

Chapter 1091: Taking Over

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This spirit stone was the biggest and the best.

However, only half of it was left after Qiao Yanjue held it.

Such a speed of absorption gave Xia Xibei mixed feelings.

It was not an illusion, Qiao Yanjue's talent was really exceptionally strong!

Even if he missed the best period of cultivation, the strength he showed was much stronger than others.

"What's wrong?"

Looking at Xia Xibei's strange expression, Qiao Yanjue got anxious and threw the spirit stone away, hugging her and looking her up and down.

"What's wrong? Are you okay?"

Xia Xibei nestled in his arms, shaking her head and sighing, "What if you bully me in the future?"

"I bully you?"

Qiao Yanjue pointed to his nose, his face full of incredulity.

"Yeah," Xia Xibei nodded. "If you bully me, how can I fight back?"

Qiao Yanjue sighed and exposed his back, which had a number of scratches. "Come on, do you see this?"

Xia Xibei choked, annoyed, and slapped his back.

"Shut up!"

Qiao Yanjue laughed and held her in his arms, "Don't worry! If I dare to bully you, you can bully me back!"

Xia Xibei glared at him and got out of his arms, "Humph!"

Looking at her arrogant appearance, Qiao Yanjue felt comfortable.

It wasn't that he didn't like Xia Xibei's strength.

If he didn't like her strength, he wouldn't have liked her in the first place.

It was just that sometimes, Xia Xibei was so powerful and strong that he felt useless.

Now, he could feel the changes in his body and had a vague idea in his mind.

He would soon be stronger than Xia Xibei, and then he could protect her.

Moreover, he was happy to see this arrogant reaction of hers.

After a day and a night of activity, with just the spirit stones to renew their energy, the two of them were starving.

Qiao Yanjue got up and went to the kitchen to prepare food.

Only after the two of them finished eating did they go to see Liu Manhong.

They still had half a spirit stone left in their hands, so they were not in a hurry to use it up.

Even if this half-sized spirit stone was found, there was no need to worry.

After all, this spirit stone was now totally different from the stone they had stolen before.

Even if the Lu family wanted to settle the score, they wouldn't find a shred of evidence.

After putting the spirit stone away, the two of them went to Liu Manhong's house in high spirits.

Right after knocking on the door, the door opened, and inside was a man wearing an apron and holding a spatula.

"You're here."

Lu Xiaohang smiled as he looked at the handsome guy and beautiful girl in front of him, a glint of light flashing in his eyes.

In just two days, the two of them seem to have changed a lot!

He speculated to himself but did not ask questions.

Looking at how Lu Xiaohang was dressed, Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue couldn't help but glance at each other, their eyes full of surprise.

He was really here? And what was he wearing?

"I'm cooking for Hong Hong," Lu Xiaohang shook the spatula he was holding.

Hong Hong?!

Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue looked at each other.

Wouldn't Sister Hong be upset at being called by this name?

Lu Xiaohang welcomed them in, "Sit down. What do you want to drink?"

Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue were even more surprised.

How long had it been? How come he looked like the host here?

Where were the health aides and nannies?

Xia Xibei couldn't help but look around, but didn't see anyone else in sight.

"I told them to go take a break and come back later."

Lu Xiaohang answered without their asking.

The corners of Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue's mouths twitched as they looked at him in admiration.

This guy was too powerful!

In just two days, he had entered the house and become the host?

Incredible!

Chapter 1092: Demanding

"Lu Xiaohang, where's my food!"

As they stared wide-eyed, Liu Manhong yelled from inside, "Hurry up, I'm starving to death!"

"Okay, here it comes!" Lu Xiaohang answered, nodded apologetically at them, then quickly walked into the kitchen.

Looking at his upright back, Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue looked at each other, a little confused.

"Is he..."

Qiao Yanjue looked emotional. "This is the power of love!"

Xia Xibei slapped the back of his hand, "Please! It's only been a few days!"

Although Lu Xiaohang had previously made his attitude towards Liu Manhong clear, they also said they would not interfere.

