

## Chapter 661: Mother and Daughter

Xia Qinghan felt like she was going schizophrenic.

One moment she was in a happy mood, but the next she was pissed off by Xia Xibei!

Xia Qinghan tried to take deep and deeper breaths to keep her good mood from being ruined by Xia Xibei.

If it weren't for remembering what Bai Meixue had said about the female lead, she wouldn't have been able to hold on.

Her heart was resentful. Why was there such a person like Xia Xibei in this world?

Without Xia Xibei, how well off would she be now?

All the fame and fortune were hers!

In the midst of her resentment, her phone rang.

Looking at the name on it, Xia Qinghan's face changed slightly. She hurriedly composed her expression and connected the video call.

"Mom."

"Hanhan."

A beautiful and dignified smiling face appeared on the screen. "Mom watched your competition. It was great!"

"How did I do?"

"You were superb! Congratulations on your advancement!" Chang Qianzi's face was full of pride and her expression was gentle. "Have you still been so busy lately?"

"I'm fine." Xia Qinghan pouted. "I want to become a big star soon, so I have to work hard."

"Child." Chang Qianzhi huffed. "Even if you work hard, you can't exhaust yourself."

"Don't worry, I won't wear myself out," Xia Qinghan said. "Mom, how are Dad and Brother doing now?"

"They're fine. They just miss you."

“I’ll go to university in the capital city, and then I’ll be able to stay with you guys!”

“But there’s still a year to go before college...!”

“Aiya, I will also go back when I’m on vacation!”

Her daughter’s words made Chang Qianzi a little sad. “But aren’t you going to be a star now? When will you have time to come back?”

Two years ago, when Xia Qinghan was in her first year of high school, the family was ready to go back to the capital to develop. After all, their family was in the capital, and the eldest son, Xia Qingheng, was also in university there, so the family could be reunited.

But after arriving at the capital, Xia Qinghan had not felt well.

Only after returning to G City did her health improve.

A master said that until Xia Qinghan turned eighteen, she could not stay in the imperial capital for long.

After a period of conflicted emotions, plus Xia Qinghan’s assurance that she would take good care of herself, the other members of the Xia family decided to let her stay in G City.

Moreover, there was Bai Meixue to take care of her.

Chang Qianzi and Bai Meixue had a good friendship. Bai Meixue, who was in her thirties, was unmarried and had no children, but she loved Xia Qinghan like she was her own child.

When she learned that Xia Qinghan couldn't go to the imperial capital, Bai Meixue came forward and offered to help care for her.

With her assurance, Chang Qianzi was able to leave her daughter behind.

She just had not expected that her daughter would also enter the entertainment industry.

Since her daughter liked it, Chang Qianzi had no choice but to let her go. Moreover, Bai Meixue could care for her there, so there was no need to be afraid.

Ever since coming to the imperial capital, Chang Qianzi's health had not been very good, so she rarely returned to G City to see Xia Qinghan. As for the two men in the family, they had their own things to do, so they naturally returned to G City even less.

Therefore, the family could only get together during the New Year and holidays.

What reassured Chang Qianzi was that Xia Qinghan was doing quite well even if she stayed in G City by herself.

“Oh yes, I do have something this summer,” Xia Qinghan said. “Aunt Xue helped me get a role for a drama. I will be the female lead!”

Chang Qianzi was a little disappointed, but when she heard that her daughter would be a leading lady so soon, she immediately followed suit and became happy. “Really? That’s great!”

## **Chapter 662: Don’t Come Over**

After the joy, Chang Qianzi’s disappointment was overwhelming. “If you have to film, then won’t you be unable to return to the imperial capital?”

“Right.” Xia Qinghan was also a bit helpless. “I’ll have to find time to go back.”

“Then I’ll go to G City to see you.”

“No!” Xia Qinghan blurted out, her voice a little loud.

“Why?” Chang Qianzi was a little hurt. “Don’t you miss mom?”

“No, of course, I do.” Xia Qinghan hurriedly showed a smile to appease her. “How can I not miss you guys? But you’re not feeling well, and Dad and big brother are busy, so it’s not good to run around. Don’t worry, I can take care of myself. If you become unwell, I’ll be worried!”

Chang Qianzhi could only nod. "Okay then, take good care of yourself."

"I will." Xia Qinghan nodded. "In a couple of days, Brother Haoming will come to

see me." She blushed a little.

Seeing her daughter blush, Chang Qianzi joked. "It couldn't be because of Haoming coming that you don't want mom to come and disturb you, could it?"

"Of course not!" Xia Qinghan immediately denied. "I just don't want you guys to be so tired. Brother Haoming will be on vacation soon, so he has more time."

"Hrmp!" Chang Qianzi wagged her finger. "Haoming should start his company internship soon, then he won't have time to play with you."

"Right, so before he's in the company, he can hang out with me more!" Xia Qinghan said seriously.

"You have a lot of crazy logic!"

After talking for a while, Chang Qianzi changed the topic. "You seem to... not get along too well with another girl?"

As Xia Qinghan's heart jumped, her expression remained unchanged. "It's nothing! Your daughter is so good, who could possibly not get along with her?! It's all these reporters and fans starting rumors and

speculating. You know that the news in the entertainment industry is like this. Don't read that kind of news; if there's anything going on, I will tell you about it myself."

Thankfully, Chang Qianzi didn't watch much entertainment news, so she was easily convinced by Xia Qinghan.

"That's right, these reporters are just afraid of the world being peaceful. That girl is also quite good-looking, so her personality should be good too."

Speaking of which, she sighed and wanted to say something else but was again stopped by Xia Qinghan.

"Mom, you don't have to worry. There's Aunt Xue here! She will help me."

Chang Qianzi could only nod. "All right, I won't worry about it. Anyway, if you have anything going on, remember to talk to me."

"OK."

The two of them chatted for a while longer before ending the video chat.

After the screen went black, the smile on Xia Qinghan's face instantly vanished.

Thinking of a certain possibility, her face became even more ugly.

No, she absolutely couldn't let them meet!

She only hoped that Chang Qianzi would stop reading entertainment news and definitely not pay attention to Xia Xibei.

Xia Xibei, who was so warily watched by Xia Qinghan, was oblivious to this, as she put her mind on her first scene.

In the script, the male lead traveled to another realm and fell in love with the Queen of the Animals at first sight.

Jiang Shenghe had already gathered the actors for several rehearsals and walk-throughs.

In fact, this was not a problem; after all, they were all human and could easily communicate.

Even if some people's acting skills were not very good, they understood the human

language.

But the problem was, in this scene, there were also animals.

Xia Xibei was the queen of all animals!



This shot was very, very important.

Jiang Shenghe had invested a lot in this shot.

### **Chapter 663: Big Tiger**

If this scene was shot well, then the next scene would be easy to handle.

But with so many animals and a fierce beast among them, who could guarantee perfection?

In order to prepare for this scene, Jiang Shenghe had hardly slept in the past few days.

However, after Brother Dahu told him about the magical Xia Xibei, he was pleasantly surprised.

He brought Xia Xibei over and asked her if her affinity with animals was true.

“Yes.” Xia Xibei nodded frankly. “As far as I could tell, all the animals I’ve met like me.”

Jiang Shenghe was happy but also suspicious. “Really?”

“Of course.”

Jiang Shenghe was so happy that he immediately pulled her over to the cage.

The cage contained a large tiger, which Jiang Shenghe had borrowed from the zoo for a great expense.

When he had decided to do this before, everyone was surprised and advised him to give up the idea.

This was a real tiger!

The tiger had been in the zoo for a long time and was bred in captivity, so its wild nature had faded.

But if they were not careful, it could still eat people!

Even if it did not eat people, once agitated, who could handle its attack?

No one in the industry dared to play like that.

When they were shooting cats and dogs, it was fine. After all, they were not lethal.

But now, he actually wanted to use a tiger to shoot, which was too crazy!

However, no one could stop Jiang Shenghe's madness.

In terms of filming, he always strived for excellence and did not allow any casualness.

Before signing the contract, he had already told Xia Xibei and Pan Yan that he was going to shoot real animals.

But no one could have imagined that he would play so big!

When the tiger arrived, Jiang Shenghe told everyone that if they really could not shoot, then they could get some pictures of the tiger, and then do the rest with special effects.

But while he had said this, Jiang Shenghe was not willing to give up.

Could special effects be the same as the real thing?

Now, when hearing this from Xia Xibei, he immediately became excited.

