

Chapter 191: Setting the Tone on the Internet

Previously, the majority of comments on the internet were praises for Xia Xibei.

However, a few hours had passed, and things had taken a sharp turn.

Someone noticed that Xia Xibei looked rather familiar, so they went browsing for a bit and found something different.

“I was wondering why she looks so familiar. She was the girl in the ‘kitty with a gift’ video!”

“So it’s her! I remember it, now that you mentioned it. That kitty was adorable!”

“Oh, by the way, wasn’t the cat’s owner looking for her previously? How did she come all the way here? Has she lost her way?”

At this point, someone posted a few pictures.

“She’s here! Also, I don’t think the matter is as simple as it seems!”

There were several figures in the picture, with Xia Xibei in the center, surrounded by a cat and a dog.

“Why is there another dog? The kitty is cute, and the doggie is adorable too! I wanna stroke them so bad!”

“Not simple? What do you mean by that? The person has been identified now, isn’t that pretty great?”

“Haha, how naive of you guys! Try to think of all that has happened. Don’t you think it’s too much of a coincidence?”

“Now that you put it this way, I find it strangely coincidental too. Look at the timeline. He was only looking for her just that morning, yet he managed to find her by night? That’s too soon, isn’t it?!”

“Exactly. I won’t believe you if you say there’s nothing wrong about this! And look at that! The two pets were so friendly towards the girl! How could they not have met before?”

“Damn it, can this be yet another hype? Is this girl about to debut or something?”

“Holy jeez, she’s received so much hate before she even debuts, how unbelievable! But if you put everything else aside, it can’t be a hype that she stopped the bad guy and rescued so many children, can it?”

“Right! Can you guys not come up with so many conspiracy theories? Does everyone have to hire people to do bad things just to debut? Is she going for the title of ‘world savior’ now? Aren’t you thinking too much into this?”

“Who knows? Also, I’m doubting whether her so-called background is real. Do such tragic people still exist these days? People love acting pitiful now. This is not new anymore.”

People started bickering in the comments section.

With some ill-intentioned people setting the tone on the internet, people were beginning to doubt the authenticity of the news.

After all, it seemed like too much of a coincidence!

Xia Xibei looked like a weak, feeble, little girl at first glance, so how could she stop a big, burly man just like that? Was she some kind of King Kong-Barbie hybrid?

“Just wait and see! I bet fifty cents that this girl is trying to make her way into the entertainment industry! Perhaps you’ll see her debut out of nowhere in a few days! By then, you’ll know who’s real and who’s fake!”

Song Jiaren recited the comment through gritted teeth, rage burning within her.

“These people are disgusting! How do they even have so many ill thoughts!”

She was so furious that her chest began to ache.

“Pffff! Do they think that everyone’s trying to make a hype? You’re not even part of the entertainment industry!”

When she finished talking, she remembered something, instantly becoming worried.

“Erm... If you become a celebrity for real, is this going to...”

She knew that Xia Xibei was planning on becoming a celebrity, but if she joined the entertainment industry at this point of time, what they said would come true, wouldn't it?

Those haters would die due to all the excitement!

“It's nothing to worry about,” Xia Xibei laughed. “They clearly don't want me to join the entertainment industry by saying all those things, do they?”

If the previous comments were normal, then it was obvious that someone was deliberately setting the tone at this moment.

“If I try to prove my innocence by not joining the entertainment industry, I'd be hitting the nail right on the head, wouldn't I?”

Her eyes glittered as she flashed a bright smile.

“But it's a pity that I won't be kind enough to tend to their wish.”

Chapter 192: Make Them Mad

Pan Yan was very surprised.

He had also seen the news about Xia Xibei on the Internet today. This whole thing caused a lot of drama, showing up in all the top searches.

When he saw Xia Xibei's name in the top searches, he was very happy for her.

If he had this kind of talent to manage, the effect would be even better!

Other stars spent a lot of time trying to get on top searches without it being negative news.

Many people would be so jealous of getting on top searches using only positive news.

But, while he was happy for her, he felt pity too.

It didn't matter how hot Xia Xibei became; she couldn't sign a contract now.

He was even more afraid of Xia Xibei going to other companies. After all, some companies had less strict regulations.

But he couldn't ask Xia Xibei not to sign with other companies. He had no right.

The more he thought about it, the more heartbroken he became. He sighed even more when he saw the other new recruits at the company.

