

## Work Hard 661

### Chapter 661: The 'Non-lethal' Tangning !

Director Matt watched Annie's interview onscreen in deep thought as he rested his chin on his right hand.

"Director, why don't we ignore Tangning's threat?"

"No!" Director Matt shook his hand towards his assistant. "That's not a reasonable thing to do."

"But, everyone is currently rumoring that Tangning is all talk but no action."

"No, no!" Matt yelled, "Don't be fooled by what's on the surface. This move may be all a part of Tangning's plan. I've never seen an entertainment news stick so closely to the facts. Plus, they've clearly highlighted their standpoint even though entertainment news usually cares solely about results. They have a great story in their hands, yet, why won't they exaggerate it to entertain the public?"

"I can't offend Hai Rui and Tangning because of a mere actress."

The assistant agreed that Matt's reasoning made sense; Annie was acting too recklessly. Just because Tangning hadn't made a move, he almost assumed that she was being wary of a nobody.

Where did Annie get her confidence from?

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"Annie is brainless." Inside Hyatt Regency, Long Jie was in a good mood because Lu Che had returned home, "But, the move you made has caused a huge impact on Chen Xingyan. She must be overcome by guilt at the moment. I think it's time you stop."

"I've already thought of a series of revenge-seeking methods for her. Yet, she walked into the bathroom and impulsively hit her enemy without consideration for Lin Sheng and I. How could I allow her to relax. If I was the only one affected, I would have let her off. But, she caused trouble at Sheng Ge's event. She's lucky that Sheng Ge didn't blame her."

"It may be easy for you to tell me to stop, but I'm sure you heard how Chen Xingyan forced Annie's head into a toilet bowl."

"You wanted to see her get revenge."

"I must admit the brat was quite cool. Forcing someone's head into a toilet bowl is quite creative."

"Not only did she force Annie's head into a toilet bowl, she even said, 'from today onwards, you will be a woman that's eaten sh\*t as well'," Tangning rolled her eyes, not knowing whether to laugh or cry. She couldn't help but wonder where she got her temper from.

"Really? Hahaha..." Long Jie burst into laughter, "She's a genius!"

Tangning helplessly let out a laugh as well.

“Her revenge wasn’t bad. All I want to see now is Annie’s expression. I will never get sick of seeing faceslaps even in a million years.” Although Long Jie had heard how Annie was a laughing stock, she still hoped that Tangning would clarify everything soon. After all, with Annie’s current arrogance, the timing was perfect.

“It’s not hard to do.”

As predicted, everything that was happening was a part of Tangning’s plan. It was a simple mind game.

So, Annie wasn’t difficult to deal with.

Although there were witnesses last night that saw Chen Xingyan attack Annie, the three women did not have the guts to say anything. So, the person that leaked the information was indeed Tangning.

What she revealed was what she saw with her own eyes.

Afterwards...

[New revelation: So, this is what the victim owed]

[Truth behind Annie being dunked into toilet bowl]

Not long after noon hit, new information was added to the scandal. The three witnesses stepped out to speak. First, they admitted that they were wrong for gossiping about others in the bathroom.

Afterwards, they explained that Annie attracted trouble by slandering Tangning in front of them.

“She insulted Chen Xingyan by calling her a ‘dirty sl\*t’ and revealed that Chen Xingyan had been forced to drink urine!”

After hearing this, the media understood why Chen Xingyan had said that Annie was someone that had also eaten sh\*t.

“I have a feeling that there is a huge grudge between the two of them. Plus, the fact that Annie knew so much, possibly means that she was the one that planned an attack on Chen Xingyan first.”

“If I was in Chen Xingyan’s position, I would have found it hard to resist myself too.”

“In that case, what did Tangning say in that situation?” the reporters asked.

“Tangning said something about the retribution being unsatisfying,” the women replied after recalling what had happened. “To be honest, Annie’s mouth was too cheap. We witnessed the entire incident and there was no punching and kicking like she had explained. She was merely forced down a couple times.”

“This is the truth, we can no longer stand the inner condemnation, so we hope for your forgiveness.”

Because of the clarification from these three witnesses, the discussions began to change.

Everyone originally insulted Chen Xingyan for having no brain, but after listening to the three witnesses, they simply felt that she was a slightly impulsive entertainment rookie.

“Although her temper wasn’t right, she did nothing wrong!”

“With her cheap mouth, it was no surprise that Annie had her head forced into a toilet bowl!”

“I simply want to say that Chen Xingyan did well.”

Annie had cried multiple times in front of the public and tried so hard to put on an act. Yet, she never imagined that within half a day, the tables were easily turned. On top of that, word of how she had bullied Chen Xingyan was quickly known by everyone.

This was the ‘non-lethal’ Tangning she spoke of!

“Annie, you’ve finally discovered how ‘gentle’ Tangning is, right?” the discussions online teased, “To her, dealing with you is easier than squishing an ant.”

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After seeing the news, Annie smashed everything in sight.

It wasn’t easy for her to find an opportunity, yet Chen Xingyan managed to turn the tables. How annoying!

After releasing her anger, Annie pulled out her phone and gave Director Matt’s assistant a phone call, “Mr. Assistant, when will ‘The Savage Wars’ be holding a press conference?”

As soon as the assistant heard it was Annie, he covered the mouthpiece and said to Director Matt, “It’s Annie.”

“Turn on hands-free,” Matt instructed.

“Uh...we will be holding a press conference soon,” the assistant replied, “Why do you ask?”

“It’s nothing. I just wanted to confirm the date so I could prepare an outfit to attend the event.”

The assistant wanted to tell her that it wasn’t necessary to dress too fancy. After all, even if no one was competing for the role, it was merely the role of a villain and not the protagonist. There was no need for her to put in so much effort.

But, Matt gestured for him to control himself.

So the assistant cleared his throat and replied, “That’s great. Dress nicely.”

“OK, I will. Thank you, Mr. Assistant.”

Annie was cured by her own delusions.

But Matt and his assistant couldn’t comprehend how Annie could be so self-confident.

Like this, the day passed in a spectacular manner. Inside the CEO’s office of Hai Rui, Lu Che couldn’t help mentioning, “Today...the madam...”

“I know,” Mo Ting replied. “Keep an eye on Ning’s emotions. If she wants something, help her arrange it immediately. This is a good relief for her boredom.”

It turned out, the only reason why Mo Ting allowed Annie to cause a commotion was because he thought Tangning needed something to relieve her boredom!

Although Mo Ting had always doted on his wife...

...he needed to refresh his bottom line every day!

## **Chapter 662: She Asked For It**

Chen Xingyan wanted to take part in a big production. But, at a time like this, who would dare to work with her?

Even if they dared to, she had already lost her chance.

In the end, An Zihao led Chen Xingyan to an audition at DK Agency.

If there was still one person willing to give her a chance, that person would be Lin Sheng. Of course, the only reason why Lin Sheng recommended Chen Xingyan to DK Agency was because of Tangning.

“Lin Sheng’s new film, ‘Mega Beast’ is currently holding auditions. They haven’t chosen a female lead yet, you should give it a try.”

“Female lead?” Chen Xingyan pointed to herself in disbelief, “Me? Female lead?”

“No, I want you to audition for the stunt double of the female lead,” An Zihao explained with his arms crossed. “Since Lin Sheng is the male lead, not anyone has the ability to gain acknowledgment from him like Tangning. Even the role of stunt double is highly competitive...”

“I previously told you to be an action star, yet you chose to be a stunt double. Now that I’m asking you to be a stunt double, you actually want to be an action star, what exactly do you want?”

Chen Xingyan looked at An Zihao from behind and suddenly felt a bit uncomfortable.

“Now that things have gotten to this point, it’s already good enough that someone is willing to work with you...”

Hearing this, Chen Xingyan stopped dead in her tracks, “It’s bad enough that others are insulting me. Must you also say such hurtful words?”

An Zihao also stopped in his tracks, but he did not turn around, “If you expect me to get used to your spoilt temper, then you will forever drift between the identity of action star and stunt double. Face the facts. A naive person cannot survive in the entertainment industry.”