“Look, this is the best tiger I've found!”

Inside the cage was an apricot-yellow adult Bengal tiger with a large body, sparse and short fur, a white belly, and dense stripes on its head. It was more than two meters long, about two hundred kilograms. Although it was lying lazily in its cage, it still horrified people.

In addition to the tiger, several animal keepers and zoo staffers had also come.

This scene was the top priority.

If Xia Xibei couldn't do it, then it would be a real waste.

Xia Xibei stood expressionlessly in front of the cage, not moving for a long time.

Other staff members looked at her with worried faces.

Everyone knew that it was she who was going to work with the big tiger, but her slim body looked so thin and weak in front of the huge tiger.

She wouldn't be scared and cry, would she?

Why couldn't Director Jiang just shoot normally? Couldn't he just use special effects properly? Why did he have to play so hard?

Under everyone's complicated gazes, the tiger in the cage rolled over and stood up.

Everyone was wide-eyed — it was really big! The next moment, they took a step back in unison as the tiger lunged towards Xia Xibei!

While everyone knew it could not get out, it was still very frightening. Even Jiang Shenghe took a few steps back, his panic visible.

But what surprised everyone was that Xia Xibei did not move.

Could she... have been scared stiff?

The next second, everyone's eyes went wide.

"No!"

"Don't!"

#### **Chapter 664: Offering Herself as Tiger Food?**

Under the shocked eyes of the crowd, Xia Xibei actually put her hand into the cage!

This scene made everyone's jaws drop.

There was a big tiger in here!

Was she offering herself as tiger food?

"Pull back!" the surrounding zookeepers shouted.

Jiang Shenghe also ran over, trying to pull Xia Xibei's hand out.

His face was pale. He had thought he was crazy, but he hadn't expected Xia Xibei to be even crazier than him!

Did she want to be in trouble?

Just as he rushed to the cage, he was stunned by the scene that took place in front of him.

The huge, fierce tiger in the cage reacted quickly, its head stretching out and going directly toward Xia Xibei's hand. Its mouth opened wide, revealing its sharp teeth.

"Argh!"

Everyone couldn't help but close their eyes, unable to bear seeing the bloody tragedy that would happen next.

But in the next second, someone couldn't help but exclaim, "Crap!!!"

"Oh my God!"

"OMG!"

No screams were heard, only incredulous shrieks. The staff members who had closed their eyes opened them suspiciously, then were stunned by the scene before them.

In the cage, the huge, fierce tiger was already on the ground, but its big head was moving around under Xia Xibei's hand.

The obviously fierce and scary tiger was as adorable and naive as a small cat at that moment.

Everyone was speechless.

Oh my God, they were not just seeing things, right?

Xia Xibei laughed softly and stroked its head.

This scene made everyone petrified.

They had to be going blind, right?

Xia Xibei touched its big head, then tried to take her hand back, but before she could, the tiger stretched out its paws and grabbed her hand back, placing it on its own head.

“Roar...” Keep touching!

Everyone was convinced they had actually gone blind.

Was this a tiger or a cat?!

They knew that this big tiger was bred in captivity and had lost much of its feral nature, but it could not be that harmless, could it?

Even Jiang Shenghe turned his head to look at the keeper, with only one question in his eyes: Was this really a tiger, not a fake?

The keeper was also bewildered. “It... it was very fierce before!”

Everyone silently looked at the big tiger that was rubbing around in Xia Xibei’s hands with its eyes narrowed.



Yes, very fierce, super fierce.

The keeper was embarrassed. How would he know why this big tiger had become so docile?

When it had eaten meat that same morning, it was still very fierce and strong!

In that case, there must be something going on with Xia Xibei!

“Let it out,” Xia Xibei said to them. “The cage is too small for it to be comfortable.”

The tiger had told her that it was uncomfortable inside.

In the zoo, it had its own territory. Although it was not as spacious and comfortable as the wild, it was good.

But this cage was too small and made it too uncomfortable.

“Um...”

Everyone was a little hesitant to let it out now.

If it was released too early, it could mess things up, couldn't it?

"Roar..."

Seeing them hesitate, the tiger roared loudly.

"Don't get excited." Xia Xibei patted its head.

"Roar..." Its voice suddenly dropped several keys and its volume was much lower.

The onlookers were dumbfounded.

Just one pat and the tiger really listened to her!

What kind of person was she?

Jiang Shenghe was excited. "Great!"

Xia Xibei's animal affinity was really superb! That was great!

## Chapter 665: A Tiger Acting Cute

After a round of discussion- Rather, to be precise, after seeing the control Xia Xibei had taken over the tiger, the big tiger was released.

Sure enough, defences were set up all around before the tiger got released.

Although it was almost like an adorable little kitty in Xia Xibei's hands, no one could deny the fact that it was a real, giant tiger!

Who would be able to outrun it if it came out and messed around?

Therefore, everyone was ready to either run for their lives or restrain the tiger.

Meanwhile, Xia Xibei was still standing calmly by the cage, waiting for the tiger to be released.

When the cage was finally opened, the keepers and staff members were alert and prepared, standing cautiously at the sides, their equipment ready.

The tiger strode out of the cage with its head held high, emitting a powerful, majestic aura.

Everyone's heart was pounding wildly in their chests when the tiger's paws touched the ground outside the cage.

Apart from the handful of people at the scene, the surroundings had been cleared by the time the tiger came out of its cage.

There was no need for Jiang Shenghe to say more- who had the guts to fool around when they saw the humongous stature of the tiger? It wasn't like anyone was giving up on their life.

The tiger looked handsome and regal, but it was undeniably frightening up close.

With numerous nervous, defensive pairs of eyes pinned on it, the big tiger made its way toward Xia Xibei, its long, bushy tail flicking from side to side.

The crowd held their breaths, afraid that the tiger would go berserk anytime soon.

Opposing their vigilance, Xia Xibei had a cheerful smile on her face as she took the initiative to tread toward the tiger.

Everyone's eyes widened, ready to launch a rescue mission at any moment.

In the midst of the dead silence, the girl and the tiger finally came together.

"Grrrr!"

The tiger opened its mouth wide and roared skyward.

It was so magnificent that it startled the birds and insects in the surroundings, and turned everyone's face even paler than before. Many of them felt their legs become like jelly.

So this was how mighty a tiger was!

Nevertheless, Xia Xibei remained unruffled.

She patted its enormous head, and said, "Alright now, stop growling."

The tiger shut its mouth, doing as it was told.

More surprisingly still, it snuggled Xia Xibei with its huge head.

Everyone was left speechless.

Xia Xibei couldn't help but laugh when she saw how the tiger was acting cute. She grabbed its cheeks with both her hands and gave the big kitty a good rub.

"Alright, alright. Stop acting cute."

Everyone else was speechless. Was the tiger freaking acting cute for real?!

However, Xia Xibei's magical move left everyone in awe.

She actually managed to tame the tiger! That was simply incredible!

Jiang Shenghe was so stunned, he couldn't speak.

Bravo! This was exactly what he had wanted!

Before this, he had conjured up a lot of pleasant scenes in his mind, but the most challenging part was getting the animals to cooperate with the actors!

He was somewhat disappointed as he thought of how they might end up having to use special effects.

However, the harmony between Xia Xibei and the big tiger had shown him the most spectacular scene that he had imagined!

"Fantastic!" he shouted at long last.

His sudden outburst broke the silence. Even the tiger turned around to look, its huge eyes sparkling with a cold, murderous gleam.

All of them couldn't help but draw in a sharp breath while taking a few steps back.

This really was a huge tiger!

Jiang Shenghe froze.

Damn, this big kitty was ferocious indeed!

"Don't get all worked up." Xia Xibei patted the tiger on the head. "He's the director."

Feeling Xia Xibei's pat, the tiger turned back around. The cruelty in its eyes vanished and was quickly replaced by joy as it looked towards Xia Xibei.

The next moment, it lay down on the ground and exposed its belly.

Everyone was flabbergasted!

For Jesus' sake, was this really a tiger?! When had tigers ever been so easy-going?!

**Chapter 666: No Danger Involved**

Looking at how Xia Xibei was stroking the tiger as if it was a cat, everyone was dumbfounded.

Jiang Shenghe and the keepers exchanged glances, their eyes filled with shock and bafflement.

All of them finally came to their senses when the tiger stood up again after enjoying the stroking.

They couldn't be sure until they saw that the big tiger was the height of a human. This was an actual tiger, not a little kitty!