Never mind everything else, Xia Xibei's looks alone were top-level.

Originally, he wanted to select a few good newcomers from among these trainees, but because Xia Xibei was so amazing, he simply couldn't find anyone similar.

In the past two days, his management had also urged him to start working with an artist.

ST's agents and artists were divided into different levels, and they were able to choose each other.

If one wanted to make money, then one needed to cultivate a popular star.

If one didn't want to make money, they could be like Pan Yan and take a break.

However, Pan Yan was quite capable. Even if he didn't want to make money, so many artists in the company had to make money!

After taking a break, Pan Yan had to continue to work with an artist.

As for Xia Xibei... He'd just wait for her to become an adult before signing her! Hopefully, she wouldn't have signed with another company by then.

He didn't expect that just as he had this idea, he would receive a call from Xia Xibei.

He became very confused after listening to Xia Xibei's words.

"You... You want to sign with our company?"

"Yes," Xia Xibei nodded from the other end. "I have changed my guardian. I can sign a contract now."

These words surprised Pan Yan.

"You changed your guardian?"

"Yes. If you think it's okay, we can meet tomorrow."

"Of course!" Pan Yan nodded immediately. This felt like a pie in the sky! "We'll meet up tomorrow!"

Xia Xibei hung up and looked excitedly at Song Jiaren.

“Yes, exactly! Make them mad!”

Jiaren Song was very angry at the moment. Why did those people say that about Xia Xibei? Who would try to promote themselves with such dangerous things?

What if Xia Xibei could not enter the entertainment industry because of this?

Fortunately, Xia Xibei did not do such a stupid thing. Otherwise, those negative-minded people would be so happy!

“I really want to see Xia Qinghan and the others’ faces,” Song Jiaren stated with a smug expression.

Ever since Xia Qinghan confirmed her entry into the ST company, things had become different.

Xia Qinghan didn’t show off directly, but Liu Zhijing and Tao Yueying acted as if she was already a superstar, like they were on top of the world.

Moreover, every time Xia Xibei was mentioned, they always gloated.

This really upset Song Jiaren.

If it weren’t for Xia Xibei’s reputation, she might have found someone to show them the error of their ways!

Moreover, Xia Qinghan did not do what she had previously promised to do: apologize. This made Song Jiaren feel even more disgusted with her.

Now, Xia Xibei would enter the same company as her. Who knew how she would react when that happened?

With that thought, Song Jiaren's smile grew sunnier and sunnier.

Chapter 193: Grievances

The next day, Pan Yan went to the scheduled place ahead of time.

Xia Xibei arrived after a short wait.

This time, there was a beautiful woman with a different kind of style beside her.

'Was she Xia Xibei's new guardian?' Pan Yan thought as he quickly stood up.

"C'mon, sit here."

Liu Manhong looked at Pan Yan and his baby face, raising her eyebrows subconsciously. "Beibei, you are signing with him?"

"Yes," Xia Xibei nodded.

"It doesn't feel very legit. Should we find another agency? I know a lot of people."

Liu Manhong's words struck Pan Yan in the heart. Was he being given the cold shoulder?

Pan Yan's face paled after being rejected in person like this, but he still held hiis ground.

"Hello, my name is Pan Yan. I am a silver-level agent at SY Entertainment."

"SY Entertainment?" Liu Manhong frowned for a moment, then her face turned grim. "Is Bai Meixue with your company?"

"Yes," Pan Yan nodded in bewilderment. "Do you know her?"

"Of course! How could I not?" Liu Manhong sneered with a look of disdain. "I didn't realize she was still a star! Didn't she leave the entertainment business after being exposed?"

Pan Yan looked at her in surprise. It sounded like the two of them had a lot of bad blood between them!

“Um... I don’t know.”

He felt a little awkward. What could he say?

Even Xia Xibei was a little surprised.

Since this was her own business and Liu Manhong just needed to come over to sign some papers, Xia Xibei hadn’t explained the whole thing that well.

Therefore, she did not expect Liu Manhong to have a grudge against Bai Meixue.

“Sister Hong, did Bai Meixue offend you before?”

Although Xia Xibei had only known Liu Manhong for one day, she was unconditionally on her side.

Moreover, given Liu Manhong’s character, she would not make enemies so casually.

