

CHAPTER 1.

“Ning Ran, please don’t blame daddy for being heartless. His company is suffering losses recently. Hence, there really isn’t much money to spare. Besides, settling your mom’s medical bills are like tossing money into a bottomless pit.”

Luo Fei’s voice was gentle but scornful.

Suddenly, she changed her voice to a much gentler tone, “Ning Ran, we are sisters and I really want to help you. You will get a million so long as you promise to do that for me. You can use the money to cover your mother’s medical bills.”

A shiver ran down Ning Ran as she knelt beside her mother’s bed and started trembling.

Luo Fei was not bothered with her silence, “Ning Ran, you’d better think it through. Your mother will die if you don’t do that. Do you really want to see her die?”

Ning Ran’s eyes reddened and she felt a throbbing pain inside as if she was stabbed by a blade.

I can’t let my mom die! Definitely not!

“I’ll do it.” A hint of despair flashed through her eyes.

Luo Fei smiled, “That’s more like it.”

They were at the Orchid Club an hour later.

Ning Ran was still in hesitation but Luo Fei shoved her into a dark room.

Then, a man pounced on her like an animal in darkness.

Ning Ran endured the pain while hoping for this nightmare to end as soon as possible.

However, this nightmare was an abyss which constantly pulled her deeper inside...

In the next room, Luo Fei scrolled through her phone casually.

Director Feng was unexpectedly fit despite being in his fifties.

Luo Fei was thrilled when she thought about how the sweet and naive Ning Ran was being deflowered by someone like him.

She wanted to see how Ning Ran was going to hold her head up high like before after this.

Director Feng was the chief director of a huge show The Sound of Thunder. He made it clear to Luo Fei that the role of leading actress would be hers as long as she was 'obedient'.

But the woman didn't want to sleep with a disgusting and greasy old man like Feng. Hence, the most ideal solution was to arrange for Ning Ran to take her place instead.

Ning Ran was finally able to leave when the sun was almost up. Then, she headed over to the room next door.

The frail woman stood there shivering uncontrollably with red eyes. "Give me the money." She muttered.

Luo Fei studied Ning Ran from head to toe then threw a bank card at her with a sneer.

"You'd better keep your mouth shut on this or you will regret it."

She said as she found her way out then entered the room next to it and laid on the bed.

Luo Fei prepared herself and gave the man a nudge.

"There, I have given my all to you. You must keep your promise, alright?"

The man got up in the dimly lit room. "I'll take responsibility for this. Thank you for saving me."

This wasn't Director Feng, that man sounded like duck quack.

On the contrary, this man has a very deep and magnetic voice. It was so charming that Luo Fei shuddered.

Luo Fei reached her hand out to switch on the light.

The man standing in front of her was tall, handsome and seemed to emanate a glow.

Luo Fei almost let out a cry in shock upon taking a closer look.

He was actually Nan Chen!

The third son of the Nan family, the most eminent family in Flower City. His influence was so great that it could shake the entire city.

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Luo Fei held her hand over her mouth and quickly put on a shy look on her face, "That was my first time so you must take responsibility for it....."

He frowned slightly and handed her a name card, "Of course, you can have everything you desire."

He walked out of the room after that.

Once the door shut, Luo Fei bounced up in joy and kissed the name card and said happily, "Flower City is mine from this moment on!"

Ning Ran ran outside and looked for the nearest ATM.

She inserted the card and checked the balance.

She let out a sigh of relief when she saw the balance of one million. Thank god, there is hope in saving mom now.

With the card in her hand, Ning Ran hailed a cab and rushed to the hospital.

She arrived at the ward and saw that her mother's bed was empty.

She asked a nurse, "Excuse me, where is the patient from bed 203?"

The nurse looked up at her and frowned, "So you're the daughter. Where were you last night? We couldn't get you?"

She curled her lips as she said, "What kind of daughter are you? You weren't even by her side when she passed away."

Ning Ran was shocked, "What did you just say? What happened to my mother?"

Ning Ran reached out to grab the nurse but she moved away with a look of disgust on her face, "The patient from bed 203 was pronounced dead at 2:15am due to failure to rescue."

"That's impossible! My mother was still fine yesterday! You must be lying!"

Ning Ran lost focus as she muttered, "This can't be..."

Suddenly, she remembered something and rummaged through her bag frantically. She dropped all the items from her bag onto the floor and finally found the bank card.

