth is, President Xia wasn't actually kidnapped by criminals. She was taken away by people that the Big Miss had paid and I'm not sure whether she's currently dead or alive."

"The Big Miss wanted the position of CEO. She thought that if she got rid of President Xia, then her wish would come true. But she never expected..."

"You're lying!" Tang Xuan yelled angrily, "Tangning must have paid you to say this."

"Big Miss, it's best you stop denying. I have plenty of evidence in my hands. You won't be able to get away with it."

Tang Xuan's eyes grew big. Her reddened eyes couldn't hide her fears and emotions, "I didn't do it...This wench is framing me..."

However, at this moment, no one trusted Tang Xuan's words anymore.

Tang Yichen hated seeing her family fight, so she stood up to leave. After she was gone, Tang Jingxuan took the opportunity to shuffle over next to Tangning, just in case Tang Xuan wanted to do something extreme. After all, she had a history of playing tricks.

"Tangning, will you not settle until I die?"

"Didn't I tell you before that it was just the start? This does not compare even a thousandth of what you have done to me in the past," Tangning said coldly before pulling out Secretary Gao's phone. "This phone has a record of all the calls you made to Secretary Gao and includes evidence of how you planned the entire incident. I even got the names of a few other people who were involved. Do you want me to report it to the police?"

Tang Xuan wanted to argue back, but no words came out.

"Big Miss, just admit defeat. Otherwise, both of us will have to go to jail."

"President Xia isn't around anymore. This could be considered as murder. Think it over carefully..."

Tang Xuan didn't say a word as she clenched her fists. Meanwhile, Tangning had no intention to continue waiting, so she directly pulled out her phone and called the police.

Secretary Gao was so frightened that her entire body trembled. All she could do was plead Tang Xuan, "Big Miss, Big Miss...please."

At first, Tang Xuan did not budge. But, just as the phone was about to be connected, she finally said in a raspy voice, "Tell me your conditions?"

Tangning hung up the phone and handed it to Mo Ting. She then stared into Tang Xuan's eyes and said, "Give me your shares for Tang Corps!"

"Haha..." Tang Xuan suddenly erupted in laughter, "Tangning, you sure are ruthless."

"You simply need to exchange Tang Corps' shares for your freedom. I think it's a pretty good deal," Tangning did not back down as she remained unfazed.

"Fine..." Tang Xuan unwillingly nodded her head. "I'll give you what you want. You just want my shares and for me to be left with nothing. I'll satisfy you!"

"Words mean nothing. I've brought over a transfer certificate. Sign it."

Tangning said these words coldly without an ounce of emotion; it was like she was talking to a stranger.

From the moment that Tang Xuan schemed to hurt her baby and her mother, Tangning had lost all sympathy and mercy towards her.

Tang Xuan had no choice but to sign the certificate. From this point onwards, apart from bearing the name of 'The Big Miss of the Tang Family', she had nothing left.

"Xiao Xuan, this is for your own good. From now on, stay at home and take care of your pregnancy. After your child is born, nurture him as he grows," Elder Tang found the right timing to speak up. Of course, his tone was a lot gentler and subtle than Tangning's.

"I don't need your fake kindness!" Tang Xuan said as she raised her head. Even at this point, she refused to put down her pride. "So what if you've won this time, Tangning? Your mom's still not around, haha..."

"Who told you she's not around?" Tangning was originally drinking the soup that Mo Ting had prepared for her, but after hearing Tang Xuan's words, she put down the bowl and looked at Tang Xuan with a dull expression, "When did I ever tell you that?"

The shareholders looked at each other uncomfortably, especially the few that often went against Xia Yuling. They finally realized that Tangning didn't only know how to show justice and mercy, she also knew how to punish someone to set an example for others.

"Over the years, my mother has suffered a lot in the Tang Family. She has never wanted the position of CEO, but she decided to accept it because of me..."

"So, when my mother was in trouble, I couldn't help but feel that I was to blame."

"Throughout the years that I've spent in the entertainment industry, I've experienced multiple obstacles. In the end, I decided on a life motto: I won't attack those that don't attack me first."