It didn’t take long before An Zihao and Chen Xingyan appeared before the boss of DK Agency. However, the way that he looked at them, made Chen Xingyan slightly uncomfortable.

“Since Sheng Ge made a request, I have no choice but to give you a chance. However, you will only get one chance. Follow me.”

An Zihao pointed his chin gesturing for Chen Xingyan to follow the man inside while he waited outside.

Chen Xingyan was wary as she maintained a one-meter distance from the man. However, she heard him say, “You don’t need to look so guilty. I’ve seen plenty of incidences like this in the past. For the sake of advancing in the industry, plenty of people would go to any lengths.”

Chen Xinyan originally wanted to say something, but when she thought of what Tangning had previously said to her, she realized her words may not be very convincing.

“Since you’re a stunt double, then I must test your abilities. I’ll arrange for an experienced stunt double to spar with you, so I can see how capable you are.”

Fighting was her specialty, so it posed no challenge whatsoever. However, after she finished fighting and returned covered in sweat, she found the man simply sitting around playing with his phone.

“Your fighting is a bit sloppy. You can go.”

Chen Xingyan was tempted to throw a slap across the man’s face, but she resisted the urge.

She realized the man never intended to hire her. He simply agreed to an audition because of Lin Sheng.

At this moment, all Chen Xingyan wanted to do was return to the filming studio as an extra. That way she wouldn’t have to put up with people’s judgment and wouldn’t suffer from bullying.

But, when she thought about all that An Zihao had done for her and the way that he had been implicated, she dispelled the idea of retreating.

So, she stretched her neck and peeked at the man’s phone. She discovered that he was playing a game that she often played, so she suggested, “If I can beat you in the game you are playing, can you give me a real chance?”

The man looked up at Chen Xingyan with interest.

He then nodded his head, “Fine. As long as you can win against me...”

Chen Xingyan pulled out her phone and logged onto the game for a battle. Of course, the man never expected that a young girl would be able to play a game like this so well. With a few simple moves, she was able to set up an effective trap. However, after the battle was over, the man stood up to leave...

“Wait, didn’t you say you’d give me a chance?” Chen Xingyan immediately held onto the man.

“What chance? You’ve already been given a chance,” the man didn’t keep his word as he left uncaringly.

Chen Xingyan realized she had been tricked, so her eyes burned in anger. But, what could she do?

At this time, just as the man was about to leave the room, Lin Sheng suddenly appeared in the doorway and said, “I’ve decided to give the role to her.”

“Huh?” the man never expected that Lin Sheng would witness what he had done, so his expression immediately changed, “Sheng Ge, you saw...”

“Let me repeat myself. I’ve decided that she’ll play the role of female lead!” Lin Sheng clarified. “I’ll deal with the consequences.”

After listening to Lin Sheng’s words, Chen Xingyan’s tears flowed from her eyes because of his righteousness.

“Thank you, Sheng Ge.”

"I saw your performance just a moment ago. If you can't maintain the same quality during filming, I may ask you to leave at any time," Lin Sheng started off with the unkind words first. "Once upon a time, Tangning also appeared out of nowhere. But, she displayed acting skills that impressed me. What about you? How determined are you to prove yourself?"

"I definitely won't disappoint your expectations, Sheng Ge," Chen Xingyan bowed.

"Anyone can say such words. I will wait to see your performance."

After speaking, Lin Sheng turned and left, leaving behind a cool image in Chen Xingyan's mind.

From that moment onwards, Lin Sheng left a deep impression in Chen Xingyan's heart.

An Zihao waited patiently outside the entire time. He didn't have much expectation for Chen Xingyan, until Lin Sheng approached him and said, "You've tested the little brat quite harshly..."

"She asked for it," An Zihao replied. "But, I have a feeling she can help you discover a new you."

Lin Sheng shook his head and patted An Zihao on the shoulder before turning around to leave. Of course, from the look on Lin Sheng's face, he could already tell that Chen Xingyan had secured her role.

However, he had no idea that Chen Xingyan had secured the role of female lead.

The reason why Lin Sheng had the authority to make such an important decision was because he was the producer of 'Mega Beast'.

"Lin Sheng has strict expectations for everyone he works with. If he is even slightly disappointed by you, he will definitely kick you out without hesitation. But of course, he is a great mentor," An Zihao explained, "Remember, this will be your only chance to prove yourself. Don't force Tangning to clean up after your recklessness."

Chen Xingyan simply stood quietly like an injured child. From that moment onwards, she became a lot quieter than her once cheery self.

"If you signed an obedient person, you would probably have a lot less to worry about."

Chapter 663: Secret Weapon

Hearing this, An Zihao suddenly burst into laughter, "Are you referring to someone like Annie?"

"The Savage Wars' is about to hold their press conference. It's true that Annie has stolen your role, so you may continue to suffer a little."

Chen Xingyan lifted her head and looked at An Zihao. At this time, An Zihao stretched out his hand and gently stroked her head.

"It won't be long. I will help you get revenge soon."

"No need, I can do it myself," Chen Xingyan responded stubbornly.

"Wait until you become famous before you say such words to me." After speaking, An Zihao led Chen Xingyan out of DK Agency and delivered her to Hyatt Regency.

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When Chen Xingyan finally saw Tangning again, her head drooped in shame. It turned out, the incident that made her angry and worried was nothing to Tangning. She merely resolved it within the blink of an eye.

“She did well today by securing the female lead of ‘Mega Beast’.”

After listening to An Zihao, Tangning looked at Chen Xingyan, “Why do you look unhappy?”

“Because Sheng Ge...”

“Did you think that Sheng Ge gave you this chance because of me?” Tangning smiled as she cut in.

“Sheng Ge is a loyal friend, but he isn’t the way you think he is. He never bases his decision on relations. In his world, roles should not be disrespected. If he doesn’t think you are suitable, no amount of support from me would be enough.”

“Let her stress...” An Zihao did not intend to let Chen Xingyan lighten the weight on her shoulders, “‘The Savage Wars’ is about to hold their press conference, she deserves to experience a bit of stress.”

Tangning looked at An Zihao without saying a word. Apart from Long Jie, no one knew she had secretly met with Matt.

An Zihao cared about Chen Xingyan, but...Chen Xingyan was Mo Ting’s younger sister. So, Tangning and An Zihao’s considerations were a little different.

“Wait for a good show.”

Chen Xingyan was tired. So, after sitting around for a while, she went to Bai Lihua’s room to seek for comfort. But...she wasn’t in her room. All Chen Xingyan found was Bai Lihua’s computer left open on the table. Chen Xingyan couldn’t help but walk over to take a peek at the computer. However, what she saw on the screen shocked her.

She never thought that Bai Lihua would visit a famous entertainment forum.

“Xiao Xing!” Bai Lihua suddenly returned to her room. As soon as she saw Chen Xingyan sitting at her computer table, she rushed over and covered the computer screen.

“Mom...are you playing a spy game?” Chen Xingyan had already seen the contents on the screen.

“So...you are the kind-hearted person that stirred up a commotion online not too long ago?”

At that time, Chen Xingyan did not think too much into the motive behind Bai Lihua’s actions online. She simply felt that her mother was awesome and did not think anything else; including why her mother did such a thing and why she said the things she did.

“I was simply sticking up for what’s right,” Bai Lihua quickly tried to cover the truth.

“But, that can’t be right, you didn’t even know Tangning back then.”

“To be honest...I am a fan of Tangning’s...” Bai Lihua’s explanation became more and more farfetched, “I couldn’t stand seeing her being slandered, so I created an account and made up a story. I didn’t expect it

to have such an impact. I was just lucky. Don't go around telling others about it. Visiting the forums is a private hobby of mine."

"I never thought you were a hardcore fan. You've sure hidden it well."

Bai Lihua broke out in a cold sweat. If Chen Xingyan was to continue questioning her, she wouldn't know how to respond.