Jiang Shenghe took a few deep breaths to suppress the excitement within him. Gingerly, he waved at Xia Xibei. "Come here for a second, please."

Just as Xia Xibei was about to move, the tiger held out its paw to stop her.

"Sit still," Xia Xibei said casually.

The giant tiger then flexed its hind legs and squatted on the ground, looking just like a cat that was a few times bigger than normal.

Everyone was just speechless.

The looks on the keepers' faces were the most interesting.



They had been taking care of the tiger for such a long time, but none of them had ever seen the tiger being so docile and well-behaved!

Normally, this tiger was either idling around or randomly roaring for fun just to frighten the visitors.

Great, now it had even learned to “sit still” without being taught. Would it start shaking hands in a moment?

While the keepers were eyeing her with an inexplicable look, Xia Xibei walked up to Jiang Shenghe.

“Director Jiang.”

“Can you make sure that it will always be this obedient?” Jiang Shenghe’s eyes were shimmering with an almost fervent gleam.

“I can.”

“Awesome!” He cheered then quickly shut his mouth because the tiger was staring at him.

He finally realized how ferocious the eye of a tiger was... It was absolutely terrifying!

If he hadn’t been a man of experience, his legs might have gone weak by then.

“Could you...sit on its back then?” Jiang Shenghe asked in a small voice.

“No way!” the keepers said before Xia Xibei could utter a word. “It’s too dangerous!”

Who the heck dared to ride a tiger? Only those who couldn’t wait to die, perhaps!

However, Jiang Shenghe shot the keepers a queer look.

The keepers froze for a second, soon turning awkward.

Danger didn’t seem to exist as far as Xia Xibei was concerned, did it?

The tiger was so obedient, so would it really be dangerous?

He felt that all that Xia Xibei had to do was give an order, and the tiger would lie down on the ground and let her on its back right away.

“It shouldn’t be a problem.” Xia Xibei smiled. “Shall we give it a try now?”

“Great!” Jiang Shenghe was grinning from ear to ear, overwhelmed with excitement.

Xia Xibei returned to the tiger's side and patted its body. "Could you let me up?"

Right as she finished, the tiger lowered its forelegs and bent down immediately.

Once again, the crowd was stupefied.

The scene before their eyes was simply incredulous!

Did Xia Xibei feed the tiger with some secret potion?! Why on earth was it so well-behaved around her?!

Someone from the crowd couldn't help taking a couple of steps forward, wanting to get a closer look at the tiger.

Just as he moved, however, the tiger looked his way instantly with its wintry eyes, as if he was a dead prey.

The man froze immediately and started sweating profusely.

All of them knew it by now. The tiger only treated Xia Xibei differently, and no one else could approach it without getting hurt!

They were overwhelmed with admiration for Xia Xibei.

Xia Xibei straddled the tiger's back and sat firmly before it slowly stood up.

The people didn't know how to respond as they watched Xia Xibei ride the tiger in a calm, laid-back manner.

Astonishment, admiration, awe, and adoration were all that they could feel at that moment.

This was real! There were no special effects!

They couldn't seem to put their amazement into words.

"Spectacular!" Jiang Shenghe's excitement brought everyone back to their senses.

"Get ready, we can start shooting!"

## **Chapter 667: The Promised Endangered Animals**

Ding Mingfei was the lead actor of "Hongyan Chance." He was 27- or 28-years-old, tall, handsome, and had been in the industry for ten years. Although his acting skills were not perfect, he was among the best of his generation considering his combined attributes.

He had previously participated in major foreign productions, experienced international film production, seen their special effects, and also seen their actual shooting.

But he had never seen someone shoot with a real tiger!

Oh no, this statement was not technically true.

There were directors who had shot tigers, but the tigers and human actors were not in close contact. That was to say, beasts like tigers and lions could only be shot alone.

But what happened today had overturned his worldview.

As he and his agent were discussing today's shoot, a hissing sound suddenly came from the forest.

“Roar...”

Everyone couldn't help but tremble and turn pale.

They were familiar with this sound. They had heard such a sound in film and television productions or in the zoo.

That was the sound of a tiger!

But how could the sound of a fierce tiger be here?!

After a roar came the sound of grass being trampled deep in the forest.

The sound was getting closer and heavier as if a giant tiger was coming out.

At this time, the sky turned more cloudy, blocking the sun, so the light in the forest was not bright, and the atmosphere was also more gloomy and scary.

Everyone had goosebumps and white faces. They trembled and looked into the woods.

By the time they saw the huge yellow beast come out of the shadows, their heartbeat accelerated.

“There’s a tiger!”

“A tiger!”

Someone shrieked in horror, and then the whole place was in chaos.

How could there be a tiger here?

Although this was a forest, it was not very big and the neighborhood was all residential.

How could there be a tiger in a place with such a heavy human presence?

But no doubt could stop everyone from running for their lives.

“Run!”

If they were caught by the tiger, it would be the end!

Even if the tiger did not eat people, it was so large, with terrifying power, that a single grab and toss by it would half cripple them!

Who dared to fight with a fierce beast? Did they not want to live?

Ding Mingfei was also filled with horror, but he was a little calmer than the others. He looked at the tiger a few more times.

Then, to his shock, he found that there seemed to be something white on the tiger’s back!

It was a... person?!

“Run!” The agent had grabbed him and fled forward.

The agent cursed in his heart. Who would have thought that he would encounter a tiger when he came to shoot a scene?

This wasn't some mountainous forest!

Besides, wasn't the number of tigers greatly reduced now? How come there were tigers in this kind of place?

Where were the promised endangered animals?

When everyone was busy running for their lives, and leaving tools and equipment behind, a horn sounded. "Don't panic, don't panic! The tiger doesn't eat people!"

A little distorted voice made everyone's footsteps involuntarily stop.

Everyone was stunned when they turned to look.

This was indeed a large tiger; huge, ferocious, and chilling to look at.

But on the back of the tiger was a woman with a stunningly beautiful face and an out-of-this-world temperament!

She was in a white antique-style dress, looking immortal.



At this moment, her mouth had a smile as she leisurely sat on the back of the tiger, as if she was a fairy maiden from the heavens.

Everyone was petrified.

What was this?

### **Chapter 668: Stunning Start to the Shoot**

It was only when a figure came out with a megaphone that everyone finally noticed him.

“The director?!”

“Director Jiang?!”

Everyone was confused and still a bit stunned.

What was going on here?

Jiang Shenghe walked out proudly, but at a bit of a distance from the tiger.

He came out with a megaphone and shouted to the crew, "This tiger is the one I borrowed from the zoo to shoot the scene with us."

Everyone was speechless. You're kidding, right?

However, looking at Xia Xibei on the back of the tiger, everyone was silent.

This was too hard to play!

Moreover, when did the tiger become so tame? How could it let someone sit on its back?

Ding Mingfei recovered first. He withdrew his astonished gaze and carefully leaned forward. "Director, this..."

"This is a tiger." Jiang Shenghe raised an eyebrow at him. "You don't recognize it?"

"Director!" Ding Mingfei couldn't help but glare at him. "Who doesn't know about tigers! But this..."

"It is what you saw." Jiang Shenghe proudly raised his eyebrows. "I invited the tiger over, and then Xibei tamed it."

“WHAT?!”

The corners of Ding Mingfei’s mouth twitched. “This is a fake tiger, right?”

Tame a tiger?

Was he kidding?

Jiang Shenghe shrugged his shoulders. “Do you think I’m joking?”

Ding Mingfei couldn’t help but look at the tiger and was surprised to find that even if Jiang Shenghe wanted to joke, he couldn’t!

This was a real tiger!

It was not a fake tiger!

He hadn’t heard of places with techniques that could be used to fake the real thing.

“Roar...”

The tiger roared again, and the coldness and ferocity in its eyes were clear.

This was not something a fake tiger could do.

After thinking about it, Ding Mingfei drew back a breath. "Crap!"

As a star, he was not allowed to swear.

But this was too scary, and he couldn't restrain his excitement.

"How did Xia Xibei do it?"

"I don't know." Jiang Shenghe spread out his hands. "Regardless of how she did it, it is of no concern to me."

He knew that there were too many strange people in this world, and there were some things that even the people involved couldn't explain.

He was not running a scientific research program here; he didn't need to think so much.

Besides, Xia Xibei was so young and already so skilled in medicine, so was it strange that she could make a tiger listen?

