

Chapter 841: Keeping an Eye on Them

Qiao Yanjue's face turned grim at the thought that Xia Xibei saw something that should not be seen and touched something that should not be touched.

Luckily, Xia Xibei reacted quickly and immediately explained, "Don't worry, I just took some pictures. The rest was done by other people."

Of course, the words weren't exactly true. She was the one who made the effort.

However, she didn't want Qiao Yanjue to be angry about such things.

Besides, she didn't do too much!

During the photoshoot, she didn't record anything too salacious.

Qiao Yanjue relaxed after being so comforted by Xia Xibei, but he was still a bit skeptical.

"Really?"

"Of course!" Xia Xibei nodded emphatically. "Oh, that's not the point. The point of the photo is evidence!"

She had promised Qiao Weiyue that these photos would not be released to the public.

She did not lie! She didn't release them to the public; she just showed them to Qiao Yanjue.

Qiao Yanjue looked at the photos again and frowned.

Even if one of the people in these was his elder brother, he still found them too much.

But it did make for good blackmail...

"Oh yes, he borrowed the money from Wan Xianyao."

That made Qiao Yanjue frown.

"Wan Xianyao?"

"Yeah," Xia Xibei nodded. "Aren't they brothers-in-law?"

Qiao Yanjue nodded. The two were related that way.

"He'll go look for Wan Xianyao tomorrow." Xia Xibei pondered, "I think that something is off with them."

"What's wrong?"

Qiao Yanjue was curious.

"I don't know. But it feels off." Xia Xibei decided, "I'll just have someone keep an eye on them!"

The person for the job was of course Gou Yi.

Gou Yi's skills were very good, and with the masks she gave him, it was too easy to track a person.

Of course, he rarely used these masks, as he was more concerned about the improvement of his own strength.

He had a few amazing scoops before, so there were many followers on his account.

In a few more years, he could definitely become the number one paparazzi.

Others did not know that he also opened a studio and trained a lot of talent.

He had the money and the technology in place.

Qiao Yanjue had no problem with Xia Xibei's arrangement. He trusted Xia Xibei's instincts.

So, he also arranged a few people to keep an eye on Qiao Weiyue.

Although Qiao Weiyue could not make any waves, it was a good idea to keep an eye on him to prevent problems before they happened.

After talking about Qiao Weiyue, Xia Xibei returned to the topic.

"I found this Mu Qiaona, she should be at the company tomorrow. Her creative power is pretty good. We can let her debut as a singer-songwriter."

Qiao Yanjue smiled at Xia Xibei's calm and commanding appearance.

"Yes, sir! At your service! You're the boss."

Xia Xibei proudly raised her eyebrows, grabbed his collar, and smiled seductively.

"You'll listen to me for everything?"

"Of course..."

Their words quickly disappeared between their lips.

The next day, Mu Qiaona took a leave of absence and arrived at SY.

As the receptionist brought her inside, she was so nervous. When she was walking in, she couldn't help but feel ashamed of herself as she looked around at the beautiful men and women.

Could she really be a singer? Could Xia Xibei be lying to her?

As she thought about it, she couldn't care less about the gazes of the people next to her.

When she saw Xia Xibei and her manager Pan Yan, the anxiety finally subsided.

It was true! She was really going to be a singer!

Chapter 842: Intentionally Getting Close

Mu Qiaona's arrival made everyone more alert.

There were already quite a few trainees in the company, and so many of them hadn't debuted yet, yet here came another resource grabber?

The most important thing was that she was managed by Pan Yan!

Everyone in the company knew that Pan Yan was very good and had a lot of resources at his disposal.

An agent's resources proved an agent's ability!

Although Xia Xibei did not care for many of these resources, they really wanted the help!

If these resources were given to them, then they wouldn't be ordinary trainees!

Besides, could they really be as great as Xia Xibei? Who dared to compare with such a supernatural being? They only wanted the resources!

Pan Yan had only one artist before, Xia Xibei, and everyone else was fighting to be managed by him.

Now, here was someone who had waltzed right in!

Mu Qiaona instantly became a thorn in the side of many people.

Xia Qinghan could not help but be surprised when she heard about it after her return to the company.

She thought that Pan Yan would only take Xia Xibei!

Unexpectedly, there was suddenly an additional person.

She couldn't help but smile when she thought about it.

She wondered what kind of mood Xia Xibei was in.

"Hello, you are Mu Qiaona, the one who just joined the company, right?" Xia Qinghan walked up to Mu Qiaona and asked with a smile.

"Hello, I'm Mu Qiaona."

Mu Qiaona looked at Xia Qinghan before her and wondered why she came so close.

"I'm Xia Qinghan. Welcome to SY."

Xia Qinghan extended her hand, very enthusiastic.

Mu Qiaona was suspicious but still extended her hand.

"Thank you, please advise me."

“I wouldn’t dare to advise you, I’ve only been in the company for a while before you.” Xia Qinghan smiled very gently. “However, if you have any questions, you can ask me. I’ll be sure to tell you everything.”

“Thank you.”

Although Mu Qiaona did not know what she had in mind, she accepted her kindness with a smile.

Xia Qinghan’s eyes twinkled, “I heard you’re going to release a song?”

“No.” Mu Qiaona hurriedly shook her head. “Not so fast! I still have to continue studying!”

“Oh,” Xia Qinghan nodded. “I’m sure you’ll be able to do it soon!”

Mu Qiaona only nodded and kept the same smile.

She just couldn’t understand how Xia Qinghan could be so enthusiastic towards her.

As a fan of Xia Xibei, Mu Qiaona certainly knew of Xia Qinghan’s existence.

It could be said that the Belivers all knew that Xia Xibei and Xia Qinghan were at odds with each other.

After so many encounters, Xia Xibei had always defeated Xia Qinghan.

Moreover, Xia Xibei had done so many things before, all of them like slaps in the face for Xia Qinghan.

So, Mu Qiaona didn’t like Xia Qinghan either.

They liked whomever their idols liked. They hated whomever their own idols hated. That was the principle!

However, after joining the company, Mu Qiaona knew that she could be so capricious.

She was just a newcomer, how did she dare slight Xia Qinghan?

In this case, she had to be humble.

Even though she was upset and uncomfortable, she did not refuse Xia Qinghan’s approach.

However, she told Xia Xibei about Xia Qinghan’s approach right away.

“It’s okay, just hear whatever she says to you,” Xia Xibei reassured her. “If anything happens, you tell me and I’ll help you out. However, you have to be careful not to be alone with her.”

The last sentence made Mu Qiaona’s scalp tingle.

She remembered what happened before and immediately nodded, “I know, I will stay away from her!”

“That’s not necessary.” Xia Xibei shook her head with a smile, her eyes glinting. “I also want to know what she really wants to do.”

Speaking of which, an idea flashed in her mind.

“How about this? When you’re around her, just say mean things about me.”

“Mean- Mean things?”

Mu Qiaona was dumbfounded, thinking she had heard wrong.

Shouldn’t it be good things?

“Yes, mean things,” Xia Xibei nodded. “I think after you say a few bad words about me, we’ll know what she wants to do.”

Xia Qinghan did everything with a purpose, given her character.

If Mu Qiaona acted like she had a good relationship with her, Xia Qinghan would not expose herself.

Mu Qiaona was stunned by Xia Xibei’s words.

“Is your relationship with her that bad?”

“Yes,” Xia Xibei nodded. “We’re foes, I guess.”

What the-

Mu Qiaona’s eyes widened...

Foes! Worse than enemies!

“Anyway, just be careful, and don’t get messed up by her.”

“Okay,” Mu Qiaona nodded and made up her mind.

If Xia Qinghan came near her again, she would definitely help Xia Xibei figure out what’s going on!

After talking about Xia Qinghan, Mu Qiaona changed the topic with an excited look.

“By the way, I’ve written a song. I’ll show it to you!”

“A new song?” Xia Xibei raised an eyebrow at her. “So soon?”

“I had composed it earlier! There were some parts that weren’t so good before, but now I’ve fixed it.” Mu Qiaona’s eyes shone. “Please help me look at it!”