However, this progress was too fast!

"So?" Qiao Yanjue looked unconcerned. "When I started to like you, it took just a few days."

Of course, his words were not exactly true.

When he first liked Xia Xibei, it took him quite a while to come to his senses.

However, once he started to wake up, he immediately made a decision.

It seemed that Lu Xiaohang was the same kind of person, with a strong sense of action. When he decided on something, he acted immediately.

As long as Lu Xiaohang did not hurt Liu Manhong, Qiao Yanjue had no ill feelings towards him.

Xia Xibei rolled her eyes at Qiao Yanjue in a huff, then saw Lu Xiaohang come out of the kitchen. He was holding a tray with rice, soup, and some dishes, all of which looked quite good.

Lu Xiaohang entered the room, and the two of them looked at each other and soon followed.

"Sister Hong."

“Sister Hong.”

Liu Manhong was being served by Lu Xiaohang, with the TV set in front of her, which was a little loud, so she didn't hear the commotion outside just now.

“You're here?” Liu Manhong greeted them. “Come and sit down.”

“How are you feeling?”

Xia Xibei walked over and took her pulse first.

Looking at her skillful movements, a light flashed in Lu Xiaohang's eyes.

He had guessed something before, but now it seemed that he could be sure of his speculations.

Xia Xibei was really something else!

Various thoughts flashed through his mind as he kept working to set the food on the table.

“I feel pretty good.”

Liu Manhong looked relaxed. Only her feet could not move yet, which made her just a little depressed.

“He...” Xia Xibei looked at Lu Xiaohang.

“Him?” Liu Manhong waved her hand “He's just hanging out here. In a couple of days, he'll be gone.”

If this young hottie wanted to come over, she'll let him. Whether he could stand up to her demands was up to him.

Anyway, Liu Manhong believed that normal men with normal temperaments couldn't bear her torture.

Therefore, she did not care about Lu Xiaohang's presence.

After two days, he would go away by himself.

“Hey, I don't eat bones!” she shouted at Lu Xiaohang again.

Then, she saw Lu Xiaohang pull out a pair of disposable gloves from somewhere, put them on, and start to help her peel the meat from the ribs.

The scene left the other two with conflicted expressions on their faces.

After making sure that Liu Manhong was okay and that Lu Xiaohang had no bad intentions, Xia Xibei left with Qiao Yanjue.

Watching Liu Manhong ordering Lu Xiaohang around, they didn't know what expression to use and had to leave.

After coming back, Xia Xibei received a call from director Jiang Shenghe.

During the phone call, Jiang Shenghe mentioned that the show “Hongyan Chance” was being scheduled for airing.

It was the end of November and “Hongyan Chance” was scheduled for airing during the Lunar New Year. So, it was time to start the promotion.

As one of the actors, Xia Xibei needed to cooperate with the promotion.

Xia Xibei agreed.

Chapter 1093: Coming for You

“Hongyan Chance” was finished with post-production and ready to be released.

Although there were still two months to go before the Lunar New Year, it was already time to start the promotion.

Before, Xia Xibei would have had to reschedule things to accommodate the promotion. This time, she had more time because of the cancellation of her last gig, so she agreed to do it.

Just after she agreed, Pan Yan called again.

Pan Yan said that he had gotten a variety show for her on the phone.

It was a very popular reality show.

The celebrity guests had to live in a small village in the middle of nowhere, where there was no internet, far from the hustle and bustle of the world.

The environment was harsh for the guests, and they had to complete various tasks in order to get help from the show and survive there.

Xia Xibei was invited before, but at that time, she put it off because she had to shoot a movie.

Now she had the time.

Xia Xibei shrugged her shoulders after she ended the call.

Work either didn't come or came all at once.

Pan Yan hung up the phone, but a short while later, he called again.

“What's up? Is there anything else?”

“Have you looked online?” Pan Yan asked.

“Seen what? What's happening?” Xia Xibei was curious.

“You'd better look at it first.”