Coupled with Xia Xibei’s understanding of Bai Meixue... Liu Manhong must be the victim in this conflict.

“Hah!” Liu Manhong laughed coldly. “Does stealing my husband count?” Although he was already an ex-husband by now.

These words stunned everyone.

Pan Yan gasped. They had such terrible grievances!

Although he had heard of some vague romantic scandals involving Bai Meixue in the past, Pan Yan never thought that the woman before him would be in the middle of it!

“Of course,” Xia Xibei nodded. “I don’t have to want certain things and people, but I can’t let others steal them either.”

If something was hers, she’d throw it away before giving it away! If they dared to rob her, she would fight them!

Xia Xibei’s words made Liu Manhong nod in satisfaction.

“Yes, exactly!”

She liked Xia Xibei’s style.

“At the time, when I caught Bai, the mistress, and the scumbag red handed, I wanted to make it a big deal, but looking at the scumbag’s property compensation, I let them off. I just didn’t expect her to still be in this industry.”

Liu Manhong had a tough character. When she learned that her scumbag spouse had cheated on her, she went to catch them in the act.

In order to keep things from becoming public, combined with the power of the Qiao family, the scumbag had readily given her a lot of money.

With the property given by her ex-husband, Liu Manhong's life was very chic.

As for Bai Meixue... As long as she didn't provoke her, Liu Manhong had no interest in taking care of her.

What she didn't expect was that the company Xia Xibei wanted to join was actually related to Bai Meixue!

"Or maybe you should change the company?" Liu Manhong suggested. "There are so many big companies around."

Pan Yan immediately became nervous. Xia Xibei won't really change her mind, right?

However, Xia Xibei shook her head and smiled, "No, let's join this company. Otherwise, they'll think we are afraid of them!"

Chapter 194: No Need for a Lawyer

Liu Manhong looked at Xia Xibei, laughing and clapping her hands in praise. "Okay! That's ambitious! I support you!"

She looked at Pan Yan, who was overjoyed yet at a loss for words, saying with a grin, "This is really a good deal for you."

With Xia Xibei's qualifications, it would be easy for her to get into any company!

She turned her head and told Xia Xibei, "Don't worry! With me here, that mistress wouldn't dare do anything to you."

To be honest, she had quite a bit of dirt on Bai Meixue.

It was just that Bai Meixue hadn't tried to create any trouble over the last few years, so she hadn't done anything in return.

But if she was provoked, she would show no mercy.

Looking at Liu Manhong's regal demeanor, Pan Yan couldn't help but wipe away some sweat.

As soon as this woman appeared, her aura seemed different.

He could tell that she deliberately wanted to put pressure on him.

But he really didn't feel confident.

After all, it was him begging Xia Xibei to sign, not the other way around.

"Don't worry, our company is very fair and won't mess around," he explained quickly.

"Hah!"

Liu Manhong pursed her mouth, seemingly noncommittal.

Was any company really ethical? Especially entertainment companies, who had so many tricks up their sleeves.

However, Liu Manhong did not force Xia Xibei to refuse. After all, this was Xia Xibei's own decision.

Although Xia Xibei was not yet an adult, her behavior reassured Liu Manhong that all would be ok.

Additionally, Liu Manhong felt that the reason Xia Xibei wanted to enter this company was not a simple one.

The best she could do for Xia Xibei was to fight those evil people.

If she couldn't fend them off, she could always go to Qiao Yanjue.

Now that he was her big brother, he couldn't hide behind anyone.

"I will sign with you, but we must be clear on the contract," Xia Xibei informed Pan Yan.

Pan Yan nodded and took out the contract he had brought. "See if there is anything inappropriate. We can always talk more."

Xia Xibei took the contract and began to read it, word for word.

Liu Manhong took a look at it and couldn't help but frown. This kind of thing made her dizzy.

"Why don't I get a lawyer to take a look at it?" Professional knowledge could only be provided by professionals, after all.

Liu Manhong had so many companies, but she couldn't manage them all by herself, so she had a team to aid her. Lawyers were indispensable members of that team.

"No, I can do it myself," Xia Xibei smiled and shook her head.

Liu Manhong surrendered in resignation at her words. "If you don't understand, you can always ask a lawyer."

Xia Xibei nodded, then kept reading.

Pan Yan was a little nervous when he heard that they could be looking for a lawyer.

It wasn't that the contract was fishy, but the presence of lawyers generally meant there were faults to be found.