“Okay.”

Mu Qiaona immediately took out her phone and presented her creation.

After humming the song softly, Xia Xibei couldn’t help but nod her head, “It’s very good.”

“Really?” Mu Qiaona was surprised. “Is it really okay?”

“Of course,” Xia Xibei nodded. “Your creation is really great!”

Having been praised by her, Mu Qiaona seemed to be instantly galvanized.

“Great!”

“You’ve only just started, and you have such strength. After some training, you’ll definitely get better.”

Xia Xibei was not stingy with her praise. She wasn’t talking nonsense either.

Mu Qiaona’s talent was truly extraordinary.

Xia Xibei’s situation was different from hers.

She was an all-rounder; she acted and sang and had no shortcomings.

Mu Qiaona was different, as she was a born singer. However, her acting skills were not good.

In her previous life, Mu Qiaona won many singing awards but rarely acted, at best making a cameo in some light-hearted comedies.

She also knew she couldn’t act, so she didn’t force herself to participate.

Xia Xibei now realized that her talent was far stronger than what she had shown in her previous life! It was just that in her previous life, she was too oppressed and didn’t show it.

“When you write a few more songs, I’ll ask the company to release them.”

“Yes!” Mu Qiaona was elated, spinning in place. “But this song is for you,” she said a little shyly.

“For me?” Xia Xibei was surprised.

“Yes!” she nodded. “This song is more suitable for you. When I was composing it before, I... I thought of you.”

Many fans liked to write songs, draw pictures, and write scripts for their idols, and it would be great if their idols could pay attention to them!

Mu Qiaona composed this song before with Xia Xibei in mind.

She envied Xia Xibei’s recklessness and radiance, so the lyrics were different.

“Besides, aren’t you collecting songs? How about this song?”

She looked at Xia Xibei nervously, afraid that she would reject it.

“Good! I’ll take it!” Xia Xibei smiled and nodded. “Put your name on it then!”

“Yes! Thank you!”

Mu Qiaona was even happier.

Chapter 844: I Don't Sing Well

After sending Mu Qiaona away, Xia Xibei stayed in the room to create when the door rang.

It was Gu Lan.

"What's wrong?"

Gu Lan nervously pushed up her glasses, her long bangs covering her face.

"I- I heard that the company is collecting songs, right?"

"Yes," Xia Xibei nodded. "Everyone knows that."

She understood what Gu Lan meant, asking, "You want to give it a try too?"

"Can- Can I?"

Gu Lan was nervous.

"Of course you can!" Xia Xibei smiled brightly. "You are also in the company, so of course you can."

"Then... Can you please take a look at it? I- I know this is a big request..."

"Yes," Xia Xibei nodded. "But I have to say that I am not very good. I can't guarantee anything!"

"No problem, no problem!" Gu Lan was surprised. "I trust you!"

"Okay then, give me the song. I'll check it out."

Gu Lan walked in nervously and handed over the paper in her hand.

Xia Xibei took and looked at it.

"It's quite good!"

"Really?" Gu Lan was surprised. "Is it really okay?"

"Of course!" Xia Xibei smiled very sincerely. "I didn't expect you to be this good!"

"I'm just writing randomly," Gu Lan bowed her head shyly.

"If this is just your random writing, then if you get serious, others will have no way to live," Xia Xibei joked.

Gu Lan became even more shy, "Please- Please don't laugh at me. I know what level I am at."

"I'm really not laughing at you," Xia Xibei said with a serious expression. "This song is really much better than the ones others come up with!"

Gu Lan's face got redder and her head got lower.

“You can turn this song in and you’ll definitely get an answer when the time comes.”

“I- I want to give this song to you.”

“Give it to me?” Xia Xibei raised her eyebrows in surprise. “Why would you want to give it to me?”

“I- I can write songs, but I don’t sing well!” Gu Lan bowed her head.

“You can’t sing well?” Xia Xibei frowned. “No way. don’t be so unsure of yourself. You must be very good at singing.”

“I really can’t sing well!” Gu Lan shook her head frantically. “Actually, I just want my songs to be sung, but not necessarily by myself.”

“Oh, is that right?”

“Yes!” She nodded repeatedly. “You’ve been so kind to me, but I have nothing to repay you with. So this song is the only gift I can give!”

She looked at Xia Xibei pathetically, “You... You won’t mind my bad writing, right?”

“How could I?” Xia Xibei shook her head and smiled. “Well then, since you said so, I will accept it. I’ll pay you-”

“No need!” Gu Lan immediately shook her head, “This is my gift to you. How can I ask for money?! Never mind money, you don’t even need to write my name.”

“You don’t even need to write your name?”

“No, I don’t want the authorship. This song belongs to you completely!”

Xia Xibei lowered her eyes and thought about it, then finally nodded, “Okay then! Thank you!”

“You’re welcome!” Gu Lan immediately smiled brightly.

As the two of them were talking, there was a knock on the door.

“Sister Bei, Mr. Li is looking for you,” a head poked in.

“Okay, I’m coming.”

Xia Xibei immediately stood up and placed several copies of the lyrics on the table.

“Sister Bei, you go over first. I’ll help you clean up!” Gu Lan said right away.

“Good, then I’ll go over first. Sorry to trouble you..” Xia Xibei smiled and strode out.

At the end of the day, Xia Xibei left the company and got into Liu Manhong's car.

"I'm taking you to eat something delicious!" Liu Manhong drove and said excitedly. "I've already reserved a place!"

There was a Japanese restaurant in the neighborhood that had a lot of customers, and you had to reserve in advance to eat.

Liu Manhong liked to eat out everywhere, and this time she also dragged Xia Xibei along.

As for Qiao Yanjue? Forget it, he didn't matter.

If he was here too, Liu Manhong was not sure if she would have any appetite at all.

"How's it going? Is the new song done yet?" Liu Manhong asked while driving.

Xia Xibei usually talked about her situation, so she was kept up to date.

"I collected two good songs today, so I can put out a mini-album soon."

A few songs were enough for a mini album. If you wanted to make a proper album, you needed a dozen songs.

It was already the end of July, and it was too much of a rush to record a proper album.

"Okay. If there's anything you need help with, remember to tell me."

"Okay."

The two of them soon arrived at the Japanese restaurant they had reserved a room at.

Xia Xibei's clothes were casual. Her hair was in a bun and her bangs covered most of her face, plus she wore glasses for camouflage. Unless you got very close, you wouldn't recognize her.

The two of them entered the hotel, and as they passed through the lobby, Liu Manhong's footsteps halted.

"What's wrong?"

Xia Xibei also stopped.

"Nothing. Maybe I'm blurry-eyed."

Liu Manhong shook her head and continued to walk.

Xia Xibei looked around suspiciously, not finding anything wrong.

There were no paparazzi here either.

With Xia Xibei's strength, she could naturally sense any ill-intentioned gazes.

Such skill had allowed her to successfully avoid many paparazzi and fans that were stalking her.

This Japanese restaurant had many private rooms, and Liu Manhong booked a small one where they could easily eat without being disturbed.

The two of them had a great time eating, especially Liu Manhong, who was smiling and in an unbelievably sunny mood.

“Hongyan Youth is selling exceptionally well now!” Liu Manhong said while eating, “The beauty club has more customers than it can handle!”

As she talked about her business, Liu Manhong laughed heartily.

All the rich ladies in G City knew that Hongyan Beauty Club’s Hongyan Youth was a miracle product!

In addition to the socialites, there were also many beautiful women from the entertainment industry who came over.

Meng Qiuyue also introduced many customers to the club.

For female stars in the entertainment industry, their faces were very important to them.

While wearing makeup everyday, both heavy and light, there was no time for their skin to rest. In addition, their rest time was irregular, so their skin got even worse.

If they stayed up a few nights, then even the most expensive skincare products could not salvage their skin!

However, Hongyan Youth could!

After seeing the results on Meng Qiuyue, Sister Lili, and others, many actresses came over.

Those who had plenty of time could receive services in the club.

If there was not enough time, they’d buy a set of Hongyan Youth and use it at home.