“You must’ve hidden my mother somewhere because she hasn’t cleared her medical bills. I have money and I can pay now! I beg you. Please hurry up and save her...”

The nurse sighed after seeing how devastated Ning Ran was and said, “Go and claim her body from the mortuary. Please have my condolences.”

Ning Ran returned to school after she finished her mother’s funeral arrangement.

Nevertheless, she didn’t talk to anyone but looked at her mother’s photo on her mobile phone most the time.

Ning Ran lost 7.5 kg within two months following her mother’s death.

One day, she fainted in class and was rushed to the hospital by her classmates.

At the hospital, the doctor warned her, “You’re two months pregnant. You have to take care of nutrition or it will affect the baby’s health.”

Ning Ran’s face went deathly pale. She was struck by the shocking news.

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In the hospital, Ning Ziqiang slapped Ning Ran hard right in front of the doctor.

“How much more shameless can you be! You’re only a freshman at university and you got pregnant before marriage? You’ve disgraced me!”

The doctor didn’t like what he saw and stopped him, “Mr. Ning, please don’t hit my patient. She is very weak so hitting her this hard could only lead to more problems.”

“What else could possibly happen to this shameless girl? I want the baby aborted!”

The doctor had a troubled look on his face, “Mr. Ning, she has underlying issues with fertility. She may never be able to get pregnant again if she goes through an abortion.”

Lying on the hospital bed, a trace of hope flashed in Ning Ran’s tired eyes.

She looked at her father in a subconscious state.

“But we can’t keep this child either! You must abort it even if it costs her life.” Ning Ziqiang’s eyes reddened as he panted heavily like a savage beast.

The light in Ning Ran’s eyes dimmed gradually.

What was she expecting?

Her father had an affair with his secretary and left her mother to die. There was nothing he wouldn’t do.

Ning Ran’s very existence was a constant reminder of how he had conspired and connived to get to where he was. Then, he even threw his wife and daughter out of the house. She was but a thorn in his flesh.

Her tears flowed but she lowered her head obediently, “I’ll do as you say, dad. I’ll get an abortion.”

Luo Yi saw this and pretended to care as she said, “Ziqiang, don’t be mad at her. She is aware of her mistake.”

With a sympathetic look on her face, she stroked Ning Ran’s swollen cheek gently, “Look at you. You have hit her so hard. Ranran, don’t worry. Your mother may be gone but I’m here for you.”

“Just be a good girl and get the abortion done. Let’s forget about this and move on. I’ll treat you like my own daughter.”

The touch of Luo Yi’s slim, fair and tender hands was comforting. However, Ning Ran had to muster up all of her might to avoid being lured by her touch.

She was aware that those were the words from a venomous snake.

Ning Ran looked up at Luo Yi reliantly, “Thank you Aunt Luo.”

“We’re family. You don’t have to thank me.” Luo Yi said with a smile. A piercing cold darkness filled her eyes. What a fool. She no longer had to do anything now.

Ning Ran said with a timid smile, “Aunt Luo, I want to use the bathroom.”

She looked so naïve so Luo Yi agreed without a second thought.

Ning Ran walked out of the ward slowly towards the bathroom.

Luo Yi returned to the ward after she made sure Ning Ran was heading towards the bathroom.

She only realized something was amiss when Ning Ran had not returned after ten minutes.

“Ziqiang, do you think Ning Ran ran away?”

Ning Ziqiang’s expression changed and he bolted out of the ward immediately.

Luo Yi checked the bathroom but there was no sign of Ning Ran.

They ran out looking for her and saw a girl in clothes similar to Ning Ran walking away quickly.

“Ning Ran! Stay where you are!”

The girl ran straight ahead without looking back when she heard the voice...

CHAPTER 4.

Five years later at Flower City International Airport.

Cheng Xiangyun pushed her way through the crowd as she tried to move forward.

At this moment, a beautiful woman and two children stepped out of the corridor.

The woman wore a white sweater, a pair of ripped jeans and a pair of ugly looking flip-flops.

Nevertheless, her beauty shone through her plain attire.

Her delicate features only further accentuated by the contour of her figure.

She was holding a child in each hand. She looked around as though she was searching for someone.

Her children were beautiful too with straight nose and eyes twinkling like stars in the night. They are like a pair of angels descended from heaven.