Bewildered, Xia Xibei went online and soon saw what Pan Yan meant.

Today's trending topic was a Weibo post by Cheng Yingni.

When she clicked on it, Xia Xibei didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

This post had nothing to do with Xia Xibei, but the content was a bit special.

It was a short video, fewer than ten seconds.

In the video, a gorgeous cat followed Cheng Yingni's orders and did various things.

Shaking hands, rolling around, and playing dead.

The fans screamed with delight. This was too cute!

There were already a lot of cat lovers, and this cat was also Cheng Yingni's, so of course everyone was even more enthusiastic.

The fans reacted very enthusiastically, shouting "too cute" like crazy.

Cheng Yingni had posted several other updates all related to her cat.

If people didn't know her identity, they would think she was a pet blogger.

The cat was a chinchilla. It was vivacious, beautiful, smart, and obedient, which of course charmed the netizens.

Cheng Yingni's return had made many fans very happy.

Only she could be so capricious, quitting the entertainment industry at the peak of her career and going back to school.

However, even when she came back, she was still very young: only 20-years-old!

Many people grew up watching her shows, and in everyone's mind, she was an experienced showbiz veteran.

When people remembered her age, they were surprised.

Some people who were 20-years-old had not yet entered the entertainment industry, and here she had arrived for the second time.

She had seniority, but in fact, she was still young!

When she had just come back, she posted a photo of herself at the airport with the phrase, "I'm back."

In the photo, she was wearing sunglasses, making a "V" gesture to the camera, and smiling brightly.

Her beautiful and energetic face was mesmerizing and hard to look away from.

When they found out she was back, fans were thrilled.

After waiting two years, she finally came back!

At first, she was the national daughter. Now she could be the national goddess!

Xia Xibei saw that there were people who used her to compare and critique.

However, such remarks did not stir up much attention.

Pan Yan called again, "Have you finished watching?"

"Yes. There's nothing wrong with it."

"Kid!" Pan Yan was speechless. "Can't you see that she is coming for you?"

Chapter 1094: Targeting You

"Targeting me?" Xia Xibei froze for a moment. "What do you mean?"

"Didn't you see? That cat of hers is also a chinchilla!"

"Oh... So what?"

Xia Xibei thought Pan Yan might be thinking too much.

Chinchilla, ragdoll, exotic shorthair... They were all beautiful and well-behaved long-haired cats liked by many people. So what if Cheng Yingni also had a chinchilla?

How was it related to targeting her?

"Ugh!" Pan Yan was frustrated at her attitude. "Have you been at home too long? Has your brain deteriorated?"

Xia Xibei was a bit sheepish. she was really quite reckless these days, but Pan Yan's words still left her dissatisfied.

"Say something properly, don't do personal attacks! Or I'll attack back!"

Pan Yan rolled his eyes, "Didn't you see the other articles?"

"I read a little."

"She's already started stepping on you."

Xia Xibei raised her eyebrows, "Really?"

"Yes!" Pan Yan nodded emphatically "Moreover, she and you have taken the same variety show!"

So this was the point!

However, she realized that what Pan Yan said made sense.

As soon as Cheng Yingni came back, she stole her role, showed off her cat, and was on the same variety show as her. It was too much to be a coincidence.

"She's going to be on the same variety show as me?"

“Right. In three days, you’re going to be on the show together and you’re going to stay together for three days.”

There was plenty of time to get into trouble in those three days.

Xia Xibei’s eyes lowered and she finally said, “Okay then, I’ll go and meet her!”

It was always necessary to meet in person to know whether there was any animosity and why.

In the entertainment industry, sometimes two unrelated people could be pitted together for various competitions.

Sometimes the two people who were openly fighting to the death could be very good friends in private, but no one was sure.

Anyway, it was too hard to tell if this kind of thing was true or not.

“You have to be careful! She’s not to be messed with!” Pan Yan warned her.

Pan Yan knew Cheng Yingni’s manager and knew that she was a very powerful and ruthless character.

Combined with Cheng Yingni’s own performance and background, she was always very hot.