After all, if Chen Xingyan was to discover the truth, it wouldn't be a surprise if she directly grabbed a knife and rushed over to chop Hua Wenfeng into pieces.

Bai Lihua couldn't take the risk. Before she completely destroyed Hua Wenfeng, she couldn't let Chen Xingyan know about her true identity.

Chen Xingyan did not suspect anything. After all, in her mind, Bai Lihua was just an average woman; it was impossible for her to have any connections with a rich family. So, she simply believed everything that Bai Lihua said.

In fact, she found it quite amazing that her mother managed to utilize the internet to help Tangning.

"Please don't tell Xiao Ning about this. I will be embarrassed."

"Aiya, stop repeating yourself. I already know."

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Later that night.

Seeing that Mo Ting was still not home, Tangning instructed Lu Che to drive her to Hai Rui to pick up her husband even though she was pregnant.

However, after she arrived at Hai Rui, she did not disturb Mo Ting. Instead, she took a nap in the waiting room and waited patiently for him.

"Madam, I've heated up a glass of milk for you," the secretary outside the room said gently. "President Mo has been busy lately because the agency has signed on a few new artists. They have been quite popular, so the agency has made many new plans. Should I notify the president for you?"

"No need. However, I'm a little bored. Do you mind chatting with me a little," Tangning replied.

"What does Madam want to know?"

"Did anything interesting happen lately?" Tangning asked.

"Nothing much. However, the company did sign a 'secret weapon' a couple days ago," the secretary replied after thinking for a while. "Word has it that she is extremely talented, good-looking and has a good body. I also heard that she is 22-years-old and has already written many famous songs. On top of that, she is also a screenwriter. The recently popular palace drama, 'Royal Couple' was written by her. In the coming days, the agency will be spending a lot of money on supporting her."

The secretary kept talking on her own without noticing that Tangning wasn't interested. In the end, she let out an awkward laugh, "Of course, you are still the president's biggest treasure. However, it could be



possible that you'd end up participating in one of her dramas. I'm sure it would very interesting to watch."

While the secretary was talking, Mo Ting entered the room and looked at Tangning, "Why are you being disobedient? Huh?"

"I will retreat first," seeing Mo Ting's appearance, the secretary quickly stood up and left.

Tangning wrapped her arms around Mo Ting's neck and teased, "I heard some interesting things from your secretary. Apparently, the agency has signed on a 'secret weapon'."

"Fang Yu's in charge of her," Mo Ting replied. "Contact with artists is currently his responsibility."

"Aren't you afraid that he'd take your artists with him to another company?" Tangning blinked.

"He needs to first consider the contract cancellation cost," Mo Ting helped her stand up, "You're over 7 months pregnant already. Can you stop doing things that make me worried?"

"How is picking my husband up from work dangerous?" Tangning said as she hugged Mo Ting. "I missed you...Our baby also missed you."

"Go, let's head home," Mo Ting wrapped his arm around Tangning as he led her out of the building into the underground parking lot. However, they did not notice two women were also entering the parking lot from the building at the same time.

"Is that Tangning?" one of the women asked with deep meaning.

"Yes, that's Tangning," the assistant beside her replied.

"Interesting!" the woman watched as Tangning left before she boarded her sports car. "She's definitely not young anymore..."

Chapter 664: Extremely Awkward

Youth was not something to be determined by a person...

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A few days later, 'The Savage Wars' held a grand press conference. That afternoon, Annie attended the event dressed in a long silver dress. Perhaps, due to the fact that she was still young, she did not know how to remain modest as she treated herself like the female lead and tried to steal the limelight.

To put it bluntly, her name simply appeared in small font in the corner. In fact, her name didn't even appear in the promotional posters. However, she was arrogant and proud, so she viewed 'The Savage Wars' much too highly.

Behind the stage of the press conference, Annie ran into Matt in the corridors and greeted him warmly. However, Matt had no idea who she was. Only after his assistant reminded him did he slightly remember.

"Hello, Director. I will definitely try my best."

Matt did not pay attention to Annie as he walked right past her. After a few steps, he turned and asked his assistant, "What is this woman still doing here?"

"You said to let her get dressed up and attend."

"That's right, I promised Tangning," Matt waved his right hand before he shoved it into his pocket, "How annoying!"

"In a moment, get rid of her," Matt said impatiently. He couldn't understand what Tangning was thinking. Was it necessary to deal with a nobody in such a way?

"The press conference is about to start."

Even after he wandered quite far, Matt was still complaining. However, Annie was in an extremely good mood. She even dreamed that after filming this film, many other film opportunities would present themselves to her. On top of that, she would also have the opportunity to appear in advertisements, variety shows and perhaps even fashion endorsements...

However, while she was still in her fantasy world, the press conference officially started. No one told her when to appear on stage, so by the time she realized, the press conference had already been running for 20 minutes. In fact, the main cast was already standing on stage and there was no space left for her.

So, she quickly ran over to Matt's assistant to remind him of her existence. However, Matt was so busy that they had no time to respond to her.

"Get lost..."

"Mr. Assistant, I am the villain in the film. I..."

"Who are you kidding?" the assistant was getting annoyed as he turned and glared fiercely at Annie. "All the actors are already on stage. Who are you?"

"That's impossible, I am also a part of the cast...didn't we agree that Chen Xingyan's role would be given to me?"

After hearing these words, the assistant realized who she was as he gave a simple "oh" and replied, "The role has been replaced again!"

"What?" Annie couldn't accept what the assistant said. "You already confirmed that it would be me. How could you casually replace me?"

"Who do you think you are?" the assistant was angered by Annie's words, so he pushed her onto the floor, "It's normal to replace an actress that isn't suitable for the role..."

"No...this can't be possible!" Annie screamed before she rushed on stage and forced herself in between the cast of actors. Everyone looked at her in surprise and confusion.

At this time, Matt yelled angrily, "Who is this crazy woman? Security! Security!"

As the actors were practically all Westerners, they were confused by the sudden appearance of this Asian woman. Afterwards, the security rushed on stage and dragged Annie into a room in the backstage where Matt's assistant was waiting.

“Are you crazy?”

“I was already confirmed as an actress in ‘The Savage Wars’!” Annie yelled. “Why are you guys denying it now?”

Seeing Annie getting fired up, the assistant fiercely threw a slap across her face, “Get out of my sight immediately!”

“Liar! Liar!”

“Hasn’t President Wang told you that we already sent him the contract cancellation papers? You should go talk to your boss instead of causing a commotion here. I don’t have the responsibility and obligation to notify you personally. Did you really think of yourself as an actress? With your skills, you are only suitable to play a dead corpse. How dare you dream about playing the lead villain? You sure know how to look highly upon yourself.”

After hearing this, Annie froze. She immediately pulled out her phone and called President Wang as her hands trembled, “President Wang, did you know that ‘The Savage Wars’ has replaced me?”

“Yes, I’m aware,” President Wang replied carelessly.

“But, you never told me...Plus, I called the assistant a couple days ago to ask if I should get dressed up...”

“Annie, things between us are over. I was notified about the contract cancellation that same night and lost out on a fair sum of money. I’m sorry for not notifying you, but I never expected that you’d cause a commotion at the event,” President Wang replied heartlessly. “Since the film agency canceled their contract with me, it’s also time for me to bid farewell to you. I don’t want to offend Tangning because of you.”

“What are you talking about?” Annie was extremely angry and humiliated.

“I will get the lawyers to send you a contract cancellation letter in a moment. From now on, don’t be so naive. I wish you all the best on your own.”

Annie would have never imagined, just as she thought she was starting a new chapter in her life, her efforts resulted in nothing. She never expected ‘The Savage Wars’ to play around with her. Worst of all, President Wang had violated her body and forced her to partake in an indecent act. Yet, in the end, he simply kicked her aside and made it impossible for her to ever redeem herself.

On top of everything, news of how she had forced herself into the press conference was exposed, turning her into a joke.

Her role had been replaced, yet no one notified her. In the end, she forced herself into the press conference unknowingly. The result was obviously extremely awkward!

