

Work Hard 961

Chapter 961: Otherwise, I Will Help Him Disappear

“What I’m trying to say is, ever since the incident with Xu Xin, she’s retreated from acting indefinitely. Is this related to that? Is something bothering her?”

“You sure know how to dig up old news,” Mo Ting praised before he replied, “Her refusal to act is not a hindrance to anyone. So, she doesn’t need a reason for why she doesn’t want to do it and I don’t think there’s any problem with that.”

In other words, he had no control over people’s speculations.

“But, I feel as though Tangning’s displaying a sense of rebellion against the film industry. She’s so talented, yet she no longer trusts this environment. I feel it’s quite a shame. This is why I think something’s bothering her.”

No one expected that the host would ask such a deep question. Most importantly, she actually sensed that something was upsetting Tangning.

“Whether as a model, an actress, or a manager, my wife has always given her all. She’s also done all she can to protect and care for the people around her. She appears to be simply a vengeful person, but she is also someone that is extremely grateful for even the slightest show of kindness.”

“When she became an actress, she was only one step away from being an international supermodel. But, because of ‘Stupid’, she was willing to start from scratch for my sake. Ever since her debut, a decade or so ago, she has never done anything wrong by anyone. She’s not someone that’s afraid of failure, nor does she care what the public thinks about her.”

“Just like you said, her actions are like that of a child that refuses to admit defeat. That’s why Superstar Media was formed and that’s why she’s decided to help artists that have experienced huge ups and downs in the industry.”

“And the turning point, was Xu Xin’s suicide.”

“Why? Is it because of the public’s blame?” the host asked. “We all know that Xu Xin’s suicide was entirely her own choice. Even though she claimed that Tangning forced her to do it and people that followed the story attacked Tangning for a while because of it, the matter has already passed and most people have realized the truth now. They simply didn’t want to except that Tangning had no involvement at the beginning.”

After hearing the host’s words, Mo Ting couldn’t help but laugh, “In that case, why should Qiao Sen’s death be my wife’s fault?”

The host was dumbfounded.

“Besides, the public are still saying that my wife is responsible for two deaths. Doesn’t that mean that Xu Xin’s matter will never truly be over?”

“The old scandal continued to accumulate until another scandal appeared. This entire process simply reminded everyone of what Tangning has done in the past and increased their hatred towards her. No one cares about the truth, they simply want gossip.”

“My wife will never cry about being wronged, nor will she ever waste time trying to explain herself. Since the public kept telling her to stay away and not to ‘hurt’ people, she decided to give up her identity as an actress. She may not have said it out loud, but I’m sure she’s already made a promise to herself.”

“In that case...does President Mo think we can redeem ourselves?”

Mo Ting shook his head with certainty.

“She knows that the public don’t think highly of her, but she still has the right to make her own decisions.”

The interview lasted for exactly 40 minutes, not a second less. And during this time, Mo Ting answered every single question in seriousness.

There were some tricky questions and some some very depressing questions. Although Mo Ting answered many of the questions in a roundabout way, the host could clearly feel that Tangning was a sentimental and interesting person.

She maintained her own personality, stopped acting when she said she would, and firmly stuck to her promises.

This was an interview that both the host and the audience couldn’t create hype from. Although the host’s questions were all tricky, the fuse that she lit was quickly exterminated by Mo Ting’s responses.

Those that watched the interview couldn’t find any flaws or points to criticize. After all, Mo Ting was good at avoiding controversial matters. But, in reality, he had actually revealed many things.

For example, Tangning’s worries after Xu Xin’s suicide and her rebellious response.

Tangning could have been slandered for these points, but for some reason, after watching the interview, the public felt like they had developed a deeper understanding towards her.

It was like they finally saw through to her soul.

After the interview, the host stood up and said to Mo Ting, “President Mo, I completely admit defeat.”

Mo Ting also stood up. After neatening his suit, he said to the host, “Tell your director to immediately disappear from the industry. Otherwise, I will help him disappear.”

After speaking, Mo Ting left the scene in a domineering manner.

On the way home, Lu Che said to Mo Ting through the rearview mirror, “President, tomorrow is Qiao Sen’s memorial service. The Madam will definitely be heartbroken. Should we prepare something?”

“Focus on security. Leave everything else to me,” Mo Ting had nothing else to instruct apart from telling Lu Che to ensure the safety at the memorial service.

However, Lu Che never imagined the importance of security even though he already put in his best efforts.

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9pm. Mo Ting returned home to find Tangning still sitting on the sofa staring at the television. So, he quietly approached her side.

Tangning took this opportunity to wrap her arms around Mo Ting's waist as her tears began to soak his shirt.

"For a long time, I thought about Xu Xin's death while looking at the comments online and almost believed that I was actually the cause."

"So, I indeed stopped acting because of the incident with Xu Xin."

"I had grown afraid of fans."

"They could support you one day and abandon you at the bottom of a well the next day, all because of a simple rumor. Although I've always known that fans are fickle, I was truly hurt by them. That's why Xu Xin's incident made me promise myself that I'd never act again."

Even if Tangning didn't explain this, Mo Ting already knew.

After being married for so long, how could he not understand the reason for her rebellious attitude?

"That's enough. You still need to send Qiao Sen off tomorrow. You can't look too bad for the service, so go have a bath and get some sleep."

But, because of President Fan's attendance the next day, Tangning was going to look bad even though she didn't want to...

Chapter 962: Responding In An Equally Cruel Manner

The entire Superstar Media was to attend Qiao Sen's memorial service.

While Lin Qian was preparing her outfit, Mother Li happened to pass by, so she walked into her daughter-in-law's room and said, "The entire Superstar Media are a bunch of loyal and righteous people."

After hearing this, Lin Qian smiled.

"Get some rest, Qian Qian."

Lin Qian nodded her head. Afterwards, she gave Li Jin a phone call.

"I will wait for you in front of the house at 8am tomorrow. Let's go together."

Lin Qian had no objections towards Li Jin's suggestion. Although he was at the military base and was unable to come home that night, he at least used every opportunity he could to stay by his wife's side.

The next morning, as Lin Qian stepped out of the house, she saw her husband's military car and immediately ran up to it.

"Let's go. I'll go send Qiao Sen off with you."

Although Qiao Sen didn't make much of a name for himself in the industry, any good friends that could make it to the memorial service, all turned up nice and early.

Plenty of reporters and fans waited at the entrance. Whenever a guest arrived, they simply followed procedures and greeted them, but their eyes were peeled for Superstar Media – for Tangning.

At this time, some actors hired by a particular person, snuck into the crowd with raw eggs and stones and awaited for Tangning's arrival.

9am. The team from Superstar Media arrived, all dressed in black. As soon as the reporters saw Tangning, they began to snap photos like crazy.

The security immediately jumped into full alert, but they did not expect that some fans standing behind the reporters would suddenly pull out eggs and stones from their backpacks and throw it towards Tangning.

Of course, the security quickly blocked them and they all fell to the floor beside Tangning's feet.

"Murderer!"

As soon as Tangning heard this, she stopped in her track and looked angrily towards the crowd of fans.

Mo Ting immediately shielded her. Initially, he wanted to take her straight into the mourning hall, but Tangning nudged him aside, gesturing that she wanted to resolve the matter on her own.

Mo Ting was a little worried, but he gave up in the end and supported Tangning by her side as everyone in Superstar Media walked towards the egg-throwing fans.

No one had ever seen a scene like this. Nor had they ever experienced the power of Superstar Media.

