

## Work Hard 751

Chapter 751: Great. This Was So Tangning.

For the next few days, the public's favorite thing to do was to compare Bai Yu with Tangning.

Everyone laughed at the fact that Tangning wasn't likely to ever meet another female artist with a higher EQ. However, not many of them saw the truth behind the facade. Bai Yu's high EQ was merely another method to show off herself.

"Bai Yu's so perfect; she's all we need. Tangning can stay at home and take care of her baby."

"No she's not. For the sake of acting, Bai Yu was even willing to give up on her baby. She's completely obsessed with acting."

"The two women are so similar that we only need one of them. Since Tangning has already retreated from the industry, there's no point making a comeback."

"She should leave 'The Forensic Concubine' for someone else."

Faced with a sea of opinions, Bai Yu was on the positive end. Since Tangning didn't like to explain herself in public, people began to see her as a duplicate of Bai Yu.

With the release of behind-the-scenes footage from 'Concubine Ning', fans placed a lot of attention on Bai Yu and preferred the way she handled her work.

In this world, fans always preferred good looks and perfect figures, regardless of whether they were male or female. This was the reality of the industry. Whether one became fat or had plastic surgery, if their looks downgraded, their career would have no choice but to come crashing down.

And it seemed, in front of everyone, Tangning was one of these people. Yet, she kept hanging on stubbornly.

Regarding matters like this, Tangning never tried to explain herself. Fortunately, there were still people that supported her and trusted in her.

So, in regards to siding with Tangning or Bai Yu, plenty of friends ended up getting into fights over the matter.

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"President, the commercial shot by the Madam for the luxury cosmetic brand will be released internationally tomorrow. The advertising agency has already confirmed it with us." Inside the CEO's office of Hai Rui, Lu Che was holding a thick stack of documents and was waiting to report them to Mo Ting. However, Tangning's commercial was big news, so he placed it as the top priority.

"When the time comes, all the biggest shopping centers and office buildings will be broadcasting this season's new commercial. You don't need to worry about exposure."

Mo Ting was currently standing in front of the floor-to-ceiling window. After hearing what Lu Che had to say, he turned around in a refined manner and said, "News of the male lead for 'The Forensic Concubine' will make the headlines in a few days."

After bullying Tangning for so long, it was time for Bai Yu to experience what it felt like to be overwhelmingly crushed!

How dare she compete with Tangning in terms of EQ?

Who gave her the courage?

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The next day, Bai Yu participated in a programme called "Visiting Big Shots". As the most talked about actress, she obviously didn't give up on any chance to show off her EQ. Especially when the reporters asked her how she felt about being compared to Tangning, she acted extra modest, "To be honest, if we consider the date that we debuted, Tangning is actually my senior. I honestly think she's done really well already."

"No way, you've done much better."

"Really? Thank you!" Bai Yu smiled as she thanked the reporter.

By saying Tangning debuted earlier, she was merely hinting that Tangning was old!

"Plus, you're currently more beautiful than Tangning..."

"Thank you. Honestly...thank you. But, Tangning has a precious little baby," Bai Yu continued to speak on Tangning's behalf as she displayed her kindness and high EQ.

But, the more she did this, the more people disliked Tangning.

Because everyone felt that Bai Yu's existence was more pleasing than Tangning's.

However, that same morning at 10am, on the big screen in Beijing's biggest downtown square, the newest commercial for a famous luxury brand, began playing.

As soon as the commercial was released, the internet erupted with discussions.

Because, in the short 30-second clip, the spokesperson turned out to be Tangning!

That's right, the Tangning that everyone currently disliked!

Dressed in a white sports bra and tights, with boxing gloves and slightly curled shoulder-length blonde hair; Tangning exuded elegance and energy. Everyone was lured in with one glance.

She was too cool! She seemed pure and free with her naturally young appearance.

As mentioned earlier, she went through seven costume changes in the commercial. Most notable of all, was the last shot with the long dress and the roses, it was absolutely stunning. The dress shaped her body in a way that looked more voluptuous and sexy than before and her stomach recovered well without any remaining excess fat; it was an envious sight to see...

“Oh God... I’m getting burnt by Tangning!”

“I already jumped to Bai Yu’s side, but at this moment, I have no choice but to return to Tangning.”

“Those that said Tangning’s figure is fat and disgusting must have swollen faces by now.”

“All I want to say is, ‘someone’ has been dabbling in Hollywood for so long but has never secured such a big name endorsement campaign! My Ning really surprised us with a ticking time bomb.”

While Bai Yu was still cheering about her ‘high EQ’, Beijing had already been spammed by the words ‘Tangning’ and the ‘big brand commercial’.

Some fans even commented that they could watch the commercial dozens of times and still won’t be sick of it because Tangning had a great figure and she looked beautiful.

At the same time, Tangning’s appearance once again stirred up the excitement of fashion critics who used to watch her runway shows. In their hearts, no other model could do what Tangning had done. Even though she had already left the fashion industry, people couldn’t help but worship her.

It was great. This was so Tangning.

Everytime news of her appeared, it always reversed the situation and slapped people satisfyingly in the face. So, Bai Yu’s news was quickly overshadowed until not even a trace remained.

Tangning’s commercial had only been released for a few hours and the number of views had already exceeded 10 million!

Soon afterwards, the big name luxury brand announced on their official website that their spokesperson, Tangning, was invited to their press release the following night.

In other words, after hiding away for so long, Tangning was finally making an appearance in front of everyone!

“Wow, I must say that Tangning is number one at endurance. So many people were insulting her about being fat, yet she managed to ignore it for so long before coming out to give a faceslap, if I was her, I would have thrown my anger a few thousand times already.”

“That’s because she knows she’s not what people have described her as. Since she has the confidence, why wouldn’t she be able to endure it?”

As Bai Yu was in the middle of filming, she was still unaware of the dramatic changes that had occurred. It wasn’t until she finally flipped through her phone later that night that she realized, news of Tangning had already flooded the outside world.

“What’s this all about?” Bai Yu asked her assistant.

The assistant glanced at Bai Yu and shook her head, “I’m not sure what game Tangning played either.”

Bai Yu did not say another word. In front of the public, she had to maintain her friendly image. But, deep inside, she was exploding with anger!

She had no idea that by playing the high EQ card, she had dug herself multiple pits to fall into...

## Chapter 752: I Want You Replaced !

All of a sudden, Tangning made a comeback and once again had Bai Yu suppressed beneath her.

This was due to the fact that people had begun to realize they were wrong to compare Tangning and Bai Yu and think that they were similar. Tangning had such a unique personality; how could Bai Yu compare?

That's right, Tangning was unique and independent. She did not try to suck up to everyone she met.

Tangning had always been like that. She was nice to whomever was nice to her.

In comparison, even though Bai Yu was the type to smile at everyone and appeared approachable, she was actually quite frightening. Because, it was too hard to tell if she'd stab someone in the back or scheme against them at anytime. Above all, a person that tried to appease everyone was also a calculative person. They would never treat anyone sincerely because, in their hearts, everyone was the same.

Tangning had undoubtedly put up a good battle. This also had an effect on Bai Linlin and Chen Xingyan, who were on set.

Previously, when Bai Yu received praise from everyone, her sister Bai Linlin was also viewed with admiration. In fact, these admirers joined her in looking down on Chen Xingyan. But now, Tangning suddenly swept in and the winds changed. People in the crew that originally made things difficult for Chen Xingyan, finally knew to restrain themselves and no longer dared to give her attitude. In fact, some of them even bought things to get on her good side...

However, the best thing that Chen Xingyan did during this time was, she seriously learned to be herself. So, those people received nothing in return.

Seeing what had happened, Bai Linlin walked over to Chen Xingyan and said, "Haiz...do you suddenly feel that your status has been elevated because of Tangning? Let me tell you, Tangning is Tangning. You're not her."

After hearing this, Chen Xingyan did not want to waste another second on Bai Linlin, "Didn't you use your sister's achievements to act arrogantly? What's wrong now? Are you the only one allowed to leech off others?"

"You..."

"Also, since Ning Jie has already made a comeback, it means that your sister will no longer have the chance to win against her. If you have the time to act jealous in front of me, you might as well spend that time on improving your acting!"

