

Hidden 1531

Chapter 1531: Very Exciting

“They asked me to help them receive a client. I agreed.”

“You’re already so busy...” Lu Heting’s voice became gloomy.

“I’m just helping Mr. Weijian now. Besides, the filming is over. I’m not too busy,” Su Bei said with a smile. “Besides, I’m your legitimate wife. It’s only right for me to help you receive clients!”

Lu Heting naturally knew that she had compromised a lot for him.

Even though they were separated by the Pacific Ocean, Su Bei could already sense his emotions. She smiled and said, “Grandpa and Grandma’s attitudes are much gentler now. It looks like they’re slowly changing. We should all give in a little. Besides, don’t you want me to test my ability as Mrs. Lu?”

The man’s low laugh came from the other end of the line, full of affection. “Okay.”

After hanging up the phone, Su Bei immediately went to prepare for this matter.

There was also news from Qian Gouhua that someone wanted to buy Su Lu’s painting at a high price.

“Brother Gouhua, I think we can sell it this time. What do you think? Two million yuan is more than enough for a newbie in the industry.” Qian Gouhua was overjoyed.

“This price is enough to prove that you’re famous.”

“Okay, sell it as you see fit,” Su Bei said. “And help me look into the person who has such good taste and appreciates my works so much.”

Not long after Su Bei left the Lu family’s mansion, Fu Yujia appeared.

Old Madam Lu was naturally happy to see her. She did not treat her as her granddaughter-in-law, but she could treat her as her granddaughter.

“Grandma Lu, I heard that Mr. and Mrs. Brown are coming to S Country this time and are going to discuss business with the Lu family, right?” Fu Yujia asked gently. “I don’t have any other intentions. Previously, they had some connections with our Fu family, so I’ll welcome them this time.”

Old Madam Lu smiled and said, “That’s right. Heting is overseas, and your Grandpa Lu and I are old. We don’t care about anything else. This time, Su Bei will receive them.”

“Su Bei is outstanding, so it’s natural that she’ll do a good job at receiving them. However, she doesn’t deal with business matters much. I’ll discuss it with her more when the time comes,” Fu Yujia said generously.

Old Madam Lu no longer wanted to go against Lu Heting’s wishes, so she began to be gentle with Su Bei.

Seeing that Fu Yujia was going to take a step back, she said, “That’s perfect. You young people should talk more.”

“Yes, that’s exactly what I think. After all, the two families are close. I’m doing this for the sake of the two families,” Fu Yujia said.

“In that case, please take good care of Su Bei,” Old Madam Lu said. After all, she was worried that Su Bei, who had never handled such matters before, would not be considerate enough. If she offended the guests, Lu Heting would have to clean up the mess.

“I will. Don’t worry, Grandma Lu.” Fu Yujia smiled.

Su Bei asked Lu Hang for information about the Brown couple. This couple did not come to S Country often. Some of their preferences were also unpredictable. The information Lu Hang gave her was also limited.

On the other hand, Fu Yujia had more information about this couple because she had interacted with them when she was overseas.

Su Bei had yet to find a breakthrough point for this couple, so she could only temporarily prepare according to the highest standards. However, she did not know what could move their hearts.

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In the production team of *Actors, Please Go On Stage*.

He Xuyan sat alone backstage in a daze.

“Um, Director He...” Xu Zhiqin brought a cup of coffee over. “Have some coffee.”

“Thank you.” He Xuyan nodded and took it.

Xu Zhiqin smiled shyly. “Thank you for your help in the past few days. You’re the reason why I’ve improved so much.”

“It’s nothing.”

Xu Zhiqin’s eyes lit up. “I’ve wasted a lot of your time, but I have a presumptuous request. When the competition is over, can I treat you to a meal? I don’t mean anything else. I’m just grateful to you.”

“Alright.” He Xuyan nodded.

“Then can you help me take a look at this?” Xu Zhiqin handed over her script.

He Xuyan took it and glanced at her dense notes. He knew that she was seriously preparing. He liked serious people, but he could tell at a glance that she had actually made a mistake. She was asking too much of him. If she was anxious to succeed, she would definitely fall behind.

He Xuyan pointed out the problem to her. Xu Zhiqin lowered her head. When she heard his reminder, she couldn’t help but nod repeatedly.

When she encountered this bottleneck, she really couldn’t figure out how to fix the problem even when she racked her brains. He Xuyan told her to take a step back and relax a little, which gave her great inspiration.

“Thank you, Director He.” Her tone was soft because He Xuyan was sitting while she was standing. The heat just happened to blow into He Xuyan’s ears.

His body stiffened.

“Then, how about I change it like this?” Xu Zhiqin didn’t notice his abnormality and suggested her idea seriously.

He Xuyan said nothing for a moment.

Xu Zhiqin thought that he was a little tired. After all, filming was very tough. He had been filming for an entire day, yet she was still pestering him. Xu Zhiqin quickly said, “It’s okay, Director He. You should rest first. I’ll go to the side and think about it myself.”

The woman disappeared in a moment. Only then did He Xuyan feel his back relax.

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He coughed lightly and picked up the coffee that was no longer hot. He took a sip. After the bitterness spread, it left behind an intoxicating fragrance.

Xu Zhiqin happened to be in the same group as He Xuyan for this recording.

Xu Zhiqin was extremely excited. When she saw He Xuyan, her eyes lit up.

After spending a long time with Xu Zhiqin, many people in the production team knew that this woman was not as the rumors said. She was not here to cause trouble for Yali. She usually did not fight for anything. When she was free, she would read scripts and discuss them. Her acting skills were also solid.

Every time she saw He Xuyan, her eyes would brighten. She just wanted to improve her acting skills.

When others asked her for guidance, she would spare no effort to help.

Although there were many anti-fans outside, the people who interacted with her no longer hated her so much.

In this episode, He Xuyan guided her and spent a lot of time with her. As He Xuyan was very popular, the director could not bear to maliciously edit Xu Zhiqin’s scenes and kept them as they were.

When the show was broadcasted, Xu Zhiqin looked like a completely different person compared to the previous episodes.

She was polite and kind. It was very exciting to see her chatting with He Xuyan about the script.

Chapter 1532: Nothing More To Say

Moreover, she did not put on airs. When she was acting, the role she played was lifelike.

This time, everyone realized that Xu Zhiqin was actually quite good-looking.

Previously, perhaps because of her makeup, she did not look outstanding. This time, her hair was tied into a bun, revealing her slender swan neck, full forehead, and delicate chin. She was exceptionally attractive.

Amidst a bunch of anti-fans' curses, she actually began to have fans who admired her good looks!

[She's really good-looking! Especially when she has a cold expression, she looked very mature!]

[I want to see more of her! The production team deserves to be beaten up. What kind of clothes did they have her wear previously?]

[Let's all vote for her! Zhiqin has to debut as soon as possible.]

[Yes, we have to vote. Otherwise, when will Zhiqin be able to stand out?]

Xu Zhiqin had experience as a manager, and she was not afraid of marketing and planning at all. Seeing that the netizens were willing to fall for this marketing gimmick, she naturally had no complaints.

However, she did not want to ride on He Xuyan's popularity at all. It was just that whenever she saw him, she'd feel as though it'd be a loss if she did not seek guidance from him.

He Xuyan was her favorite director and her idol. She would not allow herself to take advantage of his popularity.

She couldn't do it.

He Xuyan accidentally saw someone saying that he and Xu Zhiqin would make a perfect couple, so he let Xu Zhiqin see it too.

Xu Zhiqin took a look. How could this be?

She immediately said, "Wait, I'll suppress this comment."

He Xuyan was displeased. "Why?"

"Look at us. How are we a ship? We shouldn't let them talk nonsense."