The reporters quickly cleared a path in fear so Tangning could approach the fans behind them.

Without hesitation, Tangning stepped forward and grabbed onto the hand of a woman that was buried deep inside a backpack and asked, "Who told you I'm a murderer?"

The fan froze in fear as she looked at Tangning.

"I think you need to pay for what you've said. What do you think?"

"I think you killed Qiao Sen...and Xu Xin..."

"Do you have any evidence?" Tangning asked. "What makes you so certain of this? Did you see it with your own eyes? And did you hear it with your own ears?"

"I saw it online..."

"Online?" Tangning emphasized as she glared coldly into the woman's eyes. "You appear like an adult, but has all your studies gone down the drain? Why would you trust wrongly informed news like that?"

Are you mentally retarded? If not, I don't understand why someone at your age can't differentiate between right and wrong?"

"Did you know that if one of your stones hit someone here, you may have become what you hate the most – a murderer!"

"You...and all of you. Let me warn everyone present that if anyone dares to throw any eggs or stones my way, I will check the surveillance cameras and hunt you down. It seems, I can't leave my house without using the law as a weapon."

"I'm sure you can handle being sued for intentional infliction of bodily harm, right? If not, then too bad. According to the law, a crime like this is subject to up to two years imprisonment, criminal detention or police observation. Let's see who's retribution will come first."

After speaking, Tangning turned around in a domineering manner. At this time, the frightened fan rushed out of the crowd and grabbed onto Tangning's arm, "Don't call the police on me, I did this because someone paid me to do it. I don't know anything about your news, someone simply told me that I'd receive \$1000 for throwing stones at you."

After hearing this, everyone was shocked. Especially the reporters.

Tangning freed herself from the woman's grip and asked, "Who was this person?"

"I'm not sure. All I know is, everyone calls him Brother Wei. I also heard him talking on the phone to a President Fan and saying that he will use today's event to seek revenge on you."

After hearing this, Tangning let out a laugh and said to the reporters, "Today is an important day for Qiao Sen. I will go pay my last respects and give the culprit one hour to turn himself in...If he doesn't surrender himself within an hour, then don't blame me for being heartless..."

No one expected that someone would use a method like this to go against Tangning.

In fact, the reporters were so distracted that they forgot to interview Tangning.

Remembering that they were at a memorial service, the reporters did not follow Tangning inside. Since she would be back out in an hour, the reporters waited patiently to watch a good show in an hour's time.

But, before Tangning entered the mourning hall to see Qiao Sen's body, she turned and said to Lu Che, "There's something I need you to immediately help me with. We only have one hour."

"Please tell me what I need to do."

Since President Fan wanted to hurt her, she had no choice but to respond in an equally cruel manner, like a reciprocating gift.

So, after giving her instructions, Tangning entered the mourning hall.

As she looked at Qiao Sen's body lying peacefully in his coffin, Tangning's eyes immediately turned red.

“Qiao Sen, I will never forget everything you’ve done for ‘The Ant Queen’. Nor will I forget the days we fought together hand-in-hand. Don’t worry, even if I have to exhaust all my strength, I will make sure that ‘The Ant Queen’ gets released. I simply hope that I’ll do your passion justice.”

“Superstar Media will take care of your family on your behalf.”

“Goodbye, my friend. I hope you will be free from suffering now that you are in heaven.”

Tangning stood beside the coffin as she bid Qiao Sen farewell. The man that had dedicated his entire life to his passion for sci-fi had left this world, but he looked at peace.

Mo Ting hooked his arm around Tangning’s shoulder and helped her wipe away her tears. As he tucked a loose hair behind her ear, he comforted, “Goodbye is inevitable. I’m sure Qiao Sen can sense your determination.”

Chapter 963: Support Tangning !

“There are currently more important things waiting for you to do,” Mo Ting hinted.

Tangning also knew that if she didn’t take this opportunity to put an end to President Fan, he would continue to cause trouble.

So, after bidding farewell to Qiao Sen, she stepped out of the mourning hall with the rest of Superstar Media. As she had said before, she was only giving the culprit one hour.

As soon as the reporters saw her step out, they immediately rushed over to interview her. The fans that previously threw eggs at her, were practically all gone and the remaining few were forced to cooperate with the police.

“Miss Tang, I’m afraid you will also need to go to the police station to record a report,” the police officers said as they approached Tangning.

Tangning glanced at the officers and nodded her head, “I will try my best to cooperate, but before I head to the station, there’s one thing I would like to clarify. Can you give me ten minutes?”

The officers looked at each other and nodded helplessly, “OK, but hurry.”

Superstar Media’s people hurried over to the ‘fans’ that were now under control. Tangning, in particular, glared at them coldly.

“So, you’re not willing to reveal the instigator behind this entire incident? If you guys don’t say anything, you will only end up at the police station. I will also sue each and every one of you. But, if you tell me the truth right now, I can guarantee that I won’t pursue this matter further.”

The fans that were under control were a few young women in their early 20’s.

At first, they did not plan to respond to Tangning. But, unfortunately, Tangning knew their weaknesses.

“I know who it is...” a short-haired girl suddenly raised her hand and said. “I can tell you who it is, but can you guarantee that you won’t sue me?”

Tangning looked past the women in front of her and gazed at a woman at the back that had a mole on her nose and nodded her head, "I always do as I say."

"Good. In that case, I admit that we accepted money from someone. But, there's no point asking these women about the instigator because they don't know anything. They were simply being used by someone."

"How much do you know, then?" Tangning asked, "You know I don't have much time."

"You recently offended someone because of the incident with Luo Sheng. You had a few encounters, but this person received the shorter end of the stick, every single time. That's why he wanted to get revenge on you. On top of that, he was also responsible for the negative comments online." The young woman was skinny, but her eyes were lively.

"Are you talking about President Fan?" Luo Sheng suddenly stepped forward and asked. "Is this all because I refused to act in 'The Pirate Doctor'?"

"Not just that. President Fan's brother-in-law is supposed to be a director at Hai Rui, but I bet the public aren't aware that he was recently kicked off the board. President Fan blames Tangning for this, so he has decided to get back at Tangning every chance he gets. This time, he wanted to use public opinion during Qiao Sen's memorial service to attack her."

"How do you know all this?" Tangning asked as the surrounding reporters began to grow interested.

The short-haired girl laughed and replied, "Because President Fan's secretary, Brother Wei, knew that I was poor, so he asked me to partake in this scheme. He also promised to give me a good reward."

"But, I need to clarify that I didn't throw any eggs nor stones at you. I was, at most, only responsible for stirring up the crowd."

"That's all I know. What do you plan to do to me?"

"I will of course stick to what I've promised and not sue you," Tangning replied. "But, I need to warn you that there are some people that you can't afford to offend and that things don't always go as planned."

"To be honest, I was 'tricked' into coming here. If I had known that this was what I had to do to get money, I definitely wouldn't have gotten involved."

After speaking, the short-haired woman walked over to the police and offered to reveal everything honestly.

The group of fans were quickly taken away by the police as the reporters gathered around Tangning and stuck their microphones into her face.

"Tangning, can you express your thoughts regarding today's violent incident?"

"Is President Fan the person that's producing 'The Pirate Doctor'?"

"Regarding President Fan's attacks, how are you planning to strike back?"

As she looked into the sea of cameras, Tangning remained calm. Standing straight, she said to the reporters, "I never knew that President Fan was such a vengeful person. Just because Luo Sheng wouldn't act in 'The Pirate Doctor', he actually got this angry?"