However, Pan Yan knew that they were not good people.

People who were too kind wouldn’t get far here. After all, there were too many traps in this circle, and if they were not careful, they would be smeared to the point where they would have no way out.

“Ok, I understand.”

Xia Xibei knew Pan Yan’s worry was founded and didn’t say he was making a fuss.

After hanging up the phone, Xia Xibei saw a mention of her account and opened it to see that “Hongyan Chance” had posted a trailer.

The trailer was short, just over two minutes, in which Xia Xibei appeared for ten seconds or so, and there were animals too.

She was always surrounded by animals, whether they were ordinary cats and dogs, tigers, or various mythical animals. She was definitely living up to the name of Queen of Animals.

After Xia Xibei retweeted the trailer, fans went wild.

She was simply too beautiful!

Who wouldn’t adore and love such a beautiful Queen of Animals?

However, while the fans were happy, a marketing account suddenly posted an update.

[Several dogs and cats died on the set! I heard that someone got them killed!]

The news quickly fermented, and it evolved into...

Xia Xibei killed several cats and dogs on the set! She was too cruel!

Xia Xibei was confused by this turn of events.

Chapter 1095: Quick Reversal

The abuse of cats and dogs had always been a heart-breaking topic.

Although it was only the abuse of cats and dogs and not the abuse of people, such people were definitely psychopaths. Who knew when they'd go from the abuse of cats and dogs to the abuse of people?

Anyway, people who dared to do such things were definitely not good people!

It was even more terrible if a star did this kind of thing.

The stars were the idols of many young people. Nowadays, young people liked to follow celebrities. If the stars did not create positive role models for young people, doing this kind of thing instead, it was simply a disaster!

So, this matter quickly fermented.

Someone shared a few photos.

In the photos, several dogs and cats were lying on the ground. Their fur was dirty and matted, there was blood on their mouths, their eyes were closed, and they seemed to have stopped breathing.

This scene was heartbreaking to watch.

If you were to compare this scene with how other celebrities adored their pets, the contrast was terrible!

So, Xia Xibei was once again one of the top searches.

Xia Xibei was confused looking at everyone's angry condemnation.

Animal abuse was not yet a crime in domestic laws, but it was indeed a big moral issue.

Was there something wrong with the people who attacked her? Didn't they investigate the situation before reacting?

Before things got bigger, her microblog updated.

People clicked and saw a video.

The video showed two dogs and a cat.

The animals looked familiar.

In the video, Xia Xibei gave the dogs and cat a hard kick and they flew out.

They wailed and spit out blood from their mouths, then fell down, unmoving.

Everyone's scalps tingled at the sight of this.

Crap!

Xia Xibei was too perverted! How dare she actually abuse and kill cats and dogs?!

She was simply horrible! She was a monster, right?

The worst thing was that she even took a video and posted it!

Some people were already ranting that this kind of monster should be banned by the entertainment industry! The police should arrest her!

People couldn't stand to watch it anymore and turned off the video.

The hashtag #XiaXibeiAbusesCatsandDogs quickly climbed to the top of the search list.

Other artists were stunned watching this scene.

Did Xia Xibei get hacked? Or was she having a breakdown?

How dare she put up such a thing?

Was she not getting canceled fast enough, or was she too popular?

While everyone was secretly rejoicing, the wind suddenly changed direction.

The hashtag #XiaXibeiBestPooperScooper quickly made it into the hot searches.

Everyone was confused.

What the hell?!

Some people argued with Xia Xibei's fans. Were they blind? Or had they lost their minds, to say that Xia Xibei was the best pooper scooper?

However, this question was finally answered after clicking on the video again.

It turned out that the video was one minute long.

The "abuse" part only took up a third of the time. However, many people turned off the video because the scene looked too bloody and violent.

After re-playing the video, they found a new world.

Later on, the "dead" cats and dogs got up from the ground, went back to look up at Xia Xibei and stuck out their red tongues. There was a little bit of debris leftover, as if it was some kind of fake blood.