He Xuyan's face darkened as he ignored her.

Xu Zhiqin finally suppressed those kinds of comments. "Director He, it's done. Weren't you just saying that you wanted to give me a role?"

"There's nothing else to say." He Xuyan's tone was a little unfriendly.

"Didn't you just say that we need to discuss this scene?" Xu Zhiqin was puzzled. "Look at this. My kiss scene with the male lead of this scene..."

Kiss scene? He Xuyan didn't want to discuss it anymore.

Xu Zhiqin could clearly feel that He Xuyan was unhappy. Although he was usually not a good-tempered person, he was not like this.

She whispered, "Director He?"

He Xuyan ignored her.

She asked carefully, "Director He?"

He Xuyan still turned a deaf ear.

Xu Zhiqin didn't know how she had offended him, so she changed her tone. "Director He Xuyan?"

He Xuyan stood up and left.

Xu Zhiqin stared at the script with a confused expression.

In the end, He Xuyan came back to discuss the script with her just to carry out his duties at work. However, his attitude was neither cold nor warm.

Su Bei came to visit the production team. She knew that Xu Zhiqin's development was going smoothly, so she was in a good mood.

"Mr. Su, I don't know how I offended Director He. He's indifferent to me," Xu Zhiqin said. "Should I go and apologize?"

"Huh? Did you slack off?" Su Bei asked.

"No. Although I'm not very talented, I'm still very hardworking."

Su Bei couldn't figure out why either. She said, "In that case, have a good chat with him."

After thinking about it, Xu Zhiqin decided to go look for him.

After finding He Xuyan's residence, she knocked on his door.

When He Xuyan opened the door, his hair was wet and dripping with water from his chin.

Xu Zhiqin blushed. She quickly took out the fruits she had bought and said, "Director He, I'm here to see you. If there's anything I didn't do well in my work, please tell me frankly."

"Do you often go to a director's door alone like this?" He Xuyan asked unhappily.

After hearing this, she felt dejected. These words were too hurtful.

As expected, Xu Zhiqin's expression stiffened. She pursed her lips and said, "I'm here because I hope that the small friction between us won't affect our work. Since you don't think it's necessary, I'll leave first. Please accept the fruits. There aren't many episodes left. Let's part on good terms."

With that, she walked out stiffly.

"Wait." He Xuyan stopped her.

Xu Zhiqin did not turn around. Her back was still stiff. Needless to say, the words just now were already weighing heavily on her heart.

"Didn't you say last time that you'd treat me to a meal?" He Xuyan asked.

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His tone was softer than before.

Xu Zhiqin lowered her eyes and turned around. "Director He, is there anything you don't like to eat?"

Her tone was not very enthusiastic.

He Xuyan was unhappy with her tone, but after all, he had misspoken just now and hurt her. The tip of his tongue pressed against the tip of his teeth. "I want to eat some home-cooked food. You cook it."

Xu Zhiqin stared at him in surprise. He Xuyan leaned against the door and said, "If you find it meddlesome, then forget it."

"It's no trouble." Xu Zhiqin seemed to have seen through his unintentional words just now. Her tone was obviously happier. She turned around and walked toward him. "Do you have any groceries at home? Or should I buy them myself?"

"I have them." He Xuyan turned his body and gestured for her to enter.

Xu Zhiqin opened the fridge and quickly took out some food to make three dishes and a soup.

He Xuyan lived in a simple one-bedroom apartment. It was not big, but it was not as messy despite it being a bachelor's pad. As soon as the dishes were served, the entire room was filled with warmth.

Xu Zhiqin poured a drink. "Let me thank you for your guidance and care during this period. Thank you!"

'Just thanks?' He Xuyan picked up his glass.

He seemed to have thought of something, and his expression was a little unclear.

The meal was quite enjoyable. Xu Zhiqin was talkative, so there was no lack of topics at the table.

After eating, she took the initiative to help clean up. Her face was bright.

She walked out and asked with a smile, "Director He, I've already eaten and my anger has dissipated. May I ask if I did anything wrong to make you unhappy?"

He Xuyan couldn't bring himself to say it and narrowed his eyes.

How could she have done anything like that?

Throughout the recording, her performance was the best. Excluding personal feelings, Xu Zhiqin's work attitude was also convincing.

Seeing that he didn't say anything, Xu Zhiqin didn't force him. "Director He, it's true that I haven't acted in a long time. It's inevitable for me to be rusty and I'll be slow to understand things. The next time you see me perform poorly, don't be afraid of me getting angry. Just say whatever you want and scold me. I'll be very grateful if you can point out my problems."

She looked sincere. The light shone into her eyes, shining brightly.

"Mhm." He Xuyan nodded.

"I'm leaving now." Xu Zhiqin picked up her bag. "Don't give me high marks just because I treated you to a meal!"

Chapter 1533: Shameless Day

After making a small joke, she turned around and went out.

The door closed, and she was no longer in sight, but the house was full of her.

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Xu Zhiqin appeared too quickly, and she was too compatible with He Xuyan at work, which gave Yali a huge threat.

Pan Hongsen comforted her. "The production team is just taking advantage of her. Once they no longer find her useful, they'll kick her out. Don't worry too much."

"If I don't think of something soon, I'll really be stepped on by her! People are already saying that she's worthy of you." Yali was a little angry.

"But you know that you're the only one worthy of me, right?" Pan Hongsen actually enjoyed the current situation. After all, Xu Zhiqin had not caused him any substantial harm. On the contrary, every time she was in trouble, his popularity would surge and he could enjoy the benefits that came with it. He could reap the benefits without doing himself any harm.

However, that was not the case for Yali.

She had taken a big blow. Every time someone compared her to Xu Zhiqin, her popularity would suffer.

She did not want to benefit others!

"Brother Mark, if you don't help me, Xu Zhiqin will really step on me." Yali went straight to Brother Mark. Both she and Brother Mark were in the same boat.

"I know. I'll talk to the production team." Brother Mark wanted to take advantage of Xu Zhiqin's scandal and thought that the viewers wouldn't vote for her. Who knew that the market was so difficult to control and that people's hearts could not be played with?

The viewers actually voted for Xu Zhiqin, which really troubled him.

However, he still had a trump card in his hand. Once he used it, Xu Zhiqin would definitely be on the losing end!

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[Actors, Please Come On Stage was coming to an end. The winner of the competition would film 'My Dear' with Pan Hongsen. Who will have the last laugh? Let's wait and see!]

As soon as the news was released, it sparked discussions everywhere.

There were not many people left on the show, but Yali and Xu Zhiqin were among them. Xu Zhiqin's acting skills were beginning to be recognized, and she was a huge threat to Yali.

However, the production team suddenly announced that the winner of the championship would be filming 'My Darling' with Pan Hongsen. 'My Darling' was a love drama. It was an idol drama like Prince Charming and Snow White. Wasn't it obvious that they were causing trouble?

If the championship was between Yali and Xu Zhiqin, what about their messy relationship?

Of course, Pan Hongsen and Yali's fans couldn't be bothered to care so much. They just went on a scolding spree.

First, they scolded the TV station, then the production team. In the end, the gunpowder was focused on Xu Zhiqin alone.

[No wonder this b*tch came out to participate in this show. It turns out this is why!]

[She's really doing everything she can to seduce Pan Hongsen!]

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[I've never seen such a shameless person. It's fine if she interfered in other people's relationships, but now, she's actually pursuing the guy relentlessly. It's disgusting. It's simply beyond my understanding of people.]

[Today is Miss Xu's most shameful day!]

However, now that Xu Zhiqin had her own fans, there were naturally people protecting her amidst the chiding. [Don't think that others will chase after you just because you're in high demand! Zhiqin was an actress to begin with. Her previous works all performed very well. As long as you're not blind, you can see it!]