They caught everyone’s attention.

“Wow! Look at that mother and her two children! They look so stunning!”

“They have such good genes...I want to have babies like them too...”

“Over here, Ranran!” Cheng Xiangyun waved then pushed her way towards them.

Ning Ran smiled when she saw Cheng Xiangyun.

“Hello, Aunt Xiang!”

The two children shouted together. They were so cute that Cheng Xiangyun couldn't help but let out a big smile.

“Aww, my angels... I miss both of you so much!”

They were actually fraternal twins where they looked similar and were dressed in boy's clothes,

The boy, Ning Sirui, was quiet, cold and a genius with computer whereas his younger sister, Ning Sihan, was smart, active and had a huge appetite.

Ning Ran handed the two children over to Cheng Xiangyun and said, “Xiangyun, keep an eye on these two. I'll go and pick up my luggage.”

Cheng Xiangyun was attracted with these two adorable kids. She said to Ning Ran, “Just go. I'll take care of these angels.”

Ning Ran chuckled and went to collect her luggage.

Five years ago, she saw a girl with similar figure in the bathroom after she left the ward.

She gave the girl all the money she had on her and they exchanged clothes. Then, she had the girl to distract Ning Ziqiang and Luo Yi away from her. This was how she managed to escape and gave birth to her twins.

At first, she had hesitation but now she was glad that she had kept her babies.

The minute Ning Sihan saw that her mother left, she slipped away when Cheng Xiangyun and her brother were not paying attention.

Her mother wouldn't let her have ice cream but she had been having this craving for a long time. Now, she finally found her chance to do that.

She bought an ice cream and was about to head back.

Suddenly, there was a huge commotion in the VIP lane and people started screaming.

“She's here! Luo Fei is here!”

Surrounded by her assistants and bodyguards, Luo Fei walked out of the VIP lane with her head held high.

She had made it to Sound of Thunder and was going out with Nan Chen. Despite her mediocre acting skills, she had risen to stardom and became a celebrity in Flower City.

Little Ning Sihan was frightened by the noisy crowd, so she squatted beside a pillar shivering in fear.

“There is a kid over there and she looks scared. Feifei, you should go and carry her. You’d definitely make it into the hot searches tomorrow doing that.” whispered Wang Xiaoou, the experienced manager who was walking next to Luo Fei.

“You know I much I hate kids.” Luo Fei had a look of reluctance on her face.

Wang Xiaoou continued to persuade her, “The filming of Sound of Thunder 2 is starting soon and we need some publicity.”

With that Luo Fei walked towards Ning Sihan. She felt disgusted but kept a gentle smile on her face, “Don’t be afraid, dear girl. Let me carry you.”

The instant Luo Fei picked up the child, her heart skipped a beat. She couldn’t shake the feeling that she had seen this child from somewhere.....

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Luo Fei became suspicious as she held the child in her arms but masked in by putting on a professional smile in front of the cameras.

“Sorry, miss. My ice cream melted.” Said Ning Sihan in a childish voice.

Luo Fei looked down and saw that the ice cream had melted and dripped onto her expensive red dress.

Her expression changed instantly and she put Ning Sihan down heavily. A look of disgust took over that she had even forgotten to maintain her fake smile.

Ning Sihan’s face went pale with fear and quickly turned and ran away.

Cheng Xiangyun waited anxiously and felt relieved when she saw the child running back.

However, Ning Sirui was calm, "I told you she will find her way back."

On the other hand, Luo Fei was furious, "I have to go to the bathroom! This dress is so dirty now. I can't wear it like this!"

Luo Fei entered the bathroom under escort. She saw a familiar face when she looked up.

At first, she thought her mind was playing tricks as Ning Ran had gone missing for 5 years. No one had heard from her since.

But she recognized this face. The face she had envied for almost 20 years.

This person was Ning Ran.

"Ning Ran, you're still alive!"

Ning Ran's expression remained unchanged, "You've got the wrong person. My name is Ding Mi."

As she was about to leave, Luo Fei grabbed her by the hand.

"No, there's no way I'd have gotten the wrong person. You are Ning Ran! Where did you come from?"

Ning Ran couldn't be bothered with her. She brushed her hand off and walked out of the bathroom.

Luo Fei wanted to run after her but stopped after a few steps.

For now, she remembered that the girl she carried earlier looked very much like Nan Chen.