“Okay, go get ready. We have to start shooting.”

Urged by Jiang Shenghe, Ding Mingfei could only nod his head, take a step, and turn back constantly. He went to the side to straighten his clothes.

“Okay, all of you, get in the spirit! Do as I told you before!” Jiang Shenghe picked up the megaphone and continued to shout.

He looked at Xia Xibei with a smile. “Xibei, we already discussed everything. Try to do well and pass in one take!”

“Okay.” Xia Xibei sat on the tiger’s back and nodded seriously.

“Hurry up, hurry up!” Jiang Shenghe urged the others again.

After some prodding, it was finally ready.

“Action!”

Ding Mingfei was chased by a group of people, running desperately through the forest with a panicked and angry expression.

Suddenly, he stumbled and fell straight to the ground. The sound of the chase behind him abruptly disappeared.

By the time he struggled to lift his head from the ground, he saw an image that he would never forget.

An overbearing tiger appeared in front of him. On the back of the tiger, a white-clothed fairy maiden was looking down at him with an indifferent expression. She had a curious look in her eyes. She lightly opened her red lips. "Who are you?"

Ding Mingfei was already stunned.

### **Chapter 669: Many Birds**

Ding Mingfei felt that he would never forget this sight.

Under the sun, the stunning young woman sitting on the fierce tiger was ethereal. Like a nymph from the heavens, she was more beautiful than one could imagine.

He thought this was the ultimate beauty, but the next moment, the sound of flapping wings woke him up.

Then, he saw a scene that no one could forget.

In the dappled light, countless birds flapped their wings and gathered together, forming a "stream" in mid-air and flying towards Xia Xibei.

Some people nearby could not help but cry out in surprise but had their mouths covered by others.

In the shocked eyes of the crowd, some birds landed on the shoulders of Xia Xibei, and others landed on the back and head of the tiger.

This scene made everyone's eyes widen.

Where did the birds come from?

Also, these birds were too intimate!

While the crowd was amazed, Xia Xibei stretched her hands out and her wide sleeves fell, looking even more ethereal.

As she moved, birds began to land on her arms.

This harmonious scene made everyone silent.

Xia Xibei, however, gave a light laugh. "What brings you all here?"

She joked to herself and the birds chattered back to her.

It was such a beautiful scene that everyone couldn't help but slow down their breathing.

"Who is he?" Xia Xibei's voice grew cold, as did her previously cheerful expression. Her eyes turned and fell on Ding Mingfei's body, her voice cold and stern. "Trespasser, die!"

At this moment, Xia Xibei seemed to be a queen on high, killing and decisive, making people afraid in their hearts.

The suddenly cold voice woke Ding Mingfei from his disoriented state and he involuntarily shouted, "No!"

"Cut! Good!" Jiang Shenghe's excited voice rang out.

He jumped out from behind the monitor, overly excited. "Great! This scene is simply superb!"

The other people came back to their senses.

That's right, they were filming!

This was a damn shooting!

The icy coldness on Xia Xibei's face also disappeared, and her smile was light and quick. "Director, how did I do?"



“Great! Bravo!” Jiang Shenghe was not stingy in his appreciation. “Wonderful!”

As he marveled, the tiger’s tail flicked. The birds on Xia Xibei shot up into the sky and quickly disappeared.

“Wow!”

Everyone was stunned.

Were they birds? This was too supernatural!

“Xibei, these birds are...” Ding Mingfei got up from the ground, not bothering to wipe off the dirt on his body. He quickly came over, and his eyes were excessively bright. “How did you attract them?”

“Ah?” Xia Xibei had an innocent face. “I do not know.”

“You don’t know?” Everyone was astonished. “How could you not know?”

These birds were landing on her, and they were so close to her!

Xia Xibei spread out her hands. “I really don’t know. I thought you guys made it happen!”

Everyone looked at each other.

How was it possible?!

If they had such a skill, they would have to sell tickets!

How amazing that these birds, which should be wild in the forest, landed on Xia Xibei in unison.

It was more magical than a tiger listening!

“You really don’t know?”

“I really don’t know!” Xia Xibei cried out. “If I knew, I would have told you guys long ago!”

“Don’t you understand what they say?” Ding Mingfei asked.

“Pfft...”

Xia Xibei couldn’t help but laugh out loud. “I was just talking casually at the moment. How could I understand them?”

## Chapter 670: Perfect Shot

Hearing Xia Xibei say this, Ding Mingfei couldn't help but blush.

Yeah, his question was too exaggerated. There was no way Xia Xibei could have known what the birds were saying.

"Roar..." The tiger, being ignored, called out.

Ding Mingfei couldn't help but take two steps backward, his face white.

Damn, he was so excited just now, he forgot that Xia Xibei was riding the tiger.

When Xia Xibei patted the tiger's head, it closed its mouth then flexed its forelimbs and lowered down.

Xia Xibei slid down from its back.

"Good boy!" She patted its head.

Ding Mingfei had an envious face.

How on earth was this possible? It was too powerful!

Even though Ding Mingfei was almost 30-years-old, he still had the teenage desire to subdue a dragon and ambush a tiger.

There was no possibility of subduing the dragon, but what about the tiger?

However, faced with the big tiger's cold eyes, he couldn't help but shiver and shake off these damning thoughts.

In order to keep living, he'd better not mess around.

He was no longer a teenager, so he shouldn't mess around.

"Well, whatever the case, it's a good thing!" Jiang Shenghe clapped his hands happily. "Come over and take a look. It's perfect!"

Xia Xibei patted the tiger, telling it not to move, before she followed the director over.

The tiger nodded then plopped down directly on the ground and lazily waved its tail.

The others saw this and couldn't help but look at each other.

What the.... Was this a real tiger or not?

Obviously, it was so strong, but in front of Xia Xibei, it was like a kitten. It was acting schizophrenic!

After Xia Xibei and Ding Mingfei walked behind the monitor, Jiang Shenghe replayed the clip they had shot just now.

“See, isn’t it exceptional?”

Jiang Shenghe was so happy that he danced around.

This scene was what he had wanted for a long time.

Now it was finally shot!

Compared to his original image, there were more birds, making the picture even more beautiful!

The director of photography was Brother Dahu, who also came over excitedly. “I’ll take a look too!”

After watching it, he was excited too. “It’s too perfect!”

Brother Dahu and Jiang Shenghe had been partners for many years, so naturally, they had the same aesthetics and crazy ideas. Otherwise, Brother Dahu would not have proposed to shoot Xia Xibei with the crocodile before.

When the birds had appeared, he made a snap decision. He gave Xia Xibei and the birds a close-up.

Hence, the final effect was particularly good!

This scene was done in one shot, it was perfect!

Of course, the focus of this shot was on Xia Xibei while Ding Mingfei was just an accessory.

However, Ding Mingfei had no objection. After all, this image was really too stunning.

“It’s beautiful.” Xia Xibei showed a shy little smile. “You guys shot very well.”

“It’s not that we shot well but that you performed well!” Jiang Shenghe patted her shoulder. “This shot will absolutely stun everyone when it airs!”

This shot was definitely going to attract countless fans!

Xia Xibei laughed, saying no more.

After the excitement, Jiang Shenghe had a new idea.

Since this big tiger was so obedient, how could he not make the best use of it?

He spent so much effort to borrow the tiger for a day, so of course, he should shoot it properly!

Moreover, the script was written by him, so it was simple enough to change.

He immediately made changes.

For these changes, Xia Xibei obviously had no comments.

After all, this was adding to her screen time, and only a fool would refuse. As for Ding Mingfei, he may not have come back to his senses yet, so naturally, he had no opinion either.

Chapter 671: Pathetic and Helpless

By the time Pan Yan rushed back, the day's scene had already been shot.

At the sight of the tiger, he almost couldn't even scream or back up.

Damn, there really was a big tiger!

And it was so strange that this tiger was not in a cage!

When he figured it all out, his expression was very excited.

"I knew you had a strong animal affinity, but I didn't expect..."

Although he knew that Xia Xibei could handle poisonous snakes and crocodiles, who would have thought that she could handle tigers too?

After finding out how many scenes she had shot, he was instantly happy.

Although these images may not all be used afterward, since there were so many shots of her, it showed that the director thought highly of her.

Moreover, Xia Xibei had such a magical ability, they could use this for a big promotion afterward!

Many stars promoted themselves with their beloved pets so as to appeal to more passers-by.



In people's minds, someone who was animal-friendly could not be too bad.