"If someone thinks that my mother and I are easy targets, then go ahead, show me what you've got..."

“I have clearly given you my standpoint. Next time something happens, I will not show any mercy.”

“Today, Tang Xuan has become a nobody. Tomorrow, it could be someone else’s turn. Where there is money to make, we should make it together. If there is no money to make, we should provide our resources and work together. Simple. Don’t play tricks in secret, I despise it...”

“Lastly, I may need to destroy your hopes, Tang Xuan, because...” Tangning gestured for everyone to turn around. They didn’t realize how long she had been standing there, but there was an elegant woman watching them from the stairs dressed in comfortable home clothes...

Xia Yuling...?!

How was this possible?

Tang Xuan watched as Xia Yuling approached and her hairs began to stand on end...

Chapter 518: Taking Advantage of His Drunken State to Act Recklessly?

“You...don’t come any closer...”

Tang Xuan took a couple of steps back as her lips began to tremble. For a second, she even thought that she was having hallucinations.

How was it possible that Xia Yuling was fine?

“Father... I’m home,” Xia Yuling walked over to Elder Tang and stretched out her arms to hug Tangning along the way. “I did indeed get kidnapped in Switzerland. But, fortunately, I have an amazing son-in-law. He descended from the heavens and saved me. That’s how I returned safely.”

All those that were seated did not make a sound, they simply watched the show that was playing out.

After Xia Yuling released Tangning from her embrace, she walked over to Tang Xuan’s side. Before she could respond, Xia Yuling threw a slap across Tang Xuan’s face, “I’ve treated you well over the years, yet you were heartless and ungrateful! Tang Xuan, if not for the child in your stomach, I wouldn’t simply end things with giving you a face slap.”

Tang Xuan fell to her knees in disbelief. The focus in her eyes had disappeared.

She finally realized, from the moment that Xia Yuling left for Switzerland to her appearance today, they had all just been playing along with her act. The aim? To make her lose everything.

“You all lied to me?”

They had already reached this point where she had already signed the transfer certificate for her shares. It was already too late for her to do anything.

Elder Tang turned and said to the housekeeper, “Escort the Big Miss back to her room and make sure she doesn’t do anything stupid.”

“Grandfather, you knew all along too, didn’t you?”

Tang Xuan stood up and glared at Elder Tang, "So you teamed up with them to trick me? You tricked your own granddaughter?"

"Yet, even to this point, you won't admit that you were wrong," Elder Tang said as he slammed his walking stick on the floor. "Housekeeper, take her away..."

"Grandfather, I never expected that even you would lie to me."

"Even you...would lie..."

This was the most surprising thing for Tang Xuan. Her pride and arrogance was all because she thought that Elder Tang doted on her. Yet, the only person she thought she could rely on, had never been reliable to begin with.

It didn't take long before Tang Xuan was escorted out of the dining room. But, surrounding the large feast, only Tangning dared to move her chopsticks.

Perhaps, these shareholders would forever remember everything that had happened at the Tang Household today...

Although they were used to seeing the highs and lows of life...they were still intimidated by Tangning's calculative response. Especially since she still had a man behind her, who remained unfazed from beginning to end.

So, it didn't take long before the shareholders claimed they weren't feeling well and excused themselves one at a time from the dinner.

Since Tangning had already achieved her motive, she did not hold them back as she waved them off casually. A moment later, only the Tang Family members remained in the dining room.

"Hmmp, what a bunch of rats," Elder Tang scoffed. After everything that happened today, he had a feeling Tang Corps was going to be peaceful for a good while.

"Luckily nothing bad happened," Xia Yuling sat down beside Elder Tang and pinched Tang Jingxuan's cheek.

"Yuling, you have suffered. The Tang Family owes you too much."

"Father, don't say that," Xia Yuling responded gently, "We are a family. You don't need to speak to me like an outsider. After all, everything that happened was a part of Xiao Ning and Mo Ting's plan. Now that Tang Corps is back on the right path, everything I went through was worth it."

