

## Chapter 501: Going Too Fast

Xia Xibei looked at him in surprise. "You want to do it?"

"Yes!" Nie Zehai nodded. "You have to give me a chance to perform!"

Otherwise, he'd be laughed at by his haters when the show aired.

"Oh." Xia Xibei blinked. "Then you do it."

Nie Zehai breathed a sigh of relief and began to look around.

But with so many tires, which one was theirs?

After thinking about it, he followed his thoughts and stopped in front of a certain tire.

"This one!"

Xia Xibei's expression was a bit strange as she asked, "Are you sure?"

"Yes!" Nie Zehai lifted his head and puffed his chest. "I feel like this is it!"

“But...”

“What?”

“It’s for another team.”

Nie Zehai froze.

“Huh? How do you know?”

“Because I just saw the purple team stand here for a while and write down the numbers in a notebook.”

Nie Zehai was even more confused.

“But...”

Wasn’t she just looking for her own numbers? How could she still notice what other people were doing?

“If you don’t believe me, you can check.”

Xia Xibei didn't argue. Finding the truth was better than debating.

Nie Zehai half-heartedly lifted the tire. When he saw the color of the numbers, his expression froze.

"You... You're right."

He felt as if a million alpacas were running wildly through his heart.

They were doing the same task, so how did Xia Xibei notice so many more things?

When compared to Xia Xibei, he was practically intellectually challenged.

Fortunately, he was not a small-minded person. After putting the tire down, he asked, "Do you know any others?"

Xia Xibei nodded and pointed vaguely at some tires. "This one, this one... They should all be theirs."

Nie Zehai was thoroughly convinced.

"Forget it, I'll just let you help me win."

Xia Xibei showed a smile more brilliant than the rising sun.

“I told you... I’ll help you win.”

Nie Zehai nodded, “Okay, you can win for us.”

Nie Zehai quickly adjusted his mindset.

He was already pretty popular, and it was useless to be more popular. So, he should give Xia Xibei more opportunities to perform.

He should give her a little more footage, as it would certainly trigger audience discussion. After all, how often did someone like her show up?

He thought so and decided to let go, allowing Xia Xibei to take the lead.

Soon, Xia Xibei flipped four more tires and found the remaining two sets of numbers.

Not even half an hour had passed!

Surprisingly, she didn’t even sweat that much!

It was already very hot, with everyone beginning to sweat after moving just a little.

Nie Zehai did not move much. He was almost watching the whole time, but he was sweating nonstop too.

And then seeing Xia Xibei, the contrast was too big!

By the time they wrote down the numbers and returned to the host, the host was also stunned.

“So fast?!”

He looked at the two incredulously.

“Yes.”

“All found? No wrong colors?”

“Of course not,” Xia Xibei shook her head, then gave the numbers.

The host compared the numbers on the notebook, confused.

“Everything... It is right!”

“So can we get the key?”

“Of- Of course.”

Although the host was surprised, he still took out the key.

Then he blew a whistle to tell everyone that some people had completed the task.

Everyone was stunned by the speed of their team!

Basking in the shocked and admiring gazes of the crowd, Nie Zehai’s face was slightly heated, but soon he was relaxed and a little pleased, feeling as if he had found the right support!

## **Chapter 502: The Heartless Program Team**

After Nie Zehai and Xia Xibei got their key, they quickly found the car that belonged to them.

Once they were in the car, Xia Xibei stared at the steering wheel... In Nie Zehai’s hands.

Nie Zehai glanced at her and asked casually, “You know how to drive?”

“No... I don’t.” After Xia Xibei answered, she hurriedly shook her head. “I am not yet an adult, so I can’t get a license.”

Only then did Nie Zehai suddenly remember that she was actually underage!

He felt a little bitter, as he was depending on a teenage girl! He was so shameless!

As he drove, he thought, ‘I have to do well when I get to the next site.’

Although he said he would let her help him win, he couldn’t exactly do nothing, right?

Forget the first round, he would be a hero in the second round!

However, this idea instantly died when they arrived at the next venue.

Looking at rings that were at least 50 meters away, the corners of Nie Zehai’s mouth twitched. The program team was planning to play them to death, right?

Although he knew that the crew of “Full Steam Ahead” had always been brutal, he never thought they would be so heartless!

50 meters!

After the guests had spent so much energy on the first task, how could they still swing 50 meters away?

The program team would not give up until they died, right?

Nie Zehai howled in his heart, his expression frozen.

However, by the time the host of this round told them the rules, Nie Zehai was slightly relieved.

The program team was not that perverted.

The task did not require them to swing on the rings to the end at once, and the two team members could take turns during the swing.

A thick sponge pad was also underneath the swing area to keep the guests safe.

In between, they could swap many times, as long as they did the whole distance.

However, if there were too many swaps, the final score would be lower.

Also, they were the first team to come over, which added 10 points to the final score, something the other teams couldn't match.

The crew was honestly startled when they saw them coming.

It was obvious that the recording had started not long ago, and it was reasonable to say that it would take at least an hour before the first team reached this station.

Xia Xibei and Nie Zehai's early arrival was completely unexpected.

They just didn't know how well the team would do this round.

Nie Zehai was emotionless as he watched the rings.

He felt like he was at military training; it was too ferocious!

However, when he looked at Xia Xibei nearby, he was taken aback.

Xia Xibei was not nervous at all, even a little excited.

"If we pass it in one go, our score will be higher, right?"

The host was confused for a moment by her question.

"Of- Of course."

“That’s good!” Xia Xibei nodded, then looked at Nie Zehai. “Brother Hai, do you need to take a break?”

They were now in first place and it would take at least another half hour for the other teams to catch up, so they had time to rest a bit.

“You’re the one who needs to rest, right?”

Nie Zehai was a little embarrassed, since Xia Xibei was the one who had put in most of the work.

“I don’t need to rest,” Xia Xibei shook her head, her eyes full of enthusiasm. “Then how about we start now?”

Nie Zehai’s eyes were slightly alarmed. What kind of demon was she? How was she not tired at all?!

Was he mistaken all this time?

Although his mind was all over the place, Nie Zehai still nodded, “Okay, let’s start now.”

**Chapter 503: King Kong Barbie**

Xia Xibei was thinking of swinging the whole way by herself, but she didn't do it.

It would be bad if Nie Zehai had no opportunity to perform.

It would be a blow to his self-confidence to some extent, not to mention everything else.

So, she let Nie Zehai start first.

Nie Zehai did not think too much. After all, he was a guy, so he should be the first one on the field.

After he did a little warm-up, he exhaled heavily, then began to grab the rings.

Once he grabbed the rings, he couldn't help but sigh to himself.

He usually worked out at the gym. After all, he had to maintain his physique and be in the best shape possible, so he actually had six-pack abs!

He often did pull-ups too, but simple pull-ups were not the same as this!

Looking at the rings, which seemed endless, he couldn't help but sigh again.

How many times did he have to stop before he could finish the journey?!

He didn't include Xia Xibei in the count. Although she just did a good job, simply being strong and being able to play on rings was very different things.

This task relied purely on arm strength to swing the whole body over.

Xia Xibei's arms were so thin, they looked easily breakable. How could she do it?

Therefore, Nie Zehai treated this task as completely independent, to be completed by himself.

The team who would get the most points would probably be the male-male duo. The other teams were all a combination of male-female. He wondered how much time it would take them to complete this daunting task.

Nie Zehai thought about this as he swung forward.

After swinging about 10 meters, he couldn't hold on any longer and fell, landing on the sponge mat.

He squeezed his arm and grimaced, saying, "I'm going to take a break."

No wonder those guests who finished the show before were hurt all over. This was really killer!

“Then you should rest first,” Xia Xibei said. “I’ll do it.”

Nie Zehai did not disagree and rolled off of the sponge mat. “Then you do it. Do not push yourself.”

Xia Xibei nodded and smiled at him, “Don’t worry, it’s nothing.”

Looking at her bright smile, Nie Zehai’s heart jumped and he had an ominous premonition.

Sure enough, his premonition soon came true.

Xia Xibei jumped up to the place where he fell and grabbed the hanging ring. After swaying her body, her arms reached forward, and she began to swing forward.

Nie Zehai watched her movements from the side and felt nervous for her.

What could her skinny arms do?

