

Chapter 541: Touched a Nerve

Daughter-in-law?

The couple's hearts jumped.

Qiao Zhengyuan spoke first, "You have a girlfriend?"

No wonder!

When Qiao Yanjue came back earlier, they wanted to introduce him to someone, but he refused and was very determined about it.

What he meant was that he would find his own other half, not needing them to worry about it.

It had been quite the standoff at the time.

Now that he thought about it, he must have already been with someone to say something like that.

But which family's young lady was she?

"Not yet," Qiao Yanjue shook his head, "Working on it."

“You have someone you like?” Liu Yiqin asked anxiously.

If he said he was working on it, that meant he already had a target. Otherwise, he wouldn't have said that.

“Hmm...”

The couple's eyes widened.

“How come I didn't hear you say that last time?”

“I did say that.”

“When did you say that?!”

“Didn't I tell you guys that I would find someone I like on my own?”

The couple was speechless. Which word in that sentence meant that he had found someone he liked?!

“You guys don't have to worry, you'll definitely like her.”

Liu Yiqin's heart jumped, "Who is she? What's her personality like?"

"Which family is she from in G city?" Qiao Zhengyuan added on.

Liu Yiqin glared at him. "What, she could only be a rich young lady and not an ordinary person?"

She was a girl from an ordinary family herself. If she hadn't been pursued by him, would she be a stepmother today?

She could have married into an ordinary family and lived a good life too!

Qiao Zhengyuan was a little embarrassed by her glare and muttered, "I- I didn't say that! But do you think your son would look at a girl from an ordinary family?"

With Qiao Yanjue's arrogant nature, how could an ordinary girl catch his eye?

Even the imperial capital's princesses didn't make him look twice, let alone ordinary girls.

"That's true," Liu Yiqin also agreed with him.

She knew her own son. If he was not good-looking, his foul temper wouldn't be liked by any girls!

Even their previous attempt to introduce him to the girl from the Li family did not soften him up. Instead, he just flipped out.

Li Weiyun was one of those rare young ladies of good breeding, both talented and good-natured.

If Qiao Yanjue refused such a good girl outright, other girls would have no chance.

Thinking of this, Liu Yiqin's face suddenly changed.

"You don't like boys, do you?!"

"Pfft!"

On the other end of the phone, Qiao Yanjue spit up, stunned by his own mother's divine statement.

"No way!"

Qiao Zhengyuan was also shocked.

Although he had several sons, he never thought his son would be gay!

“Mom! You’re thinking too much!” Qiao Yanjue broke out in a cold sweat. “I’m straight!”

“But you didn’t even like the Li girl...”

“I really don’t like her.” Qiao Yanjue insisted. “The person I like is better than her!”

This time, both of them were stunned.

This girl was even better than Li Weiyun? How outstanding must she be?!

“I don’t believe it!” Liu Yiqin said flatly. “Unless you bring her home!”

“There’s no rush for that.”

“It’s not because you haven’t caught her yet, is it?” she immediately asked.

Qiao Yanjue didn’t know what to say. That touched a nerve.

“Pfft! Ha ha ha!” Liu Yiqin immediately laughed. “Ouch, I can’t believe you haven’t gotten her...”

He was usually so proud, but he hadn’t gotten her yet? This was too funny!

Qiao Yanjue quickly said, "I can't talk anymore, I have some things to do. I'll hang up first."

After saying that, he hung up the phone.

He could confirm one thing: she really was his mother!

Chapter 542: Beauty in the Eyes of the Beholder

After Qiao Yanjue hung up the phone, Qiao Zhengyuan looked at his wife with some grumbling. "You haven't even cleared things up yet!"

Qiao Yanjue was now in his twenties, and it was time to put marriage on the agenda.

Although he was not in a hurry to get married, it was time to look for someone to fall in love with.

Now that he finally had some progress on his end, he was ridiculed by his own mother...

"What can we get out of him?" Liu Yiqin rolled her eyes at her husband. "It's not like you don't know your son's temper!"

If he was willing to say it, he would have said it long ago.

If he didn't want to say it, no one could force it out of him.

Qiao Zhengyuan was a bit sheepish after the rebuttal from his wife.

"Then what are you going to do?"

"Ask Ah-Hong!"

"Right!" Qiao Zhengyuan suddenly realized. "He is now living at Ah-Hong's place. She'd know for sure!"

As soon as he said it, Liu Yiqin called Liu Manhong.

After the sisters checked in on each other, Liu Yiqin got straight to the point.

"Do you know who Yanjue likes?"

Liu Manhong's heart jumped.

"What did he say to you?"

She had previously instructed Qiao Yanjue not to reveal Xia Xibei so quickly.

If Qiao Yanjue had put Xia Xibei out in the open, who knew how much trouble it would cause?

She didn't want to make things difficult for Xia Xibei.

"He said he has someone he likes. I think, since he lives next to you, you would know who it is."

"I..."

Liu Manhong had always been very frank in front of her big sister. Now that she was asked, she was a little hesitant.

"You know her, right?" Liu Yiqin felt justified. She continued to ask, "I won't ask too much, I just want to know, what is her personality like?"

"Hm..." Liu Manhong hesitated for a moment, but still said, "Don't worry, she is great!"

Liu Yiqin froze for a moment. Even her own sister said so?

If it was Qiao Yanjue who said that, she could understand that beauty was in the eye of the beholder.

But if Liu Manhong said so, she had to wonder how fantastic the girl was.

Liu Yiqin knew her own sister and son well. They were not people who could be impressed so easily.

“How is she great?”

“Great in every way. She is a wonderful young woman. If you met her, you’d like her too.”

Liu Yiqin was stunned. The weight of these words was too heavy!

Was the girl really that good, or was she too shrewd at being a person?

“Where is the girl from?”

“Uh...”

When it came to the point, Liu Manhong wouldn’t dare to say so much.

“Hm. Maybe wait for Yanjue to tell you! I have something to do over here!”

Liu Yiqin frowned but didn't continue to press the issue.

"That's fine, I'll ask him then."

After saying that, she hung up the phone.

Qiao Zhengyuan looked at her with an eager look from the side.

"What did Ah-Hong say?"

"She didn't say anything to the point, just said that the girl was very nice." Liu Yiqin's expression was a bit serious. "So, I have decided to go over and take a look."

"You're going over there?" Qiao Zhengyuan was surprised.

"Yes. Who knows if the girl is really good or not? I have to go over there to see for myself."

"But Yanjue..."

"I'm not an evil mother-in-law, I don't plan to do anything. What are you afraid of?! Besides, that's my son! Would I hurt him?"

As soon as his wife glared, Qiao Zhengyuan was cowed and could only mutter under his breath.

On the other end, after hanging up the phone, Liu Manhong frowned and pondered for a while. Finally, her expression suddenly changed, and she called Qiao Yanjue.

“What did you say to your mother?”

Chapter 543: I'll Take Care of It

Liu Manhong was more than ten years younger than Liu Yiqin, and their parents died when she was just eleven years old.

Fortunately, at that time, Liu Yiqin had already entered the workforce and could support her.

After a slightly difficult phase for the sisters, Liu Yiqin married into the Qiao family and the sisters' lives became better.

After that, Liu Yiqin fully supported Liu Manhong in doing all the things she wanted to do, giving her funds and backing her up.

It could be said that Liu Yiqin raised Liu Manhong like a mother.

Therefore, the relationship between the two sisters was extraordinary.

Liu Yiqin understood Liu Manhong, and Liu Manhong understood her sister.

Although Liu Yiqin did not insist on asking and gave up in the end, Liu Manhong knew that she must be keeping some big move to herself.

Of course, the biggest move of all was... Coming over!

Liu Manhong's face changed while thinking about it.

Although she believed that her sister was not a person who loved money and resented the poor, as a mother, who wouldn't want her child to find a comparable match?

Xia Xibei was great in every way, but her family history was inferior and could not be compared to the Qiao family at all.

This situation was different from Liu Yiqin's back then. After all, when she married Qiao Zhengyuan, the Qiao family was not so wealthy yet.