"Tang Xuan no longer has any means of endangering Tang Corps."

"This point alone is enough for us to celebrate. Cheers to that..."

Unable to control their joy, Elder Tang and Tang Jingxuan ended up drinking a little too much. On the contrary, for the sake of Tangning, Mo Ting did not drink a drop of alcohol. However, if he wanted to take care of Tangning, it was impossible to take care of another Tang Jingxuan – who had an event the next day – so he instructed the housekeeper to give Song Yanshu a phone call.

Elder Tang caught onto Mo Ting's intention quickly, so he did not keep Tang Jingxuan at the Tang Household to sleep. As soon as Song Yanshu arrived, he quickly waved his hands, "Young people should have their own lives...You guys leave, I want some peace and quiet."

Song Yanshu looked at Tang Jingxuan awkwardly. But, because they had an event the next day, she had no choice but to take Tang Jingxuan back to his apartment. Otherwise, things would not be convenient the next day.

Tang Jingxuan leaned into Song Yanshu's shoulder. His every breath emanated the scent of trust. So, he gave a silly smile as he placed all his weight on her body.

"Luo Xing, will you be able to bathe yourself?"

"You help me!" Tang Jingxuan said as he fell onto his bed. "Yanshu, you help me!"

"Forget it, you can deal with it when you wake up. We need to leave for the event at 4am. You have 3 hours to rest." After speaking, Song Yanshu covered Tang Jingxuan with a blanket. But, Tang Jingxuan suddenly grabbed onto her wrist and pulled her into his embrace.

"Yanshu...don't go."

"Luo Xing!" Song Yanshu tried her best to push him away, but his grip got tighter and tighter. Did he perhaps want to take advantage of his drunken state to act recklessly?

Song Yanshu immediately sensed danger. But...as the mellow fragrance of red wine entered her mouth...she felt her entire body and heart being carried away. She knew this wasn't something she should do; it was forbidden.

What did it mean for a manager to sleep with her own artist?

They weren't in the same situation as Tangning and Mo Ting. How was she to face Tang Jingxuan the next day?

With this thought, Song Yanshu eventually freed her naked body from Tang Jingxuan's embrace.

This was a common accident, she thought. It shouldn't be something she felt strange about. Tomorrow, all she had to do was pretend that nothing happened...

But, although Tang Jingxuan was drunk, he did not lose his memory. He was well aware of who he had embraced and who he had been intimate with.

The next morning at 3am, Song Yanshu woke Tang Jingxuan up like nothing had happened, "Hurry, wake up and have a shower. We need to leave at 4."

"Yanshu..."

"Don't say anything. I just rushed over from home and I'm too tired to talk to you!"

Tang Jingxuan was a little surprised; he didn't understand what she meant by these words. She had obviously never left, how could she have rushed over from her home?

"Last night..."

“You drank too much last night so I brought you home. Don’t worry, the media did not get any photos,” Song Yanshu explained casually.

“What about afterwards...”

“I went home.” After speaking, Song Yanshu handed the outfit that she had prepared to Tang Jingxuan, “Stop fiddling around, we are in a hurry!”

Tang Jingxuan did not look happy. He didn’t understand why Song Yanshu was denying what had happened the night before. Did she perhaps think of it as an accident?

It was indeed an accident, but...

Chapter 519: I’ll Greet You On Its Behalf

“It’s almost the end of the year. There are plenty of awards ceremonies coming up. Although you are very popular at the moment, you still need to remain humble and keep a low profile,” Song Yanshu advised, assuming that Tang Jingxuan wanted to slack off.

Tang Jingxuan listened to Song Yanshu as he put on his clothes. Although he wasn’t happy on the inside, he had no intention to expose her.

“Ning Jie’s film is about to be released. Should we spend some money to treat your fans to a screening as a form of support?”

“I’ll leave it with you to decide,” Tang Jingxuan stood up and headed for the bathroom. He felt upset and dejected by Song Yanshu’s cold attitude.

He didn’t understand why he was reacting like a woman. Inside, he felt like he had been abandoned.