“Actually, we can launch a take-out campaign.”

“Take-out?” Liu Manhong’s chopsticks stopped moving and the corners of her mouth twitched. “What are you talking about?”

Wasn’t take-out food? What did that have to do with Hongyan Youth?

“If they need it, we can have the beauticians go out and help them.”

Other people sold take-out food, but Hongyan Youth sold take-out services!

It was all “take-out!”

Liu Manhong was delighted and slapped her thigh, “Good idea!”

Chapter 846: Much Uglier

Hongyan Beauty Club was growing rapidly, and with more and more customers, expansion was inevitable.

Regardless of how it expanded, the focus was on the customers.

In addition to socialites, celebrities were also an important part of the clientele.

Some actresses had complained before that they rarely had time to come here for treatments during the week. Moreover, they were not all residents of G City, and it was too much trouble to come to Hongyan Beauty Club.

However, it was quite a hassle to open a branch in another city.

Opening other stores was a sure thing, but it took a while to find a location and do training. All kinds of things had to be done, and it was not that easy.

After all, other cities were not their territory, and it took at least half a year to settle in.

They could do a lot of things in six months. Xia Xibei's suggestion was a good one.

Although they couldn't open a store elsewhere, for the time being, they could do "take-out!"

They could send their beauticians out to these customers and give them treatments.

Based on the results of the Hongyan Youth beauty cream, just two treatments a month was enough to maintain results.

If someone wanted better results, they could also do it once a week.

It depended on the customer.

Anyway, when the request was different, the fee was also different. That way, the beauticians could also earn more.

"Good! When we go back, I will discuss with the store manager and come up with a plan as soon as possible!" Liu Manhong immediately decided.

Xia Xibei nodded and continued to eat.

After eating for half an hour, both of them were full.

After paying and going out the door, Liu Manhong stopped, an unpleasant expression on her face.

"Manhong!" a surprised voice rang out.

Xia Xibei looked over, slightly surprised.

Three middle-aged men came out of the room diagonally opposite from them.

Xia Xibei knew one of the middle-aged men.

It was Qiao Weiyue, whom she had met only two days before.

Among the other two men, one looked similar to Wan Shicheng, so he was probably Wan Xianyao.

The last man watched Liu Manhong with a pleasantly surprised expression.

Liu Manhong's good mood disappeared at the sight of this man.

"Manhong, what a coincidence!"

The man walked over quickly, and even opened his arms, ready to give a hug.

"Get lost!"

Liu Manhong responded by taking a step back and snorting coldly with a look of disgust.

Her reaction caused the smile on the man's face to freeze, but he still tried to be pleasant.

"I didn't expect that after so many years, you would still have the same temper. You haven't changed at all."

His eyes greedily looked up and down Liu Manhong.

Hearing his familiar tone, Xia Xibei couldn't help but give him an extra look.

Liu Manhong glanced at his big belly and receding hairline and sneered, "You got a lot uglier after all these years. If you hadn't called out to me first, I wouldn't have recognized you. You've been eating pig feed all these years, right? How did you eat yourself into such a state? Your hair is all gone."

She was beyond disgusted.

The man's face became even more ugly. He didn't expect to be disliked by Liu Manhong like this, and his face stiffened.

Xia Xibei looked at them curiously, and a light flashed in her mind.

This couldn't be Liu Manhong's ex-husband, could it?

The man spoke again, "Oh Manhong... You still like to joke so much."

"How is it a joke? Have you looked in the mirror lately? Do you see yourself?"

While saying that, she pulled open her bag, took out a mirror, and handed it over.

"Here, take a look at yourself!"

The man's face twitched..

Chapter 847: A Den of Thieves

“Take it!” Liu Manhong shook the mirror in her hand. “Don’t be polite! Although we are broken off from each other, we’re still acquaintances. It is not good to let you continue to misunderstand yourself! People should be self-aware so they can fix themselves right away!”

Liu Manhong’s words made the man’s face cramp up.

The three men across from them didn’t expect her to be so mean.

“Liu Manhong...”

Qiao Weiyue wanted to say something.

“Oh, nephew, you’re here too?” Liu Manhong glanced at Qiao Weiyue. “Technically, I’m your aunt!”

Liu Manhong didn’t like to be called an aunt. Even Qiao Yanjue, her nephew, had to call her Sister Hong.

However, in front of Qiao Weiyue, who was the same age, she liked to hear him call her aunt. She wanted to use seniority to crush him and make him angry!

Sure enough, Qiao Weiyue’s face was very ugly.

Xia Xibei smiled to herself.

Liu Manhong’s fighting power was really strong, and she managed to slay two grown men right away.

When his friend was KO’d, Wan Xianyao stood out with a disapproving expression.

“Manhong-”

“Don’t kiss up to me!” Liu Manhong was even less likely to give him a break. “I’m not familiar with you guys. Don’t scare me into calling the police, as that won’t be good.”

Wan Xianyao’s face became even grimmer.

This damn woman! Why was she so disrespectful?!

Liu Manhong’s eyes darted over the three of them, “Hah! This is a nest of snakes and rats- Ah, no, wolves and rats. What’s the word I want to use...”

She posed as if she was racking her brains.

Xia Xibei’s reply came from next to her, “A den of thieves.”

“Oh yes! A den of thieves!” Liu Manhong immediately clapped her hands. “That’s what I meant!”

The faces of the three men all went ashen.

Was there a difference between the words she just said?

None of these were good words!

Liu Manhong looked at them sideways, “What, are you all discussing where to pick up women?”

“Manhong,” Zou Zheng laughed bitterly. “It’s taken us so long to meet, You don’t have to be so-”

“Come on, I told you not to kiss up to me!” Liu Manhong waved her hand. “You and I know everything, why are you still talking to me?”

She did not want to continue to talk nonsense with them and said to Xia Xibei, “Let’s go, the air here is too smelly! Let’s not spoil our beauty!”

After saying that, without waiting for their response, she pulled Xia Xibei to walk away.

“Manhong-”

Zou Zheng subconsciously stopped in front of her, but in the next second, he quickly darted away.

However, he wasn’t fast enough. He only managed to avoid being kicked in the important parts by being kicked in the thigh instead, so he covered his leg and screamed in pain.

Wan Xianyao and Qiao Weiyue, standing to his back, all changed color.

“Old Zou!”

Liu Manhong looked sympathetic.

“Sorry, I was reacting subconsciously. I thought you wanted to attack me! You know I get very scared! I was acting in self-defense!”

What self-defense?!

“Liu Manhong!”

Qiao Weiyue gritted his teeth. Why was this woman so tough all the time?

“What’s wrong? Is what I said incorrect?” Liu Manhong stuck out her chest. “Who knows if he had good intentions? How about we call the police to figure out this matter?”

This was too embarrassing to call the police for!

The three grown men were cursing in their hearts, but in this situation, they were really too embarrassed to continue to stop her.

So, Liu Manhong left with Xia Xibei.

Only when they got into the car did Liu Manhong spit, “Damn, this son of a bitch is back again!”

Chapter 848: Hair Growth Water

“Sister Hong, they are...”

Xia Xibei actually knew the identity of the three men, but she could not say that she knew them to Liu Manhong.

“All of them are bastards! Snakes and rats! Smelly bastards!” Liu Manhong rolled her eyes.

Luckily, her mood was not affected too much.

“The greasy man I just kicked is Zou Zheng, my damn ex-husband. One is Qiao Weiyue, Yanjue’s older brother. The last man is Wan Xianyao, Yu Lanxiang’s husband.”

Liu Manhong tsked and shook her head, “How did these bastards get together?”

However, these three men knew each other before, so it was normal that they would get together now.

They just didn’t expect that they would meet up in G City, and it was such a coincidence that they ran into each other.

Except for Wan Xianyao, Zou Zheng and Qiao Weiyue should both be in other cities, so why did they suddenly come here?

“That bastard Zou Zheng is really ugly! I almost stabbed my eyes just now! Luckily, I dumped him back then. Otherwise, it’d be really horrible to have to face his bald head and gut now!” Liu Manhong griped with a sense of relief.