"Chen Xingyan, I bet you shamelessly seduced the director, didn't you?" Bai Linlin said in a harsh tone. "Otherwise, why would the director treat you so nicely, when he even yelled at the female lead?"

After hearing this, Chen Xingyan grabbed Bai Linlin by the arm and dragged her over to the director, "I dare you to repeat yourself in front of the director."

“What’s this about?” Director Wang immediately asked.

“I...” Bai Linlin obviously never expected Tangning to place her face-to-face with the director.

“Do you have the guts to do it?”

“You’re bullying me because you have Tangning backing you!” Bai Linlin suddenly sounded like the victim.

“Fine, if you won’t say it, then I’ll say it on your behalf,” Chen Xingyan wasn’t going to show any mercy. She knew, no matter how nicely she treated the Bai sisters, they would never be grateful for it. So, rather than doing that, she might as well enjoy herself. “Bai Linlin asked me a moment ago whether the director had been treating me nicely because I seduced him.”

Director Wang’s face immediately turned red after hearing this. With one swing of his arm, he threw a slap across Bai Linlin’s face, “F\*ck you! I dare you to say it again – right to my face.”

After suffering a slap, Bai Linlin was shocked speechless...

“I...I...”

“If you’re wondering why I’m so nice to Xingyan, you should perhaps look at the way she’s constantly studying the script. She’s here as a serious actress. What are you here for? You’ve simply been conspiring with others and acting arrogant. How dare you complain that I’ve been biased towards Xingyan? Do you think a teacher would care about their worst student? Bai Linlin, let me tell you, I am going to sue you for defamation. I have a family and a wife, I won’t allow you to insult me in such a way!”

It was clear to see that Director Wang was truly angered.

“By the way, Bai Linlin, I don’t think you are very suited to my film. So, you should get out of here...”

“Director...what...do you mean by this?”

“What I mean is, get lost! The film no longer needs you. I want you replaced!” the director shooed with immense power. No one dared to make a sound. Even the staff that usually got along with Bai Linlin, simply focused on self preservation at a time like this.

“Director, I was simply joking. Don’t replace me, please don’t!” Bai Linlin had never been treated like this, nor had anyone attacked her self-esteem in such a way. But...

...the industry had always been heartless.

“Even your sister has been suppressed with the blink of an eye. Did you think you’d be able to escape?” After speaking, Director Wang turned and left.

Everyone witnessed the scene of Bai Linlin being replaced, so they began to reevaluate Chen Xingyan’s capabilities.

Bai Linlin ran around and begged for help, but no one dared to offend the director on her behalf. Unless, of course, they had a death wish...

Although Chen Xingyan pitied Bai Linlin, she grabbed her script and returned to her seat. Bai Linlin absolutely detested Chen Xingyan. So, she pounced over to hit her, but...

...not only was Chen Xingyan skilled in martial artists, she still had an An Zihao to shield her.

So, as soon as Bai Linlin pounced over, An Zihao tackled her to the floor.

“Chen Xingyan, I hate you... I’m going to make you pay back a thousand-fold for what you’ve done today.”

An Zihao ignored her as he turned to praise Chen Xingyan, “You did well!”

Chen Xingyan smiled confidently before she lowered her head and continued studying the script in her hands. In reality, she knew that she had leeches off Tangning’s success with this incident. If Tangning had not made a comeback, it would have been difficult for her to deal with Bai Linlin like she did today...

Seeing that the situation could not be saved, Bai Linlin pulled out her phone and gave Bai Yu a call, “Sis...you need to get justice for me.”

But, Bai Yu was in no mood to deal with Bai Linlin’s matters.

After she returned to the hotel earlier, she had looked up Tangning’s commercial and ended up looking at it a few dozen times.

She never expected that Tangning was calculative to this extent.

Tangning first allowed Bai Yu to show off in front of everyone and let her gain nationwide praise. Afterwards, she took advantage of the moment to surprise everyone. She was indeed Mo Ting’s wife, her tricks were definitely more sophisticated.

However, they still had plenty of chances to compete against each other in future. The final victor was yet to be decided.

Perhaps, in Bai Yu’s eyes, she didn’t think she was an easy opponent for Tangning.

But, in reality, even if Bai Yu didn’t exist, Tangning would have still done things in the same way. It’s just, with Bai Yu around, the result had more of an impact.

Meanwhile, inside one of the walk-in-wardrobes at Hyatt Regency, Tangning put on a dress she hadn’t worn for a long time. It almost felt like the dress was from another lifetime...

At this time, Mo Ting wrapped his arms around her from behind and asked, “Are you planning to wear this to the event tomorrow?”

Chapter 753: Bai Yu Was So Tacky !

“I’m not a child, is it necessary for you to worry about this?” Tangning patted Mo Ting on the back of his hand and smiled, “Don’t worry, everything will be perfect.”

“After being suppressed for so long...it’s time for my Ning to shine,” Mo Ting spoke like a fan. “Although the event tomorrow isn’t anything important, it will be your first appearance in front of the public after giving birth. Also, it will be the perfect chance to prove things...”

It was the perfect chance to prove that Bai Yu was stupid.

“I understand!” Tangning nodded.

“By the way, you will have a costume fitting in two days time. Right now, my mind is filled with images of how you will look in ancient attire,” Mo Ting said as he looked at Tangning in the mirror, “You will definitely look perfect.”

In reality, Tangning was also imagining how Mo Ting would look dressed as an emperor. The sight would definitely amaze everyone.

Mo Ting looked into Tangning’s eyes through the reflection in the mirror. The couple’s hearts were connected, so they naturally understood what the other was thinking, but Mo Ting did not let her know that he knew. He simply kissed her on the back and stepped out. He was afraid, if he stayed there any longer, he and Tangning would put on a passionate, love action scene...

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Meanwhile, after seeing Tangning’s commercial, Bai Yu spent the entire night struggling to sleep. So, she got out of bed and made a few phone calls to some friends in the industry.

“Once Tangning strikes, she never shows her opponent any mercy...”

“Bai Yu, how did you get on Tangning’s bad side. She’s not easy to deal with. She’s already thrown a couple of enemies into prison.”

“Tangning is backed by Mo Ting. Why would you compete with her?”

Bai Yu wanted to hear a different point of view. But, everyone simply avoided Tangning. As soon as she mentioned Tangning’s name, they would end the conversation.

“Bai Yu, you should make the most of your role in ‘Concubine Ning’ and stop competing with Tangning. She simply appears weak on the surface.”

Why didn’t these people say all this before the headlines began saying that she was crushed and suppressed by Tangning?

Only after Tangning made a comeback did they try to convince her.

But, Bai Yu simply viewed it as the first encounter with Tangning. She couldn’t allow herself to be flustered. After all, she had been in Hollywood for many years. Was there really a person that she couldn’t go up against?

With this thought, Bai Yu returned to her room. Seeing her husband sitting up against the headboard waiting for her, she let out a sigh. At least she had someone to depend on: a husband that was obedient towards her...

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It was Tangning's first time making an appearance in front of the public since giving birth, so, her ability to attract the media's attention could not be underestimated. After all, Bai Yu had made the media think that she overshadowed Tangning in multiple aspects: including her figure and EQ. And Tangning appeared like she couldn't refute even a word. Yet, she suddenly appeared as the spokesperson for a big name brand. The turn of events was too satisfying of a face slap.

But, even though Tangning easily demonstrated her capability and showed off her figure with a 30 second commercial, what about her EQ?

During the time that Tangning was suppressed by Bai Yu, the media had no way of knowing how she felt because they never got the chance to see her. So now that they finally got the chance, they were definitely going to ask for her thoughts.

But, thoughts?

She never had any thoughts, she simply had actions.

The time was 7pm.

The press release for the new product launch of the famous luxury brand was attended by many well-renowned fashion personalities. But, with Tangning's current status, she was arranged to enter last.

As they faced the star-studded red carpet, the media waited on the two sides. It had been too long since they last saw Tangning, so they were extremely curious whether she was exactly how she appeared in the commercial, flaunting a perfect body.