“What a joke!”

“Isn’t this the woman that put on quite an act a couple days ago?”

“I feel awkward on her behalf.”

She didn't care what others thought about her...She simply wanted to know what Chen Xingyan was thinking.

Just the thought of Chen Xingyan waiting to treat her as a joke, was difficult for her to accept.

The only good thing about the entire incident was that she had at least stolen the role from Chen Xingyan at one point...

Even if she didn't get it in the end, Chen Xingyan couldn't have it either!

But...

...the heavens were against her in the end. It didn't take long before rumors started spreading that Lin Sheng's new film featured a newcomer.

Official social media accounts threw around names of famous actresses as their predictions for female lead, but to their surprise, the role ended up in the hands of an extremely new newcomer. And this newcomer was the woman that was currently amidst a scandal with An Zihao – Chen Xingyan!

No one expected Chen Xingyan to secure the female lead of 'Mega Beast'!

What was Lin Sheng thinking?

Annie was driven crazy, "This can't be possible! Chen Xingyan is merely creating hype. Why would a top actor act with her?"

But, when the reporters interviewed Lin Sheng and asked him about Chen Xingyan, he simply replied, "Nothing is impossible."

In other words, he was admitting that the rumors were correct...

As a result, the two actresses that had been created by An Zihao's hands were suddenly miles apart in terms of career prospects.

Chapter 665: Wait Until After You've Given Birth

However, this wasn't the ultimate blow to Annie. Not too long later, a recording from President Wang was suddenly leaked to the public...

It turned out, the scandal between Chen Xingyan and An Zihao was merely a self-scripted act by Annie!

This result was something that even President Wang and An Zihao did not expect. Because, Tangning hadn't told anyone about it.

Annie was like a sewer rat that was being stepped on, over and over again.

It had only been a few days between being discovered by An Zihao to being abandoned by the entertainment industry. Everything was like a dream.

Annie lost everything, including the pureness of her body. Yet, in the end, this was her fate.

She was desperate to see Chen Xingyan or An Zihao one more time. But, based on their differences in status, she no longer had the right to do so.

Annie even returned to the apartment that she shared with Chen Xingyan to find her. But, ever since Chen Xingyan got into a scandal, she had already moved out of the apartment. Above all, now that she had signed on with Lin Sheng's new film, her status had been upgraded.

In Tangning's words, Annie had reached her end before she even started.

Annie was unwilling to admit defeat, so she appeared at Hyatt Regency to block Chen Xingyan's way, But, as Chen Xingyan looked at Annie, she simply sat in her van and did not feel an ounce of anger.

An Zihao glanced at Chen Xingyan and asked, "Why aren't you taking advantage of such a great opportunity to get revenge?"

"I can already see the distance between us," Chen Xingyan replied. "Sheng Ge's strict training schedule is still awaiting me."

An Zihao gently patted Chen Xingyan on the head, "Enjoy Lin Sheng's devilish training routine...but..."

"But, what?"

"But, don't allow yourself to develop any feelings that you shouldn't have," An Zihao paused and continued, "Lin Sheng is obsessed with film. If you fall in love with him, you will get hurt."

"I'm simply acting with him. Are you thinking too much?" Chen Xingyan scoffed.

"You have trouble sleeping in a foreign bed. Take this with you," An Zihao brought Chen Xingyan's doll for her, "With this, you won't need to call me to move your bed."

With the doll in her hands, Chen Xingyan was overcome with an unexplainable feeling. All she knew was, at that moment, she felt a lot calmer because the doll carried An Zihao's warmth.

"Help me thank Ning Jie. She's done a lot for me."

"Focus on yourself," An Zihao gestured for her not to worry.

Actually, An Zihao was quite curious why Tangning kept protecting Chen Xingyan. After all, the two women had never crossed paths in the past.

But, looking at the stance that Tangning took and the way she did things without him knowing, she obviously treated Chen Xingyan like one of her own.

After An Zihao sent Chen Xingyan home, he returned to Hyatt Regency with curiosity and questioned Tangning, "Do you think your support for Chen Xingyan is a bit too much for your level of familiarity?"

"Really?" Tangning asked casually, "Do you think Annie's ending was too depressing?"

"You don't plan to tell me the reason?"

"All I can say is, be nice to Chen Xingyan. She's not your average person," Tangning warned before she returned her focus to the script in her hands. "Since your innocence has been clarified, it's time you do some homework about Director Chen Feng. Don't you want your role as assistant director anymore?"

“No, there’s one more thing I need to do.”

He didn’t contact Darcy for nothing. Since he had promised Chen Xingyan that he’d get revenge for her, he was definitely going to keep his promise.

“How do you feel about Chen Xingyan?” Tangning asked curiously.

An Zihao remained quiet for a while before he replied leisurely, “I obviously treat her like an apprentice.”

Tangning burst out laughing at his reply without saying another word...

Chen Xingyan’s life hadn’t experienced its ultimate change yet. So, Tangning couldn’t reveal much at the moment. After the revelation of Chen Xingyan’s identity, plenty of people were expected to be shocked, including An Zihao.

If he found out that the person he had been recklessly trampling on was the heiress of Hai Rui and sister of Mo Ting, the scene would be quite entertaining to witness.

But, Tangning had no idea that An Zihao had a plan up his sleeves. Merely six months after it had been formed, the production crew for ‘The Savage Wars’ ended up being disbanded. The investors of the film had been closed down for tax evasion and everyone involved had been thrown into jail.

During this time, Tangning discovered that An Zihao had sold his home and replaced his sports car...

Where did his money go?

“Ting...can you help me research why Zihao has been so short on money lately?”

“He’s spent all his money on the legal fees with Darcy,” Mo Ting replied directly, “He looked for me before...”

“Did he do all this just to overthrow Matt? I can’t understand what he’s thinking.”

“If he can’t even protect the person he cares about, then he is simply an empty shell with no value. The fact that An Zihao is willing to stake his assets on Chen Xingyan, shows that he is a responsible and courageous man,” Mo Ting explained as he removed his jacket. “He is indeed a loyal and righteous person.”

“If Xingyan was to find out, it would definitely break her heart,” Tangning sighed. She then wrapped her arms around Mo Ting’s neck and asked, “Since the incident with Xingyan has come to an end, should we resolve the issue with Hua Wenfeng as well? How much longer should we let the fraud have her way?”

“Every time I think of the way that Auntie Bai has been living her life for the past 19 years, my heart aches.”

“We will wait until after you’ve given birth,” Mo Ting gently rubbed Tangning’s stomach and closed his eyes to sense the miracle of his own flesh and blood, “I don’t want to put you in any form of danger.”

Tangning lowered her head and looked at her stomach. Every time she thought about her and Mo Ting’s blood flowing through the child in her stomach, the extraordinary feeling would make her speechless.

“Ning...I need to travel for work in 2 days time. Ask Auntie Bai to prepare your luggage, I want to take you with me.”

“Where are we going?” Tangning asked.

“Hai Rui’s newly built film and television base,” Mo Ting replied. “This is a company tradition. If I don’t go, I will be breaking my own rules.”

“With the baby in my stomach, it’s not very convenient. I may even be a hindrance for you. Now that we have Auntie Bai around, you can go on your own without worrying.” Tangning thought things over. As soon as she thought about the arduous journey, she worried she wouldn’t be able to handle it. No matter how much she wanted to stay by Mo Ting’s side, she couldn’t recklessly ignore the child in her stomach. “You’ll be home after one night’s sleep, right?”

Mo Ting looked at Tangning and gently placed a kiss on her forehead, “Uh huh.”

Even if it wasn’t the case, he would make it happen!

Chapter 666: You’ve Gotten Old

On the set of ‘Mega Beast’. Amongst a forest in the mountains.

Chen Xingyan hid in a quiet corner from day to night, practicing her acting in order to get accustomed to the cameras.

Deep down, she still felt that she was more suited to being a stunt double in this lifetime. But, to give herself the ability to protect others, she found a new motivation to face the cameras.

