

Chapter 741: How the Pie Came to Be

Xia Xibei picked up Zhuo Jingxu and looked at the man and woman behind him.

The woman was of course Zhuo Jingxu's mother, Qi Yuntian, and the man bore a slight resemblance to Zhuo Jingxu. The two were walking affectionately arm-in-arm, and their identities were immediately clear.

"Sister Tian."

After seeing their family of three, Xia Xibei understood.

It turned out that Simu and Qi Yuntian were connected!

After thinking about it, she immediately understood why the originally unlimited brand of Simu grew nothing and fell silent in her previous life!

According to what happened today, if she did not appear on Dongyuan Street, Zhuo Jingxu would have been kidnapped.

When the child was lost, Qi Yuntian would have been affected. After that, it would be natural for Simu to be affected as well.

"Xibei." Qi Yuntian walked over with her husband, smiling brightly. "Let me introduce you. This is my husband, Zhuo Yu. Yu, she is the girl who saved our baby today."

Zhuo Yu was less than thirty years old, both young and handsome. With a grateful face, he extended his hand.

"Thank you so much! If it weren't for you, we would be..."

Xia Xibei reached out for the handshake.

"You guys, no need to be polite. I believe that anyone who encountered this kind of thing would have stepped in to help."

That being said, not everyone could have helped!

Thinking about what his wife told him today, Zhuo Yu was scared.

This afternoon, hearing that something almost happened to his child, Zhuo Yu immediately rushed over.

After arriving at the police station, he saw the two portraits of the suspects and immediately asked people to investigate the matter.

Fortunately, he reacted quickly, so those two people did not escape too far and were caught.

After catching those two people and after a strict interrogation, he realized that they were not acting on impulse, but were instructed by someone!

Although these people could not say the identity of the mastermind behind the plot, what was represented here chilled Zhuo Yu.

If he thought about it, if it were not for Xia Xibei's help, the child would have been taken away by now.

Once the child was kidnapped, even they could not easily get him back.

Who knew how heartless those people would be!

The result of a two-year-old child falling into their hands...

Xia Xibei was the savior of their family!

This was also the reason why they wanted Xia Xibei to come over.

Although Xia Xibei did not want to inform them of her true identity before, after both she and Shi Shuhang were found out by their fans, their identities naturally could not be hidden.

After finding out that Xia Xibei was a star, Qi Yuntian immediately had an idea.

Even if Xia Xibei's current popularity didn't quite match Simu's style, Simu was Qi Yuntian's private business, so she could do whatever she wanted. No one else could question it.

Besides, with Xia Xibei's potential, sooner or later she would become a big star, and they would be considered an early investor.

"Beibei." Pan Yan walked over with a surprised and uncertain face, looking at the child in her arms. "This is the child you saved today?"

Zhuo Jingxu nestled in Xia Xibei's arms, kissing her from time to time, his affection overflowing.

"Right," Xia Xibei nodded her head.

"Hello. You are Xibei's agent, right?" Qi Yuntian looked at Pan Yan.

"Hello! I'm Xia Xibei's agent, Pan Yan."

Pan Yan smiled politely at them, looking quite calm, but in fact, he was very excited.

Damn! So Xia Xibei saved the young master of the Simu company!

He was wondering how this pie had fallen from the sky!

After a few courtesy words, Qi Yuntian took them into a conference room.

Chapter 742: Selling Power

After entering the conference room, Qi Yuntian tried to bring over her child, but he refused.

"Sister! Hug!"

Zhuo Jingxu hugged Xia Xibei's neck tightly, unwilling to leave.

Seeing her son so close to Xia Xibei, Qi Yuntan was heartbroken and helpless.

After Xia Xibei got out of the car today, Zhuo Jingxu was very despondent.

His cute little face showed no smile, his mouth was flat, and his eyelids were lowered.

He didn't cry or make a fuss, but that pitiful, aggrieved little look just made people's hearts ache.

Maybe it was because Xia Xibei had snatched him back from the hands of human traffickers that he had such deep feelings for Xia Xibei.

Qi Yuntian understood this and was grateful to Xia Xibei, but her son's straightforward reaction really gave her mixed feelings.

Zhuo Jingxu's depression lasted until Xia Xibei appeared.

As soon as he saw Xia Xibei, he immediately perked up, struggling to get off the ground from Qi Yuntian's arms and rushing over on his own with his little short legs.

Even when he saw his mom and dad and grandparents, he wasn't as affectionate!

However, seeing her son laughing so happily in Xia Xibei's arms, Qi Yuntian also lost her resentment.

She collected her thoughts and began to talk to Xia Xibei and Pan Yan about this endorsement.

Xia Xibei, holding the child, spoke up first.

"Sister Tian, if you are asking me to endorse your brand because you want to thank me for saving Xuxu, that's not necessary. I didn't think of asking for any payment when I saved him." She had a serious face.

"With my current situation, it's not quite appropriate to endorse Simu... You guys should consider it carefully."

Pan Yan's mouth moved, but in the end he didn't say anything.

Although he thought it was silly for Xia Xibei to say this, it was her choice, and even if he felt bad about it, he couldn't speak up against it at this time.

After hearing Xia Xibei, Qi Yuntian and Zhuo Yu looked at each other, then looked at her and smiled.

"To be honest, this decision is indeed partly to thank you for saving Xu Xu."

"Hear me out first." Qi Yuntian stopped Xia Xibei's words, "It's not like I'm completely disregarding the company's development. On the contrary, Simu is my heart and soul. I can't possibly be flippant with it. Naturally, I chose you to endorse it after much consideration."

Qi Yuntian's smile deepened.

“You also shouldn’t underestimate yourself. With your strength, you will definitely be more popular afterwards. When the time comes, we will have to spend more money if we want your endorsement. So, we are investing in advance, and saving money in advance.”

Zhuo Yu also added, “Moreover, your image and Simu’s products match very well. We also believe in your strength.”

Simu was the couple’s business and had nothing to do with the family. Zhuo Yu was responsible for the operation and Qi Yuntian was responsible for the design.

The two of them worked together. Even without the help of the family, they could develop Simu better and better.

This time, the decision for them to get Xia Xibei’s endorsement was a bit hasty, but they did not feel that there was a problem.

Xia Xibei’s face was stunning. If she wore Simu clothes, she would definitely be more beautiful!

They also found that Xia Xibei’s ability to sell goods was very strong. Every time she appeared in an outfit, or even wore a shade of lipstick, it quickly became a hit.

So, they had a lot of confidence in her.

Hearing the couple say this, Xia Xibei was silent for a moment, but did not act coy.

“Well then, since you guys believe in me, I’ll say yes!”

“That’s right!” Qi Yuntian clapped her hands happily. “Don’t worry, the clothes in our new collection are super pretty!”

Xia Xibei agreed, after which it was time to talk about the endorsement fee.

Chapter 743: Negotiating the Endorsement

After some discussion, Xia Xibei negotiated this endorsement at a price of one and a half million dollars yuan per year for two years.

This price, although not very high, was the endorsement price of second-tier stars in the industry.

Of course, if Xia Xibei was more famous, the price would be even higher.

This price was also very satisfactory to Pan Yan.

This was Xia Xibei’s first endorsement. The price didn’t matter, the status was the most important thing!

He had been working on Xia Xibei’s endorsement before. It was a pity that the products that he actively sought before were too low brow, and he simply couldn’t choose them.

He would get a share of Xia Xibei’s endorsement, but if Xia Xibei endorsed bad, low-brow products, it would be difficult to endorse advanced products afterwards.

It was not easy to start low and go high afterwards, so he had been trying to find the best first endorsement.

Unexpectedly, this endorsement fell into their laps today!

It was because of Xia Xibei's kindness that she got such a good opportunity!

Simu was currently a first-tier domestic clothing brand, and looking at Qi Yuntian and Zhuo Yu, they were definitely not satisfied by developing only within the country.

If they went abroad within two years, the level of endorsement would be even higher!

If the first endorsement of Xia Xibei could be at such a level, those ordinary endorsements would not dare to come to them afterwards.

Pan Yan was very satisfied with this.

According to his plan, Xia Xibei would not explode until at least a year later, and only then would there be upscale endorsements coming to the door.

He never thought that the opportunity would come so quickly!

Everyone had the intention to cooperate, so the talk went very quick. After the specific operation was discussed and the contract was signed, Xia Xibei and company had to leave.

However, before leaving, Zhuo Jingxu hugged Xia Xibei and did not let go. Meanwhile, he shouted, "Hug! Hug! No! No!"