The time spent on the red carpet was one hour. Although the media knew that Tangning would be entering last, their anticipation continued to increase. Every now and then, they would take impatient glances towards the entrance.

"The pharmacy is going to be popular tonight. I noticed everyone's contracted the crooked neck disease! Haha, I can tell that everyone is excited for Tangning's appearance," the host joked with a smile. Who said Tangning's outdated? he thought to himself. From the degree of anticipation, it was clear to see that Tangning was still the same Tangning.

"Alright, there's not much time left on the red carpet and I'm sure everyone's patience is wearing out. So, following on, please welcome our Tangning!"

As soon as the host mentioned Tangning...

...the two sides of the red carpet erupted in excitement...

All that could be heard were the sounds of camera shutters...

A moment later, Tangning appeared on the red carpet wearing an elegant watery blue long dress. Her light makeup and curly shoulder-length hair made her appear extremely soft and gentle. Most importantly, her gaze was lively and filled with spirit. Previously, when Bai Yu paraded in front of the cameras on her own, it was impossible to truly compare the two women. But now, with one single glance at Tangning, everyone had the same thought: Bai Yu was so tacky!

"Oh God, Tangning's here!"



“Tangning, look over here...”

“Tangning.”

The media squeezed onto the red carpet like they had gone mad. In response, the security guards quickly put things back into order.

Meanwhile, Tangning maintained a smile the entire time as she walked up to the host. After bowing to everyone, she turned to look at the host. She knew the host also had a mission to accomplish.

“Tangning, after anticipating your appearance for so long, you’re finally here!”

“Everyone has worked hard,” Tangning replied appropriately as she held onto the microphone.

“You’ve also worked hard. Your commercial was done really well. Even my daughter has watched it a few dozen times at home. I’m really surprised. Plus, I think you’ve maintained your body better than before. What’s your secret?” the host asked nosily.

“Actually, it’s all thanks to maintaining a reasonable diet,” Tangning replied with a general answer.

“Tangning, can you answer a few of our questions?” the reporters on the two sides were getting impatient. They finally saw her and she didn’t disappoint, but...

...they couldn’t go home empty-handed.

“Sorry, the event is about to start and our Tangning needs to head in,” the host quickly helped out.

However, at this time, Tangning lifted her wrist, looked at her watch and said to the reporters, “I know what you want to ask. After the event is over, I can spare a few minutes. But for now, the event is indeed about to start. I’m sorry, everyone.”

“We can wait!”

Tangning smiled and entered the venue under the protection of the security.

If Bai Yu was in her position, she would have appeared in front of the media looking innocent like she was forced to accept an interview when she didn’t want to, forcing the reporters to feel sympathy for her.

Yet, Bai Yu’s fans claimed that Tangning was putting on an act.

“When has that b\*tch ever been so nice as to appear in front of the media on her own? Isn’t she just trying to compete with our Bai Yu in terms of EQ?”

“She’s fake, she’s completely fake! Let’s see how long she can put on her act. Her temper is obviously not that good, yet she’s forcing herself to put on an act. How shameless!”

“I can’t wait to see what she’ll say to the reporters after she faces them...”

#### **Chapter 754: Tangning Is Well And Truly Back !**

Both women had worked internationally, but they were in different fields.

When it came to being an actress, Tangning was still a rookie. All she had in her hands was one Best Newcomer Award, while Bai Yu had already made a place for herself in Hollywood.

After comparing the two women for such a long period of time, Bai Yu's fans claimed Tangning was leeching off Bai Yu!

But, Bai Yu was obviously the one that viewed Tangning as an opponent from the start and tried to make comparisons.

"I finally know what it means to throw the blame on the victim. My Ning has been at home taking care of her baby, unlike a certain actress that's been creating headlines non-stop: everyone's talking about her high EQ one day and discussing her good figure the next. How did my Ning turn into a bully just by making a comeback?"

"My Ning is just a rookie actress, she is aware that she can't compare to a certain international award-winning actress. So, please, let her go."

"I must be drunk. Up until this point, has my Ning said anything? Don't the 'Bai Fans' have a conscience?"

"The entire world owes Bai Yu an Oscar."

"Fans of a certain international actress are acting like a bunch of hooligans."

"You focus on being your 'Concubine Ning', you don't need to worry about our 'Forensic Concubine'."

Online, discussions were igniting furiously amongst netizens – especially since Tangning had agreed to an interview after the press release. The 'Bai Fans' directly scolded Tangning, claiming that she was leeching off their idol and that their award-winning actress didn't care about comparing herself to Tangning.

Even though they saw how beautiful Tangning appeared at the event, they weren't willing to admit it. Because there was a saying: 'one can never wake up someone that is pretending to sleep'.

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The event lasted for a total of two hours while Tangning displayed her greatest appeal as a spokesperson. After the commercial was released, the pre-sales of the luxury cosmetic brand's new season foundation, exceeded all its previous achievements and reintroduced demand for the brand.

Tangning's endorsements never disappointed. This made the advertisers extremely happy and reaffirmed Tangning's popularity as well as her professionalism as a model.

At the end of the event, Tangning even received a set of jewelry from the brand.

Afterwards, she knew she had an interview, so she was in no rush to leave. Instead, she waited until all the other guests left before she stepped out to face the reporters.

The advertisers were aware of Tangning's situation, so they let her borrow the venue for her interview – fully expressing their love and support for her.

The reporters were pleasantly surprised to find that they didn't need to hold the interview in an open-air environment, especially since Beijing was currently in its rainy season and the outside of the venue was already wet.

The reporters quickly rushed into the venue. Seeing Tangning already standing on the stage, they immediately made their way to their seats.

As they looked at the Tangning that was usually aloof from the world, the reporters felt an inexplicable sense of awe that they had never felt before. But, apart from awe, they were more curious. In everyone's eyes, she was an artist that was always on the brink of expiration, yet she somehow came up with unlimited surprises and gave everyone one face slap after another...

It was like she would never allow herself to lose.

"OK, we don't have much time, I still have a little rascal at home to feed, I hope everyone can ask their questions as quickly as possible. Of course, I will refuse to respond to any malicious speculations. If I encounter anything like that, I will directly skip it," Tangning said as she glanced down at her diamond-encrusted watch. "Please begin..."

Raising hands and waiting for turns was an industry rule, so the reporters scrambled to raise their hands first before Tangning chose who to answer.

"I would like to ask if you honestly gave up on 'Concubine Ning' because of the script and not because your lead role had been stolen from you?"

"I would like to ask for your thoughts regarding the multiple headlines that Bai Yu has been producing over the past few days?"

"Bai Yu has 'spoken on your behalf' on multiple occasions. What do you have to say about this?"

"I would like to know the gender of your baby!"

"Boy," Tangning replied immediately after hearing one of the reporters ask about her babies.

However, did that mean, Tangning had directly skipped 3 questions?

But, the reporters had come here specifically with these questions in mind. If Tangning didn't plan to answer them, then there was no practical purpose to the interview.

"Actually Tangning, I am your fan. The question I want to ask you is a sensitive one, but I hope you can answer it because, in my heart, you are not worse than anyone." At this time, a female reporter stood up and said something sincerely to Tangning.

Every fan of Tangning's wanted to see her slap Bai Yu in the face and shut her fans up.

Tangning understood this well...

So, in the end, she lifted the microphone to her mouth and said, "Firstly, I gave up on 'Concubine Ning' because the script had been revised. Otherwise, I would have looked forward to acting alongside Bai Yu. I've always considered a script based on the script itself and not on the people I am acting with. As long

as the script is good, I would be happy to accept either role of lead or secondary lead. My identity as an actress exists for the sake of acting.”

“Secondly, whether Bai Yu is an ordinary actress or an international award-winning actress, she has the right to like and dislike people; I respect that. As for the so-called suppression, I did not take any of it to heart because I know for myself that I’m nothing like the rumors say I am. So, there’s no point feeling unsettled over the distorted truth. More importantly, comparison allows people to clearly see the differences in people. Fans may have found 3 similarities between us, but that must also mean that we have thousands of other features that cannot be replicated.”

“As for the words that Bai Yu has said, it is her personal freedom. I cannot determine another person’s sincerity or falsehood; I can only focus on doing my best.”