The current Qiao family was completely different from the previous one, and Liu Yiqin's mentality may have changed.

In this situation, if the two sides confronted each other, it was probably not a good thing.

In that case, Qiao Yanjue was the one to blame!

“What the hell did you say to your mother?!”

She growled as soon as the call went through.

Qiao Yanjue froze at her yelling. “What did I say?”

“If you didn’t say anything, would your mother want to come over?”

“What?!”

Qiao Yanjue was also stunned by his mother’s sudden momentum. “She said she was coming over?”

Liu Manhong affirmed. “She didn’t say it. But I think she will definitely come over!”

Qiao Yanjue mused that this was a possibility.

“No worries. She won’t come here.”

“How do you know?”

“Because she has to deal with Qiao Zhiqing first.”

“Huh?”

Liu Man Hong was a little confused. What did this have to do with Qiao Zhiqing?

“Don’t worry, even if she came over, it won’t be a problem,” Qiao Yanjue reassured her. “I’ll take care of it.”

Liu Manhong didn’t have the patience to deal with this situation, saying, “I hope you remember that! Otherwise, don’t blame me for being ungracious when the time comes!”

Xia Xibei was like her daughter! Such a capable and well-behaved daughter was not to be bullied.

“Don’t worry, I know.”

Being comforted by Qiao Yanjue, Liu Manhong let herself calm down.

Xia Xibei had no idea what was happening to their family, let alone that a certain socialite might come over at any moment. She was simply making her final preparations.

She had previously signed up for an English competition with a written and oral test.

After going through the previous hurdles, she broke into the final province-wide final as the first in the city.

Other people could only admire her when they learned her results. After all, she took so much time off before and she was so busy, but still she managed to take first place.

She really was too awesome!

Of course, Tang Luo was also as incredible as her.

Tang Luo participated in the physics and chemistry competition and made it to the final, making others thoroughly admire him.

These two gods of learning made it hard for people to be jealous of them. They were simply not in the same realm!

Xia Qinghan also made it to the final of the English competition, but she came in fourth place in the city and was not at all impressive compared to Xia Xibei's crushing victory.

Chapter 544: Going to the Imperial Capital to Compete

Xia Xibei was very busy these days, and she had to find time to compete in the English competition.

The teachers were worried about her results before. After all, she was so busy. How could she have time to prepare?

However, after seeing the results, everyone had nothing but admiration.

She got almost a perfect score on the written test. Her oral exam was even more impeccable.

No one knew when she had practiced, yet the moment she opened her mouth, she had a genuine British accent.

Once the elegant British accent came out, she instantly transformed into an elegant, noble lady and defeated the other students.

Finally, she entered the province's final in first place.

However, it was not easy to get good results in the province's competition.

Even Xia Qinghan did not dare to have too much hope.

However, Xia Xibei's performance was outstanding as always. Her confident and generous posture and her calm and smooth delivery, coupled with her outstanding appearance, really made people unable to take their eyes off of her.

It could be said that as soon as she appeared, she immediately drew everyone's attention to her, leaving no room for others.

Looking at the radiant Xia Xibei on the stage and listening to the excited whispered discussions of the spectators around her, Xia Qinghan's teeth were about to be ground into powder.

She just didn't understand why Xia Xibei always had to overshadow her?!

When she thought about the recording of "Full Steam Ahead" and the airing that would come afterward, she hated her even more.

Originally, she thought Li Weiyun would teach Xia Xibei a lesson, but to her surprise, Li Weiyun didn't act at all!

Because of her preoccupied mind, Xia Qinghan stumbled a bit in her speech and was not quite perfect.

In the end, Xia Xibei took first place, while Xia Qinghan's result was very unsatisfactory and quite worse than expected.

Looking at the beautiful people receiving awards on the stage, Xia Qinghan's heart was full of gloom.

She had thought that this competition was the end, but she didn't expect that the two people who won first prize would have to go to the national competition in the imperial capital!

When listening to the host announce this matter, Xia Qinghan couldn't help but feel her heart jump and her face turn a little white.

The imperial capital?

Why wasn't this mentioned before? Wasn't it over after the provincial competition?

If she had known that she was going to compete in the imperial capital, she would have tried her best!

However, things had now come to this point, and the result couldn't be changed.

However, Xia Qinghan didn't expect that after going back to tell Bai Meixue about this matter, the older woman would surprise her with her intense reaction.

"What?!" Bai Meixue's face was full of shock. "What did you say? Xia Xibei is going to compete in the imperial capital?!"

"Yes..."

Xia Qinghan was stunned; Bai Meixue's reaction was too exaggerated.

Although she also did not want Xia Xibei to go to the Imperial City competition either, she didn't need to react so violently.

Bai Meixue paced back and forth, her face miserably pale and ugly.

"No, we absolutely can't let her go to the imperial capital!"

"Why?" Xia Qinghan was curious. "Why can't we let her go there?"

Bai Meixue jerked her head up and stared at her closely, her eyes dark and inexplicable. "If she goes to the imperial capital, she might... She just can't go there!"

Although the imperial capital was large and Xia Xibei would not necessarily run into those people, who could guarantee it?

Therefore, the best way to prevent that problem was to keep Xia Xibei here.

The look in Bai Meixue's eyes scared Xia Qinghan and chilled her heart.

"When is she going to the competition?"

“It sounds like next week.”

“Next week...” Bai Meixue’s eyes became even more chilly.

Xia Qinghan’s heart also lifted into the air. What was she planning to do?

Chapter 545: The Strongest Female Group

Xia Xibei returned to the company after a long absence.

For most of the month, she had things to do and rarely went to the company.

However, even if she missed a lot of classes, it was fine. After all, her comprehension and acquisition were both much stronger than those of others.

In fact, people thought it was good that she didn’t come to class. At least they weren’t being constantly crushed!

Originally, they thought they were geniuses, but when the real genius appeared, it was a very stifling feeling.

Now that Xia Xibei was back, many people were not in a good mood.

This time, everyone looked at her more warily.

Xia Xibei was dumbfounded until she heard the others' conversations

“Did you hear about it?”

“Of course I've heard!”

“Then don't we have a chance?!”

“I hope so too!”

“No matter what, we have to do well!”

“Our company can send three people this time!”

“Then our chances are also a bit greater...”

“It's just a pity that only girls can go this time...”

After listening to the whispers of the trainees, Xia Xibei was bewildered at first, then she understood.

What they were discussing should be the next reality talent show, “The Strongest Female Group.”

This program was a joint venture between several major companies, a competition that involved training female trainees from major companies. Five would be selected to form a group, who would then do activities together.

These companies were very wealthy. If they joined together, this girl group would have a lot of resources!

And after winning this contest, you could make your debut!

People had been working so hard for so long, just so they could debut!

Now that there was this great opportunity, who didn’t want to go?

That was why everyone was so nervous.

Nini and Xiaoshi had heard about this from Xia Qinghan before and felt superior since “they already knew.”

But it was useless, because even if they already knew about it, they may not be able to go.

The ones who would go to the competition would be the most talented in the company.

They were pretty good, but there were even better ones here.

When they saw Xia Xibei, their faces became even more unsightly.

If Xia Xibei wanted to participate, would anyone else have a chance to win?

Xia Xibei's expression was calm under the many wary gazes.

Others only saw the benefits of this program, but they did not know that there was trouble here!

Viewers would be heavily complaining during the broadcast of the program.

Since several large companies had jointly organized it, why was the editing so bad? Was it all edited by their relatives?

At the same time, a variety of in-fighting and negative news came out about the contestants. It was quite a mess.

After a year, the show was still being panned by everyone— this was not the strongest girl group, it was the shortest-lived girl group!

The girl group that was formed with such great effort ended up a total disaster!

On the contrary, the trainees who were not chosen to be in the girl group were doing well.

Oh yes, the show's directors also had a bunch of negative news. This was only revealed after the show was over, which caused another mess.

Therefore, Xia Xibei did not have much interest in this show.

However, as the best trainee, if she didn't have the chance to participate, others would doubt the company's vision.