When Zou Zheng was caught cheating on her, he was actually not that bad-looking.

She didn’t think time would be so brutal, turning a good-looking man into a greasy dude!

Luckily she dumped him already. Otherwise, she’d be disgusted to death by now!

“Oh yes, we can also develop hair growth water!”

One minute, Liu Manhong was still complaining about Zou Zheng’s horrific looks, but the next minute, she changed the topic abruptly to hair growth water.

“Beibe, do you have a formula for hair growth water? I think this is a good business idea!”

Nowadays, so many people suffered from hair loss and were at risk for losing hair. Even young people were starting to lose their hair!

If there was an effective hair growth potion, the sales would be great!

The corner of Xia Xibei’s mouth twitched in response to Liu Manhong’s question.

“I’ll go back and look. There should be one.”

“That’s great. I think there is profit here!”

While saying that, she continued to drive.

As for the run-in with Zou Zheng, she had pushed it to the back of her mind.

As long as he didn’t appear in front of her, she could assume he was dead.

What was there to care about with dead people?

Liu Manhong did not speak, and Xia Xibei was also silent, feeling suspicious.

Just now, when Liu Manhong was arguing with the men, she didn't say anything. She just stood aside and watched, so she noticed something.

Qiao Weiyue was carrying a leather case of a certain size.

This would have been nothing, as the case itself was not remarkable.

However, Xia Xibei felt an aura from inside the case. It was the kind of aura with a killer vibe.

And this kind of aura... It generally only appeared in excavated artifacts.

This made Xia Xibei curious. What were they doing with this?

Moreover, these three men together were certainly up to no good!

That night, she received a message from Gou Yi.

She also confirmed her previous guesses while looking at the photos sent to her.

Although a bit distant, she could see that the object in the case was indeed an ancient relic!

It was a rare bronze! Surprisingly, it was a bronze!

Freshly unearthed bronze was not a commodity that could be circulated freely in the market!

Thinking of this, she immediately called Tang Luo.

"I need your help."

Tang Luo sounded helpless.

"I also have something I need help with."

Chapter 849: Pretend Girlfriend

Tang Luo's words startled Xia Xibei.

"What's wrong? Is it..."

It couldn't be that Mo Bonan found out, right?

Tang Luo smiled bitterly, "It's not him."

Xia Xibei instantly sighed with relief.

However, if it wasn't Mo Bonan, what else could cause Tang Luo such a headache?

Could it be something with the company?

Didn't Tang Luo say she was handling it pretty well?

"It's about a girl."

When it came to this matter, Tang Luo had a headache.

Due to the video she had made earlier, Tang Luo could clearly feel that Mo Bonan had placed his attention elsewhere and wasn't paying that much attention to her anymore.

When Mo Bonan didn't pay attention to her, she was in a good mood.

When school started, she could find a chance to move out.

However, just as this thing had passed, a new problem had come up!

"Is someone in love with you?" Xia Xibei guessed straight away.

After hearing Tang Luo's helpless sigh over the phone, she immediately understood that she was right!

Xia Xibei was instantly interested, "Tell me, what is going on?"

Tang Luo let out another sigh, and only then did she tell what had been going on these days.

Ever since she met Yuan Simeng and gotten her contact information, Tang Luo had noticed that this girl was very into her!

Yuan Simeng obviously took a liking to her and launched a fervent pursuit.

Whenever she went out, she found that Yuan Simeng would often "bump into" her.

To be honest, Yuan Simeng was a very good match.

She was good-looking, from a good family, and had good character, all without the spoiled personality of a rich girl.

If it were any other man, he would be very happy, but Tang Luo was a female!

She was being strongly pursued by a girl, and she couldn't help but be bothered by this!

"She has invited me to go out many times, and I have refused just as many times."

"You didn't tell her that you didn't like her?"

"I did tell her!" Tang Luo protested, "But she said she would continue to pursue me if I didn't have a girlfriend."

"And then what?"

"And then?" Tang Luo was confused. "What do you mean?"

Xia Xibei was speechless, "She didn't say anything else?"

"Nothing else," Tang Luo shook her head. "It's just that she's too enthusiastic, I can't stand it. She even invited me to go out yesterday, and I refused again."

"Are you stupid?" After clarifying the situation, Xia Xibei rolled her eyes to the sky. "I thought this was a sticky situation!"

"It's not?"

"Didn't she already tell you the solution?!" Xia Xibei scolded her. "She said that if you didn't have a girlfriend, she'd continue to chase you. What if you had a girlfriend?"

Tang Luo startled, then froze, feeling really stupid.

"Idiot."

Xia Xibei shook her head speechlessly.

Tang Luo laughed bitterly, "I can't help it! I just got confused for a while and didn't think it through."

She always thought of herself as a girl, so she had never thought that she could find a "girlfriend" too.

Sure enough, fixed thinking really killed people!

"I'll ask Jiajia to help you," Xia Xibei decided right away. "She doesn't have a boyfriend, so she'll be happy to help you."

As long as Tang Luo had a "girlfriend," Yuan Simeng would automatically give up.

With this solution, Tang Luo also breathed a sigh of relief, "Okay."

"By the way, what do you want me to do for you?"

Xia Xibei immediately asked, "Can you modify a wiretap so people can't find out?"

"A bug?" Tang Luo was surprised, but still nodded. "It should be no problem."

"Good, get me some small bugs. I have something big to use them on!"

Chapter 850: Wiretap

The next day, Xia Xibei received a small wiretapping device from Tang Luo.

This wiretapping device was very small, just the size of a fingernail, and very inconspicuous.

There were similar small wiretapping devices on the market, but Tang Luo's was different from the others.

This was a very effective wiretapping device hand-made by her, and most importantly, it would not be found.

There were wiretaps, so of course, there were anti-wiretaps.

Anti-wiretap devices were essential for some people. If their secrets were known, it would be the end.

Therefore, their anti-wiretap tools may be more comprehensive and advanced than those on the market.

Tang Luo's wiretapping device could avoid the detection of these anti-wiretap tools.

After receiving the wiretapping device, Xia Xibei went out.

Soon, she arrived at the place where Qiao Weiyue lived.

Last time, when Qiao Weiyue wanted to assault Mu Qiaona, he sent away his bodyguards and assistants. After all, this kind of thing was not to be exposed.

This helped Xia Xibei, who incidentally wrote down the location of the neighborhood.

After changing her clothes and putting together a good disguise, she quickly infiltrated the house.

Qiao Weiyue was now absent, so it was easier for her to move around.

She was worried that after the last incident, there would be surveillance in the room.

In that case, she would have to get Tang Luo to come over and help.

To her surprise, there was no surveillance camera here.

She didn't know if Qiao Weiyue was overconfident, or if there was nothing shameful...

Or if there was something she couldn't see, that was why there were no monitors.

Either way, it greatly facilitated her operation.

After putting the wiretapping device in place with gloves, Xia Xibei was ready to leave.

However, as she passed a certain closed room, she suddenly stopped in her tracks.

The scent here was familiar and magical!

She reached out to twist the lock.

It was unlocked.

It was a utility room with all sorts of miscellaneous items inside.

At a glance, there were all kinds of tables and chairs, and other kinds of miscellaneous things, which did not look very impressive.

If it was someone else who came in, they certainly wouldn't think too much when they saw this unlocked utility room.

Even if the door was not unlocked, could there be anything of value here? There was definitely nothing here!

In Xia Xibei's eyes, it was another story.

She closed her eyes and couldn't help but smile after using her spiritual power to sense the situation.

In a corner, behind the cover of tables and chairs and on the wall, there was a safe!

Around this safe, there were some small surveillance devices!

These surveillance devices were very small and would not be noticed without having a close look. Some were also placed in inconspicuous places, on seemingly randomly placed tables and chairs.

All these devices were in the shape of a circle, with this safe in the center!

If you just walked past it, you would definitely be captured.

If it was a petty thief, he could have seen what was inside, turned around, and left.

Generally speaking, a treasure could be in a bank safe, or the homeowner could build a very secret room for it or hide it in a durable safe.

