Chapter 66: Million Dollar Wisdom and Courage

Since she had promised Qiao Yanjue that she would treat him, Xia Xibei certainly wouldn't be lackadaisical about her work.

She worked rather fast, in fact. After taking his pulse, she grabbed a pen and scribbled the prescription, her handwriting lively and unbridled, looking very regal.

"These are to be taken orally, and these are to be applied topically. Follow this for two days, three times a day after meals. I'll be coming over again three days from now."

In just half an hour, Xia Xibei was ready to leave with Song Jiaren.

"Don't you want to stay for dinner?" Huo Zijun asked, trying to persuade her to stay.

"It's fine. We'll go back and have our dinner," Xia Xibei turned down the invitation with a shake of her head.

Qiao Yanjue watched from the side but remained silent.

Song Jiaren was rather reluctant to leave.

Both men were extremely attractive and very pleasant to admire!

"Don't you want to become a beauty?"

Xia Xibei's words made her change her mind right away.

She was right! All attractive men belonged to others, so she should definitely put herself first!

Hence, she obediently followed behind Xia Xibei, leaving the store.

As he watched the two girls leave, Huo Zijun raised his brows at Qiao Yanjue.

"What now, you like the little girl?"

Qiao Yanjue rolled his eyes and handed the prescription for him to inspect. "What do you think?"

Huo Zijun looked over the prescription. After some careful contemplation, a solemn look came over his face.

"It fits the condition, and it's even better than mine."

Some of the herbs were rather heavy in proportion, which he found inappropriate at first.

When all the herbs were used in conjunction, however, the effects were balanced out.

"Where on earth did she acquire this expertise?" Huo Zijun wondered, extremely curious.

She was clearly just a young girl, but she was even more proficient than him when it came to traditional medicine.

He came from a family background filled with traditional medicine and had started learning about herbs before he had even learnt to read. But how did Xia Xibei do it?

"That's her business. Why do you want to know?" Qiao Yanjue questioned, shooting him a glance. "Go and cook the herbs."

Although he wanted to stick around, he wouldn't meddle with his own health.

Huo Zijun rolled his eyes in annoyance. This guy was really great at burning bridges after crossing them! He was just unlucky to have fallen into his trap.

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei and Song Jiaren had returned home.

Upon their return, they heard a knock on the door again, which turned out to be the same two boys who had delivered food to them the day before.

Xia Xibei's expression stiffened for a second when she saw them, but she still let them inside.

It was still the same portions, but the dishes had changed.

After the two boys left, Song Jiaren asked in awe and surprise, "Are all the people with the surname Qiao so kind-hearted nowadays?"

Xia Xibei's lips twitched, but she did not carry on with the subject.

"Alright, we'll begin after dinner."

Since it was delivered to them already, they shouldn't waste it.

After the meal and the herbal bath, the driver came to fetch Song Jiaren back home.

After seeing Song Jiaren off, Xia Xibei tidied up her house and fumbled to get her phone out.

After opening Weibo, she saw the little red dot that indicated that she had notifications.

She opened it and saw that it was a private message sent by an official account titled "Million Dollar Wisdom and Courage."

There was a link attached to the message. Once opened, one could start answering the questions.

It left Xia Xibei baffled for a moment.

"Million Dollar Wisdom and Courage" was an intellectual-type variety show in which candidates had to beat levels.

The questions in it encompassed everything from the skies to the oceans, from astronomy to geography. There was nothing the programme crew couldn't come up with, including things that you had never heard of.

Most importantly, the final reward was ten million yuan! Even after deducting taxes, the remaining sum was astonishing.

Of course, one had to win various challenges and beat numerous levels to earn the ten million yuan.

During the earlier stages of the programme, candidates were selected from the Internet. When it progressed to the final stages, the show would be aired live.

Back then, this show was very popular!

Chapter 67: The Intelligent Goddess

"Million Dollar Wisdom and Courage" was a very popular programme back then, creating a trend of answering questions among the general public.

Furthermore, Xia Qinghan's top-student character had begun with this programme.

In the eyes of her fans, Xia Qinghan was a downright goddess, known for her good looks, intelligence, and many talents!

A character like that had contributed tremendously to her popularity.

However, Xia Xibei knew that Xia Qinghan's top-student character was a fabrication, made up of empty claims, which cost them quite a great deal of money and effort.

But she was back now, so there was no way she would allow Xia Qinghan to keep behaving so smugly.

This was a great point to begin with.

As the thought occurred to her, Xia Xibei opened the link. She quickly created an account and began answering the questions.

The programme had several episodes, and the first two were very simple. Anyone with common sense who had knowledge in a fair variety of fields and worked on it carefully would pass.

Moreover, contestants could cheat during the first two episodes. After all, no one would know how many people were sitting in front of the phone or the laptop, or how many brains were working on the questions.

Hence, many contestants chose to get help from their family members or friends when completing the quiz.

However, changes would be introduced if they proceeded to the quarterfinals.

Contestants would be required to turn on their webcams while answering the questions, so that their actual identities could be verified.

If they passed the level this time, they could join the programme crew and take part in the filming of the show.

There were tens of thousands of contestants who had participated during the first stages, but by the time the programme was recorded live, only a few hundred contestants would be left.

After two rounds of contests, only ten contestants would make it to the finals.

Competition among them was extremely intense.

Besides, the questions in the beginning were multiple-choice questions with four choices, so the probability of selecting the right answer was very high. Lucky contestants could even overcome all the odds and beat the levels smoothly.

However, when it came to the finals, there would be questions where contestants had to fill in their answers.

Previously, Xia Qinghan was among the ten contestants that made it to the finals, but she got eliminated at the beginning.

Even so, she had managed to attract some attention because she was fortunate enough to be the most good-looking of the ten contestants.

When she officially debuted, her crew scavenged those clips and began circulating press reports, helping her establish the character of an intelligent goddess.

As she thought about that, the smile on Xia Xibei's lips grew wide, while her fingers continued working away on the screen.

It only took her a glance to read the question and choices on the screen clearly. Then, she pressed one of the choices without even having to think it through.

A big red tick popped up, and she quickly progressed to the next question.

Right as the question was displayed, Xia Xibei clicked on one of the choices without batting an eyelid.

Another red tick appeared.

The next question.

Then the next.

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Then the next.

Some of the rather ambiguous questions seemed as straightforward as 1+1 as far as Xia Xibei was concerned.

Very soon, an adorable cartoon character popped up.

"Congratulations, you have answered all the questions correctly! Please wait for further notice!"

Xia Xibei took a look at the time and yawned. She turned off her phone and got ready to sleep.

Little did she know that her results had garnered quite a great deal of attention upon being received by the behind-the-scenes crew.

"Little Seashell of Hope? This contestant's results are awesome!"

The workers couldn't help but marvel at the results they saw.

"What results?" One of them got near and raised his brows upon seeing the score. "Full marks? Not bad, indeed."

"It's more than just not bad!" The first worker was deep in awe. "Look at the time spent!"

"God d*mn it! Ten minutes? What the hell?!" The second worker's eyes were as wide as saucers. "This is insane, isn't it?!"