Now, not only did dogs and cats like Xibei, but even fierce beasts!

How could this not cause a wave of hype?

Besides, it's not like it was untrue. Xia Xibei really was beloved by animals!

Xia Xibei knew what Pan Yan meant, so she did not stop him from getting overjoyed.

In this regard, she was not afraid to ruin her persona. What was there to worry about?

When it was time for the tiger to return to the cage, it was very depressed and unhappy.

"Roar..."

It paced around in its cage, restless.

Throughout the day, it could feel that its body was very comfortable.

The place where Xia Xibei had stroked was especially soothing.

The closer it got to her, the more comfortable it became. Its head felt clearer than before.

Although it did not have much IQ, it could distinguish good from bad by intuition.

It didn't want to leave Xia Xibei.

Looking at the tiger acting so restless in the cage, the zoo staff members were helpless.

Although they did not know what the tiger was saying, who would not understand what it meant?

It couldn't bear to part with Xia Xibei!

When she noticed its voice getting louder and louder, Xia Xibei went over and put her hand into the cage.

"Beibei!" Pan Yan exclaimed.

Only he was nervous. The others didn't take it seriously or try to stop her.

From now onwards, they would become numb.

Originally, they were a little scared, but seeing how the tiger in front of Xia Xibei was as tame as a kitten, they couldn't bring themselves to be frightened anymore.

Of course, they still did not dare to go near the tiger.

This tiger was only gentle to Xia Xibei, not to them.

Even if she put her hand into the tiger's mouth, they did not blink an eye.

Someone else pulled Pan Yan to the side. "Don't go over there."

Pan Yan was bewildered before he saw Xia Xibei touch the tiger.

"Be good and go back, eat well, rest well. When I'm free, I'll come see you."

The tiger rubbed against her palm, whimpering; it was very aggrieved and reluctant. It seemed so young, pathetic, and helpless.

"All right, don't be spoiled now." Xia Xibei secretly sent a little spiritual power to appease it. "When I'm free, I'll come see you. Go back to your brothers now."

It took a while for the tiger to finally calm down after being soothed.

As the car door closed, you could still see its big, moist eyes watching her with yearning.

Pursing her lips, Xia Xibei could only wave.

It couldn't follow her back, could it?

Chapter 672: The Assistant Will Be Here

After sending off the tiger, everyone started to pack up their things.

Xia Xibei's scene was done, so she did not need to help pack. After saying goodbye to everyone, she got into Pan Yan's car.

Pan Yan was obviously still a bit bewildered.

Although he knew that Xia Xibei could subdue the tiger, seeing it with his own eyes and seeing it on camera was a different thing.

Fortunately, after working with Xia Xibei for so long, he had seen a lot and could withstand it a lot better, so he quickly recovered.

“I’ve brought the contract, take a look.”

Pan Yan handed over the contract and then started driving.

Xia Xibei looked out of the window and took a few deep breaths, suppressing the reluctance in her heart before checking the contract.

She quickly finished reading the contract with a single glance.

The conditions and remuneration given were very good.

“No problem.”

Then, she took out a pen and signed her name.

When she signed with SY Entertainment before, she had stated that she had to agree to whatever jobs she wanted to take, so that the company wouldn’t just assign her work and exploit her.

Accordingly, she gave more percentage to the company.

Now it seemed that the company was doing a good job in this regard and wouldn't mess around.

Pan Yan and her were on the same team, so naturally he wouldn't exploit her.

"In a few days, you have to go back to school for exams. After the exams, you will have to enter the cast."

Pan Yan drove while talking about the upcoming schedule.

"Good."

"Some video sites wanted to interview you, and I've arranged two good ones for you."

"Okay."

"You were asked to endorse a drink and I turned it down."

"No problem."

"Oh yeah, your assistant is coming over. Let her run the errands if something comes up."

"Got it."

Originally, this assistant should have come over a long time ago, but because of the things at home, she had been delayed again and again.

Originally, Pan Yan didn't want her anymore. It was not like he couldn't find an assistant.

But Xia Xibei, after looking at this assistant's profile, said she could wait for her.

Since Xia Xibei had said so, he could only nod.

However, he was also a bit curious. Why would Xia Xibei care so much about this assistant?

To this, Xia Xibei's answer was this: she was a good fit.

Well, everyone had their own ideas, and Pan Yan had no choice but to agree to it.

Halfway through the drive, Xia Xibei's cell phone rang. It was Cui Tong.

"Beibei, my brother is coming over. Have you finished work yet?"

"We wrapped up, and we're going back now."

“Then come straight over. I’ll send you the location.”

“OK.”

Xia Xibei received the location, then asked Pan Yan to turn.

“What are you going there for?” Pan Yan asked as he turned around.

Although Xia Xibei was young, she was very assertive. The most important thing was that she was very capable.

Therefore, Pan Yan generally did not interfere with her affairs. Of course, he could not interfere even if he wanted to.

“To talk business,” Xia Xibei answered, leaning back in her seat with a smile.

Pan Yan was surprised, asking, “Business?”

“Hmmm,” Xia Xibei nodded and didn’t continue talking, closing her eyes to rest.

To make the tiger obey, she had consumed a lot of mental energy and was a little tired.



Seeing her eyes were closed in the rearview mirror, Pan Yan could only shut his mouth.

Soon, the car arrived at the location where Cui Tong was at.

Getting down from the car, Xia Xibei suddenly looked somewhere.

However, she quickly turned back.

“Go inside.”

The two went inside and soon arrived at Cui Tong’s private room.

They knocked on the door.. Inside was Cui Tong, as well as a mature man a few years older than her.

Chapter 673: The Attitude of Cooperation

The man looked a bit similar to Cui Tong, seeming civilized and elegant.

When they saw Xia Xibei enter, the two of them immediately stood up.

Cui Tong enthusiastically pulled Xia Xibei over.

“Brother, she is Xia Xibei. This is her manager Pan Yan. Beibei, this is my brother, Cui Changxin.”

“Nice to meet you, big brother Cui,” Xia Xibei greeted him with a smile.

“Hello, Miss Xia.”

Cui Changxin’s smile was also very kind, addressing her very politely.

Xia Xibei was Cui Tong’s friend, and she was also his collaboration partner at this time, so Cui Changxin’s attitude was naturally good.

After both sides greeted each other, they sat down.

Pan Yan was a little bewildered by this, but still enough sense to shut his mouth.

This was, after all, Xia Xibei’s occasion.

After sitting down, Cui Changxin handed over the menu.

“See what you would like to eat.”

Xia Xibei was not standing on ceremony.

“OK. I’ve been exhausted all day today. I just finished work and haven’t eaten yet.”

Then she opened the menu and ordered a few dishes at random.

Cui Tong asked, “How did you shoot today?”

“Pretty well.”

“That’s good.”

In fact, Cui Tong and Xia Xibei did not have rival scenes. Only Cui Tong and Ding Mingfei had rival scenes.

However, the relationship between the two girls became closer and closer.

The food soon came. Xia Xibei was not being polite and trying to fill up.

Watching Xia Xibei, Cui Changxin had an idea in his mind.

Then looking at Cui Tong nearby, who was eating meat voraciously, he couldn't help but be curious.

"I thought you said you were trying to lose weight?"

"I am." After Cui Tong swallowed a mouthful of meat, she justified it with a straight face.

"Are you sure you're losing weight?" Cui Changxin had a speechless expression.

Normally, after noon, she would not eat. At most, she would eat a little bit of vegetables and fruit.

It was nighttime now, so how could she dare to eat like this?

"Of course!" Cui Tong proudly cast him a glance. "I have a magic weapon!"

Cui Changxin shook his head speechlessly, but did not continue to talk about this topic.

Only after Xia Xibei finished eating and the dishes had been cleared did they start talking about business.

"I saw the design that Tong Tong sent me. Was that really your drawing?"

“Brother!” Cui Tong immediately became dissatisfied. “Beibei did draw it!”

What did this question mean? Did he think Xia Xibei was lying to him?

But Xia Xibei did not get angry. She smiled and pacified Cui Tong, then said to Cui Changxin, “It’s really my drawing, 100% original.”

Cui Changxin showed an apologetic smile, “I’ve checked, and the artwork is indeed original.”

“Brother!” Cui Tong’s face became even more unsightly.

Xia Xibei, however, patted her hand.

“This is normal for cooperation.”

She knew that Cui Tong was fighting for her. However, the problem was, this was not the time to talk about friendship.