“Finally, in regards to who has the higher EQ, I think there’s no point discussing this topic in detail because our views are different, so our methods are different. However, I would like to point out, from the moment that I announced my comeback, I have always said that I’m not a nice person. I will never forgive those that have bullied me from the shadows. I will respect those that respect me.”

“In the end, I can only invest my sincerity and time into those that I care about. Whether you conclude that I am arrogant or cold, I refuse to waste my time on people that are completely unrelated to me. So, from now on, whether someone wants to make comparisons or create headlines, I will continue to shrug it off with a smile, because I know the path I want to take and the person I want to become...”

“Thank you to those that have given me their attention. I simply want to tell everyone that Tangning is well and truly back!”

As soon as Tangning’s words landed, the reporters had mixed reactions.

Because, within the industry, it was hard to find a straightforward person like Tangning.

She may not be nice to some people, but she wouldn’t play fancy tricks on them either – because she would never waste her time on them!

She was well aware of her identity and value. She never overvalued herself, but she never lowered herself for the sake of others; she would never interrupt her own progress because of another person.

This was Tangning...

### **Chapter 755: Our Concubine Is Amazing**

“What Tangning means is that she’s never taken Bai Yu to heart, right?”

“The meaning of Tangning’s words are obvious. She doesn’t want to be compared to others because she has her own path to take!”

“Bai Yu’s words have suddenly become a little awkward...”

“Within this industry, not many artists know how to think for themselves, so Tangning is a rare kind. On the other hand, Bai Yu simply knows how to copy the path taken by others. If you compare them like this, you can immediately see the difference.”

Those that said Tangning was leeching off Bai Yu were about to turn red in embarrassment. Because, the truth was, Tangning didn't even care about Bai Yu, Bai Yu simply thought too highly of herself.

As for those that said Tangning was showing off her EQ, Tangning was merely speaking her mind, she never intended to make comparisons with Bai Yu. The fact that Bai Yu spoke on behalf of Tangning during her interviews was just based on her own assumptions.

In other words, Tangning's main message was that no matter what Bai Yu did or said, it had nothing to do with her. She simply wanted to peacefully focus on her acting.

While Bai Yu thought she was creating threats for Tangning, Tangning was unaffected and skillfully deflected everything that was thrown at her.

“Haha, Bai Yu must be so embarrassed. She self-scripted and self-directed her own show, only to be disregarded by Tangning.”

“I want to give Tangning full points for her response. As an artist, it's not necessary to act perfect in front of everyone. Otherwise, the audience will highlight their shortcomings. You should all just wait and see; as soon as Bai Yu has a scandal, it will definitely be the worst of the worst. On the other hand, Tangning is different. She's said from the start that she's not a nice person and the public has already understood this point. Even if she has another scandal in the future, everyone will understand her choices and consider if someone has stepped over her bottom line.”

“Bai Yu, you should just play by yourself. Tangning doesn't want to play with you.”

Indeed, Tangning's every step was extremely practical. No matter how others tried to interfere with her life, she would insist on her own path. So, there was no need to care about other people's comparisons.

After the interview, the reporters slowly exited the venue. Everyone walked out with a satisfied expression. Even while they were walking, they couldn't help discussing what had happened, “Aiya, this Tangning is really hard to hate. No matter how much hostility we approach her with, we end up feeling her sincerity.”

“For the time being, she is indeed the least pretentious person I know. Look at Bai Yu and how much time she's spent focused on others. How would she have time to practice her acting? Her words may sound good, but she feels so sly...”

“Who cares about her? Tangning's already said that she hasn't taken Bai Yu to heart, so why should we make a fuss about nothing? As long as we have news to write about, that's all that matters!”

“That's right! Although Bai Yu cooperates during all her interviews, there hasn't been a single time where she hasn't gone in circles with her answers. On the other hand, even though Tangning doesn't always cooperate because she likes to keep a low profile, every word that she says to the media is exactly the answers we want to hear. I feel I have no choice but to side with Tangning.”

“I hope to interview more people like Tangning. That way we can live up to our identities as entertainment reporters!”

In any case, Tangning’s skillful deflection worked wonders.

This made Tangning’s fans quite proud.

No matter what the Bai Fans said about Tangning, it didn’t matter, because the Tang Fans weren’t going to play along with them anyway. After all, the big brand endorsement, the best script and the most powerful management agency and man, all belonged to Tangning.

Bai Yu’s fans were furious, but their attacks were like punches on cotton; soft and weak. They were obviously dying with anger, but there was nothing they could say to the Tang Fans to vent their frustration.

As for the fans that previously opposed Tangning’s participation in ‘The Forensic Concubine’, as soon as they saw Tangning make a powerful comeback with a figure that was better than before coupled with a strong mental state, they couldn’t help but feel defeated by her.

“If we look around the current entertainment industry in Beijing, no one else can live up to the identity of Qing Lan except for Tangning. She is truly serious about acting!”

“Another face slap! Little Miss Tangning, you don’t need to understand the ways of the world, we can act as your reinforcement. You simply need to focus on being your concubine.”

“Tangning will be fine, three cheers for the concubine!”

“The other person is about to get crushed. Our concubine is amazing!”

Plenty of people expected Tangning to complain about Bai Yu during her interview. But, if that had been the case, she would have been a real disappointment...

Instead...

...she was indifferent as she stared at everyone blankly:

Oh, she wants to compete with me? She can do as she pleases...

Does she want to speak on my behalf? I never asked her to do so...

She tried to suppress me with headlines? I never knew about that...

According to the conclusion of netizens, all that was missing was for Tangning to roll back her eyes and think to herself: I really don’t want to play with you!

At a moment like this, silence spoke louder than words...

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Bai Yu watched a recording of Tangning’s interview at home, threw her computer aside and held her head as she paced back and forth.

Tangning looked down on her!

She had never thought anything of her from the start!

In fact, Tangning didn't even consider her an opponent!

Bai Yu was almost pushed over the edge. She had never felt so humiliated, yet helpless, in her life.

How was she to face the reporters tomorrow?

"Sis..."

"Get out," Bai Yu yelled ferociously at Bai Linlin who had just stepped into the room to look for her. But, Bai Linlin couldn't handle this kind of treatment. So, she turned around, teary-eyed, and ran out of the study room. As she stepped out of the front door of the house, she stumbled into the arms of Bai Yu's husband.

"Linlin, what's wrong?"

"Brother-in-law...you need to stick up for me," Bai Linlin said to Bai Yu's husband as tears rolled from her eyes.

"Come, let's go into the living room and you can explain everything to me."

Bai Yu's husband was a true American man: he was tall, built, mature, handsome and once made frequent appearances on the catwalks. Later on, he became a director and actor and played many roles in Hollywood, resulting in a slight amount of fame. When he first met Bai Yu, it was love at first sight. As a result, they were married within half a year.

In Bai Linlin's subconsciousness, she had never been comforted by a man throughout her entire childhood. So, as soon as Bai Yu's husband displayed concern for her, she hugged him affectionately and wouldn't let go.

"Brother-in-law, sis bullied me!"

"It's fine, tell me what happened."

One didn't think much about the relationship between opposite sexes and the other was an open-minded American man, so the sister and brother-in-law didn't notice how intimate their actions appeared at this moment.

Bai Linlin explained how Bai Yu had yelled at her to her brother-in-law and the man immediately said in a comforting tone, "Your sister is in a bad mood. From now on, if you have any issues, you can tell me about it, I will stick up for you."

"OK, you're the best."

After speaking, Bai Linlin hugged the man even tighter.

The man was mesmerized by the scent of this young woman, and only at this moment did he realize the physiological response that his body made. However, he did not reject it. Because, after marrying Bai Yu for so long, she had never satisfied him intimately...

So, Bai Yu had no idea, while she was focused on winning against Tangning, her family was about to fall apart...

#### Chapter 756: Finally, There's Something That President Mo Can't Do

Soon after, Hai Rui announced that 'The Forensic Concubine' was to hold auditions for their male lead. Mo Ting was indeed the President of Hai Rui, so his judgment was direct and precise. Apart from Lin Sheng and Bei Chendong, the other two actors that were well-received in Beijing were Long Xing and Lu Yiling.