So, every morning, she arrived first on set. And every night, she was the last to go to sleep. Impressively, due to her amateur skills in medicine, Chen Xingyan quickly made a name for herself on set. Whether it was the director or one of the staff member’s, whenever someone had any aches and pains, they would immediately turn to her for relief.

That night, Chen Xingyan used the break between scenes to look through her script. Because the forest was extremely cold and filming carried on into the night, the crew did not return to the hotel. So, as Lin Sheng finished filming and spotted Chen Xingyan huddled up in her chair, he immediately grabbed a blanket from his assistant and covered her with it from behind.

Chen Xingyan turned around and smiled at the sight of Lin Sheng, “Thank you, Sheng Ge.”

“You’re quite cheeky. You’re aware that you make a lot of mistakes, so you’ve been doing favors for the director to make up for it. No wonder we haven’t heard him scold anyone.” Lin Sheng glanced at the director. It was obvious that the extra clothes and blanket on his body were from Chen Xingyan. “When it comes to acting, you are miles from Tangning, but when it comes to people, you are capable of coaxing even a simple props assistant. This is also considered a skill.”

Chen Xingyan felt a little guilty...

“Sheng Ge...”

“You don’t actually need to practice in front of the mirror every day and do favors for people. You simply need to follow your instincts,” Lin Sheng stopped her from continuing. Before she even attended her audition, he had already looked through her information. The reason why he was so certain about picking Chen Xingyan was because the character was difficult for others, but he knew Chen Xingyan could do it effortlessly.

“Hehe, thank you, Sheng Ge.”

“It’s weird, you’re cheeky and opportunistic. I usually despise people like you. But, for some reason, I can’t seem to hate you. I think it’s just like I said earlier, this is a skill of yours. Keep it up,” Lin Sheng said before he patted her on the shoulder and left.

Chen Xingyan hugged the blanket on her body and jumped up in joy after receiving acknowledgment from Lin Sheng.

Everyone on set looked at her curiously after hearing her cheer, including An Zihao who had been standing in the distance for quite some time.

An Zihao did not approach her. He simply held onto the blanket in his hands and left; he had already seen the way that Lin Sheng cared about Chen Xingyan.

However, he misunderstood that Chen Xingyan was jumping in joy because of the way Lin Sheng treated her.

So, An Zihao did not notify Chen Xingyan of his visit. He simply snuck in and snuck back out.

Chen Xingyan did not see An Zihao, but after returning home from a long night, she noticed a bowl of fresh lychee in the middle of her apartment; An Zihao had definitely visited.

So, she gave him a phone call, “Stop acting chivalrous. Why didn’t you tell me that you dropped by?”

“Because I don’t want to,” An Zihao replied in a lazy tone as he lay in bed.

“Why are you acting so weird early in the morning. Go die,” Chen Xingyan yelled before hanging up the phone angrily.

An Zihao flipped over in bed. Even he didn’t understand why he was acting so moody around Chen Xingyan.

But, he felt it was for the best...

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Two afternoons later.

Tangning was keeping Mo Ting company at Hai Rui. Mo Ting was to catch a flight at 5pm that afternoon and he wasn’t going to be by her side that night.

She had already forgotten the last time they had been separated. Ever since she got pregnant, apart from working, Mo Ting dedicated all his time to her. They were barely alone. Thinking of this, her heart began to ache.



Under the sunlight, her man appeared handsome and gentle; especially his diamond-like eyes which twinkled sharply, making him exceptionally dazzling and charming.

A moment later, Lu Che entered the office with some documents. Apart from documents that need Mo Ting's signature, Lu Che also handed him an invitation, "President, you have been invited to the awards ceremony for the GXE International Screenwriter's Competition. Song Xin has won a big award. Although she is newly signed to Hai Rui, the organizers sent the invite directly to you. Do you..."

Mo Ting gestured for Lu Che to divert the invite to Fang Yu without lifting his head, "Shouldn't you know who to turn to about things like this?"

"Sorry, President."

"Don't forget my identity..."

Mo Ting was referring to his identity as Tangning's personal manager. Plus, he was well aware that female artists in the agency often tried to find excuses to leave an impression in front of him.

"Vice President Fang seems to be trying to avoid suspicion too, so he told me to speak to you."

From the looks of it, both men managed their female interaction well for the peace of mind of their women.

Tangning couldn't help but laugh.

"If he won't go, then throw the invitation in the bin," Mo Ting instructed.

As a member of the unofficial wife-doting club, Lu Che did not want to attract this kind of trouble either, so, he directly threw the invitation in the bin.

"This is the first time I've witnessed you handling matters like this."

"In that case, do you trust me?" It was also the first time that Mo Ting consulted Tangning on an issue like this.

Tangning looked into Mo Ting's eyes. They had been married for a long time, but Tangning had never been jealous of another woman because Mo Ting had never done anything that made her feel uncomfortable.

The scene that just happened in front of her was the perfect example!

Tangning did not reply, but Mo Ting already knew the answer.

Meanwhile, Tangning was aware that Mo Ting deliberately waited until it was almost boarding time before he left Hai Rui – just so he could spend more time with her.

"Who is this Song Xin?" Tangning asked Lu Che after Mo Ting left.

Lu Che led Tangning to the underground parking lot as he replied, "A newly-signed artist."

"The so-called 'secret weapon'?"

Lu Che turned his head in surprise, "The madam has some well-informed sources. This new artist is indeed talented. She has also recently won an International Screenwriter Award..."

As they spoke, they arrived in the underground parking lot. However, just as Tangning stepped into her car, she heard a confident voice echo from behind her, "It is an honor to be mentioned by the famous Tangning."

Tangning turned around to see a long curly-haired woman dressed in a black jacket, standing behind them with a wild vibe.

She was, after all, an artist of Hai Rui's, so she possessed her own unique charm.

Tangning did not respond. To be exact, she never liked it when people self-invited themselves into a conversation.

Of course, the woman looked at Tangning with extreme interest. After quite some time, she finally said, "But, I must say, you've gotten old. After you give birth, will you only be capable of securing baby formula commercials?"

Chapter 667: Do We Have A Grudge Between Us ?

"Song Xin!"

"I heard from a few friends in the baby formula industry that you are their number one choice for upcoming commercials. You should feel happy about this. You are about to receive an expensive endorsement opportunity," Song Xin completely ignored Lu Che's warning. As she rubbed her chin, she continued, "As for acting, I think you are almost at the stage of playing mother roles. What should we do? I can already imagine the image of you with curls in your hair as you discipline your children."

"I know that Tangning is famous for having a good temper. So, I'm sure you won't do anything to me for speaking the truth, will you?"

"Do we have a grudge between us?" Tangning couldn't understand why this girl was suddenly provoking her.

"No! We've never met before," Song Xin shrugged her shoulders, "However, I'm used to being number one. So, I would never accept second place. Take this as a warning."

"Song Xin, our Madam has already been in the industry for ten years...and you are just a newcomer."

"She's been in the industry for ten years and she's only won one newcomer award?" Song Xin let out a laugh as she waved her hands at the two, "Hurry and go home. Seeing you walking around at almost 8 months pregnant makes me feel bad on your behalf. Although you are President Mo's lover and taking away the best resources is your right, I will use my abilities to surpass you."

Lu Che looked at Tangning anxiously, afraid that she would get angry. But, Tangning's calm expression displayed to Lu Che that even if she was angry, she would not show it on her face.

"Remember what you have said today..."

“I will remember it clearly.”

Tangning looked deeply at Song Xin and examined her from head to toe. Her appearance wasn't bad, but, people like her did not call the shots in the entertainment industry just because they were aggressive.

In reality, Song Xin's heart was actually racing. Although she sounded confident, she was, after all, facing Tangning. Tangning had experienced many battles in the past, so a few simple words weren't going to scare her.

Afterwards, Tangning boarded her car and Lu Che hopped into the driver's seat. They then drove away, leaving Song Xin on her own smoking a cigarette, “What an interesting woman. Too bad she's about to give birth.”