However, after a while, he froze.

Thirty meters, twenty meters, ten meters... As he watched the distance shrink little by little, Xia Xibei still hadn’t come down!

Her expression was so relaxed, as if she was not swinging on rings but taking a walk on the ground!

Just now, when Nie Zehai was in the air, his veins had bulged, and he had sweated like a waterfall.

But looking at Xia Xibei, if not for the little bit of sweat on her, he'd have thought she had used no strength at all!

Other staff members were also dumbfounded watching Xia Xibei swing evenly ahead, neither rushed nor slow, steadily shrinking the distance.

By the time she finally reached the finish line, the whole place was silent.

“Damn!”

After a while, a staff member could not help but whisper in awe, “What is this? King Kong Barbie?!”

Others were also staring in disbelief.

If they didn't set up the props with their own hands, if they didn't watch Xia Xibei go up, and if they didn't see her reach the destination, they would have thought Xia Xibei had a wire tied to her body!

This was terrifying, right?

## Chapter 504: Found the Right Support

When the other groups arrived, they saw that Nie Zehai and Xia Xibei were already taking a break on the side.

When they saw the hanging rings, they thought maybe the two had needed to rest because this session was too difficult.

They were stunned when they learned that the two had already completed their mission.

“How long did it take them?” a guest couldn’t help but ask.

“Hm...”

The staffers had strange expressions and looked at each other without daring to say, “They were pretty fast.”

It was not good for them to say the exact time, it’d devastate everyone.

If they found out that Nie Zehai and Xia Xibei had finished in just 10 minutes, would they even go on?

This program had been shot for many seasons, but it was the first time they ever had such an awesome guest.

Moreover, Xia Xibei was a woman!

All the staff who witnessed this scene had not yet returned to their senses.

Obviously, it took a lot of effort to set up the props, but they looked like toys in Xia Xibei's hands. This experience really made people doubt their lives.

The guests didn't think too much about it. After all, they were more concerned about their own performance.

As Xia Qinghan and Wei Xile came over, they were met with Xia Xibei's sunny smile, who even shook her fist and cheered for them.

This made Xia Qinghan's face a little grim.

They had also touched up their makeup in the car on the way over, otherwise it would have melted.

It was painful to do this kind of physical work on such a hot day.

Looking at Xia Xibei sitting leisurely on the side, the feeling was even more indescribable.

However, looking at Xia Xibei's refreshing and sweat-free appearance, Xia Qinghan understood that Nie Zehai must have done all the work in this station.

She became even more jealous thinking of this.

It was lucky she had found the right support!

Although Wei Xile was quite popular, he was not strong enough. It was a disadvantage in this kind of task.

"Okay, let's get started."

Wei Xile did not know what Xia Qinghan was thinking. Even if the rings in front of him looked difficult, he still had to persevere.

"Ok," Xia Qinghan nodded.

Xia Qinghan cheered for herself in her heart.

However, when she got on the ring, she realized that she had assumed it to be very simple.

It was so hard to swing one's body over on just two skinny arms!

She had only moved two meters before she couldn't handle it and fell down.

Wei Xile's face vaguely showed some bitterness and regret.

However, he couldn't show his timidity in front of girls.

Besides, when the show aired, fans would be disappointed to see him so weak.

So, he gritted his teeth and held on for a few more meters.

In the end, they took more than an hour to complete the 50-meter journey.

When they heard their results, they both looked very upset.

However, they breathed out a sigh of relief when they saw the speed of the other

teams.

While they had a tough time, the others didn't fare much better.

Aside from the male-male duo, who were a little faster, the other two teams weren't much better.

Although there were two sets of rings, it took several hours for all five teams to finish.

They also took a two-hour break at noon, when the sun was at its fiercest.

Because today's task required a lot of effort, the program team mercifully let them off the hook. Today's recording was done and would continue the next day.

The following day's recording would be relatively mild.

However, no one trusted the program team very much, and they had a vague sense of foreboding.

When resting in the evening, Xia Xibei received a call from Qiao Yanjue.

## **Chapter 505: Can't Calm Down**

Qiao Yanjue heaved a sigh of relief when Xia Xibei picked up the call.

"You were filming for the show?"

"Yeah," Xia Xibei answered in a low voice, able to feel her heart pounding wildly again.

“Did it go well?”

“Yes, it went very well.”

“Great, then.”

A moment of awkward silence later, Qiao Yanjue asked, “Do you have anything to tell me?”

Xia Xibei hesitated for a moment, then shook her head, “No... Nothing.”

What could she possibly have to say?

She hadn't even recovered herself completely!

If she hadn't been busy the whole day, she would have been caught up in all sorts of wild, absurd thoughts.

Her mood started changing again after talking to Qiao Yanjue on the phone.

If Qiao Yanjue knew what she was thinking, he would start staying away from her, wouldn't he?!

The two of them were way too different to be together.

Xia Xibei had always recognized herself as a decisive person.

She would contemplate everything that she encountered in life in great depth.

If something seemed likely and the consequences were bearable, she wouldn't hesitate to go for it.

If it didn't seem quite likely and the consequences were beyond what she was willing to endure, she would give up on it without much thought.

That was the situation she was faced with at the moment.

Since Qiao Yanjue and her didn't stand a chance, she would make up her mind very fast and keep her distance from him.

This was just the beginning, so she had the confidence to withdraw herself in time.

Having said that, she still was reluctant to put the phone down. She asked, "What about you? Did anything special happen to you today?"

"Nope," Qiao Yanjue shook his head, omitting the part where Li Weiyun asked to meet up with him.

Li Weiyun wanted to meet him when he came back last night, but he turned her down.

He didn't find the need to bring up such a matter that would spoil their mood.

"Great then," Xia Xibei mumbled quietly.

"Yeah." Qiao Yanjue couldn't find words to say either.

After yet another moment of silence, Qiao Yanjue couldn't hold it in anymore.

"Are you mad at me about last night?" he asked.

"No!" Xia Xibei blurted out.

"Why aren't you talking much then, if you aren't mad?"

Qiao Yanjue was full of remorse too.

He could tell that Xia Xibei sounded estranged from him. He must have frightened her last night.

Otherwise, she wouldn't have bolted without saying anything besides leaving a message for him.

The saying was right, impulse was indeed the devil!

“No, I’m not mad, don’t overthink it.” Xia Xibei panicked a little. “I... I’m just... It’s just that I ran into some... Trouble.”

“What trouble? I can help you,” Qiao Yanjue volunteered immediately.

“No, it’s not something you can help me with,” Xia Xibei told him frankly.

A brief moment of silence later, Qiao Yanjue said, “Okay then, don’t forget to ask me if there’s anything I can help you with.”

“Sure,” Xia Xibei nodded. “A call is coming in, I gotta hang up.”

“Alright.”

When the call ended, Qiao Yanjue stared at the dark screen of his phone, a thousand emotions raging in his eyes.

Dejected, he eventually collapsed into the couch.

He could tell that Xia Xibei was keeping something from him, but he didn't have the courage to ask because she didn't sound like she wanted to tell him.

He didn't want to scare her off by being too possessive.

It was just that the restlessness within was starting to make him lose his composure.

The calmness that he had been trying so hard to maintain had completely fallen apart now.

At this moment, he was actually glad that Xia Xibei wasn't in the same room with him.

Otherwise, he really couldn't promise that he would be able to keep his cool.

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei got a call from Liu Manhong after hanging up on Qiao Yanjue.

Liu Manhong told her about Jiang Qirui on the phone.

Owing to Xia Xibei's special identity, Jiang Shenghe and his wife had been keeping in touch with her through Liu Manhong all this time.

Jiang Qirui had been taking the medicine for a week now, and his condition had improved a great deal.

They would be coming over again in two days.

Xia Xibei nodded, making a mental note of it.

## **Chapter 506: Give Her a Lesson**

While Xia Xibei was answering her calls, Xia Qinghan was also talking on the phone next door.

Xia Qinghan felt completely worn out after the long, laborious day. Especially her arms, which felt as if they had turned into jelly and were no longer her own.

She made her assistant give her a full massage right after she came back, otherwise she would have been more miserable.

Upon receiving Qiao Haoming's call, she instantly felt overwhelmed.

After rambling to Qiao Haoming about how tough her day had been, she couldn't help asking, "How's it going with Director Jiang?"