Talking about feelings when talking about cooperation would be a joke.

Feelings were feelings, interests were interests. Naturally, it was necessary to speak of them separately.

Moreover, she did not feel that there were feelings to talk about between her and Cui Changxin.

Xia Xibei's reaction made Cui Changxin smile with satisfaction.

"Miss Xia is a really smart person."

If Xia Xibei had been disrespectful because of Cui Tong's protection, he would have hesitated.

Now, since Xia Xibei was so clear-headed, it was different.

Cui Tong swept a glance at the two people and said sullenly. "Forget it, you are all in it together. I don't care!"

The two exchanged a helpless look, then ignored her in unison.

Cui Tong's eyes widened, becoming a little angry, but in the end, she hummed and didn't say anything.

Cui Changxin didn't care and looked directly at Xia Xibei.

"I heard that you have other manuscripts?"

**Chapter 674: Talking About Cooperation**

Xia Xibei nodded and said confidently, "Right. I still have quite a few manuscripts on my side. The quality should be more or less the same."

Cui Changxin was a little surprised.

"Did Miss Xia ever study jewelry design before?"

"I had been studying online before."

Xia Xibei's expression did not change.

She couldn't tell them the truth and say that this was from her first life experience, now could she?

In her first life, because her career path to stardom had been traumatized, she began to be exposed to a variety of different knowledge.

It could be said that she was considered multi-talented, although not specialized.

The inspiration for the design of the jewelry came from the experience of her second life.

In her second life, she had a lot of jewelry on her hands, and their designs were very different from the ones here.

Because of her experience in these two lives, she had seen many different kinds of jewelry.

She came up with these designs after taking the essence of them and adding her own understanding and style.

Xia Xibei's answer made Cui Changxin look appreciative.

"I knew it, you must have learned it. But you just learned it online?"

People who hadn't learned jewelry design couldn't do it at this level.

Jewelry featured various materials and everything was always different for each material.

He just didn't expect that Xia Xibei, who was so young, would have such capabilities. Moreover, she did not learn systematically, only on the Internet!

She was really a genius!

On the side, Pan Yan's mouth moved, but he didn't say anything.

He was shocked that Xia Xibei knew how to design jewelry!



How many other skills did she have that he didn't know about?

Amazing people like Xia Xibei, even if they did not enter the entertainment industry, would have succeeded in other industries!

Pan Yan gave himself a slap in the face inside his head.

If Xia Xibei was so outstanding, she should shine in the entertainment industry, living up to her beauty and talent!

Xia Xibei didn't know that Pan Yan's mind was in turmoil.

She nodded and smiled, "I learned some, but I'm not a professional. My output is not as high as other designers."

"No, no, no," Cui Changxin shook his head. "You're already very good like this!"

If she could design one stunning set of jewelry, that was enough.

They were looking for quality, not quantity.

The two of them went back and forth with compliments for a while before getting to the point.

“What are Miss Xia’s plans?”

“I want to work with you guys.”

Xia Xibei was also very straightforward.

“How can we cooperate?”

Xia Xibei smiled lightly and revealed her intention.

“I will provide you with at least two design drafts every month.”

Cui Changxin raised his eyebrows, asking, “So what do you want?”

“You can buy my drawings based on the market price.”

Cui Changxin was even more confused. “That’s it?”

He thought Xia Xibei had more in mind!

“This is of course only the preliminary cooperation.” Xia Xibei took a sip of water. “As for the mid and late cooperation, we have to wait to talk about it later. You can rest assured that it will be absolutely beneficial to you.”

Cui Changxin was puzzled. “Mid- and late-stage cooperation?”

“After all, we are cooperating for the first time. It also depends on the other party’s attitude,” Xia Xibei said bluntly. “I could have found someone else to cooperate with, but your company is the best at the moment.”

Cui Changxin’s gaze dimmed slightly. “Are you used to saying things so bluntly?”

“Is it bad?” Xia Xibei smiled. “And I believe that you will not let me down.”

Cui Changxin pondered for a moment before finally nodding, “Okay, I promise you.”

Their words made Pan Yan and Cui Tong look confused.

What the hell was going on here?

Chapter 675: I Don’t Drink

After the discussion with Cui Changxin about cooperation, everyone left.

Cui Tong followed Xia Xibei and Pan Yan back to the hotel while Cui Changxin took the car and left.

Back at the hotel, Xia Xibei removed her makeup and took a shower. Taking out her phone and looking at it, she dialed a number.

“Beibei.”

Qiao Yanjue’s magnetic voice came out from over there.

Listening to the noises on the other end, Xia Xibei asked, “You haven’t gone back yet?”

“Almost,” Qiao Yanjue smiled. “How was your day?”

“It went well,” Xia Xibei laughed lightly. “How about you?”

“It went well for me too.” Qiao Yanjue smiled back. “I’m almost done here, then I’ll be back in G City in a few days.”

“In a few days, my scenes will be finished, and I’ll have to go back for my exams.”

The two of them talked about their recent situations, and then Qiao Yanjue changed the subject.

“You’re having dinner with Cui Tong today?”

“Well, there’s also Cui Tong’s big brother.” Xia Xibei answered honestly, raising an eyebrow. “Did you see the news?”

Qiao Yanjue was suspiciously silent for a moment before admitting, “I just did.”

“The four of us had dinner together today. Me, Brother Pan, Cui Tong, and her big brother.”

“Oh.” Qiao Yanjue hemmed and was just about to say something when a voice came from next to him.

“Yanjue, what are you doing here? Everyone’s looking for you.”

Xia Xibei’s ears were sharp and she instantly recognized the owner of the voice.

Li Weiyun? Why was she there?

Qiao Yanjue also frowned, “I’m talking to Beibei.”

At those words, Li Weiyun's smile froze.

"Brother Jue, who is it?" Xia Xibei pretended to be curious.

"It's Li Weiyun. She's here too and we just happened to bump into each other," Qiao Yanjue explained.

"Oh." Xia Xibei's voice was unconsciously a little sour. "Such a coincidence."

"I didn't think it would be such a coincidence either," Qiao Yanjue explained seriously. "But our businesses don't really intersect. We just happened to run into each other."

On the side, Li Weiyun couldn't help but bite her lip, her previous happiness suddenly evaporating.

Qiao Yanjue's words were too hurtful.

Looking at the tenderness on his face, her heart hurt even more.

"Oh, I see," Xia Xibei nodded. "Have you eaten?"

"I did."

“Have you been drinking?”

“No, I told them that I’m allergic to alcohol,” Qiao Yanjue laughed lightly.

With his status, as long as he didn’t want to drink, no one else could force him to do so.

Li Weiyun’s face became even more ugly.

Where did Qiao Yanjue get his alcohol allergy? He could drink a lot!

However, he didn’t drink, which was obviously for Xia Xibei’s sake.

Thinking of this, Li Weiyun’s heart seemed to be seized by a hard grip.

“It’s best if you don’t drink.” Xia Xibei gave a delicate hum. “When one drinks, it’s easy to have accidents.”

Alcohol was not a good thing. Moreover, Li Weiyun was still nearby. If he got drunk and lost his virtue... That would be too disgusting.

“Don’t worry, I don’t drink,” Qiao Yanjue assured her.

“Well, it’s good that you behave.” Xia Xibei nodded and urged him, “Go back and rest, it’s almost ten o’clock.”

“Okay, I’ll go back now,” Qiao Yanjue promised.

The two of them talked for a while longer before Qiao Yanjue hung up the phone.

Only after hanging up the phone did Qiao Yanjue look at Li Weiyun.

“You haven’t left yet?”

Those words dealt her another fatal blow, and she blanched for a moment, but then she pulled the corners of her mouth.

“I’m ready to go too.”

“I’ll go back first then.”

Qiao Yanjue nodded at her and turned around, ready to leave.

Li Weiyun’s mouth moved, but she couldn’t speak.



## Chapter 676: Decisive Denial

“Weiyun, Yanjue, what are you guys doing here?” a snickering voice rang out.

Qiao Yanjue looked up and frowned lightly.

Several people walked towards them. The man in the lead was tall and handsome, a smile on his face.

He walked up to the two of them and looked at them jokingly.

“I was wondering why you guys had disappeared. So you were hiding here?”

While saying that, he also wiggled his eyebrows at the two of them.

“Brother.”

Seeing her older brother, Li Weiyun shouted.