Since Xia Xibei chose to read the contract by herself, he allowed himself to relax.

However, he realized that he had relaxed too soon.

There was no lawyer here, yet Xia Xibei's thoughts and analysis were as good as that of a lawyer!

"Look at this one," Xia Xibei said, pointing to one of the terms. "It just states my responsibilities, but it doesn't say what you should do."

"And look at this one. The time seems to be a bit too long."

"I don't think this term is very appropriate. This word is ambiguous. If there are any problems in the future, won't we have to argue again?"

“This one...”

“Here...”

“And this...”

As Xia Xibei continued to comment on the contract, Pan Yan’s expression began to gradually stiffen.

Meanwhile, Liu Manhong laughed aloud on the side.

No wonder Xia Xibei didn’t think a lawyer was necessary; she herself could match the talent of a professional lawyer!

Chapter 195: Signed the Contract

Pan Yan was sweating all over after they had finished discussing everything.

There were some imperfections in the contract, but that didn’t affect it overall.

What he didn’t realize was that Xia Xibei could find these small problems.

“You... Are you really an 11th grader? Not a law student?” he couldn’t help but ask.

“Of course,” Xia Xibei nodded. “I will be in my last year of high school next semester! We mentioned it here, right? At that time, I will focus on my studies and make sure there’s no issues with my college entrance examinations.”

Even if she didn’t have to worry about studying, she couldn’t relax.

“I’m just thinking... How stupid was I when I was in high school?!” Pan Yan shook his head and sighed emotionally.

Were high schoolers all so incredible now?!

Even a professional lawyer did not necessarily have such professional abilities.

“If there is no problem, you can reprint the contract and we can sign it now,” Xia Xibei said with a smile.

“OK!”

After seeing Xia Xibei’s strength, Pan Yan became more confident in her than ever before.

He would have to worry about her if she was a beauty without brains. After all, it took IQ to go further in this industry.

He had seen the way many celebrities had ruined their careers.

Pan Yan didn't have to worry about someone like Xia Xibei, a talent with a high IQ who could recite laws and regulations, making such low-level mistakes.

He had to sign her!

Pan Yan was confident in his intuition.

He couldn't miss a talent like her!

Soon, Pan Yan found a place to reprint a contract.

Xia Xibei checked the contract again, finally nodding in satisfaction.

There was a clear stipulation of her rights and obligations, and there was no shortage of rights and obligations for the company. They were all clearly written, so she didn't have to be afraid about being cheated by the company.

Most importantly, this contract was only for the next three years.

Generally speaking, other artists had to sign contracts for at least five years, and some for more than 10 years. After all, the company had to spend a lot of time cultivating artists before they began making money for the company.

If it were not for Liu Manhong's cynicism and behaving as if they'd change the agency if he didn't agree, Pan Yan would not dare to sign her for such a short time.

Seeing Xia Xibei signing her name, Pan Yan finally breathed a sigh of relief. However, he also felt more pressure.

He must work harder to help Xia Xibei become famous in such a short time.

"Happy collaboration!"

He stood up and reached out his hand to Xia Xibei.

"Happy collaboration!"

Xia Xibei also shook his hand.

The two of them smiled at each other.

Since they were now partners, fighting side by side in the future, Pan Yan also needed to learn more about Xia Xibei's situation.

The important thing was Xia Xibei's talents in all aspects. They were real skills.

"Do you know any music instruments?"

"A little bit."

"What do you know?"

"Piano, violin, drums, guitar, guqin, Chinese zither..."

Xia Xibei mentioned a list of instruments in one breath, finally adding, "I know a little bit about all of them."

Pan Yan almost spit out his water.

Seeing her confident look, he thought she was skilled in all of them!

Well, she was only 17 years old. How could she know everything? It was great that she knew even a little bit.

And her previous life was so hard, so she couldn't have had much time to spend on these things.

“What about singing and dancing?”

“Not bad. I can perform on stage with some more practice,” Xia Xibei said with confidence.

Pan Yan raised his brows. She sounded really sure of herself!

Whether or not she could do it would have to be proven later.

Chapter 196: Bai Meixue's Rage

“What?! Xia Xibei signed?!”

Bai Meixue was shocked, her expression ugly.

“Yes.” Pan Yan looked at her questioningly. “Sister Xue, is there a problem?”