"I will definitely pursue this matter until the end. Otherwise, others will follow fit and think that I am easy to pick on."

"Superstar Media will be officially filing a case against President Fan. If someone had gotten hurt because of him today, that would have been an unpardonable evil."

"Competition in the industry has always been fierce, so why must he make everyone even more tired?"

"Please pay attention to Superstar Media's follow up to this matter." After Tangning was done speaking, Mo Ting protected her out of the memorial service and headed to the police station with the rest of Superstar Media.

Did Tangning mean that she would be fighting President Fan until the end?!

Soon, a video of Tangning's experience outside the mourning hall, was quickly posted online. A violent act like this immediately triggered the anger of those that saw it.

"How could he attack someone when they're in the middle of paying their last respects? That's so despicable and shameful!"

"Eggs were bad enough. How could he include stones as well? Did he want to kill someone?"

"To be honest, President Fan may appear to be the boss of a film company, but he actually started off as a gangster. He's the most shameless person in the industry because he holds the deepest personal grudges. So, his attack on Tangning came as no surprise. But, he was much too brave to have hired people to act as violent fans."

"This is the work of a thug. I am determined to boycott 'The Pirate Doctor' and support Tangning!"

As President Fan sat in his office and looked at the comments online, a smile with deep meaning appeared on his face. This smile was because the short-haired woman wasn't actually sent by him. His secretary had only met this woman not long ago. This meant, not only did he not hurt Tangning, it seemed, she had schemed against him instead.

He was exposed in public, the reporters spread the news, and the police were witnesses. Everything happened in broad daylight. He was in big trouble this time.

Why was Tangning so hard to deal with?

President Fan was at a disadvantage, but his crime was evident. Although he still had the option of denying everything, his reputation was already destroyed. It seemed, his only option was to invite an expert out from the shadows to deal with her.

Chapter 964: Mo Ting's Heart Ached

After filing a report at the police station, Tangning and the others stepped out to find that reporters were gathered outside. A public battle, like the one today, wasn't often seen in the industry, so the media wanted to hear directly from those involved.

"Xing Lan and Luo Sheng, you guys should go home first. The two of you don't need to get involved."

Xing Lan and Luo Sheng looked at each other and nodded their heads, "OK, Ning Jie."

Lin Qian was shielded by Li Jin, Long Jie was protected by Lu Che, and Tangning was naturally in Mo Ting's arms. No matter the time, as long as she was in Mo Ting's embrace, Tangning would feel safe.

The reporters rushed forward and directed their flashing cameras towards Tangning and Mo Ting.

"Tangning, regarding your experience today, the industry has called it a dog-eat-dog battle. What are your thoughts?"

"There is substantial evidence for President Fan's revenge today. Could you tell us what you want from him?"

"Tangning..."

For some reason, when she heard these sharp, tricky questions, Tangning suddenly felt a bit tired. Was the media so desperate for attention?

"I haven't heard anything about dog-eat-dog. If I hear anything, I'll let you know how I feel."

"As for your second question, there's nothing that I want from President Fan. Everything will be handled according to the law. I don't want to put something dirty in my hands."

"As for any other questions, I hope you think it over before you ask me."

"Because, I'm not going to give you any of the answers that you want."

The reporters held out their microphones, but simply looked at each other. They were intimidated by Tangning's powerful response as they swallowed all the questions they wanted to ask.

"Move!"

As soon as the reporters heard Mo Ting say this, they subconsciously jumped back a few steps and cleared a path.

No matter how much they wanted to question Tangning further, no one dared to provoke her.

"Tangning, why can't you cooperate with the media?" someone suddenly asked, their voice filled with resentment.

"It's not easy to do our jobs..."

"There has always been an interesting relationship between artists and the media. If you don't cooperate with us, you will attract hatred and the media will naturally slander you. Someone with a high EQ like yours should understand this, right?"

Tangning looked towards the person that was talking and burst out laughing.

"I don't cooperate with reporters that have no professionalism. That's all I'm going to say. You want me to cooperate with you, but your questions are filled with hostility. It's as though you expect someone to respond to your scolding."

"Have you not noticed that the media are best at stirring up trouble? For example, are you sure that the media didn't make up the whole dog-eat-dog thing?"

"Your job may not be easy, but what about mine?"

"Just because you're weak, does that mean you're right?"

"If I have to take your job into consideration, should I also worry about your pay and support your family?"

"I may choose not to cooperate with the media, but I haven't stopped you from slandering me. If the media don't know how to judge a situation objectively, then you can create whatever rumor you want and I won't say a thing..."

"But, don't expect me to cooperate with you."

"You can't even show some respect by judging a situation objectively!"

"Yet, you expect me to face you with a smile?"

After speaking, Tangning and the others left. As she boarded her car, Tangning took a deep breath. However, it didn't take long before she received a phone call from President Fan. After their previous encounters, Tangning could already guess what he was going to say and his intention for the phone call.

"Come on, President Tang, don't take things too far. We want to be on good terms if we meet again in the future."

"President Fan, if you have something to say, then just say it," Tangning couldn't be bothered with small talk.

"How about this, we each take a step back and let this incident pass. You cancel your lawsuit and I promise to never cause trouble for you again. What do you think of this deal?"

"I don't think much of it," Tangning dismissed, "Because I'm not afraid of you causing trouble."

"Oh...President Tang. Think this over carefully. Are you sure that Superstar Media want to bring this upon themselves? You must know how I operate in this industry. Aren't you afraid of my methods? I'm not a righteous person like you, I walk a very different and dark path."

"Rather than wasting time on negotiating with me, you should worry about holding onto your position at your company," Tangning said before she hung up the phone.

Righteous person?

Tangning couldn't help but laugh at this term. President Fan was wrong; she was no righteous person, she was simply someone that stuck to her bottom line and didn't attack those that didn't attack her first.

If someone initiated an attack on her, they couldn't blame her for striking back in self defence.

“You must be tired. Let’s go home and get some rest,” Mo Ting said as he looked at her exhausted expression.

“Ting...take me to the set, I want to see the progress of An Zihao’s take over,” Tangning replied. “As you know, I’ve sacrificed a lot for ‘The Ant Queen’. Qiao Sen even sacrificed his life for it. So, I don’t want to see another accident happen.”

“Your body is more important at the moment,” Mo Ting said before he drove her straight home and coaxed her to sleep. “I guarantee that after you wake up, I will take you straight to the set.”

In order not to worry Mo Ting, Tangning nodded her head and forced herself to get some rest.

But, she couldn’t help thinking about Qiao Sen’s face as he lay in his coffin as well as everything that happened outside the mourning hall and the media’s pressures. The thought of everything made her extremely tired.

After she fell asleep, Mo Ting left his bedroom and entered the study room. He then picked up his phone and called Lu Che, “Tell Fang Yu to handle the PR. I don’t want to hear that Tangning had anything to do with Qiao Sen’s death again.”

Mo Ting’s heart ached when he saw Tangning’s exhausted expression.

“Handle it strongly. Also, hunt down the reporter that was causing trouble today and make sure he disappears from the industry. Use him to set an example for everyone else in his profession.”

“From now on, ask Fang Yu to automatically deal with any news regarding Tangning. She is, after all, an artist of Hai Rui’s, so this is a reasonable request.”

“I understand, President,” Lu Che replied.

In the end, Mo Ting couldn’t resist anymore. Although he often said that he wouldn’t get involved with Tangning’s progress and decisions, his heart still ached everytime she got hurt.