Qiao Haoming fell silent upon being asked that.

"What's the matter?"

An ominous feeling crept inside her.

Just as expected, what Qiao Haoming said next confirmed her speculation.

“It’s something... That was quite unforeseen.”

“What was it?” Xia Qinghan’s voice instantly turned icy, but she quickly switched back to her soft, gentle voice. “What’s wrong? Did something happen? You couldn’t find a doctor?”

“That’s not it.” Qiao Haoming did not notice the change in her voice, going on, “I found a doctor, but he said he didn’t need one anymore.”

“Huh?”

“The doctor that I found was a skilled one, but Jiang Shenghe seemed to have found a doctor himself, so he didn’t bother with ours.”

Qiao Haoming sounded annoyed.

He went to great lengths to find a good doctor, but then Jiang Shenghe told him that he didn’t need a doctor anymore. How could he not be annoyed?

Sure enough, he forgot that Jiang Shenghe never asked for his help in the first place.

“Then what now?” Xia Qinghan panicked. “If he didn’t need our help...”

Then how would he even agree to change the actress?

“Don’t panic, I’ll ask him again,” Qiao Haoming comforted her. “If this doesn’t work, we can figure other ways out.”

“What ways?”

“Don’t worry about that, put your mind at ease and rest well for now. I’ll work on it.”

Xia Qinghan took the hint and did not question him any further.

The two only hung up after some pointless lover’s talk.

Xia Qinghan stared at the television screen, a thousand thoughts jostling in her mind.

In fact, she wasn’t quite worried that Qiao Haoming couldn’t deal with it, for she had Li Weiyun.

After all, Xia Xibei had offended Li Weiyun!

Besides, Li Weiyun had made it clear that she was going to give Xia Xibei a lesson, letting her know what kind of men were out of her league!

Although Li Weiyun didn't tell her the exact plan, she reckoned it must involve some shady, dirty tricks.

Xia Qinghan sneered, heaving a sigh of relief as she thought of that.

She didn't know how Xia Xibei had hooked up with Qiao Yanjue, or whether she knew that Qiao Yanjue was the owner of SY, but Xia Xibei wouldn't come to a good end no matter what!

She should be punished for coveting a man that did not belong to her!

These thoughts made her forget the soreness in her body, and she managed to get a good night's sleep.

The next day, everyone assembled once again.

The intensity for today had been reduced by a lot, considering that they must have been overtaxed from the previous day.

It wouldn't be a captivating show if strength became the only element.

Similarly, they had two missions to complete today.

The first mission would be completed at the zoo, where they had to draw lots to complete a wide assortment of tasks.

The second mission was also the final challenge, where all the teams would partake in a standardized match.

When the host finished explaining the missions, they went to draw lots for the first mission.

Nie Zehai went to draw his lot. After reading the content clearly, his face paled immediately, and his legs went weak.

How unfortunate!

It turned out that he got the most terrifying task!

## **Chapter 507: The Scariest Task**

Nie Zehai returned to Xia Xibei with an anguished look, "I'm so sorry, I'm down on my luck."

Xia Xibei took the task card from his hand for a look, raising her brows.

As far as everyone was concerned, this was the scariest task among all of them.

They had to look for the task items in a room with many snakes.

Most importantly, the snakes were freely moving, and not restrained in any way.

Sure enough, the snakes released were either non-venomous or they already had their fangs removed, so there were no safety concerns.

With that being said, how many people could remain calm and undaunted in the face of those long, slippery reptiles?

Nie Zehai considered himself a macho guy, but that didn't mean he wasn't afraid of snakes!

It felt spine-chilling just imagining searching for items amidst a sea of snakes... Which would be gliding all around them, and perhaps even writhing across their feet!

His legs were turning into jelly before the game had even started.

"Don't worry, this is a simple one."

Unlike his petrified, ashen face, Xia Xibei seemed cool, even a little indifferent.

“They don’t bite anyways.”

Nie Zehai forced a bitter smile, “I know they don’t, but that doesn’t make them any less terrifying!”

He couldn’t help but want to slap himself for having such bad luck!

“It’s okay. If you don’t dare to go inside, I can go on my own.”

Their task was just to find the items, so it didn’t matter who went inside.

Nie Zehai was still smiling miserably as he asked, “How could I let you go alone?”

Girls feared snakes far more than guys did!

Most girls screamed even when they saw insects, so he supposed Xia Xibei was only acting cool.

Xia Xibei did not argue.

“Let’s gather there first.”

As far as she was concerned, the tasks simply couldn’t be challenging if they were taking place in the zoo.

She had no problem searching for items in a snake lair, feeding other animals, or even having a tug-of-war with elephants.

She was more worried about being surrounded by animals rather than failing the tasks.

It would be troublesome if the animals lost control around her.

“Brother Hai, what did you guys get?” Wei Xile called out to Nie Zehai.

He couldn’t help but guess from the hopeless look on his face, “Don’t tell me it’s...”

Nie Zehai nodded in low spirits.

Wei Xile couldn’t help but commiserate with him, “Don’t worry, I believe you can do it!”

Xia Qinghan also flashed them a congenial smile, “All the best! You guys have got this!”

Xia Xibei couldn’t help but wonder upon seeing her bright, genuine smile.

“Alright, let’s... Let’s get going,” Nie Zehai said, then took a few deep breaths, like he was going off to a war with no chance of return.

“Okay,” Xia Xibei nodded and strode off, not bothering with Xia Qinghan’s bizarre attitude anymore.

“We shall go too!” Wei Xile told Xia Qinghan. Their task was to have a tug-of-war with elephants.

“Sure!” Xia Qinghan beamed, feeling on top of the world.

She realized that it was Li Weiyun’s arrangement when she heard that Xia Xibei’s team got the snake task.

She almost couldn’t hold back her laughter as she thought of how it was going to turn out.

Luckily, she managed to control herself at the last minute.

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei and Nie Zehai arrived at the room of snakes.

Nie Zehai’s face turned deathly pale as he saw the snakes in the room from the window glass, roaming leisurely.

“Do we... Do we just go inside like this?”

The snakes were of different lengths, and some were even nice-looking.

Nevertheless, watching them from a distance and walking among them were two totally different matters!

“Don’t worry, you’ll be fine,” the workers said. “These snakes are safe.”

### **Chapter 508: Blood-chilling**

The participants were all famous celebrities, after all. Even some of the so-called folks were in fact trainees from various big companies who were going to join the industry sooner or later, so the show crew would take them seriously without a doubt.

This mission had to seem adventurous and thrilling, and protective gears were not provided. Therefore, the snakes placed in the room were all non-venomous, so safety wasn’t a concern.

Hearing the staff emphasizing it time and time again, Nie Zehai took a few deep breaths in a bid to calm his nerves.

Was copping out even a choice at this point of time? It would be extremely disgraceful!

He couldn’t have cold feet anymore, now that they had repeatedly stressed that it was completely safe.

“I’ll take the lead!”

As a guy, he felt responsible to go in first and get a grasp of the environment.

“Sure.”

Before they went in, the staff members came forth to help them put on the mini cameras.

The room was also equipped with cameras, but these mini cameras could capture more details.

The cameras were pinned to their foreheads, almost at eye level. The scenes captured from this angle would surely be more exciting than the others.

While a staff member was helping Xia Xibei with the camera, she sniffled all of a sudden, and her brows furrowed.

“What’s wrong? Are you not feeling well?”

The worker helping her was a young lady in her twenties, who was staring at her with concern.

“No, I’m fine,” Xia Xibei smiled and shook her head.

The girl did not think much of it and carried on fiddling with the camera.

“I’m going in first.”

When he was done putting on the equipment, Nie Zehai volunteered to go in first, despite his wobbly legs.

He picked up on a scent that was unique to snakes right upon stepping into the room.

Then he took a look at the countless snakes gliding all around him. Anyone who was timider than him would have already been screaming on the top of their lungs.

Nie Zehai fought the urge to cry out, his hairs standing on edge.

He kept a straight face and avoided looking at them, then started searching for the items placed in the room by the show crew.

His heart almost stopped beating when he saw the snakes slithering all around him.

The show crew was very cruel. They kept the items well-hidden, meaning it took him quite a while before finding a few marbles underneath a tree.