Both men were popular candidates for Best Actor, so Mo Ting's mission was to select the most suited one between the two.

Of course, Mo Ting's preference was leaning more towards Long Xing. Compared to appearance, he had always paid more attention to a person's capabilities. But, what if Tangning managed to ignite Lu Yiling's acting skills while they worked together?

Unfortunately, when the day came for the auditions, neither Long Xing nor Lu Yiling turned up.

One rejected the invite because his schedule was full, and the other was taking a 6-month break due to health concerns.

The two top choices actually found excuses to reject Hai Rui!

Even when the managers came to give their explanations, they were helpless, "It's honestly impossible for our Long Xing to change his schedule. We are so sorry, Assistant Lu Che. Long Xing wanted to take part in the drama, but, as an artist, he can't go back on his words and reject jobs that he's already agreed to. So..."

"Assistant Lu, these are Yiling's physical examination results. Due to an overload of work, his stomach and liver have been struggling to push forward. As a result, our agency has arranged for him to take 6 months off work. After all, nothing is more important than one's health. We are extremely sorry to do this."

Although Lu Che didn't know the real reason why these two men rejected Hai Rui, he did not expose the lie behind their excuses. After all, no one knew what their real stories were.

"President, that's pretty much what happened. The managers for the two men came one after another to apologize. From the looks of it, they honestly don't want to offend Hai Rui, but they have no choice." Lu Che placed some information on Mo Ting's desk and continued, "I've verified this information and confirmed that it's true what the managers have said. However, we both know that stuff like this can be forged."

"Compile a new list of actors for me and lower the requirements," Mo Ting instructed without lifting his head.

"We are currently at a stage where there are not enough experienced fresh blood to take over from those that have been around for a long time. Bei Chendong and Lin Sheng could be taken into consideration, but both of them have worked with the Madam before and Bei Chendong doesn't look



good in ancient costume. If we take that into consideration, there's practically no other actor that can take on the responsibility."

"In such a big industry, we can't even find a few qualified actors..."

"There are, of course, actors that aren't very famous but look decent on the outside. However, when it comes to actors that can't seem to get famous, I don't want to take the risk," Lu Che handed the information for the other actors to Mo Ting, "You can take a look when you have time."

It didn't take long before Tangning heard how the two male lead candidates didn't turn up at the auditions. But, who did they think Hai Rui were? Someone actually dared to reject them? Obviously, someone with bad intentions had given them a more attractive offer.

What other reason could there be to prevent the auditions for male lead? As a result, there was temporarily no actor in the industry that satisfied the high standards of 'The Forensic Concubine'.

Everyone knew that it was important to select a good cast for a good script. This was one of the deciding factors for the success of a drama...

After Tangning coaxed the two babies to sleep, she picked up the script for 'The Forensic Concubine'. In actual fact, the way things panned out was actually a good thing for her...

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Everything started from the moment that Bai Yu heard Long Xing and Lu Yiling were possibly taking part in 'The Forensic Concubine'.

Since Mo Ting and Tangning had their eyes set on these two men, she had to think of a way to take them away.

So, she met with Long Xing and Lu Yiling separately and lured them with her words.

"'The Forensic Concubine' is a female drama. In the end, the only person to shine will be Tangning, while you will simply waste your time. It does not benefit your chances of winning Best Actor at all. You must know that Tangning is Mo Ting's precious gem. If you partake in this drama, do you think you'd have any rights left on set?"

"However, if you sign with my agency, things will be different. After all, we have a foot in Hollywood. If you join us, we can act as a bridge between you and the international market. Did you think Hai Rui would be able to do that for you?"

Although Bai Yu's actions were extremely underhanded, Long Xing and Lu Yiling both had to admit that there was nothing wrong with her analysis.

Yes, they would gain popularity from featuring in 'The Forensic Concubine', but...they no longer lacked popularity. What they needed now was acknowledgment, and working overseas was the best way to put them in an advantageous position. After working overseas and returning to China, they would be international superstars. By then, it would be hard to imagine how many levels their careers would have advanced.

So, they rejected the auditions for 'The Forensic Concubine'.

Causing them to no longer have any suitable male lead candidates.

Mo Ting and Tangning were perfectionists. Even if they had no choice but to settle for second best, they would try their best to aim for perfection rather than casually picking someone to take the role.

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7pm. Mo Ting returned home to find Tangning cooking dinner in the kitchen. He immediately approached her from behind and hugged her.

“Why are you so tired? Are you worried that I don’t have a male lead to act with?”

“Hai Rui’s not at the point where they can’t even find a male lead,” Mo Ting replied in a deep voice.

“Then, why don’t you look happy?”

“I want to give you the best.”

In the blink of an eye, Tangning put down the pot in her hands and turned around to face Mo Ting, “If you truly want to give me the best, I think I have the most suitable person in mind. I’m just not sure whether you would agree to it.”

Mo Ting looked deep into Tangning’s eyes and roughly guessed what she was thinking, but he shook his head, “I can’t act.”

“Don’t lie. Grandfather already told me that you could ages ago...” Tangning immediately rebutted. “I’ve spoken to grandfather. If you’re willing to film this drama, grandfather will return temporarily to manage Hai Rui. You don’t need to worry about the operations at Hai Rui.”

“I’ve never thought about doing something like this. My heart is resistant to it,” Mo Ting replied honestly.

In the end, Tangning nodded her head and said comfortingly, “It’s fine. If you don’t want to do it, then forget about it. We will find someone else. I just think it’s a shame. I’m sure you would pleasantly surprise everyone in your ancient look. It’s too bad you don’t like it.”

Mo Ting did not say a word as he gripped Tangning’s hand tighter.

“It’s fine. It’s honestly fine. It’s my fault for forcing you to do something that you don’t want to.”

“I wouldn’t go that far. How about I promise you that if we really can’t find a male lead, I’ll be the substitute.”

“How could you be considered as a substitute...?” Tangning refuted.

“But, I really can’t act...”

Tangning thought for a moment and nodded her head, “Fine, I guess there’s finally something that President Mo can’t do...”

But...deep down, she didn’t believe him at all!

**Chapter 757: Meet With His Manager**

Lu Che compiled a new list of male candidates and placed them on Mo Ting's desk. He also placed the one's that he personally thought were the most suitable on top.

"While selecting these actors, I came across one that is slightly arrogant, but has decent acting. His name is Huang Fushuo. He looks like a typical rich heir type and is similar to the type of actor we are after. Although he is quite reckless, he has never made any major mistakes. Perhaps, we can train him a little. Most importantly, he is quite an interesting character..."

Mo Ting flipped open Huang Fushuo's portfolio and asked Lu Che, "Have you contacted him?"

"Yes I have. His manager said he is currently having a break, but he is ready to commence work at anytime," Lu Che nodded.

"Let me see his previous works and help me find more information on him. It's best if you be as comprehensive as possible," Mo Ting instructed in a deep voice as he threw aside the portfolio.

"I've already made preparations. His information is on your left. You can take a look at it when you have time. Most importantly, this actor isn't easy to invite. If the President acts on it personally, I'm sure you will be able to succeed."

In some respects, Lu Che quite liked Huang Fushuo's unrestrained character.

This male artist simply relied on his talent to survive and didn't have much of an ambition. But, whenever he was working, he was extremely dedicated to his work. The only problem was, he was quite flirtatious and often tried to gain cheap verbal pleasure from actresses.

Lu Che had seen a few of Huang Fushuo's interviews. They were generally good and did not humiliate his identity as an actor.

But, most importantly, he had a complex relationship with Bai Yu...

"He is indeed interesting..."

"Huang Fushuo has no faults, everything he does depends on his mood. He hates it when people try to flatter him and prefers the excitement of a challenge," Lu Che explained seriously.

"Meet with his manager and discuss our cooperation. Most importantly, arrange an audition for Huang Fushuo."

Mo Ting had heard of this actor. He was often involved with scandalous gossip, but it never scared him. He simply continued minding his own business in the industry. But, he did have one notable feature: his approach to acting. His professionalism was no less than any of the big name actors.