If you didn't know that there was a circle of monitors nearby, this utility room would be totally inconspicuous.

Who would have thought that there would be a safe here?

However, such a disguise was very visible to Xia Xibei.

Although it took some mental energy, she had already grasped everything about this situation.

She smiled, picked up a few pieces of fabric next to her, and walked up.

Chapter 851: Premium Spirit Stone

After covering the surveillance cameras with fabric, Xia Xibei moved the table and chairs out of the way and found a safe.

The scent coming from inside made her a little excited.

It was the scent of a spirit stone!

A spirit stone!

Even the safe could not hide the pure aura of spiritual energy.

It had been a long time since she returned to this world, but it was the first time she had felt the scent of a spirit stone!

Even in the Land of Fantasy, spirit stones were not found easily.

A spirit stone was very expensive, as cultivators needed this crucial tool to advance.

In this world, spirit stones were almost non-existent.

Xia Xibei thought before that this world did not have spirit stones because there was not much spiritual energy here, so it was difficult to produce a good spirit stone.

She didn't even think about looking for a spirit stone here, and with so many things to do, she didn't have time to look for it either.

She never thought that she would come across a spirit stone here!

To isolate a spirit stone's aura, one would have to use jade as a barrier.

Qiao Weiyue and the others would not know about spirit stones, and they would not expect that someone could recognize a spirit stone, so they did not use any jade to isolate the aura at all.

The safe, in spite of its security, was just made of metal.

Xia Xibei took a few deep breaths to suppress her excitement before reaching out to touch the safe.

However, the safe was not easy to deal with.

It was embedded in the wall and of a hard texture, so unless there was a key and password, it could not be opened.

Xia Xibei, of course, did not know the password.

She hesitated for a moment before finally gritting her teeth!

She mobilized her spiritual power and turned it into a thin thread, making it seep through the key opening.

The spiritual power went back and forth in the safe, almost turning into substance, then pulled the latch inside open.

By the time the safe door was opened, her face had begun to turn white, cold sweat was breaking out on her forehead, and her arms and legs were a little weak.

If a person suddenly appeared at this time, then she would not have any power to resist!

If it were the usual, Xia Xibei would never have let herself fall into such a situation.

However, sensing that there was a spirit stone inside, and a spirit stone of high purity, she had to fight!

The rewards were worth the risk!

When the safe door opened, the first thing she saw was the radiant stone!

It was an incomparably beautiful and brilliant crystal stone!

The size of a fist, transparent, and free of impurities, it was a pure blue color more beautiful than the cleanest sky!

It was placed on a red silk cloth that mesmerized her.

Xia Xibei's eyes lit up!

It was really a spirit stone! And it was a high-grade spirit stone!

There were several grades of spirit stone.

Inferior ones were white, with impurities and little aura.

Low-level ones were white without impurities, and with a moderate amount of aura.

Medium-level ones were blue, with impurities and full of aura.

Premium-level ones were blue, transparent without impurities, and bursting with an aura!

Of course, there were also special-grade spirit stones, which were green, as if they were fished out of a clean lake.

This piece of blue, impurity-free spirit stone was a premium-level spirit stone!

Xia Xibei was stunned! She was surprised to see a premium spirit stone here!

Premium spirit stones were not seen often even in the Land of Fantasy.

Most of the spirit stones in market circulation were low-level spirit stones. Premium level spirit stones were mostly in the hands of the legendary families. As for the special level spirit stone...

They were mythical and something an ordinary person would never see even once in their life.

Even in the Land of Fantasy, premium spirit stones were not commonly seen. Yet somehow, there was actually a premium spirit stone here!

In other words, there was a mine of spirit stones here!

At this moment, Xia Xibei was so ecstatic that she almost ignored the bronze next to her.

Chapter 852: Can't Act Rashly

It took a moment for Xia Xibei to regain her senses.

She took a few deep breaths to regain her composure.

In doing so, she realized that her spirit power was about to run out!

Her heart skipped and she grabbed this spirit stone as soon as she could.

Grabbing the spirit stone, she mobilized the spiritual energy in her body to lure out the spiritual energy inside the rock.

After a small cycle of spiritual work, the stone's spiritual energy wandered into her body, replenishing her previously depleted spiritual energy and power.

She looked at the spirit stone, which seemed to have shrunk a bit, but it didn't shrink too much. If you did not look carefully, it was not detectable.

Xia Xibei was amazed.

It was indeed a premium spirit stone! The spiritual energy here was too pure and too intense!

If it was a low-level spirit stone, after her absorption, it might have been turned into rubble.

Although her face was still a little pale, Xia Xibei was much better.

She looked at the bronze next to her and raised her eyebrows.

This was a bronze vessel about twenty cm high, carved with many small mythical creatures. It looked ancient and mysterious.

If it wasn't for the little bit of fierce aura left on it that allowed her to confirm its identity, she would have thought it was another random bronze!

If she felt it carefully, she could feel that the only remaining trace of the fierce aura on it was being hit hard by the aura coming out of the premium spirit stone next to it, as if the objects were two soldiers in a fierce battle.

It was just that the fierce aura was weaker, and was being overpowered and devoured by the aura in the spirit stone, without much power to fight back.

With just a little more time, this fierce aura would be swallowed up.

Xia Xibei was surprised; she didn't think this kind of thing was possible!

Although she had owned premium spirit stones before, she had not really seen this kind of operation.

In the Land of Fantasy, spiritual power was more important in a spiritual stone. Whether it was antique or not did not matter. It was not very useful, so at most it looked good.

For some large families with many years of heritage, the aura was the most important. Antiques were at most used for decoration.

In this case, very few people used antiques to accompany burials, and naturally, these objects were not colored with any fierce aura.

Without a fierce aura, there would be no need for this kind of operation.

So today, Xia Xibei saw something she had never seen before.

However, in this world, antiques, especially unearthed antiques, had a different meaning.

Any relics unearthed had to be handed over to the state.

It was illegal otherwise!

But who would really be so stupid?

The profits here were too great, and who would want to lose their profit?

Moreover, there were people who specialized in this business of unearthed relics! After all, the profits were enormous.

It was just surprising that Qiao Weiyue had something to do with these...

Xia Xibei hesitated for a while, but finally did not take the objects away.

She wanted the spirit stone very much, but if she removed the spirit stone, it would alarm the men.

Once they were alerted, it would be difficult to discover their problems.

There must be more complicated connections behind them. After careful consideration, she decided that she could not make a rash move.

She put the things back in place, closed the safe, and restored the table and chairs before taking away the black cloth coverings.

She wasn't worried about being discovered. After all, the contents hadn't disappeared and the safe wasn't broken, so who would check the surveillance cameras?

Xia Xibei placed the wiretap in the room, then left.

Later that night, three unaware people gathered together.

Chapter 853: Extremely Profitable

"Someone has already contacted us!" Zou Zheng held up his phone and reported to them with a happy face.

"What is the price?"

Qiao Weiyue and Wan Xianyao looked at him, salivating with anticipation.

Zou Zheng gestured a number, and they immediately drew in a breath.

"That much?!"

Even though they were used to seeing large fortunes, this amount of money was too much!

Especially Qiao Weiyue, whose eyes were turning into money symbols.

He was very excited.

He had been kicked out of the Qiao Group and was extorted for 5 million, and now he didn't have much money on him.

When Zou Zheng found him and said there was a good business deal for him, he joined without much consideration.

After joining the venture, he was also a bit hesitant.

Was this really as profitable as Zou Zheng said? What if something went wrong?

Now that he heard what Zou Zheng said, he was surprised.

It was really profitable!

They bought something for hundreds of thousands of yuan and sold it for tens of millions!

The profit was insane!

"Right. That's how much!" Zou Zheng raised his eyebrows at them with a big smile. "You should know that there are a lot of rich people in this world!"

Of course, only rich people could play with this kind of stuff.

Ordinary people worked hard enough trying to make a living; when would they have the opportunity for these things?

"So when do we do the deal?"

"The day after tomorrow," Zou Zheng said with a smile. "Don't worry. When the deal goes through, you'll get your share."