His face fell upon seeing those marbles.

How savage of them! The marbles were so small, weren't they worried that the snakes might swallow them?

Still, he was glad to have found one of the items.

Before he could heave a sigh of relief, however, he gasped, locking eyes with a snake that was gliding down the tree right as he stood up.

Horror-stricken, he couldn't help screaming his heart out upon meeting the icy gaze of the snake.

"Ahhh!" he cried out in terror, quickly dashing out of the room.

Once he was out, he panted heavily, like he had just survived a catastrophe.

The show crew was definitely wicked!

His legs had turned to jelly, and he had to support himself by putting a palm against the wall.

"Are you alright?" Xia Xibei patted him on the back. "Get some rest here, it's my turn to go inside."

With a pallid face, Nie Zehai asked, "Are you fine by yourself? How about giving me a second. We'll go together."

“It’s fine, I’ve got it,” Xia Xibei smiled, striding in with confidence.

Nie Zehai didn’t know what to feel as he watched her confidently march into the room.

How could a big guy like him be such a scaredy-cat when the young lady was so bold?

But Xia Xibei’s courage was unrivaled.

With all eyes pinned on her, Xia Xibei strode into the room without showing the slightest sign of dread.

Everyone was astonished by the way she casually strolled around the room, as though she was on a field trip.

She was spectacular!

With firm strides, everyone watched her making her way to a spot, squatting down.

Did she find something?

The next second, however, the spectators couldn’t help but cry out in alarm, drawing in a sharp breath!

“Hell no!”

### **Chapter 509: A Bizarre Scene**

The snake room was made of glass, so everything inside could be seen clearly.

Everyone saw that after Xia Xibei went in, the snakes in the room began to move, some of them even going towards her.

As Xia Xibei crouched down, the snakes around her jerked up, then moved in unison to lunge towards her!

“No!” everyone cried out, terrified expressions on their faces.

Someone with keen eyes had noticed that the fangs of two snakes hadn't been pulled out!

This was crazy!

“Call the ambulance-”

Then, their panicked voices came to an abrupt halt and their movements froze.

Because the pile of snakes that had been lunging towards Xia Xibei—including the two poisonous snakes—stopped when they got close to her!

Yes, they did not pounce on Xia Xibei, but stopped a few inches away from her.

What was even more coincidental was that these snakes actually formed a circle, with Xia Xibei at the center!

All the snakes raised their upper bodies, spitting out their tongues, but did not make the next move.

This scene was so bizarre that people's jaws dropped.

Everyone held their breaths, their eyes wide with disbelief as they watched the scene.

It wasn't until someone spoke that they started breathing again.

“What the hell?!”

This sound was like a signal, causing everyone to wake up from holding their breath.

“Holy crap! What's happening?!”

“Go, go, go! Get in there and save her!”

Some people were already scared into crying by the sight.

Although these snakes did not attack Xia Xibei, just seeing this was terrifying!

“Get in there! Save her!”

The assistant director was jumping like crazy. Who would have thought this would suddenly happen?!

What the hell was wrong with these snakes?!

And why were poisonous snakes in there?! Didn't they check them?!

If Xia Xibei had been attacked just now, they couldn't get to her for a while.

Xia Xibei would be in more danger with this delay!

Plus, Nie Zehai had just gone in!

If something had happened to them, their fans would destroy the show!

All of a sudden, everyone panicked.

Someone scrambled to find protective clothing, wanting to go in and bring Xia Xibei out.

Everyone's body was numb looking at so many snakes inside.

This was too scary!

But no matter what, they had to bring out Xia Xibei, before the snakes actually attacked her!

"Hurry up!" Nie Zehai also jumped anxiously. "Hurry up and save her!"

His face was white, unable to imagine how it could turn out like this.

Everyone was confused by this sudden development. No one had expected this kind of accident, and for a while, it was pandemonium.

"Wait!" In the midst of a panic, someone suddenly shouted in a shrill voice. "Look!"

The crowd subconsciously turned their heads to look in, and then drew in a breath in unison!

Xia Xibei, who they had thought should have been dumbfounded, actually

reached out to touch one of the snakes!

“Is she crazy?!”

The assistant director’s urgent and angry shouting suddenly cut off, his mouth opened wide.

What the hell was this?

Facing the crowd’s dazed stare, the snake rubbed its head on Xia Xibei’s palm.

It was such a frightening cold-blooded animal, but it looked more docile than a furry baby animal!

Although it was impossible to see the snake’s expression, everyone could understand its love for Xia Xibei upon seeing its movement.

In the next second, everyone’s originally precarious jaws finally hit the ground!

**Chapter 510: Targeting Her**

In the minds of many people, snakes were very scary creatures. Forget touching, even the sight of them was creepy.

Watching a snake rub Xia Xibei's hand was enough to surprise everyone.

But something even more surprising happened— all the other snakes also wiggled their little heads, aimed straight for Xia Xibei's palm!

The way so many snakes came together chilled everyone to the bone, but it was as if they were chicks scrambling for food, making them all speechless.

While she was flocked by so many snakes, there was no trace of fear on Xia Xibei's face. She actually laughed out loud!

The smile on her beautiful face made people feel good, as if she was the warm sun in winter.

However, looking again at the snakes in front of her, everyone froze.

What the hell was this?

Everyone's jaws hit the floor, thinking they must be hallucinating. Otherwise, who would see such bizarre things?!

A staff member mumbled and asked, "Are we still going in...?"

"Going in my ass! Hurry up and film it!" The assistant director's face was particularly excited.

Xia Xibei was touching these snakes with a warm smile in the room, as if these were just ordinary little animals in front of her.

She pretended not to know how strong an impact this scene had on the people on the outside.

While her face smiled happily, her heart was cold.

She had noticed when she put on the camera just now that there was a strange smell on the strap of the camera.

This smell would stimulate the snakes, making them go crazy.

In fact, in her first life, she was indeed very afraid of snakes.

However, after experiencing so many things, she understood that in this world, human hearts were more frightening than snakes' poisonous fangs could ever be!

Her mentality changed after becoming a naturalist in her second life and getting to know so many lively, witty little animals.

As for these heart-stopping snakes, they were just cute little friends.

She was thinking of controlling her aura earlier. Otherwise, if these snakes reacted too exaggeratedly, it would not end well.

However, when she came in and found out that there were a few poisonous snakes that hadn't had their teeth pulled, she was furious!

The mastermind behind this was trying to kill her!

Given the setup of this room, if she had been bitten by a poisonous snake, it would have taken at least ten minutes for the people outside to rescue her.

By then, the snake venom would have spread, and her body would have been severely harmed.

Even if she was taken to the hospital, it would still cause irreparable damage!

What a vicious heart!

Moreover, this time, it was indeed aimed at her.

When she had rubbed shoulders with Nie Zehai just now, she noticed that his body was free of drugs that stimulated snakes. Instead, he had a smell that snakes disliked.

Therefore, there would be no problem with Nie Zehai.

So they had targeted her!

After her thoughts were in turmoil, she became angry and stopped suppressing herself. Instead, she released her naturalist's aura.

After feeling the aura, those snakes all went crazy and surged towards her, just like a pilgrimage.

She guessed this change in development would be wildly irritating to the mastermind behind it, right?

By the time she came out with all the quest items, the scene was silent, everyone looking at her in dumbfounded silence.

It was only when Nie Zehai rushed over that the silence was broken.

**Chapter 511: Give an Explanation**

“Are you okay?!”

Nie Zehai circled around Xia Xibei anxiously.

“I’m fine.” Xia Xibei smiled and shook her head, “Did you think something would happen to me?”

Nie Zehai looked her up and down to make sure she was okay, then let out a sigh of relief.

“It’s good that you’re okay!”

He felt speechless with worry just thinking about that scene just now.

Xia Xibei was indeed fine; it was other people who were terrified!

The expressions on the staff’s faces were still stunned, as they had not recovered yet. Everyone was shocked out of their senses!

After all, that scene was really too amazing!

Moreover, everyone could see that those snakes were very reluctant to see Xia Xibei leave. If she hadn’t said something, they might have followed her out!

Everyone was covered in goosebumps thinking about the sight of them crowding the door, trying to come out.

“I found everything.”

She handed the items in her hand to the staff, who picked them up in a daze.