So, after a round of Hai Rui’s involvement, the public no longer mentioned that Tangning caused Qiao Sen’s death. Instead, all they talked about was the drama that President Fan created outside the memorial service.

Not only did Mo Ting want President Fan to become a target of criticism and a joke, he also wanted him to remain on the hottest searches.

Chapter 965: Your Man’s Acting Is Honestly Not Bad

As soon as everyone heard about President Fan’s matter and the ‘attention’ Mo Ting was giving him, President Fan’s situation suddenly became a little awkward. After all, people in the industry often chased after benefits and avoided losses, so keeping their distance from danger was a normal response.

As a result, President Fan made quite a monetary loss.

Even ‘The Pirate Doctor’ suffered after an investor pulled out without a word of warning.

And all this, was thanks to Tangning.

After all, President Fan knew better than anyone that the show put on at Qiao Sen's memorial service was organized by Tangning herself. Which meant, Tangning had made him take on the blame for something he didn't do, but there was nothing he could do about it.

Because of this, President Fan traveled to a remote mountain village to look for his retired grandfather. Every generation of the Fan Family had connections with the underworld, so his grandfather retreated to the mountains to hide from his enemies.

Although President Fan appeared to be simply paying his grandfather a visit, he was actually there to learn a few things about dealing with people.

"After hearing you talk about this woman, she sounds quite daring and resolute. Otherwise, you wouldn't be helpless around her."

"Grandfather, she is Mo Ting's woman. You must have heard that Mo Ting is a ruthless and heartless person. If she didn't have Mo Ting's protection, I would have shredded her into a million pieces already," President Fan said as he tipped the old man some tea. "That's why I hope to get some advice from you."

The old man looked at President Fan and scoffed. But, he still loved his grandson, so he replied, "You mentioned that this woman is a loyal and righteous person. People like that often have one weakness and that is the people around her. She may not be easy to deal with and Mo Ting may not be easy to deal with either, but what about everyone else?"

"Don't tell me you can't handle the people beside her?"

Luo Sheng had a direct connection with 'The Pirate Doctor', therefore President Fan couldn't touch him or he'd be too obvious. So, out of the remaining people around Tangning, Lin Qian was the weakest link.

Lin Qian was apparently the daughter of the Gu Family, but she had yet to truly reunite with her family. Moreover, she married a general who was barely at home. So, it seemed, making a move on her was probably the easiest.

"Old people are indeed wiser."

"It's best you lay low for a while and observe the situation. Everyone is still hyped up because of the recent drama, so your enemy will definitely be cautious of you. If you make a move now, you will be digging your own grave."

"So, calm down, endure for a while and wait for the right timing."

President Fan nodded his head. The older generation indeed had a clearer mind.

"It doesn't matter if you make a small loss, you will eventually find the chance to get it back. Let her enjoy her advantage for now. When she relaxes and lets her guard down, that's when you strike. When that time comes, she will be completely unprepared to fight back."

The old man's words were valuable and everything he said was well thought out. So, President Fan decided to keep a low profile for a while because it wasn't suitable for him to appear in the public eye.

He was going to see how far Tangning would go.

As a result, no one saw President Fan attempt any PR or try to suck up to Tangning. Instead, he appeared to have given up.

Although everyone was criticizing him, as long as he didn't look at the news, nothing mattered to him. As for money, he could make a loss today and also earn it back in the future. But, no matter what, one thing was certain, he was not going to let Tangning live a happy life.

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"I heard that President Fan was very cooperative with the police. It doesn't suit him at all. Has he suddenly woken up?" Long Jie was contemptuous towards the jerk. "Luo Sheng simply rejected his drama. Was there any need to go this far?"

"It's because of everything that happened afterwards and the vented up hatred."

"Luckily, the public does not have high hopes for 'The Ant Queen', so President Fan does not see it as a threat. Otherwise, I'm sure he would have found a way to ruin it by now. This is certainly a blessing in disguise."

But, Tangning did not let her guard down. Although she made President Fan suffer a huge loss, she wasn't naive enough to think that President Fan would actually give up after that. Instead, she had to be extra careful.

The public had their attention focused on the incident with President Fan. At the same time, they also took note of the conflict between Tangning and the media.

It was obvious that she now despised seeing the media.

But, if she despised them so much, why was she still in the entertainment industry?

Was her firm and unyielding character all an act?

She looked down upon the media, but she still required them...

Tangning was aware that many people thought this and criticized her for it, but she pretended as though she didn't see a thing and turned deaf ears towards them.

She had too many things that she cared about and wanted to change. Every level in the industry had its own competition and schemes, and profits was what brought them all together.

Seeing the complex look on Tangning's face, Long Jie reminded, "You're currently pregnant, that's why your mind is overactive. Tangning, it's already been a long time since you debuted, haven't you learnt by now that there are some things you can't change on your own?"

"Just go ahead and do what you want to do. Don't worry about anything else."

"Everyone's gritting their teeth, but the final result will definitely be shocking."

Tangning nodded and suddenly questioned whether she still loved her career?

The answer was yes. Otherwise, she would not be able to persist with the production of 'The Ant Queen'.

Why was it that she could ignore what others thought before, but she now cared about their opinions?

With this thought, Tangning looked at Long Jie and smiled, "I understand..You should go home and get some rest."

However, to her surprise, President Fan did not come looking for trouble again.

Meanwhile, Luo Sheng became known as an actor with a conscience because of his decision to reject 'The Pirate Doctor' and everyone praised him as a person with a strong moral foundation. As a result, it helped him a lot when he tried to secure more jobs.

At least, the public was certain that he was an actor that never filmed bad films!

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Soon, Tangning arrived on the set of 'The Ant Queen' to check if An Zihao needed any help. But, just like Qiao Sen, An Zihao was completely immersed into the world of the sci-fi film.

"I can suddenly understand why Qiao Sen was so excited by this film. It's spectacular!"

"I currently have a lot of work on my hands, but don't worry, since you were the one that left this with me, I will definitely put in my best efforts."

"Thank you, Zihao," Tangning thanked.

"Your man's acting is honestly not bad."

Tangning smiled at the sudden praise. There were only three months left until the completion of filming. Tangning originally thought it would take a while. But, with An Zihao rushing the progress around the clock, filming was completed after two and a half months!

It was during this night, when everyone was celebrating, that Lin Qian received a phone call from Mother Li...

Chapter 966: You're The Last Person To Believe In Fate

"Qian Qian, errr..."

"What is it, mom? I'm still on set and I'm not sure what time I'll be home. Li Jin will be home later, could you please..."

"Qian Qian, listen to me, Li Jin won't be coming home," Mother Li suddenly cut in with a sob.

Lin Qian froze for a second. She was holding a glass of red wine in her left hand, but when she heard this news from Mother Li, she was so shocked that she couldn't focus on anything else.

"Mom, are you trying to say that he won't be home tonight...?"

"No. I'm saying that he might never come home."

After hearing this, Lin Qian immediately dropped the glass in her hand and ran out of the filming studio. Tangning noticed Lin Qian's sudden reaction, but she was 7-8 months pregnant and couldn't possibly chase after her, so she asked Long Jie to check on her.

Long Jie immediately rushed out and grabbed onto Lin Qian's arm, "What happened?"

"Don't stop me, I need to go home right away."

"I'll drive you. How are you supposed to go home on yourself in this state?" Long Jie immediately dragged her to the car and tried to calm her down. But, just as the two women boarded the car, Lin Qian fainted in the passenger's seat.