That thought struck Luo Fei and she was stunned. She tried to run after Ning Ran without cleaning up the stain on her dress but she was nowhere to be seen.

Wang Xiaoou, her manager saw Luo Fei running out of the bathroom like a crazy woman and she got anxious too, "You're a celebrity. What do you think you are doing?"

Luo Fei calmed down slightly. Then, she remembered the photos taken by the reporters. If those photos were published and Nan Chen happened to see them.....

"Hurry! Contact all the reporters who turned up today and stop them from publishing the photos taken today!"

"What happened? Why can't they publish the photos? This is such a great opportunity to gain publicity! You've got to tell me why you have changed your mind out of a sudden."

Wang Xiaou was a very successful manager at Xinhui Entertainment. She was excellent at creating publicity and had facilitated a lot of celebrities to stardom so she was really confused with Luo Fei's behavior.

There was no way Luo Fei would ever tell her what happened back then as she vowed to take this secret to her grave.

She became a top actress in Flower City even with her second rate acting skills. Everyone showed great respect for her despite that.

All of this was only because she was Nan Chen's girlfriend!

If Nan Chen saw the photos of the child and became suspicious, he might order a search on her background and uncovered the truth about what happened five years ago...

Luo Fei dared not think any further.

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"I never liked children so I don't like this method of creating publicity." She avoided Wang Xiaou's gaze as she explained.

Wang Xiaou saw right through Luo Fei's guilty conscience.

Luo Fei was the type of person who would go all out to find ways to boost her popularity.

However, she didn't pursue this matter as Luo Fei wouldn't talk about it.

After all, the tone of their relationship was strictly business and nothing more.

"Alright, I'll pull some strings to keep the photos from being published." "However, we are living in a digital era and there are so many people taking photos here today. There is no guarantee that I can get every single one deleted."

Wang Xiaou explained calmly. Luo Fei stood up and pointed at her angrily, "I don't care! This is your job! You must take care of this! If even one photo was posted on the internet, it would be due to your incompetence!"

Still furious, Luo Fei continued, "I am Nan Chen's girlfriend! I'll end your career in Flower City if you don't clean this up!"

Wang Xiaou's face grew cold but she didn't argue any further.

"I will take care of this. It's getting late. You should get some rest. We still haven't to attend the audition for Sound of Thunder 2 tomorrow morning. Even though the cast has been fixed there will still be reporters so don't be late."

Having said that, she turned and left leaving a bewildered and angry Luo Fei standing there like a statue.

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It was only a 20 minutes' drive from the airport to Cheng Xiangyun's home.

Through the car window, Ning Ran gazed at this once familiar sight of city with a feeling of uneasiness.

She had finally returned after five years of absence.

Raising both her children single handedly in a foreign country for five years had been tough for Ning Ran.

She had stumbled upon a film crew that needed an Asian supporting actress by chance.

The character was just a minor role which had very brief appearance. Although it didn't pay much, Ning Ran gave her best.

She had brought life to an ordinary character and that led to her emergence as a talented actress.

Later on, the director even added more scenes for her. She had successfully made a name for herself with that character and even won some small awards.

Her best friend Cheng Xiangyun had invited her to return to China as she managed to get Ning Ran an opportunity to audition for a key acting role.

Apart from that, she also wanted to find out the reason behind her mother's sudden death and reclaimed what was rightfully hers.

"Ning Ran, we're here."

Ning Ran snapped out of her thoughts and dragged her luggage into the elevator with Cheng Xiangyun.

As soon as she entered the house, Ning Sihan gave a sudden shout of surprise, "Auntie, your house is huge!"

Cheng Xiangyun was delighted, "I am a successful manager and I bought this house with my hard-earned money!"

Ning Sihan was a clever little girl and she added, "Auntie, you're amazing!"

On the other hand, Ning Sirui maintained an uptight expression but nodded in approval like an adult.

Cheng Xiangyun was so amused by these siblings that she hugged and kissed them both.

They entered the room and retrieved the script and the list of candidates for the audition.

"Tomorrow is the day for the audition. Here, have a look at the list. You can continue unpacking your stuff later."

Ning Ran nodded as she took a look at the list and saw Luo Fei's name on top of the list.

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She frowned. Luo Fei was everywhere.

Ning Sirui who was more sensitive noticed it and asked, "What's wrong, mommy?"