“No, but she... weren't her parents reluctant to sign? Why did...”

“Oh, she changed her guardian. The contract was signed by the new guardian,” Pan Yan said with a smile.

However, when Pan Yan was watching Bai Meixue, he was a little more guarded.

If he didn't know that Liu Manhong had just become Xia Xibei's guardian, he would have thought that Bai Meixue was so resistant to Xia Xibei because of Liu Manhong.

So why did Bai Meixue have such an attitude? What was the grudge between her and Xia Xibei?

After several encounters—Pan Yan was not stupid, a fool couldn't have become the company's silver-level agent—he definitely felt Bai Meixue's hostility towards Xia Xibei.

Where did this hostility come from?

Bai Meixue didn't notice Pan Yan's suspicion of her, still in shock. Xia Xibei had actually signed a contract with the company!

She had already hired people to set the tone online. If ordinary girls encountered such things, even if they initially had the idea of entering the entertainment industry, they would have been dissuaded by now.

If Xia Xibei really entered the entertainment industry, many people would then think that the previous things were all a publicity stunt.

This kind of slander would not be something a young woman could handle.

But who would have thought that Xia Xibei would still sign a contract! And she signed with their SY company!

What did Xia Xibei want? Why did she have to join their company?

“She switched guardians?”

“Yes. Her parents had given up their custody of her, transferring custody to another person.”

Pan Yan didn't mention the existence of Liu Manhong, so Bai Meixue wouldn't think too much into it.

Bai Meixue didn't make the connection to Liu Manhong, but she still couldn't calm down.

Was the little b*tch still going into the entertainment industry?!

No way! She would not let her succeed!

She shouldn't think she would be a winner just because she was a part of this industry!

Because she was so emotional, Bai Meixue couldn't control her expressions at all, which made Pan Yan even more guarded.

“President Li, this is the contract that was just signed.”

Pan Yan put the contract in front of President Li.

Bai Meixue leaned over to take a look. When her eyes fell on the phrase “three years,” she couldn’t help but frown.

“Little Pan, how can you sign her for three years? Our company does not have such a rule!”

“Sister Xue, our company has such a precedent!” Pan Yan looked serious. “Furthermore, it is stated in the contract that if she wants to sign a contract in three years under the same conditions, she will choose our company.”

Without waiting for Bai Meixue to continue, he kept talking.

“If three years have passed and she doesn’t work out, then it’s okay to terminate the contract. If she became hot by then, we would have to increase the salary to keep her, right? So it’s fine. The most important thing is that the company’s earnings are the same and won’t change due to the length of time.”

Pan Yan had already discussed everything with Xia Xibei, so he wouldn’t be stopped by Bai Meixue’s questions now.

“Haha...” Bai Meixue smiled dryly. “That makes sense.”

Pan Yan had made things very clear, and of course President Li had no complaints.

“Since it is signed, so be it.”

President Li took a look, and when he was sure that there was no problem, he made the final decision.

Bai Meixue’s mouth moved a bit, but she finally resisted reacting.

Returning to her room, she almost trashed the place.

Chapter 197: Never the Same

“What?! Xia Xibei signed the contract too?!”

Xia Qinghan’s shocked voice said abruptly, her face a little distorted.

Bai Meixue couldn’t help but scowl when she saw the hideous expression that Xia Qinghan was wearing.

“What are you so worked up for? Calm down!”

Although she herself had almost torn apart the room earlier, she couldn't allow Xia Qinghan to lose her mind.

She had to be at her best regardless of the circumstances because that was the only way they could tame the monsters raging out there.

"Auntie Xue, I thought that Xia Xibei couldn't sign the contract? Why did she suddenly..."

Xia Qinghan was overwrought.

She had initially been elated when she found out about Xia Xibei's background.

Xia Xibei not being able to sign the contract was the best news that she could ever receive.

By the time she debuted, Xia Xibei would only be able to watch her enviously from below. It would be a fabulous feeling to look down on her from such a dominant position!

There was already a huge disparity between her and Xia Xibei, one which would only get bigger and bigger as time passed.

If so, Xia Xibei would never be able to catch up with her!

But now she was being told that Xia Xibei had signed the contract too, joining the same company...

Was she trying to drive her crazy?!

“She had a change of custody, that’s why she could sign it,” Bai Meixue had calmed down by now, her expression rather cool and grim. “Even if things have turned out this way, let’s not overthink it.”