When she was informed of the timing of the first recording session, Xia Xibei froze.

This conflicted with the English competition!

Chapter 546: Eliminated

Before, Xia Xibei did not think that she would have to go to the national competition after the province's competition.

However, since she had won, she certainly would not refuse the opportunity.

It just didn't occur to her that this recording would conflict with the time of the competition.

Moreover, neither could be rescheduled.

This would require a trade-off.

If other trainees were to choose, they would definitely not hesitate in choosing "The Strongest Female Group." After all, it was the best for them.

For Xia Xibei, however, who already knew about the pathetic nature of this show, this choice was not certain.

The national English competition was a different style and could provide extra points on the college entrance examinations.

Of course, she could get a good score on the college entrance exams with or without the extra points.

Still, after seeing Pan Yan's enthusiastic eyes, she decided to go for the show.

Despite all the bad things about "The Strongest Female Group," there was no denying that the contestants had gained varying degrees of popularity over the next year.

As long as it was run properly, the follow-up would not be a loss.

With her strength, she wasn't worried about having a problem.

Since that was the case, she had to turn down the national English competition.

After she told the teacher who led the team about this decision, the teacher respected her decision, though she was very sorry.

After making her choice, Xia Xibei started training with Xia Qinghan and another girl, Fan Yueying.

Xia Qinghan's emotions were very complicated while she practiced.

Xia Xibei's chance was actually made possible by Bai Meixue!

Of course, with Xia Xibei's strength, she could indeed participate in the program.

But wasn't director Jiang Shenghe's film ready to start shooting? Xia Xibei had to be on set!

If she had to be on set, she would not have time to participate in the later competitions.

Although she only had a supporting role, Jiang Shenghe was a director of excellence, which everyone understood.

Even if the role was small, shooting everything well required a lot of time!

In that case, it was better to give the opportunity to others!

However, because of Bai Meixue's support, Xia Xibei managed to get this opportunity.

The thought of participating in the show with Xia Xibei made Xia Qinghan's mood very bad.

If Bai Meixue had not said that Xia Xibei could not be allowed to go to the imperial capital, she would have thought that there was something fishy going on here!

However, Bai Meixue also said that even if Xia Xibei went to the competition, it would only be a day trip.

Xia Qinghan was comforted by this.

Even if there was still displeasure in her heart, she held it back.

Xia Xibei knew that Xia Qinghan was dissatisfied with herself. However, she did not think too much about it, calmly continuing to practice, making her perfect movements even more impeccable.

Soon, it was recording day for “The Strongest Female Group.”

On this day, Xia Xibei arrived at the TV station with Xia Qinghan and Fan Yueying.

“The Strongest Female Group” was an online program and would only be shown online.

In other words, viewers who only watched TV would not see this competition.

When they arrived at the TV station, Xia Xibei saw so many somewhat familiar faces, all of which would be hot online for the next six months.

At this time, however, these future stars were apprehensive, and their faces revealed it.

At the sight of Xia Xibei, everyone’s expression changed slightly.

She looked like a strong rival!

Moreover, Xia Xibei now had a lot of popularity online, so how could others compete with her?

However, at the end of the first round of recording, everyone’s minds were at ease— because Xia Xibei was eliminated!

Chapter 547: Being Picked On

Xia Xibei had noticed the problem before the competition.

She was given strangely tailored clothes by the program team.

Her waist was short, and her legs were long, which made her look taller.

If she wore a waist-baring top with hot pants, she'd look hot.

However, this dress had a long waist and went almost down to her thighs, which gave her a long waist and short legs.

The dress was not flattering, cut straight and loose, as if she was in a cloth bag, and not at all showing her figure. There was a bit of lace underneath, which looked ridiculous.

The colors of the skirt were also hard to like.

Even with Xia Xibei's figure and face, she didn't look good wearing it.

Pan Yan frowned at her makeup and outfit. He was confused at first, then he became angry.

“I’ll go talk to them!”

This was a competition, not an embarrassment!

They didn’t even take Xia Xibei seriously! It was too much!

Xia Xibei did not question it. She followed Pan Yan and quickly found the busy costume designer.

“What is it? Hurry up, I am busy!”

The costume designer swept them a glance, not quite paying attention.

“Hello, can you give her a change of clothes?” Pan Yan asked, holding back his temper.

“Change what clothes?” The costume designer glared at them unhappily. “The clothes are pretty much the same, what is there to change?! Doesn’t this look good?”

“Uhh...”

“Do you want to do it?” The costume designer said with contempt.

“You-!”

“Brother Pan, it’s all right. Let’s go back.”

Xia Xibei stopped Pan Yan

from getting into a fight here. Didn’t he see how other people were looking over?

The costume designer gave them a look that said, ‘At least you know what’s good for you,’ and went back to work.

Pan Yan was pulled to the side, shaking with anger.

“She’s clearly playing with you!”

Wasn’t it embarrassing to go on stage dressed like this?

“It’s okay.” Xia Xibei comforted him. “Come on, take a picture of me first.”

Pan Yan frowned. “Take pictures?”

Why did she still want to take pictures at this moment?

“Right,” Xia Xibei nodded, even striking a pose.

Pan Yan was speechless. He took a picture of her, but he could not help but sigh.

This was horrific! What would they do when she went on stage later?

While he was sighing, Xia Xibei pulled out a pin from somewhere and fiddled with the dress at the waist, giving it an extra ruffle, and the dress immediately looked more three-dimensional.

As for the makeup, she was also prepared.

She wiped off some of the heavy eyeshadow, added a bit of lighter eyeshadow, and added some red to the inside of her lips, turning the original hot pink shade into a bitten lip look.

Pan Yan was dumbfounded. This was simply a stunning transformation!

Xia Xibei, who originally looked a bit old-fashioned, suddenly returned to her youthful style!

The dress with no curves actually became pretty!

Xia Xibei was previously made to look like a mature 20-something. Now she was back to her youthful image, which was more pleasing to look at.

“One more.”

Xia Xibei struck the same pose as earlier.

Pan Yan raised his eyebrows and vaguely understood what she meant.

“OK.”

Two photos, same person and similar clothes, but the contrast was unbearable!

If these two photos were posted, the show’s stylists and makeup artists wouldn’t be able to work anymore! Their aesthetics and techniques would be considered trash!

Pan Yan didn’t think of sending the photos out immediately. After all, they were still in the competition, so he couldn’t offend these people.

However, he didn’t expect that when Xia Xibei went on stage, she would really be picked on!

Chapter 548: She Won’t Be Famous

There were a total of 100 participants in this competition, and 50 players would enter the second stage. The elimination rate was high.

Pan Yan looked around. Xia Xibei's looks were top-notch. As for her talent, there was also no debate.

Their whole company knew that Xia Xibei was a genius, and everyone in her class was crushed miserably.

Pan Yan was not worried about her performance.

But unexpectedly, after getting on stage, Xia Xibei's performance went wrong.

Because there wasn't much time for the final broadcast, it was impossible for the contestants to each perform individually.

Xia Xibei and her group from the same company had to dance together.

This dance had a collaborative part, as well as a solo part.

Also, there was a little similarity in their clothes' color scheme, which looked like a whole.

But Xia Qinghan and Fan Yueying's clothes looked much better than hers.

If Xia Xibei hadn't adjusted the clothes herself, she would have been ridiculed.

After the fixes, when she came on stage, she immediately attracted everyone's attention.

She was a few centimeters taller than the other two, and with her outstanding face and temperament, she simply stood out from the rest.

After the music started, the three of them began to dance to the music.

Along with the powerful music, they moved uniformly and beautifully.

Yet, when walking to change the formation, Fan Yueying's feet slipped and her body skewed towards Xia Xibei.

Xia Xibei reacted quickly and dodged the hit.

However, it was with this fumble that her movements appeared to stall.

Although they immediately returned to normal, there was still a flaw.

Pan Yan's nose was out of joint as he watched this scene.

Was Fan Yueying that stupid?!