Long Jie was so shocked that she immediately notified Tangning and they quickly delivered Lin Qian to a doctor. It didn't take long before they found out that Lin Qian was actually pregnant.

It turned out, she had fainted from shock.

"Didn't Lin Qian know that she was pregnant?" Long Jie asked Tangning. Tangning shook her head and immediately told Lu Che to contact the Li Family. As soon as Mother Li received the news, she immediately rushed over to the hospital.

It was obvious that Mother Li was anxious. But, it appeared as though she had been crying because her eyes were red.

"Silly Qian Qian, how could she not know that she was pregnant? Li Jin can't even return now..."

After everyone heard this, they realized what Mother Li was trying to say.

"Why can't Li Jin return?" Long Jie asked.

"He was attacked by the enemy during a mission and his plane crashed..." Mother Li did not dare to explain further.

No wonder Lin Qian was so emotional...

"It's all my fault..."

Mother Li was a lively and cheerful person, yet she was now covered in tears. Even Tangning felt emotional just looking at her.

Lin Qian soon woke up, but the first thing she did was sit up before she ran for the hospital room door.

"Qian Qian..." Mother Li quickly ran over to help her stand, "Silly girl, you're pregnant. You can't throw yourself around like this."

As soon as Lin Qian heard that she was pregnant, she froze in shock...

She couldn't believe it.

However, after multiple confirmations, Lin Qian finally accepted that she was pregnant. But, what about Li Jin?

“The base is currently searching for Jin Er. Before we receive definitive information, we can’t give up hope,” Mother Li comforted. “Even if it’s not for yourself, you should do it for the child in your stomach. This is yours and Jin Er’s child and also a Li Family descendant; our flesh and blood! It would also break our hearts if anything happens to it, Qian Qian...”

As she looked at Mother Li’s crying face, Lin Qian finally calmed down.

“Let’s wait...Let’s wait for a bit.”

Lin Qian was dumbfounded. To be exact, her heart was so bitter that she couldn’t say a word. She now had a child, but...what about her husband?

Although she always knew that Li Jin’s identity meant that his every mission was a gamble, she couldn’t accept it now that it actually happened.

Tangning looked at Lin Qian’s expression and rushed over to hug her, placing Lin Qian’s head against her stomach so she could experience the miracle of life.

“I have faith that he will be found. Do you have faith?”

Lin Qian stared blankly at Tangning, but Tangning remained patient as she asked again, “Do you have faith?”

In the end, Lin Qian nodded her head lifelessly.

She didn’t believe in miracles, but she believed in Tangning because she was able to create miracles.

In that instant, Lin Qian calmed down and was finally able to converse like normal again. She wanted to remain optimistic...even though she sneakily cried at night when no one was around.

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“A normal celebration dinner was somehow overtaken by grief. Sometimes, it’s hard not to believe in fate.”

“You’re the last person to believe in fate,” Mo Ting said as he drove. “Just like you said earlier, we will definitely find Li Jin. If you don’t believe it anymore, Lin Qian’s going to lose her determination as well.”

“Out of all of us, she attracts the most misfortune. Why can’t life be easier on her?”

“Losing one’s other half is the cruelest thing to happen to a person,” Tangning said before she looked at Mo Ting, “It’s not just Lin Qian. If the same thing happened to me, I would also breakdown.”

“I can lose anything except you.”

“If you got into an accident, I wouldn’t know how to continue living.”

Mo Ting stretched out his hand and rubbed the back of Tangning’s neck before he continued to drive, “Stop thinking about weird things.”

Either way, Lin Qian’s incident ended up making everyone at Superstar Media suffer.

At this time, the restless President Fan found out that Lin Qian was at the hospital. After further investigations, he realized that she was not only pregnant, but, it was also possible that her husband would never return.

“The timing is perfect. Lin Qian must be really weak at the moment. It’s going to be easy to use her.”

“Didn’t Tangning say that she’s not afraid of me causing trouble? This time, I’m going to see how she competes against my shamelessness.”

It was time for a huge scheme to begin...

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3 days later, Lin Qian and Mother Li received news that Li Jin was still not found yet. When it came to search and rescue, the faster they found a person, the higher their chances of survival were. But...the longer it took...

“Qian Qian, let’s keep waiting.”

Lin Qian looked at Mother Li and did not say a word. She simply smiled weakly.

“Don’t worry, Jin Er will definitely return. He’s so capable.”

“Yes, I know he will,” Lin Qian persisted. After all, Tangning had reassured her that Li Jin would come back.

But, the next morning, Mother Li gave Tangning a phone call, “Xiao Ning, Qian Qian’s missing...I’m afraid she may have gone to the military base to look for him. What should I do? How could I not worry when she’s pregnant?”

“Auntie, if you don’t let her go, she is going to break down. Let her try, I will send someone to protect her.”

“Haiz...” Mother Li had no idea what to do. “In that case, Xiao Ning, I’ll leave her with you...”

Tangning could understand how Lin Qian was feeling. If she was in her position, she would do the same thing too. But, of course, she would keep her own safety in mind when doing it.

Chapter 967: If You Want Something, Then Tell Me

Tangning told Lu Che that Lin Qian was missing and instructed him to locate her. But, Lin Qian didn’t want to be found because she knew her friends and family would only hold her back.

The only thing she wanted to do was to find Li Jin. Without Li Jin, her life meant nothing, even though she was pregnant.

So, Lu Che may have been well informed, but even he struggled to find the deliberately hiding Lin Qian.

“Madam, I don’t think we will find Lin Qian in the short term. What should we do now?”

“In that case, let’s find out the location of Li Jin’s plane crash. I’m sure she will be headed there,” Tangning instructed.

“OK, I’ll go do that right now, Madam.”

Lin Qian did not want to be found, so she disguised as a backpacker and headed up the trail to where Li Jin’s plane crashed.

It had crashed inside a gorge, just outside a quiet sightseeing town, but the gorge had been practically overrun with soldiers, yet there was still no sign of Li Jin.

It’s not that Lin Qian didn’t trust in the search efforts of the military, but no one understood Li Jin better than she did. Because of this understanding, she knew that even if he left the smallest hint of where he was, she would be able to find him.

But, she had no idea that President Fan had sent some people to follow her and these people were staying in the same hostel as she was.

“What is that woman planning to do here on her own?”

“Who knows? She’s even cut all contact with the outside world...”

“In that case, when should we make a move?”

The two men were staying in a room opposite Lin Qian. As they discussed their next move, they were confused by Lin Qian’s decision to come to such a small village.

“Let’s just wait and see what this pregnant lady plans to do. If we’re lucky, we might not be required to do a thing.”

“OK, let’s follow her tomorrow and see...”

Lin Qian planned to enter the gorge early the next morning. So, she decided to discuss the route with the owner of the hostel.

“Miss, you’re here because of the recent plane crash, aren’t you?” the owner had heard about what happened and noticed that 80-90% of those flocking into the gorge lately were somehow related to the accident.

“The person in the plane crash...was my husband,” Lin Qian sobbed as she looked at the owner. “So, if you know anything, please let me know.”

“Oh, you poor thing...” the owner said as he shook his head. “Miss, it’s not that I don’t want to help you, but when it comes to the military, everything we know are just rumors. No one has actually seen anything with their own eyes.”

Lin Qian lowered her head with disappointment.

“If you really want to head into the gorge, I can tell my daughter to take you,” the owner said as he pointed to a young woman behind the reception desk. “She may be a woman, but she’s attended martial arts school in the past to protect this hostel. After you enter the gorge, you will at least have each other.”