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“Madam, just ignore Song Xin. She may be talented, but she's much too arrogant.”

“The future belongs to the youngsters. She's right, I'm not young anymore,” Tangning sighed.

“But...you're only 27.”

27 was already an age where one wouldn't gamble and play around recklessly. Especially since she was married to Mo Ting and was about to give birth to a child. From now on, battles within the entertainment industry would subconsciously become a weapon for protecting her family. She no longer enjoyed the glory and glamor that came with it.

“Have baby formula companies actually come looking for me?” Tangning was slightly offended by Song Xin's words. Being called old: this was a weakness buried in the depths of every woman's heart. No matter how hard they tried to hide it, it hurt with one small poke. After all, it was impossible to turn back time.

“No...” Lu Che replied firmly.

Tangning let out a gentle laugh; Lu Che had never been good at lying.

It didn't take long before the two returned to Hyatt Regency. As it was already late, Auntie Bai had already prepared a healthy meal and was waiting for Tangning to return home.

“Xiao Ning, you forgot your phone at home. You had a few missed calls in the afternoon,” Auntie Bai said as she pointed to the bedroom upstairs.

Tangning fetched her phone and sat down at the dining table. Seeing that the missed calls were from Huo Jingjing, she immediately called her back. It had been a long time since they last talked.

“Ning...”

As soon as she heard Huo Jingjing's voice, Tangning's expression immediately turned serious. She could sense that Huo Jingjing was upset, “What's wrong?”

“It's nothing. I'm just a bit tired from attending a dinner party. I originally wanted to visit you, but you weren't home,” Huo Jingjing lightened up her voice and replied.

“Did you get into an argument with Fang Yu?” Tangning asked.

“You must have heard, Hai Rui recently signed on a ‘secret weapon’ called Song Xin, right?” Huo Jingjing suddenly mentioned. “She’s a fierce character.”

“What happened?”

“Fang Yu was previously in charge of her matters, but he is, after all, a married man. So, for my sake, he decided to spread out the workload with others. However, I’m not sure if I am being paranoid, but I feel like Song Xin is a vengeful person and I’ve fallen into her trap,” Huo Jingjing said cautiously with a worried tone.

This made Tangning’s heart drop. Within the industry, Huo Jingjing had already experienced a lot. If even she felt something wasn’t right, then something was definitely off.

“Can you explain it to me in more detail?”

“Previously, when I met with a client in the hotel to discuss a job, my assistant suddenly disappeared from the room for a few minutes. I didn’t think too much of it at that time. But, during my lunch with Fang Yu this afternoon, Fang Yu suddenly received an image of the man and I all alone in a hotel room together.”

“I asked Fang Yu about it and he explained that he had received an anonymous email.”

“I’m sure Fang Yu knows the truth, so you don’t need to worry about it,” Tangning comforted. “Plus, you can’t suspect Song Xin based on an incident like this.”

“The only reason I’m suspecting Song Xin is because she warned me to be careful.”

“Be more cautious next time,” Tangning began to sound a bit wary.

“I’m fine. I feel a lot better now that I’ve gotten it off my chest.” On the other end of the phone, Huo Jingjing’s background began to sound a bit noisy, “I’m going to go now. I’m picking Xiao Yue up from school and it’s getting late.”

“Drive safely.”

Huo Jingjing had a high status in Hai Rui. If Song Xin was highly ambitious, Huo Jingjing would definitely pose a threat to her.

But, it still wasn’t sure how Song Xin’s schemes were like.

For peace of mind, Tangning instructed Lu Che, “Send me all the information you have on Song Xin.”

“OK,” Lu Che replied.

Lu Che quickly returned to the agency. Apart from giving Song Xin a verbal warning, he also sent Tangning some information on her.

After dinner, Tangning lay on the sofa and looked through Song Xin’s information. It turned out, she had a pretty strong background. Three generations of her family had been famous!

That night, while Mo Ting wasn't around, Tangning fell asleep in the living room and had a nightmare. In her nightmare, Song Xin was strangling her neck and kicking her stomach.

Tangning quickly awoke...

But, to her surprise, she was already back in bed and Mo Ting was by her side as promised.

Tangning immediately wrapped her arms around him to calm herself down, "I'm not dreaming, am I?"

"Silly," Mo Ting patted her on the back of the head and hugged her tightly, "Hurry, it's time to get up for breakfast."

"Uh huh," Tangning pulled away the bed covers to get out of bed. But, at this time, Mo Ting notified her softly, "Something happened to Huo Jingjing."

Chapter 668: Keeping Her Options Open

"What happened?" Tangning asked curiously, "We were just talking on the phone last night..."

"Remain calm..." Mo Ting held onto Tangning as he handed her his phone.

The news was already out: the supermodel Huo Jingjing had been attacked by a dog while protecting her daughter. She had bites all over her leg and was at risk of amputation.

The incident happened too sudden. It was a bit hard for Tangning to accept, "Could it be someone with a similar name?"

"Huo Jingjing is currently at the hospital. I'll take you there in a moment," Mo Ting suggested. He knew that she'd want to confirm Huo Jingjing's condition personally.

"Wait a bit, Ting...I'm still in shock."

Tangning sat down on the edge of her bed and looked at the phone in detail again.

"This was an accident. They've already found the owner of the dog. It happened because the owner owns an aggressive breed of dog, but forgot to chain it up."

Tangning tried to process the information, but her heart was in extreme discomfort because of what Huo Jingjing had told her the night before. However, the news had already detailed the entire incident and confirmed that it was just an accident. Plus, the owner of the dog had already offered to make a compensation.

But...compensation?

A model's career had been completely destroyed. How was he to compensate?

What if Huo Jingjing could never walk again?

Seeing the serious expression on Tangning's face, Mo Ting knelt down and brushed his hand across her cheeks comfortingly, "Fang Yu will make work arrangements for her and try his best to reduce the impact."

“OK,” Tangning nodded. After breakfast, she headed to Huo Jingjing’s hospital with Mo Ting.

As the incident happened the night before, the surgery was already finished. But, Huo Jingjing was still unconscious.

Fang Yu was sleeping on the sofa with Fang Yue. The father and daughter were obviously tired.

“Daddy, someone is here,” Fang Yue had been awoken and was tugging on Fang Yu’s sleeve. As soon as he spotted Tangning, Fang Yu immediately sat up.

“We’ve barely managed to save her legs from amputation, but the scars will forever remain. This is the least of her matters. The worst thing is, she might never be able to walk on the runway again.”

Hearing her father’s words, Fang Yue burst into tears, “This happened to Mommy because she was trying to save me.”

Huo Jingjing was awoken by the crying. As she opened her eyes and looked at the snowy white ceiling, it took her a while before she recalled what had happened the day before.

“Xiao Yue...”

“Mommy, I’m here,” Fang Yue immediately ran over.

Seeing Fang Yue was OK, Huo Jingjing was relieved.

At this moment, Tangning approached Huo Jingjing and looked at her as she said, “You may not be able to walk on the runway for a while. There will be scars left on your leg.”

“Oh, really...” Huo Jingjing appeared indifferent. However, Tangning could hear the sound of her heart break. Although Huo Jingjing often said that she didn’t want to walk the runway anymore and no longer wanted to be a model, now that she was finally stripped of the ability, the sadness and disappointment still consumed her.

“Jingjing,” Fang Yu also approached her and held onto her hand, “I won’t give up.”

“It’s fine. As long as Xiao Yue is OK, it doesn’t matter what happens to me. Tangning, you should go home in case you contract any diseases from the hospital. It’s no joke,” Huo Jingjing tried her best to send the people in the room away. “You should all leave. Don’t make it harder for me.”

Tangning nodded. She understood that Huo Jingjing needed some time on her own, so she did not insist on staying. However, on the way home, she received a message from Huo Jingjing, “Don’t worry about me.”

Apart from feeling worried, Tangning was also overcome by another feeling: the realization that life was unpredictable.

She had just been on the phone with Huo Jingjing yesterday, but today...