When it came time for the final critique, one of the judges spoke harshly, "You're a group, but you didn't show me the unity of the group! The movements were stiff and the rhythm was off... Only one person in your group can stay."

In the end, only Xia Qinghan was left behind, with Xia Xibei and Fan Yueying both eliminated.

There were only the contestants, the judges, the staff, for this round of competition, no spectators present.

The judge who commented was Yan Junhong. He was the producer of some outstanding female groups back then, and he had a lot of experience.

Although mean, his vision was very sharp. He could tell who would be famous and who wouldn't.

Now, Xia Xibei was the one that he judged as not being able to be famous.

Although the others felt that Xia Xibei's performance was not as bad as he said, he was a judge, so the others didn't dare to argue with him.

Besides, it was a good thing for them that Xia Xibei was eliminated!

On the stage, Xia Qinghan tried to suppress the corners of her mouth and not show too exaggerated a smile.

But she was already laughing in her heart. Now she would see how much Xia Xibei would cry!

Did she think she was going to make it with a bit of popularity online? Hah!

Fan Yueying was scolded so much that her eyes were red, while Xia Xibei looked calm. Her face did not show any signs of sadness or happiness.

The other contestants couldn't help but shake their heads. She was holding back, right?

Right, even if she was not happy, she couldn't lose her temper here.

Off the stage, Pan Yan immediately rushed over, his face indignant.

"That Yan Junhong, he..."

"Brother Pan, it's all right. Let's go."

Xia Xibei interrupted his angry outburst before anyone else could hear.

“We just go?” Pan Yan was still angry. “He’s just...”

“Okay, stop talking.”

Xia Xibei gave him an indifferent look, which instantly made him shut his mouth.

This look was too fierce!

It really made one’s heart tremble.

Chapter 549: Not Comparable

As for Fan Yueying, who was also eliminated, Xia Xibei didn’t even look at her.

Fan Yueying knew that she had done something wrong, so she came over with her head down and whispered, “I’m sorry,” before turning around and running away.

Pan Yan looked at her departing back and was livid.

If Xia Xibei hadn’t been dragged down by Fan Yueying, how could she have been eliminated?!

If he had known, he should have insisted that Xia Xibei dance solo!

“It’s okay,” Xia Xibei reassured him. “It’s not that bad. Now I still have time to participate in the English competition.”

A few days ago, the lead teacher surprised her by telling her that the English competition in the imperial capital had been rescheduled for the following Saturday.

If Xia Xibei had advanced in the show, the times would have conflicted.

However, she was eliminated, just in time for this competition.

Pan Yan, however, was not comforted.

“That is an English competition! Is it comparable to this show?!”

“The Strongest Female Group” was a collaboration between several major companies, and the show’s resources and exposure would be huge.

The English competition that Xia Xibei had participated in, or the national competition, sounded high brow, but how many people would pay attention or understand it?!

This was too pitiful!

“It’s okay, I think it’s fine.”

What in the world did Xia Xibei eat? How did she become so mellow about it?

At this point in time, how could she still feel pretty good?

Was she comforting him, or herself?

While Xia Xibei had relaxed, Pan Yan was still very angry, and he furiously called the company.

However, the company gave a reply that made him stomp his feet.

Since it was Yan Junhong who spoke, it meant Xia Xibei’s performance was really not very good. Although she was usually very good, this kind of thing also depended on the performance on-site! It was possible to perform badly after going on stage. Didn’t they see it so often? Moreover, the company had someone going into the next stage, so there was no need to make it ugly.

These words almost made Pan Yan choke!

But what else could he say if the company didn’t step in to get justice?

Xia Xibei patted his shoulder, “Don’t worry.”

Pan Yan was not gracious, rolling his eyes at her. How could she be so calm?

While the two were discussing, Xia Qinghan passed by them and stopped, revealing a smile.

“Don’t worry, I will definitely compete well and make our company proud!”

“Good! Then I wish you success.”

Xia Xibei’s smile was also very sincere.

Xia Qinghan froze for a moment. She was not angry?

Without waiting for Xia Qinghan to continue talking, Xia Xibei had already waved at her and walked away with the sulking Pan Yan.

Looking at Xia Xibei’s departing back, Xia Qinghan became even more puzzled.

However, she quickly put her mind at ease.

Things had already come to this point, and it was difficult to imagine that Xia Xibei could still change the outcome.

In the following week, “The Strongest Female Group” started a crazy promotion online.

By the time it aired on Saturday, all the viewers who should have been paying attention already knew about the show.

Song Jiaren and the others were happy too. They didn’t know that Xia Xibei had been eliminated in the first round. They were thinking that she must have done great!

But to their surprise, after the show aired, everyone was dumbfounded.

Xia Xibei was eliminated! Moreover, there were very few shots of her. Just the scene where a mistake occurred while walking, and the judge’s vicious commentary on her.

Listening to Yan Junhong’s commentary, everyone was confused and thought they had heard wrong.

How was it possible that Xia Xibei had been eliminated? How was it possible?

Chapter 550: There is Definitely Something Shady

[I watched it for Xia Xibei and waited for half an hour. What is going on?]

[Wasn't the preview okay? So how did she end up eliminated?]

[This clip is too short, right? Half of the dance is not even finished!]

Xia Xibei didn't have many fans, but among the many contestants in the same show, she had the most.

The show came out with a teaser before, and in the teaser, Xia Xibei had a few seconds of footage.

Originally, everyone thought that she should be able to enter the second round, so they did not expect her to be eliminated.

The fans exploded when they heard the judge's comments.

[What do you mean by stiff limbs? Sister Bei dances beautifully!]

[What kind of garbage judge is this? What kind of garbage is he saying? Is he the only one in the world who knows the best?]

[What a crap show! What a mess of editing, the cameraman's hand can't even hold the camera! It makes me dizzy!]

Of course, while there were those who loved Xia Xibei, there were also those who hated her.

[Yes! Your Sister Bei is the most powerful in the world, everyone else is shady! Get out of here!]

[For those who are ignorant, the judge is Yan Junhong. He launched the GF group! So he is not qualified to review, but your idol is qualified to advance?!]

[The show is very good! There are a lot of beautiful girls, and the strength is much better than so-and-so! I'll watch this show!]

[She has no masterpiece, yet she's already so full of herself? Does she think she's the best in the world? If she was so powerful, why didn't she go up to the sky?]

[To be fair, other people's performances were indeed much better than Xia Xibei's, and the judges were not blind!]

The episode went online at 7 o'clock on Saturday night, and Xia Xibei's performance was finished after half an hour. With the commentary, she was done in just a minute's time.

If it weren't for the fact that Xia Xibei had quite a few fans, it wouldn't have stirred up any interest at all.

Although it had provoked a little fanfare, it didn't attract too much attention.

Song Jiaren was so angry while looking at the online mockery of Xia Xibei that she jumped to her feet and picked up the phone.

As soon as the call was answered, she couldn't help but growl, "How could you possibly have been eliminated?! Tell me! Was there a mistake?!"

Xia Xibei was startled by her sharp voice and hurriedly held the phone a distance away so she wouldn't go deaf.

"This show must have something shady going on!" Song Jiaren shouted.

There was definitely a shady secret!

With Xia Xibei's strength, how could she be eliminated in the first round?

"Take it easy," Xia Xibei pacified her. "It doesn't matter if there is something shady..."

"How does it not matter?! It matters a lot!" Song Jiaren stomped her feet.

"All right." Xia Xibei said in a deep voice. "Don't you believe me?"

Hearing her say that, Song Jiaren finally became less emotional, but she was still very insistent.

"That means there is really a dark secret here!"

“Don’t worry, I have a solution on my side.”

“What solution can you have? Another match?”

“No,” Xia Xibei shook her head. “Anyway, don’t worry. It won’t be me who ends up disgraced.”

Hearing her confident tone, Song Jiaren finally calmed down.

What Xia Xibei said had never been wrong.

After hanging up the phone, Song Jiaren went online and saw that Xia Xibei’s social media account had been updated.

After clicking on it, she immediately smiled.