Li Feiyun and Li Weiyun were boy-girl twins. Li Feiyun was a few minutes older, and the two were not identical twins, so they didn't look much alike, but both were quite good-looking.

“So Mr. Qiao and Miss Li are boyfriend and girlfriend!”

Looking at the handsome guy and beautiful girl in front of them, the middle-aged men with ordinary looks brightened up.

When someone opened his mouth, the others tried to pick up the slack, but before they could continue, they were interrupted by Qiao Yanjue.

“I’m not boyfriend and girlfriend with her,” Qiao Yanjue decisively denied. “We’re just classmates. So don’t say such things, lest you ruin a girl’s reputation.”

These words caused Li Feiyun’s face to sink slightly, and the crowd behind him also looked at each other.

The two of them were not a couple?

It was obvious that Li Weiyun had a different attitude towards Qiao Yanjue!

And the two of them were hiding here... So there was no relationship?

Li Feiyun frowned at Qiao Yanjue, but he joked, “Aiya, don’t be shy...”

“I’m not shy,” Qiao Yanjue interrupted. “I was just here on the phone, and then Weiyun happened to walk by. I was just about to leave when you guys came.”

He said it so seriously that the others couldn't help but have sheepish expressions.

It was a small dinner party, and Qiao Yanjue and the Li siblings had all come.

Li Weiyun had come over not long ago, and as soon as she did, she went straight to Qiao Yanjue.

Originally, everyone thought the two were a couple, but they didn't expect Qiao Yanjue to deny it outright.

This made everyone feel a little embarrassed.

"Well, it's getting late, so I should go back and rest. Good night everyone."

Qiao Yanjue nodded slightly at everyone.

With his status, he didn't need to be too polite.

"Yanjue--"

Qiao Yanjue didn't even let Li Feiyun speak.

"Feiyun, when you're free next time, let's get together again."

After saying that, he walked away without looking back.

Everyone glanced at each other, their expressions becoming even more awkward.

Li Feiyun's brows were tightly knitted. When he turned around and saw Li Weiyun's red eyes, his face became even more unpleasant.

The others were also sensible and immediately said, "It's almost time, we should go back too."

"Yeah, yeah, my family should be waiting anxiously too. We have to go now. Mr. Li. We won't disturb you guys."

After saying that, the men left in a hurry.

As they walked, they lamented.

Young people nowadays!

Only after those few people left did Li Feiyun look at his sister.

"Weiyun, what's going on? Why was Qiao Yanjue so cold?"

Li Feiyun had been abroad for some time and hadn't paid attention to things at home, let alone catch up with what was going on between Li Weiyun and Qiao Yanjue.

He thought that Li Weiyun and Qiao Yanjue would eventually get together, but apparently things were not as rosy as he had thought.

Li Weiyun bit her lip, but couldn't stop her eyes from reddening.

"He has someone he likes."

"What?" Li Feiyun frowned. "Who does he like?"

Li Feiyun and Qiao Yanjue had a pretty good relationship, and although they were not as close as Huo Zijun and the others were, they used to have a lot of interactions.

Their relationship was still good, even though there was less interaction after graduation in the past few years.

How come he hadn't heard that Qiao Yanjue had a girl he liked?

"A bitch!" Li Weiyun gritted her teeth.

## Chapter 677: Z-List Starlet

Li Weiyun hated the thought so much that she gritted her teeth.

She regretted having lost her mind before and confessing her love to him! Otherwise, it wouldn't be so awkward now!

Although she had changed her tactics after being rejected, she didn't expect that Qiao Yanjue wouldn't even give her the chance to get closer!

Moreover, the relationship between the two of them was getting colder and colder; even their relationship as classmates was almost gone.

This made her heart break.

And it was all because of Xia Xibei!

If it wasn't for Xia Xibei, how could Qiao Yanjue be so indifferent to her?!

In order to get closer to Qiao Yanjue, she had even come to this small dinner party tonight.

Unexpectedly, before they could talk, Qiao Yanjue had to leave.

Moreover, he denied the relationship between the two of them right in front of others!

However, no matter how painful it was, she couldn't give up on Qiao Yanjue.

"What is going on? Tell me everything!" Li Feiyun said in a cold voice. He couldn't bear to see his sister look so pitiful and humble.

Li Weiyun had never suffered, even as a child.

Not to say that she got everything she wanted, but she was spoiled growing up.

Moreover, she had always been so proud and confident. It was the first time Li Feiyun had seen this fragile and pitiful side of her.

Li Weiyun bit her lips and pushed back the tears in her eyes before she opened her mouth to explain.

"He fell in love with a girl."

"A girl?"

"Yes, a not yet grown-up Z-list starlet."

Li Feiyun was surprised this time.

A Z-list starlet?

With Qiao Yanjue's status and insight, would he even like a starlet? Was she kidding? Did he have a lame eye?

"Qiao Yanjue isn't that blind, is he?"

"Why not?" Li Weiyun was indignant. "You don't know how good that little bitch is at seducing people."

The most annoying thing was that Xia Xibei had nothing, yet she still managed to win over Qiao Yanjue!

She, on the other hand, was obviously a rich young lady, perfect in every way, yet Qiao Yanjue didn't like her!

Li Feiyun frowned tightly, "What is the name of that young starlet, and what is the situation?"

For them, it was a common thing to pursue (pay for) female stars.

Li Feiyun had also done this kind of thing, and with his status and wealth, the ones who got his favor were at least first- or second-tier actresses.



Although there was no obvious class difference nowadays, how could there be no real difference?

Celebrities were playthings to them.

It was okay to pass the time with them, but not to talk about real feelings, let alone getting married.

It was amazing that Qiao Yanjue was looking at a Z-list starlet.

Li Weiyun gritted her teeth. "Her name is Xia Xibei, an ordinary girl from an ordinary family. She's just a little bit pretty, and she's got Yanjue all carried away!"

Just a little bit pretty?

Li Feiyun didn't believe that.

With Qiao Yanjue's status, he had seen many girls with extraordinary qualities and looks.

However, Li Feiyun also understood that Li Weiyun must not have said everything. After all, they were love rivals!

"Are the two of them already together?" He asked.

“I don’t think so.” Li Weiyun sneered, “If they were together, wouldn’t everyone have known about it already?”

Li Feiyun nodded.

If the two were already together, he would surely have received the news as well.

“Besides, uncle and aunt will definitely not accept them being together,” Li Weiyun hummed.

Li Feiyun gave her a look and held back his complaint.

With Qiao Yanjue’s personality, even if his parents didn’t agree, it wouldn’t affect his decision.

## **Chapter 678: Fancying Her**

Li Feiyun griped to himself, then pulled out his phone.

“Let me see what she really looks like,” he said as he tapped on his phone.

He was really curious to know who could steal Qiao Yanjue’s heart.

He just typed in “xia xibei” and the words “Xia Xibei” popped up.

He clicked to take a look and couldn’t help but be stunned.

The first of these pictures was a large close-up of her face.

The face in the photo was extremely beautiful; the eyes, nose, and mouth were all delicate, and the combination was perfect.

This face slammed directly into Li Feiyun’s eyes and crashed into his heart.

So beautiful!

Just by looking at this face, Li Feiyun understood Qiao Yanjue.

Who wouldn’t like such a beautiful girl?!

Such stunning beauty was rarely found, even in the entertainment industry.

Li Weiyun didn’t hear a sound. She looked up and her heart jumped.

Li Feiyun’s expression was really off!

“Li Feiyun!” She gritted her teeth. “Did you find the photo?”

“Found, found it.”

Li Feiyun froze for a moment before he answered.

Li Weiyun’s heart was cold as she demanded, “You are not into her, are you?”

Unexpectedly, Li Feiyun nodded his head.

“Yeah, she’s really pretty.”

Li Weiyun was stunned for a moment, then she became furious.

Without waiting for her outburst, she heard Li Feiyun continue, “So pretty, it’ll be good to play with her.”

These words instantly doused the anger in Li Weiyun’s heart, now replaced with malice.

“You want to pursue her?”

“Why not?” The corner of Li Feiyun’s mouth curved into a flippant smile. “This face is indeed worthy of my efforts.”

Li Feiyun’s smile made Li Weiyun’s heart rejoice.

Li Feiyun usually showed this kind of smile when he had met his prey.

The so-called prey would be abandoned soon after being conquered.

With Li Feiyun’s character, he liked to pursue beautiful women. However, the relationship never lasted long.