[That's right! When Xu Zhiqin was acting in movies, you guys were still playing with mud. She only came back to do what she liked. Don't try to slander her!]

Not only that but there were also fans who edited all the exciting scenes from her previous movies and released them for everyone to see.

Of course, Xu Zhiqin had also edited many of these sorts of videos herself. This was something she had learned when she was supporting Pan Hongsen.

Her own edits were posted on her personal Weibo account. They immediately became popular.

The penultimate episode of Actors, Please Go On Stage was broadcasted in such a tense atmosphere.

The last two rounds were no longer pre-recorded. Instead, they were broadcasted live. The fans' shouts echoed throughout the venue.

Yali's assistant said, "We've investigated. After Brother Mark released the news that the winner is going to film a TV show with Brother Hongsen, your and his fans are truly pissed. They're united against a common enemy and swore to cast Xu Zhiqin out this round! There'll definitely be no problem tonight!"

Yali said arrogantly, "Do I look worried?"

It was all too easy to crush Xu Zhiqin.

Su Bei also went backstage to see Xu Zhiqin.

“You’ve already won.” Su Bei looked at Xu Zhiqin. “You’ve already forced Brother Mark to play all the cards he can.”

“I want to win even more!” Xu Zhiqin’s eyes revealed her desire for the championship.

How could Su Bei not want her to have the last laugh? However, the production team and Brother Mark had already used all the means they could that were still within the rules.

In terms of the number of fans, Xu Zhiqin could not fight against the fans of the two big stars. Tonight, the fans of these two people would definitely try their best to kick Xu Zhiqin out.

Su Bei was aware of Xu Zhiqin’s determination, but losing this round was not considered a failure.

Backstage...

He Xuyan kept frowning. The coffee in his hand was already cold.

Everyone knew that He Xuyan had a bad temper and was extremely strict. No one dared to disturb him.

The makeup artist hurriedly finished helping him with his hair and left, afraid that she would freeze from his cold aura.

Xu Zhiqin was preparing elsewhere.

At this moment, only Su Bei dared to go forward and greet him.

“Brother!” Su Bei pulled out a chair and sat down beside him. “Are you unhappy? Having the fans vote is an old tradition. We really can’t say anything about the production team doing this.”

She thought that he was vexed by the production team’s way of showing fairness on the surface, but in fact, they were promoting the actors with a lot of fans.

That was not what He Xuyan was unhappy about.

It was only then that he knew that the winner of this show could work with Pan Hongsen on a new drama.

Xu Zhiqin looked energetic. In the past, she looked quite cute, but now, she was a little dazzling.

However, it was not appropriate to say this. Who was he to interfere in other people’s lives?

“Do you want me to drink with you?” Su Bei could tell that he was not troubled by the production team’s rules.

‘Then why?’

She did not understand.

He Xuyan raised his hand and hit her on the head. “Drink? Don’t you know that your stomach isn’t good?”

He had only found out about her misdiagnosis after hearing Lu Heting mention it once.

Although nothing happened after that, when Lu Heting mentioned it, his heart skipped a beat.

Chapter 1534: Anyone With Eyes Can See

Su Bei didn't think much of it, but everyone around her was on guard.

She smiled. "Are you afraid of being beaten up by Lu Heting or Mom and Dad?"

He Xuyan glanced at her faintly, and Su Bei smiled even wider. "Oh, you're afraid of all three of them!"

He Xuyan reached out to rub the wig she was wearing, but Su Bei avoided it. "No, no, no. There'll be scandals again."

After Su Bei's teasing, He Xuyan's emotions recovered a lot. He pushed aside his thoughts, and his dark eyes were bright again.

Su Bei went to the scene and regained her composure.

At this moment, the show officially began.

It had to be said that Yali and Pan Hongsen had a lot of fans. There were already a few of them sitting around Su Bei, muttering that they had to eliminate Xu Zhiqin tonight.

The show officially began. After a few people's performances, it was time for Yali's performance.

She was fashionable and beautiful. Her acting skills were not exquisite, but they were compatible with the persona in the script. Therefore, after her performance, the voting channel opened, and the votes rose.

Several directors also gave her good evaluations.

Xu Zhiqin would have a difficult time tonight.

Su Bei sat below the stage and looked at the stage with a serious expression. She only hoped that more people would be able to see Xu Zhiqin's exquisite acting skills.

Xu Zhiqin's performance was about to begin.

If the others' acting skills were slightly above average and barely passable, then Xu Zhiqin's performance was representative of quality.

Her every frown, smile, word, and even teardrop could move one's heart.

Yali's fans, who were sitting beside Su Bei, whispered, "What should I do? I don't seem to want to make things hard for her anymore."

"But have you thought about what Yali is going to do? Pan Hongsen is Yali's real boyfriend! They're definitely going to get married! As a fan, are you going to support the other party and watch our ship be torn apart?"

"Of course not. I'd better vote for Yali. Hurry up and vote for her!"

“That’s right.”

When Su Bei heard the words of the people beside her, the corners of her lips twitched. Sure enough, fans were the most unreasonable. In order to protect their idol, they would not care about acting skills, performance, or even character.

There was nothing anyone could say about Brother Mark taking advantage of this.

Not only did everyone vote for Yali, but they also voted for all the other contestants. They didn’t vote for Xu Zhiqin. There was no doubt about the result.

The show was coming to an end, and everyone was just waiting for the results to be announced.

It was finally time for the announcement.

Whether Xu Zhiqin was eliminated or not was naturally the highlight.

The host said excitedly on stage, “At the moment, Yali is ranked first while Xu Zhiqin is ranked last. It’s very dangerous to be last. Whether the actor can enter the next round depends on the directors’ votes!”

Then, the directors voted.

The fans’ votes accounted for 50%, while the four directors’ votes accounted for another 50%.

However, with the current score gap, unless Xu Zhiqin could score more than 9.5 points from each director, she would definitely be eliminated.

Although Chen Ke, Gao Chengru, and Yan Li all liked Xu Zhiqin’s acting, they were very cautious directors. They rarely gave a high score of more than 9.5.

The possibility of getting a high score of more than 9.5 tonight was not high.

Sure enough, Yan Li only gave her a score of 9.4. “Zhiqin performed very well, but there’s still room for improvement. I hope you can continue to improve.”

Gao Chengru shrugged. “I have nothing to nitpick about Xu Zhiqin’s performance tonight. I give her 9.4.”

Chen Ke also nodded. “Me too.”

The three directors gave the highest score they had given since the start of the show.

Even so, Xu Zhiqin was still far from advancing.

Yali pretended to be regretful, but she was already celebrating her victory in her heart. Even if He Xuyan gave her another 9.4 points, there was nothing Xu Zhiqin could do.

Her fans were indeed good at fighting!

Xu Zhiqin looked at Su Bei below the stage and gave her a smile. Although it was a pity that she could not enter the finals, this was already a victory for Su Bei.

At this moment, Xu Zhiqin heard He Xuyan’s voice. He said, “I’ll give you 9.9 points.”

9.9 points!

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Not only was it the highest score since the start of this show, but it also pulled up the previous scores!

It made the average score of the four directors exceed 9.5 points!

Xu Zhiqin could advance!

He Xuyan's score not only exceeded Yali and Brother Mark's expectations but also the entire production team's expectations.

The host on stage was stunned for a moment before announcing the final results.

Su Bei looked up at He Xuyan. From this position, she could only see his back. His back was still straight, and he had his usual straightforwardness and bearing.

She immediately logged into Weibo. As expected, He Xuyan's score was already on the trending searches.

Fortunately, He Xuyan's straightforward personality had long been deeply rooted in people's hearts. Although everyone was surprised, most of them understood. After all, anyone with eyes could see how good Xu Zhiqin's performance was.