[It’s my first time participating in a national English competition. Luckily, I didn’t disappoint my teachers and classmates and took first place. Thank you all for your support!]

Below was a picture of her holding the trophy and the award certificate.

Chapter 551: Terrible Speculation

This Weibo update shocked many people.

[What the- First place in the national English competition? Are you kidding?]

[It feels so high brow! People like me, who only know the 25 letters of the English alphabet, are trembling!]

[Upstairs is wrong, it is 24 letters.]

[You've got it wrong, it's 26.]

[No matter how many, this is too much! This is a national-level competition! I heard that after winning the award, you can get 20 extra points in the college entrance exams!]

[Without adding points, our Sister Bei can also be the top student, okay?!]

[God of learning! That's amazing!]

[I feel like a certain program is a little too low. This one is higher-level.]

[The two are not the same thing, okay?]

[The top student in my school also participated in this competition and took home the second prize. We were so impressed. Now, Sister Bei has won the first prize! Awesome!]

[Beautiful and talented! How enviable!]

[Is Sister Bei in the imperial capital? Seeking a chance encounter!]

For a while, many people's attention was diverted by Xia Xibei.

Such a powerful existence made it impossible to be jealous of her.

When Bai Meixue saw the blog update from Xia Xibei, she almost exploded.

"When did she go to the Imperial Capital?!"

Hadn't the English competition already ended?!

Bai Meixue's face was unsightly, and she had a terrifying look in her eyes.

"I, I don't know either!" Xia Qinghan was also confused. "Hasn't the competition already passed?"

How could it be suddenly rescheduled?

Bai Meixue was so angry that she stomped her feet. The reason she let Xia Xibei go on “The Strongest Female Group” was because she didn’t want her to go to the imperial capital.

However, Bai Meixue did not want to let Xia Xibei enter the second round either. This show was not for her to become famous!

So, Bai Meixue asked Fan Yueying to help her and make Xia Xibei mess up on stage. After that, Yan Junhong eliminated Xia Xibei.

Together with the post-editing, Xia Xibei would only end up appearing in the show for just a few seconds.

Although the broadcast would certainly make the fans unhappy, after a few days, the attention would naturally die down.

Xia Xibei was not a big-name star. It was good if the fever lasted even two days.

Apart from the loss of two spots, it wasn’t too much of a problem.

However, in order to achieve this purpose, Bai Meixue also gave a lot.

But who would have thought that after losing two spots, Xia Xibei would still go to the imperial capital?!

Bai Meixue wandered back and forth in the room, her heart beating wildly and her face a little pale.

“It’s okay... It’s okay... Surely it can’t be such a coincidence! Absolutely no...”

Seeing her neurotic look, Xia Qinghan also got nervous.

“Aunt Xue, why are you so worried? So what if she went to the imperial capital...”

Bai Meixue dismissed her with a weird expression that made her heart tremble.

“Anyway, she absolutely cannot be allowed to meet with the Xia family!”

“The Xia family?”

Xia Qinghan froze for a moment, staring blankly at Bai Meixue’s face, then suddenly realized that her eyes looked a bit similar to her own.

Combined with Bai Meixue’s strange tone, a terrible guess flashed through Xia Qinghan’s mind. She suddenly changed her look and shouted in alarm, “Aunt Xue?!”

Bai Meixue frowned and had an ugly expression on her face but did not answer in the affirmative.

“If you want to live a good life, you absolutely cannot let Xia Xibei win, understand?!”

“Under- understand,” Xia Qinghan nodded with a white face, her heart beating wildly.

She now finally understood why Bai Meixue held such animosity towards Xia Xibei!

Absolutely! Definitely! Certainly! She couldn't let Xia Xibei win!

However, this idea was smacked in the face a few minutes later.

Chapter 552: The Same Guests

Saturday night was when everyone took a break, and 7 pm to 12 am was primetime in everyone's mind.

Therefore, every TV station, including streaming TV stations, chose to launch variety shows at this time.

At 7 pm, “The Strongest Female Group” aired.

At 8 pm, “Full Steam Ahead” and “Million Dollar Wisdom & Courage” started.

The three programs were not related, but they had one thing in common: they all had the same guests!

Yes, Xia Xibei and Xia Qinghan were in all three programs.

No one thought much about it, but after the shows were shown, they had strong reactions.

Two girls who had not officially debuted all appeared in the same shows multiple times! And these three shows were all streamed at almost the same time!

It was too much of a coincidence!

Or rather, these two young ladies had powerful backgrounds!

Starting at seven o'clock, many people had seen Xia Xibei and Xia Qinghan's beautiful faces on their home pages.

The home page was nearly overwhelmed.

Whether people were fans of the two girls or not, they couldn't help but mention them.

It should be said that people who were not their fans liked to compare the two. After all, their conflict was known to everyone.

Very few artists put their differences out in the open like this, and people couldn't resist the urge to watch the drama.

Before "The Strongest Female Group" even finished airing, "Full Steam Ahead" and "Million Dollar Wisdom & Courage" went online and once again attracted strong attention.

Of the two shows, many people chose to watch "Full Steam Ahead" first because of the hot idols on the show and its fun and exciting nature.

Moreover, this was a TV and network simulcast. Of course everyone had to catch up with the progress.

Besides, they had to boost the ratings for their favorite idols!

Every house was prepared, waiting for their favorite star to appear.

People actually didn't care too much for the "real people" in the shows.

But to people's surprise, this episode managed to make their jaws drop!

After the show started, it was time for the 10 guests to take turns to appear, and the fans in front of the screen were excited as they watched their favorite idols appear.

It was a pity that the camera was not always on their favorite star.

The camera swung over Xia Qinghan first, and some viewers couldn't help but stare— so innocent and beautiful!

Soon, the camera gave a big close-up of Xia Xibei.

This scene made a strong impact on the viewers in front of the screen.

This face was too good looking!

It was sunrise at the time of the recording, and the soft sunlight fell on Xia Xibei's face as if giving her face a glow, making it look even better.

At this moment, everyone forgot about Xia Qinghan, all about Xia Xibei now.

[Her skin is so good! Super fair and silky! I want to touch it!]

This pop-up appeared in the computer live stream and instantly won hundreds of likes.

Many girls were so envious; they also wanted to have such baby-like skin!

Xia Xibei's face was simply a reward from God, it was too perfect!

Many people touched their faces and wanted to cry.

However, looking at the team made up of Xia Xibei and Nie Zehai also made many people coldly grunt; she was quite fierce getting a leg up on the show!

After the guests were assembled, the first task officially began.

After seeing the huge tires and hearing the rules, everyone was worried about the guests.

Just how hard was the task at the beginning?

Chapter 553: Is This Cheating?

The fans became even more apprehensive after being educated by the show's captions.

Each tire was so heavy! How long would it take to find their numbers?!

Sure enough, this program team was here to torture people!

The fans were heartbroken for their idols, but the audience loved watching it.

It was indeed quite cool to watch these big stars being tortured into sweating.

After seeing four of the groups start to make alliances, Nie Zehai's fans were anxious.

How come they didn't form an alliance with others earlier?

They would be exhausted working by themselves!

Even if an alliance was made, this was not an easy task!

What followed on the show confirmed everyone's fears.

These big tires were each like a small mountain! They were too much!

Looking at the guests, each with veins bursting out and appearing slightly hideous, the audience couldn't help but shake their heads. The program team was really cruel!

Many people could not resist laughing while watching the four groups flip tires and sigh at the sky.

After watching these guests' actions, some people noticed a problem.

[Huh? Where is Brother Hai's group?]

Were they already banished for not having an alliance?

The program team couldn't be that stupid, right?

Nie Zehai was so popular, how could the program team not even give him a shot? Did they want to be torn apart by the fans?

As the fans reacted, the camera panned around and finally turned to Nie Zehai and Xia Xibei.

The two wore red sports tops and looked magnificent.

[What a match!]

Someone couldn't help but post a pop-up comment.

However, it was quickly criticized. Fans who wanted to make couples of stars should just keep to themselves!