Of course, if Hai Rui wanted to use an actor like this, it was quite a big risk.

One wrong move and the entire production would fall apart.

But, who were they dealing with?

He was Mo Ting.

As long as he was in the industry, there was nothing he couldn't control.

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"Have you guys heard that 'The Forensic Concubine' still hasn't found a male lead yet?"

The crew of 'Concubine Ning' gossiped during their spare time. But, their tone obviously showed that they were taking pleasure in others' misfortune. After all, they were competitors and Tangning had rejected them in front of everyone. So, due to their childish nature, they couldn't help but laugh as soon as they heard that the progress of 'The Forensic Concubine' was at a standstill.

"After insulting someone, she deserves retribution. This is what you call karma."

"Tangning is so arrogant, let's see what she'll do this time. I heard both male lead candidates rejected the role. How satisfying!"

"How could a rubbish production like that be compared to us?"

As Bai Yu finished filming, she overheard the staff gossiping and couldn't help but smile. This was exactly her intent.

Afterwards, Bai Yu and her assistant left the studio and returned to the hotel organized by the crew. But, when she thought about how she previously yelled at her sister, she decided to give her a phone call to apologize.

But, unexpectedly, the person to pick up the phone was a man.

"Who are you?"

On the other side of the phone, as soon as the man heard Bai Yu's voice, he immediately hung up. Bai Yu thought it was a man that Bai Linlin had met while fooling around, so she called again, "She's absolutely hopeless!"

"Yu Jie, don't be angry, Linlin is still small."

"Small...?" Bai Yu returned disappointedly to her hotel room without having any suspicions towards the male voice that was on Bai Linlin's phone.

After having a shower, Bai Yu gave her husband a phone call. The couple said good night to each other as usual and Bai Yu quickly fell asleep afterwards. But, she had no idea that the man she trusted with all her heart, was currently heading to a hotel with his arms around her drunk sister.

"Brother-in-law, you're so handsome...Brother-in-law."

Bai Linlin wasn't in her right mind, but her subconscious still knew who she was with.

The man leaned Bai Linlin against his shoulder. After pulling out the room card, he helped Bai Linlin into the room and placed her on the bed...

"Linlin...do you like me?"

Bai Linlin wrapped her arm around the man's neck and laughed out loud, "Yes, I like you. But, I don't like it when you are nice to my sister..."

“How about I treat you nice from now on?”

The man asked seductively.

“OK...” Bai Linlin nodded. But, after realizing the man’s true intent, she lay frozen in bed, unable to move.

As they looked into each other’s eyes, the man suddenly stopped and asked patiently, “Why don’t you give yourself to brother-in-law? From now on, I’ll only be nice to you. But, if you’re not willing, we can pretend nothing happened and I’ll immediately send you home.”

Bai Linlin’s mind turned blank... Her heart raced thinking about the words that the brother-in-law she admired had suddenly said. How was she to still consider whether he was her sister’s husband or not? So she threw herself directly into his arms. As a result, the couple crossed the line. They ended up spending an intimate night in the hotel, completely disregarding Bai Yu’s existence.

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The next morning, Tangning found out through Lu Che that Mo Ting had arranged for Huang Fushuo to attend an audition. Although she felt it was quite a shame, she respected Mo Ting’s decision and decided to go check out Huang Fushuo’s acting.

Mo Ting looked at Tangning, who remained quiet throughout breakfast and knew what she was hoping for. But, he had to first get rid of all obstacles in their way.

“You didn’t eat much for breakfast. How is that nutritious enough?”

Tangning shook her head and refused to eat, “The weather is too hot. I don’t have much of an appetite.”

“Are you wondering why I decided to choose Huang Fushuo and not myself?”

“No,” Tangning denied.

“You will know the reason later on,” Mo Ting did not explain things clearly, but he had a plan.

“I’m going to go feed the babies breakfast,” Tangning nodded; she had complete trust in Mo Ting. Even though Mo Ting didn’t say it, Tangning had a rough idea. After all, Mo Ting never did things ambiguously. This husband of hers, never kept secrets from her.

Moreover, Mo Ting was an outstanding decision-maker.

Mo Ting patted Tangning gently on the head and stood up to look at the babies. Afterwards, he left for work. Huang Fushuo was to visit Hai Rui today...

He did indeed have the intention to sign a contract with Huang Fushuo, but...he did not intend for him to be male lead...

To prevent the same situation that happened with Long Xing and Lu Yiling from happening again, it was necessary to create an illusion.

Chapter 758: President Mo’s Revenge

“President Mo, are you asking me to play the secondary character?” Huangfu Shuo asked in disbelief as he pointed to himself while sitting in Hai Rui’s meeting room. “Me? Secondary?”

“I’ve seen your previous works. Giving you this role is a decision I came to after analyzing your acting ability,” Mo Ting said with an attitude befitting of the King of Entertainment as he negotiated with Huangfu Shuo. “You may have played a male lead before, but do you honestly think you were up to standard?”

“President Mo, everyone in the industry knows that, I, Young Master Huangfu, will only act based on my mood. I’m not used to the way you’re talking to me.” Huangfu Shuo was a handsome man. He had the type of look that drew people in with one glance. But, a quick change in his appearance and he’d give off a completely different vibe. It was evident how flexible he was. However, his attitude... “I don’t want to play this rubbish.”

“You debuted at 17-years-old. At that time, you were still a good little boy. But, because of underhanded schemes, you suffered a lot of setbacks. At that time, there was a woman that gave you a lot of encouragement. However, she ended up abandoning you in the end. So, from that moment on, you created an image of a player for yourself...”

“Aren’t you curious why she abandoned you?”

After Huangfu Shuo heard this, he immediately put away his casual attitude and became slightly angered, “I see that Hai Rui likes to dig up other people’s private matters.”

“She ended up in a relationship with a singer. But, that singer only had a small moment of fame and was quickly unheard of again. So, she had an abortion, flew overseas and ended up marrying a slightly famous actor in Hollywood.”

“How ruthless!” Huangfu Shuo scoffed.

“I’ve looked at your audition. It’s really good. So, are you going to sign with us or not?” Mo Ting changed the subject calmly. “I know you actually want to question her and attract her attention, that’s why you act so seriously. But, unfortunately, her status is too high and you can’t reach her. Hai Rui is giving you a chance; if we announce that you have newly joined the cast of ‘The Forensic Concubine’, I can guarantee that Bai Yu will look at you in a different light.”

“Do you think that I would want that?” Huangfu Shuo sneered.

“You may not want that. But, you can always transform in front of her and make her feel regret.”

“Can we really achieve what you’ve said?”

“I’m sure you must know that Bai Yu has been openly trying to go against my wife,” Mo Ting said straightforwardly. “How do you think she would feel if she found out that the lover she once abandoned, ended up acting with her enemy?”

That would be super satisfying!

Huangfu Shuo was tempted.

Although he had already matured a lot, there was nothing wrong with being childish every once in a while.

“What else can I say? Of course I’ll sign with you...I wish for an enjoyable cooperation, President Mo,” Huangfu Shuo returned to his usual casual attitude. Tangning had encountered a lot in the past, but the best way to describe Huangfu Shuo would be to say that everyone had secrets that they couldn’t talk about. And these secrets were like thorns, embedded deep within their hearts.

One may disregard these thorns as being small and insignificant; unable to cause much damage. But, as soon as someone touched them, the pain would be unbearable.

Some people, for example, Tangning, would end up being cured by others.

But, the majority would continue to carry this burden with them...

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“I heard you already signed a contract with Huangfu Shuo, is that right?” Tangning asked during dinner, “Have you already confirmed it?”

“Uh huh,” Mo Ting nodded.

Tangning lowered her head. This was perhaps the first time that Mo Ting made a decision without first consulting her.

“But, I don’t think Huangfu Shuo can handle the male lead. It’s not his scandals that I’m worried about, I’m concerned about his acting...” Although Tangning tried to control herself, she couldn’t help but speak her mind. “Don’t you think you’ve made this decision too recklessly?”