Worst of all, no matter how much Fang Yu tried to help Huo Jingjing, the fact that she was hurt was already a sign that she had lost all chances of advancing in the future. People were always coming and going in the industry. If they were to wait until Huo Jingjing fully recovered, who would still remember her?

“Ting, Jingjing is a proud person. We need to keep her options open.”

Mo Ting was speechless. He simply wrapped his arm around Tangning’s shoulder and pulled her into his arms

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That sunny afternoon, at the Song Household.

Song Xin had just woken up and found her assistant waiting for her in the living room.

“I’ve done what you asked me to do. It was spectacular.” Song Xin’s assistant was not arranged by Hai Rui, she was a close friend from high school who followed Song Xin into the industry after she debuted.

“I’ve overestimated Tangning and her friends,” Song Xin sat down on the sofa with a head of messy hair, “Squeezing them to death isn’t as hard as I anticipated.”

“Huo Jingjing was easy to deal with because no one knew the dog rushed towards her daughter because of a small bone hidden in her daughter’s pocket. But, what should we do about Tangning?”

Song Xin supported her chin as she fell into deep thought amongst the warmth of the sun, “Let me think about it...”

“Tangning can’t be dealt with using a simple dog.”

“Her child!” Song Xin suddenly remembered. “If she suddenly lost it...what would she do?”

“But...her child is almost 8 months old.”

“When my mother forced my father’s mistress to have an abortion, nothing happened to her. She just suffered a slight mental breakdown,” Song Xin replied. To her, as long as a child wasn’t born yet, it wasn’t considered a life.

“But...we have no chance to make a move,” the assistant said helplessly.

“How do we not have a chance? Tangning and her mother-in-law are on bad terms. Isn’t this the perfect opportunity to get rid of our enemy using someone else’s hands?”

Song Xin was referring to Hua Wenfeng.

“But, hasn’t Hua Wenfeng suffered enough because of Tangning?”

“It’s because she is suffering, that’s why we can make use of her anger,” Song Xin said leisurely. “A matter like this is easy to handle. I just need you to set the wheels in motion.”

“What do you mean?” the assistant was a little confused.

“You are now a part of Hai Rui, so you naturally know what’s going on in the agency. You simply need to make up a story and leak it to Hua Wenfeng.”

“But, what story should I make up?”

“Something like getting Hua Wenfeng to be a maid after the child is born; kicking her out of Beijing; or perhaps, forcing her to donate her organs if the child is actually born unwell. Weren’t there rumors that Hua Wenfeng said Tangning’s child would be unhealthy?”

The assistant looked at Song Xin. After a few minutes, she pointed to her and said, “You’re truly as evil as ever.”

“That’s why we never fail,” Song Xin scoffed. “I hate it when people block my way. What I’m doing will reduce the burden on Tangning. She should be thanking me.”

Although the assistant felt a cold chill down her spine, she still did what Song Xin asked.

They had been working together for many years. So, she understood Song Xin’s temper well.

Their target was Tangning’s child, but Tangning viewed this child more importantly than herself. What if they slipped up?

Chapter 669: Are You Suspecting Something ?

Although Huo Jingjing’s attack had been confirmed as an accident, Tangning still had a lot questions.

Questions about Song Xin who had popped out of nowhere and questions about this sudden incident.

Tangning had looked through Song Xin’s information. But, to say that she had popped out of nowhere was actually an unfair statement. Tangning did not previously know about Song Xin because she didn’t take notice of her.

After all, almost half of the famous songs that were currently on the Korean and Japanese charts came from her hands because she was an extremely good songwriter.

As for her identity as a scriptwriter, it was even more impressive. She actually started off as a famous author but was later invited to help write the script adaptations for TV dramas and films. Fast forward to present day, she was already known as a talent within the industry.

Supposedly, her singing voice was quite good too.

A talent like this was naturally a target for Hai Rui. However...

...Song Xin was talented, but she was short-tempered and arrogant. Half her success came from her family background and the other half came from her own capabilities.

After browsing through Song Xin’s creations, Tangning did not say anything for a while. In the end, she contacted Fang Yu, “Have you checked the surveillance cameras yet?”

“Yes,” Fang Yu said in a quiet voice. Huo Jingjing had just fallen asleep.

“Fang Yu, let me have a look at them,” Tangning requested.

“Are you suspecting something?” Fang Yu suddenly understood what Tangning was thinking, “That’s not possible. I’ve already looked through the surveillance footage multiple times. The incident this time was definitely an accident.”



“Just let me have a look,” Tangning insisted. It’s not that she doubted Fang Yu’s capabilities, nor did she doubt how much he cared about Huo Jingjing. But, the fact that they were husband and wife, made her worry that he was flustered by not looking at things objectively.

Fang Yu couldn’t argue with Tangning, so he sent the surveillance footage to Tangning, “If you discover anything new, let me know straight away. Even though, I feel like you’re being a little paranoid.”

She would have to look at the footage before they could confirm if she was merely being paranoid.

After receiving the footage, Tangning did not view it on her computer. She instead took it into Mo Ting’s study room and played it on the projector so she could look at it in detail.

In the footage, Huo Jingjing did not drive her car into the apartment’s underground carpark. She instead passed her car to security to park it for her. This was because Xiao Yue did not like the smell of the underground carpark and was afraid of the dark.

Afterwards, Huo Jingjing held onto Xiao Yue’s hand as they headed for the front door of the apartment block. However, just as she started punching in the password for the main lobby, an adult pit bull terrier suddenly pounced forward and started biting on Xiao Yue’s jacket.

Huo Jingjing reacted quickly by removing Xiao Yue’s jacket and throwing it towards the pit bull. But, it let go of the jacket and pounced forward again. Huo Jingjing had no choice but to quickly carry Xiao Yue in her arms. At this time, the pit bull locked its teeth on Huo Jingjing’s left leg like it had gone mad.

Most dog owners would know that pit bulls are an aggressive breed of dog. Whenever they locked their teeth on an item, it would be almost impossible for them to let go. They were extremely ferocious...

Tangning played the footage over and over again. The incident was indeed an accident because the dog owner quickly appeared and was terrified by the scene as he quickly called the ambulance. It was completely unexpected.

But, the thing that Tangning did not understand was, why did the dog pounce on Xiao Yue?

Domesticated dogs weren’t like wild or stray dogs, their behavior wasn’t meant to be unstable like that. Even though it was an aggressive breed, it wasn’t normal for it to suddenly go mad.

So, why did it keep pursuing Xiao Yue?

Afterwards, Tangning gave Fang Yu a phone call, “Have you kept the clothes that Xiao Yue wore during the incident?”

“I’ve thrown it away,” Fang Yu replied. “It was covered in blood. Xiao Yue is only 3-years-old, I didn’t want it to leave her with a trauma.”

After hearing Fang Yu’s reply, Tangning sighed, “Forget about it then.”

“What did you discover?”

“I don’t understand why the dog pounced directly at Xiao Yue and latched onto her with all its might. I can only think of two reasons. Firstly, Xiao Yue may have provoked this dog. But, from what I saw, she

just arrived home and Huo Jingjing was watching over her the entire time, so this reason doesn't seem likely. Which leaves the second reason...she must be carrying something that the dog wants."

"Think about it in detail, is there anything you can think of?"

Fang Yu could not think of anything. By the time he was contacted about the incident, Xiao Yue was already being taken care of by the doctors.

All he remembered was, as he left the operating theater, he casually threw Xiao Yue's dirty clothes in the bin outside.

So, to clarify things, he quickly left Huo Jingjing's hospital room to check the bin outside the operating theater. He then pulled out Xiao Yue's clothes to inspect it. Luckily, the cleaners had not emptied the bin yet.

As he looked at the blood-stained clothes, Fang Yu's eyes began to turn red. However, he kept his composure and began examining the clothes in detail. Finally, he found a bone in Xiao Yue's pants pocket.

A bone!

What was this doing in Xiao Yue's pocket?

If the pit bull smelled the bone in Xiao Yue's pocket and snuck into the apartment block to get to it, this would explain everything.