Considering that there was going to be a brawl in the pop-up, Xia Xibei's next words stunned everyone.

"I'll show you what it means to be the best of the best!"

Then, the camera played back to when the two had just formed a team.

Nie Zehai said, "Sister Bei is so powerful, I'll let her help me win."

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei said, "Yes, I'll help him win."

What the- That was a big boast!

Everyone, whether fans or haters, suddenly became interested.

With this said, you couldn't take it back!

Where did Xia Xibei get the ability to make Nie Zehai win?

Fans who wanted to make the two into a couple were even more speechless. The roles seemed to be reversed, right?

The program team understood the audience's psychology and spent the next several minutes showing Xia Xibei and Nie Zehai.

Everyone saw that Xia Xibei led Nie Zehai to one of the tires and pointed at it, saying, "This is it."

Then, without waiting for Nie Zehai to react, she lifted the tire first.

The camera gave a close-up of Xia Xibei's face, she seemed relaxed and easy, with an leisurely expression.

Everyone's eyes widened.

[This tire wasn't a fake, was it?!]

Otherwise, how could Xia Xibei be so effortless?

Then, the number under the tire shocked everyone even more. It was really from their red group!

[This is luck, right?!]

[It is definitely luck!]

[This is cheating, right?!]

This statement was immediately refuted by everyone.

The ferocity of “Full Steam Ahead” was well-known, and at least so far, nothing shady had been exposed about the show.

If it was Nie Zehai who was so lucky, people might still guess it was cheating, but this was Xia Xibei!

She was just a trainee who hadn’t debuted yet!

She had no rich family, so how could the program team open the back door for her?

However, what followed made the viewers in front of the screen doubt this statement— the program director was related to Xia Xibei, right?!

Chapter 554: Jaws Dropping

The next scenes were fast-forwarded.

As Xia Xibei moved, the on-screen captions said “First done,” “Second done,”... “Fifth done!”

If Nie Zehai had not also reached out and lifted a tire, everyone would have thought that the tires were made of foam!

Even if the marks under the tire were very deep, everyone still could not help but be suspicious.

So the tires were real... Could Xia Xibei's luck really be that unbelievable?

The program team guessed everyone's speculation, and the camera returned to the other guests, filming their strained expressions.

By the time the whistle blew, the guests' confusion had also infected the viewers in front of the screen.

Looking at the very few tires that the other groups had flipped in front of them, the audience couldn't help but wonder if the red group and the other groups were on different time streams.

[This is unbelievable luck!]

[She really is the best of the best!]

[Well, Sister Bei is also very strong besides being lucky!]

[It feels like Sister Bei can lift me up with one hand!]

[Oh, who knows what's the deal here!]

[In order to make Xia Xibei look good, the program team even lost their usual integrity! Hah!]

No matter what happened, there would always be people who didn't like it.

Since everyone wanted to keep watching the show, there was no quarrel.

Many people didn't take the smearing of the show seriously. After all, there would be bloopers when the show had finished airing.

Part of the reason "Full Steam Ahead" had high ratings was the truthfulness of the bloopers.

Each episode's bloopers ran longer than the main episode, and they were all unedited and very real.

People liked the show because of this sense of realness.

Besides, the show wouldn't ruin years of credibility for Xia Xibei— it was not as if she was the president's daughter!

The show continued to play.

Soon, the camera followed Xia Xibei and Nie Zehai to the next venue.

Looking at the long row of hanging rings, the audience was confused.

This was too crazy!

Luckily, there were breaks in between.

Some people gloated, as only Nie Zehai could get through such a difficult task. Xia Xibei was a girl, and just here as a filler. She would show her true colors soon enough.

When Nie Zehai came down from the rings, the pop-up screen was already full of messages of consolation.

[Brother Hai is very good already! Four more times and we'll be at the finish line!]

Before this pop-up message had even flown past, Xia Xibei was already up there.

Next, the show started to fast forward. In a few blinks of an eye, she had already reached the end!

Finally, the camera fixated on Nie Zehai's dumbfounded face.

[What the- Am I seeing things?!]

[I'm absolutely seeing things!]

Everyone's jaws dropped. Where did this King Kong Barbie come from?!

[The program team had to have a backdoor! There's definitely something wrong with this!]

[I want to see the bloopers!]

The audience went crazy.

Where did this demon come from?

The remaining distance was almost 40 meters, and a grown man would have to try several times to complete it, yet she just passed?!

The audience was blown away by the scene, left dazed and confused.

By the time the camera turned to the other guests, the audience hadn't come back to their senses yet.

Was Xi Xibei really that amazing, or was the program team up to something?

Only after they entered the snake room in the third round did the audience realize— those challenges before were nothing. This was the real scare!

Chapter 555: A Solo Show

Now, the third task. The fans were sweating for Nie Zehai when they found out he had drawn to go to the snake room to get something.

This luck was terrible!

Compared to the good luck that Xia Xibei had just had, this was like heaven and earth!

If Xia Xibei had done the drawing, she would have been able to draw a simpler task, right?

Really, how could he not know his own luck?

Everyone couldn't help but get goosebumps when they arrived at the snake house and saw the snakes inside.

Most terrifying were the snakes from Nie Zehai's point of view.

From this perspective, the snakes looked even more scary!

Although Nie Zehai finally came out safely, everyone was still scared.

When they saw it from Xia Xibei's perspective, everyone relaxed a little. They knew that while the snakes here looked terrifying, they were actually not poisonous.

As soon as they had this thought, they saw a group of snakes charging at them!

Argh!

A lot of the audience in front of the screen couldn't help but scream, as if they were facing the group of snakes. Some people who were really into the show could feel their legs weakening.

Were the snakes crazy?!

After the camera switched views, everyone was surprised to find that Xia Xibei was closely surrounded by a group of snakes!

All the snakes surrounded her, their upper bodies raised, and they were spitting out their tongues. The scene was weird and terrifying.

At this moment, everyone gasped.

Were these snakes going to rebel? Or was there something about Xia Xibei that attracted them?

Even knowing that these snakes were non-venomous, this scene still made everyone's hairs stand up.

It was like watching a horror movie!

In the next second, everyone was shocked.

Xia Xibei voluntarily reached out to one of the snakes!

Was she insane?!

In the next instant, everyone's horrified state screeched to a halt.

The snake put its head on Xia Xibei's hand and rubbed it.

What the- Was this a fake snake?!

How else would it be so obedient?!

Someone also detected a strange sense of cuteness. After all, such a friendly snake was really rare.

The next moment, everyone's jaws dropped to the ground.

All the other snakes wriggled their heads and scrambled to get to Xia Xibei's hand!

WTF?! Were all of these snakes fake?!

In the next second, the camera cut back to Xia Xibei's perspective.

In this view, everyone could tell these snakes were real. Their gazes were definitely real.

[What was the program team doing?!]

The on-screen pop-ups showed people's shock and doubt.

These were snakes! Snakes! They were the creepiest reptiles; they weren't adorable pets!

The audience's minds were in disbelief— why was this show playing so ferociously now?

When looking at other people's tasks, everyone could not help but feel bored and disinterested.

After experiencing the thrill and excitement just now, the other tasks could no longer attract everyone's interest. Even the pop-up screen had much fewer messages.

It wasn't until the last task that everyone was surprised by Xia Xibei once again.

Her face was calm on camera. No matter how she ran, her face was poised and relaxed.

What shocked people, however, was her movement.

Before the other guests could react, she had already snatched away people's name tags!

Swoosh!

Swoosh!

Swoosh!

She worked too frequently, the post-editing adding music to the tearing of name tags, which was quite rhythmic, but also succeeded in making the audience speechless.

When Xia Xibei tore down all the name tags, everyone was silent.

It was only when all the guests gathered at the end that a pop-up message trembled and sliced across the screen.

[This is a solo show by Xia Xibei!]

Chapter 556: Sister Bei Wins People Over

All the viewers who had opened the pop-ups were stoked by this pop-up, and the pop-ups instantly multiplied.

[What the- Sure enough, it's Sister Bei! So fierce!]