As soon as Mo Ting heard this, he stopped eating and pulled Tangning towards him, placing her on his lap, “Did you think you’re the only one that knows that and I’m oblivious to it all? It’s because I know that he’s not up to standard, that’s why I merely signed him for the secondary character, silly.”

“The secondary character?” Tangning finally responded after being shocked for a while.

“I chose him because he was Bai Yu’s first love and was abandoned by her. Since Bai Yu is so arrogant, let’s see if she is shameless enough to approach Huangfu Shuo,” Mo Ting said in an extremely vengeful tone. This was Mo Ting, the black-bellied Mo Ting. As long as someone tried to bully Tangning, he would find a way to strike back at them. Even though, this time, Lu Che was the actual one that deserved credit.

In an instant, Tangning understood Mo Ting’s intention and pinched him on the thigh, “I really don’t know what to do about you. In that case, what’s happening with the male lead?”

“For an important character like that, the mystery will be revealed at the end.”

“Fine. You are killing me with anticipation.” After she was done talking, Tangning wanted to stand up, but Mo Ting hugged her tightly around the waist and pleaded in a low voice, “Don’t go...”

“Huh?” Tangning was puzzled.

"I don't think I've made love to you on the dining table before, have I?" Mo Ting said as he lifted his handsome face.

This time, Tangning was truly shocked...

"I've already paid you back for all that I owed."

"No. It's my turn to pay you back..." Mo Ting said before he placed Tangning on top of the dining table, ignoring everything else. At this moment, all he wanted to do was connect with Tangning to the depths of her soul. He wondered how such a mysterious woman existed in this world? A woman that made him love her more by the day; a woman that he wanted to possess more and more...

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The next day, 'The Forensic Concubine' officially had a new member and Huangfu Shuo was confirmed as this strong addition to the cast. However, Hai Rui did not announce which character he'd be playing.

So, the public couldn't help but speculate that he'd be playing the role of male lead.

The fans of the novel didn't know whether to agree or disagree. They couldn't completely disagree because Huangfu Shuo was extremely handsome, he looked good in ancient costume and, most importantly, his acting was decent. But, they also couldn't agree because he had too many scandals. However, even though he had a lot of relationships, he wasn't the promiscuous type.

As soon as the news was released, the most shocked, of course, weren't the fans. After all, Mo Ting's aim was not to attack the fans, but to attack Bai Yu.

So, as expected, Bai Yu's face turned pale as soon as she read about it.

If she hadn't seen his name with her own eyes, she probably would have forgotten that she had a history with this man.

Did Hai Rui actually get Huangfu Shuo to play their male lead?

Huangfu Shuo?

Was he worthy?

Bai Yu wondered if Hai Rui knew something? If not, why would they pick Huangfu Shuo out of all people?

She had never admitted to her relationship with Huangfu Shuo. She was confident that if Huangfu Shuo remained relatively unknown, things would be easy to control. But, if he became famous and revealed that she had abandoned him for the sake of moving up in her career...then...

**Chapter 759: It Was Fine. After All, He Wasn't The Male Lead Anyway.**

Mo Ting was wrong...He had underestimated Bai Yu's level of shamelessness.



Bai Yu was definitely shameless enough to approach Huangfu Shuo. After all, she did not think that exposing their relationship would be of any benefit to him. For the sake of both their interests, she tossed up her options and ended up instructing her manager to locate Huangfu Shuo's home.

Afterwards, she arrived – ready for battle – at Huangfu Shuo's home during her break in the afternoon. But, to her surprise, Huangfu Shuo lived all alone in a 300 square metered high-class villa.

Back when they were still together, Huangfu Shuo was a nobody. Who would have thought, he was actually so rich now.

Huangfu Shuo did not expect that Bai Yu would turn up at his home. So, as soon as he opened the door and saw Bai Yu, his face glazed over with a moment of surprise.

Seeing this, Bai Yu removed her sunglasses and smiled at Huangfu Shuo, "You're not going to invite me in?"

Huangfu Shuo moved aside and welcomed her in. As he followed behind her, he said, "I don't have anything at home except for plain water."

"That's fine. I didn't come here for that anyway," Bai Yu leaned back on the sofa elegantly.

Huangfu Shuo sneered. Mo Ting's method indeed worked.

He had previously done so many useless things, but had no luck attracting Bai Yu's attention. Who would have thought, after accepting 'The Forensic Concubine', this woman would come knocking on his door.

"Why did you come looking for me? You wouldn't be here for a friendly catchup, right?" Huangfu Shuo sat down on the sofa opposite Bai Yu and threw his arms back casually.

"I never thought, after not seeing you for so many years, you'd actually be able to afford a place like this..."

"You're talking about this villa?" Huangfu Shuo chuckled before he answered, "I've been living here for over 20 years. Oh...that's right, I didn't get the chance to introduce my family to you before you abandoned me. I bet, if you knew who my father was back then, you wouldn't have left without hesitation."

"What do you mean?"

"Tiffany & Co's Asia Region Vice President, Huangfu Xiong, is my father," Huangfu Shuo officially introduced his father to Bai Yu. "Only after you left me, did I discover that being an heir wasn't a bad thing."

After hearing this, Bai Yu did not look pleased.

"My father's wanted to see you for a long time. He's been laughing at me for quite a few years because he can't understand why I had such bad taste back then. But, thanks to you, his son returned to his side without having to spend a cent."

Bai Yu did indeed feel a bit regretful, but she knew that Huangfu Shuo completely despised her, so she didn't think too much into it as she changed the subject, "Let's talk business. I heard that you've accepted the role of male lead for 'The Forensic Concubine'."

Huangfu Shuo did not respond. He simply lifted an eyebrow as he listened to what else she had to say.

"You still care about me, don't you? Otherwise, why would you join my enemy's camp when you obviously know that Tangning and I are competing against each other?"

After hearing this, Huang Fushuo burst into laughter, "Miss Bai, don't you think you're overestimating yourself? You're right, I joined 'The Forensic Concubine' partially because of you. But...it was because I wanted you to remember what you've done in the past and the type of person you are. When are you planning to remove your fake mask?"

"You..."

"I'm sure you know why I agreed to film 'The Forensic Concubine'. Taking Tangning's acting ability and Hai Rui's power into consideration, as well as acknowledging that the script is of a high standard, what reason would I have to reject it?" Huangfu Shuo questioned Bai Yu.

"I don't care why you're partaking in 'The Forensic Concubine'. I simply want to tell you that if you expose our previous relationship, it will be of no benefit to you," the strength in Bai Yu's voice slowly weakened. In fact, her final words sounded angry from embarrassment. After all, things did not turn out the way she'd expected.

She came to show off...

To display her power...

To show mercy out of pity...

Unfortunately, nothing went her way!

Instead, she found out about Huangfu Shuo's impressive family background and was overwhelmed by regret. It made her feel so defeated that she wanted to dig a hole and hide from the world.

"You've finally revealed your true intention for coming here," Huangfu Shuo suddenly laughed. "You must be dreaming. As an almighty heir in the jewelry industry, there is no reason why I would want to be related to a two-faced person like you. That would be devaluing myself. Bai Yu, when it comes to family background, you can't compete with any of your so-called enemies. I'm not sure where you got the confidence to compare yourself to Tangning."

"Is it because you're an international award-winning actress?"

"You should just wait and see how Tangning crushes you..."

"Also, I may not reveal the bad things you've done, but it doesn't mean that I won't tear off your fake mask. I wish you the best of luck on your own." After speaking, Huangfu Shuo stood up from the sofa and crossed his arms. "The door is on your right. You can show yourself out."

Bai Yu was extremely frustrated. Without gaining a thing from visiting Huangfu Shuo, she angrily grabbed her handbag, stood up from the sofa and said to him, "With your acting, even if you act alongside Tangning for the rest of your life, you will not be able to surpass me."

Huangfu Shuo did not respond as he shrugged his shoulders.

It was fine. After all, he wasn't the male lead anyway.

In the end, there was nothing that Bai Yu could do, so she had no choice but to leave Huangfu Shuo's home.

She was obviously steaming inside, but, she couldn't find a way to deal with Huangfu Shuo.

Should she find someone to slander him?

Unfortunately, Huangfu Shuo already made a bad reputation for himself. So, he was unaffected by Bai Yu's scheme.