“OK, thank you.”

As a result, Lin Qian and the hostel owner’s daughter headed into the gorge the next morning. Meanwhile, the men sent by President Fan asked around and were finally 80% certain that Lin Qian was here to look for her husband.

They quickly passed on the information to President Fan and President Fan laughed as soon as he heard it.

“If Lin Qian is there because of her husband, you guys should disguise as villagers and lure her to a dangerous spot in the gorge by telling her that you heard her husband might be there.”

“Afterwards, contact Tangning and tell her about it.”

“But, she’s pregnant...”

“Are you showing sympathy to the pregnant? Why haven’t you shown any sympathy to my losses? Stop wasting my time. Go do as you’re told.”

As they were President Fan’s subordinates, the men could not disobey his orders. So, even though they didn’t want to do it, they still did as told.

Therefore, the two men quickly headed into the gorge and tried to get ahead of Lin Qian. After researching the most dangerous spot in the gorge, they dressed as villagers and waited for Lin Qian to take their bait.

Meanwhile, Lu Che did a thorough search of the village and located the hostel where Lin Qian stayed. Unfortunately, Lin Qian had already headed into the gorge.

As soon as the hostel owner met Lu Che and heard that he was looking for Lin Qian, he immediately asked, “Are you also here to protect that young woman?”

“What do you mean? Wasn’t she here on her own?”

“No, there were two men following her. They stayed in the room opposite her, so I thought they were here to protect her. But, from the looks of it, that may not be the case. It seems they may have been stalking her.”

“Where did they go?”

“As soon as the young woman left, the two men followed her into the gorge,” the owner replied.

As Lin Qian was already far ahead, Lu Che couldn’t possibly confirm her safety. Hence, he gave Tangning a phone call to determine what he should do.

As soon as Tangning heard from Lu Che, she fell into deep thought. She couldn’t figure out who the men trailing Lin Qian were and what their motive would be.

“Look at the hostel’s surveillance footage and identify the two men first.”

Lu Che spent some time investigating the two men and finally confirmed who they worked for. So, he immediately called Tangning.

“Madam, those two men belong to President Fan.”

“President Fan?” Tangning was a little surprised. She couldn’t believe that after so many months, President Fan had still not given up. “What else is he trying to do?”

“I never thought that President Fan would hold such deep grudges...”

“Lu Che, take some people with you to go after Lin Qian. I will contact President Fan and see what he wants.” Lin Qian was already in a tough situation, if President Fan added to her troubles, would Lin Qian end up like Li Jin...and not return as well?

With this thought, Tangning immediately called President Fan.

On the other end of the phone, President Fan answered lazily, “Oh, Hai Rui doesn’t slack off at all. You found out about this so quickly...”

“If you want something, then tell me,” Tangning said straightforwardly. “Don’t try to hurt Lin Qian. If she loses even a hair on her body, I will send your entire family to the grave.”

“Pfft...listen to yourself, do you think I’d be afraid of you?”

“Tell me what you want.”

“I simply want you to suffer...As we’re speaking, my men have already lured Lin Qian to the most dangerous part of the gorge. How about this, Tangning, if you’re willing to rush over there on your own, I can tell you where she is,” President Fan teased with the assumption that he had grabbed onto Tangning’s weakness. “What do you think?”

“It doesn’t seem like you can even if you want to. After all, President Mo would never allow it.”

“But...if you don’t go, Lin Qian will...”

Chapter 968: Don’t Compete With Me In Ruthlessness

“The decision is in your hands...I’ll give you two hours to think it over.”

After speaking, President Fan laughed and hung up his phone. Because, simply threatening Tangning, was already a victory for him.

But, Tangning never did as expected. The more worrying a situation was, the better she was at hiding her thoughts and the calmer she remained. So, there was no way she’d accept President Fan’s suggestion. In fact, she was going to make him pay a hefty price.

After talking to President Fan, Tangning immediately called Mo Ting and told him about the current situation as well as President Fan’s pressures.

Mo Ting fell silent. After sitting quietly in his office for a moment, he asked in uncertainty, “You won’t be going, right?”

“Of course I will, but I will make careful preparations,” Tangning replied. “You will help me, right?”

“Ting, you understand how I am. I don’t like being threatened. If it wasn’t because I had no choice, I would not result to methods like this.”

As soon as Mo Ting heard this, the couple were on the same page.

“I understand. I’ll get back to you in two hours.”

Tangning knew they Mo Ting understood what she was thinking. So, the most important thing now was for Lu Che to find Lin Qian.

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At that moment, the sun had just set. It took Lin Qian and the hostel owner’s daughter a bit of time, but they finally located a nearby farmhouse where they could stay the night.

However, the two brothers in the farmhouse were particularly friendly to the two women, “I wonder why two young women like yourselves would end up at a remote country village like this?”

“We are here to look for someone...”

“Are you here because of the plane crash as well?” the older brother asked. “You may not believe me, but, at the time of the crash, I was nearby with my sheep. Because the crash was so loud, my sheep all ran away and I had to chase them around for quite some time...”

“Anything else?”

“I also ran into a soldier. He was a tall and skinny man that was covered in injuries and he headed towards the bottom of the gorge. As I was scared, I did not reveal myself. Are you guys looking for him, perhaps?”

As soon as Lin Qian heard this, she immediately grabbed onto the man’s shirt and asked, “Is that really what you saw?”

“Yes, that’s what I saw. How could I lie about something like that?”

“So, he was alive?”

“Yes, and he could walk as well. But, there are a lot of wild animals at the bottom of the gorge, I’m not sure if he’ll be able to walk out of there alive,” the man said helplessly. “We have lived in the mountains all our lives and haven’t been exposed to the outside world. I couldn’t differentiate between good and bad, so I was too afraid to reveal myself in front of him...”

As soon as Lin Qian heard this, tears began to roll from her eyes. She was tempted to run straight into the gorge at that moment and look for Li Jin.

However, the hostel owner’s daughter continued to analyze the two brothers. Her instincts told her that something wasn’t right.

“Ningxiang...”

“Miss Lin, I know you are anxious, but it’s getting dark outside and it’s impossible for us to head into the gorge at this time. Besides, no one has ever gone to the center of the gorge and I’m not sure what is in

there. No matter how much you want to go, you need to resist for at least tonight,” the hostel owner’s daughter warned in seriousness. “Don’t do anything reckless.”

After hearing this, Lin Qian nodded her head. If she was on her own, she would probably take the risk. But, she was here with someone else, so she had to take this woman’s safety into consideration as well.

“In that case, be good and get some sleep. You need to conserve some energy for tomorrow.”

Lin Qian did as told...

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8pm.

President Fan’s two hours was up, but Tangning was still waiting for a response from Mo Ting. Finally, at the last minute, her phone rang.

“I’ve already done what you asked me to do.”

“His daughter and wife?”

“They are both with me,” Mo Ting replied.

The conversation between the couple was simple but to the point. To put it simply, Mo Ting fought back by inviting President Fan’s daughter and wife to one of Hai Rui’s hotels where they were currently enjoying a sumptuous dinner.

Afterwards, Tangning gave President Fan a phone call.

“Have you made a decision? Are you going or not?” President Fan asked.

Tangning glanced at the time and asked, “President Fan, I’m currently treating your wife and daughter to dinner, I hope you don’t mind.”

President Fan did not expect Tangning to get back at him with his own trick.

So, he was unprepared. He never thought that Tangning would dare to do something like this!

“I always thought that President Tang was a righteous person that would never result to such dirty methods.”