Ning Ran forced a smile as she said, "It's nothing. Mommy's just a little tired. That's all."

Cheng Xiangyun heard that and said, "You're bound to be tired since I had you rush all the way here with such a short notice."

"No, that's fine. Xiangyun, please help me watch over Dabao (nickname for Sihan) and Erbao (nickname for Sirui). I'll go and get changed."

Cheng Xiangyun responded and brought some food for the kids.

Ning Sihan's eyes lit up when she saw the delicious food.

Her brother gave her a tug which prompted her to sit upright, "Thank you, auntie."

Ning Sirui handed some food over to his sister before turning to look at Cheng Xiangyun who had a serious look on his face.

“Aunt Xiang, can you do me a favor?”

Cheng Xiangyun was shocked by his serious attitude and instinctively sat upright.

“What is it? I will definitely help you as long as it is within my capability.”

“Aunt Xiang, could you find jobs that are suitable for kids like us?”

“Find you jobs?” Cheng Xiangyun was astonished, “What for? You’re still so young.”

Ning Sihan gulped down her food and raised her little hand, “I know! It’s because mommy is working very hard, so we want to find a job that pays well and help to split her burden.”

Cheng Xiangyun was both shocked and touched by what she had just heard. These kids were barely five and yet, they’ve already thinking about relieving some their mother’s burden.

“Hmm... With such pretty faces like yours, it shouldn’t be much problem getting jobs for you. You could sign up with any company and become big stars. That way, you will get sponsors and make lots of money...”

Their eyes lit up as they listened to what Cheng Xiangyun said.

Suddenly, a voice came from behind.

“No, we can’t let them work.”

When the two children saw Ning Ran, they went silent and looked at Cheng Xiangyun.

“Ranran, there are many children who made their debut these days. If they make it into the entertainment industry at a young age, they will have huge potential to make it big when they grow up.....”

Ning Ran was adamant in her decision as the industry was too complicated and these children are way too young. She did not want them to be exposed to the outside world this early.

Ning Ran walked up to her children and hugged one in each arm, “Dabao, Erbao, mommy knows you want to help share my burden. But you’re still kids! Besides, mommy can afford to raise you.”

“But mommy, you clearly didn’t want to go for the audition.”

Ning Sirui's voice was so low it made Ning Ran shudder.

So this kid noticed that she was unhappy.

Ning Ran patted Dabao's head, "Mommy is not unhappy. I just thought of something and that's all."

She made up her mind to go for the audition and tried for the role of the second female lead. She had finally returned and trying her luck to make more money, so there was no way she'd run away from Luo Fei and the others forever.

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Late at night, Ning Ran closed the script and rested her tired eyes.

She picked up her wallet on the bed and opened it. There was a shiny button inside.

That crazy night from five years ago had left her with two children and this button.

The button was black and intricate in design with the letter "N" embossed onto it.

Ning Ran fiddled with the button as her thoughts started to wander.

Even she didn't understand why she held on to this button throughout these years.

That night from five years ago was a nightmare to her.

Ning Ran had never thought of looking for that man. Whenever the kids asked about their father, she would only tell them that their daddy was missing.

Ning Ran came back to her senses after a while, and put the button back into the wallet.

The audition was tomorrow. Luo Fei would be there too, so she would definitely know who the man was that night.....

The next day, at the Empire Hotel in Flower City on the set of the Sound of Thunder 2 audition.

Luo Fei showed up at the audition in fancy clothes surrounded by her manager and assistants.

The reporters who had been waiting for her quickly gathered around her.

“Ms. Luo, your film Sound of Thunder from five years ago was a great hit! What are your thoughts on starring in Sound of Thunder 2?”

“Ms. Luo, your acting skills has received mixed reviews from the audience since the release of Sound of Thunder. How confident are you for starring in Sound of Thunder 2?”

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Luo Fei had not slept well the night before because of the incident from yesterday.

When she heard the reporter’s questions which indirectly mocked her acting skills, her face turned black instantly.

“Shut up! Come and do it if you think you’re that great!”

Wang Xiaou was startled by her sudden outburst and quickly urged the hotel security to escort Luo Fei into the building.

“How many times do I have to tell you this? Don’t mess with the reporters!”

Luo Fei snorted, “I’ve been putting up with them for a long time. They’re just a bunch of useless reporters. How dare they shame me like that! What they make in a month isn’t even enough for me to buy a lipstick.....”