That's why, as a person, it was impossible to maintain a perfect image. Because, a flawed person was easier to forgive. On the other hand, when a perfect person made a mistake, they would only attract a countless amount of scolding and be left with a dark impression that could never be erased.

After this encounter, Huangfu Shuo was completely satisfied; he finally saw through to the real Bai Yu.

Of course, the most satisfying thing was to see Bai Yu's anger and frustration, as well as the moment of regret when she discovered his family background.

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Bai Yu was extremely frustrated. To calm herself down, she needed to hurry home and see her husband. Only then would she feel that she had made the right decision in the past.

But...her husband wasn't home and he didn't pick up his phone. Bai Yu sat on the sofa and waited for a long time. After roughly two hours, she finally heard the front door open, followed by sounds of laughter from her husband and Bai Linlin.

"Honey, why are you home?"

As soon as Bai Linlin spotted Bai Yu sitting on the sofa, she immediately turned serious and cautiously greeted her.

"Why are the two of you together?"

"We ran into each other outside," Bai Linlin said casually before she returned to her room.

Bai Yu did not notice anything out of the ordinary, but she didn't have the courage to tell her husband about her visit to Huangfu Shuo's home. So, she simply hung around for a while before returning to the film set.

But, she had no idea, as soon as she left, the two remaining people exchanged looks and quickly ended up in the same bed together.

## Chapter 760: No Other Actor Has Any Business Being Here

Rumors continued to circulate that Huangfu Shuo was the male lead of 'The Forensic Concubine'. Of course, he was more than happy to act as a cover. After all, the production had no intention to reveal the real male lead and kept their lips firmly sealed.

Since Hai Rui owned a few filming studios, it wasn't hard to keep things under wraps. So, during the time when Hai Rui had no other promotions and events, Huangfu Shuo naturally took on the responsibility of promoting for 'The Forensic Concubine'.

Huangfu Shuo continued to surround himself with women even after signing with 'The Forensic Concubine'. He had always kept a clear distinction between work and play. So, with the added fact that he had recently caused Bai Yu to suffer a blow, he was in an extremely good mood. As a result, whenever the reporters tried to interview him, he would briefly mention 'The Forensic Concubine'. It was his way of upholding his responsibility as an actor and to show gratitude to Mo Ting for giving him the chance to humiliate Bai Yu.

Actually, from the moment they announced that he was joining the cast, one month had already passed. Yet, even he hadn't seen any signs of the male lead.

After all, the first few days of filming were focused on the scenes of supporting characters...

Even Tangning hadn't officially appeared on set yet. Perhaps due to the two babies at home, she had not made necessary arrangements.

But, Huangfu Shuo didn't mind. He quite liked his character and enjoyed his scenes. The silver dragon-embroidered robe and jade crown on his head made him appear powerful and domineering with an imposing presence.

Compared to the male lead, his character was a lot more relaxed. It wasn't involved in as many complicated schemes and problems. He didn't need to admire the female lead without her knowing and protect his throne at the same time. If a person like this actually existed in the real world, it would also be quite tiring.

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Actually, two days before Tangning headed on set, she had tried to test Mo Ting. But, Mo Ting did not reveal anything out of the ordinary. He went to work as usual and took care of the babies after he arrived home. He really knew how to control himself...

"As it is our own production crew, we can be flexible. You can go home at night and our mothers can take care of the babies during the day," Mo Ting explained "If you get too tired and need to spend the night at the hotel, give me a phone call and I will make arrangements."

"Are you sure you don't have anything to tell me?" Tangning asked one last time.

"Do I?" Mo Ting lowered his head and continued to help Tangning pack her luggage. "The filming this time will be completely sealed off to the public and the set will be cleared every single time. The cast and crew will also sign a confidentiality agreement. You don't need to worry about anything."

“With you here, what is there for me to be worried about?” Tangning was a little disappointed.

“Don’t think too much. Hurry and check on the babies, so you can go to sleep...”

Tangning nodded her head. After taking a bath, she returned to the bedroom. As she had an early start the next day, she did not want to waste any more time in case she would be too tired. However...after she fell asleep, Mo Ting left the house and headed to the filming studio organized by Hai Rui.

“President, everything’s set to go,” Lu Che and the other members of staff were ready, especially the makeup artist and photographer.

“Apply the makeup,” Mo Ting sat down at the makeup table.

“President Mo, you are so good looking...” This was the first time that the makeup artist had seen Mo Ting from such a close distance. After looking at his handsome face, not only was she flustered, she couldn’t control herself from praising him.

“Focus on your work,” Mo Ting ordered coldly.

The makeup artist nodded her head as she placed the white jade crown on Mo Ting’s head. Coupled with the silver armor on his body, one glance and his king-like presence was enough to dazzle anyone. In fact, the photographer forgot he was even holding a camera as he dropped it on his foot.

“Of course, as soon as the President makes a move, no other actor has any business being here,” Lu Che nodded furiously.

Mo Ting was dressed in a full set of armor because his character was heading into the battle ground for the female lead. And women were most charmed by men when they looked heroic like this, especially when they had a king-like presence like Mo Ting. If he actually existed in ancient times, his face would definitely turn the world upside down...

“He’s handsome! He’s so handsome!”

“His face, his lips, his nose, his eyebrows...it sends sparks flying.”

Tonight, they were simply taking promotional photos, but the photographer couldn’t stop. When faced with something beautiful, people often couldn’t control themselves from wanting to see more.

Afterwards, Mo Ting changed into a set of emperor’s robes...

A few members of staff hid in the corner in excitement, “Oh God, how is there a man like President Mo in this world who is born with such a cold and sexy presence? As soon as he put on the emperor’s robes, I immediately wanted to become one of his concubines.”

“FML, I can’t believe that we can’t take a photo of him and share it with the world. What a shame!”

“Wait until the promotional photos get released, every man in Beijing will feel inferior.”

“Exactly! Oh my God, I’m so excited. I wonder if Tangning’s seen it.”

Of course, Tangning hadn’t seen it...

At this moment, she was sleeping soundly at home.

The next morning, Mo Ting woke up like he had forgotten the photoshoot at the studio the night before. After preparing himself for the day, he escorted Tangning to the set.

“If you miss me, give me a phone call,” Mo Ting reminded with his usual thoughtfulness. He then made sure everything was fine on set before he left.

Earlier that morning, Director Chen Feng had received copies of the promotional photos. At that time, he was shocked beyond belief. But, he knew to keep it a secret without Mo Ting having to say anything. He knew that everything would eventually be revealed.

“Director Chen, where’s our male lead? When will he be appearing on set?” one of the supporting actors asked. “Even Tangning’s arrived, how arrogant must this actor be?”

“The male lead won’t be appearing on set for the time being due to a busy schedule. We will first film the supporting scenes and not waste any time,” Director Chen explained reassuringly.

“Fine. Luckily Tangning’s here. By the way, we haven’t seen her in ancient costume before! ‘Concubine Ning’ is about to finish filming and her fans have been praising her like she’s one of a kind. Am I the only one that’s noticed this? I feel like ‘someone’s’ been in the US for too long and doesn’t quite fit in here.”

“You will get to see her very soon,” Chen Feng smiled.

Actually, Tangning’s appearance was well suited to ancient costume. She was tall, graceful and gave off a peaceful vibe, so the crew had faith in her. She simply had to get into costume and Bai Yu would immediately feel inferior.

On the afternoon that Tangning arrived on set, the makeup artist made a few changes to her look.

As a result, Tangning spent the entire afternoon in the waiting room.

Tangning’s appearance was split into three stages. The first stage was during the time that she was the previous emperor’s concubine; second was when she was a powerful empress dowager; and finally, the last stage was when she became the feminine royal consort.

Due to provocation from ‘Concubine Ning’, the makeup artist and stylist spent a lot of time and effort creating Tangning’s look.

Of course, whether as a model or an actress, Tangning never disappointed...

Firstly, she tried on the simple but elegant look of the concubine.

As soon as the stylist finished helping Tangning put on her plain-colored dress, everyone in the waiting room were stunned. Tangning looked like something from a painting....