“We’re considered done with this task, right?” she asked.

“Of course!”

The assistant director immediately rushed over, his face full of excitement and curiosity.

“Can you tell me what happened?”

Xia Xibei looked innocent as she explained, “I grew up with a special physique, so I’m very good with animals. But I did not expect snakes to like me so much.”

“You... Haven’t had this happen to you before?”

“Of course not.” Xia Xibei looked at him in shock. “Where was I going to find so many snakes?”

The assistant director nodded his head, convinced that it made sense.

“It’s magical!” He clapped his hands excitedly. “If this scene is broadcasted, the ratings will explode!”

This kind of thrilling scene would definitely stimulate the ratings!

Their show, “Full Steam Ahead,” was all about competitive and extreme adventures, so of course they designed this segment for ratings.

It was a segment to absolutely shock all the viewers!

Nie Zehai stepped out, his face not very pleasant.

“We can talk about the ratings later. However, I think you’d better give us an explanation first. Where did the poisonous snakes in there come from?”

The excitement on the assistant director’s face suddenly froze.

Yes, this was a huge error!

If it wasn’t for Xia Xibei’s amazing physique, she would have ended up at the hospital by now.

Things would have been a disaster!

But no matter what, they had to give Xia Xibei an explanation.

Xia Xibei took the body camera down.

“It seemed to have a strange smell on it.”

The assistant director was startled for a moment.

“Strange smell?” he asked.

“It’s something to stimulate the snakes.”

“What?!”

He drew a breath and grabbed the camera. Inhaling and sniffing it carefully, he frowned. It did smell strange.

“Don’t worry, we’ll definitely give you an explanation,” he said seriously.

Even if they did not ask, he would have done so.

They had been shooting this program for so long and had their share of small problems, but something this serious had ever happened before!

If something really happened, it would damage their show! So they absolutely could not let it go!

“I hope so.” Nie Zehai stared at him. “I’ll have our agents come over.”

“Right.”

The assistant director was a little sheepish. This was, after all, a problem with their program team, and it couldn’t be passed off.

“Since it’s okay, let’s continue recording.”

Xia Xibei stepped forward and eased the tension with a smile.

The assistant director was immediately grateful.

“Yes, yes, yes! Let’s continue recording!”

**Chapter 512: Fiercely Kneeling on the Ground**

Although there was a problem, they were willing not to make a big deal out of it, and that made the show grateful.

So, the program team had to find out the problem.

After all, there were many more episodes to come! If they didn't clean up the team now and had more problems afterward, they wouldn't be so lucky.

Xia Xibei and Nie Zehai's forgiveness also made the program team appreciate them, deciding to give them more airtime later.

Of course, the two of them had done a great job and deserved these hours.

Xia Xibei and Nie Zehai had no way to know what was on the minds of the program team, but they were not as forgiving and generous as they were on the surface.

Both of them informed their agents to come over to handle this matter, and if the program team did not give them an explanation, they would deal with it on their own.

Pan Yan and Brother Mao broke out in a cold sweat when they found out about it.

It would have been terrible if they really had been bitten by a snake!

Therefore, without the need for the two to dictate anything, they had put up a soft yet tough attitude.

After the matter was handed over to the agents, the recording continued.

“Let’s go see the other teams!” Xia Xibei suggested to Nie Zehai.

“Ok.”

Originally, the plan was to complete this task in at least half an hour, but because Xia Xibei was so incredible, they were done in less than ten minutes.

The other groups were still struggling, so they could go over and “visit” them.

Soon they were outside, where the elephants lived.

Seeing the tug of war going on inside between the elephant and Xia Qinghan and Wei Xile, Xia Xibei shouted, “Let’s go!”

After she shouted, she saw Xia Qinghan’s body shake. The rope in Xia Qinghan’s hand was hooked by the elephant, and she fell to her knees on the ground.

“Be careful!” Wei Xile was alarmed, but could not stop her, as his hands had also lost their strength.

The elephant across from them, however, did not see a problem as he raised his trunk and bellowed in triumph.

Xia Qinghan kneeled on the concrete; her knees hurt so badly that tears came out of her eyes

However, the pain in her knees could not stop her from being shocked.

With tears still in her eyes, she turned her head to look.

She was stunned to see Xia Xibei standing outside, alive and well.

She... She finished the task?!

How come nothing had happened to Xia Xibei?!

“Qinghan, are you okay?”

Wei Xile immediately came forward and helped her up.

“I- I’m fine.”

Xia Qinghan stood up with a contorted expression.

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei smiled more brilliantly, which seemed to have a strange meaning.

Her heart jumped and her expression changed slightly.

Was this a total win for Xia Xibei? Or did Li Weiyun not arrange it?

Xia Xibei leaned on the edge and shouted at them, "How are you guys doing? Still not done?"

"Not yet!" Wei Xile didn't notice the problem and carefreely waved his hand. "You guys done?"

"We're done!"

"That fast?!"

He was instantly shocked.

"Yeah!"

Wei Xile had a shocked face and couldn't help but wonder if it could be that the task they had drawn was particularly easy? If not, how long did it take them to complete it? It was too fast!

"You guys go on! We're going to take a break!" Xia Xibei waved at them and led Nie Zehai away.

Looking at their departing backs, Wei Xile had an envious face. "If we knew, we could have drawn that task!"

However, Xia Qinghan trembled and looked at him in horror.

'If you drew that one, you'd be killed!'

But how could Xia Xibei be okay? What exactly did she do?

Xia Qinghan was so confused, she was distracted in the next task. It took her a long time to finish.

### **Chapter 513: Xia Qinghan Out**

After this round of tasks was completed, everyone gathered again.

When the host announced the scores, the other teams all had complicated expressions on their faces.

Nie Zehai and Xia Xibei were both the first to finish yesterday, and no one expected them to do the same today!

If not for the fact that they were still recording, they would have grabbed the director and questioned him.

This was too much!

Was this to flatter Nie Zehai?

Although he was the most popular among the cast, it was not necessary to do so much, right?

The program team had never been so shameless before!

Everyone was bitter in their hearts, but openly, they still gave congratulations to Xia Xibei and Nie Zehai.

The host was smart and could tell what everyone was thinking, so he added, "Today, very magical things happened. When the program is broadcast, you will be able to see it!"

Everyone looked at each other. What magic?

However, they didn't continue to pursue the matter, going ahead with the last round of tasks.

The task in the last round was simple.

It was a game familiar to everyone: grab the name tag.

After the previous rounds, each team got a different number of name tags based on their scores.

Xia Xibei's team was the first in the overall score, so they were able to get five name tags.

The second-place team had four, the third-place team had three, and the last two teams had two each.

As long as there was still a name tag left in someone's hand, you could grab it back from them. Of course, if you did not want to fight, you could choose to hide.

But if all the name tags in a team were gone, then they would be eliminated.

As could be expected, this one task was going to take a long time. After all, you had to scramble back and forth.

After the rules were explained, everyone started to put on name tags.

Nie Zehai had three name tags on his back, and two name tags were on Xia Xibei.

In fact, their group did not have much of an advantage. After all, more cards were more easily robbed.

As they set off for their positions, everyone had different expressions.

It looked like it was going to be a tough fight! The crew just wouldn't let them rest!

While everyone complained to themselves, they were still ready for the game.

"In a bit, you can hide and let me do it," Nie Zehai said to Xia Xibei.

As long as there was a trace of flame left, they could fight again. They had to keep the fire going.

"No need." Xia Xibei flexed her arms and legs. "I'll do it too."

"Okay." Nie Zehai could only nod, but then he made a suggestion. "How about we make an alliance with the others?"

"It's alright," Xia Xibei flatly refused. "It would be embarrassing to fight hard if we had an ally."

Nie Zehai was speechless. How confident was she?!

“Well, it started. Protect yourself!”

Xia Xibei said to Nie Zehai, then ran out.

“Wait...”

Before Nie Zehai could say anything, he saw her running off and became confused.

Shouldn't they be working together?

If they worked together, they'd be more confident! When facing the enemy, they could help each other!

Yet she went out by herself! This was crazy!

Nie Zehai sighed while rushing ahead.

However, by the time he caught up, he could no longer find Xia Xibei.

Where was she!

What kind of speed was this?