“I’ve always treated situations accordingly. I treat people like people and treat animals like animals. So, are you ready to tell me where Lin Qian is?” Tangning asked. “Since we’ve already declared this war, I don’t plan to hold back anymore. If worse comes to worst, let’s both take a gamble. I will treat your wife and daughter the same way that you treat Lin Qian...”

President Fan gritted his teeth. He couldn’t believe that the tables had turned.

“Tangning! You are going to die a horrible death...”

“Ever since I became involved with you, I did not expect a good ending. But, don’t try to compete with me in ruthlessness. You can’t beat me.”

Of course, President Fan would never back down, so he replied, "If you're so great, then go ahead and keep them locked up. Let's see how you explain yourself to the police."

"I don't need to explain anything. Even if I go to jail, I still have Mo Ting, I still have my two sons and I still have the Tang and Mo Families. I'm sure this number of people will be able to strip you of everything you've got and make your life a living hell."

"Oh, by the way, I'm sure you know that Mo Ting doesn't like to be provoked. I'll give you one night to think things over. I want an answer by tomorrow."

After speaking, Tangning hung up the phone. This time, she was in charge.

In reality, after Mo Ting brought President Fan's wife and daughter to the hotel, he had already explained the entire situation to them. President Fan's wife turned out to be a very understanding person. In order to prevent her husband from committing further crimes, she agreed to stay in the hotel. So, Mo Ting naturally treated the wife and daughter to good food and took good care of them. After all, he couldn't tie them into the same category as President Fan.

In the end, both sides were filled with anxiety because neither of them wanted to back down.

Meanwhile, Lu Che continued on his search.

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During this entire time, Lin Qian had no idea that Tangning and President Fan had declared war because of her.

She was currently dreaming about Li Jin in her sleep.

Li Jin looked taller than ever in her dreams.

"Qian Qian, don't look for me...don't."

Lin Qian jumped awake. As she sat up, her eyes were covered in tears.

Luckily, it was already daytime, otherwise, she wouldn't know how she'd get through the rest of the night.

Soon, her and Ningxiang packed their things to head out. Meanwhile, at this exact time, Tangning received a phone call from President Fan, "I won't tell you where Lin Qian is. If you want to take my wife and daughter's lives, then go ahead and take them."

Chapter 969: Tangning, You Sure Are Ruthless

"For the sake of revenge, you're actually willing to give up on your own wife and daughter. President Fan, you sure are ruthless..." Tangning sneered.

"I want to see how you plan to save Lin Qian!"

President Fan sounded proud, like he had already won, but Tangning was not flustered by it. Instead, she replied calmly, "Don't overestimate yourself and underestimate others. Do you really think that I'm helpless towards you?"

"What else can you do? All you can do is talk."

Tangning laughed before she handed her phone to President Fan's wife.

President Fan's wife hesitated at first, but after a minute of silence, she finally gathered her courage and spoke, "I never thought that you viewed mine and your daughter's life so lightly."

As soon as President Fan heard his wife's voice, he was slightly flustered, but he did not admit defeat. "This is not the first day we've met. I can't let others grab onto my weaknesses; I can't have any weaknesses. From the day that you married me, you already knew this. Besides, you're not my only woman and I don't just have one daughter..."

"That's enough..." President Fan's wife yelled. "At the beginning, you desperately tried to pursue me because of my family background. Now that you are rich and successful, this is how you treat me."

"Just like you expected, Tangning won't do anything to me. This is because she's not like you."

"Hmmp, I knew it..." After speaking, President Fan tried to hang up the phone, but his wife suddenly said something disappointedly that made President Fan's heart pound in fear.

"Your daughter and I will be returning to the US. But, before I do that, I will give evidence of your illegal dealings over the years to the police."

President Fan froze, suddenly unsure of what to do. But, after calming down, he laughed, "How could you have any evidence? I've never done anything when you were around..."

"If you don't believe me? May I ask how your last assistant died?"

As soon as President Fan heard this, he froze in fear.

"Did you think, after all these years, I didn't prepare a way out for myself? You are a complete a*shole and I'm going to make you feel regretful for the rest of your life."

After she was done speaking, President Fan's wife handed the phone back to Tangning.

As she held the phone in her hand, Tangning asked President Fan, "What do you think? Are you planning to tell me Lin Qian's location now?"

President Fan was so angry that he immediately flipped the table in front of him, "Tangning, if you dare to act recklessly, I definitely won't let you go."

"I don't care about the despicable things you've done in the past, I simply want to know where Lin Qian is. As for your wife and daughter, I will help send them directly back to the US."

"That sl*t has already headed into the gorge. You can go look for her yourself," President Fan said cruelly. "Tangning...you sure are ruthless."

After speaking, President Fan hung up the phone.

Tangning put away her phone and turned to look at President Fan's wife and daughter, "Are you sure you'll be fine if I send you to the US?"

"As soon as I step foot in the US, I will be in my family's territory and he won't be able to hurt me anymore. He won't be in the mood to cause you trouble either because he'll be focused on dealing with me from now on."

"OK," Tangning looked at the mother and daughter as she thought about all the evil deeds that President Fan had done. Everything he had done would perhaps be enough to send him down to the depths of hell.

Did he actually think that he could continue causing trouble?

From President Fan's words, Tangning gathered that he had lured Lin Qian to a dangerous location, but hadn't actually done anything to her yet. Even so, simply placing a pregnant woman in a dangerous location was enough to be fatal.

So, Tangning immediately called Lu Che. By this time, Lu Che had roughly figured out the direction that Lin Qian had gone after an entire night of searching. However, the locals all told him that barely any people had ever walked out of the depths of the gorge alive and that people rarely went in there because it was so dangerous.

Lu Che immediately contacted the local police and began a search in hopes that they weren't too late.

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As Lin Qian and Ningxiang walked together, Ningxiang still had the feeling that something wasn't right.

"Miss Lin, it's not that I want to be pessimistic, but there's something I want to clarify with you."

Lin Qian looked at Ningxiang and nodded her head, "Go ahead, tell me what it is."

"The two brothers last night claimed that they were shepherds, but I couldn't find the smell of sheep on either of them. Plus, their skin was too fine and soft to be farmers. Above all, the older brother claimed that he saw a soldier run into the depths of the gorge, but it didn't make sense for someone that's fighting for survival to run deeper into the wild. An average person may have gone the wrong way, but he's in the military and the air force. He should have a good sense of direction and be familiar with the geography here."

"Are you saying that they have other intentions?" Lin Qian deciphered. "I actually thought the same thing after a night of thinking, but I wanted to believe that there was still hope before me. I wanted to see if the brothers would chase after us, but I also wanted to lie to myself."

"At least we stopped in time."

"Let's turn back, then."

"Huh?" Ningxiang thought she was hearing things.

“You heard right. I said to turn back. My husband is a righteous man who is willing to lay his life for the country. If I insist on going ahead and accidentally hurt you, then I would be going against his beliefs. Even if I end up finding him, he won’t forgive me.”

“Besides, you’re right, he’s not the kind of person that would wander deeper into the gorge. Let’s go back and look for other clues.”

“It seems, you’ve still got your logic,” Ningxiang laughed. “I thought...”

“I will not stop my search because I have a feeling he is still alive.”

“In that case, what do you plan to do to the two brothers?”

“Let’s return to the village first and we’ll draft up a new plan,” Lin Qian replied.

“OK...”

