

Chapter 44: Brainless Boasting

“She’s right,” Tao Yueying stated, nodding in agreement. “Our Qinghan is the face of the school! And in addition to her good looks, her results are tip-top, and she has a Grade 10 in piano as well! If she can debut right away, what’s the point of making her a trainee?”

Only when Tao Yueying finished blabbering did Xia Qinghan give her a light tap, telling her to hush.

“Aiya, you’re exaggerating! I’m not that great, okay?”

“How am I exaggerating? The boys at our school go crazy for you! We settle your breakfast for you every morning, or have you forgotten?” Liu Zhijing flattered her.

Every morning, Xia Qinghan’s table would be full of the various breakfasts given to her by her many admirers. Although she had rejected them many times over, many of the boys still hadn’t given up. Eventually, all the food would go into someone else’s stomach.

To keep herself in shape, Xia Qinghan dared not eat too much, but the other girls did not have any such worries.

“Alright, stop saying that, it’s embarrassing!” Xia Qinghan’s cheeks flushed red, “We are talking about the trainee matter!”

Pan Yan smiled indulgently, saying, “Being a trainee is only the initial phase. Not everyone has to spend that much time on it. Some trainees are outstanding enough that they graduate and debut in just a fortnight.”

What he didn't mention was that there were hardly any prodigies like that, even in the entertainment industry, where geniuses were produced in frequent batches.

Without a long period of practice, how could one perform with ease, composure and natural elegance on stage?

The old industry saying, "It takes ten years of practice to put on a google one-minute performance on stage," wasn't a lie by any stretch of the imagination.

"Then our Qinghan will surely be a prodigy who can debut in just a week!" Liu Zhijing replied, singing Xia Qinghan's praises immediately.

Further in the distance, Song Jiaren's lips twitched, the look on her face not exactly flattering.

Although she knew that Xia Qinghan had a few sidekicks that followed her around, she hadn't expected Liu Zhijing and Tao Yueying to boast about their friend so much!

Debut in a week? They didn't stop to consider Xia Qinghan's capabilities at all, did they?

To be fair, Xia Qinghan was a pretty well-rounded person. She was good-looking and was talented on top of that. However, that talent would fade away in comparison to those of professional artists.

What on earth gave them the courage to boast like that?

Pan Yan remained unaffected as he listened to these little girls and their brainless boasting.

Having worked in the entertainment industry for a long time, he was used to fans flattering and fawning over their idols.

Those brainless fans could twist their idols into whatever they wished, taking a “dead-faced, soulless-eyed” look and turning it into “aloofness and confidence”. These little girls still had a long way to go if they wanted to reach that level.

“We can only know for sure once the training is done, but I believe that you definitely have the potential to become a famous celebrity.”

The girls’ words didn’t cheer up Xia Qinghan much, but Pan Yan’s words did excite her. He was a professional after all, his words carried much more weight!

She had also heard Bai Xuemei say that Pan Yan was indeed a top-notch manager from SY Entertainment. Having been recognized by him, she felt as if she could fly, she was so delighted!

“Yes, Qinghan! You can do it for sure!”

“If you get rich and famous one day, don’t forget us!”

The two of them made pouting faces at Xia Qinghan, both encouraging and pleading with her.

“But I have to seek permission from my parents...” Xia Qinghan voiced hesitantly, acting restrained.

She knew that her parents would support her in whatever she chose to do, but she had to put up a reserved front.

Sure enough, Pan Yan knew what she was thinking, and nodded, “Once you’ve thought about it and talked it all over, you can contact me.”

“Sure, I’ll do that,” Xia Qinghan reassured him.

“Then I’ll stop bothering you for now. I’ll leave first.”

Pan Yan turned around to leave, but his gaze quickly fixed onto something in the distance.

Making a split-second decision, he walked toward a girl with quick, wide strides, holding his name card towards her.

“Hello! I am Pan Yan, a manager at SY Entertainment. May I know if you have any interest in becoming a celebrity?”

Chapter 45: A Real Treasure

Pan Yan's heart thumped wildly in his chest at the sight of the beautiful girl, who had a cool, striking aura about her.

He had seen a lot of beauties in the entertainment industry, but this girl could be ranked top among the very best.

She wasn't wearing any makeup at the moment, but that didn't conceal her beauty in any way. If she had put on makeup, she would certainly be a beautiful female in a TV series!

Most importantly, she had a very high malleability.

Pan Yan had seen many beauties, but not all of them were made for the camera. However, he could guarantee that this girl would definitely look great on camera!

Although she was slim, she wasn't scrawny!

That was the key point!

Many female celebrities went through great lengths to lose weight just to achieve such an outcome. After all, one's figure would be slightly widened on camera.

A body shape like hers would be absolutely perfect on camera!

She could attract lots of fans just with that face!

“SY Entertainment has lots of experience and an abundance of resources. As long as you’re willing to join our company, we could make you a superstar!”

Pan Yan was quite eager to have her join, as he had ventured out this time just to find great candidates.

As the top manager at SY Entertainment, he didn’t have to take this upon himself, but he wasn’t in a good state at the moment.

Previously, a B-list celebrity under him, whom he promoted to an A-lister, had walked out on him after managing to curry favor with someone rich!

He had sustained a blow because of this matter, which was why he chose to come out on his own to look for new candidates.

He had thought Xia Qinghan was good when he first saw her.

However, after seeing this girl, he realized that she was even better!

He had already started contemplating various ways to polish and promote her.

“Superstar?” Xia Xibei asked, looking at him with raised brows, her lips curled into a cool smile.

Pan Yan couldn't help but inhale sharply. This little girl was extraordinary!

With her brows raised, she gave off a whole different aura, one that was very attractive.

She was only a girl in her teens, but she had the kind of charm that kept people's eyes glued to her. That was rare indeed!

Most importantly, she wasn't attractive in the usual way, pompous but cheap. Rather, there was an air of nobility about her that commanded respect from people. She was a real treasure!

He would be insane to let go of such a piece of jade, which shone long before it was polished and refined!

“Yes, you will definitely become a superstar!”

Despite having seen many rough seas and strong winds in his life, Pan Yan still got excited when he saw such a great sapling, full of potential.

“Xia Xibei...”

Song Jiaren had returned as well, marveling as she looked at Xia Xibei in great astonishment.

Now that she had observed both, she could tell the differences between how Pan Yan treated Xia Xibei and Xia Qinghan.

When he met Xia Qinghan earlier, he had offered a passionate invitation, but did not force it.

However, when it came to Xia Xibei, excitement was clearly written all over his face.

Song Jiaren was delighted.

Although she didn't really like Xia Xibei, she felt pride at Xia Xibei being treated with such enthusiasm by a star scout.

"Your name is Xia Xibei, right? If you have any doubts, you could come with me to my company! My colleagues happen to have time at the moment."

Song Jiaren pouted, stating, "She can't go with you, we are not free right now."

"Oh, really?" Pan Yan voiced, a little disappointed, but he lifted his spirits up right away. "That's alright. Visit anytime you're free."

"If she joins your company now, would she need to be a trainee first?" Song Jiaren asked, continuing to question him.

“Yes,” Pan Yan nodded. “However, I can arrange your schedule as soon as possible. You could train and perform at the same time!”

As she looked at the earnest Pan Yan, Xia Xibei smiled and nodded, “Alright then, I’ll go to your company on Saturday.”

“Saturday? No problem!” Pan Yan exclaimed, thrilled to have gotten her to agree to a visit.