As she looked up, she saw a familiar face.

“Wait here. Don’t follow me, and don’t let anyone come near either.”

Luo Fei strode towards Ning Ran after saying that and ignored Wang Xiaou completely.

Ning Ran turned around when she heard the footsteps and came face to face with a vicious-looking Luo Fei.

Luo Fei saw that they were in a secluded corner with no one around and she asked, “What are you doing here?”

“If you can be here, I don’t see why I can’t.”

“So you’re done with putting up an act? Didn’t you say you were Ding Mi yesterday? What on earth are you doing here?” Luo Fei gritted her teeth in anger. This damned woman just won’t leave me alone!

“Obviously, I’m here to audition for the movie. I should get some tips from you, superstar Luo.” Ning Ran smiled at her with a cold look in her eyes.

“Don’t even think about starring in Sound of Thunder 2! You get the hell out of here right now!”

Ning Ran couldn’t figure out why Luo Fei got so anxious whenever she saw her. Even if she made it through the audition, she wouldn’t replace Luo Fei’s role as the female lead anyway.

“Unfortunately, you’re not the director. You don’t call the shots here.” “The more you try to stop me, the more certain I am to act in it.”

Luo Fei’s face twisted.

It’s only been five years and this b**** Ning Ran has gotten so much more annoying. Back then, all it took was just a little threat to shut her up.

Luo Fei was about to continue when her phone rang suddenly.

On the phone, Wang Xiaou told her that the sponsor’s representative would arrive soon and urged her to get changed quickly.

Luo Fei’s heart wrenched. Unfortunately for her, Nan Chen was the one coming over.

She mustn’t let Ning Ran show up before him at any cost.

Things would go really bad for her if the two meet each other. Then Ning Ran would be suspicious about her children’s look which bore resemblance to Nan Chen.

With her phone gripped tightly in her hand, she looked at Ning Ran who had just left. Only then, she let out a chilling smile.

As Ning Ran walked around, a man approached her, “Hi, are you here for the audition?”

Ning Ran was very alert. She glanced through the guy’s staff ID and nodded only after she was certain about his identity.

“Then please come with me.”

As they walked further, the surrounding became quieter as well.

Ning Ran was about to ask him something when the man suddenly turned around and covered her nose and mouth with a wet handkerchief.

CHAPTER 9.

At the entrance of the hotel, the sponsor arrived.

The tall, handsome man, who stood in front was none other than Nan Chen.

With a pair of cold eyes, thin lips and an imposing aura, it was almost as if he was a walking ice sculpture.

“Nan Chen! It’s Nan Chen!”

“Wow, he’s so handsome! He really is the most perfect man in Flower City!”

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Nan Chen ignored the commotion around him and went straight into the hotel ushered by his bodyguards.

Director Wang Yan immediately bowed to greet him, “Mr. Chen, you’re here!”

Nan Chen responded with a cold “Hm.”

“Honey, you are here!” Luo Fei said in a cute voice as she came up to him.

In private, she wouldn’t dare cling to Nan Chen like that. But fortunately for her, they were in public now. He didn’t respond in kindness nor would he humiliate her neither.

Luo Fei was about to wrap her arms around Nan Chen but pulled them back instantly when he glared at her.

“Let’s get started. Mr. Chen’s schedule is very packed.”

Assistant Jiang Zhe said immediately when he noticed that.

At this point, Cheng Xiangyun had noticed that Ning Ran went missing. She was nowhere to be found and she didn’t answer her phone either.

At the set, the director announced the start of the audition. Then, when he realized Ding Mi was not present, his face turned gloomy as he thought he had embarrassed himself in front of Nan Chen.

He arranged for the next actress trying for the same role to cover for Ding Mi.

A rare opportunity was almost wasted just like that.

Cheng Xiangyun grew increasingly anxious. She had searched the entire hotel and yet couldn't find Ning Ran. In the end, she tried calling home instead.

On the phone, she heard Ning Sihan's cute voice, "Hello, this is Aunt Xiang's residence. This is the beloved beauty Ning Sihan speaking....."

"Sihan, stop messing around. Has your mother come home?"

"No, didn't mommy go to the audition?"

"Yes, she did. But I can't find her anywhere now. Anyway, you just be a good girl and stay home. I'll hang up now."