Qi Yuntian and Zhuo Yu reached for him, but he shook his head desperately and firmly refused to let go.

The couple looked at each other and couldn't help but laugh with resignation.

"This kid, he's not even this close to us," Zhuo Yu couldn't help but sigh.

He had heard his wife say today that the child was very affectionate with Xia Xibei, but hadn't thought much about it before.

In just one evening, he had clearly seen how close his son was to Xia Xibei.

During their discussions just now, Zhuo Jingxu quietly nestled in Xia Xibei's arms, grabbed her fingers and counted them back and forth, entertaining himself.

Although Zhuo Jingxu was not usually a child who made a lot of noise, he was still a child after all, and could not keep quiet for such a long time.

Yet he was able to be so obedient in Xia Xibei's arms!

Now, he was still unwilling to leave Xia Xibei!

This really made them, as parents, have mixed emotions.

"I also didn't expect that he would like me so much." Xia Xibei smiled and bounced Zhuo Jingxu on her lap. "Xu Xu, sister is going home to sleep. You must also go home to sleep."

Zhuo Jingxu looked up at her, his eyes a bit confused. When he heard "go home," he finally reacted and immediately said, "Home! Go home!"

He shouted while pointing outside, "Home!"

Qi Yuntian understood her son's meaning better and smiled bitterly.

"Xu Xu, sister wants to go back to her own home!"

Zhuo Jingxu didn't know what she was talking about. He just wanted to bring home this beautiful sister who gave him a comfortable feeling.

Xia Xibei shook her head, "Sister wants to go back to her own home."

As she said that, she put Zhuo Jingxu back into Qi Yuntian's arms.

When Zhuo Jingxu returned to his mother's arms, he immediately pursed his mouth.

Chapter 744: Unwilling to Separate

Zhuo Jingxu did not want to be separated from Xia Xibei, but it was also impossible for Xia Xibei to take him home.

She carefully stroked his head and coaxed him, "Xuxu, you have to go home and sleep well!"

Zhuo Jingxu sniffled and flattened his mouth, looking at her with teary eyes as he opened his little hands.

It was just a pity that Xia Xibei was very determined, hardening her heart.

"Well, we'll see each other next time. Bye!" Without waiting for Zhuo Jingxu to cry out, she sternly grimaced. "No crying! Otherwise, I can't play with you next time."

Hearing her say so, Zhuo Jingxu immediately closed his mouth, but the tears in the corner of his eyes did not disappear.

The corners of his eyes held a bubble of tears, making him look young, pitiful, and helpless.

Even Qi Yuntian and Zhuo Yu were impressed by his pitiful appearance, almost saying that he could follow Xia Xibei home.

Fortunately, at the last moment, their sense of reason returned.

Qi Yuntian grabbed her son's hand and explained, "Sister is tired and will go home to rest. We'll play together next time."

“Yeah, next time we’ll take you to play with her,” Zhuo Yu also said in distress.

After the adults had said so, Zhuo Jingxu knew that acting petulant was useless, so he flattened his mouth and turned away, sticking his head into his mother’s arms.

Seeing his capricious appearance, everyone couldn’t help but laugh.

“Okay, I’ll go first. Xuxu, bye...”

Hearing Xia Xibei say bye, Zhuo Jingxu quickly turned his head and shouted at her good-naturedly and reluctantly, “Bye...”

After saying that, he also held his little fist, put it to his mouth and kissed it, then stretched it out and made a “mua” sound.

Looking at how cute and well-behaved he was, the hearts of the adults present melted.

Xia Xibei’s eyebrows arched, and she also sent him an air kiss.

After getting Xia Xibei’s air kiss, he finally smiled and gave her another air kiss.

Seeing how cute he was, Xia Xibei couldn’t help but return another kiss to him.

After some back and forth, Xia Xibei was finally able to leave.

Watching Xia Xibei really leave and not look back, Zhuo Jingxu cried out pitifully .

Qi Yuntian and Zhuo Yu rushed to hold and comfort him.

After being comforted for a while, he sniffled and slept with tears in the corners of his eyes, his little face flushed.

He had been tossing and turning all day today, and was already physically weak, so he was able to stay awake until now, which was very impressive.

“It’s really the first time I’ve seen Xuxu so close to someone else.” Zhuo Yu sighed in a low voice, with a heartfelt look. “I’m his father, but he hasn’t been this needy with me.”

“It’s because you aren’t as good looking!” Qi Yuntian sweetly smiled and rolled her eyes at him, then sighed, “But she’s so pretty!”

“Very pretty indeed,” Zhuo Yu nodded in agreement. “Moreover, she looks familiar.”

Qi Yuntian glared at him, “How does she look familiar?”

Zhuo Yu flicked her forehead, “Don’t be jealous.”

While Qi Yuntian said so, she did not take it seriously. Instead, she could not help but frown and think. “Hearing you say so, I also think she looks familiar, but I just can’t remember where.”

The couple looked at each other, but did not have much of a clue for a while.

“Maybe it’s because beautiful people look alike.”

Finally, the two rationalized the matter with this statement.

Moreover, their focus now was not on Xia Xibei, but to find out who was behind the kidnapping!

If it wasn't for Xia Xibei, their son would be gone!

Thinking of this terrible possibility, the anger in their hearts immediately rose up.

Chapter 745: Going Home

On the other hand, when Xia Xibei and Pan Yan came out of the building, Gu Lan was already waiting at the door in her car.

"Is it done?" Gu Lan asked, carefully observing their expressions.

"It is done!"

Pan Yan was a little excited. This was Xia Xibei's first endorsement!

"Congratulations to Sister Bei! Congratulations to Brother Pan!" Gu Lan immediately smiled and congratulated them.

Xia Xibei was to be congratulated, as was Pan Yan. After all, he was the manager, and had earned a share.

"Thank you." Pan Yan nodded his head proudly, then said to Xia Xibei, "I'll arrange a time on my side to do the shooting as soon as possible, so you can concentrate on the show."

"Okay," Xia Xibei nodded her head.

The day after tomorrow, she would have to go into the cast to shoot.

Although the shooting of the idol drama was not a closed set, this sudden endorsement project was indeed a little disruptive to Xia Xibei's shooting plan.

Pan Yan took out his cell phone, clicked on the notepad, and started to think about what came next.

After pondering for a while, he finally got the itinerary arranged.

He only had one artist on hand, Xia Xibei, so naturally it was easy to make arrangements.

When he looked up, he couldn't help but freeze.

"Where are we going? Weren't we going back to the hotel?"

It was already after ten o'clock, so they had to go back to the hotel.

"Sister Bei said we're going back to G City," Gu Lan said while driving.

“Back to G City?” Pan Yan looked at Xia Xibei in surprise, “It’s so late now. We won’t get home until at least 1 am?!”

This was the downtown area of S city, and it was quite a distance to go back to G city, where Xia Xibei lived.

“It’s nothing. I’ll rest when I get back,” Xia Xibei said seriously, “Resting at home is easier.”

At that, Pan Yan immediately glared at her.

She wasn’t going home to rest better; she was going home to see her boyfriend!

However, he didn’t have the heart to say that in front of Gu Lan.

As of now, only a few people knew about Xia Xibei and Qiao Yanjue’s love affair. Even Gu Lan, who was her assistant, didn’t know about it.

Xia Xibei wouldn’t show her love everywhere— she would only show it in front of a few specific people, and she wouldn’t tell anyone about it either, lest it lead to too much trouble.

Gu Lan was her assistant, but currently she was only responsible for some of her trivial matters. Anything more in-depth would have to wait until she passed the test.

Pan Yan didn’t say it because of this reason as well.

Of course, he also had a dark thought in his heart— maybe after a while, the two would find out that their personalities didn’t match and would split up? Then what was there to say?

Xia Xibei did not know that Pan Yan still had such thoughts in his mind. She coughed lightly and explained, “If we rested in the hotel here tonight, it would be noon when we’d return to G City tomorrow. Besides, we’ll be in the cast the day after tomorrow, so it’s too much of a rush to go back and forth.”

Pan Yan hummed, not exposing her intention, and continued to look down at his phone.

Gu Lan looked at the two people’s strange reaction from the rearview mirror and did not dare to say anything, quietly driving.

Gu Lan’s driving skills were very good. Plus, there were fewer cars on the road at night, so when they returned to Xia Xibei’s place, it was just after twelve o’clock.

After waving goodbye to them, Xia Xibei dragged her small suitcase home.