[Sister Bei is definitely Sister Bei! She's awesome!]

[This is basically Sister Bei's solo show! Cheers for Sister Bei!]

[I'm a fan of Lele's, so why am I getting a crush on her? I don't want to be so nervous for her so fast!]

[Anyone nervous? Take me with you!]

[Sister Bei is so gorgeous! I feel like I'm becoming gay for her!]

[Please, I'm already so into her!]

The pop-ups instantly exploded, with 90% of them being related to Xia Xibei.

At the same time, more comments and screenshots went online.

The fast bloggers had already cropped all the interesting images from the show and started to promote it like crazy.

[The latest episode of "Full Steam Ahead" is now available! Sister Bei is crazy strong! The newest episode of the show is a great one! Go see it, go see it, go see it! I'll give you my head if it doesn't look good!]

[Sister Bei is really the luckiest of the luckiest! I worship Sister Bei for good luck!]

[Not only is she lucky, she's also strong! She is crushing the men! Everyone is going to cry, right?]

[Sister Bei is so awesome! I declare, starting today, I am a fan of Sister Bei!]

[I'd like to ask, is the showrunner Sister Bei's family? This is simply a venue for her to perform!]

[Brother Hai is really winning without effort!]

[My dream couple, 'HaiBei,' has been reversed! It's now 'BeiHai!' Sister Bei is too aggressive! Sister Bei has won me over!]

[I was blind before. Sister Bei is soooooo amazing!]

[I started watching the show for other people, but now I'm a fan of Sister Bei! The contrast is too much!]

Everyone went crazy online, with #XiaXibeiFullSteamAhead and #SisterBeiWonMeOver trending, crushing another new topic on the list, #StrongestFemaleGroup.

At this point, "The Strongest Female Group" had been forgotten by everyone. Singing and dancing seemed like nothing in comparison to Sister Bei's performance.

Although "The Strongest Female Group" spent a huge amount of money on promotion, it was still far behind "Full Steam Ahead," which had an audience base.

Xia Xibei's performance was so over the top that many people had become super fans and spontaneously started to promote the show.

Some people found their homepage to be full of exclamation marks, and these exclamation marks were all related to the name "Xia Xibei."

After a while and then a refresh, the homepage also had some moving pictures.

In the moving picture, a beautiful, slender young woman swung in the air, swoosh, swoosh... Moving past at a stunning speed!

A screenshot of Xia Xibei playing with snakes in the snake room went viral. Many people who clicked on it were almost scared out of their wits.

After this kind of promotion, many people became interested and clicked on the video for “Full Steam Ahead.” The show’s number of streams instantly skyrocketed.

Those who watched the show went to look up highlights for the red group.

In the blooper reel, there was no post-editing and special effects, so people clearly saw how awesome Xia Xibei really was! There was no watering down at all!

Everyone was conquered by Xia Xibei. The whole microblog site went crazy, sharing pictures and videos about her.

As for the other guests on the show, they were mentioned much less often, even Nie Zehai.

But he was better than the others. After all, he was Xia Xibei’s teammate, and although he won with Xia Xibei’s help, he was still visible.

As for the other guests, it was clear that while they were given a lot of time by the program team, they just couldn't make a splash.

As for Xia Qinghan, there was not much response.

[The first thing you need to do is go and watch "Million Dollar Wisdom and Courage." My Sister Bei is smart too!]

Chapter 557: The Appeal is Too Fierce

Previously, because of the feud between Xia Xibei and Xia Qinghan, the popularity of "Million Dollar Wisdom & Courage" increased.

Although the show wasn't as hot as "Full Steam Ahead," the program team was a little confused when they saw that the number of streams had exploded.

When they figured out the connection here, they couldn't help but marvel.

This was all fate!

They didn't even think that Xia Xibei and Xia Qinghan would participate in this episode of "Full Steam Ahead!"

Thanks to the two of them, or rather, thanks to Xia Xibei, this episode's ratings were explosive.

This episode's ratings were more than that of all previous episodes combined!

Xia Xibei's appeal was too strong!

Many people already had a premonition in their hearts— Xia Xibei's rising momentum was unstoppable!

The audience was dumbfounded after watching the show.

[My mom asked me why I was kneeling down to watch the show! The top scholars are really supernatural!]

[Wow! Wow! Wow! Sister Bei is so awesome! I haven't even read the question yet!]

[Sister Bei is indeed Sister Bei! She is too strong!]

[Where did the program team find the questions? I can't even understand the questions! This is bullying of bad students, right?]

[Aren't they supposed to be multiple choice questions? Why are there fill-in-the-blank questions? You can get lucky with the multiple-choice questions, but how can you guess with the fill-in-the-blank questions?]

[Sister Bei is really capable in both academia and sports. I'm kneeling in awe!]

After watching the show, the audience were totally impressed.

Xia Xibei's performance was truly wonderful!

This episode of "Million Dollar Wisdom & Courage" was different from the previous ones. In addition to multiple-choice questions, there were also fill-in-the-blank questions.

These questions included topics pertaining to ancient and modern China and abroad, history, biology, geography, politics... Everything you could think of, and more, was there!

Although there were some simple questions that people could answer, most of them were something they had never been exposed to before.

There were also some odd questions here and there, such as a poet's nickname.

What the- This poet had been gone for years, who would know his nickname?! It was impressive to even know his actual name, right?

But Xia Xibei's performance stunned people.

No matter what the content, as long as it was her turn, she immediately answered at a lightning-fast speed!

Her posture was elegant and calm, and her answers were fast and sharp... When the camera was directed at her, it was as if everyone was watching a diplomat speak at some formal occasion.

Compared to her 100 percent accuracy rate, the other players were inferior.

It was obvious that the questions caught them off guard, and although many of them were correct, they still took a lot of time to think.

Compared to Xia Xibei's unhesitating off-the-cuff answers, the disparity was immediately apparent.

The director liked to give Xia Xibei a few more shots too. Even if it was the other contestants' answer time, they still swung past her face. After all, she was good-looking and performed well, an absolute ratings weapon!

The others were simply dull being compared to her.

Even Xia Qinghan, who had performed well before, couldn't show much luster.

[If I'm not mistaken, hasn't Xia Qinghan's accuracy rate... Dropped a lot?]

[Didn't everyone else's accuracy rate drop as well? Who can compare to Xia Xibei, who always has a 100% accuracy rate!]

[Am I the only one who thinks that Xia Xibei's accuracy rate is not normal?]

[Yeah right, you're the only one who thinks so. You're the sky, you're the earth, you're the only master of the universe! What you have not seen does not exist!]

Chapter 558: Not Accepting

People were arguing online again, and the focus was on Xia Xibei.

Oh, and everyone pulled Xia Qinghan in for comparison and mockery as well.

In just two hours, some of Xia Qinghan's topics instantly cooled down, in contrast to Xia Xibei's popularity skyrocketing.

[I can't help but shed a tear for a certain school beauty. This difference is too big, right?]

Some nosy bloggers also made a comparison chart of Xia Xibei and Xia Qinghan's performance, and the contrast was horrific.

In "Full Steam Ahead," Xia Xibei's performance was so strong and aggressive that she completed all the tasks without fanfare. On the contrary, Xia Qinghan, was very pampered and acted cute next to Wei Xile, and spent a lot of effort to complete the tasks with great difficulty.

In “Million Dollar Wisdom and Courage,” Xia Xibei was calm and composed, wise and confident, with 100% accuracy. Xia Qinghan, on the other hand, was a little sheepish, with a much worse accuracy rate than before.

The comparison chart of “The Strongest Female Group” had the least number of pictures, because neither girl had much footage, so one could see too much.

[I can’t help but have conspiracy theories when making comparisons. Why is there so little footage of Sister Bei in “The Strongest Female Group”? It feels wrong!]

The viewers who saw the comparison chart also commented.