Qiao Weiyue's eyes glowed thinking about the promised share and the money he would get.

If it was before, when he still held a position in the group, he would not necessarily be involved in this kind of thing.

Although the profits were extremely high, there could be a lot of trouble behind this.

If he was caught, there could be jail time.

He had a good life, so why would he get involved in such things?

Now, however, he had been kicked out and lost a large amount of money, so he was going crazy.

Without money, how could he live?

For a man like him, who was used to spending a lot of money, this life of restraint was simply too torturous!

So as soon as Zou Zheng and Wan Xianyao approached him, he agreed without much thought.

Luckily, this kind of thing was really profitable!

“How will the deal work?” Qiao Weiyue asked.

“When the time comes, I’ll just bring it over there directly, and the other party will transfer the money over.”

Zou Zheng looked at the phone with a big smile.

“The deal will be on their turf?” Qiao Weiyue frowned, “They won’t call the police, will they?”

“No,” Zou Zheng shook his head seriously. “Who would say anything about this kind of thing?”

With their status, no one would know that they were doing this kind of thing personally.

However, things had to be handled this way so that they wouldn’t be exposed.

Hearing him say that, Qiao Weiyue relaxed.

Wan Xianyao, who was on the side, pointed at the spirit stone and said, “What about this crystal?”

In their opinion, it was a blue crystal.

They also found this crystal special.

If they were to stand close to it, they could feel their bodies becoming more comfortable.

“Let’s put this crystal aside first,” Zou Zheng shook his head, “It has to be put away for a while longer before it can be offered.”

“This crystal is so beautiful, it will fetch a very high price! If it were made into jewelry, women would go crazy!” Qiao Weiyue’s eyes were glowing.

Although they didn’t understand which kind of gemstone or crystal it was, looking at the purity and the value of the face, it was really intoxicating.

“It can’t be sold yet,” Zou Zheng said seriously. “We can’t let others know that we have this crystal in our hands.”

“Why?”

Chapter 854: New Song Release

Zou Zheng was silent for a moment before he said calmly, “This crystal is so rare, so of course we should keep it. Otherwise, the price won’t go up.”

Qiao Weiyue and Wan Xianyao felt that his words were a bit off, but they didn’t think too deeply about it.

He had a point. A good thing should wait for the best price.

“Well, let’s get ready,” Zou Zheng said.

“Ok.”

On the other end, Xia Xibei heard all these conversations clearly from the wiretap.

They hadn’t noticed anything wrong, much less guessed that their room was already bugged.

Although she knew that they were going to make their next move, she didn’t act immediately.

It felt like there were some unanswered questions.

For example, the source of the spirit stone.

From their conversation, she knew that the spirit stone was brought over by Zou Zheng, and they only thought it was an ordinary, beautiful crystal.

So where did Zou Zheng get the spirit stone?

Moreover, his attitude was strange.

Qiao Weiyue and Wan Xianyao didn’t pay attention to his reaction, but Xia Xibei heard it clearly.

Why would he take out such a special spirit stone and share it with the other two?

Although the spirit stone was treated as a crystal, its price was certainly not much lower than that.

If he had kept it to himself, all the benefits would have been his own.

However, he took the initiative to share it with two people...

Xia Xibei could not think of any other possibilities apart from him trying to diffuse the responsibility,

Xia Xibei’s mind flashed through various scenarios, but she didn’t show it.

She thought deeply for a moment, then put the musings aside and focused on the song recording.

These things couldn’t be solved overnight.

The next morning, Xia Xibei arrived at the company.

She was going to start recording the new song today. If it went well, it would be ready for release in a couple of days.

Due to her advance preparation, the recording went particularly smoothly.

She recorded three songs in one day, the speed simply shocking everyone.

Of the three songs, one was given to her by Mu Qiaona, and the other two were her own compositions.

Everyone was very positive about these three songs.

The company's music producer, Uncle Chang, had especially praised her creative strength and performance ability.

Her talent was simply amazing!

During the recording process, Pan Yan and Gu Lan were waiting outside.

Pan Yan watched her performance and was very satisfied, figuring out in his mind how she could climb the charts afterward.

The company was also very focused on the release of her new song and had already made preparations to promote it, beginning to preview her new song early.

Several departments of the company worked together, making trainees look at them with envy.

If only they had this kind of treatment; how wonderful it would be!

However, they weren't as popular as Xia Xibei.

In early August, Xia Xibei's first song, "Endless Sweet and Sour," was officially released and quickly made it to the top of the music charts.

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Although it was not a top 10 hit, it had strong momentum.

The next day, the second song, "Brave," launched.

On the third day, "Love You" was released.

Three songs were released in a row, quickly igniting the passion of fans.

In three days, all three songs hit the major charts, "Brave" quickly reaching the top of the charts.

Such strength surprised many singers.

She was too powerful! She was a newcomer, but these songs weren't amateur at all!

Xia Qinghan was going to die of anger.. Due to these songs, the news of her becoming one of the top five in "The Strongest Female Group" was pushed aside.

Chapter 855: Making the Band

"The Strongest Female Group" had come to an end, and as one of the contestants, Xia Qinghan was quite busy.

However, even though she was busy, she didn't forget to keep in touch with Qiao Haoming.

To her dismay, Hong Zhenhan also made it to the final 10.

Hong Zhenhan was so popular because of her willingness to put herself down and her ability to be cute.

Therefore, she ended up as one of the top five and became one of the group members.

In other words, Xia Qinghan and Hong Zhenhan were going to be part of the same group.

This nearly made Xia Qinghan die of anger.

After the group was formed, they would have to be together every day.

They had to see each other every day, train together, and appear on camera together, which would be horrific!

She had wanted to make some bad press for Hong Zhenhan, but it didn't work out in the end.

Bai Meixue wanted her to focus on her career and not to think about these things.

As long as she held onto Qiao Haoming, other girls couldn't get close to him.

Besides, if Hong Zhenhan knew she was up to no good, she would also fight back.

If the two of them got into trouble, things would become troublesome.

So, Xia Qinghan could only put up with these grievances.

Now the two of them had become part of the same group, so they had to act friendly to outsiders as if there was no conflict at all.

She was so depressed, then she got so angry at Xia Xibei that her chest hurt.

After they became a group, they also sang their girl group's first song in the last episode.

With so many fans' support, the song should have performed well.

She hadn't expected the song to be released at the same time as the songs by Xia Xibei.

Xia Xibei's songs did very well and crushed their song!

This made Xia Qinghan so angry!

The others didn't feel so deeply. After all, they were all newcomers and couldn't compare to Xia Xibei's popularity.

Besides, if Xia Xibei hadn't been eliminated early, she would have been a member of the girl group too.

Together with the situations that she made during live streams before, the members felt sheepish when they were up against her.

They always felt like they were inferior to her.

Moreover, they didn't have a grudge like Xia Qinghan and Xia Xibei did, so naturally they didn't feel anything.

They didn't care who was higher or lower in the song ranking. Only Xia Qinghan was livid.

However, after being angry, Xia Qinghan showed a smug smile.

It was okay, let Xia Xibei continue to be successful.

When she reached the top, she'd have a taste of what it meant to fall into the abyss!

The more she thought about it, the happier she was, so she called Qiao Haoming.

"Brother Haoming, where are you?"

"I'm with my dad."

"Oh."

Xia Qinghan knew that Qiao Weiyue was in G City these days, so she didn't doubt Qiao Haoming's words.

"I'm free now, why don't I go over to see uncle too?"

"Don't!" Qiao Haoming immediately refused.

His decisiveness made Xia Qinghan a little sad.

"What's wrong? Can't I come over?"

"My father is taking me to meet his friends," Qiao Haoming hurriedly explained. "It's not convenient for you to come over."

This explanation made sense.

"Okay, then. You guys have a nice time. Don't drink too much, and take care of your health."

"Okay, I know." Some kind of noise came from Qiao Haoming's side as he answered vaguely. "I'll hang up now, I'll call you later."

"Okay."

After hanging up the phone, Xia Qinghan frowned.

Did she just... Hear some kind of female voice?