Originally, she thought she would spend the night in S City, so she brought the small suitcase. Since it was not used, she brought it back.

Just as she got back to the door, she took out her keys and the door snapped open.

Xia Xibei was startled and looked inside warily, then froze.

“Why are you here?”

Chapter 746: New Material

Inside the place was Qiao Yanjue, who was standing there in his pajamas.

Qiao Yanjue was surprised and happy.

“Weren’t you not coming back until tomorrow?”

“It wasn’t too late, so I rushed back,” Xia Xibei said as she walked in, dragging her small suitcase behind her.

After walking in, she saw a computer on the table with a lot of documents scattered around.

It was obvious that Qiao Yanjue was working here just now.

“Why did you come to my place?”

“I was bored staying at home,” Qiao Yanjue said frankly.

He was supposed to be taking care of things at home, but it was a bit lonely being by himself in such a vast, empty house.

And here it felt like Xia Xibei.

His efficiency was better when he was working here.

Xia Xibei smiled and gave him a kiss.

“I’m going to take a shower first.”

It was quite a day today, and although she did not sweat too much, such hot weather was not too comfortable.

“Go ahead, I’ll just finish these.”

“Good.”

When Xia Xibei came out, Qiao Yanjue was still working on the documents, not even raising his head.

Xia Xibei walked over and took a look, the dense words on it making her dizzy.

All this business stuff was a real headache!

One had to put in a lot of effort and energy to grow and develop.

Even if Qiao Yanjue was extremely talented in this area, it would still take a lot of time.

Xia Xibei held up a document.

Qiao Yanjue glanced up at her, then looked down again.

Xia Xibei wasn't a child, so there was no need to worry about her messing this up.

Besides, she wasn't a spy for another company, and there was no fear of her seeing these things.

If they were confidential documents, he wouldn't have brought them here to work on.

Xia Xibei was holding a report, the words "composite new materials," very clear and prominent.

She opened it and read it, ten lines at a time.

There were a lot of specialized words that outsiders couldn't understand, but it didn't hurt to skip them.

Qiao Yanjue put down his pen and rolled his neck, which was a little stiff.

Xia Xibei put down the file, walked behind him and helped massage his neck.

"I'll give you some ointment next time, just remember to use it."

With office work every day, one would certainly be uncomfortable. Nowadays, many people had occupational diseases that need prevention.

Qiao Yanjue closed his eyes and enjoyed her massage, humming out of his nose, "Alright."

"That composite new material... Haven't you come up with it yet?"

Qiao Yanjue opened his eyes and tilted his head to look at her.

"You're interested in this?"

"A little."

Qiao Yanjue didn't think too much about it and nodded, "It's our trump card project, but it's a bit difficult. However, if it's really developed, I'll be stable in the company."

While exerting force with her hands, Xia Xibei recalled what she just read.

High-pressure resistance, explosion-proof, and not too dense, the body weight should be light... It was quite difficult to meet so many kinds of requirements!

For a while, the two people were quiet.

When Xia Xibei stopped the massage, Qiao Yanjue stood up, his smile gentle.

"Come, I'll give you a massage."

The corners of Xia Xibei's mouth twitched as she looked at his "intentional" smile, but she sat down anyway.

"Come on."

Waiting for Qiao Yanjue's hands to touch her shoulder, she opened her mouth to talk about the day's events.

Finding out that Xia Xibei had signed an endorsement, Qiao Yanjue couldn't help but be surprised.

"The Simu Company?"

"Yes. You know it?"

"The owner's wife is the daughter of the Qi family," Qiao Yanjue explained.. "I didn't expect you to save the child of the Qi family's daughter."

Chapter 747: Ancient Martial Arts Family

"The Qi family?" Xia Xibei was curious.

"Right." Qiao Yanjue explained as he massaged her. "The Qi family is a family in the imperial capital, not unlike our Qiao family, because of... Their very magical skills."

"Magical skills?" Xia Xibei was even more curious. "For example?"

"For example, magical medicines, magical healing skills, and magical ancient martial arts. It can be said that the Qi family's position is relatively supernatural."

"They're that amazing?"

"Right." Qiao Yanjue's gaze was a bit subtle. "In fact, a few decades ago, there were several large families with comparable strength to them, all known as ancient martial arts families. However, with time, and the development of technology, these families declined quite a bit."

Xia Xibei tsked, "There is such a thing?"

"Right," Qiao Yanjue nodded, "Because of the lack of talent and the changing circumstances in various areas, the other families' legacies have been broken quite a bit. For now, the Qi family is relatively high profile, and they are the only ones staying in the imperial capital. The other families have all gone elsewhere."

The Qiao family was a powerful family, but its heritage was not long nor considered to be a dynasty. There was a lot of distance between the Qi family and this type of ancient martial arts family.

Of course, the two sides also had little interaction. After all, the Qi family had their own social circle.

Over the years, although the Qi family was also high-profile, it wasn't as strong as before.

For example, the divine medicine that had previously made them very powerful and of superlative status was now much less important, probably due to the lack of prescriptions or changes in medicinal materials.

However, they had depth. Old institutions were hard to kill, not to mention that they were still far from "dead."

The Qi family was a large family, with quite a few people.

Each generation had at least two or three children, and each child gave birth to several children... Now, the oldest patriarch of the Qi family was more than a hundred years old, and there were four generations below, so they had five generations in the same family.

With more people, there were fewer things to share, so everyone needed to work hard for themselves.

However, with the Qi family's name, it was enough for outsiders to give them a break and make things easier.

He just didn't expect that Qi Yuntian's child would be stolen.

That was quite something.

Xia Xibei lowered her eyes and murmured in a low voice, "Ancient martial arts family..."

It was also the first time she knew that there were such families.

In her previous life, her status was so low that she could not come into contact with this level of people.

Of course, now she couldn't come into contact with them either. They were from two different worlds.

She just didn't expect that Qi Yuntian's family background was so powerful.

With such a powerful background, how could their child be stolen... There must be something wrong here.

At this moment, the two people's thoughts overlapped.

"But don't worry, although the Qi family is powerful, they don't bully people indiscriminately," Qiao Yanjue said. "You get to work with the Qi family's daughter for your first endorsement, so you're quite lucky."

"Hmm..." Xia Xibei nodded. "Sister Tian and her husband are quite nice, and their son is also very cute."

Speaking of Zhuo Jingxu, Xia Xibei's mood improved.

She liked adorable and pretty babies too.

"Cute?" Qiao Yanjue bent down towards Xia Xibei's cheek and asked with a smile. "You like children?"

Xia Xibei turned her head to look at him, smiling coldly.

"I won't consider having children until after I'm twenty-five."

Qiao Yanjue was not angry, nodding, "Indeed, a two person world is the best."

Xia Xibei couldn't help but roll her eyes at him.

Chapter 748: She's the Heroine

Early in the morning, Xia Qinghan packed her luggage and started to leave.

She was in a good mood these days, her days very fulfilling.

She was busy recording “The Strongest Female Group,” hanging out with Qiao Haoming, and memorizing her lines... These were all good things that cheered her up.

Unfortunately, she didn’t have much time to spend with Qiao Haoming because she was too busy.

Fortunately, Qiao Haoming did not complain and waited for her to come back every day.

This helped her good mood last for many days.

Even if Xia Xibei was in the top searches, her mood was not affected.

So what if she was in top searches?! When “The Strongest Female Group” continued to air, her popularity would definitely overtake Xia Xibei’s.

She didn’t believe that Xia Xibei could really copy their dance moves every time!

Besides, the new competition was about singing!

Even if Xia Xibei was good at singing, so what? Hah!

Unfortunately, Xia Qinghan’s good mood soon disappeared.

“What are you doing here?!”

Xia Qinghan looked at Xia Xibei and the others who appeared in front of her in shock, an ominous feeling bubbling up.

“Why can’t I be here?” Xia Xibei raised her eyebrows. “Are you the only one allowed to be here?”

“You-”

“Qinghan...”

Xia Qinghan’s agent immediately tugged on her to stop her from getting too agitated.

This was the airport.

Even if this was a VIP room and there weren’t many people, with the two of them being who they were, others would definitely pay more attention to them.

It would be bad if there was any negative news, like they didn’t get along or something.

Although the two were notorious for their poor relationship, who would admit

it head-on? After all, they were colleagues of the same company.

Being stopped by her agent, Xia Qinghan squeezed out a stiff smile.

“By the way, where are you going?”

“To X City.” Xia Xibei’s smile was much brighter than hers. “Maybe we’re on the same flight!”