Li Weiyun revealed a malicious smile, “Then go after her. I believe that if you want to get her, you would naturally be able to get her.”

Li Feiyun glanced at her, understanding her intentions, but didn’t refuse.

“Okay, I’ll help you.”

If he really went after Xia Xibei, then he would be helping Li Weiyun.

However, he did like Xia Xibei.

With such a beautiful face, he could even eat more rice when he looked at her.

“Thank you, Brother.”

Li Weiyun showed a bright smile.

In fact, she was already asking the master to prepare the poisonous parasites. However, they were not readily available and the price was not low.

Since Li Feiyun took the initiative to say that he would help her, it might not be necessary to use the poisonous parasites.

With Li Feiyun’s status, if he launched an offensive, not many women would be able to resist.

“However, you better not say that you are my brother,” Li Feiyun said.

If Xia Xibei knew that Li Feiyun was her brother, she would definitely be wary.

“Don’t worry, I know what to do.”

Li Feiyun slowly rubbed his chin, the corners of his mouth curling up in an imperative smile.

“Also, you mustn’t let Yanjue find out.”

“I’m not a fool!” Li Feiyun gave his sister a blank look. “But it’s okay even if he knows. I’m helping him!”

If Xia Xibei turned to him, then Qiao Yanjue should thank him. After all, he was the one who made Qiao Yanjue discover Xia Xibei’s true nature!

“You must be careful anyway!” Li Weiyun admonished.

“Don’t worry, don’t worry.”

Li Feiyun waved his hand and continued to check Xia Xibei’s information on the internet.

Watching Li Feiyun’s movements, Li Weiyun finally regained her cheerful face.

## Chapter 679: Refuting the Rumors

Qiao Yanjue had no idea that the two siblings, Li Feiyun and Li Weiyun, were preparing to steal from him. He was partly focused on Xia Xibei and partly on his work.

He had invested in several companies before, and this time he had come over to take a look at his investments, in addition to the businesses of Qiao Group.

Due to his age, he had only entered the Qiao Group in the past few years.

After a few years, he had controlled a lot of resources, but his two older brothers had already been there for about twenty years.

Although his strength and drive were much stronger than his brothers and he had also mastered some key businesses, he had not yet been able to fully control the entire group.

Seeing that he was about to take control of the entire group, his two brothers were also getting more and more anxious.

If he hadn't been on high alert, he might have been hurt again.

Those two people were getting desperate.

Thinking of this, the corners of Qiao Yanjue's mouth took on a hint of ruthlessness.

He hadn't wanted to fight with the two. After all, they were brothers.

Unfortunately, while he treated them as brothers, they didn't treat him like family.



It was obvious that they were family, but they insisted on fighting to the death.

In response, Qiao Yanjue, after the initial anger and sadness, had now collected his mood.

If they wanted to play, he'd play with them!

The Qiao Group was involved in many fields, including real estate, automobiles, materials, energy...

In recent years, various synthetic materials had appeared on the market.

These synthetic materials were much stronger and versatile than ordinary materials.

However, to develop good synthetic material, the initial investment required a lot of money.

Once the research and development were successful, the benefits would be plentiful.

This time, Qiao Yanjue was here for the new materials.

If this material research was successful, Qiao Yanjue could also have more say in the Qiao Group.

By then, his family would not be able to oppose whatever he wanted to do.

In order to be together with Xia Xibei, he naturally needed to put in a lot of effort.

Therefore, he was very busy and tired these days.

However, he was happy to do so.

When he returned to the hotel, it was already after ten o'clock. Only after he had handled more paperwork did he roll his neck and let out a sigh of relief.

After getting out of the bathroom, he picked up his phone, a special notification popping up on it.

[@Xia Xibei: He's also my brother // @Cui Tong: This is my 30-year-old married brother!!!]

Below were several photos showing Xia Xibei and Cui Tong together, and also photos of Cui Tong and a man together.

The man's face was blurred, and Cui Tong was holding his hand, looking very intimate.

Without Cui Tong's explanation, it would have been easy for people to think it was her boyfriend.

The following comments were filled with laughter.

[We know, we know, this is your brother! He's our brother too!]

[Brother Cui is so tall and handsome! Too bad he's married! Otherwise, I'd like to be his wife.]

[Sister Tong is quite cranky, LOL!]

Looking at the comments, Qiao Yanjue couldn't help but laugh.

He had seen the news broken by a reporter earlier.

[Cui Tong and Xia Xibei meet a strange man at night, acting intimate]

This title was very interesting.

Although the photos don't show how intimate, this title was enough for fans to be agitated.

Now Cui Tong and Xia Xibei had made this post to debunk the rumors.

The man was a married older brother, so what other scandals could be speculated about?

The corner of Qiao Yanjue's mouth couldn't help but lift into a smile as he read these rumor-debunking posts.

Although he knew that Xia Xibei did not like other people, he would not be in a good mood looking at this "gossip."

Fortunately, Xia Xibei immediately dispelled the rumors.

## Chapter 680: Not Going Anywhere

The next day, Xia Xibei continued to shoot.

The most difficult shots were already finished, and the interior shots were next.

On this hot day, shooting indoors was not a comfortable thing, especially since this was a costume drama. With so many layers of clothes on the body, plus the high temperature indoors, everyone was so smothered they were getting heat rashes.

However, to everyone's surprise, Xia Xibei did not sweat much!

The other actors were sweating in no time, their makeup melting and having to be redone. She was fine though, still looking so fresh, which made everyone jealous.

Cui Tong came over and asked curiously, "Do you have some kind of magic weapon?"

"No."

"How can you not have it?!" Cui Tong didn't believe her. "You must! Don't hide it, good friends are meant to share!"

She was dying of heat! There were many small fans blowing at her, but it didn't have any effect at all.

Looking at Xia Xibei's refreshed look, her eyes were red.

"Really, I don't." Xia Xibei had a serious face. "I am cool because I am carrying internal power, so I can adjust my temperature."

Her situation was different. Whether it was more than thirty degrees Celsius or a few degrees, it was not a big problem for her, as she could regulate herself.

Cui Tong couldn't help but roll her eyes at Xia Xibei spouting nonsense, both envious and jealous.

How could someone not be afraid of the heat?! Too annoying!

No way, this was a matter of personal physique. Cui Tong was envious, and could only use the fan to furiously blow air at herself.

Although it was hot, after the shooting started, everyone was very dedicated and showed their best selves, regardless of their already soaked backs.

By the time lunchtime rolled around, everyone was exhausted.

After eating, they continued shooting.

Although the weather was hot, Director Jiang Shenghe was in a good mood. Even if someone made a mistake, he did not get too angry.

The reason was that yesterday's shooting was great, and he was naturally in a good mood.

Since the director was in a good mood, no one felt that it was hard to get through.

It lasted until the end of the night, when the cast and crew were going limp from fatigue.

Just after closing, a man came up to them.

“Want to go out tonight?”

The man was Lv Qian. He was in his twenties, and a male co-star in this movie.

"I'm not going." Cui Tong waved her hand. "This kind of day is best for enjoying air conditioning in the room."

"No! Let's go to the bar!"

"No." Xia Xibei shook her head with a serious face. "I'm not an adult yet, I can't go to a bar."

Lv Qian was speechless.

Crap, he forgot she was only 17 years old!

"It's okay, it's not like you have to drink at a bar. And there's air conditioning there too!"

"If you don't drink at a bar, what's the point of going to a bar?" Cui Tong gave him a blank look. "And isn't there air conditioning everywhere except for the set?!"

Lv Qian was critiqued by Cui Tong so much that his face twitched.

"But it is so boring to stay in the hotel all the time! I've been in Z City for so long, yet I haven't gone out much!"

“If you want to go, go by yourself.” Cui Tong frowned at him. “You want to make gossip with me, huh?”

If they went out like this, wouldn't it make the reporters write nonsense?

“Of course not!” Lv Qian hurriedly shook his head and waved his hand. “I just want to find a few people to go out and have fun. Let's go out in a group...”

“Wouldn't a group of people going out be more eye-catching?” Xia Xibei interrupted. “Forget it, let's stay at the hotel and rest.”

“Yeah, it's a hot day. We're not going anywhere!”

After saying that, Cui Tong pulled Xia Xibei away. “Let's go, we have to take off the makeup.”

Looking at the back of the two people leaving, Lv Qian looked exasperated.

Xia Xibei did not want to go out? How could this be?!

But if she really did not want to go out, he could not do anything about it!