“But, if she...”

“Don’t think about it too much,” Bai Meixue cut her off. “She joined the company, but that doesn’t mean she can do anything.”

Continuing, Bai Meixue sneered with contempt, “Don’t worry, you’re different from her. You grew up in a wealthy family, while she’s just some stray kid from the streets. Even if the two of you stand on the same ground, that doesn’t mean you are equal. Even if we put all other things aside and just talk about talent alone, she’ll never be able to keep pace with you!”

These words managed to calm Xia Qinghan’s nerves, helping her to regain her confidence a little.

She was right! Why should she get all worked up because of her?

Even if the two of them joined the same company, that didn’t mean their career prospects would be the same!

She had begun learning all sorts of skills from a young age, having been exposed to everything from music and art to literature.

And if you took a look at Xia Xibei, what did she have?

She was abandoned by her parents from a young age, with only a few hundred yuan in pocket money to spend every month. She had trouble just trying to survive, let alone learning any skills.

With the enormous gap between the two of them, just how much effort would it take for Xia Xibei to even catch up to her?

Having thought that, Xia Qinghan felt so much better.

“Alright, I get it now,” she assured Bai Meixue with her usual elegant, reserved smile. “I won’t lose control again.”

“That’s how you should be!” Bai Meixue nodded with approval, “Remember, you and she don’t belong in the same world! Rest assured, I’ve started arranging work for you. As long as you perform well, I can guarantee that you’ll be famous very soon!”

“Really?” Xia Qinghan asked in surprise. “What kind of work?”

“You shouldn’t tell anyone about this.”

“I won’t!”

“They are working on a new series right now, and there’s an interesting role in it.”

“What role?”

“The queen of animals. You’ll have to interact with some animals by then, but don’t worry about it. It’ll only involve some small animals, as the bigger ones will be produced with special effects.”

“Queen of animals? And I have to interact with small animals?” Xia Qinghan furrowed her brows. “I... I don’t like animals.”

She always felt that those little things were so filthy.

“Even if you don’t like them, you have to pretend as if you do!” Bai Meixue rebuked with a cold face.

“Alright then...”

“Don’t worry, it’s directed by a famous director. As long as your performance is outstanding, you’ll certainly become famous!”

“Alright!”

After some motivation, Xia Qinghan finally gained some confidence.

Chapter 198: Can't Improve Together

With the reassurances that Bai Meixue gave her, Xia Qinghan had finally regained her usual composure when she met Xia Xibei.

They had different statuses, so the resources that would flow to them would be different as well, and their career prospects wouldn't be the same either!

With that thought in mind, she flashed Xia Xibei a bright smile outside the music classroom.

"I never thought we would become colleagues!"

"Right, I didn't expect it either," Xia Xibei smiled as well.

"How amazing! We could improve together!" Xia Qinghan beamed.

"No need for that, though."

Those words froze the smile on Xia Qinghan's face.

“What... Did you say?”

“I’m quite a petty person, in fact.” Xia Xibei’s smile showed no hint of displeasure, but her words didn’t sound quite nice. “You still haven’t apologized to me for that day, and I feel kinda uneasy about it. I just can’t seem to erase the incident from my mind, for some reason. So, I guess... It’s kinda hard for me to improve with you.”

Xia Qinghan’s smile had disappeared, and she seemed a little awkward.

“Um... I was really sick at that time, that’s why-”

“But you look alright now,” Xia Xibei cut her off. “Couldn’t you have apologized even after you got well?”

Xia Xibei shrugged and shook her head, “Before you apologize to me, I’m sorry to say that I can’t improve with you!”

After she finished talking, Xia Xibei turned around and left.

As Xia Qinghan watched her leave, she felt a dark cloud of gloom shrouding her, her expression becoming extremely awful.

Xia Qinghan did not expect Xia Xibei to give her an attitude! How dare she?!

Xia Qinghan grinded her teeth in rage, her repugnance towards Xia Xibei intensifying.

“Qinghan, why haven’t you gone inside yet?”

Soon, some pretty girls walked over and greeted Xia Qinghan.

“Xiaoshi, Nini.”

Xia Qinghan quickly put on a normal expression and greeted them back.

“I just came. Let’s go in together!”

“Sure.”

Xiaoshi and Nini were trainees at SY Entertainment, both just fifteen or sixteen years old this year. However, they had been training for two or three years by now.