The netizens were also helping to fight back against Yali's and Pan Hongsen's fans.

Su Bei also thought to herself that her brother was still the same. He did things according to his heart and did not care about the criticisms of others.

When Yali got off the stage, she was so angry that her breathing was shallow.

Her assistant quickly followed her and handed over the water and towel.

"He Xuyan, how dare he?!" Yali said angrily. "I did everything that I should've, but my plans were still ruined by He Xuyan!"

"Director He has always been stubborn. Otherwise, we've won him over earlier," the assistant said in a low voice.

Yali vented her anger.

"Yali, it's okay. Since you got the most votes from the fans this time, it'll be the same for the finals. Don't worry."

Yali shook her head. "How is that possible? The fans are exhausted!"

Su Bei, who had entered the backstage area, smiled and said, "Tonight, many people have seen your acting skills. Even Yali's fans are growing biased toward you. Her fans won't be as united as they were today in the finals."

Xu Zhiqin's palms were covered in sweat. "It's all thanks to Director He."

"Don't say that. You make it sound like he's playing favorites. It's all because of your strength." Su Bei smiled.

Xu Zhiqin also knew that she had misspoken and laughed.

However, she probably couldn't meet He Xuyan tonight. The outside world was discussing He Xuyan's high score. The irrational Yali fans were even cursing. If she went to look for He Xuyan and the reporters saw her, she didn't know what they would write and how much pressure they would give him.

Chapter 1535: He Knows Her Knowledge

Since she was unable to look for him, Xu Zhiqin could only call him.

The call went through, and his usual cold voice came from the other end. Xu Zhiqin felt relieved.

"Director He, are you okay?"

"Why wouldn't I be?" He Xuyan asked.

"Well..." Xu Zhiqin subconsciously clenched her fists. "There are quite a lot of people on the internet talking about you, and those words are supposed to be directed at me."

"Since I dare to give that score, I'm prepared to be criticized."

Xu Zhiqin's ears warmed at his words, but they were clearly so far apart.

She said, "I bought coffee, but I couldn't bring it to you. I was worried that people would say that we had a private deal."

He Xuyan touched the tip of his nose. No wonder he didn't get the coffee she bought when he was backstage.

"Director He, that night when I cooked for you, I told you not to go against your principles and give me a high score... Could it be because of this..." Xu Zhiqin was confident in her acting skills.

However, He Xuyan had indeed given her a very high score this time.

She was really afraid that she would affect him.

For some reason, He Xuyan's tone was very good. "Do you think you can bribe me with a meal and a cup of coffee? Am I that cheap?"

"That's true." Xu Zhiqin smiled happily. "It's really great that I'm worth 9.9 points in your heart! It's been so long, and no one has ever given me such a high evaluation."

He Xuyan said calmly, "I'm naturally very objective even when it comes to my own people."

"Yes, I'm aware of your professional attitude, but did you just call me your people?" Xu Zhiqin suddenly couldn't figure it out.

He Xuyan knew that he had made a blunder and felt dejected. Not only did he tell her such a thing, but he also included her in his list of people.

"I mean, I wouldn't deliberately give you high marks."

Xu Zhiqin smiled. "I see. So we can have coffee together in the future?"

“Yeah.”

The voice on the other end of the line was soft and low.

Xu Zhiqin said happily, “Then I’ll bring you coffee in two days when we’re preparing for the finals.”

Hearing the word ‘finals’, He Xuyan’s tone suddenly became gloomy. “Do you value this competition very much?”

“That’s right. I’m making my comeback through this competition, and I’m also using the show as a platform to let everyone know me. If I don’t perform well, won’t it be a waste of opportunity and time? Although the possibility of winning the championship is small, I’m also a person with dreams. What if my dreams come true?”

Xu Zhiqin did not realize that her mood had lifted while talking to him.

However, the person on the other line was suddenly unhappy. “Your goal is to win the championship?”

After winning the competition, would she work with Pan Hongsen?

“That’s right! We can’t not have a goal, right?” Xu Zhiqin said.

The other party suddenly fell silent. Xu Zhiqin knew that she had taken up a lot of his time and felt guilty. She hurriedly said, “Director He, I won’t disturb you anymore. Rest early. Bye.”

She hung up the phone happily. She did not realize that the person opposite her was in a bad mood.

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Tonight, Xu Zhiqin had turned the tables and broken out of the encirclement. Su Bei naturally could not stay idle. She had to do what she needed to.

Xu Zhiqin’s acting skills should be seen by more people.

If her acting skills were recognized, the number of her fans would gradually increase.

That way, even if it was a battle between fans, Xu Zhiqin would be able to contend with Yali’s and Pan Hongsen’s fans.

He Xuyan’s fans naturally sided with Xu Zhiqin and joined the battle.

Xu Zhiqin’s reputation soared. She was no longer a mere manager who was scolded by others.

Su Bei was scrolling through the news when Lu Heting called. She immediately answered it.

A trace of displeasure immediately appeared in Lu Heting’s dotting eyes. “Aren’t you asleep at this time?”

Su Bei had forgotten that she was wearing a man’s formal suit. It was obvious that she had been busy until late and had yet to wash up.

“You know that I should be sleeping at this time, so why did you call me?” Su Bei found the flaw in his words and attacked first.

Lu Heting: "..."

Su Bei could see that his eyes were deep and slightly tired. She knew that he must be busy at this time. If he was busy overseas at this time, he must have been up all night.

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Her heart ached so much that her tone immediately softened. "I had something to do in the company today, so I stayed up a little. I sleep early on other days. Did you just finish a meeting? You haven't rested yet, have you?"

"Yes, I miss you." The man's voice was a little hoarse.

It was not the right time to disturb her. After the meeting, he subconsciously made a video call to her. Out of habit, he wanted to see her, so he forgot about the time difference.

The woman on the other end picked up the call so quickly that he didn't have time to hang up. Unexpectedly, she wasn't asleep yet.

"I miss you too, Hubby." Su Bei's voice was soft as she looked at him with bright eyes.

Lu Heting's heart skipped a beat. The exhaustion from the busy night was gone. "Rest early, then, okay?"

"Okay, I got it. You too. Don't work day and night. I can wait another day for a healthy husband to come back to my arms. I'd rather wait than see a physically and mentally exhausted husband sooner."

She knew that he was busy with his matters and wanted to go home early.

Knowing that she knew all this, his heart softened even more.

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The Brown couple had arrived from overseas, so the Lu and Fu families held a banquet at the same time.

Su Bei had already promised the two elders of the Lu family that she would receive the guests this time.

However, the Browns were very mysterious. The information she could obtain was limited, so the preparations she could make were also limited. She could only take things one step at a time.

Before she left, she received a call from Qian Guohua. "Brother Su Lu, another one of your paintings was bought for two million yuan. I'll transfer the share to your account."

"Thank you, Brother Gouhua."

"By the way, you asked me to look into the person who bought your paintings. I've really found out their identity."

"Who is it?"

"Fu Yujia!" Qian Xuhua said, "This person has a competitive relationship with your company and has been at odds with you before. I'm afraid she has ulterior motives, right?"

Su Bei thought for a moment. "Then help me keep an eye out."

Su Bei did not think that Fu Yujia had kind intentions.

However, what could she do with a painting?

Su Bei thought of something and reached for a bag of clothes before getting into the car.

This really came in handy.

This time, the Lu and Fu families were holding a banquet at the same time. Fu Yujia was in charge.

She had convinced Old Master Lu and Old Madam Lu that she would receive the Brown couple with Su Bei, so everything was settled.