When Xia Xibei reached out to touch them, they all fell to the ground, revealing their little bellies stained with blood.

Looking at the animals circling Xia Xibei, desperately begging for a reward, everyone was stunned!

Chapter 1096: Reversal

[Holy crap! What the hell is going on here?]

[I thought Xia Xibei was trying to kill herself, but what the hell just happened?]

[This reversal... It's too damn crazy!]

[I told you, Sister Bei is a big fan of animals. These dogs and cats like her too! You all forgot that one cat almost got depressed because she couldn't find Sister Bei!]

[I remember that cat... It looked like the cat in the video! Both are so cute!]

[They are a golden retriever, a husky, and a chinchilla! All of my favorites! But obviously, they like Sister Bei more!]

[They are competing for a favor, right?]

After watching the end of the video, everyone had mixed feelings.

Looking at the video again carefully, people realized that the so-called hard kick in the footage was actually a stunt kick.

Xia Xibei stretched out her foot, and the animals flew out with the force.

When they landed, they also tumbled a little.

Looking at it before, everyone thought it was abusive.

Now, it seemed that this was clearly a show by Xia Xibei and the animals!

How well would they have to work together to achieve such an effect?!

They were animals. How much time would it take to train them to do this?!

[I saw my dog, who was chewing on the slipper next to me, and couldn't help but pick up the other slipper!]

[How long did it take to train for this? They're so cute! Better than some actors!]

[They even knew how to bite open a bag of fake blood, and their timing was perfect! So smart!]

[Who said Sister Bei abused dogs and cats? Come on out and explain yourself!]

[Animals are very sensitive. If a human has the smell of their own kind of blood, they will avoid it.]

The online comments quickly changed.

Some fans compared the photos posted by the previous marketing account with screenshots of the dogs and cat in the video from Xia Xibei and discovered that the chinchilla and golden retriever, among others, were also involved in the filming of “Hongyan Chance”!

In other words, they were the animals that Xia Xibei “abused” in the movie!

However, they were still alive and well, and so smart and well-behaved!

In other words, what the marketing account said was simply false and nonsense!

At this time, SY Entertainment issued a lawyer’s letter, strongly condemning the marketing account for creating rumors and slandering Xia Xibei’s reputation.

The official blog of “Hongyan Chance” also issued the same condemnation.

They denounced the staff member who took the photos and spread the rumor. They also found the staff member and filed a lawsuit against him.

Then, the official blog also posted a video clip.

In the trailer, Xia Xibei looked fresh and lovely in the white outfit of the Queen of the Animals.

She was surrounded by a group of animals while she was holding food in her hand, smiling and interacting with them.

So many dogs and cats were wagging their tails excitedly, it felt like they were creating a wind storm.

This also showed how much the animals loved Xia Xibei.

Xia Xibei took a cat toy and tapped some dogs and cats on their heads at random.

The dogs and cats that were hit on the head quickly fell to the ground, spitting out red blood from their mouths and closing their eyes.

What was even more amazing was that their stomachs fluttered slightly, as if they were really dead.

Only after a while, after Xia Xibei’s hand touched them, did they get up, grunt, and affectionately stick out their tongues at her.

These two videos were enough to dispel the previous rumors.

Everyone knew that Xia Xibei was a cat and dog person!

Chapter 1097: Conflict of Interest

Pan Yan was also relieved as he watched the online opinion being turned around.

However, he was not in a good mood.

With his current resources, he quickly figured out who was trying to make trouble.

“Who is it?” Xia Xibei asked.

“Guess.”

Pan Yan’s expression was not very good.

“Cheng Yingni?”

“You know?”

He was surprised.

Xia Xibei shrugged, “According to the current situation, there shouldn’t be anyone but her who would do this to me!”

Actually, she was just guessing, but no one but Cheng Yingni would do that.

Everyone knew that people like her were too fierce and would retaliate powerfully every time!

After a few instances, everyone knew that if there was no direct and powerful evidence to damage her, they shouldn’t mess around with her.