They were in high school at the moment, but their results weren’t very pleasing. Their minds were entirely focused on debuting, all in the hope that they would gain fame overnight.

There weren’t many trainees like Xia Qinghan and Xia Xibei, who only started training at the age of seventeen. After all, most of them had begun training at a young age, some even giving up on their studies.

"I heard that a newbie came in today?" Xiaoshi asked with some curiosity.

"Yes." Nini was curious too. "I wonder what she's like."

"I know her," Xia Qinghan responded with a smile.

"You do?"

"Yes, we study at the same school. She has the same surname as me, too. Her name is Xia Xibei."

"I remember you saying that you're from Qing Ye High School, right?" Xiaoshi became even more curious now. "Are you both great at your studies?"

Xiaoshi studied in an ordinary high school, so she kind of looked up to people who were great at studies.

Xia Qinghan's smile froze a little upon being asked that question.

"How's her competence? Is she as great as you?" Nini chipped in too.

"Aiya, how could you ask that?" Xiaoshi gave her a gentle push. "It's not like you haven't seen what Qinghan could do! Is it even comparable?!"

Xia Qinghan had been a part of the company for a few days by now and had taken several classes, which allowed her to display her capabilities.

Everyone knew her relationship with Bai Meixue, not to mention that she was great at winning people's favor. She had prepared small gifts for everyone when she first came in, so people supported her in one way or another.

Besides, Xia Qinghan's overall performance was quite impressive indeed.

With her good looks, family background, and competence, she was a downright winner in life!

Even without her family, Xia Qinghan would have debuted sooner or later.

How could that newbie even compare to Xia Qinghan?

Chapter 199: Bribing for Favor

Having been flattered by the duo for a little while, the gloom that shrouded Xia Qinghan finally cleared at last.

Just as expected, she was the one that captured all the attention, and she would always be the one!

As for Xia Xibei... The disparity between them would show once she started going for classes!

As far as Xia Qinghan could see, Xia Xibei had no talent at all.

On the other hand, she was also curious as to why Pan Yan had insisted on signing Xia Xibei.

Apart from that face of hers, did she have any other saving grace?

It took real competence to debut, not just looks!

Countless good-looking, talented guys and girls strove in the entertainment industry with all their might for a better future, but most of them ended up being crushed and defeated, and hardly anyone made it to the top.

So how could someone like Xia Xibei, who struggled with poverty from a young age and had neither talents nor support, become a sensation?

Ha! Let her dream on!

Having thought of that, the dismay that Xia Xibei caused her finally faded away.

“Don’t say that, anyone who can make it into our company is surely capable in one way or another,” Xia Qinghan replied with a gentle smile.

“Who knows?” Xiaoshi and Nini shrugged, not fully convinced.

“Even if she’s capable, I don’t think she’s better than you!”

SY Entertainment wasn’t a small corporation, and they had numerous trainees.

However, there weren’t many who stood out and shone brightly.

Having been complimented by them, Xia Qinghan could only respond with a bashful smile, “Stop that, you’re making me arrogant.”

“Enough of that, we know you’re humble!” Xiaoshi and Nini exchanged a glance, beaming even more brightly.

“By the way, I heard that Coconut TV is working on a variety show,” Xia Qinghan said out of nowhere in a soft voice.

“A show?” The two of them were slightly stunned. “What show?”

“I heard that it’s a show that produces idols of the new generation. If one can make their way to the finals, they can debut right away!” Xia Qinghan explained.

“Really?” The two of them were stupefied. “How did you get to know that?”

Xia Qinghan replied with a reserved smile, “I heard it from my relative. She works for Coconut TV.”

Of course, she wasn’t informed by a relative; it was Bai Meixue who told her that.

However, that didn’t stop her from using it to bribe people for their favor.

The two girls became excited immediately.

“You have a relative who works at Coconut TV? You’re amazing! By the way, how much do you know?”

Debut! Who didn’t want to debut! They had been working so hard all for the sake of debuting, hadn’t they?!

“Every entertainment company will send their own trainees to take part in the show, and in the end, several winners will be selected for debut, either as a group or solo.”

“Really?” Nini asked eagerly, “How is it operated then?”

Xia Qinghan shook her head, “I don’t know the details either. She couldn’t tell me much, as they are still at the preparation stage. But if there’s a chance, the company will notify us.”