Ten minutes later, a voice came on from the announcement, “Wei Xile and Xia Qinghan are out!”

Everyone stopped in their tracks, bewildered looks on their faces. Did they hear wrong?

### **Chapter 514: Eliminated Again**

Xia Qinghan was in a daze as well, her eyes blank as she tried to make sense of the situation.

Had they... Been eliminated?! Just like that?

She couldn't be more mystified as she recalled the series of events that had taken place before this.

What had happened?

They had decided to form an alliance with the others when the competition first began.

They could have a battle in private once they got all the other teams eliminated.

However, they didn't manage to find someone else to ally with because the five teams were scattered.

After a few minutes of aimless roaming in the massive room, they finally saw someone running toward them.

Their eyes instantly lit up with surprise!

Xia Qinghan was overjoyed when she saw the color of the comer's shirt.

It was Xia Xibei!

Wei Xile quickly peered behind Xia Xibei in surprise when he saw it was Xia Xibei.

"Is Brother Hai here as well?"

After making sure that she had come alone, the two were overwhelmed with excitement right away.

'A little naive lamb that found her own way to the predators!'

Wei Xile even tittered like a cunning wolf at the camera.

Xia Qinghan was also beside herself with joy. She was just thinking of looking for Xia Xibei when she found her own way to them!

They had to get ahold of her name tag at all costs!

With the same intention in mind, the two partners marched forward eagerly.

They saw Xia Xibei beam as they approached each other, "I finally found you guys."

It caught them a little off guard. Why did she sound like she was hunting for them?

How could a vulnerable prey sound so confident in the face of its predators?

As they wondered, they trod towards her, step by step.

The next second, however, a blur of movements blinded them momentarily, like a swift bolt of red lightning streaking across their vision.

Before they could come to their senses, Xia Xibei had emerged behind Xia Qinghan.

Panic-stricken, she quickly turned around.

As she moved however, a ripping noise pierced her ears, and Xia Xibei was holding a piece of white material in her hand before she realized what had actually happened.

Upon a closer look, she saw that it had her name printed on it!

Xia Qinghan's mouth hung wide open in stupefaction!

What kind of speed was that?!

Wei Xile was equally flabbergasted, wondering just how incredibly fast Xia Xibei was.

Raising his guard, he thought it was time to toughen up, because it would be extremely humiliating for a guy like him to be defeated by a girl!

Nevertheless, the name tag on his back magically materialized in Xia Xibei's hand before he could even come up with a strategy.

The duo stared at the name tags that Xia Xibei was holding, their eyes dazed and their mouths agape in sheer shock.

How in the world... Did she do that?!

Both of them had two name tags each, as they were in fourth place.

And both of their name tags were held in Xia Xibei's grasp right now.

It took them like an eternity to pull themselves back together as their names were broadcasted, "Wei Xile, Xia Qinghan, out!"

In the meantime, Xia Xibei blew a mischievous kiss at them and merrily scuttled away.

The way she left in elation made it seem like the fight hadn't affected her in the least bit.

The two of them stood motionless on their spots, still exchanging bewildered glances, their faces comically blank.

"What... What just happened?"

They didn't come back to their senses until the loudspeakers were broadcasting the elimination of the next team.

What the actual heck?! They got eliminated! In less than ten frigging minutes!

Being eliminated that early in the process meant that their screen time would be pitifully short, and they couldn't possibly get more even if the show crew were to favor them unjustly.

Xia Xibei was a true savage!

No one knew better than Xia Qinghan that Xia Xibei was singling them out.

When they met the other team that got eliminated and learnt that it was also Xia Xibei who did it, the looks on their faces were theatrical.

“Just what kind of... Monster is she??” Wei Xile couldn’t help but mumble under his breath, looking as if he was doubting his existence.

### **Chapter 515: Won Without Fighting**

“Full Steam Ahead” had been a fabulous smash since the very first season aired.

The show had always been known for the difficulty of its missions, and the recording would normally take no less than two days to complete.

Most of the guests invited to the show were popular ones. Therefore, despite having to keep pace with the ratings, they had to provide these celebrities with adequate time to rest, so that it wasn’t too grueling for them.

A two-day filming duration was inevitable no matter how efficient they tried to be, and name tag battles like this were a custom on the show.

This part alone would require at least half a day on average to complete, as chasing and hunting each other down would take up a lot of time.

However, who in the world would have expected the winner to emerge in just about an hour this time?!

Yes, all the groups had been eliminated, save the red team, after just an hour into the game! And the most mind-blowing part was that they were all knocked out by Xia Xibei!

‘What the actual hell?!’ was all that everyone could think of.

How did a defenseless girl like Xia Xibei manage to eliminate them all?! What on earth?! How did she do it?!

They were growling inside, while the crew members exchanged baffled glances amongst themselves.

Who are we? What are we doing? What just happened?

This was the very first time in the show’s history that the nametag fight had ended so abruptly!

Was Xia Xibei a relative of the director?

The director fell silent as he replayed Xia Xibei’s scenes and watched them all over again.

Not that he could utter a word— this young lady was a total freak!

He realized that Xia Xibei had, in fact, spent approximately half an hour looking for the other players.

In other words, she spent less than half an hour removing her opponents' name tags!

She was clearly the big bully of the game!

With movements as lithe and nimble as a young cheetah, she would sprint like a dart and reappear behind her opponents, who seemed like clumsy bears in comparison, both male and female.

When they turned around, she had torn the name tag right off their backs!

Most outrageously, she was able to remove two name tags at once!

Everyone had tackled the name tags one by one, so why did she have to be the odd one out?! Not to mention that she did it all in one shot, moving right on to the next target after one was down!

If the others had run as far as she did, they would have been panting heavily in exhaustion already, but she had barely broken a sweat!

Just what kind of creature was she?!

Toward the end of the filming, the host couldn't help but give Nie Zehai a pat on the shoulder, and sigh, "You won without fighting indeed!"

Nie Zehai was just as dumbstruck as the rest of them were.

They still couldn't seem to make sense of what had just happened!

He lost one of his name tags earlier. If he hadn't bolted fast enough, he might have lost the remaining one as well.

Just as he wanted to launch his attack, he realized that Xia Xibei had eliminated all their opponents.

Victory came knocking before he even managed to put up a fight!

It felt almost like a far-fetched dream as he recalled what he said before the show and these events took place.

It turned out that he had won without fighting!

He couldn't help but give himself a slap in the face when he saw Xia Xibei's skinny, feeble-looking figure.

He wasn't taking care of her at all; it was her who had his back instead!

The recording should have ended in the evening or at night, but the crew members were already packing up at noon after Xia Xibei's spectacular one-man show.

The guests were overwhelmed now that they had been spared half a day.

This episode of the show was clearly a compilation of Xia Xibei's glorious moments!

They couldn't stop wondering what kind of daunting implications would ensue once this episode was aired!

### **Chapter 516: Missed Call**

Pan Yan seemed to be in a daze on their way back.

He remembered what Xia Xibei had told him earlier. She said that she was going to do well, but he didn't believe her.

And she had just given him a brutal slap in the face.

This was the first time Xia Xibei came on a show, so Pan Yan was afraid that she might slip up and leave a bad impact on her future career.

Although he hadn't been watching over her throughout the entire recording, he had a good grasp on all that had happened on the show.

That was why he couldn't recover from the stupefaction.

She was a piece of work, wasn't she?! Just where exactly had she come from?

He was exhilarated, of course, due to having come across such a priceless treasure!

"You know martial arts, don't you?" he couldn't help but voice his doubt.

"I do," Xia Xibei nodded plainly.

The techniques that she had practiced were similar to the Chinese martial arts here, so she wasn't lying when she said she knew martial arts.

It only added to Pan Yan's astonishment— she knew martial arts indeed!

"Looks like I can get you some action films in the future."

"Sure," Xia Xibei shrugged with nonchalance.

Pan Yan felt the urge to do so upon getting Xia Xibei's consent.

If he wasn't driving, he would have gone to scavenge resources for Xia Xibei.

Very soon, they arrived at her residential area, and Xia Xibei got out of the car when she reached home.

Before she left, Pan Yan reminded, "The security system here is up to the mark, but you still have to beware of paparazzi. The show will be aired soon, and you'll no doubt become a sensation as long as the makers of the show aren't idiots."