Chapter 1536: I Dare Not Provoke You

She wanted to show outsiders that the Lu family was not satisfied with Su Bei. Only Fu Yujia could handle something important matters.

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At that time, everyone would naturally know who was stronger between her and Su Bei.

Seeing that she was eager to do it, Su Bei was happy and relaxed, so she let her be. She just had to appear when the time came.

When she went over that day, the banquet hall was already filled with guests.

Fu Yujia had a dignified and generous smile on her face. She was receiving guests and exchanging pleasantries with them.

It was as if she were the mistress of the house.

When they saw Su Bei, everyone's eyes fell on her. She looked better in person than on TV. This was the first time many people had seen Su Bei in real life.

Her eyes shone as if the sun had broken through the clouds and landed in the banquet hall. Even those who did not like Su Bei had to admit that she was very good-looking.

Fu Yujia subconsciously clenched her fists and looked in Su Bei's direction. "Su Bei, you're here? Everything is ready. The Brown couple will be here soon. When the time comes, let's go and receive them together."

"Okay, thank you." Su Bei smiled as if she did not notice anything unusual.

However, the guests here were already laughing at her in their hearts. As the wife of the Lu family, she did not even know how to host a banquet to entertain guests. She did not act like a lady from a wealthy family at all.

"Su Bei, do you know that Jia Jia has been preparing for today's banquet for a few days?" an elder of the Lu family asked.

"Really?" Su Bei still had a smile on her face. "It must've been hard on her."

Fu Yujia smiled and said, "It wasn't hard. Su Bei is busy filming and usually has to deal with reporters. She doesn't have as much free time as me. It's normal for her not to have time to prepare."

Most of the people present were prestigious and did not think much of people in the entertainment industry.

Some rich ladies, in particular, simply regarded the female artistes in the entertainment industry as ferocious beasts. In fact, they were just afraid that those artistes would snatch their husbands away. At the mention of female artistes, they couldn't help but say harshly, "Su Bei, it's said that the entertainment industry is chaotic. I've always heard that there are all kinds of lewd people in it. Do you often see those sorts of things happen?"

"I don't," Su Bei said and asked her seriously, "With Heting around, how would I have the chance to encounter those things?"

That person choked. She remembered that it had been a few years since Su Bei had been together with Lu Heting. She was in no place to talk to Su Bei.

Seeing that Su Bei was obviously showing off their love, Fu Yujia's face flickered. "Second Aunt, it's not like you don't know that Heting dotes on Su Bei. Su Bei definitely won't do those things. But it's indeed hard to say for the others."

"Anyway, it's true that the entertainment industry isn't clean. It's not that I'm looking down on it. Right, Su Bei?" the person called Second Aunt said.

It was unknown which distant second aunt this was. Seeing that the two were echoing each other and mocking her, Su Bei couldn't help but smile brightly and say, "I'm not sure if the entertainment industry is clean or not. However, Miss Fu is in charge of Sheng Tang Entertainment. Second Aunt, you can ask her. Wouldn't she know best?"

Fu Yujia's expression changed immediately. She could not hide it.

Second Aunt was also a little embarrassed.

Lu Rou, who was standing beside Fu Yujia, glanced at her and said, "How would Sister Jia Jia know? Sheng Tang Entertainment isn't hers. She bought it over, and it originally belonged to the Tang family. Su Bei, I remember that you used to be a member of the Tang family, right? Shouldn't you know this matter better than Sister Jia Jia?"

Everyone knew that Sheng Tang Entertainment used to respect female artistes very much. After hearing Lu Rou's words, it seemed that when Su Bei was around, Sheng Tang Entertainment was just as chaotic.

"I don't. You can try asking Heting." Su Bei looked at Lu Rou. There seemed to be a thorn in her smiling and bright eyes.

Lu Rou was so scared that she didn't dare to speak. She didn't want to die.

The people in front of them did not dare to talk about this topic anymore. Although Su Bei clearly wanted to use Lu Heting to suppress them, they had no choice but to accept it. After all, if Lu Heting were really present, who would say anything bad about Su Bei?

Fu Yujia also changed the topic and said, "Su Bei, don't lower yourself to the level of those insensible people. When the Brown couple comes later, we should receive them well."

Su Bei nodded and smiled. The others praised Fu Yujia for being sensible. "Jia Jia has always been generous and reasonable. She was the one who arranged today's banquet. She's really considerate."

"That's right. Our Jia Jia has always been nurtured according to the demeanor of a noble lady."

"I have to go back and have my daughter learn from Jiajia."

Some of these people were from the Lu family while some were from the Fu family. They usually enjoyed a lot of benefits from Fu Yujia, so they did not go easy when praising her.

As they praised Fu Yujia, they looked at Su Bei with a smug look. Their eyes were filled with the words 'I don't dare to provoke you, but I can praise Fu Yujia to the skies.'

The smile on Su Bei's face widened, and she couldn't be bothered. These people were just afraid of Lu Heting and looked down on her status, so they were taking advantage of Lu Heting's absence to show off.

Were people who couldn't even enter the Lu family's mansion worth Su Bei's effort?

Was that all Fu Yujia could do?

A moment later, the Browns arrived.

Fu Yujia hurriedly went out to welcome a middle-aged man and woman. The two of them had blonde hair and blue eyes. They looked very elegant.

Everyone went forward to greet them. The two of them came from the United States, and Fu Yujia received them in fluent English.

As if intentionally or unintentionally, everyone squeezed Su Bei to make sure she could not go over.

Su Bei stood far away and watched Fu Yujia's performance.

The people from the Fu family glanced at Su Bei and couldn't help but secretly shake their heads. "It's said that the people in the entertainment industry are good at socializing. Why is Su Bei acting like this now?"

"Flattering others is only effective in the entertainment industry. Wealthy families don't fall for those things," someone said knowingly.

Someone thought to themselves, 'So how can a person like Su Bei be worthy of Mr. Lu? Mr. Lu must've been bewitched by the woman in front of him. How can Su Bei be worthy of being Mrs. Lu on such an occasion?'

Fu Yujia invited Mr. and Mrs. Brown to the main seats and exchanged pleasantries with them in fluent English.

Mrs. Brown seemed to be very satisfied with Fu Yujia. She chatted with her warmly and asked, "Didn't you say that Mrs. Lu was also present today?"

Chapter 1537: The Lu Family's Shame

Fu Yujia looked indifferently in Su Bei's direction and said, "Mrs. Brown, Su Bei is over there. I'll invite her over."

Su Bei walked up to them and greeted them in fluent English. She was an international supermodel, so it was no secret that her English was good.

Mrs. Brown obviously respected Lu Heting, so her attitude toward Su Bei was very gentle. However, she was also distant. It was very difficult for someone like her to be easily moved.

When Fu Yujia saw this, she smiled and said, "Mrs. Brown, I've prepared a small gift for your trip to S Country this time. Please accept it."

"Okay, what is it?" Mrs. Brown did not decline and asked directly, showing the cheerfulness and magnanimity of an American.

Fu Yujia clapped her hands. Her assistant, Han Xu, walked over with an exquisite brocade box.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were international investors and were famous. Although they worked with many families, everyone knew that it was not easy to be on good terms with them.

Therefore, when it came to giving gifts, they had to be very particular. They had to give them ingeniously to suit their wishes, but the gifts could not be too expensive. Such gifts were very difficult to find.

Every partner had to rack their brains to find a gift that suited their taste.

Besides, it happened to be Mrs. Brown's birthday this time, so it was even harder to find her a gift.

Everyone was also looking forward to seeing what Fu Yujia would give them.

"Mrs. Brown, it's rare for you and Mr. Brown to come over, and it happens to be your birthday, so please accept this birthday gift." Fu Yujia presented it with both hands.

Mrs. Brown took it with a smile and opened it. Inside was a painting.