Xia Qinghan’s heart thudded and her face changed again.

“You’re going to X City too?”

“Yeah,” Xia Xibei’s smile got even brighter. “I’m going over to shoot a drama.”

“Shoot? Shoot what drama?” Xia Qinghan asked the question with difficulty.

“The Garden of Youth.”

When these words came out, it was as if Xia Qinghan suffered a heavy blow, her body swaying and almost collapsing.

How was it even possible? How could Xia Xibei also take this drama?

However, she quickly recovered because she remembered she was the female lead!

In other words, Xia Xibei must be the supporting female actor!

Thinking of this, her mood instantly got better.

She was so anxious just now because Xia Xibei had given her too much pressure in the past, so she was traumatized.

But now she was the leading lady!

So what could Xia Xibei do? Did she still want to influence her?

Thinking about this, Xia Qinghan’s smile finally became sincere.

“What a coincidence?! I also happen to have accepted this drama! Which role are you playing?”

“Yu Qianjiang.”

“Oh.” Xia Qinghan’s smile relaxed even more, with a hint of complacency. “I play Chu Tong.”

“Wow! You’re the leading lady! Congratulations!” Xia Xibei immediately had a sincere expression. “Being the female lead in your first drama! That’s awesome!”

It would be a good thing for Xia Xibei to congratulate her like this.

However, Xia Qinghan could not really accept her congratulations.

It felt somewhat strange.

Of course, she still showed a reserved smile.

“We can work well together.”

“Yeah, I’m looking forward to working with you!”

The two of them smiled at each other, and all the barriers seemed to have disappeared.

Chapter 749: Being Ignored

Soon, they got on the plane, and the seats were a bit far apart.

The journey was uneventful, and when they arrived at the set, the corners of Xia Qinghan's mouth held a smile.

Glancing again at Xia Xibei, who was next to her, her smile became even more smug.

She was the leading actress, while Xia Xibei was the supporting actress... It'd be a good show.

Just after walking to the door, a tall guy came out inside.

At the sight of this guy, Xia Qinghan's eyes lit up, surprised.

Wasn't he the leading man of this drama, also known as her partner— Shi Shuhang?

Did he come out to welcome her?

At the sight of this group of people, Shi Shuhang's eyes clearly lit up and he walked over at a quicker pace.

Xia Qinghan was in a better mood and gave Xia Xibei a veiled, smug glance.

It seemed that Shi Shuhang already knew who the leading lady was.

Thinking of this, the smile on Xia Qinghan's mouth grew bigger.

She took two quick steps and went to meet him.

To her surprise, Shi Shuhang opened his arms wide and walked past her, laughing loudly.

"Why did you only arrive now? I've been waiting for you for a long time!"

The smile at the corner of Xia Qinghan's mouth froze as Shi Shuhang happily walked towards Xia Xibei.

She watched as Shi Shuhang joyfully walked over to Xia Xibei and gave her a warm hug, "Welcome, welcome!"

It was obviously a hot day, but Xia Qinghan felt as if she was in an ice cellar, her body covered in chills.

When did Xia Xibei and Shi Shuhang become so familiar with each other?

She suddenly remembered that two days ago, Xia Xibei and Shi Shuhang had recorded a variety show together.

But after just one day of recording together, could they have such a good relationship?

As she was wondering, Xia Qinghan heard Shi Shuhang say to Xia Xibei, "Are you free tonight? I want to take you to meet my friends."

"Friends?" Xia Xibei was puzzled and a little wary. "What friends?"

"Just friends in the circle. They heard me talk about your awesome deeds when you recorded the show, so they want to get to know you!"

"Oh, alright," Xia Xibei let out a sigh of relief.

It was unlikely for the two of them to be considered very close, and they hadn't reached the point of knowing each other's friends.

However, they were all in the industry, so it was okay to get to know each other.

Shi Shuhang saw Xia Xibei's worry and immediately said, "Don't worry, we are all civilized people. There will be no problem."

"Okay, then I'll go with you tonight if there's nothing going on."

"Good."

Shi Shuhang took the lead and turned around, leading her inside.

"I'm telling you, everyone is almost here now..."

Watching Shi Shuhang and Xia Xibei walk into the hotel in a harmonious manner, Xia Qinghan's feet seemed to have taken root, unable to move.

During the whole process, Shi Shuhang didn't even glance at her. Instead, he was enthusiastic about Xia Xibei.

This stark contrast seemed to mock her self-righteousness.

Although Xia Xibei didn't look at her the whole time, it was this disregard that made her even more annoyed!

It was so hateful!

She knew that wherever Xia Xibei appeared, nothing good would come out of it!

"Qinghan, shall we go inside?" the agent came up and said softly.

Xia Qinghan stood in place for a while before finally walking on.

After going into the room, unpacking her things, and organizing her emotions, Xia Qinghan finally walked out with her head held high.

It was not a big deal. So what if Shi Shuhang was so enthusiastic about Xia Xibei? He still couldn't steal her status as the female lead!

Thinking of this, she straightened her back and calmly walked out

Chapter 750: Praise from the Director

“Garden of Youth” was a campus idol drama, and the story was set in a university.

Therefore, the crew chose to shoot during summer vacation, renting a university in X City for filming.

The environment of this university was very beautiful, as it was known as a good scenic school in China.

The director of this film was Shi Huan, who was quite famous and also good at shooting idol dramas.

Shi Huan was a tall and rugged guy with long hair tied up in a messy way, much like a “wandering artist.”

However, his shooting style was very subtle. Even if it was an ordinary love idol drama, he was able to shoot it like a music video.

At 5:00 p.m., considered a good time for the crew to start, the director and producer, together with the crew and actors, held the opening ceremony.

Before the opening ceremony, Shi Huan saw Xia Xibei, immediately walking over and laughing, “You’re Xia Xibei, right? How nice!”

Xia Xibei was a little surprised and greeted him politely, “Hello, Director Shi. I’m Xia Xibei.”

“I heard Old Jiang and Cui Tong mention you, saying that you performed exceptionally well!”

Shi Huan’s voice was quite loud, and immediately attracted everyone’s attention.

Director Jiang? Was it Jiang Shenghe? And Cui Tong?

Everyone looked at Xia Xibei with complicated expressions.

Although “Hongyan Chance” had not been promoted much, everyone knew that Cui Tong participated in the shooting of this drama.

Previously, Cui Tong and Xia Xibei had a live broadcast and a lot of social media interaction, so Xia Xibei must have also participated in this drama.

Everyone knew that Cui Tong and Xia Xibei’s relationship was quite good, and they often interacted online.

Some fans also gave the two stars a joint nickname, “Bei Tong,” and they had many fans.

Cui Tong speaking well of Xia Xibei was not unexpected.

However, they didn’t expect that even Jiang Shenghe had such a high regard for Xia Xibei, even specifically mentioning it to Shi Huan!

Who was Jiang Shenghe? He was a famous director!

Who didn't want to participate in his movie? But the opportunity did not come that easy.

Now, Xia Xibei had a chance to work with Jiang Shenghe, and then Jiang Shenghe treated her so well...

Oh god! How come they had different fates?

Faced with Shi Huan's praise, Xia Xibei was neither humble nor arrogant.

"The previous cooperation with Director Jiang was indeed very pleasant. It's my honor to have the opportunity to work with Director Jiang, Director Shi, and receive your guidance."

"Hahahaha!" Shi Huan laughed and patted her shoulder. "You certainly know how to talk!"

After saying a few more words, Shi Huan turned around and shouted towards the others, "Get ready! Reporters are coming!"

The promotion of this drama naturally involved the participation of journalists.

After a while, the reporters arrived, one after another, and the site had been set up.

When the time came, Shi Huan and the producer stood in the middle, Shi Shuhang and Xia Qinghan stood next to each other, the others stood in turn, and the opening ceremony officially began.

The opening ceremony passed quickly, and reporters came over to conduct interviews.

Xia Qinghan's mood immediately improved. After all, she was the heroine, and even though Shi Huan was good to Xia Xibei, she would not be overlooked.

However, after the reporters came over, they all went to find Shi Shuhang and Xia Xibei for interviews. No one looked for her at all, which was depressing!

If you looked at Xia Xibei, who was surrounded by reporters, people who didn't know would have thought that she was the heroine!

"Qinghan." Her agent came over. "Go get some rest."

Xia Qinghan took a deep breath before walking to the side with a smile on her mouth.

After no one else could see her expression, she gritted her teeth violently.

How come Xia Xibei didn't die?