The crew had been making the show for years, and their ratings had never been bad. They should be smart enough to know which parts to highlight to make the most out of the show.

Once Xia Xibei started to gain fame, paparazzi would be an inevitable nuisance.

As long as they managed to capture some photos, the stories could be fabricated later, and debunking scandals and rumors had never been an easy job.

"Alright, got it," Xia Xibei nodded and waved him goodbye.

It was around three or four o'clock in the evening when she reached home, and Qiao Yanjue hadn't come back.

A thousand thoughts began jostling in her mind while Xia Xibei rested on the couch.

After a while, she straightened herself and tapped her own face, "There's nothing to fret about. Things will turn out just fine when it's time!"

Then she remembered the corset that she wanted to give Tang Luo, and soon disappeared into one of the rooms.

She had furnished the room as a workshop with all sorts of tools and contraptions, some of which were modified by herself, as many of them did not belong to this world.

All the messed-up thoughts vanished from her mind once she started working.

Time kept ticking away, and it was already ten o'clock at night when she looked up at the clock.

She touched her growling tummy and came out of the room to make herself some instant noodles.

There were several missed calls when she looked at her phone.

After a moment of hesitation, she decided to call him back.

"Beibei, are you alright?" Qiao Yanjue sounded edgy. "Why didn't you answer my calls?"

“I left my phone outside while I was working in the room, so I didn’t hear it ring,” Xia Xibei replied in a low voice.

“Great then. As long as you’re fine,” Qiao Yanjue heaved a sigh of relief. “Have you eaten?”

“Yea, I’m just about to go to rest. The past two days have been rigorous.”

Qiao Yanjue had wanted to say something more, but upon hearing her reply, he said, “Well then, have a good rest.”

“Alright.”

Xia Xibei shook her head after hanging up, clutching at her chest as she refrained from pondering over these things.

The next morning, she went to school on her own, before Old Chen came to pick her up.

Upon arriving at school, she was greeted with Tang Luo’s anxious face.

“The stuff...”

“I brought it,” Xia Xibei laughed. “Have you found the place?”

“Yes, I have.”

## **Chapter 517: Private Pool**

Tang Luo had been living on tenterhooks for the past couple of days.

Mo Bonan wanted to teach her to swim, and she had turned him down with the pretext that she was unwell.

She did catch a cold after previously falling into the pool, so Mo Bonan did not insist on it.

However, two days had passed, and Tang Luo couldn't help but panic because Mo Bonan was about to make a move again.

How could she not panic? Xia Xibei hadn't even given her the corset that she wanted.

Luckily, Xia Xibei was a reliable friend, for she brought her the corset she wanted right after she came back.

She felt so much more relieved even before putting it on, because she'd always had total trust in Xia Xibei.

“I found a pool for just the two of us,” Tang Luo said in a muffled voice.

“Great,” Xia Xibei nodded.

The two of them set off right after dismissal, heading straight for a villa in the suburbs.

It was a well-known resort for vacation, and sure enough, the expenses would be high as well.

The villa was equipped with a tennis court, pools, basketball court, restaurants, and sauna rooms... All that one could imagine.

As long as you could afford them, it would be all yours to enjoy.

Most importantly, there were mini pools where the guests could enjoy swimming without any disturbance.

It took Tang Luo quite some effort to find this place.

The two of them even went to purchase men’s swim shorts on their way to the villa.

At last, Xia Xibei put on a disguise and entered the villa alongside Tang Luo, a bulging duffle bag on her back.

As the cab was driven through the gates of the villa, they were amazed by the lush greenery, stretching endlessly before their eyes.

Xia Xibei couldn't help but sigh with awe along the way. This exquisite, picturesque place was indeed worth the price.

She would be lavishing her fortune on such luxuries too if she were rich.

As she relished the scenery outside, a car passed them by.

Xia Xibei suppressed a gasp of shock.

She leaned forward to get a closer look, and much to her surprise, she saw that it was Qiao Yanjue's car!

What was he here for?

She quickly banished the doubt in her mind. A lot of wealthy businessmen came here for business talks.

And it wasn't like she could go to him, could she?

What would she say if she did? That it was such a coincidence that they ran into each other?

"What are you looking at?"

Tang Luo couldn't help but ask when she saw the unfathomable look on her face.

"Nothing," Xia Xibei shook her head, pulling herself back to reality.

Tang Luo was the matter of concern right now.

Tang Luo did not press on, and they arrived at the entrance in silence.

The two made their way into the villa after getting out of the cab.

Xia Xibei tensed a little as they passed the hallway, because she had seen Huo Zijun.

Oh, so Qiao Yanjue was here with Huo Zijun.

The gloom in her chest dissipated as the realization struck her, and she looked a lot more cheerful.

"Alright, let's get inside," she hastened.

"Okay."

Tang Luo looked at her in puzzlement but did not question her.

Very soon, the waiter led them to the private pool that Tang Luo had booked.

It wasn't a large pool, about 10 meters in length and 5 meters in width, which was more than enough space for the two of them to swim in.

"Let's get changed," Xia Xibei said, after the waiter had left and she'd made sure that there weren't any cameras around.

"Change into... Which one?" Tang Luo asked tentatively.

She had brought two swimming suits, a women's one and a men's one.

"The men's one."

Tang Luo looked unnerved, "But the men's one... It doesn't have a top."

"It's fine, just take your clothes off first. I'll help you put the corset on."

"Huh?" Taken aback, Tang Luo blushed. "You're going to help me with it?"

“Get changed! We don’t have much time,” Xia Xibei demanded. “We’re both girls, what are you afraid of!”

Tang Luo took her shirt off rather sheepishly, exposing the upper part of her body, which was clad in a corset.

“Take this one off.”

“I...”

“Take it off,” Xia Xibei instructed in a gentle but uncompromising voice.

Tang Luo took a deep breath and removed the corset at long last.

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Xia Xibei stared at her fair chest after the corset was removed and couldn’t help but reach out to touch her chest.

“Ah!” Tang Luo shoved her hands away as if she just got an electric shock, her cheeks flushed. “What are you doing?!”

Xia Xibei gave her an eyeroll, and did not stop what she was doing. "What are you scared of? Mine are much bigger than yours."

Tang Luo didn't know what to say, as she wasn't wrong.

"You should be glad that I'm a genius healer. Otherwise, this will soon turn into a huge disaster," Xia Xibei bragged like it was nobody's business.

Tang Luo stood motionless with her torso bare, her cheeks burning as Xia Xibei slid her hands all over her chest while commenting on her body.

"Are- Are you done?"

She would jump into the water if this didn't stop soon.

"Be patient."

Tang Luo was speechless. Who had said that they were in a hurry just a little while ago?

But she dared not speak a word.

Xia Xibei zipped the duffle bag open and retrieved a piece of material the color of skin.

“Here, put this on.”

Tang Luo was somewhat doubtful, “This is the one?”

That was the corset that Xia Xibei was talking about? Why was it so small? Would it even work?

“Yes.”

Xia Xibei did not feel the need to explain things to her. She spread Tang Luo’s arms and wrapped the thing around her chest.

Tang Luo couldn’t help but shudder when the corset contacted her skin. It was so chilly!

Fortunately, the chill quickly faded, leaving behind just a tinge of the previous feeling.

Xia Xibei pressed on her chest a couple of times, “Done.”

“D- Done?!”

Stunned and bewildered, Tang Luo looked down at her chest. Much to her surprise, the tiny bumps on her chest had disappeared, and her chest had flattened quite a lot.

The corset seemed to have blended with her body; not even its edges were discernible!

Fascinated, she lifted both hands to touch it and managed to make out the edges of the corset by touch.

She had found it hard to breathe in the corset that she wore before because it was wound tightly around her chest, like a rope.

However, this felt like nothing more than a thin fabric, not burdensome and rather comfortable!

If she hadn't felt its edges by touch, she would have thought that this was just how flat her chest was!

It was magical!

"How... Did you do it?" She stared at Xia Xibei in disbelief.

"You don't have to know that, you won't understand it anyway," Xia Xibei responded with a dismissive wave of her hand.

Tang Luo did not press on after Xia Xibei said that, asking instead, "Does it look alright now?"

"Hold on," Xia Xibei frowned. "Looks like something is missing."