If so, they would not get her down. Instead, she could rise up with the opportunity.

Multiple experiences had taught them this lesson: don’t mess around.

This was something domestic artists all basically understood.

Those who had been famous for a long time had no conflict of interest with her, and there was no need for them to engage in such things.

The only one who had a conflict of interest with her and who didn’t understand her power was Cheng Yingni, who just came back from abroad not too long ago.

Moreover, Cheng Yingni had tried to portray herself as a cat lover, and Xia Xibei was then accused as an abuser of cats and dogs. It was the exact opposite.

This was a strong contrast and a clear attack on Xia Xibei.

Cheng Yingni also stole her role...

After all this, it would be silly if Xia Xibei still could not figure out who it was.

In fact, Xia Xibei and Cheng Yingni’s professional images overlapped a bit.

When Cheng Yingni was in the industry before, she took the route of the national school beauty.

This was Cheng Yingni’s persona: the national daughter, the national school beauty, and the national goddess.

Moreover, although Cheng Yingni was working in the entertainment industry, she didn't leave behind her studies.

So, it was big news when she was finally accepted to a foreign school with very good grades.

Everyone knew that she was a top student.

Now, Xia Xibei, the top student, came out of nowhere and was also the national school beauty...

Their images had overlapped!

When their professional development overlapped, their resources naturally had a conflict too.

Now there was a need for competition.

Only, Xia Xibei did not expect that Cheng Yingni would provoke her as soon as she returned.

She was too fast and too impatient, right?

Pan Yan's expression was gloomy, "It is indeed her. I asked someone to find out, and it was her side that did it. When you were scolded by everyone, her side also sent out a press release."

So, without much investigation, a casual glance would tell you who the beneficiary was.

It was just that Cheng Yingni's side obviously hadn't learned what Xia Xibei could do.

Maybe they thought that Xia Xibei could be dealt with casually, so they didn't do much homework at all.

They didn't even know that the dogs and cats that had "died" in the movie were all Xia Xibei's "old friends"!

If they had used other points to attack, it might have been better.

However, they attacked her at just one point, so it took very little time to clear her name!

"Tomorrow, you're going to participate in 'Country Living' and will have contact with her."

Pan Yan looked at his schedule with a bit of a worried expression.

"When the time comes, I don't know what tricks she will play."

"What are you afraid of?" Xia Xibei laughed. "Country... It's the wilderness, right? That is my territory."

Looking at Xia Xibei's confident look, Pan Yan also slowly relaxed.

Since she said it was no problem, it was absolutely no problem.

The next day, everyone arrived at the filming location.

Chapter 1098: Bad Luck

When she arrived at the set and saw the other guests, Xia Xibei froze for a moment.

There were nine guests in each episode of this show.

Among these guests, apart from Cheng Yingni, there were two acquaintances of Xia Xibei's.

One was Nie Zehai, and the other was Shi Shuhang.

These two male friends of hers in the entertainment industry had come over.

When Shi Shuhang saw Xia Xibei, he ran over happily.

"Sister Bei! It's been a long time!"

They had done some promotion for a while after the drama they filmed, before it had aired.

After that, however, they rarely saw each other.

They'd occasionally interact online to cheer up their fans, but there was not much else. After all, everyone was busy.

Shi Shuhang had been filming other dramas lately and was also making time for variety shows.

Nie Zehai had been popular for a while, but he was interested in transitioning so that he could continue to develop in the industry, so this was a temporary window in his schedule.

Xia Xibei had helped both of them a lot.

If it wasn't for Xia Xibei, Nie Zehai would be out of the entertainment industry right now because of that incident.

Shi Shuhang was in the same situation. If he hadn't cut ties with those toxic friends, he might have been in big trouble by now and there would be no turning back.

After all these things, they understood that Xia Xibei was different from others, so there was no way for them to treat her as a junior or a sister, even if they were all a few years older than her.

"Sister Bei."

Nie Zehai walked over with a smile on his face.

"You're all here," Xia Xibei smiled. "Why didn't you tell me earlier?"