Chapter 751: Treating You as My Own Sister

After 8 pm, Xia Xibei and Shi Shuhang went to a restaurant.

When they arrived, the others were already there.

Before coming, Shi Shuhang had already told Xia Xibei that the people who were coming over this time were his good friends and were all trustworthy.

When Xia Xibei heard this, she didn't have much of a reaction.

When she arrived at the scene and saw these people, a glint of light flashed in her eyes.

"You guys are finally here!"

A man enthusiastically came forward and gave a warm hug to Shi Shuhang.

"Let me introduce you guys! This is Xia Xibei." Shi Shuhang was enthusiastic. "Xibei, this is Zhao Yilang, this is Cen Bin, and this is Wang Dongchun."

"Hello," Xia Xibei greeted them with a smile, very polite.

However, her gaze lingered on Cen Bin for a while.

These people were all from the industry, and they had something in common— they were all second generation stars. Several of them had fathers or mothers who were old-timers in the industry.

It was because of their similar status that Shi Shuhang had such a good relationship with them.

He had a very warm personality and made friends all over the place.

Having worked well with Xia Xibei before, he naturally wanted to introduce her to his friends as well.

After the group greeted each other with a laugh, they sat down.

"You brat, I kept looking for you before and you always said you were unavailable. If it wasn't for Cen Bin asking us to come over on our own, you really weren't going to come out!" Zhao Yilang complained while pouring wine for Shi Shuhang.

"You guys know that I'm a popular idol now!" Shi Shuhang smiled cheekily. "With a full schedule, there's no time!"

"Hah! You are showing off in front of us? Do a penalty drink for me!" Cen

Bin immediately pushed a glass of wine over. "You have to drink it!"

Shi Shuhang picked up the wine and said with a straight face, "I will take this drink as a punishment, but I really can't drink too much. I have to shoot tomorrow."

As the lead actor, he wouldn't have a small part.

Although this drama was their company's investment, it could not waste money, so he naturally had to perform well.

"Drink! Drink!"

The others were up in arms.

"Okay, I'll drink!"

Shi Shuhang drank it all in one go.

Xia Xibei sat quietly at the side with a smile on her face, watching them fool around like a young girl who had been brought out to see the world.

They also wanted to pour wine for Xia Xibei, but she refused.

“I don’t drink.”

“How can you not drink?” Cen Bin shook his head, determined to pour her some wine. “Drink this wine, and we brothers will definitely treat you as our own sister!”

Xia Xibei’s eyes slightly cooled, “Sorry, I don’t like to drink.”

“Big Bin,” Shi Shuhang said, “She’s not a grownup yet!”

Although she was very mature in mind and different from ordinary young women, she was still underage after all!

Being reminded by him, Cen Bin’s movement froze.

“Not yet a grownup?” Then, he continued to pour the wine. “It’s fine! It’s fine to have a drink!”

“Big Bin!” Shi Shuhang couldn’t help but frown, his face a bit unpleasant.

“Okay, okay! The girl didn’t come here to drink, stop scaring her!” Wang Dongchun insisted, opening his mouth to play peacemaker.

Seeing that the atmosphere was becoming awkward, Xia Xibei smiled, “Well, drinking is fine, but it can’t be so simple and boring.”

“Oh?” Cen Bin immediately raised his eyebrows. “How do you want to play?”

Xia Xibei’s eyes scanned the dice cup on the table, “Let’s play dice, and the loser drinks.”

Chapter 752: Beer with Liquor

Play dice?

They looked at each other.

How did this girl get the nerve to play this with them?

They had been playboys for many years, and had long been used to these tricks. They could play all kinds of games easily.

Although they were not at the level of the “God of Gambling,” they were not people a little girl like her could compete with.

Xia Xibei continued without waiting for them to ask questions, “However, the rules are a little different.”

She looked at them, the smile on her mouth was very harmless. “If five people play, then the biggest loser has to drink four cups.”

Once these words came out, everyone immediately reacted.

As long as they didn't have the most points, then they all had to drink.

Only the one with the highest number of points would not have to drink.

The men looked at each other, not understanding how she dared to come up with such a crazy idea.

If she didn't have the highest number of points, how many drinks would she have to drink?!

Of course, she could win.

However, they were people who were used to drinking, and it was okay to lose once or twice.

But she had never drunk before, so she might get drunk after two cups. Was there any room for comparison with such a drinking capacity?

"Do you dare to play?" Xia Xibei asked with a smile.

Several people's faces changed slightly and they immediately nodded, "We dare!"

If Xia Xibei had asked "to play or not to play," they would have hesitated, but she asked "dare to play?"

It was such a provocation, so how could they refuse?

Shi Shuhang couldn't help but frown, feeling as if something was wrong.

Although he and Xia Xibei had only been hanging out for one day, he had fully seen Xia Xibei's magic.

Even if it was just a simple game, it was not easy to win every single hand!

In just one day, Shi Shuhang learned how strong Xia Xibei was.

Now, she proposed this kind of competition against herself, which...

"Are you playing or not?"

When Shi Shuhang was muttering to himself, he saw Xia Xibei looking over, her eyes a little cold.

"Play!"

Startled by the look in her eyes, he immediately nodded.

When he reacted, he realized that Xia Xibei's gaze was normal. The icy look he saw just now seemed to be an illusion.

He couldn't help but shake his head. He had only one glass of wine and was already drunk?

Looking at Shi Shuhang's confused face, Xia Xibei sneered in her heart.

She could finally understand why Shi Shuhang had ended up in such a miserable situation in his previous life.

He was indeed very friendly, and it would be good to be friends with him, but he was no judge of character!

Xia Xibei agreed with the saying, “birds of a feather flock together.”

These men were not good people. If Shi Shuhang could play well with them, either he wasn't good either, or he was too easily fooled— meaning he was stupid.

Now it seemed that Shi Shuhang was clearly the latter.

Although she knew that Shi Shuhang was just stupid, she didn't want to let him go, and had to teach him a lesson as well.

'If one was stupid, it was easy to be sold and count the money for others,' Xia Xibei thought while taking five cups.

She poured the beer and then brought over the liquor next to her.

“I heard it's better to mix it up and drink it.”

Watching her pouring liquor, the others couldn't help but look at each other.

Beer and liquor was deadly together!

How was this girl so ferocious?!

However, they did not say anything. If she wanted to play, they would just play along with her.

If she got drunk, it would be quite good.

Since she dared to come out to play, she naturally had to “follow the rules.”

After pouring the drink, Xia Xibei smiled and said, “Let's start!”

Chapter 753: Let's Drink

The people nodded and took the dice cup and dice.

Each person had five dice, and it depended on who had the most points.

“Let's start!”

Since she was the only girl, everyone would be polite in such unrelated matters, and it was okay to let her give the orders.

Everyone picked up the dice cup and started shaking it.

After shaking it for a while, they put the dice cup on the table.

“Who will open it first?”

“Let’s open it together.”

Everyone nodded, then picked up the lids in unison.

“Wow!”

“Damn!”

“Ugh!”

After they saw the points inside, the crowd made different sounds, some surprised, some disappointed.

As for Xia Xibei, she stayed very calm.

“Little Xia, you’re so lucky!”

Cen Bin’s tone was a bit strange and bitter.

“Yeah, my luck is always good.” Xia Xibei accepted his compliment without ceremony.

She was so immodest that Cen Bin’s face twisted a little.

In this round, Xia Xibei had the highest number of points, followed by Shi Shuhang, Zhao Yilang, and Wang Dongchun, in that order, and Cen Bin had the lowest points.

Other than Xia Xibei, everyone else had to drink.

“Drink!”

The others were urging Cen Bin. They had lost too, but they weren’t at the bottom of the pile.

Although he lost and was in a bad mood, Cen Bin didn’t deny it. “Okay, I’ll drink!”

“Wait!”

Everyone looked at Xia Xibei.

“What’s wrong?”

“Wait a minute.”

Xia Xibei smiled at them, then looked around and dug out several large mugs from the cupboard next to where the dishes were kept.

These were very large beer mugs, and several times the size of the cups they were holding.

Xia Xibei put the beer mugs in front of them. “I’ll do it.”

Then she took the cup in front of Cen Bin, poured the drink into the beer mug, then poured the liquor and beer in turn.

Soon, there were four mugs of drinks.

She did the same thing again, helping the others get different portions of drinks before she said to them with a smile, "You can drink now."

The men looked at each other, and the corners of their mouths could not help but twitch.

This girl... She was a little mean!