“But there are so many trainees in our company. It’s impossible for everyone to take part, right?” Nini queried with a frown.

“That’s for sure!” Xiaoshi nodded. “That’s why we have to be outstanding enough for them to notice!”

“In that case, we have to work hard from now on, so that we might get a chance to take part in the competition and debut earlier!” Xia Qinghan pumped them up.

“Qinghan, you’re such a good person!” Nini looked at her with gratitude, “You’re the only one who will share such information with us!”

Knowing it early meant that they could start preparing for it early, and the time in between made all the difference in the world.

“We are all in this together anyway! It’s best if we can debut together,” Xia Qinghan remarked in a righteous, generous manner.

“Not everyone is as selfless as you!” The two of them were having mixed feelings.

“Alright, let’s not talk anymore and get inside!” Having achieved the desired effect, Xia Qinghan smiled, “The class is starting.”

Chapter 200: Doing the Unexpected

There were a lot of trainees at SY Entertainment, both men and women, making for about 20 or 30 trainees in total.

Xia Xibei was a newcomer, so of course everyone paid special attention to her.

After all, everyone was in competition here. With every new competitor, you had to know their situation.

After seeing Xia Xibei, everyone had mixed feelings.

The people present were all good-looking, but Xia Xibei's appearance was top-notch, which made them feel a little uncomfortable.

Although being a celebrity depended on more than just appearances, with such a face, one would definitely get twice the results with only half the effort. There were plenty of fans who looked at the face alone.

Xia Xibei found a place to sit down, smiling at the people around her as a greeting, then quietly using her phone.

Although she did not have a posture that indicated she was rejecting people, no one dared to approach her either.

They felt that if they got closer, something bad would happen.

Therefore, before the teacher came, everyone stayed on their own turf.

When Xia Qinghan came in, she saw Xia Xibei sitting all alone, whereas she had two people next to her, so she couldn't help but feel smug.

Thinking of this, she forgot the trouble she had with Xia Xibei before and went towards her.

"Xibei, why are you..."

"Classmate Xia Qinghan, have you finally decided to apologize to me?" Xia Xibei looked up, interrupting her immediately.

"A- Apologize?"

Xia Qinghan's face suddenly became ugly.

"That's right." Xia Xibei did not seem to notice the gazes of other people, all of which were looking at them, and spoke with a serious expression, "Didn't you want to apologize to me? Speak, I'm listening."

"You... I..."

Xia Qinghan's face became flushed, due to both embarrassment and annoyance.

"Why does Qinghan have to apologize to you?" Xiaoshi stepped forward unhappily, glared at Xia Xibei as if she had done something outrageous.

Xia Xibei looked at the two girls following Xia Qinghan and couldn't help but sneer on the inside.

Sure enough, no matter where she was, Xia Qinghan always found a few people to surround herself with.

"Did she not tell you?" Xia Xibei looked innocent. "She and I go to the same school. Before, she and her friends accused me of stealing things and searched my bag. In the end, they found out that the things were hidden by one of her friends. After that, everyone apologized to me, but she was out sick that next day. However, she still hasn't apologized to me!"

Xia Qinghan didn't have time to react at all before she heard Xia Xibei saying everything out loud. As those words came out, her face suddenly became pale.

"That's nonsense!" Xia Qinghan exclaimed, embarrassed and annoyed.

"I'm talking nonsense? You didn't accuse me of stealing those things? You didn't search my bag? You didn't have those things the whole time? Did you ever apologize?" Xia Xibei shrugged, spreading her hands while looking helpless. "When did I ever talk nonsense?"

"You- You!"

Xia Qinghan didn't expect Xia Xibei to play her cards so unexpectedly!

Feeling the suspicious gazes of other people on her, the rage in her heart flared up once again.

"Fine, just act like I'm spewing nonsense," Xia Xibei sighed helplessly. "I just want to focus on studying now, alright?"

Xia Qinghan's chest rose and fell sharply, her face both white and red, making her look very interesting.

The people around them looked at each other. The amount of information here was huge!

Some of the people looked at Xia Qinghan vigilantly. Indeed, this girl was not a nice person.

Of course, the newcomer wasn't easily bullied either.

So, they should still watch the show for now.

As everyone was busy assessing the situation, the teacher came in.

"What are you doing? It's time for class!"