"It was a surprise for you!" Shi Shuhang said with a big grin.

"Are you sure it's a surprise and not a shock?" Xia Xibei gave him a sidelong glance. "You know how to cook?"

"I can't..." Shi Shuhang shook his head, but immediately added, "But I'll work hard! I can also wash dishes!"

In this kind of show, they were required to compete for food.

What made this show different from others was that they had to get ingredients from the wild, as long as the ingredients were not from protected animals.

However, this was difficult to do.

Who had this ability to get ingredients from the wild?

If they had that ability, they'd have gone on wilderness survival shows!

Shi Shuhang patted his chest and said, "Don't worry, I will do well and definitely won't drag you guys down!"

That's what he said, but he was left in tears when the first session began.

He looked at the number he was holding and his eyes got really red.

"This... It's just a momentary lapse, really!"

Nine guests came this time, divided into three groups.

Each voluntarily formed group had two men and one woman. Xia Xibei, Nie Zehai, and Shi Shuhang were in one group.

After all, they were friends. This would give fans who liked them as couples some gossip material.

After the grouping, they began to draw lots in order to enter the village.

If one's order was too far back, the good ingredients would be taken away by others.

Moreover, the program team was cruel in deciding that the guests who went up first could take all the ingredients away!

In other words, there may be nothing left for the last group.

Shi Shuhang was unlucky enough to draw the last one.

When they went in after the other two groups, they were sadly told that all of the ingredients were gone!

There was nothing left!

Not even a carrot or green onion was left for them!

Shi Shuhang's vision went dark and he almost passed out.

This was too much bad luck!

Chapter 1099: Only One Person Could be Added

Shi Shuhang was about to cry looking at the empty basket.

This was too unlucky!

Moreover, those two groups were too cruel to not leave anything for them!

However, this kind of show was cruel to begin with. Why was he so unlucky that he drew the last lot?!

“What now?” Nie Zehai asked, looking at the quiet little village.

It was a very small village, with only about thirty families, and a population of about 100, many of whom had gone out to work and lived away from the village.

The environment here was very good, but it was hard to reach.

They did not know how the program team found this kind of place. It was simply to make things difficult for the guests.

Now, as the food provided by the program was gone, they could only find other ways to get food.

If they couldn't find food, the program would not provide any.

If they starved to death, it was their own business.

The TV crew said they were cold-blooded.

After watching a few episodes of this show, Xia Xibei had also learned the routine here, so naturally they would not pin their hopes on the crew.

While they were torn, the other group came over with their food and greeted them with a smile.

“How's it going? Did you find something to eat?”

Looking at the food in their baskets, Shi Shuhang's eyes turned green with envy.

There was fish and meat and vegetables, quite a lot of it too.

There was enough for the three of them to eat two meals.

“No,” Shi Shuhang shook his head helplessly.

“Do you want to come to our group?” Cheng Yingni laughed brightly, “We can add one more person!”

This made Xia Xibei look up at her, clearly seeing the provocation in her smile.

Only one more person could be added. This was said for her benefit, right?

The team members could freely combine, but if the other party did not want to join, then there was nothing to be done.

“It's okay, I'll stay,” Shi Shuhang shook his head. “Alas, why did I have bad luck?!”

If he hadn't drawn the last number, there would have been something left for them.

In this case, it would be too unrighteous of him to go to Cheng Yingni's group and leave behind Xia Xibei and Nie Zehai!

“Okay then, good luck finding more food!” Cheng Yingni didn’t say much else to them and left with the other two guests. “We have to go back and cook!”

The two male guests also knew what they were doing and said loudly, “Oh, I want to eat stir-fry shredded pork with green peppers!”

“I want to eat braised fish! Yummy!”

Looking at their smug departure, Shi Shuhang became even more bitter.

“Brother Hai, Sister Bei, what’s going to happen now?” He looked around, his brow furrowed. “I wonder if we can find some food in the village...”

From the looks of it, there shouldn’t be much food there.