How could they just let this pass like nothing happened?

“Luo Xing, keep your eye on the time. You only have 40 minutes.”

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Over the past few days, because of Tangning and Bei Chendong, ‘W.H.’ was a huge hit before it was even released. In Beijing alone, it had attracted a huge amount of attention. But, because it was nearing the end of the year, there were also a lot of ‘new year’ themed movies. So, it was still a matter of luck whether ‘W.H.’ would actually perform well. After all, to compete for the Fei Tian Awards, there were also plenty of other movies that were left to be released at the end of the year.

Above all, the thing that confused everyone the most was the fact that the cast of every other movie was desperately doing promotions nationwide, whilst the two leads of ‘W.H.’ were either missing in action or had retreated from the industry. Not to mention that the director was a complete rookie!

Could it be that they were that confident?

“President, the judges for the Fei Tian Awards this year aren’t simple and the actresses that are competing with the Madam are all very impressive. Should we...”

Mo Ting understood what Lu Che wanted to suggest. He wanted to ask if they should meet with the judges beforehand.

“When has Hai Rui ever used such dirty methods?” Mo Ting asked. “Especially when it comes to Ning. If she was to find out that she received an award because of Hai Rui and I, what would she think? Plus, the judges of the Fei Tian awards aren’t easy to sway. Not even if Hai Rui is involved.”

“President you’re right. It’s just...there’s only one chance at the newcomer award. If the Madam misses out, there is no next time. I want to do something for her!”

These words came from Lu Che’s heart. To him, no one else deserved the award more than Tangning.

The Fei Tian Awards were domestically held in the highest esteem and was something that every actor and actress dreamed of receiving. It was a symbol of recognition from professionals in the industry and was the most meaningful award.

“All you need to do is manage the promotions for ‘W.H.’ well.”

Mo Ting understood the pressures that Tangning was about to face. But, he also felt happy that she was to meet some true competitors. He knew, even if Tangning was to lose, in the end, she would not be upset.

Late at night, Mo Ting returned home to find the lights in the living room were still on. His heart immediately warmed up.

It seemed, no matter how complicated the outside world was, he would be able to find peace at home.

As he entered the bedroom, he noticed that Tangning was having a bath in the bathroom. Amongst all the steam, he could just make out the outline of her back.

Mo Ting looked at his beloved wife and couldn’t help but hug her from behind as he placed his hands on her protruding belly, absorbing the energy from the little life inside.

“We won’t be able to keep this a secret for much longer. Let’s find a chance to announce your pregnancy.”

“I’ll do as you please...” Tangning leaned back as a fiery passion ignited inside her. It was a passionate feeling of worship for her man.

“What should the baby’s father do if he wants to say ‘hi’ to the baby?” Mo Ting whispered seductively beside Tangning’s ear. This had become a secret code between the couple.

Tangning turned around and buried her head into Mo Ting’s chest, “I’ll greet you on its behalf.”

They had been married for so long. How could Tangning not feel desires for Mo Ting as well?

As soon as he received his answer, Mo Ting lifted Tangning in his arms and gently placed her onto the bed. He then dried away the droplets of water on her body with a clean towel. His actions were extremely gentle.

Tangning took the opportunity to hook her arms around Mo Ting’s neck and leaned against his chest, “I’m cold...”

Mo Ting leaned over with his uniquely pleasant scent and pressed his lips against Tangning's...

Those that thought that Tangning would never bear a child, would have no idea that she was currently 4 months pregnant. How many people would be shocked beyond belief this time?

As for those that still dreamed of entering the Mo Family and hoped for Tangning to be abandoned by the Mo Family, they would never get what they wished for...

"This year's Fei Tian Award might not end up in your hands. Are you afraid?"

After their moment of ecstasy, Mo Ting hugged Tangning as they calmed down. The promise he had previously made her, still lingered in his mind. He had once promised that he'd place all the best things in her hands.