Everyone nodded to themselves. The gift was elegant and suited Mrs. Brown's temperament. It was a thoughtful gift.

However, it was unknown what kind of painting it was and what was its standard. After all, Mrs. Brown had received countless similar gifts.

Everyone was even more curious and tiptoed to look forward.

When Mrs. Brown saw that it was a painting, she continued to smile. She was not particularly surprised and only smiled to thank Fu Yujia.

Fu Yujia smiled and said, "Mrs. Brown, aren't you going to take a look?"

"Yes, I should admire it." Mrs. Brown picked it up. Actually, she did not have many expectations. She was already used to receiving such gifts.

Besides, the common gifts from S Country were silk and Chinese paintings. The first few times she received them, she was pleasantly surprised. Now, she was already numb to them.

However, when it came to dealing with the Lu and Fu families, gifts were no longer important. Mrs. Brown was not demanding. No matter what Fu Yujia gave her, she would sincerely thank her and accept it.

She took the painting and unfolded it. The smile on her face froze for a moment before a real smile appeared on her face. "Miss Fu, I really like this gift!"

Her smile came from the bottom of her heart. This time, she didn't mind even the crow's feet at the corners of her eyes. It was very different from the pleasantries from before.

Everyone was wondering whose painting Fu Yujia had given them this time.

"Mrs. Brown, it's good that you like it," Fu Yujia said with a smile. "I heard that you liked Su Lu's paintings, so I specially went to ask for one. I wish you a happy birthday and a happy life."

Mrs. Brown loved painting herself, but her painting skills were average. That didn't stop her from liking other people's paintings.

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Some time ago, she had accidentally seen a painting of Su Lu's. When she saw it, she liked it very much. She had been fascinated by Su Lu's works recently.

However, she asked around and found that Su Lu's paintings were not on sale on the market now. She wanted to buy some, but she couldn't.

She had been thinking about Su Lu's works the entire time. She came to S Country this time because she wanted to see Su Lu's art exhibition.

Now that Fu Yujia had given her such a gift, it was no wonder that Mrs. Brown was in such a good mood.

"Miss Fu, thank you so much. After so many years, this birthday gift is truly the best!" Mrs. Brown said with a smile.

Mr. Brown had always doted on his wife. Seeing her like this, he couldn't help but say, "Weren't the gifts I gave you in the past good?"

"They're good, very good," Mrs. Brown said.

The two's conversation immediately closed in the distance between everyone present. The atmosphere in the venue became lighter. It was no longer as serious as a business reception. There was a friendly vibe.

Everyone couldn't help but think highly of Fu Yujia. Her ability and consideration were indeed better than many people. This woman from the Fu family was indeed not bad.

It was no wonder the two elders of the Lu family had treated this woman well all these years.

In comparison, Su Bei, who was beside her, was far inferior. Apart from her outstanding looks, she was indeed much inferior to Fu Yujia.

It was said that one should marry a virtuous wife. They didn't expect Mr. Lu to fall for a vixen. He was so mesmerized by her beauty that he forgot his ancestral teachings. In the future, it would probably be very difficult for Mrs. Lu to help Mr. Lu in managing the business.

Su Bei stood aside, and all eyes were on her.

She heard that Mrs. Brown liked her works. She did not expect that after only two exhibitions, her paintings had already caught Mrs. Brown's attention.

No wonder Fu Yujia had asked someone to buy her painting time and again. It turned out that this was the reason.

Seeing Mrs. Brown's smile, Fu Yujia's gift this time had moved her heart.

Su Bei smiled slightly. In that case, she would give Mrs. Brown a gift too!

She turned around and walked out.

Fu Yujia chatted with Mrs. Brown and glanced at Su Bei from the corner of her eye. Seeing that she had disappeared, the smile on her face widened.

It seemed that Su Bei was really unpresentable. She actually left halfway through when receiving such important guests.

Would Lu Heting really love her for a long time? What would Su Bei do when he fell out of love with her?

The relatives of the Lu family were also looking for Su Bei. They asked each other, "Where's Su Bei?"

"That's too rude of her. The Browns are waiting here, but she disappeared just like that."

"Although the Browns might not argue with her on account of Mr. Lu, this concerns the Lu family's reputation. How can Su Bei be like this?"

"She's simply embarrassing our Lu family!"

The Fu family secretly laughed at Su Bei, while the Lu family was much more worried. Although Mr. Lu didn't have to worry about Mr. and Mrs. Brown's attitude, they still wanted to earn a living.

Chapter 1538: Putting Gold On Herself

If Su Bei did this, wouldn't she ruin everyone's career?

As everyone was thinking, someone said, "Isn't that Su Lu?"

"Who?"

"The person in charge of Nirvana Entertainment, Su Lu."

"It must be that painter, Su Lu."

Someone looked at the door and saw a young man. He had short hair and ordinary facial features. His clothes were not outstanding.

If not for the fact that he had often appeared in front of everyone because of Mrs. Cao's matter, no one would have recognized him even if he were to walk in front of everyone.

"What is Su Lu doing here?" someone asked secretly.

"I don't know. Could this be Mr. Lu's arrangement?"

As everyone spoke, Su Lu approached.

Fu Yujia was talking to Mr. and Mrs. Brown when she turned around and saw Su Lu.

Her breath was caught, and the corners of her eyes twitched. She didn't expect Su Lu to be here.

Su Bei had already walked over. She smiled and greeted them in fluent English, "Hello, Mr. and Mrs. Brown."

"Y-You are?" Mrs. Brown had seen a photo of the painter she had recently fallen in love with, but she was still pleasantly surprised to see him in person.

"I'm Su Lu. I was invited by a friend to celebrate your birthday with you, Mrs. Brown," Su Bei said with a smile. "Thank you for liking my paintings, Mrs. Brown. Thank you for your kindness. I wish to paint on the spot today and give it to you."

Mrs. Brown was overjoyed and said, "Of course, that's good. Thank you."

Fu Yujia wanted to chase Su Lu out, but Su Lu had already made a move. The words were on the tip of her tongue, but since Mrs. Brown was so happy, she could only endure it for the time being. She felt a little uncomfortable.

After fighting with Su Lu for a while, Sheng Tang Entertainment always returned with a crushing defeat. Fu Yujia did not have a good impression of this man.

At this moment, she had no choice but to watch helplessly as Su Lu took a brush and paper and began to paint.

Fu Yujia rubbed her palms and pondered. Perhaps it was Lu Heting's arrangement that Su Lu was able to come here today. He was not in the country, but he must value the Brown couple's reception.

Therefore, Fu Yujia thought to herself that she could only make amends with Su Lu now. She could not continue to fight with him, lest she hurt her relationship with Lu Heting.

While she was thinking, Su Lu finished painting.

Mrs. Brown supported her chin with one hand and looked at Su Lu with joy and admiration. Clearly, she was even happier about this big gift than the last gift.

Su Bei finished painting and signed her name. She went forward to give it to Mrs. Brown and said, "Mrs. Brown, my friend and I wish you a happy birthday. May you be happy every year and get younger and younger!"

Mrs. Brown took the painting and cherished it. "Thank you, thank you," she said repeatedly.

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This painting was different from the one Fu Yujia had given her just now.

Fu Yujia merely got someone to buy a painting. Qian Gouhua didn't even let her choose the paintings. She could only buy what was given to her.

As for Su Bei, she naturally drew the themes that Mrs. Brown preferred. She had previously asked around and found out that Mrs. Brown liked the bamboo from S Country, so this painting was specially drawn with bamboo.

It was a given that Mrs. Brown preferred this painting.

"Then I won't disturb you anymore, Mrs. Brown. Goodbye," Su Bei said and quickly left.