Most of the people here were old people and children who were left behind. They didn’t have much food on hand, so they were too embarrassed to ask for food.

Xia Xibei looked at the distant mountains and forests, “Let’s go up the mountain!”

“Go up the mountain?” Nie Zehai was surprised. “Go up the mountain for what?”

“To look for food!” Xia Xibei was serious. “There will be food on the mountain.”

Nie Zehai and Shi Shuhang looked at each other, both speechless.

“There should be food on this mountain... But the problem is that it’s winter now and it’s dangerous there. What food can we find?”

It was almost December, and although it was not snowing here, it was already very cold and the tree branches were frozen with ice.

It would be very deadly to go into the mountains!

Moreover, even if there were pheasants and hares, how would they catch them?!

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Seeing that both of them disagreed, Xia Xibei pondered for a while and changed her mind.

“Then let’s go to the river.”

There was a small river here which looked crystal clear, and there were fish and shrimp in the river.

The fish and shrimp in the water weren’t protected animals, and they were okay to eat. The water was not deep either, so it was not dangerous.

Xia Xibei could spend the night in the mountains by herself without a problem, but for now, she could only take the conventional route.

“Fishing?”

Nie Zehai and Shi Shuhang looked at each other and could only nod.

“Then let’s go and see!”

They were not far from the small river outside the village, and soon the group arrived at the river.

The river water here was not frozen, but when they walked to the edge, they felt a coldness coming on.

Looking at the clear river water and the fish swimming in it, they were happy but also had a little headache.

What could they do here?

“Should we go back and ask the villagers to borrow a net?” Shi Shuhang suggested. “Or should we borrow a fishing rod?”

Otherwise, how could they catch fish with their bare hands?

Xia Xibei looked around and shook her head, “No.”

“No?” The two men were speechless. “Then what do we do?”

Were they just going to watch from the sidelines?

As soon as they said this, Xia Xibei was seen walking towards the trees nearby.

She picked up long tree branches which had fallen to the ground.

“What are you doing?”

The two men followed with bewildered faces.

“Weaving a basket.”

“A basket?” The two men were shocked. “You can make one?”

“Yeah.” Xia Xibei looked around and said to them, “Help me find more of these branches.”

Although they thought her idea was crazy, they dutifully went to find the materials.

Xia Xibei was very good, but could she actually weave baskets?

Baskets and fishing nets... They were different things, right?!

The cameraman who followed them captured Xia Xibei’s action on film.

Whether she could do it or not, this was great for the show!

If she couldn’t, the failure would also look good for TV!

At first, she swore she could and she was so confident, then something went wrong. Such a contrast would certainly attract many viewers.

Xia Xibei didn’t care what they thought. She pulled out the knife she got at the beginning of the recording and started to sharpen the tree branches.

By the time Nie Zehai and Shi Shuhang returned with more branches, she had the beginnings of a basket in her hands.

She was too fast!

It had been less than ten minutes since they left, and she was already almost done with a basket!

Her speed and proficiency were better than those of the village elders!

“Are we using the basket to catch fish later?”

Nie Zehai finally remembered to ask a question.

They probably couldn’t catch any fish with a fishing net, so how could they do so with these ordinary baskets?

“Yes,” Xia Xibei nodded and continued weaving without looking up. “Don’t worry, we can catch the fish.”

Nie Zehai and Shi Shuhang looked at each other and finally gave up on persuading her.

Anyway, it was not the last minute. They were not very hungry, so they could “play around” here first.

If they failed in the end, they could still go back and shamelessly borrow food from the villagers!

With this mindset, they let Xia Xibei do her thing.

After half an hour, two baskets appeared in Xia Xibei’s hands.

They touched the baskets and found that they were quite sturdy and firm, and the pattern was also good.

“You know how to do this!”

Both of them were surprised.

“You can sell baskets for money!”

With Xia Xibei’s popularity, if she were to really sell her handmade baskets, someone would definitely pay a high price.

Xia Xibei stood up and ignored the comment.

“Let’s go eat some fish!”