The brothers thought they had succeeded, so they quickly reported to President Fan. However, they received nothing as a reward because President Fan was stressing over how to keep his wife and daughter in Beijing instead.

Unable to think of a solution, President Fan ended up calling his grandfather. But, his grandfather simply yelled at him after hearing what had happened, “You idiot! You made a huge loss because you were focused on something little. Let’s see how you pull out of this one!”

“Grandfather! You need to help me! Otherwise, I’m over!”

“How are you supposed to compete against the power of the Mo Family and Tang Family in Beijing? If you continue to blow up this situation, you will be the only one that suffers in the end. It’s time to stop!”

“But, I’m not sure if Tangning knows something. I’m wondering if...”

“Rubbish! Don’t even think about it. Don’t you know Tangning’s level of influence in Beijing? How dare you provoke her? A small argument may have been OK, but don’t create something bigger! Otherwise, Mo Ting is going to skin you alive...”

“Let entertainment matters end within the entertainment industry, don’t let it spread to other places where it can no longer be controlled. Above all, don’t get the police involved. How many incidences do you think you’ll be able to survive?”

Chapter 970: How Powerful

“Are you saying that I’m not allowed to get revenge?” President Fan asked unhappily, “That’s completely unfair!”

Luckily, Lin Qian had already headed into the gorge and Tangning couldn’t possibly locate her any time soon. This was his only consolation.

However, he had no idea that Lin Qian had already returned to the village on her own.

After returning to the village, the first thing that Lin Qian heard was that Lu Che had been looking everywhere for her. She knew that she had done something wrong by Tangning, but she didn't want to share her unhappiness.

However, Lu Che quickly received news that Lin Qian had returned to the hostel. As soon as he saw her again, he finally relaxed.

"Did you know that you caused us to go on quite a search? Because of you, the Madam and President Fan were one step away from pointing guns at each other."

"So, the two brothers that were following me were sent by President Fan?" Lin Qian finally understood why she had been lured into the gorge.

"What do you think? At least you didn't disappoint us and still maintained your sense of judgment. The Madam didn't waste her time protecting you in the end..."

"So, have you guys caught the two men yet?" Lin Qian asked.

"We've already pinpointed their location. Do you want to play with them?" Lu Che asked as he raised an eyebrow.

"Of course," Lin Qian replied as she raised her head. She would never let go of an opportunity like this. Especially since these guys tried to trick her with Li Jin's name.

"As for Li Jin, you shouldn't worry too much, we will definitely hear from him."

"I know," Lin Qian replied confidently. "I can feel that he's still alive. He's definitely still alive."

"Great, let's go then. The two men are currently eating in the dining room," Lu Che said as he glanced towards the dining room.

"Go greet them first. I'll be right over."

Lu Che nodded his head and led his men towards the dining room. He then sat down right beside the two men, "According to the hostel owner, the two of you have been trailing Lin Qian for a good few days now."

As soon as the two men saw Lu Che, they immediately recognized him, so they began to avoid his gaze...

"Are you speaking to the wrong people?"

"Weren't you the ones that lured Lin Qian into the gorge? And weren't you the ones that pretended to be shepherds?" Lu Che laughed as he crossed his arms. "President Fan's men don't seem very smart."

Realizing that their identities had been exposed, the two men did not hide anymore as they straightforwardly replied, "There's no point mocking us, we each work for our own bosses. Lin Qian has already headed into the gorge. If you are capable, you should go bring her back. Who knows, she might have already been eaten up by a wild animal by now."

"Do you really think that Superstar Media's people would be as brainless as the two of you?" Lu Che laughed as he pointed to their heads.

“What are you trying to say?”

Lu Che looked behind the two men and pointed his chin towards the distance, “Have a look for yourself...”

The two men turned around at the same time and saw Lin Qian walking towards them, unscathed.

The two men were so shocked that their eyes nearly popped out of their sockets...

“This...how’s this possible?”

“I saw her walk towards the gorge with my own two eyes.”

At this moment, without hesitation, Lin Qian walked over to the two men and emptied a cup of boiling hot coffee onto one of the men’s head, “Rubbish...”

“Ahhh...”

Bloodcurdling cries echoed through the hostel as everyone turned their attention towards Lin Qian and the two men. However, Lu Che blocked their view while the hostel owner told his guests, “Those men tried to sell someone’s child and was caught red-handed.”

As soon as the guests heard this, they gritted their teeth and agreed, “People like that deserve to be punished!”

Therefore, the two men were burnt by scorching coffee, but no one came to their aid.

Meanwhile, Lu Che waited until Lin Qian completely released her anger before he called the hospital.

“Now that you’ve released your anger, do you feel a lot better?”

Lin Qian lowered her head and suddenly thought of Li Jin, “Better does not exist in my dictionary at the moment. I simply want to see him alive...”

“You will,” Lu Che said as he patted Lin Qian on the shoulder. At this moment, just as Lin Qian turned on her phone, she suddenly received a phone call from an anonymous number.

As soon as Lin Qian saw this, she emotionally picked up the call, “Li Jin, is that you? Li Jin?”

“Sister-in-law, I’m not the chief, but I can tell you a piece of good news. The chief is fine, he was saved last night and is currently back in Beijing. They transferred him overnight.”

“Is he really fine?” Lin Qian confirmed.

“Yes, he’s fine. But...he won’t be able to return home for a little while.”

“Where is he? I’ll come look for him...”

“You’ll find out when you get back,” the man mumbled, not quite clarifying things properly. However, knowing that Li Jin was still alive was already the best news for Lin Qian.

Beside her, Lu Che had overheard her conversation and discovered that Li Jin was still alive. So, he naturally felt happy for her, “Every cloud has a silver lining. You see, God still watches over good people in the end.”

“Since that’s the case, let’s immediately return to Beijing.”

“OK, I’ll organize it right now.” After speaking, Lu Che turned around and left, leaving Lin Qian behind to bid farewell to the hostel owner.

However, the hostel owner looked at Lin Qian and smiled, “I never imagined that you were the assistant of a big celebrity. I heard from my daughter that your artist is her favorite actress. What’s her name again? Tangning?”

“Thank you.”

“If you really want to thank me, then get an autograph from Tangning and give it to my daughter as a token of gratitude for risking her life with you.”

“Don’t worry, that’s easy.”

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Tangning quickly heard about Lin Qian and successfully got in contact with her.

“Ning Jie, I’m so sorry...I seem to always create trouble for you.”

“You are a part of Superstar Media, so you are like a family member to me. It’s no trouble at all,” Tangning replied. “As long as you’re OK, that’s all that matters.”

“After the way that you’ve offended President Fan, will he use even harsher methods on you?” Lin Qian was worried. Since President Fan was evil enough to lure her into the gorge, it was highly possible that he could do something even worse.

“We will deal with it when the time comes. But for now, I don’t think he will have the energy to deal with me. That’s enough, let’s continue our conversation for when you get back.”

After a short chat, the two women hung up their phones.

At that moment, Lin Qian was anxious to return home.

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President Fan soon received news that Lin Qian had not fallen for his trick. As soon as he heard this news, he was so angry that he almost smashed everything in his house.

He never imagined that the people at Superstar Media were so smart to see through his lies.

However, he was still worried whether his wife had revealed anything to Tangning.

But, he couldn’t do a thing. He could only sit back and wait for his grandfather to deal with it.

“Just this once, I will meet with the young woman, but never again!” the old man scoffed. “How did the Fan Family produce someone like you?!”

“But, she’s not going to accept your invite!”

“I have my ways...I can’t wait to see how powerful this woman is.”