"Drink it!" Xia Xibei's beautiful face was full of smiles. "We have to keep going!"

Several people glanced at each other and obediently picked up the mug.

Shi Shuhang looked at Xia Xibei's smiling expression and couldn't help but feel cold within his heart.

Was the air conditioning here... Too cold?

He was confused in his mind, and then also drank a mug.

After everyone drank, the second round began.

This time, the points were different, but the ranking was still the same as before.

Looking at the drink in front of him, Cen Bin's face turned green.

Was his luck that bad?!

And how was Xia Xibei's luck so good?!

She actually had the most points again; she didn't even have to have a single drink!

After having another drink, Cen Bin was a bit confused.

"No, let's swap the dice cups!"

The meaning of this statement was actually very obvious. He suspected Xia Xibei of cheating.

However, Xia Xibei's face remained unchanged, as if she did not hear it.

"Yes, let's change it."

The others hesitated for a moment, then also followed the exchange.

Cen Bin got Xia Xibei's dice cup and was swearing in his heart.

He didn't believe it, he had to win next!

The others were not as angry as he was. After all, they were not the ones who lost the most.

The third round began, and after some more clattering and shaking, the dice cups opened.

After looking at the number of points inside, the people's faces were equally upset.

It was the same ranking as before!

Chapter 754: Familiar Ranking

In fact, in this round, Xia Xibei's points were not much, adding up to only 21.

But other people's points were even less than hers!

And the most pitiful thing was that the ranking of this round was the same as before!

This left everyone shocked. What was this?!

"Sure enough, my luck is really good!" Xia Xibei applauded and laughed, standing up again to pour them drinks.

Looking at the drinks, the people's faces were very interesting, flashing red, white, black, and green... It was very colorful.

If her points were 30 points, it could be said that she had cheated.

However, with such points, who could say that?

Everyone stared at the drinks and didn't move.

"What's wrong? Not convinced, huh?" Xia Xibei blinked and looked at them with an innocent face. "It's okay, there's still the next round!"

The men looked at each other, their expressions twisted.

Cen Bin, especially, was having a hard time.

He was the worst.

Three rounds down, he was at the bottom every time!

In other words, he had to have four drinks each time!

Four mugs of beer mixed with liquor! It was killing him!

After these drinks went down, he felt his mind was foggy and his sanity was almost gone.

Even at this time, however, he was not willing to admit defeat.

He grabbed the drink and poured it down fiercely.

"Again!"

If he drank, the others naturally had to drink as well.

Shi Shuhang drank the least, but his drinking capacity was relatively the worst. After all, he was not always hanging out with these people, playing drinking games.

After these drinks, he felt a little off, and his eyes were starting to drift.

Only after they finished drinking did Xia Xibei ask, "Is there anyone who wants to quit?"

“Me!” Shi Shuhang hurriedly raised his hand. “I still have to shoot... Shoot tomorrow!”

So he was not too stupid!

Xia Xibei grunted inside and looked at the others.

“What about you?” Without waiting for their answers, she looked at Cen Bin again, “If you can’t drink, then don’t force yourself. I’ll be honest with you, my luck is really good!”

If she hadn’t said that, Cen Bin might have quit, but after she said so, he did not want to withdraw.

“Quit?! No! Let’s keep going!”

He slapped the table with a fierce expression and picked up the dice cup.

“Let’s go!”

“I can’t, I’m not playing anymore.” Wang Dongchun was still quite sensible and shook his head hurriedly.

Zhao Yilang looked at them and finally gritted his teeth, “I don’t believe it! Just how lucky are you?!”

Thus, there were three people left in the fourth round.

“You open the dice first!” Cen Bin said to Xia Xibei.

“Okay,” Xia Xibei opened the dice cup.

“Hahaha!” Several people burst into laughter. “You’re finally going to lose!”

In the dice cup were 1, 3, 2, 3, 2. All small numbers, with a total of 11 points

What a rare small number!

Her previous rounds were all over 20 points!

Now it was only 11 points, a proper loss!

“Yours isn’t even open yet!”

Xia Xibei, however, shook her head.

“Good, I’ll show you how to lose!” Cen Bin was the one who laughed the most and immediately opened the dice cup.

After looking at the numbers inside, his smile froze.

1, 2, 1, 2, 2... That added up to eight points!

“Crap! What the hell is this?!”

The others were shocked.

This was too bad!

Xia Xibei's points were already low enough, but Cen Bin's were even lower!

"Ah Lang, hurry up and open yours!"

Zhao Yilang's expression was also wonderful after he opened his own dice cup.

2, 2, 1, 1, 3... Nine points!

In the room, there was a sudden silence.

Chapter 755: Drinking Beverage

"Crap! Her luck is too good!"

Everyone was speechless. Xia Xibei's luck was unbelievable!

So few points and she still won! It was horrible!

"I told you, I've always had good luck."

Xia Xibei's smile was warm, and there was no hint of shadow to be seen.

Cen Bin's face had turned from flushed to white.

He had actually lost again! And he was the one at the bottom!

His luck was too pitiful!

"Drink up," Xia Xibei said as she poured them drinks again.

This time it was okay, because two people had quit. He was not so miserable, even if he lost.

Cen Bin looked at Xia Xibei with a strange gaze, his cheeks twitched, and he finally drank it.

"Good! Bravo!" Xia Xibei immediately applauded.

"I'm done!"

After drinking, Cen Bin finally couldn't hold back. His stomach and bladder couldn't handle it anymore.

Xia Xibei looked at Zhao Yilang again.

"What about you?"

"I'm not playing anymore either."

Zhao Yilang also immediately shook his head.

He was also quite miserable, but compared to the tragic Cen Bin, he felt that his luck was still okay, or at least not at the bottom.

“Well then, no more games.” Xia Xibei shrugged. “So, it’s not that I don’t drink, it’s that my luck is good, so I don’t need to drink.”

Everyone else’s expressions were very interesting.

This was really good luck for her! So good that it made people gnash their teeth.

“I’ll go to the bathroom first,” Cen Bin said hurriedly and immediately went out.

Everyone didn’t think about it too much and let him go out.

After Cen Bin went out, Xia Xibei looked at Shi Shuhang.

“It’s late, shall we go back?”

Her eyes were calm, but Shi Shuhang couldn’t help but feel his scalp tingling.

Her gaze seemed a bit scary!

He hurriedly nodded, “Okay, let’s go back now. I still have to work tomorrow morning!”

Anyway, today’s meet-up was just a little introduction.

The two of them had just reached the door when Cen Bin returned, his brow furrowed.

“You’re just going to leave?”

“Yeah, we still have to work tomorrow,” Shi Shuhang explained.

Cen Bin’s face was flushed and his eyes were a bit dazed, with a little bit of madness.

“No, gotta drink...”

“More drinking? You’ve had enough to drink,” Xia Xibei said.

Cen Bin’s expression was unpleasant; He pulled the corners of his mouth and exclaimed, “Not liquor, just a beverage! We are friends now, we need to have a drink!”

“Old Cen.” Shi Shuhang’s face wasn’t very nice either. “You’re drunk.”

“No!” Cen Bin immediately shook his head. “I’m not drunk! Just wait a minute!”

After saying that, he returned to the table a little shakily, finding cups and a bottle of orange juice.

He turned his back to them and began to pour the drink.

However, no one knew that he put a little something in two of the cups.

After he finished pouring, he brought the cups over.

“Come, cheers!”

Shi Shuhang and Xia Xibei took the cups.

“Drink up! You can go back when you finish it,” Cen Bin urged.

“OK.”

Xia Xibei nodded and suddenly sneezed.

“Ah-choo!”

Her sound was so loud that her body shook and she couldn't even hold the cup steady, dropping it right on the floor.

The cup shattered and the orange juice spilled all over the floor.

At the same time, her hand inadvertently rose, knocking Shi Shuhang's cup over as well.

“You!” Cen Bin immediately became angry.

“Arrrrrrrr! Ah-choo!”

Xia Xibei, however, sneezed several times in a row, with very loud movements, and her whole body shook.

The corners of the others' mouths twitched.

She was such a pretty girl, yet she sneezed like a thunderstorm?!

After a while, Xia Xibei finally stopped.

“Sorry, I just had an itchy nose and couldn't hold it in.”

Chapter 756: Something Terrible

Looking at the orange juice on the ground, Cen Bin's face was very ugly.

His expression was a bit twisted and his eyes carried a bit of madness, which made Shi Shuhang take an unconscious step back.

“Old Cen, you...”