Impossible! How could there be a woman with him?!

However, that night, she received photos from an unfamiliar number.

The contents of these photos made her body cold!

Chapter 856: Can't Break Up

The man in the photo was still Qiao Haoming, but the woman was not Hong Zhenhan, nor the girl he kissed last time, but random women.

There were two women in the photo, probably in their early twenties, dressed flamboyantly, and they were both nestled in Qiao Haoming's lap, kissing him passionately on the face.

Qiao Haoming had a wide smile; having several girls with him obviously put him in a very good mood.

This scene froze Xia Qinghan's blood.

She had thought that what happened before was just a fluke, and as long as she put in more effort, Qiao Haoming would not be with those women anymore.

However, this scene shattered her feeling of luck.

Qiao Haoming had never lacked girls at his side!

Xia Qinghan's finger trembled as she swiped on the photo, and there were a few male faces in the corner of the next one.

She recognized another person, who was Qiao Weiyue.

This made her heart go cold.

Qiao Weiyue was there too?

Thinking about Qiao Haoming's words just now, she immediately understood.

Qiao Haoming was indeed with Qiao Weiyue, but there were women with them! These women were quite sleazy.

However, Qiao Haoming seemed so close to them...

Qiao Weiyue took his son to go whoring!

Xia Qinghan gritted and almost gnashed her teeth.

They had really gone too far! It was too much!

If Qiao Haoming was in front of her, she would have slapped him in the face! But she couldn't do that!

If she did that, Qiao Haoming might break up with her.

Once they broke up, if something happened in the future, there would be no way back.

At this moment, she hated it so much that her breath seemed to stop.

She couldn't understand why Qiao Haoming would go so far! Didn't he say he loved her the most?

If he really loved her, why would he get involved with all these girls?

Xia Qinghan's tears came out, and she couldn't help but call Bai Meixue.

Before she could say anything, she started crying.

Bai Meixue immediately got anxious.

“What’s wrong? Who bullied you?”

Xia Qinghan sobbed and described the situation with Qiao Haoming.

“Why does he always like to find other women?”

Bai Meixue was silent for a moment before saying with great difficulty, “Men, well... They are all like that...”

“I don’t want a boyfriend like this!” Xia Qinghan cried. “I want to break up!”

“No!” Bai Meixue immediately refused. “You can’t break up!”

“I want to break up!” Xia Qinghan cried even louder. “Why should he treat me like this? It’s not like nobody else wants me!”

Bai Meixue was anxious.

“Don’t be reckless! Think about it. It’s been so many years already, can’t you stand it some more?”

Xia Qinghan cried pitifully, “I can’t stand it anymore! Why do I have to put up with it!”

She was the pampered young lady of the Xia family. There were many people who liked her, so why must she put up with Qiao Haoming?

“Hanhan!” Bai Meixue said in a low voice. “Stop it! Have you forgotten your identity!”

Those words were like thunderbolts from a clear sky, instantly waking her up.

Yes, how could she forget who she was?

If she was the Xia family’s real daughter, she would have the courage to fight with Qiao Haoming, and if he was dead set on not changing, she could still break up, or take advantage of the breakup to control him.

However, she was not!

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Thinking of this, she cried even louder.

Xia Qinghan did not know how she hung up the phone, but when she came to her senses, she received a call from her older brother instead.

Chapter 857: Big Brother Comes Over

Xia Qingxun was Xia Qinghan's elder brother. He was 25 years old, and seven years older than her.

Due to this seven-year difference, he treated Xia Qinghan with great affection.

However, he had now taken over the Xia family business, so he was always very busy.

Although he cared for Xia Qinghan, the most he could do was to make calls and check on her. Occasionally, he would go to see her when he was in G City.

While he couldn't see her often, he still gave Xia Qinghan pocket money.

It could be said that the three members of the Xia family were all very loving to Xia Qinghan. Even if they didn't meet up very much, they cared for her greatly.

Today, Xia Qingxun called Xia Qinghan to check on her becoming part of the girl group.

To his surprise, the call went through just in time for him to hear Xia Qinghan's hoarse voice.

"Are you crying?" Xia Qingxun immediately frowned.

"No!"

Xia Qinghan's heart jumped, and she immediately denied it.

"Don't lie, you must have cried!" Xia Qingxun cut to the chase, as if he couldn't hear the change in her voice. "Who bullied you?"

Xia Qinghan knew it was impossible to deny it and could only say, "Well, I did cry just now. However, no one bullied me, I just..."

"Just what?"

She said a little shyly, "I was watching a movie just now, and I was too emotional. That's why I cried."

Hearing her say this, Xia Qingxun persisted, "Really? You weren't bullied?"

"Of course not!" Xia Qinghan cheered up, her voice a little nasally and a little proud. "Who am I? It's not that easy to be bullied! Besides, I'm doing great now!"

"It's not that girl Xia Xibei bullying you, is it?"

Xia Qingxun's words made Xia Qinghan's heart jump wildly and she hurriedly denied it, "Brother, you think too much! The bullying was all nonsense from the media. As you know, the media likes to make up stuff."

She would act cute with Qiao Haoming, and she would complain to others, but she would never let the Xia family know about her and Xia Xibei, let alone let them deal with Xia Xibei.

What if they found out something? What then? She absolutely could not let them interfere.

These words couldn't help but make Xia Qingxun nag, "I told you before that the entertainment industry is not a good place..."

“Brother...” She hurriedly pouted, “I’m already in this industry! What’s the use of you saying so much? It’d just affect my mood... Well, let’s change the topic.”

If his sister said so, what could Xia Qingxun say to that? He could only follow along and change the topic.

“I’m going to G City tomorrow.”

“You’re coming over!?”

Xia Qinghan’s voice was suddenly higher.

“What, am I not welcome?” Xia Qingxun said with a smile.

“Of course not,” Xia Qinghan hurriedly said. “It’s just so sudden! But aren’t you the boss? Why do you have to come out personally?”

“This time the matter is more important, so I have to personally deal with it.” Xia Qingxun was in a good mood. “I’ll come find you.”

“Alright.”

After hanging up the phone, Xia Qinghan was a bit nervous.

When she was in the final competition before, she didn’t even let her parents and brother come over.

Now Xia Qingxun was suddenly coming over. Would something happen?

No, no! Absolutely not!

Xia Qinghan reassured herself, but she couldn’t help but be nervous.

The next day, the two siblings met.

As soon as they met, Xia Qingxun frowned. “Haven’t you slept well? Or have you been working too much?”

“A little bit of both.” Xia Qinghan did not deny it. “You know that I just became part of a group and have to run around.. I don’t have much time these days. Today I actually took time off!”

Chapter 858: Brother and Sister Hanging Out

Xia Qingxun was worried.

“Why are you more exhausted than us? You might as well quit!”

“No!” Xia Qinghan immediately shook her head. “I like this industry! I like being a star!”

What could Xia Qingxun say when his sister was so determined?

“Kid!” He shook his head helplessly. “Forget it, I won’t force you. Anyway, just remember to take good care of yourself.”

“Don’t worry, I will!”

Xia Qinghan showed a bright smile, concealing the gloom and worry in her heart as she began to talk about what had happened over the past few days.

The two siblings got along harmoniously.

They had a big age difference, but Xia Qingxun loved his sister very much, so the relationship between the two siblings had always been very good.

In the last year or two, Xia Qinghan stayed in G City while the other three Xias stayed in the Imperial Capital. As they were separated and each had things to do, it was harder for them to stay close.

In front of Xia Qingxun, Xia Qinghan had always been a good and understanding little sister. She did not mention what happened to her before, so as not to make him worry.

“By the way, isn’t Haoming also in G City? How come you didn’t ask him to come over too?”

Qiao Haoming was Xia Qinghan’s fiancé. The relationship was confirmed by the two families, plus the young couple had a good relationship, so Xia Qingxun’s attitude towards Qiao Haoming was quite good.

After all, the man was his brother-in-law. Of course they should have a good relationship, so as not to make things difficult for his sister.