So, Fang Yu quickly returned Tangning's phone call, "I found a bone in Xiao Yue's pants pocket. It was the size of my thumb."

"Let's start the investigation then. Let's see where this bone came from."

"But, I don't understand. If they wanted to go against Huo Jingjing, why did they target Xiao Yue?"

"What's so hard to understand? If they directly went for Huo Jingjing, the target would be too big. But, making Jingjing get hurt because of Xiao Yue would work out a lot smoother," Tangning explained. "The actions of a child can never be judged in the same way as an adult. So, even if they do something wrong, no one can blame them."

"It's clear to see how evil the culprit is!" As Tangning said these words, she already had a target in mind. However, she needed to prove it.

At the same time, Tangning had no idea that the opposing party had already treated her as a target as well. However, they needed to see who was faster and smarter.

After she was done with the footage, Tangning looked down at Mo Ting who had fallen asleep hugging her. He was leaning against the sofa as he protected his wife with a tired expression on his face.

Tangning was well aware that Mo Ting had been rushing to get his work done so he could keep her company during these last two months of her pregnancy.

Therefore, after receiving the footage, he said he was going to keep her company, but he ended up falling asleep.

In reality, he didn't have to keep her company. But...

...Mo Ting never cared about how tired and exhausted he was.

"Ting...I've finished looking at the footage. Let's go back to the bedroom to sleep." Although Tangning couldn't bear to wake Mo Ting up, it was impossible for her to carry this grown man back to the bedroom.

Mo Ting opened his eyes and looked at Tangning. He then lifted her in his arms, "Did you discover anything?"

"I just want you to hurry and go to sleep," Tangning said as her heart ached.

#### Chapter 670: Killing Two Birds With One Stone

With the evidence in his hands, Fang Yu went to look for the owner of the pit bull terrier. The owner did not understand what had happened either. The pit bull had previously bitten someone when it was younger, but, at that time, it was just a small bite.

As for the bone in Xiao Yue's pocket, Fang Yu questioned Xiao Yue about it, but she was too young to give a proper answer. So, Fang Yu went to speak to her kindergarten teacher. According to the teacher, the menu on the day of the incident included pork ribs. As for why Xiao Yue had a bone in her pocket, the teacher explained that it wasn't uncommon for children to keep random items to play with later. Anything was possible.

After listening to the teacher's explanation, his persistence to seek the truth disappeared.

Perhaps, Tangning was simply being paranoid.

More importantly, with the condition that Huo Jingjing was in, he simply wanted to stay by her side.

He couldn't blame anyone. He could only blame himself for not protecting her properly...

Afterwards, Fang Yu passed the result of his investigation onto Tangning. After listening to Fang Yu, Tangning fell silent for a while. Although she didn't want to give up, Fang Yu had already investigated the matter in detail. If she continued to persist, what was the point?

However, deep down, she still felt the incident had something to do with a particular person...

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A few days passed since Huo Jingjing's incident. During these few days, the media sucked dry the last bit of Huo Jingjing's fame before their attention was quickly drawn away by another hot news story. From that moment on, there was no longer any news about Huo Jingjing.

Within the industry, it was hard to stand out. But, being forgotten was much too easy.

Seeing Huo Jingjing's runway shows and endorsements being given away to other people, Tangning's heart felt like it had been set on fire as it burned into ash inch by inch. Yet, there was nothing she could do.

To keep as many options open for Huo Jingjing as possible, Tangning made phone calls to multiple companies: TQs Lin Weisen, the famous French designer Fearles, and many others. However, even though they agreed verbally without hesitation, Fearles told her, "No one is born to be another person's savior. No matter how much you worry about her, she needs to stand back up on her own. No one can do anything about it."

Tangning had always understood this reasoning, so she simply gave a bitter smile, "I'm just being stubborn."

Perhaps it was the pressures that she felt from Song Xin that made it hard for her not to worry about Huo Jingjing and herself.

Meanwhile, after Song Xin received her screenwriter award, she also received an award for songwriting. As a result, her popularity skyrocketed.

Hearing this, Tangning clenched her script-holding hands. Once a woman reached her age, did they really lose their sense of security?

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A few days had passed since Song Xin suggested her plan to her assistant. However, she had not put it into action yet. Instead, she spent most of her time trying to understand Hua Wenfeng's daily routine.

She understood that success required the right timing. Because of this, Song Xin's assistant simply stayed quietly by Hua Wenfeng's side and waited for the right time.

Ever since Hua Wenfeng had been slapped in the face, it had been a long time since she caused trouble for Tangning. Although she didn't want to accept defeat, the entire nation scolded her and Elder Tang threatened her, so she had no choice but to retreat and temporarily focus on her research.

On that particular day, Hua Wenfeng was having afternoon tea inside a cafe with a few research colleagues. The colleagues nosily started gossiping about Tangning just so they could see Hua Wenfeng's reaction.

Hua Wenfeng's expression was cold the entire time. She did not want to take part in the discussion. So, after enduring for quite some time, she used the bathroom as an excuse to temporarily avoid the gossip.

However, as she grabbed her handbag and left the bathroom, she ran into a young woman who was walking in the opposite direction. The woman had a simple short haircut and her figure was relatively tall and skinny.

"Sorry," after apologizing, Hua Wenfeng continued to walk away. However, the woman seemed to have recognized her as she pointed to her and said, "Aren't you Tangning's mother-in-law?"

Hua Wenfeng's expression turned sour; she expected the woman to ridicule her. So, she quickly sped up her steps to leave. However, not only did the woman not laugh at her, she was exceptionally friendly, "Auntie, hello."

"Hi, I have something I need to do, I'll get going first," Hua Wenfeng said as she continued to leave. The woman did not force her to stay as she nodded her head and smiled as she watched her walk away.

However...before Hua Wenfeng had gotten very far, the woman chased after her and grabbed onto her sleeve. She then said uncomfortably, "Actually auntie...I heard a few rumors in the agency and I'm not sure if they are true."

"What rumor?" Hua Wenfeng asked.

"I'm not sure if I should tell you," the woman deliberately went in circles.

"Speak. I won't blame you," Hua Wenfeng was already prepared to hear about Tangning's nonsense. After contemplating for a few seconds, the woman leaned over and whispered in Hua Wenfeng's ear the rumor that she had heard. After she was done, she highly emphasized, "Auntie, I'm sure you know about the rules in Hai Rui. No one is allowed to leak any secrets to the public. Originally, I didn't want to say anything, but since I ran into you coincidentally, my conscience told me to tell you. I hope you can keep this a secret for me."

In reality, Hua Wenfeng's face had already gone from slightly red in anger to bright red in fury.

She had never imagined that Tangning would be this sinister.

How dare she dream about taking her organs?

"Don't worry, I won't tell anyone about this," Hua Wenfeng guaranteed firmly.

"Good. You should decide what to do as soon as possible..." the woman looked at Hua Wenfeng in pity as she patted the back of her hand comfortingly.

Hua Wenfeng didn't notice when the woman left. She simply trembled as she supported herself against the wall for quite some time.

Since the b\*tch wanted to go to such an extent, she couldn't just sit around doing nothing. She couldn't sit around and wait for the child to be born. What if the child was actually born with a defect and they decided to use her body.

She couldn't tell Father Mo about this. Otherwise, she wouldn't be able to do anything because Father Mo would simply think she was scaring herself.

Out of urgency, she decided to get rid of the child in Tangning's stomach. She needed to think of a flawless plan.

Because of this, Hua Wenfeng began to sneakily stalk Tangning, so she could understand her daily routine.

She noticed that Tangning went to the hospital for a checkup every Friday. Apart from that, she practically never left the villa. As for the b\*tch with the surname Bai, she was in charge of Tangning's daily meals. However, the most important thing to note was that Tangning always took the bodyguards with her when she went to do her checkup.

That was Hua Wenfeng's only window of opportunity. If she could sneak into the villa during that time and place all the blame on the cheap maid, she would be killing two birds with one stone.