"This isn't something you can decide," Tangning replied as she leaned into his embrace. "I've actually expected it long ago. It's pretty easy to assume this just by looking at the films that are getting released. Plus, all the actresses that have been nominated are truly talented. Even if I don't receive the newcomer award, it doesn't matter. I will simply feel like it's a bit of a shame."

Just like the time she was one step away from becoming an international supermodel, her influence had already exceeded that level, but she still did not receive the title.

Mo Ting tightened his embrace, "I won't let you feel any regrets."

Tangning trusted that Mo Ting wouldn't act recklessly, so she simply smiled and slowly fell asleep in his arms...

'W.H.' was about to be released. Although Tangning had announced that she'd retreat from the industry, she had put a lot of effort into this film. Just like 'Stupid', how could she not care about her own creation?

Everyone should like it, right?

Most importantly, the film also involved An Zihao's future in the industry...

With this thought, the nervousness in her heart once again increased.

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On the way home from their event, Tang Jingxuan observed Song Yanshu secretly. It wasn't hard to spot marks left from their intimate activity the night before. But, the more she acted like this, the tougher it was on Tang Jingxuan. What was Song Yanshu thinking?

Did she treat him as a one-night-stand?

Tang Jingxuan couldn't accept this fate. So, he gathered his courage and decided to ask for an answer. But, just as he stepped out of his bedroom, he heard Song Yanshu talking on the phone.

"He isn't like you."

"If you want to scheme against him in secret, I won't play nice with you."

Tang Jingxuan had been traumatized by what previously happened with Xia Jingyi, so he hated not having answers, “Yanshu, let’s talk.”

Song Yanshu looked at him in surprise as she covered her phone. She then nodded, “Give me two minutes.”

Tang Jingxuan agreed as he walked into the living room and sat down on the sofa. There were some things he had to clarify.

Chapter 520: I Request to Look at the Dashcam

A few minutes later, Song Yanshu walked into the living room. Seeing a serious expression on Tang Jingxuan’s face, she tried to remain calm as she sat down opposite him.

“Speak, what is it? Do you want to slack off again?”

“Yanshu...” Tang Jingxuan sat up straight and looked at Song Yanshu seriously. “I know what happened last night.”

Song Yanshu froze as her expression turned awkward.

“I don’t know why you are dismissing what happened, but I can’t pretend that nothing happened,” Tang Jingxuan took a deep breath. Perhaps he was afraid that he’d scare Song Yanshu off, so he softened his tone a little, “I simply want to know what you’re thinking.”

Song Yanshu was a little surprised as she smiled, “What could I be thinking? You couldn’t possibly think I was serious, right? Isn’t it normal for an artist to have a fling with their manager? I know you were drunk, so I’m not going to force you to take responsibility. Just pretend like nothing happened.”

After hearing these words, Tang Jingxuan’s heart sunk to the depths of the abyss. By the time he spoke again, his voice was so lifeless, he could barely hear himself, “Really? It’s normal?”

“Don’t overthink it. We are both grown adults. We both have our needs.”

“Perhaps, that is what you think, but I can’t treat sleeping with my manager as nothing. You were my first,” Tang Jingxuan said in seriousness. “I can’t continue working with you like this.”

“What do you mean by this?” Song Yanshu’s voice began to tremble.

“What I mean is, either you try and be my woman, or...we break all ties. I don’t want to make things complicated. I’m not just saying this to be responsible. I’m saying this because I felt like you also liked me...”

Song Yanshu froze without saying a word.

Tang Jingxuan smiled like he had realized something, before he stood up to leave. However, before he started walking away, he left behind a few words, “You can look for me when you’ve thought things through.”

“Where are you going?”

"I'm tired. I want to get some rest." After speaking, Tang Jingxuan left the apartment.

But, he himself did not know where he was going. His mind was a mess, but he couldn't understand why things turned out this way. Perhaps it was because of Song Yanshu's attitude or perhaps it was because of his own impulsiveness.

At that moment, he didn't notice a car change lanes in front of him and he directly smashed into their rear...

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Tang Jingxuan had left for quite some time, but Song Yanshu was still frozen in place. It was currently an important time in Tang Jingxuan's career as he was about to receive results for his year's efforts through multiple big award ceremonies. So, this was not the right time for him to slack off.