With that being said, the line went dead.

Sihan ran into the house and dove straight into the arms of her brother who was playing video games.

"Bro, something has gone bad! Mommy's missing!"

Ning Sirui frowned, "Didn't mommy go for the audition? Why would she be missing?"

"That was what Aunt Xiang told me. She said mommy went missing at the set."

Ning Sirui stopped talking and turned off the game immediately.

He remembered Aunt Xiang mentioned yesterday that his mommy was going to the Empire Hotel for the audition.

His meaty little hands typed away rapidly on the keyboard and within a minute; he had hacked into Empire Hotel's security system.

Ning Sirui was very clever and had a strong interest in computer science.

He had even won first place in a programming competition while he was living abroad.

As such, he was very proficient when it came to handling these sorts of things.

As soon as he switched on the security cameras, he found out that the security system had been manually shut down in some areas inside the Empire Hotel half an hour ago.

Ning Sirui frowned deeply, and called Cheng Xiangyun right away.

“Aunt Xiang, I think mommy’s in trouble.” “Could you try asking the front desk if there was anyone suspicious leaving with a large suitcase?”

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Cheng Xiangyun had almost lost her mind by now. Hence, she did as she was told by the childish and yet calm voice on the phone.

At the set, Nan Chen’s expression grew impatient as he watched the performance of Luo Fei and her acting partner.

Their acting were over acting with very stiff body language and their eyes looked empty. It was a complete disaster.

Nan Chen had lost all hope in Luo Fei’s acting skills but she did have a huge fan base and could easily rake up a lot of views. So, he decided to give her an opportunity anyway in order to repay her for saving his life back then.

However, some skilled actors were still required to produce a good film. It would be a very terrible movie if they relied solely on the actors’ fame.

He had hoped for the films invested by his company to sell well but that didn’t not mean he would put up with poor quality work.

Their company’s reputation would be badly affected if they kept producing terrible movies. They would end up lose more than they gained.

As Nan Chen continued watching, he saw that practically none of the candidates that came for the audition were good in acting.

It didn’t matter if they were crying, laughing or even just maintaining a neutral expression. They were all overacting in their own ways.

Jiang Zhe was getting very nervous as he watched from the side. As he was about to say something, Nan Chen’s phone rang.

Nan Chen frowned and glanced at the stage, then stood up and walked away to a quiet spot.

When Luo Fei saw that Nan Chen had left, she stopped her acting to follow him.

She knew Nan Chen was coming for the audition but she hadn't even finished her part in the film which she had prepared for so long.

But Jiang Zhe stopped her before she could take a step further, "Ms. Luo, please do not disturb Mr. Chen."

Luo Fei gritted her teeth in anger but dared not take another step. It would not end well for her if she annoyed Nan Chen.

Nan Chen had walked quite far away before he found an empty spot. His bodyguards secured the area behind him.

He was about to leave after he finished talking on the phone when he heard a woman's faint cries for help.

Nan Chen followed the voice and came to a door.

As he tried to track the voice, it vanished out of a sudden.

In the room behind the door, Ning Ran wiped her face in despair.

Her nose and mouth were covered by a handkerchief so she held her breath subconsciously but still inhaled some of the drug and fainted.

There was no signal on her cellphone.

Ning Ran closed her eyes. She could hear the voice of her cute angels in her head.

They had gotten out of bed really early today just to tell her, "Give it your best, mommy!"

No, there was no way she would give up now.

Ning Ran dug out a card from her handbag and tried to unlock the door with it.

Outside the door, Nan Chen frowned in confusion. Could it be that he had misheard?

As he was about to leave, he heard a rustling noise coming from behind the door.

Someone inside was trying to open the door.

He stopped hesitating, took two steps back and rammed into the door.

The door suddenly opened from the inside. He couldn't stop in time and fell on top of the person inside.

The person had a soft body with a faint scent of orange blossom perfume. It instantly reminded him of that night from five years ago.

Ning Ran's eyes flushed after being tackled to the ground.

She struggled hard but the man was so heavy that she couldn't move at all.

"Let me go! I have to get to the audition....."

In the dim storage room, Nan Chen felt his entire body getting hotter as the woman struggled beneath him.

He tried to prop himself up but slipped and fell back onto her.

Ning Ran was both embarrassed and furious at this point. Then, she felt something hot sticking to her leg.