Tang Luo just kept staring at her, perplexed.

“Oh yeah! Nipples!”

Tang Luo’s cheeks instantly turned as red as fresh tomatoes.

Xia Xibei was such a perv!

“But it doesn’t matter, I can add them next time. No one’s going to see you shirtless anyway,” Xia Xibei said, “By the way, we have to take a photo first!”

“Take a photo?”

“Yeah,” Xia Xibei nodded. “Then you could post it on social media!”

Tang Luo looked reluctant, “Can I not?”

“You could set it so Mo Bonan is the only one who can see it.” Xia Xibei gave her a playful knock on the head. “He won’t be suspicious of you again if he sees this!”

Tang Luo’s eyes lit up as the realization hit her, “You’re right!”

But another problem occurred to her. Pointing at her chest, she asked, “But what do we do with this?”

It would look so wrong if there were no nipples on her chest!

“That’s even easier!”

Speechless, Xia Xibei rolled her eyes at her once again.

“How?” Tang Luo was all ears.

“Photoshop!” Xia Xibei tapped her head, annoyed at her slow wits.

She used to be bright as a button, how did she become this dumb?

Tang Luo giggled in a silly manner after her doubt was answered by Xia Xibei.

She just hadn’t thought of it!

## **Chapter 519: Perv on the Move**

After that, Xia Xibei made Tang Luo change into the men’s swim short.

Tang Luo felt even more awkward as she looked at her reflection in the mirror.

“Come here, I have something interesting to show you,” Xia Xibei waved at her.

Her cheeks flared up once again as she moved closer to look, then she nearly jumped.

“You...you...”

“What about me?” Xia Xibei was open and honest. “It’s not like you never learnt human biology.”

Her cheeks just wouldn’t cool down as Tang Luo stared at the stick-shaped object.

This was such a daunting adventure!

Seeing Xia Xibei totally unfazed and laid-back, she couldn’t help but doubt herself.

Having lived a lifetime more, why couldn’t she be as self-possessed as Xia Xibei was?

“Aight, put this into your pants,” Xia Xibei handed the object to her.

Tang Luo flinched, holding Xia Xibei in high regard.

She didn't know that Xia Xibei was kinkier than she had thought.

Despite her great reluctance, she took the thing from Xia Xibei's hand, and discreetly placed it inside her swim shorts.

Looking in the mirror, she had a delusion that she had always been a male.

If the corset was removed, she would look like the "babe with a big c\*ck" on the Internet, wouldn't she?

This is what she thought with some amusement in the midst of her unease.

"Come here, I'll help you adjust a little."

Tang Luo made her way to Xia Xibei, still in a daze. Then she saw Xia Xibei's hands reaching out to put the thing in her swim shorts in place.

"Perfect!"

Tang Luo was looking even more bewildered now, feeling like she was being molested by Xia Xibei.

"Alright now, let me take a photo of you," Xia Xibei said. "Smile a bit!"

Tang Luo forced her lips into a mirthless smile.

“Smile more naturally, could you?!” Xia Xibei still wasn’t pleased.

It took them a painfully long while to get photos that Xia Xibei was satisfied with.

“Look, you look so macho in this one!”

She handed her the picture.

Tang Luo felt like digging herself a hole and disappearing into it as she looked at the photo of herself.

This was so freaking shameful! She had never thought that such a shameful thing would be happening to her!

“By the way, you should get into the water and get drenched. I’ll help you take another photo,” Xia Xibei said.

Despite her immense reluctance, Tang Luo did as she was told.

When she came out of the water thoroughly soaked, Xia Xibei went to great lengths again to capture the most suitable photo.

After deleting the unneeded photos, Tang Luo photoshopped the parts that needed to be altered.

At long last, Tang Luo looked like a downright stunning dreamboat in the photo, a handsome young man in perfect shape!

After getting the photos ready, Xia Xibei finally changed into her swimming suit and began teaching Tang Luo to swim.

Luckily, Tang Luo was smart. The series of shameful things that she had just been through must have triggered something in her, for she managed to master the basic breaststroke style in just half an hour.

Although she had yet to become adept at it, it would just take her a few more practices to be able to swim well.

Once she got the hang of it, Tang Luo began to open herself up.

About half an hour later, the two of them scrambled up from the water, their stomachs growling.

“I’ll add the nipples on once we get back. Then you won’t have to worry anymore, even if you swim face to face with Mo Bonan.”

Tang Luo nodded, “Great!”

With Xia Xibei's help, she would no longer have to worry that Mo Bonan might expose her.

They took a shower and changed into clean clothes, then Tang Luo posted the photos with some captions.

[First time in the water, I never knew I was talented! I can do breaststroke now!]

Attached below were the flawless photos that she had edited with photoshop.

Finally, she set Mo Bonan as the only follower that would be able to view the post.

When she was done with all of that, she couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief.

"Alright, let's go. Time to eat."

However, Xia Xibei came to a halt right as they reached the restaurant.

## **Chapter 520: I Like You**

Xia Xibei couldn't help but frown upon seeing Qiao Yanjue and Li Weiyun.

Li Weiyun was here too?

After hesitating for a moment, she said to Tang Luo, "You go find a seat first, I'll come later."

Tang Luo looked at Qiao Yanjue and Li Weiyun in the distance. There was a little concern in her eyes, but she still nodded.

"Okay, then I'll go over first. You should be careful."

"Don't worry," Xia Xibei said casually, then pulled the hat on her head and carefully walked towards the two.

Qiao Yanjue had just stepped out from inside to get some air when Li Weiyun followed him out.

"Yanjue."

Li Weiyun's expression was a bit complicated.

"What's wrong?" Qiao Yanjue's brows furrowed lightly.

"I have something to tell you."

“Why couldn’t you say it inside?”

Today, Li Weiyun asked him and Huo Zijun out to dinner.

They were friends and Huo Zijun was around, so Qiao Yanjue agreed.

However, during the meal, he heard all kinds of insinuations from Li Weiyun, ones which did not make him feel good.

So, he came out to get some air.

Unexpectedly, Li Weiyun followed him out.

“I...”

Li Weiyun’s palms were clenched, she was very nervous.

“If there’s nothing else, I’ll go in first.”

Qiao Yanjue frowned and was about to stride back inside.

“Wait!” Li Weiyun immediately stopped him, and the words she had been preparing in her heart for years came out. “I like you!”

Xia Xibei, who hid in the shadows, and Qiao Yanjue were both left speechless.

After saying the words from her heart, Li Weiyun’s face flushed, but she didn’t regret it at all.

In fact, this should have been said years ago.

If she hadn’t held on to her girlish reserve and waited for Qiao Yanjue to declare his love first, she wouldn’t be in this state now.

Li Weiyun was arrogant, and the fact that she had so many suitors around her made her even loftier.

However, no matter how many suitors there were, she still liked Qiao Yanjue.

Perhaps it was because Qiao Yanjue had saved her when she was young, so she had placed him in the deepest part of her heart.

Since that time, she had thought about being Qiao Yanjue’s wife, and was working in that direction.

But she didn't expect that when she saw a hint of dawn, someone else would suddenly appear!

When she thought of Qiao Yanjue's attitude towards Xia Xibei, her heart was lit on fire and she wanted to completely destroy Xia Xibei!

After going back, she learned a lot of things about Xia Xibei from Xia Qinghan, and also obtained some photos.

In the photos, Xia Xibei had gotten into many luxury cars. Did she need to say more about what it meant?

To Li Weiyun, it was normal to see the kinds of things a lower-class person like Xia Xibei would do to move up the ladder.

But Qiao Yanjue couldn't be bewitched by Xia Xibei!

And Xia Qinghan's words had woken her up.

Many good men had been stolen by unreserved seductresses!

That was why she made an effort to ask Qiao Yanjue out, just to say what she felt.

For her, it was very hard to say that she liked him.

Those three words had exhausted all her strength.

But no matter what, she had said it, and she could not allow Qiao Yanjue to be dismissive.

She stared intently at Qiao Yanjue, her eyes tinged with anticipation.

“You must have had too much to drink.” After the initial surprise, Qiao Yanjue quickly darkened his face.  
“Let’s stop here today. I’m going back.”

Li Weiyun stared incredulously, indignant to the point of resentment.

“You really like that bit\*h?!”