[There is definitely something wrong! Anyway, I do not believe that Sister Bei cannot compete with someone. Don’t you see how it’s always Sister Pei who has won before? And I also heard from a friend who works at the same company that Sister Bei is a famous genius in the company. No matter what the dance moves, she can learn them all at once! Sister Bei is so awesome, yet you’re saying she was eliminated? I’m not convinced!]

[Yes! Sister Bei is great in both academia and sports, and it’s just a dance. Even if there’s a little mistake, it doesn’t hide her talent! There must be something wrong here!]

[You guys are thinking too much! Are you saying you can’t make mistakes on stage if you’re usually good? After all, it’s different on and off the stage.]

[Sister Bei has stage fright? That's ridiculous! Is this the first time you've seen Sister Bei? Whether it is playing basketball or talent show, when has Sister Bei ever not delivered? She didn't get stage fright when she faced so many big stars, but she got stage fright when she faced some trainees at the same level? You're kidding!]

[Xia Qinghan has advanced, but Sister Bei has been eliminated? That's a big joke!]

[If there's nothing shady, release all of the footage!]

[Yes! Release the footage! I just can't believe that Sister Bei's movements are really that stiff!]

While everyone was clamoring, a marketing account posted a message.

[Everyone can take a look.]

After clicking on it, there was a screenshot of the social media update posted by Xia Xibei.

"Crafty makeover: How many points will you give?"

Under the text were two photos of Xia Xibei with the same pose and the same clothes, but the details were different and the makeup had changed.

[Crap! What kind of garbage costume artist and makeup artist is this? What kind of clothes are they preparing for Sister Bei?]

[This is a total attack! What a pathetic girl group! How could they not want the excellent Sister Bei but other people?]

[The costume designer and makeup artist went in through the back door, right? What kind of aesthetic is this? My grandmother wouldn't even like such clothes!]

[I also said that Sister Bei's stage makeup was very good, but it turned out that she had changed it herself! She's really great! By the way, please tell me the name of the shade.]

[If Sister Bei hadn't been picked on, I'd give my head to you guys as a stool!]

For a moment, everyone's critical gaze was turned to the "Strongest Female Group" program team.

Chapter 559: Rematch

The program staff of the "The Strongest Female Group" started sweating as they watched #XiaXibeiWasPickedOn and #TheStrongestFemaleGroupsTrash trending on the topic list.

The director, in particular, was yelled at by the boss.

"Why didn't you tell me about Xia Xibei's elimination?! Are you morons?! You could have eliminated anyone else, but you cut her?!"

“There are so many trainees, and only Xia Xibei has the most buzz, yet you kicked her out?! Do you know anything?!”

“Who the hell hired Yan Junhong?! Can he do anything?! Does he think he’s the boss after bringing out a girl group back then?”

“Do you think the audience is blind?! You are the ones who are blind and deaf!”

In the office, a middle-aged man was going on a tirade. The table was slapped with a thud, the sound able to be heard from outside. People hurriedly looked down.

Some people were feeling relief.

Xia Xibei’s performance was so good, yet she was eliminated by Yan Junhong!

Did they really think Xia Xibei was easy to bully?

Now they were stuck with a tough one.

Who would have thought that Xia Xibei’s popularity would rise so much in just one night?

Although she hadn't done any work yet, she had powerfully entered the limelight.

She was literally "can write and can fight!" She was good-looking, but she was also a top scholar!! She was powerful and appealing!

If such a good talent stayed in the show, she would definitely be a big topic!

Originally, their program wanted to create the most popular female group with the highest popularity. However, the most popular person had been eliminated!

When they thought of what they heard Yan Junhong say to the others in private, "Xia Xibei would never be famous," they felt the irony.

Yan Junhong was over the hill for a few years, and although he had seniority, seniority was not the point. Having the ability was the most important!

How could he rest on his laurels and eliminate Xia Xibei?

Now he would be crying!

Fans today were very strong; they would rip apart a show with any disagreement.

Every company and show had been criticized before, but their show's self-sabotage was rare.

The program team had spent so much effort and money on publicity, yet Xia Xibei had crushed the whole show by herself!

Sure enough, the world was so big that anything could happen.

In the room, the director and producer were being yelled at by the show's sponsor so much that their faces became stiff while they complained in their hearts.

Who knew that Xia Xibei could be so fortunate?

At first, they thought she was just a trainee, and although she had some fans, in the end it meant nothing! As long as their show continued, the contestants' popularity would go up.

But who would have thought that Xia Xibei would go on to participate in "Full Steam Ahead"?

Even more unexpectedly, the two shows aired at the same time and crashed right into each other!

If the shows had been broadcast separately, there would have been a settling period that would not have had such serious consequences.

Only after a long time did the director speak up, "So what now? She has been eliminated..."

"Can't you do a rematch?!" the sponsor asked with gritted teeth.

“Rematch...”

It was a good idea.

This way, they wouldn’t be scolded, and Xia Xibe’s popularity could also bring them attention.

Thinking of this, they immediately called Pan Yan.

However, Pan Yan said that Xia Xibe would soon be taking part in the filming of a new movie directed by Jiang Shenghe, and that she would not be free.

This news changed their faces.

When did Xia Xibe get connected with director Jiang Shenghe?! What kind of background did she have?!

Chapter 560: Can’t Keep Them

No one expected that things would go in that direction.

To be able to come back and continue with the competition was an opportunity that all the competitors would have been begging for.

But that really wasn't the case for Xia Xibei.

After all, she already knew how the show would turn out in the end, and she really didn't have much interest in it.

It would have been fine if she had been able to advance smoothly before, but they eliminated her right from the start.

From the costume and makeup, to the stage performance, to being eliminated outright... She knew that something was not right here.

No matter who was trying to get at her, the show was not friendly to her.

If that was the case, why would she continue to participate? Why jump into a pit when you knew it was there?

After she said so, Pan Yan accepted her reason and declined the invitation from the program team.

Besides, she still had to participate in the filming of director Jiang Shenghe's new drama!

However, before hanging up the phone, Pan Yan couldn't help but say to the other party, "Although Xibei couldn't participate in the rematch competition, I have a small suggestion."

“Go ahead.”

“This is a female group, so makeup and dress are very important. However, I think the program team’s current makeup artist and costume artist... They are not quite suitable!”

After saying that, Pan Yan started laughing.

“Of course, this is just a shallow suggestion of mine. If it is not appropriate, you can ignore it.”

After saying a few more words, Pan Yan hung up the phone.

On the other end, the director and producer looked at each other.

The two photos of Xia Xibei shared by the marketing account had attracted much attention. After all, the contrast was too strong.

Everyone was madly condemning the aesthetics of the makeup artist and costume designer, instead praising Xia Xibei’s transformation ability and dressing style.

The below-average look was instantly changed after her own makeover.

Other people found all of Xia Xibei's earlier private photos and were surprised to find that she had a great look!

Whether it was plain-faced or with makeup, her outfits were very much on point. She looked beautiful, whether she was in a t-shirt and jeans or a delicate skirt.

She seemed innocent and clean-cut in the makeup-free photos. Meanwhile, after putting on makeup, she could look ethereal or seductive, and her look was versatile.

And Xia Xibei's bitten lip look quickly caused a frenzy, with many beauty bloggers scrambling to imitate it.

In just one night, the speedy bloggers had already posted their imitation makeup looks, which once again sparked a buzz.

Xia Xibei's previous outfits had also been copied by many people.

A lot of stars appearing on camera were set-up by stylists, but some stars who were photographed in private didn't look that great.

If they dressed well, it meant that this star had a taste for fashion, companies looking for their endorsement would have more confidence in them.

Xia Xibei had not officially debuted yet, but she already had a reputation of dressing fashionably, to the point where she could get twice the result with half the effort.

Once compared to Xia Xibei, the make-up artist and costume artist of the show were crushed and mocked.

If they were kept on the show, the viewers would think that the girl group they had created had a style problem!

If they performed well, they would be accused of targeting Xia Xibei once again.

Anyway, there was no good outcome.

As they thought about it, they made a decision.

These two could not stay on the show!

This also gave the audience an explanation.

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei, who caused a craze online and had skyrocketed in popularity, ran into a car accident.