Mrs. Brown happily showed her painting to Mr. Brown. She was as happy as a child.

Mr. Brown also approved of this attentive gift and nodded repeatedly.

However, he couldn't help but ask with a smile, "I wonder who invited Su Lu?"

"I think it's Heting," Fu Yujia said without thinking. She guessed that this was not Su Bei's arrangement.

If it were Su Bei, she would have let others know about it long ago. Why would she wait until now?

Only then did the people from the Lu family heave a sigh of relief. It turned out that Mr. Lu also knew that he couldn't rely on Su Bei, so he specially made arrangements.

Su Bei could only rely on a man's protection to survive.

Mr. Brown nodded. "Not bad, not bad."

Fu Yujia couldn't help but smile and say, "Heting's arrangements have always been good. I just don't know why Su Bei hasn't come to wish Mrs. Brown a happy birthday yet. Han Xu, go and see where Su Bei is."

"There's no need to look. I'm here." Su Bei quickly walked up to Mr. and Mrs. Brown and said, "Mrs. Brown, happy birthday to you. And thank you for liking my gift."

"Your gift?" Mrs. Brown smiled. "So Su Lu is a friend you invited?"

Su Bei smiled and replied, "Yes, he's a friend of mine. I found out that your birthday was today and knew that you liked Su Lu's paintings very much, so I specially invited him to come over and give you his blessings."

"Su Bei, I really like this gift of yours!" Mrs. Brown smiled warmly. She stood up and gave Su Bei a hug.

Her impression of her had completely changed.

It wasn't really because of the gift. It was just the fact that she was able to go this far that made her happy.

Fu Yujia frowned slightly. Lu Rou, who was beside her, immediately reacted and said, "Su Bei, Su Lu should be someone Mr. Lu invited, right? How did he become the person you invited here?"

Fu Yujia stopped her. "Rou Rou, the person Heting invited is the person Su Bei invited. It doesn't matter."

She seemed to be helping Su Bei clarify, but she was actually trying to confirm it. This matter had nothing to do with Su Bei. Most importantly, it was Lu Heting's arrangement.

Su Bei usually wouldn't argue over such things, but now that she was being suppressed by Fu Yujia, she naturally wouldn't give in to her. Her red lips curled up slightly as she smiled. "Heting is overseas, so I handled today's gift. It's my honor to have my friend, Su Lu, come over. Of course, as you said, the friend I invited is no different from the friend Heting invited. There's naturally no need to distinguish between husband and wife."

When everyone heard this, they wondered if Su Bei really made the arrangements today. Did she really have such thoughts and abilities?

Didn't this mean that she was not inferior to Fu Yujia?

Fu Yujia naturally understood what she meant. Su Bei was hinting that she was just an outsider.

Lu Rou immediately said, "You're just flattering yourself. Anyway, Mr. Lu isn't around. No one will expose you."

Su Bei glanced at her from the corner of her eyes. Lu Rou was a little weak and unstable from her gaze as if it were not a look but a penetrating knife.

Chapter 1539: Lower Your Head

Su Bei walked up to Mrs. Brown and continued, "Mrs. Brown, bamboo in S Country symbolizes high morality and fearlessness. It's most compatible with your temperament. The poem in this painting says, 'The snow presses down on the bamboo's head, and the bamboo's head is lowered. A red sun rises, but it's still as high as the sky.' It means to praise the bamboo for being unafraid of difficulties and being neither servile nor overbearing. Even if it faces setbacks, it'll quickly rise."

Su Lu had just drawn this painting and left quickly.

No one had seen what the poem was about.

Su Bei opened her mouth and spoke fluently. Everyone finally believed that she was indeed the one who arranged this gift.

Such an arrangement was meticulous and ingenious. It was indeed commendable for her to consider Mrs. Brown's preferences in every way.

Mrs. Brown, in particular, only vaguely understood the meaning of the poem when she first received the painting. After hearing Su Bei's words, she nodded repeatedly and pulled Su Bei along, wanting to ask about the poems from S Country, especially the ones about bamboo.

Fu Yujia had spent a few days making arrangements, but this was the result. Her expression turned a little ugly.

The people from the Fu family were naturally unhappy.

On the other hand, the Lu family was only concerned about benefits. All of them were smiling. In any case, they had not suffered any losses.

Mrs. Brown and Su Bei were chatting happily, so Mr. Brown approved of this woman who made his beloved wife happier. He and Su Bei had tentatively decided that Su Bei would arrange their itinerary in S Country for the next few days.

“Okay, Mr. Brown,” Su Bei agreed.

Although it was called a trip, there were definitely many opportunities to talk about work.

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In the Lu family’s mansion...

Mrs. Fu was chatting with Old Master Lu and Old Madam Lu.

“Jia Jia arranged the banquet today. Don’t worry, the two of you. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will definitely be happy during their stay and return satisfied,” Mrs. Fu said with a smile as she poured tea for the two elders.

She came over today to praise her daughter.

Even if Old Madam Lu wanted to speak up for Su Bei, she could not.

She couldn’t help but feel depressed. If Su Bei had worked harder and learned from her, she wouldn’t have ended up like this.

Old Master Lu smiled and said, “It’s obvious that Jia Jia has been capable since she was young.”

“Actually, Jia Jia’s ability is inseparable from the upbringing that the two of you have shown her since she was young.” Mrs. Fu smiled. “Isn’t it said that one is marked by one’s company? Jia Jia has learned a lot from you, so that’s how she became so good.”

Old Master Lu picked up his teacup and drank it calmly. In fact, he could not help but feel regretful. As expected, without Heting around, there was no one in charge at home.

He would not be around for long. Could it be that as long as Heting was far away, there would be no one at home to help manage the business?

“Old Master, Old Madam, since Jia Jia did a good job this time, Mr. and Mrs. Brown will definitely be accompanied by Jia Jia during the remainder of their trip. When the time comes, will you still arrange for Su Bei to accompany them?” Mrs. Fu asked.

Although she seemed to be asking for Su Bei’s opinion, her words meant that she looked down on Su Bei. If Su Bei didn’t do a good job of receiving the guests, would the Lu family replace her with someone who could take on the big responsibility?

Old Master Lu put down his teacup and said, "We'll see."

He was indeed looking for a suitable candidate to take on this job.

Seeing this, Mrs. Fu was extremely proud. She took out her phone and said, "I'll make a call and ask Han Xu how the reception is going."

She deliberately made a video call, and Han Xu picked up quickly.

"Han Xu, have you confirmed Mr. and Mrs. Brown's schedule? Jia Jia will be very busy in the next few days, right?"

Han Xu's expression was not very good as he said, "Eldest Miss won't be too busy. Mrs. Lu, Su Bei, will be in charge of the follow-up arrangements."

"What? She'll be in charge?" Mrs. Fu asked in surprise.

Old Master Lu and Old Madam Lu also looked at each other.

"Su Bei has won Mrs. Brown's favor this time. The couple plans to travel alone with Su Bei for the next few days," Han Xu said.

Mrs. Fu hung up the video call. She originally wanted to show off in front of Old Master Lu and Old Madam Lu, but she didn't expect to be slapped in the face instead.

She looked a little embarrassed.

Old Master Lu smiled. "Jia Jia has indeed worked hard these few days. It's appropriate to let Su Bei do the rest of the work."

"Yes, yes. That's indeed the case." Mrs. Fu was bewildered. How did Su Bei do it?

"Then I'll leave first." Mrs. Fu was too ashamed. She stood up and said hurriedly before walking away.

Old Madam Lu hurriedly glanced at Old Master Lu. "What did Su Bei do?"

"Who should I ask?" Old Master Lu was in a good mood.

"You're quite happy to see Su Bei suppress Jia Jia, huh? Haven't you always liked Jia Jia?" Old Madam Lu asked.