Song Yanshu stood up urgently but she suddenly received a phone call from the police, "Hello, are you familiar with Tang Jingxuan?"

"What's wrong with Luo Xing?"

"Come to the police station. He's hit someone."

Song Yanshu was shocked by what she had heard. But, after a few minutes, she picked up her phone and gave Fang Yu a phone call. She couldn't let him have a scandal at a time like this.

"Vice President Fang, it is currently an important time in Luo Xing's career. We can't let anything go wrong..."

"Song Yanshu, calm down."

Hearing Fang Yu's responses, Song Yanshu tried her best to calm down, "Sorry, Vice President Fang."

"Hurry to the police station to deal with the problem and keep it from spreading."

"I understand. I'll go right now..." The reason why Song Yanshu was in such a panic was because she knew that Tang Jingxuan was emotionally unstable from what had happened earlier. So, she was afraid that he had gotten into an accident because of her.

If that was the case, what would she do if something happened to him?

Song Yanshu arrived at the police station with complex emotions. All she knew was, the moment she saw that Tang Jingxuan was fine, her tears automatically flowed out from her eyes.

Tang Jingxuan also looked at Song Yanshu. But, before they could say anything to each other, the police immediately began their interrogation and pulled them back down to reality.

"It's obvious that you were at fault..."

"I request to take a look at the dashcam footage," Tang Jingxuan immediately responded. "I indeed hit the other party, but I was driving straight, whereas he changed into my lane."

“But, the other party claims that you weren’t paying attention and suspects that you were drink driving. Plus, according to the footage we secured, he had indeed finished changing lanes but you did not decrease your speed.”

“I recognize you, you’re a singer aren’t you? Does a celebrity have the right not to follow the road rules?” the policeman said as he pointed to Tang Jingxuan. “Since you are a celebrity, you should set a good example. If you continue like this, it won’t matter how good your songs are.”

Afraid that Tang Jingxuan would actually start a fight, Song Yanshu immediately stepped forward and stood in Tang Jingxuan’s way, “Sorry, we will be careful next time.”

“I admit, I did not step on the brakes in time. But, it is also true that he changed two lanes in one go and did not signal with his lights. You claim that you’ve looked at the dashcam footage. Then, tell me, what road was I driving on?” Tang Jingxuan argued. “I am a celebrity, but how could my search for the truth be considered as bullying others?”

The policeman never expected Tang Jingxuan to make such a fuss. So, he suddenly looked away.

“And you, why would you apologize?” Tang Jingxuan turned and looked at Song Yanshu. “Have I not been innocently accused enough? Did you think that I need you to make an appearance for my problems to be solved?”

“That’s not what I meant.”

“Song Yanshu, I’ve already made things clear. You are fired from your position. From now on, my business has nothing to do with you.” After speaking, Tang Jingxuan directly made a phone call to the Tang Family housekeeper.

Song Yanshu took a few steps back emotionally. She had never imagined that Tang Jingxuan would say these words.

“Your career is currently on the rise, don’t act recklessly. Why can’t you appreciate all the work you’ve put in?”

“It’s my life; I will make my own decisions. What you think is for my own good is your own assumption,” Tang Jingxuan said before he pointed to the door, “You should leave before the reporters arrive and surround this place.”

Song Yanshu’s heart ached, but at this moment, she no longer knew what identity she could use to persuade Tang Jingxuan...

So, she had no choice but to turn around and leave. Like Tang Jingxuan said, she should leave before the reporters arrived, otherwise, she’d be stuck.

“The young lady was here to help you. Don’t you think your words were a bit harsh?”

“What would you know?” Tang Jingxuan growled at the policeman.

Since she had no relation to him, then he should clearly draw the line. This was best for both of them.

Not long after, the housekeeper rushed over to the police station and after half an hour, Tang Jingxuan was finally allowed to leave. At this time, Song Yanshu was watching from a distant corner as he was surrounded by reporters, but there was nothing she could do...