“Sorry, the orange juice spilled.”

Xia Xibei looked at Cen Bin with an innocent expression.

Cen Bin's cheeks twitched for a moment, and finally, he gritted his teeth. “It's okay, let's keep drinking!”

“Old Cen!” The others were speechless. “Don't drink anymore! You're drunk, let's go back!”

Shi Shuhang also nodded, “It's late too, we have to go back.”

“No!” Cen Bin yelled out, his eyes bloodshot and showing signs of madness. “If you don't drink, you're disrespecting me!”

Numbed by alcohol, he had lost his mind as he staggered back to the table, chanting, "Drink for me! You must drink!"

His eyes were dazed and delirious as he found two glasses and poured the orange juice again.

The others looked at his back and stared at each other.

The alcohol started to take effect, slowing down Cen Bin's movements, but he still didn't give up.

Everyone could see that he put his hand into his pocket for a while, then took his hand out again.

Zhao Yilang and Wang Dongchun hadn't drunk as much as he did, and they were still sober, so when they saw his movements, they immediately got anxious.

"Old Cen!"

However, without waiting for them to come forward, Xia Xibei had already rushed up, grabbed his wrist, and lifted it high.

"What are you doing?!"

Cen Bin was twisted by the wrist and immediately shouted in alarm.

However, Xia Xibei's hand seemed to be like an iron vise, holding his hand tightly and unfolding his palm.

Several people came over and clearly saw the clear bag in his palm.

Inside were a few white pills.

In this kind of place, on this kind of occasion, these kinds of small pills...

Shi Shuhang's originally muddled brain was suddenly awakened as if by a gush of cold water, and he couldn't help but be appalled.

"Let go of me!" Cen Bin screamed incessantly, his originally dizzy brain even more like mush.

"You let go of Old Cen..." Zhao Yilang and Wang Dongchun both shouted.

"What is this?" Xia Xibei took the small bag and sneered. "What do you want to spice us up with?"

"Let go of me!" Cen Bin shouted, "I'll get you, you bitch... Ah!"

Before he could finish his threat, he let out a miserable scream, and then he involuntarily fell to his knees with a loud thud, as if his knees were going to shatter.

This sound made everyone's expressions change dramatically.

Cen Bin hugged his knees, his eyes instantly bursting into tears.

She was too strong!

“Xibei...”

Shi Shuhang’s mind was blanked out by the scene in front of him, and he was totally dumbfounded.

What was this?

Xia Xibei opened the bag, sniffed the contents, and then coldly snorted, “You’re so polite, you’re using these to entertain us?”

These things, if taken, would be absolutely addictive.

Just now, he had put them in those two cups of drinks which she did not drink, spilling instead.

She had thought he would give up. She did not expect him to be desperate and try drugging them again!

Shi Shuhang’s brain finally caught up. He immediately looked at this scene in shock, his eyes were bugging out.

“Cen Bin... Are you crazy?!”

Although he was young, he understood the horror of these things!

If they touched these, they’d be ruined!

“Shuhang, this is a misunderstanding...” Zhao Yilang tried to explain.

“Misunderstanding?” Xia Xibei interrupted him with a sneer. “You have had a lot of these, of course you’d say it’s a misunderstanding.”

Once these words came out, Shi Shuhang couldn’t help but take a few steps backwards, looking at Zhao Yilang with horrified eyes.

Chapter 757: Do you Dare to Call the Police?

Xia Xibei’s words instantly cleared Shi Shuhang’s chaotic mind!

They actually did these things?!

His eyes darted around Zhao Yilang and Wang Dongchun incredulously, “You... All of you...”

The two men, however, avoided his gaze with wandering eyes.

This made his heart go cold.

They had actually been involved in these things!

What was even scarier was that they tried to drag him down with them!

If Xia Xibei hadn’t spilled the orange juice just now, then he would have been...

Once he also tried these things, he would certainly not call the police, because if he did, his career as a celebrity would be ruined!

Thinking about it, cold sweat broke out on his back.

“Shuhang, let’s just talk. This is all a misunderstanding...” the two men said while going forward to try to pull Shi Shuhang so that he did not act impulsively.

“Don’t come over!”

Shi Shuhang stared at them as if he was looking at monsters and kept backing up.

Wang Dongchun and Zhao Yilang looked at each other, but still carefully approached him.

“Just listen to us...”

“Get lost!”

Shi Shuhang was frightened and afraid, and his face was pale.

“What do you guys care about him? Get this bitch first!” Cen Bin finally recovered his strength and immediately started cursing.

Zhao Yilang and Wang Dongchun glanced at each other and immediately reacted, turning around and walking in Xia Xibei’s direction.

“Stop, you guys!”

Shi Shuhang instantly got anxious. How could Xia Xibei, a girl, fight against them?

“We’ll leave now, we won’t say anything!”

But Cen Bin sneered, “Too late! You can go, she has to stay!”

“Cen Bin, you’re crazy!”

Shi Shuhang looked at all this incredulously.

Although he knew that Cen Bin’s character was not very good and he also liked to fool around, Shi Shuhang didn’t know that he was so evil and scary!

He wouldn’t even let a girl go!

“Aren’t you afraid that I’ll tell the truth about what happened?!” Shi Shuhang was angry and shocked.

“Go ahead!” Cen Bin sneered and looked up at him with a twisted face. “Do you dare?”

Shi Shuhang’s face turned white. Did he dare to say it?

If he said it, it would definitely attract intense attention from reporters and fans.

Moreover, if they said that he was also an accomplice, how would he explain it?

For a moment, his mind was in turmoil.

“Oh, don’t worry, we’re still good friends. As long as you stand aside obediently, you are guaranteed-
Argh!”

Before Cen Bin could finish his threats, he was kicked down by Xia Xibei, screaming miserably and falling once again.

“You!”

Wang Dongchun and Zhao Yilang were stunned. How did Xia Xibei dare to act so recklessly?

Xia Xibei stepped on Cen Bin’s back with a light laugh, “Are you guys treating me like I don’t exist? You’ve been talking so much!”

Cen Bin was lying down in a spread-eagle position and angrily trying to get up, but he couldn’t because of Xia Xibei!

Xia Xibei’s strength was too great!

This scene made everyone’s mouth twitch.

Cen Bin looked like a turtle, the kind that couldn’t turn over!

After the ill-timed rant, Zhao Yilang and Wang Dongchun immediately rushed up.

This girl looked like she was not to be messed with!

“Stop!” Shi Shuhang shouted in panic and rushed over too.

However, before he could get to them, he stopped in his tracks and looked at the scene in front of him incredulously.

When the two men rushed in front of her, Xia Xibei used Cen Bin’s back as a pivot, spun around, and kicked viciously with her other foot!

“Argh!”

“Argh!”

“Argh!”

Three screams rang out, one after another, becoming the most melodious music in the room.

Chapter 758: Too Disgusting

Looking at the three people who had fallen to the ground, screaming in agony, Shi Shuhang was petrified.

This... This was too powerful!

He thought he was seeing things, recalling what had just happened.

Looking at Xia Xibei's calm expression, he had the urge to kneel in front of her.

Holy cow! She was not a girl, she was a queen!

At this moment, he deeply understood why others would call Xia Xibei "Sister Bei." She was really too dominant!

"Get up." Xia Xibei stood in the middle of them, kicked them with her foot, and said with a light smile, "Didn't you want to keep me here? Get up."

The men's faces were ashen, but they could only lie on the ground and play dead. That kick to their chest hurt so much!

They really did not expect Xia Xibei to be so tough!

Was she still female?!

The girls they had met before were so well behaved and gentle! Who was this genetic mutation?!

Wang Dongchun and Zhao Yilang were okay, both of them playing dead and not daring to make a move.

However, Cen Bin didn't give up. Even though he was lying on the ground, he raised his foot and kicked, trying to give Xia Xibei a hard kick.

Unfortunately, before he could start moving, he was discovered by Xia Xibei, who stepped on his foot.

"Ah!"

He let out another miserable scream that made everyone shudder.

"Wow, you can still move?!" Xia Xibei teased. "That's pretty good."

Then, she pulled Cen Bin up with one hand.

Watching this scene, the other three were silenced.

What strength!

She actually lifted the man up with one hand!

One hand!

Holy crap! She was like an iron-blooded tyrannosaurus!

Cen Bin was involuntarily pulled up in front of Xia Xibei, and his brain, which had been eroded by alcohol, recovered a little bit of sobriety.