"I like her, but your good grandson doesn't, so what's the use?" Old Master Lu retorted.

Before the two of them could finish speaking, Lu Heting called from overseas.

Old Master Lu coughed lightly and regained his calm expression as he picked up the phone.

"Grandpa, Su Bei can help me occasionally. But after I'm done with my work, I'll let her go back and do what she likes."

"I didn't say I wanted to tie her up," Old Master Lu said unhappily.

"Really? Thank you so much, Grandpa." Lu Heting thanked him sincerely.

Old Master Lu's words were stuck in his throat again.

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As soon as Su Bei got into the car, she received a call from Lu Heting.

When she picked it up, the man's deep and gentle voice sounded. "Mrs. Lu, congratulations. You could even handle the Brown couple."

"Why? Are they difficult to deal with?"

"Not really. However, it's indeed difficult to get them to request for your company alone."

Su Bei smiled until her eyes narrowed. "So, are you calling to praise me?"

"What reward do you want?" Lu Heting chuckled. His woman was great. Even if she had to do something she didn't like, she would do it well.

And he knew she did it for him.

"I want you to come close." Su Bei tilted her head, her eyes shining with a smile.

Lu Heting obediently approached the screen.

The woman planted a quick kiss on the screen.

Chapter 1540 Don't Want Your Championship?

Then Su Bei retreated, the smile on her face widening.

Lu Heting chuckled, his eyes filled with her beautiful face.

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Lu Group arranged for someone to accompany Su Bei and Mr. and Mrs. Brown for the next few days.

When it came to bringing the Browns to eat, drink, and have fun, Su Bei naturally had nothing to worry about.

As for work-related matters, she already had experience managing Jingbei Square. With the company of someone from Lu Group, there naturally wouldn't be too much of a problem.

All the arrangements were perfect.

When the Browns left, they truly spent their time here in joy and returned satisfied.

Su Bei was in a good mood after sending the two of them off at the airport when she was interrupted by an urgent ringtone.

She picked it up. It was Xu Zhiqin. Her voice was a little choked. "President Su, can you come over? I'm at Director He's house."

"What happened?" Su Bei quickly asked.

"Please come first. You'll know when you get there."

Su Bei hurriedly got into the car and rushed to He Xuyan's house.

When Xu Zhiqin and her assistant went out today, it was a little late. Because they were rushing, they took a shortcut that was on a small path. Who knew that they would encounter a few hooligans who cornered them?

Xu Zhiqin made a call in a panic and happened to call He Xuyan. Coincidentally, He Xuyan was nearby and came to save her and her assistant.

The hooligans had already been taken away by the police. After Xu Zhiqin and her assistant stayed behind to record their statements, Xu Zhiqin and He Xuyan returned. This was He Xuyan's idea. He didn't want anyone to know about his relationship with Xu Zhiqin and cause trouble for her for no reason, so he didn't even appear the entire time.

But his arm was injured and bleeding profusely.

Xu Zhiqin looked at his arm and burst into tears. "Director He, let's go to the hospital."

"Bring me the alcohol," He Xuyan said in a low voice.

"The doctor can treat it better..."

"Don't you want your reputation anymore? Don't you want your championship?" He Xuyan asked with a pale face.

"But no matter how important the championship is, it can't compare to your arm."

He Xuyan reached out and took the alcohol. He pulled on his wound and groaned in pain.

Xu Zhiqin didn't dare to be negligent, so she used the excuse of going to the bathroom to secretly call Su Bei. Then, she washed her hands and came out. She sprayed alcohol on him to clean his wound and applied medicine before bandaging it.

He Xuyan gritted his teeth in pain, but he did not hiss anymore.

When Su Bei appeared, Xu Zhiqin had just finished treating his wound.

Seeing He Xuyan's injury, Su Bei panicked. She went forward and grabbed his arm. "How did you end up like this?"

He Xuyan smiled at her and comforted her. "It's okay. Don't worry."

Xu Zhiqin had called Su Bei over to persuade He Xuyan to go to the hospital. Seeing their attitudes, she was stunned for a moment.

He Xuyan's cold and chilling dark eyes revealed emotions she had never seen before when he saw President Su.

At this moment, President Su was really anxious.

Xu Zhiqin quickly explained what had happened.

"Hooligans? How could it be so coincidental? Jingdu City is the most prosperous place in S Country. It's the place with the best security. Hooligans?" Su Bei said. "Does Yali really think that she can just push the blame onto a bunch of hooligans?"

Xu Zhiqin had thought about it too, but she didn't dare to say anything without evidence.

Su Bei said to He Xuyan, "Let's go to the hospital."

"I'm fine now. Last time, I gave Zhiqin a high score. There are already rumors outside. If there are more rumors, do you think the outside world will still believe I gave her a fair score?" He Xuyan asked.

Su Bei stared into his eyes and saw some emotions surging in them. Worried, she pursed her lips. "So you..."

Her words were full of teasing. The corners of He Xuyan's eyes twitched in pain, but he did not respond.

Su Bei stopped teasing him and reached out to support him. "Go lie down and rest for a while."

She took out her phone and pressed a few buttons. A moment later, the Lu family's doctor came over. He was Lu Heting's trusted aide, so Su Bei was naturally not worried about him spreading any rumors.

After the doctor's examination and treatment, He Xuyan was exhausted and lay down to rest.

"It's okay. Just rest more later."

The doctor's words finally comforted the anxious Xu Zhiqin.

He Xuyan said to the doctor, "Take a look at her too."

She was naturally referring to Xu Zhiqin.

Su Bei asked Xu Zhiqin, "Are you hurt anywhere?"

"I'm fine. They're just some minor scratches. I'll apply some ointment on myself later."

Su Bei threw the phone at her. "Don't let the doctor apply the ointment yet. Take photos of them first!"

He Xuyan looked at Su Bei reproachfully. "Can you..."

"No!" Su Bei was determined.

Xu Zhiqin didn't find it strange. She obediently took the photos before letting the doctor treat her wounds.

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"Send me the photos of your assistant's injuries too."

The injuries on Xu Zhiqin's assistant were slightly more serious, similar to He Xuyan's.

After Su Bei finished compiling everything, she immediately posted the photos online.

[Excuse me, is this your attitude and provocation?]

What she posted naturally caused an uproar.

The news of Xu Zhiqin being attacked by hooligans quickly caught everyone's attention.

Yali's fans didn't hesitate to clamor: [That's what that b*tch deserves! Is something wrong?]

[Who knows if the hooligans did something to her? Maybe she seduced someone else?]

[That's right. What wouldn't that kind of woman do? It's too easy for her to be injured like this.]

Su Bei sneered and asked someone to go to the police station to get information.

At first, the hooligans insisted that Xu Zhiqin had seduced them. Of course, this statement was not credible and was quickly overturned.

Su Bei only asked someone to tell them that if they were accused of being a triad, what awaited them would be harsh jail time.

These people immediately became obedient. They admitted that they were fans and couldn't stand Xu Zhiqin's actions. They also saw that Yali was deeply wronged, so they only wanted to scare Xu Zhiqin to avenge Yali.

After getting the evidence that they were fans, Su Bei posted the evidence. It was obvious that Su Bei wanted to drag Yali through the mud.

She said righteously: [Fans who commit crimes also have to bear legal responsibility! I hope all fans can look at things in the industry rationally. Don't be deceived by people with ulterior motives and put your precious lives on something unworthy!]

According to the information, those thugs were indeed Yali's fans. They were also the most fanatical ones.

The outside world also began to condemn these fans for going overboard. Some of the debates in the fan circle actually began to escalate the matter to the level of personal harm. They were really bad apples in the fan circle!