Speaking of Qiao Haoming, Xia Qinghan’s body stiffened for a moment, then quickly returned to normal.

She slapped her head and laughed, “Oops, I forgot to tell him! I was too busy!”

“I was so excited last night when you said you were coming over! I forgot to let him know!”

She pouted at her brother.

Xia Qingxun stared at her for a moment, making sure she wasn’t forcing a smile, before flicking her on the head.

“What a memory you have!”

“Ouch!” Xia Qinghan covered her forehead, smiling while complaining. “Don’t flick me! If you make me stupid, I’ll tell our parents!”

Xia Qingxun despised her, “You’re just a tattletale!”

“Hmph! It is a good strategy!”

Xia Qinghan was pleased.

Time passed quickly as the siblings had a nice chat.

“Well, I have to go now.”

"Aren't you going to rest at home?" Xia Qinghan asked.

"No. I have to go to another district. I have to be there at nine tomorrow morning. If I sleep at home, I'll be in too much of a hurry tomorrow morning with traffic, and I'm afraid I won't make it in time."

"Oh, okay." Xia Qinghan was a little reluctant. "Then... You go."

Xia Qingxun admonished her as he walked to the door, "Remember to get enough rest. Don't be so busy being a star that you don't care about anything else."

"Don't worry, I'm not a kid anymore!"

"Oh yeah. A few days after your birthday, Mom and Dad will come over."

"Hmm?" Xia Qinghan was stunned. "They are coming over?"

"Yeah," Xia Qingxun smiled. "After all, it's your eighteenth birthday. Shouldn't we spend it together as a family?"

Xia Qinghan's mood was mixed, she was both happy and guilty.

"No need to rush over..."

"You try saying this to mom, I can't convince them." Xia Qingxun stroked her head and said in a warm voice, "If you weren't a star, you would be in the Capital by now. Our family could have been together, so we wouldn't have to run around."

"Brother..." Xia Qinghan's voice was a little lower.

"Okay, silly girl." Xia Qingxun patted her head. "I have to go now. Take care of yourself. We'll be over in a few days!"

"Okay."

Pictures of the two siblings together soon reached Xia Xibei.

Looking at the handsome Xia Qingxun, her mind blurred with more shadows.

Chapter 859: Short Video App

Xia Xibei knew Xia Qinghan had an older brother, but she had never seen him before.

Now she realized that her brother was quite handsome.

This brother was very good to Xia Qinghan.

If she had such a good brother, she would cherish him.

How would a brother who loved his sister so much react if he knew what Qiao Haoming had done?

Ever since she found out that something was not right between Xia Qinghan and Bai Meixue, a thought came to Xia Xibei's mind.

The two of them couldn't be related, could they?

Bai Meixue's kindness to Xia Qinghan was too much for Xia Xibei to understand.

If they were not related by blood, how could they be so close?

In order to solve this mystery, she chose to aggravate Xia Qinghan.

Only when Xia Qinghan was unsettled could the mystery be solved.

It was the best choice to aggravate Xia Qinghan using Qiao Haoming.

She just hadn't expected Xia Qinghan to not break up with Qiao Haoming, even after receiving all these photos.

Did she love Qiao Haoming so much that she could ignore these things?

Anyway, Xia Xibei didn't believe this.

As for the truth of the matter, she should find out soon.

Xia Xibei smiled, as the most important thing now was to hit the charts first.

She had released three songs, all of which were of good quality.

Two were her compositions and one was written by Mu Qiaona, but all had proven popular in their previous lives.

To promote her songs, Xia Xibei also worked with Tang Luo for promotion.

God Luo's Streaming TV was very hot now.

Other companies were also developing live streaming platforms. However, they were one step behind them and definitely had trouble keeping up for a while.

Due to the past life memories, Xia Xibei and Tang Luo had more experience in this area that others simply couldn't surpass.

Tang Luo handed God Luo's Streaming TV over to a highly-paid manager to take care of. Meanwhile, she chose to develop a new short video app.

When this app was launched, it chose several programs for title sponsorship.

This short video app called "God Feng" soon went viral and many people started to use this app.

The popularity of the app rose quickly.

In order to shoot short videos, God Feng provided a lot of music.

In addition to some simple and easy instrumentals, there were three songs by Xia Xibei.

Xia Xibei made an account and added some simple, easy moves to the chorus of these three songs.

This tie-in made these three songs even hotter.

People chose these songs when they shot the same type of video or parody.

However, these videos were too short.

How could such a good song be incomplete?

So, many people chose to go to music sites to listen to these songs.

Therefore, besides the fans' daily promotion of these songs, a lot of content was provided by regular people.

Other people didn't even think that there was this kind of operation

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Nowadays, the music market was sluggish, and singers had to put in so much effort to push their songs.

However, many of the songs were not well received. It was only the fans who were getting high by themselves, while passersby had not heard of them at all.

Xia Xibei used this short video format to promote her song, and the songs quickly went viral.

Of course, this was also because they were willing to advertise before, so the God Feng app was able to grow so quickly.

As God Feng became famous and Xia Xibei's songs were used more and more, the songs became hits.

However, in order to avoid being disliked by people later on due to overplaying, these songs would play for a week.

Chapter 860: Making the Charts

Some songs were just so over-exposed that they annoyed everyone after a while.

If all videos used the same song soundtrack, whether it was appropriate or not, it was easy to turn people off.

Moreover, many people had a rebellious mentality.

If everyone else liked something, they wouldn't.

Over-promotion, no matter the quality, would repulse some people.

Xia Xibei did not need everyone to like her, but she wanted to get the best results.

As far as she could observe, one week was enough to binge on the songs, make a name, and let everyone know about them.

Sure enough, a few days before her birthday, the songs had already reached the top of the charts. Such a result was very amazing for a newcomer.

As a result, Pan Yan received more offers than ever.

The offers included variety shows, endorsements, magazine interviews...

Xia Xibei was interviewed by a few outlets and chose to participate in a few chart-topping shows, so there was no shortage of advertising endorsements.

However, she met up with Xia Qinghan on a chart-topping show.

This time, she was officially debuting as a singer-songwriter, while Xia Qinghan was debuting as a member of a girl group.

Xia Qinghan's group was called Shining Girls, the cheesy name having been trolled by fans many times.

However, the name was decided by the top boss, and they had no say.

The five members of Shining Girls were all pale, beautiful, and long-legged, attracting a lot of attention.

In front of the camera, they always behaved very harmoniously and friendly.

Since becoming a group, several girls had been on gigs, and doing all kinds of appearances, trying to make themselves familiar to audiences.

Supposedly, there would also be a group variety performance, which was still being planned and people didn't know when it would come out.

However, it was something fans could look forward to.

Of these five girls, Xia Qinghan had the most seniority.

If it wasn't for Xia Xibei's influence, she would probably be number one right now.

It was a pity that she was attacked by Xia Xibei.

Bai Meixue previously intended to make Xia Qinghan have the persona of a top scholar. Unfortunately, when she participated in "Million Dollar Wisdom and Courage," her persona collapsed badly.

Although her academic performance was good and she was a top scholar, compared to Xia Xibei, her performance was not up to par.

If she dared to play this persona, she would definitely be criticized to death.

Without this persona, her popularity was much lower, which couldn't be helped.

Although her popularity was much lower than expected, Xia Qinghan still felt superior.

After all, she had already done one drama and was the female lead. Such qualifications were enough to make her act proud in the group.

Although she acted very gentle in front of the camera, how could the other girls not feel her arrogance?

So, if you looked closely, you could sense some discord between them.

However, in front of the camera, they would never admit that they didn't get along.

When they saw Xia Xibei coming over, several of them had a bit of an awkward expression.

Although Xia Xibei was eliminated in the first round, they knew how the result really came about.

Moreover, they also watched Xia Xibei's live stream and had really lost face.

Plus, Xia Xibei's new songs had hit the top of the charts, and their results were not comparable at all, so they were even more embarrassed.

So, in front of Xia Xibei, they were all very humble and enthusiastic, calling her "Sister Bei" repeatedly.

Looking at her own teammates' mutiny, Xia Qinghan was livid!