Looking at the smiling Xia Xibei in front of him, his heartbeat was all out of rhythm, his face was white, and he felt that the next moment would be the end for him.

Sure enough, in the next moment, Xia Xibei landed a fierce punch to his stomach.

"Ah!"

He screamed miserably, involuntarily covering his stomach and bending down, opening his mouth and spitting out a sour and foul-smelling liquid.

Instantly, the room was filled with a pungent and disgusting odor.

When he vomited, Xia Xibei reacted quickly. She turned to the side, avoiding his “attack.”

“Ugh... So disgusting.” Xia Xibei’s face was wrinkled. “That’s a mistake.”

She had forgotten that he had drunk too much.

When so much alcohol went into the stomach and then was spit out, the smell was really terrible.

The people who received the worst of it all were Wang Dongchun and Zhao Yilang, who were still lying on the ground not far away.

After Cen Bin vomited, some of the liquid that fell to the ground also splashed on them, and several drops fell to their mouths.

“Ugh... Vomit!”

The two of them were instantly disgusted and could not control their own vomiting.

Not a moment later, the smell in the room became even more disgusting.

Shi Shuhang had moved quickly to hide by the door.

It was horrible! It was like a biochemical weapon!

Even Xia Xibei was dizzy from the smells.

Originally, she wanted to continue to beat them up, but in this case, she no longer had the heart, lest she disgust herself too.

She frowned in disgust, “Forget it, I’ll let you go this time.”

After saying that, she opened the door and walked out.

Shi Shuhang was left speechless.

He looked at both sides with a confused look, then decisively followed Xia Xibei.

Before he left, he said to them, “Take care of yourselves!”

After saying that, he hurriedly followed Xia Xibei and ran away.

Only when he went out through the back door did he shout, “Wait for me!”

Chapter 759: A Clueless Idiot

Xia Xibei turned around with a cold, solemn face.

“Shouldn’t you stay with them?”

“I- I’m done with them!”

Shi Shuhang stammered, but he still gritted his teeth and spoke.

“Done?” Xia Xibei snickered. “Haven’t you been friends for years? How can you suddenly break up? You should stay good friends!”

Shi Shuhang’s face turned green.

“I’m sorry!”

“What do you have to be sorry for?” Xia Xibei’s mouth was tinged with a smile, but the smile was cold.

“It’s all my fault!”

Now that he admitted his guilt, Shi Shuhang was frank. “It’s all my fault for dragging you into this! If I hadn’t brought you to meet them, you wouldn’t have...”

Although Xia Xibei was not hurt, he still felt guilty.

What was even more shameful was that he had been hanging out with them for so many years and hadn’t even discovered their true colors!

“If it wasn’t for you, I would be...”

Thinking about that cup of orange juice, Shi Shuhang was scared to the point of breaking out in cold sweat.

If he had tried those drugs, it would be the end for him!

Thinking about it, he couldn’t help but tremble.

Looking at him so seriously admitting his mistake, the anger in Xia Xibei’s heart finally faded away.

“Since you are so sincere, then this matter is over.”

Shi Shuhang was overjoyed upon receiving her “pardon.”

“Thank you! Thank you!”

Seeing how happy and innocent he was, Xia Xibei felt helpless.

Sure enough, although this kid was clueless, he was not bad at heart.

“If they call the police, you know what to say, right?”

“I do!” Shi Shuhang nodded emphatically. “But don’t worry, they won’t dare to call the police!”

This was the sort of thing where they were the ones who were in the wrong.

Moreover, they also had the sense that no matter how much they messed around, they couldn't involve the police.

After all, if something happened, they were not the only ones involved.

If the police were called and the police came, what would they say?

That Xia Xibei beat them?

And why did she beat them?

If the story was told, they would be finished!

If their families knew they had done these things, it would be even worse!

Xia Xibei glanced at him. She didn't say anything, turning around and leaving.

"Wait for me!" Shi Shuhang immediately chased after her, but when he was about to reach her, he carefully lagged behind by a few steps.

He looked like an obedient little daughter-in-law, following her footsteps.

"By the way, how did you... Do that?"

"Do what?"

"That is, how can you fight three men at once?"

Shi Shuhang's tone was a little excited.

"I can also fight ten at a time." Xia Xibei curled the corner of her mouth and glanced at him.

He was instantly shocked. "That powerful?!"

Hearing his unvarnished praise, the corners of Xia Xibei's mouth twitched.

Once again, she was sure that this kid had really learned nothing growing up!

He was... As clueless as Yu Ziqi.

However, Yu Ziqi was a little better than him. At least Yu Ziqi was only a teenager. Teenagers were usually clueless, but sometimes they became smarter when they grew up.

But he would probably... Stay this way.

Xia Xibei vented to herself while walking forward.

Soon, Shi Shuhang's assistant brought the car over.

"Sister Bei, please! You go first!"

Shi Shuhang pulled open the car door and spoke to Xia Xibei respectfully.

The assistant in the driver's seat stared at the situation with wide eyes and a dumbfounded expression.

What was going on?

Xia Xibei looked at his docile face and went inside.

Only after Xia Xibei got into the car did Shi Shuhang go to the other side, open the door, and sit inside, all while keeping a respectful distance from Xia Xibei.

The assistant was so confused.

What was wrong with him?!

Chapter 760: The First Shoot

The next day, the weather was sunny and very suitable for filming.

Early in the morning, the logistics crew started to get busy, and the actors were also in place.

The first scene today was the first encounter between the male and female leads.

Xia Qinghan got ready early, sitting in a chair while waiting for Shi Shuhang.

When Shi Shuhang appeared, there was a slight shadow under his eyes. His complexion was a little haggard, and it was obvious that he had not rested well.

Xia Qinghan looked over curiously, very puzzled.

Because she was very concerned about Shi Shuhang, she knew that he came back last night around ten o'clock.

Even if he slept late, it wasn't so bad, right? Did he stay up late? Or was it insomnia?

However, she was not familiar with Shi Shuhang, so she could not ask too many questions.

Shi Shuhang had a makeup artist and a stylist with him who lined up to style him.

After the makeup artist's skillful work, when he got up, he was a handsome guy, and none of his previous haggardness could be seen.

Xia Qinghan hesitated for a moment, but still walked over.

"Brother Hang, are you free? Can we rehearse our scene?"

The two of them were the male and female leads, and the shooting would start later, so they needed to rehearse at least one scene, right?

"Okay," Shi Shuhang nodded and agreed.

Although he still hadn't recovered from last night's incident, he had started working, so he should concentrate a little.

After Shi Shuhang's agreement, Xia Qinghan became happy, immediately taking the script and rehearsing lines with him.

When Shi Huan came over, he was very satisfied when he saw them being so diligent.

Although their acting skills were not necessarily great, their attitude was right on!

"Come, let me tell you about what will happen later."

Shi Huan walked over and talked to them about the blocking and emotions of the next shot.

Xia Qinghan held her script and listened to Shi Huan's explanation with a very serious air.

Shi Shuhang, on the other hand, was a bit distracted.

"What is going on with you?" Shi Huan gave a glare and lightly tapped him on the head. "You went out last night and partied, and you still haven't come back to your senses?"

Shi Shuhang couldn't help but blush and hurriedly shook his head, "It's

nothing, keep talking."

Shi Huan hummed, but did not continue to criticize him. Young people were thin-skinned, so it was not good to say too much.

"Understand?" Shi Huan finally asked.

"Understood."

The first scene was the encounter between the male protagonist, Shangguan Cheng, and the female protagonist, Chu Tong, at school.

It was a cheesy story of Cinderella and Prince Charming.

The heroine was an ordinary girl who got the opportunity to attend an aristocratic university because she helped an old man on the street— never mind why the university did not have an entrance exam.

On the first day of school, she collided with the male protagonist.

When she tried to avoid a dog that suddenly ran out, her bike went sideways.

It just so happened that the accident was on a slope, and she grabbed the handlebars and rushed downward. The male lead appeared just in time for the bike to crash into him.

The male lead, who was suddenly in an accident, was furious, and naturally didn't have a good attitude towards the female lead.

As a result, the two of them became enemies.

In fact, this story was very melodramatic, and what happened afterward was even more melodramatic, gathering all sorts of shocking plot twists.

However, this kind of melodramatic story actually got great ratings!

The most important thing was that although this story was cheesy, its actors had good looks, and the costumes, the surrounding environment, the vehicles, the accessories, and so on, were very much in place.

The audience would keep watching while complaining about the show's ridiculous lines; it was quite a spectacle.

“Attention all departments... Action!”